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Happy Thanksgiving from your Fishing Club Board & Committee Members

### BAIT CASTING CLINIC UPCOMING

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Kel Krotzer

### The First Cast

BAIT CASTING CLINIC  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH.

Spinning combo's are the top choice of most area anglers, but there are occasions when a bait casting outfit will do a better job. Because many members have expressed interest in learning more about the advantages bait casting can offer, we have scheduled a special clinic on Friday, November 17th, 10:00am at the PGICA Center. The first 15 minutes will be classroom orientation devoted to equipment setup, balanced rod and reel selection, and basic casting technique. We'll also discuss lures and special fishing conditions that are best handled with a bait caster. Members will then move outside to the grass area, behind the tennis courts, for hands on casting instructions.

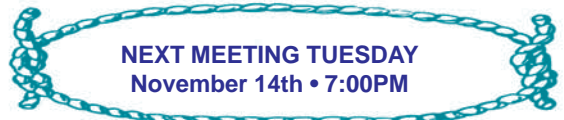
Participants should bring their own bait casting outfits, and be sure the reel spool is filled within 1/8 inch of capacity, with either

mono or braided line. If you prefer mono we suggest a line size of 12 to 20 pound test. Or, if braid is your choice, any of the "new" braids in the 20 to 30 pound test range are ideal. A limited number of practice plugs (5/8oz is the ideal size) are available. However you may want to bring your own. Practice plugs are inexpensive and are obtainable at most local tackle shops.

Members interested in more data on BlackSalties, the new live bait discussed in detail at the last meeting, should check (www.blacksalty.com). The site has a wealth of information on how to handle these farm raised live baits.

Fish tend to gang up in the potholes during the November and December low tides. You may want to break out the waders since wadding is often the only way these fish can be approached.

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**PROGRAMS • Rich Brennan**



Our speaker for November is: George Stockard, Jr., From: Gulf Coast Marine Center.

He will speak on engine maintenance regarding

Yamahas, Mercuries, Hondas. Gulf Coast offers “In and Out” service for those who have no trailer availability. They also supply boat storage.



Robert Lugiewicz of Fishing Franks Bait & Tackle accepting the Clubs “Speaker Appreciation Award” from Club President Kel Krotzer.

Robert’s varied presentation on where to find the different species of fish in Charlotte Harbor and the off shore islands and information on the many lures offered by manufacturers was well received.



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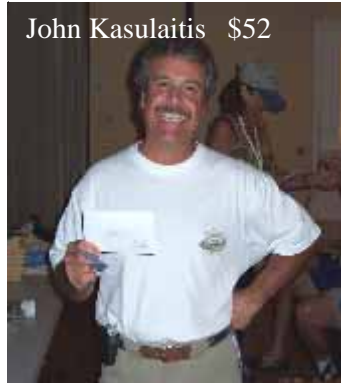


**DOOR PRIZE WINNERS**

**DOOR PRIZES**

- \$10 Fishing Franks Gift Certificate
- Harbor Map ad Mono line
- Okuma fishing rod & Reel Combo
- H.D. Fishing rod & Reel Combo
- Plano’s Newest Tackle Box (This was a great prize)

**50/50 DRAWING WINNERS**



John Kasulaitis \$52



Jack Vartanian \$35



Mike Gulvenzain \$25



Jim LaRocca, shown here with the very nice Plano Tackle Box he won at last months meeting. President Kel Krotzer looks on.



Donnie Brennan shows us her \$25 gift certificate for winning the “fish of the month” contest.

## SOCIAL EVENTS • Donnie Brennan



As predicted, everyone who attended our Potluck dinner had a great time. Jim LaRocca, who came as “Fat Dracula” won the best costume award which was a wine cork pulling machine.

Three door prizes (three bottles of wine) were given to those who held the correct number.

The last table called to fill their plates was also given one bottle of wine per couple.

There was great music and a lot of dancing.

**NEWS BREAK:** Due to unforeseen circumstances, our Annual Awards Banquet needs to be cancelled. Anyone winning an award for our Master Angler Tournament will receive his/her award at our December meeting.

I am in the process of planning our annual picnic with ONE BIG SURPRISE!!! Stay tuned for the latest developments.



Jim LaRocca and his wife Marie, Jim won “BEST COSTUME” at last months Halloween Pot Luck night. Looooking Good.!

## MEMBERSHIP • Bob Rand



### Membership Renewal

It is time to renew you PGI Fishing Club membership. The PGI Fishing Club is dedicated to the enjoyment of fishing. At our monthly meeting you will receive fishing advice from our featured speakers, fishing reports from our members, the status of fishing and boating regulations, door prizes and refreshments. Our monthly newsletter is available at <http://pgica.org>. A family membership (member, member & spouse or member & significant other) is \$20 per year. You must be a member of the PGI Civic Association to be a member of the PGI Fishing Club. Please renew your membership at our regular meetings or by returning the renewal slip that was sent to each member. PGI Fishing Club presently has 168 members but we are looking for more. Please bring your neighbors and friends interested in fishing to our next meeting. Membership for new members who join now will be good through next year.

LET'S GO FISHING!



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**ON CHARLOTTE HARBOR • Bob Busler**



It's the middle of October and a lot of large tarpon are still in Charlotte Harbor. Redfish are scattered all over the Harbor with the east wall holding a lot of fish. The Snook have started moving up the rivers and back into the canal system. November should provide some excellent fishing opportunities.

Here are the entries this month for the Master Angler Contest. Russ Brown entered a 27 in. redfish. John Kasulaitis entered a 34 in. redfish and a 29 1/2 inch Snook. Elaine Kasulaitis caught a nice 20 in. trout. Donnie and Rich Brennan entered a lot of redfish ranging from 20 to 28 in. in length. This month I have entered a 32 and a 36 in. Snook.



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**CITY WATCH • Bill Guenther**



Is it possible? Can it be true? Albeit the tunnel is still very long, can I really see a light at its end?

After two plus long years I am finally seeing more and more building and construction activity. Old

buildings that have been damaged beyond repair have been, or are being, torn down and new buildings are going up everywhere. Those of us that stayed behind (foolishly) and experienced the wrath of "Charley" are now beginning to see that what, in the past, has only been a grand vision is becoming a reality.

At the hub of rebirth the Punta Gorda Municipal Marina as well as the progress (or no progress) taking place at the Events Center, we are now able see the actual results of all the planning, preplanning, discussions, etc., coming to fruition.

Punta Gorda is going to continue to be "one heck of a place" to live, and I for one, along with my wife Hyrette, consider ourselves very fortunate to have chosen this place to spend our golden years. Let's all hope and pray that in the coming city elections all the new and some of the returning faces continue on a path that will expedite putting this great town back together.

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# PGI Fishing Club

## Ladder of Angling Achievement Program

The New Fishing Club Angling Achievement Program DOES NOT replace the former “Master Angler Tournament”. The new program, rather than being a tournament linked to species and size of fish, is a well thought out program that simply recognizes, rewards and encourages Club members to get out and fish. All entries should be directed to Club Secretary, Jack Spies, who is keeping Ladder of Achievement records.

LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT	REQUIREMENTS	AWARDS
BRONZE	5 FISH OF ANY SIZE FROM THE PUBLISHED LIST	BONZE HAT PIN
SILVER	5 FISH OF LEGAL SIZE AND 300 POINTS FROM PUBLISHED LIST	SILVER HAT PIN
LIFETIME MASTER ANGLER	9 FISH OF LEGAL SIZE AND 1000 POINTS	HAND PAINTED SNOOK PIN

### THE FOLLOWING FISH QUALIFY FOR ANGLER ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION:

Amberjack	Barracuda	Black Bass	Black Drum	Bluefish
Blue runner	Catfish	Cobia	Croaker	Flounder
Grunt	Grouper	Jack Crevelle	King Mackerel	Ladyfish
Mangrove Snapper	Redfish	Seatrout	Shark	Sheepshead
Snook	Spanish Mackerel	Tarpon	Tripletail	Whiting

Note: The Grouper classification is restricted to Black, Gag, and Red Grouper.



### MEMBERS STATUS IN THE “ANGLER ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITIONS” PROGRAM

BRONZE PIN	SILVER PIN	GOLD PIN / CLUB HAT	LIFETIME SNOOK PIN
Donnie Brennan	Donnie Brennan	Donnie Brennan	<b>DONNIE BRENNAN</b>
Rich Brennan	Rich Brennan	Rich Brennan	<b>RICH BRENNAN</b>
Bob Busler	Bob Busler	Bob Busler	<b>BOB BUSLER</b>
Dick Doster			
Harold Hall	Harold Hall		
Jim Hoffman	Jim Hoffman	Jim Hoffman	<b>JIM HOFFMAN</b>
Captain Margie Hoffman	Captain Margie Hoffman	Captain Margie Hoffman	<b>CAPT. M. HOFFMAN</b>
Kel Krotzer			
Joanne Landaker	Joanne Landaker		
Steve Landaker			
Joe Maillet	Joe Maillet	Joe Maillet	<b>JOE MAILLET</b>
Pete McGregor	Pete McGregor	Pete McGregor	<b>PETE MCGREGOR</b>
Tom Parsons	Tom Parsons		
Bob Rand	Bob Rand	Bob Rand	
Bevan Rucker	Bevan Rucker	Bevan Rucker	
Jack Spies			
Gary Sblendorio			
Ed Verminski	Ed Verminski		
Russ Brown	Russ Brown		
Jim LaRocca			
Karen Lodge			

The Gold Cup fishing contest began on March 1, 2006 and ends on November 30, 2006. The PGI Fishing Club won the 2005 contest in a close race. But lookout for BSIFC, THE IYC and the newest club entry... BSRFC in 2006!

**NOTE: ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN THREE WEEKS OF THE DATE FISH IS CAUGHT, AND NOVEMBER ENTRIES MUST BE RECORDED BY DECEMBER 8TH, 2006**

	BURNT STORE ISLES	PGIFC	ISLE YACHT CLUB	BURNT STORE ANGLERS
<b>SNOOK</b>	33	37.5	31	32
<b>REDFISH</b>	31	34	31	35
<b>TROUT</b>	24.5	25	26.5	000
<b>SPANISH MACKEREL</b>	24	27	24	25
<b>GROUPE</b>	000	33	000	000
<b>TARPON (40" MAX)</b>	40	40	000	000
<b>COBIA (40" MAX)</b>	000	000	36.5	36
<b>SHARK (40" MAX)</b>	37	40	000	000
<b>BONUS POINTS</b>	000	10	000	000
<b>TOTAL POINTS:</b>	<b>189.5</b>	<b>246.5</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>128</b>

**BAIT CASTING**

At the November meeting the nominating committee will present their candidates for next years officers, to be voted on in December.

Plus, we'll have our usual array of "up scale" door prizes with a 7½ foot Redbone spinning rod topping the list.

*Kel Krotzer,  
President*



**Russ Brown** was the winner of the last months MAT entries program. He pocketed \$25 gift certificate from Rio Villa Bait & Tackle..

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## PGI FISHING CLUB MASTER ANGLER TOURNAMENT LEADERBOARD

**Certificate Awards**-Framed certificates will be given to all anglers entering fish equal to or exceeding the following minimum lengths: Redfish 25", Trout 22", Snook 30", Cobia 38", Grouper 26", Shark 40", and Spanish Mackerel, 24".

	Grouper	Trout	Redfish	Snook	Cobia	Shark (All)	Spanish Mackeel
1	Jerry Peal 33"	Russ Brown 25"	John Kasulaitis 34"	Mike Quinn 37.5"	Harold Hall 36.5"	Jim Hoffman 73"	Russ Brown 27"
2	M. McCaffrey 32"	J. Landaker 23"	Bob Busler 33"	Bob Busler 36"	Harold Hall 35"	P. McGregor 64"	Bob Busler 26"
3	M. McCaffrey 31.5"	Merle Wilts 22.5"	Ed Verminski 31"	Bob Busler 32.5"		Joe Mailet 63"	D. Brennan 26"
4	Margie Hoffman 31"	J. Landaker 22.5"	Pete McGregor 30"	Bob Busler 32"		Marty McCaffrey 60"	Mike Fauci 24"
5	Bevan Rucker 31"	Robert Page 21.5"	Rich Brennan 28"	Tom Parsons 32"		G. Sblendorio 54"	D. Brennan 24"
6	Bob Rand 30"	S. Landaker 21"	Tom Parsons 28"	Pete McGregor 30"		Rich Brennan 47.5"	Larrie Tisdale 23"
7	Bevan Rucker 29.5"	Russ Brown 20"	Donnie Brennan 28"	J. Kasulaitis 29.5"		Bob Busler 47"	M. Hoffman 22"
8	Margie Hoffman 29"	Dick Doster 20"	S. Landaker 27"	Tom Parsons 29"		Rich Brennan 46.5"	J. Hoffman 22"
9	Bob Rand 28.5"	J. Landaker 20"	Dick Doster 27"	D. Brennan 29"		Rich Brennan 46"	G. Sblendorio 22"
10	M. Hoffman 26.5"	G. Sblendorio 20"	Russ Brown 27"	S. Landaker 28.5"		D. Brennan 46"	Dick Doster 22"
						Tony Geiser 46"	

**Point Leaders:** T=Ties: Bob Busler 32pts; Russ Brown 20pts; Marty McCaffrey 18ptsT; Harold Hall 18ptsT; Joanne Landaker 13pts; Pete McGregor 12pts; Donnie Brennan 10 2/3pts; Jerry Peal 10ptsT; Jim Hoffman 10ptsT; Mike Quinn 10ptsT; John Kasulaitis 10ptsT; Ed Verminski 6ptsT; Joe Mailet 6ptsT; Merle Wilts 5pts; Tom Parsons 3 2/3pts; Mike Fauci 3ptsT; Bevan Rucker 3ptsT; Margie Hoffman 3ptsT; Gary Sblendorio 2ptsT; Robert Page 2ptsT; Rich Brennan 2/3



Pete McGregor and his "Little Tunny."



Kel Krotzers' 31.5" Redfish



Yes, that's our fishing events chairman, Bob Busler, showing off his 36 inch Snook.

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# MEMBER CATCHES AND OTHER STUFF



Bob Busler and a Big Black Drum...what more can I say about Bob's fishing expertise!



John Kasulaitis was fishing in the PGI Canals when this 39½ inch Snook jumped all over John's MR19 lure.



Not to be outdone, Elaine Kasulaitis shows off her 20" Sea Trout. Elaine hooked up with this nice trout over by Pirate Harbor, on the grass flats. Good Job Elaine!



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## NEW FISHING TRIP PLANNED

We have scheduled a fishing trip to take place of Friday, December 8, 2006. Our excursion will be on the Blue Heron Fleet out of Jupiter Florida. The Blue Heron Fleet specializes in Deep Sea Drift Boat Fishing - which means, there is no anchoring!



The rates charged by the Blue Heron Fleet are \$61.00 per adult for a full 8am to 4pm day of enjoyable fishing. If you are interested in this outing, you need to get your check (made out to the PGI Fishing Club) to me ASAP as seating is limited. Speaking of seating, the Miss Blue Heron, our assigned boat, is an 88'6" boat with a very wide beam for stable fishing. She holds 30 anglers plus her crew.

Excerpt from the Blue Heron Website:

Productive reefs natural and artificial, exist in 50 - 200 feet of water. The Gulf Stream comes to its closest point of land around the Palm Beach and Jupiter Inlets. All of our fishing - "Catching" - is done from ¼ mile to 3 miles from shore.

Bring you lunch and your choice of beverages as there is no "galley" on board. Also, if you need to take any medications during the day, don't forget to bring them with you since YOU will be responsible for them.

**PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT THE "MATES" ON THE BLUE HERON WORK VERY HARD FOR YOU AND APPRECIATE YOUR TIPS.**

If you prefer, you can bring your own rod and reel. A medium conventional class rod and reel is preferred. A spinning reel with 20 lb. Test is excellent for yellow tail. Don't forget a cooler to store your "catch" for your ride home. Yes, there is room on the boat to store your coolers during our excursion. We will meet at the PGICA center at 4:45AM for car-pooling. It would also be appreciated that if your are car-pooling, consider sharing the driving expenses.

You need to let me know ASAP if you are attending this outing since we already have many anglers interested. This will be a first come, first served trip! No exceptions since we can only bring 30 anglers. At our last meeting, we asked for a show of hands and we had many members interested. So, please, if you want to attend, do not hesitate.

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# HALLOWEEN/POTLUCK NIGHT Photographs and other “stuff”



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## BEST THINGS ANYBODY EVER SAID

*The man with the best job in the country is the Vice President. All he has to do is get up every morning and say, “How’s the President?”*

Will Rogers (1879-1935)