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Skinny Waters



I'm hoping that everyone had a very nice holiday season and that you are all ready for a great year of fishing in

2007. The new board is now in place, and we're excited about the upcoming year and what it will bring the club and its members. If you haven't heard by now here's the new board's elected officers:

President - Jack Spies
Vice Pres. - Roseanne McCaffrey
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Appoint Directors:

Advertising - Dick Doster
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Social Director - Donnie Brennan

I'd like to, once again, thank Kel Krotzer and the 2006 board for all its fine ideas, dedication and work during the 2006 calendar year. Many of their contributions will

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For the second year in a row, **Bob Busler** has won the PGI Fishing Club's "Master Angler" Award.

Bob fished all year under a revised format for the MAT and, once again, came out on top of over some twenty odd other club members who had entered the tournament.

Bob, after 2 years as the club fishing events chairman, is handing the gavel over to Marty McCaffrey for 2007. As editor of the PGI Fishing Club Newsletter, I would like to say "Thank You Bob" for a job well done. Bob made my job a lot easier, and for that I'm grateful.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY
January 9th • 7:00PM

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PROGRAMS • Rich Brennan



The January speaker will be: Dave Hack - popularly known as “Mr. Sheeps-head” . Although he fishes in Charlotte Harbor year round, he specializes in the colder months: January, February, March. He

plans on demonstrating the best way to rig tackle. He gets his supplies from Rio Villa, Ted’s Tackle and Fishin’ Franks and will tell you the best supplies to have and where to get them.



Rich Brennan presents Captain Mike Manis with the fishing club’s “Speaker Appreciation Award”. You can reach Captain Mike at: <http://www.flatscaptain.com/>

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Amy Schneider	\$60.00
Dick Davidson	\$50.00
Denny Small	\$35.00

Rich Brennan won the \$25 Gift Certificate in the MAT monthly drawing.

The Canal Species Contest was won by Nick Faello, a \$25 gift certificate.

And...And,

Jim Hoffman was the lucky winner of a half day fishing trip valued at \$300.00 with local fishing guide Captain Robert Moore. Now that’s a terrific prize!!

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SOCIAL EVENTS • Donnie Brennan



With our new year approaching, I can promise you that you'll be seeing a change in our social events - a change that I'm sure you'll all welcome and enjoy.

Come January, I'll be able to give you more details but right now, our "kinks" are being worked out.

Please keep watching our Newsletter and your emails for an update on our fun-filled social events.



Donnie Brennan holds up her award certificate. Donnie that she won in the MAT Tournament. Donnie placed in several categories of fish and showed that the girls are equal is the sport of fishing. Good Job Donnie.



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MEMBERSHIP • Bob Rand



PGI Fishing Club Membership Renewal

PGI Fishing Club membership dues for 2007 were due January 1, 2007. A family membership (member, member & spouse or member & significant other) is only \$20 per year. If you have not already done

so, please renew your membership now. Please renew using the renewal form sent to you in October. If your renewal form is lost, please send your check; with any additions or corrections to your mailing address, phone number or e-mail address; to the PGI Fishing Club, 2001 Shreve St. Punta Gorda 33950. You can also renew at our January meeting. New members that joined after September 31, 2006 are paid through 2007 and can pickup their 2007 name badges.

At out meetings, the PGI Fishing Club provides fishing reports and advice, door prizes, information on fishing and boating regulations and politics. Don't not miss out on the fishing club activities planed for the coming year. Renew your membership now.

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FISHING EVENTS • Marty McCaffrey



Hi, I'm Marty McCaffrey and I have taken over as the Fishing Events Chairman for the club this year. I believe you will concur that we had a great line up of activities last year: spin and bait casting classes, net throwing class, and several fishing outings on Charlotte Harbor including the Guides led outing and the Shark Hunt. Bob Busler is the guy who organized these events and I want to take a moment to recognize Bob's outstanding contribution to the club these past two years. These events take lot's of time to organize and coordinate and I hope you will take time out at our monthly meeting to stop by and personally thank Bob for his service. If you want to send him an e-mail his address is: robertbusler@comcast.net .

I would like to request your input on fishing outings, classes or comments on the Master Angler, Gold Cup or PGI Fishing Club Ladder of Angling Achievement Program. This month is the time when we layout the year's program so please get me your fresh ideas and thoughts as soon as possible. You can reach me by e-mail at: martymccaffrey@attglobal.net , by phone at 639-5445 or see me at the monthly meeting.

At the last club board meeting with the old and new board members we discussed starting out the Master Angler program in January of this year to give our part time residents a better chance for entries. The new board will make a final decision at its January 4th meeting. Please keep a record and picture of any fish you catch in January as they may be eligible for this year's tournament. Let's have a great year on the water and at our meetings!

Best regards,

Marty

CITY WATCH • Bill Guenther



I cannot begin to tell you how many times I have seen the Florida turn signal law ignored! So here's a reminder that may save you points and money.

Florida Statutes now require that drivers use turn signals at all times when turning from a roadway or changing lanes.

Failure to use the turn signal can cost a driver 3 points on their license and a \$115.50 fine



CEREMONIAL LAUNCHING —

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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	DONNIE BRENNAN
Rich Brennan	Rich Brennan	Rich Brennan	RICH BRENNAN
Bob Busler	Bob Busler	Bob Busler	BOB BUSLER
Dick Doster			
Harold Hall	Harold Hall		
Jim Hoffman	Jim Hoffman	Jim Hoffman	JIM HOFFMAN
Captain Margie Hoffman	Captain Margie Hoffman	Captain Margie Hoffman	CAPT. M. HOFFMAN
Kel Krotzer	Kel Krotzer		
Joanne Landaker	Joanne Landaker		
Steve Landaker			
Joe Maillet	Joe Maillet	Joe Maillet	JOE MAILLET
Pete McGregor	Pete McGregor	Pete McGregor	PETE MCGREGOR
Tom Parsons	Tom Parsons		
Bob Rand	Bob Rand	Bob Rand	
Bevan Rucker	Bevan Rucker	Bevan Rucker	
Jack Spies			
Gary Sblendorio	Gary Sblendorio		
Ed Verminski	Ed Verminski		
Russ Brown	Russ Brown		
Jim LaRocca			
Karen Lodge			

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be the mainstay of the club for many years to come. Thank you all...

The new board is busy putting together a new budget and bringing you new ideas, improving some of the old standards along with continuing with the best of past years. As the board considers new ideas, we will keep our members informed. Our first new program for 2007 is the Fishing Magazine Exchange. As I announced at the December meeting, if any member with a subscription to a Fishing Magazine would bring their old issues to the monthly meetings, we will display them on the ticket table for any member to take home and enjoy, then return them at the next meeting for others to review. I just mentioned the ticket table and that brought something to mind. I'd like to thank those members manning those tables, selling 50/50 chances, passing out door prize tickets and answering member's questions prior to each club meeting. So, Bonnie & Ed Verminski and Kathy and Chuck Zimmer, Thanks for all the help.

Winter fishing has been slow so far, but as in anything we do, getting out and doing it as often as possible brings the best results. So let's all make a New Years resolution to go fishing more often in 2007.

Your board members will look for all of you at the Tuesday night January 9th at 7:00pm general meeting. Bring a new member, or bring a guest, and join us for fishing stories, information, great door prizes and most of all the camaraderie of your fellow fishermen.

Starting with this article I will be printing the best fishing dates and times for each month as suggested by the lunar feeding tables. I find the information helps me; maybe it will work for you.

DATE	TIME
JAN 2nd	9:00am—2:00pm
3rd	9:30am—2:30pm
4th	10:30am—3:30pm
13th	5:00am—10:30am
19th	5:00am—10:30am
21st	12:30pm—5:30pm
22nd	1:15pm—6:15pm
30th	7:45am—12:45pm
31st	8:30am—1:30pm

Your board members will look for all of you at the Tuesday night, January 9th at 7:00pm general meeting Bring a new member, or bring a guest, and join us for fishing stories, information, great door prizes and, most of all, the camaraderie of your fishing club members.

Jack Spies,
President



➔ From left to right...Club Secretary Captain Margi Hoffman, Treasurer Jim LaRocca, President Jack Spies and Vice President Roseanne McCaffery



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	Grouper	Trout	Redfish	Snook	Cobia	Shark (All)	Spanish Mackerel
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Point Leaders: T=Ties: THEIR HAS BEEN SOME DISCUSSIONS AS TO THE POPULARITY OF THE MASTER ANGLER TOURNAMENT. IF THE PROGRAM IS CONTINUED, THEN THE THE 2007 MASTER ANGLER POINTS STANDING WILL BEGINE WITH THE FIRST CATCH THAT IS TURNED IN TO THE FISHING EVENTS CHAIRMAN...MARTY MCCAFFREY. IF THE TOURNAMENT IS CANCELLED THEIR WILL BE A NOTICE FORTHCOMING IN YOUR NEWSLETTER.



Bob Rad hooked up with the nice Red fish at the upstream end of an island off Harbor Heights.



Noel Weaver and her bluefish guided by her father, Capt. James Weaver III of "Hear No Fish, See Fish?" in Carrabelle, FL. Her father is the ONLY or FIRST cochlear implant licensed inshore charter fishing captain anywhere on the water (former deaf angler). Noel said of this fish, "Got blues, a n y o n e ? " .

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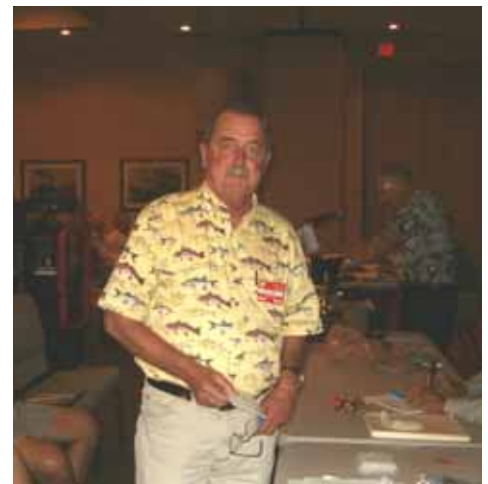


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Hyrette Guenther

MORE MASTER ANGLER AWARD PHOTOGRAPHS...and other stuff



The newsletter staff (me!) congratulates all our monthly prize winners and to those who received a MAT Award Certificate...well done!

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