



# Punta Gorda Isles

## Fishing

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## BOB BUSLER FINISHES ON TOP THE "SNOOK CHALLENGE"

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## FEATURES

- 1 FROM THE HELM** — There is a New Seagrass Scarring Law in effect designed to reduce the destruction of seagrass...
- 2 PROGRAMS** — No live bait! No problem! Pete McGregor has lined up former club president Kel Krotzer to talk about Artificial Lures...
- 3 FISHING EVENTS** — Jack Spies tell's us about the upcoming Redfish Challege in October...
- 4 SOCIAL EVENTS** — Donnie Brennan continues to update the club on upcoming Christmas party and tells us what a great time the club's Lady Anglers had at the new Crab House...
- 5 MEMBERSHIP** — Membership Chairman Bob Rand tells us New PGI Fishing Club members who join after September 30 2009 will be valid members through the following year...



**NEXT MEETING  
TUESDAY OCTOBER 13th • 7:00PM**



## FROM THE HELM MIKE SANDLING



The fall fishing time of year is upon us with the Snook season re-opening on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September. Remember for the Gulf side of Florida there is a slot size of no less than 28" and no more than 33" with a limit of 1 per harvester per day. My oracle informs that Snook are to be found around potholes on the flats and along the Gulf beaches. This is also a good time of year for Spanish Mackerel at Boca Grande bar, Cape Haze Point and Alligator Creek artificial reef; Trout on the grass flats; Mangrove Snapper in the Gulf passes and lower harbor; Redfish in the Mangrove shorelines and flats around the lower harbor. Speaking of Redfish, be sure and read Pete McGregor's September meeting speaker introduction article in this newsletter, and be sure not to miss the meeting to hear from one of the most knowledgeable local fishing guides on this subject.

### 2010 Board of Directors – Volunteers status

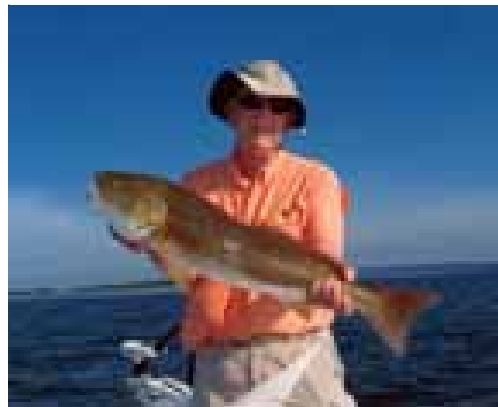
We are still looking for two volunteers for the two remaining positions, Vice President and Fishing Events Director. Simply put, the Vice President procures our door prizes, obtains the fishing reports and is expected to move into the Presidents position in due course. The Fishing Events Director organizes the fishing events and competitions along with receiving and recording club member fish catch submissions for those events and the Ladder of Achievement program.

**These are two vital positions we need to fill as soon as possible, please give the idea of serving in one of these positions serious consideration.**

If you are interested in considering taking on one of these roles please contact me directly via email at [mike.sandling@comcast.net](mailto:mike.sandling@comcast.net) or by phone at 941-916-2165 to enquire further about volunteering to help us run the club in 2010.



**Sheree Wolfinger** hooked up with these two Spanish Mackerel. Good job Sheree!



**Kel Krotzer**, once again, found a big school of Reds. This is only one of several he caught that day.



Club member **Dick Doster** took his grandkids fishing and **Julie and George Doster** caught 5 seatrout and 2 blue fish.

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## SKINNY WATERS

September's "FISH OF THE MONTH – SNOOK" finished up on Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> and there were six winners. They are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Bob Busler with his 37.5" Snook.

We had a three way tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Dick Doster, Pete McGregor and John Solinger with their 33" Snook.

We also had a tie for 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Rich Brennan and Marie LaRocca with their 31" Snook.

### October's "FISH OF THE MONTH CHALLENGE - REDFISH"

- MONTH LONG EVENT: Thurs. October 1st thru Sat. October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Prizes: \$25.00 GC for each of the three longest REDFISH boated.
- Only one prize per member.
- All entries (photo of fish and fisherman) with the member's name, date caught, fish specie, and length printed on back, must be emailed to [saltwaterjack@comcast.net](mailto:saltwaterjack@comcast.net), or dropped off at the PGICA office, no later than the 1st of November.

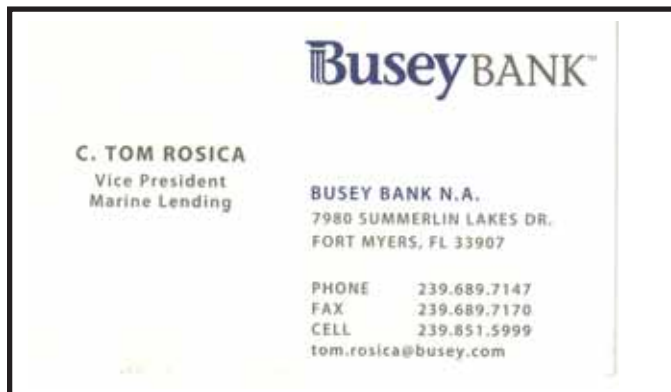
In November we will be holding a "FISH OF THE MONTH CHALLENGE – MANGROVER SNAPPER". More information will follow at a later date.

If you haven't been fishing recently you're missing the best fishing time of the year. The Redfish are schooling up, the Snook bite is just fantastic and there are still some very big tarpon in the harbor, so go get some. We have our on going program "Ladder of Achievement", our annual contest "The Master Angler Contest", and our "Monthly Challenges". All programs are easy to enter, so let's get out there and enjoy our beautiful harbor and catch some fish.

Here's to good fishin', and I hope to see you out on the water.

Jack Spies, Fishing Events Director, PGI Fishing Club

NOTE... As of the date this article was written, there were two more fishing days left in the month to catch Snook for the monthly contest. So the winners listed in this publication are subject to change with last minute entries...



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Rich Brennan shows off his latest success...A good eating size Redfish.



**Fishing  
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Artificial Lure**

Winter is just around the corner and fishing techniques will begin to change. The water will become cool and clear with shrimp becoming the live bait of choice as the large schools of baitfish found earlier in the year will be gone.

Also at this time of the year the use of artificial lures is very productive as they can be cast long distances and you can cover a lot more water in a days fishing.

The questions – which artificials should I use and when, what colors should they be, how should I fish them, and if I'm just getting started, which ones should I buy. Those questions and more will be addressed by Kel Krotzer who is one of the most knowledgeable fishermen in the area on the subject of artificial lures. Kel was in the tackle business for over 37 years and was with Hedon for 10 years, vice-president of Glading for 12 years and president of South Bend for 15 years and will share with us his expertise gained over that time.

If you really want to get the straight scoop on artificials, don't miss Kel at our October meeting.

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## SEPTEMBER CHALLENGE SNOOK

### AND THE WINNERS ARE...

#### FIRST PLACE

BOB BUSLER 37.5"

#### SECOND PLACE

DICK DOSTER 33"  
PETE MCGREGOR 33"  
JOHN SOLINGER 33"

#### THIRD PLACE

MARIE LAROCCA 31"  
RICH BRENNAN 31"

See photographs of the winners catch on page 14

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#### SUNSHINE LADY

If you know of a member who is ill, in need of a word of encouragement, or a member who has lost a loved one, **notify Glenna Jansson at 941.575.9976 or glennafl@comcast.net**

## RECIPES GRILLED HALIBUT



#### INGREDIENTS (Nutrition)

- 1/2 cup fresh grapefruit juice
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh marjoram
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 4 (8 ounce) steaks halibut
- 4 sprigs fresh marjoram, for garnish

#### DIRECTIONS

Mix together grapefruit juice, olive oil, 2 teaspoons marjoram, salt, and pepper, in a shallow glass dish. Add fish, turn once to coat both sides, then cover dish. Refrigerate 1 to 2 hours, turning once or twice.

Preheat barbecue or gas grill.

Reserve marinade, and place fish in lightly oiled wire basket. Place fish 4 to 6 inches above hot coals. Grill for 10 to 12 minutes, turning once and brushing twice with reserved marinade, until steaks are barely opaque in thickest part. Arrange on a platter, scatter grapefruit sections around steaks, and garnish with sprigs of marjoram.

Serves 4

*Bon Appétit*

## BEST THINGS ANYBODY EVER SAID

*The most remarkable thing about my mother is that for thirty years she served the family nothing but leftovers. The original meal has never been found.*

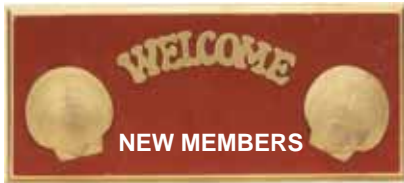
*Calvin Trillin*

## MEMBERSHIP ROBERT RAND



PGI Fishing Club presently has 168 members but we are always looking for more. New PGI Fishing Club members who join after September 30 will be valid members through the following year. A family membership (member, member & spouse or member & significant

other) is only \$20 per year. All fishing club members must be members of the PGI Civic Association. Please bring prospective members our next meeting. I will be sending a renewal form to all present members this month.



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- Wayne Parker Shakespeare Counter
- Larry Lowy Redbone Utility Bag
- Jack Bargar 7' CalicoJack Spinning Rod
- Matt D'Ambrosia 7.5' Redbone Spinning Rod



## 50/50 DRAWING WINNERS

- First Place: Greg Chestnut \$40.00
- Second Place: Pete McGregor \$25.00
- Third Place: Gwen Krause \$20.00



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## SOCIAL EVENTS DONNIE BRENNAN



Hi Everyone. Wow, I can hardly believe how quickly tickets are going. Not counting the “reserved” tickets, I have sold over 66 – and that was just the first night! As I said, they are going fast! If you plan on attending our Christmas party, you better get yours soon or at least call (575-8808) or email (L3th@comcast.net) me to reserve yours.

You’ve heard me speak about this at our meetings and I had this in last month’s newsletter but I can’t stress enough the purpose of bringing your “donation of food” in toss-away tins.

Last year, three of the women in our club who are constantly helping with your social events, spent the entire night in the kitchen – serving and cleaning and washing your dishes. It really wasn’t fair to them so I made the decision and our Board agreed to request that you no longer bring your food in glass dishes or anything that needs to be washed.

I’m not trying to be a pill but if you do bring your food in something you plan on taking home, you’ll be taking it home dirty. Unless of course, YOU would like to wash it before you leave. You have that option.

But I am adamant about glass. I don’t want anything broken like what happened at our picnic. That family is out a nice glass serving dish because it fell and broke in a zillion pieces.

Please remember I am not trying to make your life difficult but making the lives of everyone easier.

Also, keep in mind that the food category you’re requested to bring will be on the back of your ticket. We don’t ask much – just enough to feed the people at your table. We will have a buffet table set up like last yet BUT .... to avoid chaos (like we had last year) tables will be called for appetizers AND entrées .

Again, should you have any questions, just call or email and I’ll be more than happy to go over things with you.

One last reminder: your ticket prices pay for the entertainment only. Your entrée is free because you’re helping us out by bringing either an appetizer or dessert.

I can’t begin to thank all of you enough for the delicious assortment of food last year. It was the greatest.

I’m sure we will all have a most fantastic time on Dec 8 and I’m looking forward to our latest “surprise”.

## ALSO DO LUNCH !!!!




Twelve ladies enjoyed a festive lunch at the new Laisely Crab House - and what a lunch it was! The food was absolutely awesome. Not one lady complained about her meal. I had the Chicken Oscar which is a boneless chicken breast sauteed with white wine, topped with crab meat and bearnaise sauce over asparagus. Very delicious. While the conversations were active and varied on many subjects, one subject we all spoke about and agreed upon was a “Ladies Fishing Trip” to be held sometime in November when all our northern friends return. The plans are in progress and it will be a first for the Ladies of the PGI Fishing Club. Stay tuned, Ladies, you’ll want to join us.

# PGI Fishing Club Ladder of Angling Achievement Program

LEVEL	NUMBER OF SPECIES	SIZE LIMITS	POINTS NEEDED	EARNED AWARD
BRONZE	5	NONE	NONE	BRONZE PIN
SILVER	5	LEGAL	300	SILVER PIN
GOLD	7	LEGAL	700	GOLD PIN & CLUB HAT
LIFETIME	9	LEGAL	1000	SNOOK PIN
LIFETIME LEVEL 2	13	LEGAL	1400	REDFISH PIN
LIFETIME LEVEL 3	18	LEGAL	1700	TARPON PIN
GRAND MASTER	23	LEGAL	2000	CLUB SHIRT W/LOGO

## THE FOLLOWING FISH AND POINTS EARNED (BASED ON LENGTH OF ENTRY) QUALIFY:

POINTS EARNED	100	200	300	
SPECIES	SIZE IN INCHES			
Amberjack	32-39	40-45	46+	
Baracuda	No points earned			
Black Bass	20-21	22-23	24+	
Black Drum	No Points			
Bluefish	No points earned			
Blue Runner	No points earned			
Bonita	No points earned			
Catfish (All)	No points earned			
Cobia	38-39	40-43	44+	
Croaker	No points earned			
Flounder	No points earned			
*Grouper	24-27	28-31	32+	
Grunt	No points earned			
Jack Crevelle	No points earned			
King Mackerel	32-35	36-39	40+	
Ladyfish	No points earned			
Permit	No points earned			
Pompano	No points earned			
Redfish	28-29	30-35	36+	
StingRay	No points earned			
Seatrout	21-22	23-24	24+	
Shark (Any Species)	40-49	50-59	60+	
Sheepshead	No points earned			
Snapper	No points earned			
Snook	29-33	34-39	40+	
Spanish Mackerel	21-22	23-24	25+	
Tarpon	Any size			
Tripletail	No points earned			
Whiting	No points earned			
Yellowtail Snapper	No points earned			

\*The Grouper classification is restricted to Black, Gag and Red Grouper. Golith Grouper may be used as a "Species" catch for Grouper.

## LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT GOALS REACHED

**BRONZE:** Kathy desEnfants • Tom desEnfants • Rich Tilden • Mike Gulvezan • Ron Stafford • Marie LaRocca • Roger Will • George Remick • Fred Benson • Sheree Wolfinger • Arnie Gievers • Karen Lodge • Joanel Drystad • Pam Solinger • Marv Drystad • John Simonieg

**SILVER:** Gary Sblendorio • Bill Guenther • Larry Okray • Dick Doster • John Kasulaitis • Mike Sandling • Pete Ferguson • Jack Vartanian • Joe Longo • Mattie D'Ambrosio • John Solinger • Marie D'Ambrosio • Jim La Rocca

**GOLD/with hat:** Bob Rand • Tom Parsons • Russ Brown • Rose Anne McCaffrey • Tom Lodge • Ed Verminski

**LIFETIME:** Missy Becker • Jack Spies

**LIFETIME LEVEL II:** Hal Hall • Marty McCaffrey

**LIFETIME LEVEL III:** John Wolfinger

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**GRAND MASTER** Pete McGregor • Bob Busler • Joe Maillet • Rich Brennan • Steve Landaker • Joanne Landaker • Jim Hoffman • Margie Hoffman • Bev Rucker • Donnie Brennan • Kel Krotzer • Mike Quinn

# MEMBER CATCHES



Yes anglers, once again it's the Bob and Joe Show! **Joe Maillet** and **Bob Busler**, known to this editor as Jose and Roberto display their latest catch...a couple of Redfish and a nice sized Flounder...Viva El Piscado!



Fishing Events Director **Jack Spies** with a nice Redfish.



Yes folks, there are fish in Charlotte Harbor! **Dick Doster's** 33" Snook, **Pete McGregor's** 33" and 31" Snook and **Charlie Vrabel's** 27" Redfish are living, well...maybe not living, proof that fish are there to be had. But, YA GOTTA GO FISHING!



Club Social Event Director **Donni Brennan** and her latest catch...Nice Redfish.

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	Grouper	Trout	Redfish	Snook	Cobia	Shark	Spanish Mackerel
1	M. McCaffrey 31"	Rich Brennan 29"	John Wolfinger 34"T	Pete McGregor 35"	Pete McGregor 42"	Pete Ferguson 96	Mike Fauci 25"
2	Conrad Perry 30.5"	Joe Longe 25.5"	Missy Becker 34"T	Joe Longo 34"	Bill Guenther 34"	Mike Quinn 84"	Mattie D'Ambrosio 24"T
3	Rich Brennan 29"	Kel Krotzer 24"	John Wolfinger 33	P. McGregor 33"	Jim LaRocca 33"	Rich Brennan 73"	Kel Krotzer 24"T
4	Bob Rand 27.5"	Kel Krotzer 23.5"	Missy Becker 31"T	Gary Adams 32"	John Wolfinger 32"	Mike Quinn 72"	John Wolfinger 23"T
5	John Wolfinger 27"	John Solinger 21"T	Joe Longe 31"	Larry Okray 31"	Jack Spies 30"T	Mike Quinn 60"	Mike Fauci 23"T
6	John Wolfinger 25"	Joanne Landaker 21"T	Rich Brennan 30"T	Rich Brennan 30"	Dick Doster 30"T	J. Solinger 45"	Jim LaRocca 21.5"
7	M. McCaffrey 24.5"	FIVE MEMBERS TIED AT 20"	Dick Doster 30"T	Donnie Brennan 30"T		Jack Spies 40"	Donnie Brennan 20"
8	Tom Lodge 24.5"		Pete McGregor 29.5	J. Wolfinger 29.5"		Mike Gulvezan 34'	THREE MEMBERS TIED AT 18"
9	FOUR MEMBERS TIED AT 24"		FOUR MEMBERS TIED AT 28"	THREE MEMBERS TIED AT 29"			
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Tarpon	
1	Steve Landaker 84"
2	Steve Landaker 60"
3	Joanne Landaker 48"
4	Joe Longo 46"
5	John Wolfinger 42"
6	John Wolfinger 34"
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**Certificate Award** — Two awards will be given for each fish species. The first will be the first place angler with the longest length fish in species. The second award will be for the first place angler with the largest combination length of his/her top three fish for that species. Three fish are required for an award. Important Note — Only pictures of the caught fish are accepted for entry into the Master Angler or Ladder of Angling Achievement competition.

## PGI FISHING CLUB FISHING PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN SIMPLIFIED

Our fishing programs have been simplified. All you do is take a photo and on the back of the photo print your name, species of fish it is, measurement in length according to the FL state regs, date it was caught. Then turn it into Jack Spies at the next club meeting or Friday morning breakfast or leave it off at the PGICA building and they will put it in our mail box and Jack will get it. Jack in turn will take your photo and enter your fish in the programs it will fit into per the programs species.



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# PGI NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The Punta Gorda Isles Neighborhood "Marine" Watch program is looking for a few good men.

Applications to participate in on-the-water patrols approved by the Punta Gorda Police Department (PGPD) are available.

1. Patrols will be for a minimum of 2 hours.
2. Patrol times will mostly be during late night and some early morning hours; exact times to be decided at a later date.
3. Upon approval of your application, each NMW member will be given an I.D. card and a map of the assigned patrol areas and a copy of the "On the water conduct and procedures" approved by the PGPD.
4. Each boat on patrol will be provided a sign that identifies it as a "Neighborhood Marine Watch Patrol" boat. These signs have been supplied by the PGPD.
5. Each member will be on patrol at least once a month. Patrols can consist of more than one person, but all must be approved members of the NMW group.
6. Volunteers will use their own boats for these patrols
7. Areas to be patrolled will be near and around each main entry canal into the PGI canal system. This will allow us to observe all boat traffic going into and out of the PGI Canals. Assigned patrol areas will coincide with the location of each member's home dock.
8. **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO OWN A BOAT TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM. YOU CAN ACT AS "CREW" DURING ANY PATROL.**

If you are interested in volunteering a couple hours each month to this worthwhile program, contact: **Bill Guenther — Neighborhood Marine Watch program coordinator — Home Phone: 941.505.5099 Cell Phone: 941.661.9702 (radioman3029@comcast.net)**



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# ISLES TROPHY



## MALE ANGLER \*RECORDS

AMBERJACK	44.0"	RICH BRENNAN
COBIA	54.0"	BOB BUSLER
GROUPE (EXCL GOLIATH)	39.0"	TOM HAMILTON
KING MACKEREL	45.0"	JERRY PEAL
REDFISH	42.0"	BOB BUSLER
SEA TROUT	29"	RICH BRENNAN
SNOOK	42.0"	KEL KROTZER
SPANISH MACKEREL	27.0"	RUSS BROWN

## FEMALE ANGLER \*RECORDS

30.0"	JOANNE LANDAKER
50.0	JOANNE LANDAKER
31.0"	MARGIE HOFFMAN(TIE) BEV RUCKER(TIE)
33.0"	MARGIE HOFFMAN
38.0"	MISSY BECKER(TIE) DONNIE BRENNAN(TIE)
24.0"	JOANNE LANDAKER(TIE) MARIE D'AMBROSIO(TIE)
41.0"	MISSY BECKER
28.0"	MISSY BECKER

\* PGIFC MALE AND FEMALE RECORDS ARE BASED ON THE NINE "MEASURED" POINTS SCORING FISH IN THE "LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT".

## ISLES TROPHY RACE STATUS AS OF APRIL 14, 2009

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CURRENT LEADER IN THE MALE ANGLERS IS:

CURRENT LEADER IN THE FEMALE ANGLERS IS:

**RICH BRENNAN**  
**113.73 POINT FISH**

**MISSY BECKER**  
**89.47 POINT FISH**

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**1ST PLACE  
BOB BUSLER  
37.5"**



**2ND PLACE  
JOHN SOLINGER  
33"**



**3RD PLACE - RICH BRENNAN  
31"**



**2ND PLACE  
DICK DOSTER 33"**



**3RD PLACE  
MARIE  
LAROCCA  
31"**



**2ND PLACE  
PETE MCGREGOR  
33"**

