

# TIGHT LINES BULLETIN

THE OFFICIAL MAGAZINE OF THE WEST PALM BEACH FISHING CLUB

## IF THESE WALLS COULD TALK....

STORIES ABOUT SOME OF THE MAGNIFICENT MOUNTS INSIDE THE WPBFC

**B**OOM! The shotgun blast sent a bird shot ricocheting off the linoleum floor taking **Bob Kleiser**, **Jimmy Darr** and the offending triggerman by complete surprise. The deafening discharge occurred over 50 years ago inside Bob Kleiser's Sport Shop located on Datura Street in downtown West Palm Beach (where Gratify restaurant is located today). Fortunately nobody was hurt. Unfortunately, a 418 pound blue marlin, the focal point of an elaborate fish mural, wasn't so lucky. The wayward shot peppered the eleven-foot long skin mount like a plugged pheasant flushed from the scrub. Needless to say proprietor Bob Kleiser, who caught the behemoth off Bimini in 1937, was not happy. Today, that marlin hangs from the rafters inside the West Palm Beach Fishing Club. If you look closely you can see streaks of fish oil that has oozed from where some of the shot found purchase. This fish tale is just one of countless stories behind the trophy mounts that adorn the walls of the Fishing Club. Almost every fish in our clubhouse has a story to tell. Here are some of them.



**T**he fat kingfish that hangs over the Fishing Club's south door has a unique background. On June 19, 1969, **Ann Kunkel**'s intended target was giant bluefin tuna, not king mackerel. 'Bluefin Annie' was a renowned tuna angler. She and **Captain Jack Lance** were trolling the Great Bahama Bank during the annual Cat Cay Tuna

Tournament when their rigged Spanish mackerel yielded a monster mackerel instead of tuna. The fish was a woman's world record, tipping the scales at 71 pounds. As luck would have it, IGFA president **Elwood K. Harry** happened to be the tournament weigh master, which no doubt helped authenticate and expedite Annie's entry into the record book. Ann Kunkel was a very supportive and longtime WPBFC member. She donated



the big king and many other unique mounts to the Fishing Club prior to her death years ago.

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## Piers Could Curb Beach Erosion

*by Tom Twyford, WPBFC President*

Like many coastal residents of Palm Beach County I am frustrated with how our beach erosion problem is managed. I am dissatisfied with the repeated practice of dredging sand offshore and dumping it on our beaches, a temporary solution at best that has cost taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars over the past decades. The marine environment has paid an equally high price. Estuarine habitat, as well as near shore and offshore reefs have been impacted. Ever wonder why all that sand has built up inside the Loxahatchee River smothering seagrass and oyster beds? Or why the boat channel off Sailfish Marina continues to narrow and shallow up? Or why the water off some 'nourished' beaches remains turbid for days after strong winds? Logic leads me to believe that years of dredge and fill projects along our coast are in large part to blame.

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## events calendar

### october 19 - 23

#### Boca Grande Outing

Gasparillia Island. Join fellow club members on our annual visit to this beautiful west coast destination. For more info call outing coordinator  
 Dan Kleiser @ (561) 746-3563

### october 26

Offshore Meeting, 7:00 pm  
 "Fall Fishing Tactics for Wahoo & Dolphin"

George Poveromo  
 TV host/outdoor journalist

### october 31

final day of club's annual Summer Fishing Contest competition

### november 1

start of club's annual Winter Fishing Contest competition

### november 2

Inshore Meeting, 7:00 pm  
 "Fly & Light Tackle Fishing For Mackerel, Blues, Poms & More"

Capt. Ron Doerr  
[captainronbite.com](http://captainronbite.com)

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### november 12

Annual Awards, BBQ & Auction  
 at FOP Lodge #50, WPB  
 5:30 pm - 9 pm



### november 24

no meeting due to Thanksgiving holiday

### december 7

Inshore Meeting, 7:00 pm  
 "Productive Rigs, Techniques & Tricks for Catching Pompano"

Capt. Mike Conner  
[captmikconnerfishing.com](http://captmikconnerfishing.com)

### december 28

no meeting due to Holiday Break



### january 4

Silver Sailfish Derby  
 Captain's Meeting - 6:30 pm.  
 @ the WPBFC clubhouse. At least one crew member from each boat must attend.

### january 5, 6 & 7

75th annual Silver Sailfish Derby  
 Out of Sailfish Marina.  
 Tournament fleet limited to 60 boats  
 Call the club for official Derby entry form @ (561) 832-6780 or register online

### january 25

Offshore Meeting, 7:00 pm  
 "Louisiana Tuna Tactics that Work in the Bahamas"  
 Capt. Mike Ellis  
 Venice, LA. charter captain

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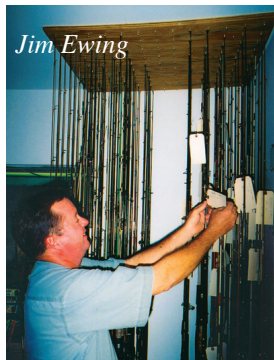
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## Mary Ewing Leaves Bequest

**Mary A. Ewing**, a longtime resident of West Palm Beach, passed away peacefully in July. She was the mother of the late **Jim Ewing**, a WPBFC lifetime member and



Jim Ewing

board member who passed away unexpectedly in 2004. Jim was an instrumental Fishing Club volunteer and was the driving force behind the Palm Beach County Fishing Foundation's *Rods and Reels for Kids* program, which continues today. The Fishing Club has received a bequest of twenty-five thousand dollars from Mary Ewing's estate to be used for the various community youth out-

reach programs the Fishing Club and its charitable foundation conducts annually. "This is a significant contribution and one that certainly represents a fitting legacy to all the wonderful things Jim Ewing did for this organization. We are so very thankful to the entire Ewing family for their heartfelt generosity and support," said WPBFC chairman

**Pete Schulz**. The Fishing Club gratefully acknowledges the support of Jim's brother **Bobby Ewing**, Jim's son **JR Ewing** and Jim's widow **Carla Ewing**. "I'm certain Jim would be thrilled knowing that his mother and family members have provided the Fishing Club with significant resources to keep the *Rods and Reels for Kids* program going strong for a very long time to come," said WPBFC president **Tom Twyford**. In honor of Jim Ewing's positive impact the WPBFC board of directors recently dedicated the *Rods and Reels for Kids* program in his memory.



J.R., Carla & Bobby Ewing (l to r) present bequest at the Fishing Club

### Go Fish!

**Saturday, November 12, 2011**  
West Palm Beach Fishing Club  
**annual Awards, BBQ & Auction**

Tickets are now on sale for our annual 50/50 'Go Fish' cash raffle. Here's your chance to win \$5,000...the odds are great! Only one hundred \$100 tickets will be sold. Too much? Share the expense with a friend & split the winnings! Call the Club to buy yours today!

## Win \$250 at the Club BBQ!

Here's a chance for you to support your Fishing Club at no cost, and be eligible to win \$250



at the upcoming club BBQ. Visit any TD Bank location and open an account (checking, savings, money market, CDs and retirement accounts are all included) and let the TD representative know that you want your account linked to the **West Palm Beach Fishing Club - Member Code A1223 - Affinity Program**. That's all it takes. If you already have a TD Bank account, just visit or call your local office and tell any Customer Service Representative you would like your account linked to our Affinity Membership Program. Here's how it helps the club: If we get 50 or more member households to participate, TD Bank will make an annual donation based upon a percentage of the accumulated total balances of all Affinity Program members. There is no cost for participating in this program...in fact TD Bank will deposit \$25 into any new account you open.

TD Bank representatives will be present at the club's Awards, BBQ & Auction on Nov. 12, 2011. If you open a new account with them, OR if you currently have a TD Bank account and link to the club's Affinity Program prior to or at this event, your name will be entered into a drawing to be eligible for \$250 CASH (drawing to be held that night, winner need not be present - just let the Fishing Club know you've coded your account).

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### Marlin Mount Makeover



The monster blue marlin that hangs outside the West Palm Beach Fishing Club's historic clubhouse is getting a makeover. A crew of members assembled in early August to take the behemoth off the building and trailer it down to King Sailfish Mounts in Ft. Lauderdale. It, along with an old skin mount blue marlin and a bluefin tuna head from inside the clubhouse, will receive some much needed attention.

The big blue marlin is a replica of one of the largest ever caught off Florida. Angler **Warren Culbertson** caught the fish off Destin, Florida, on June 14, 1985. It weighed 980 lb., 8 oz. and was the Florida state record at the time. The big fish was fooled by a Bob Schneider black and orange rattle yap lure. Lure maker **Bob Schneider** hung the mount outside his shop, Bob Schneider Lures and Pro Tackle in Riviera Beach, for many years. The mount was donated to the Fishing Club in 1997 after the store closed its doors on Blue Heron Boulevard. The large outdoor trophy mount has survived two hurricanes since being mounted on the clubhouse. "It was definitely pretty weathered and due for some restoration work. There was actually some water in the mount, so it was time," said club volunteer **Nelson Schad** who assisted with the project. Special thanks to Nelson Schad and fellow club members **Barry Brimacombe**, **Kevin Schad**, **Blake Naumann** and **Tommy Twyford** for helping with this project. Thanks also to lifetime WPBFC member Capt. **Bob Frevert** whose recent generosity has made improvement projects like this one possible.



## New Club Tees Now Available

Our friends at Kluch Clothing Company in Boynton Beach have designed two new t-shirts for the West Palm Beach Fishing Club. The colorful offshore design features a dolphin, wahoo and sailfish set inside a ship's wheel. The inshore shirt highlights a snook swimming among mangrove prop roots with tarpon lingering in the background. "We were long overdue for some new club shirts."



Kluch did an outstanding job bringing our concepts to life," said WPBFC president **Tom Twyford**. The new tees start at \$18 for short sleeve models and \$20 for long sleeve (available in the offshore design only). They are available at the clubhouse and in the

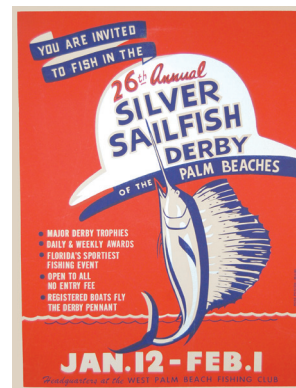


virtual store located on the WPBFC website. Show your club colors and order some new WPBFC tees today!

## Derby To Celebrate 75th Anniversary



The Fishing Club's annual *Silver Sailfish Derby* will celebrate its 75th anniversary January 4 - 7, 2012. Established in 1935, the *Derby* is recognized as the 'World's Oldest Sailfish Tournament'. Billfish conservation has been one the tournament's lasting hallmarks; cooperative gamefish tagging for science, circle hook use and education, and most notably the development, application and popularization of the red release pennant, beginning in 1938. Several special features are being planned in recognition of this landmark *Derby* anniversary, including a commemorative edition publication (call the club for advertising info), special tournament awards featuring vintage derby pictures and posters, and a gala awards banquet at the Sailfish Club of Florida. This is the one Derby you don't want to miss! Register online today at the club website.





## Awesome WPBFC Member Discounts...

There is value to being a member of the West Palm Beach Fishing Club. Aside from significant discounts on club tournament entry fees, more than a few area fishing and marine related businesses offer discounts to card carrying Fishing Club members. Here's a brief list of some of the savings available:



### **Tuppen's Marine & Tackle, Lake Worth** **Ph: (561) 582-9012**

Tuppen's offers WPBFC members a 10% discount on their entire marine & tackle inventory, including any parts used in servicing your boat in their boat service department. Does not include Yamaha oil.

### **Port Consolidated, West Palm Beach** **Ph: (561) 689-0043**

WPBFC members trailering their boats receive a 5-cent per gallon discount on Rec 90 fuel. Please present your membership card before pumping gas. Our contact at the station is Melinda Gambino.

### **Lott Brothers, North Palm Beach** **Ph: (561) 844-0244**

If you're buying non-ethanol Rec 90 gasoline at Lott Brothers be sure to mention you are a WPBFC member and show your membership card to receive 10 cents off every gallon of fuel you buy. Purchases over \$25 also gets you a free 20# bag of ice.

### **Palm Beach Eyes, Boynton Beach** **Ph: (561) 732- 8088**

Need a new pair of prescription shades? Fishing Club member Dr. Greg Pientka offers WPBFC members a 20% discount on purchases of most prescription sunglasses, goods and services. Be sure to show your membership card.

### **Northlake Auto Spa, North Palm Beach** **Ph: (561) 863-3116**

Be sure to pick up your special West Palm Beach Fishing Club V.I.P. member discount card on your next visit to the clubhouse (or call us and we'll mail you one!). The special card gives WPBFC members 15% off all car wash and detailing services.

### **New Port Cove Marina, Riviera Beach** **Ph: (561) 844-2504**

Looking for wet or dry stack storage for your boat? New Port Cove is offering WPBFC members a 50% discount on their wet or dry stack storage fees for the first month for any new customer, and an additional free month if they want to sign an annual contract! Fishing Club members also receive a 15% discount on everything in the ships store, and a 20-cent discount on fuel purchases. Be sure to speak with marina manager Bruce Grout, or the Dockmaster Tim Recks for details.

### **Sunrise Resort & Marina, Grand Bahama Island** **Ph: 1 (800) 932-4959**

WPBFC members enjoy a special year-round discounted room rate at Sunrise Marina and Resort, located near Freeport on Grand Bahama Island, site of the club's annual Bahamas outing. Be sure to contact Resort General Manager Ta'Shar Cuccurullo and tell her you are a Fishing Club member to receive one of the best room rates in the islands!

### **Hilton Garden Inn & Hampton Inn, WPB** **Ph: (HGI) (561) 472-5956 or (HI) (561) 472-7333**

Out of town members or friends coming in for a visit? As a WPBFC 'preferred' hotel, the Hilton Garden Inn and sister hotel, The Hampton Inn, located side by side on Australian Ave. between PBIA and downtown West Palm Beach are offering discounted rates for WPBFC members and their friends. The Hampton offers \$79 per rm. night double occupancy + tax and the Hilton Garden Inn offers \$89 per room night double occupancy + tax. Conveniently located and a great deal if you have family coming to town for sailfishing season! Contact the hotel for reservation details and ask for the West Palm Beach Fishing Club local negotiated discount rate.

## Fuel Returns to Lotts

The convenience of getting good fuel, in addition to your ice, bait and tackle has returned to Lott Brothers tackle shop. Club members, especially those in the North Palm Beach area, will be pleased to know that Lott Brothers, located off the Earman River has installed an above ground fuel tank for dispensing 90 octane non-ethanol recreational fuel. The high-octane fuel burns cleaner and improves engine performance compared to lower octane fuels that contain ethanol. Many boaters have experienced engine maintenance problems in recent years as a result of extended use of fuel that contains ethanol. Lott Brothers was forced to remove their underground fuel tank several years ago as a result of more stringent environmental stan-

dards. The new tank stores 2000 gallons and meets all EPA standards.

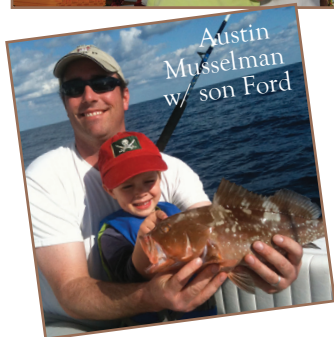
Lott Brothers, located at 631 Northlake Boulevard, is recognized as the oldest commercial business in the Village of North Palm Beach. **George Lott, Sr.** opened the full service tackle shop and boat rental operation in 1962 after relocating the business from Baldwin, New York, located on Long Island. Lott's will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year. Brothers **George** and **John** Lott have been extremely supportive of WPBFC programs for over 40 years. Congratulations Lott Brothers on 50 years of great service to the local fishing community!

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Barkdull w/  
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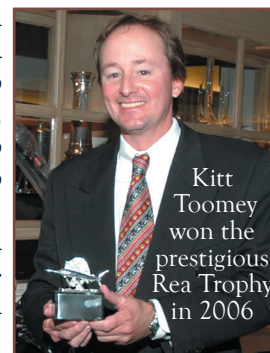


Austin  
Musselman  
w/ son Ford

Over the past several months the Fishing Club's lifetime member list has seen notable growth. A total of seven individuals have been added to the prestigious list (see below). Longtime WPBFC members Judge **Tom Barkdull** of North Palm Beach, **Mark Masciarotte** of Vancouver, WA, and **Henry Cromwell** of Jupiter opted for lifetime member status citing their desire to support the organization beyond the individual membership level. Barkdull is a *KDW Classic* regular and Cromwell is a past Masters Angling Tournament champion. Masciarotte, an award winning marine consultant and writer for *ShowBoats International* and *Boat International* magazines, is an active boater and angler who has had a long association with the Fishing Club. Also recently added to the life member list are **Austin**

**Musselman** of Louisville, KY, past *Silver Sailfish Derby* champion **Christopher 'Kitt' Toomey** of Coral Gables, and **Marshall Field VI** and **Mike Rendina**, both of Jupiter. "I figured I'll be fishing into my 90's and with inflation this was a pretty good deal! But seriously, I think the West Palm Beach Fishing Club is a great organization to be a part of. I look forward to getting down to the clubhouse soon to sip on a few beers and hear some stories," said Rendina.

Lifetime membership in the WPBFC currently costs \$1,500. You can opt to make four (4) annual payments of \$375. Half of your lifetime membership investment is a tax-deductible charitable donation benefitting our own Palm Beach County Fishing Foundation.



Kitt  
Toomey  
won the  
prestigious  
Rea Trophy  
in 2006



## WPBFC LIFETIME MEMBER LIST

(AS OF AUGUST 31, 2011)



NAME	LIFE MEMBER STATUS JOIN DATE	NAME	LIFE MEMBER STATUS JOIN DATE
VIRGINIA TURNEY ADAMS	12/00	MARK MASCIAROTTE	9/11
LAMONT E. ALBERTSON	11/98	HANS B. MILLER	10/06
PAUL S. ALBERTZ	2/99	CHAD MOSS	1/11
THOMAS H. BARKDULL, III	4/11	JUDGE MOSS	12/02
ALLAN BIR	11/02	LARRY MULLINS	10/02
CHARLES BOOMHOWER	5/05	AUSTIN MUSSELMAN	4/11
HOLLY BORSCH	12/08	JUSTINE NATHAN	1/56
TRICIA BORSCH	12/08	GIOVANNI "GINO" PALOMBA	2/02
BETH BOUTELL	5/00	MADISON PALOMBA	2/02
CHESTER BREWER	5/06	HOWARD PAUL	11/00
DALE CLIFT	3/11	KYLA PAUL	1/09
CODY CRAIGE	6/06	LISA PAUL	1/09
HENRY F. CROMWELL	4/11	SUSAN PINCOURT	6/01
ANNABEL HOPE DEWING	9/00	GEORGE A. PURNELL	4/06
CAROL DEWING	11/07	MICHAEL RENDINA	5/11
JOHN P. DEWING, JR.	3/03	JIM RUSSELL	12/02
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JANICE DOUGHERTY	1/01	KEVIN HARRISON SCHAD	9/98
MARSHALL FIELD, VI	8/11	MORGAN RILEY SCHAD	6/97
MOLLY FLEMING	7/10	J. MICHAEL SIMKO	12/05
DR. THOMAS P. FLOYD	2/95	CASEY SOWERS	10/03
RODGER S. FOWLER	5/92	ALEX TAYLOR	5/09
BOB FREVERT	2/99	CHRISTOPHER 'KITT' TOOMEY	7/11
BRADY GILCHRIST	12/10	S.L. "BUDDY" TUPPEN	12/10
JUSTIN GILCHRIST	12/10	TORE TURNEY	12/00
TANNER GILCHRIST	12/10	JOHN K. VOLK	3/98
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N.J. HRABKO	8/03	ALEXIS WILSON	4/99
ELIZABETH HUHN	12/09	MCKENZIE SLATER WILSON	3/03
SANDRA KAUPPE	2/95	SERENA WILSON	2/95
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## Jolley Selected to Serve on SAFMC



## Hahn Inducted into IWFA Hall of Fame

Longtime West Palm Beach Fishing Club (WPBFC) member **Gwen Hahn** of Palm Beach Gardens was inducted into the International Women's Fishing Association (IWFA) Hall of Fame in April in Palm Beach. The IWFA ([www.iwfa.org](http://www.iwfa.org)) is a group of women who love to fish and enjoy the camaraderie of the sport. The organization was formed in 1955 to promote women's fishing and, over the years, has become one of the most prestigious women's

fishing clubs in the world. Gwen is only the 30<sup>th</sup> person to be elected to the IWFA Hall of Fame.

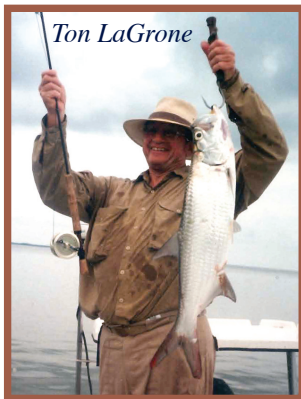
The IWFA honored Gwen for her outstanding contributions over the years, beginning with membership in 1998. She was President from 2007 to 2009, has served on the Board of Directors in numerous capacities, and also served on the Scholarship Board as a Trustee and Chairman. During her 14 years as a member, she has helped organize IWFA functions from annual awards luncheons, to tournaments and 'funaments'. Gwen organized the IWFA's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Gala at the IGFA, co-developed the IWFA web site, and co-developed a membership program to assist District Reps.

Gwen is an active WPBFC member and accomplished angler. She has won the Fishing Club's prestigious *Richard S. Beinecke Atlantic Blue Marlin Release Trophy* (for most marlin released in a year off Florida and/or Bahamas) on three separate occasions. She once caught and released six blue marlin in a single day. She received the *Louis S. Boski Memorial Trophy* for most outstanding catch during the annual *Silver Sailfish Derby* in 2000 and 2009. Gwen has fished the *Sailfish Derby* with an intrepid group of fellow women anglers, including regulars **Pat O'Hara**, **Susan McCarthy** and **Poppy Brownlee**, for the past 8 years. In most of those Derby's the all female team fished aboard an open 27' boat, often the smallest vessel in the fleet!

An outstanding member of the community, Gwen also volunteers at the Bush Wildlife Sanctuary in Jupiter and the Women's Abuse Center in West Palm Beach. Congratulations Gwen!

## LaGrone Remembered

**Tonquin LaGrone** of Lake Mary, Florida, passed away in early July. He was a successful trial lawyer for over 40 years prior to his retirement. Ton was a member of many environmental and conservation organizations. An avid boater and angler, he was a thirty-six year member of the West Palm Beach Fishing Club. He especially enjoyed fly fishing and fly tying, developing several original fly patterns for Florida game fish and rainbow trout in Alaska. For many years Ton was an active participant in the Fishing Club's annual trek to Flamingo in Everglades National Park. "He was my fishing partner. We used to fish together in his sixteen-foot Dolphin skiff, but I got tired of dodging his fly-casting, so I bought my own boat! We sure did have a lot of fun together," recalled friend **Skip Burrell**.



**John Jolley** of Boynton Beach, past president, chairman and current member of the WPBFC Board of Directors, has been appointed to serve as a voting member to the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC). The Council makes recommendations to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) regarding all issues related to federally managed fish species. He attended his first council meeting this August in Charleston, SC.

"This is great news for fish and fishermen," said WPBFC president, **Tom Twyford**. "John's business background, past marine research and lifelong fishing and diving experience will help guide the council towards making fair and sustainable fisheries management decisions. We should all thank Governor **Rick Scott** for nominating John and NOAA Secretary of Commerce **Gary Locke** for making this wise appointment."

John Jolley began fishing and diving in Palm Beach County in the 1950s. He graduated from the University of Florida with a degree in biology, and served for many years as a researcher with the Florida Fish & Wildlife Research Institute, where he helped make early discoveries about Atlantic sailfish, king mackerel, red tide and swordfish, among other research efforts. John also serves on the NMFS Highly Migratory Species Advisory Panel, and has extensive experience with the models and statistics used to make fisheries stock assessments. John is also a champion tournament angler, winning the prestigious Masters Invitational Angling Tournament in 2001. "Given John's vast experience as a fisherman and with fisheries issues, I'm extremely confident that he will serve recreational fishing well for years to come," said WPBFC board member, **Chester Brewer**. "I am honored, and pledge to listen carefully, do my homework, and help my fellow council members make the wisest and fairest decisions for our fisheries," said Jolley, who acknowledges there will be many challenging issues ahead.



## Members Take Wounded Warriors Fishing



In late April the West Palm Beach Fishing Club was called upon to assist with the West Palm Beach Waterfront Warriors Project. WPBFC members answered the call. Local fire fighters lead by **Joe Bartlett** and **Jeff Csalos** organized a special weekend visit to the Palm Beaches for a small group of wounded military men and women going through rehabilitation at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC. A fishing trip was on the itinerary, so the Fishing Club helped coordinate a day offshore for the



recovering war veterans. Members **Gil and Betty Walker** (*Ice Tea Too*), **Ken and Kathy Jerkins** (*That's My Hon*) and Fishing Club friend **Byron Russell** (*Hit & Run*) rose to the occasion donating their boats and time for the effort. Before boarding the boats and venturing out Palm Beach Inlet the Fishing Club treated the five soldiers and the support crew to breakfast at Sailfish Marina. The timing of the trip was perfect, clear skies and calm seas prevailed. Despite a west wind, usually a fishing curse, every soldier had the opportunity to tug on something. Bonito, small blackfin tuna and dolphin were in the mix. **Glen Silva**, 39, a U.S. Marine Staff Sgt. from Colorado, won the 'Sailfish Cup', the top angler award offered by the WPBFC for some fun



competition among the soldiers. Glen, an amputee who lost his lower left leg to an IED in northern Afghanistan, jumped off two sailfish and landed several big bonito to earn top honors. Not too bad for his first ever ocean fishing experience. He was fishing aboard the *Hit & Run* with **Capt. Sean O'Neill** and mate **Alex Ross**. "What a humbling experience to spend a day with soldiers like Glen. Everything about this trip was awesome," said WPBFC Chairman **Pete Schulz** who helped crew aboard the *Hit & Run*. As part of their visit the vets stayed at the Four Seasons Resort in Palm Beach, went to SunFest and spent a little down time on the beach. The Fishing Club was truly honored to play a small role in making these soldiers visit enjoyable. Again, special thanks to the generous club members who rolled out the red carpet for these vets. It should be noted that plenty of other club members offered to assist with this fishing trip, but with such a small group and specialized requirements, only three boats were needed. It is likely that the club will be called upon again in the future to assist with a similar visit, perhaps with a larger group of soldiers. If you are able to help in some capacity please call the Fishing Club at (561) 832-6780 and you will be added to a support list for future Wounded Warrior fishing trips in our area. For more information on the West Palm Beach Waterfront Warriors Project visit [www.wpbww.org](http://www.wpbww.org).





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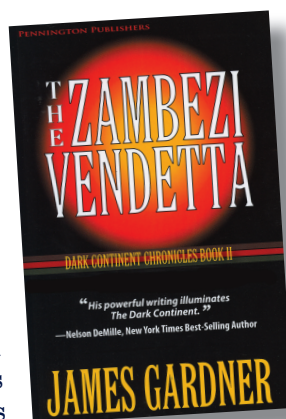
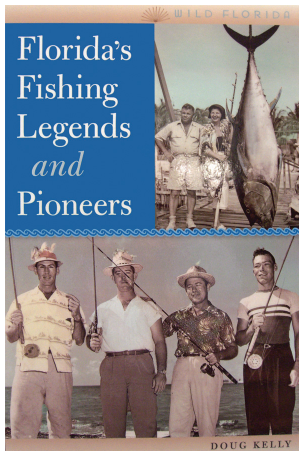


## Florida Fishing Legends

by Doug Kelly

*Florida's Fishing Legends and Pioneers*, a new book by long-time Florida outdoors journalist and WPBFC friend **Doug Kelly**, is a compendium of colorful characters that contributed to Florida's 100-year-plus recreational fishing boom. Kelly's research and extensive interviews provide controversial insights and entertaining stories about some of Florida's most recognizable fishing personalities. Some of the book's better-known anglers include Ernest Hemingway, Ted Williams, Stu Apte, Lefty Kreh, John Rybovich, Al Pflueger, and others you've heard of--and some you haven't. The 300+ page hardcover book retails for \$26.95 and contains 120 historical images.

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## The Zambezi Vendetta

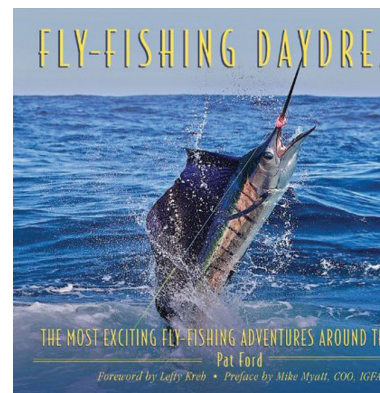
by James Gardner

**James Gardner**, a 41 year member of the WPBFC, has released his new book, *The Zambezi Vendetta*, the second in his fictional Dark Continent Chronicles. Main character Rigby Croxford returns to Africa to rescue a handful of American Tourists caught in the middle of a bloody civil war. Gardner's first fictional work *The Lion Killer* was widely praised. He has also written many articles and op-eds on the African economy and the human condition. To order Jim's latest book, which is also available in a Kindle version, visit [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

## Fly-Fishing Daydreams: The Most Exciting Fly-Fishing Adventures Around the World

by Pat Ford

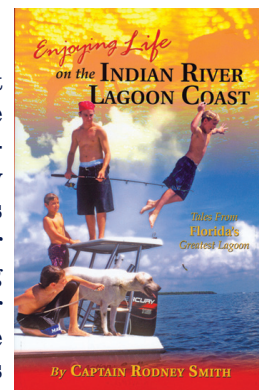
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## Enjoying Life on the Indian River Lagoon Coast

by Captain Rodney Smith

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## Catches Added To Club Record Book

A total of eight new All Time Club Records were recently added to the club record book. Most of the catches were made in light tackle categories including club member **Larry Littrell's**



Larry Littrell

8 lb., 8 oz. large-mouth bass on Fly 12 tackle. Junior member **Dylan Newman** (age 14) of Tequesta landed his first ever club record earlier this year, besting a 14 lb., 2 oz. bonito on 8 Spin. Details on all new club records are listed below. In addition

to being included in the club record book, the records are posted on the All Time Club Record Board at the clubhouse and on the club's website, [www.westpalmbeachfishingclub.org](http://www.westpalmbeachfishingclub.org).

To submit a catch for club record consideration members must send a completed WPBFC affidavit entry form along with a 30-foot line sample for testing. The catch must be witnessed and the fish must be weighed on land or a suitable stable surface (beached boat, wading on a flat, etc.) with a certified scale. If a hand scale is used, the scale must be re-certified by the club after the catch. Line samples are tested at Ande Monofilament using an electronic line-testing machine. A member of the WPBFC Angling Committee and Ande President **Chuck Gerlach** conduct the

line tests. Consult the WPBFC record book for a complete list of criteria for submitting club record entries or view them online at the club website. Extra copies of WPBFC record books are available at the clubhouse.

Congratulations to all new WPBFC record holders!



Jay Young



Cody Fay (r)

ANGLER	FISH	WEIGHT(lb.oz)	TACKLE	LOCATION	DATE	PREV. HELD BY/LBS.
Bill Fay	Amberjack	15.07	SPIN 8	Off Stuart	6/4/11	vacant
Bill Fay	Spanish Mackerel	4.12	PLUG 16	Juno Pier	4/29/11	Mike Mathias/4.08
Cody Fay	Kingfish	9.00	4 GEN	Off Marathon	3/16/11	Tommy Twyford/8.00
Joseph Grzyb	Ladyfish	3.00	Unl. GEN	Bathtub Bch, Stuart	9/7/11	vacant
John Lang	Ladyfish	7.00	50 GEN	Off Lostman's River	7/16/11	vacant
Larry Littrell	Black Bass	8.08	FLY 12	Oak Hill pond	4/2/11	Lou Rossi/8.04
Dylan Newman	Little Tunny	14.02	SPIN 8	3 mi. off Juno Pier	5/29/11	Corey Engelman/13.08
Jay Young	Little Tunny	8.00	SPIN 4	Off Jupiter	7/10/11	Barry Brimacomb/7.08

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### Club Record Fish Photos



One of the new features on the recently redesigned club website is the inclusion of pictures of record setting catches on the All Time Club Records page. While the club has been able to locate many record fish photos from its archives, there are many record catch pictures that we do not have posted on the site. If you are a current club record holder and have a picture of your record setting catch please send it or email it to the Fishing Club and we'll get it posted. If you have not yet visited the new club website check it out, visit [www.westpalmbeachfishingclub.org](http://www.westpalmbeachfishingclub.org).





## member angling news

### Floyd 'Dials In' Isla Sails with Fly

Lifetime Fishing Club member **Dr. Tom Floyd** is among the very best when it comes to catching Atlantic sailfish on fly tackle. The Palm Beach County native has logged thousands of sailfish releases on conventional tackle over the past 40 years off the Palm Beaches, but it is the rich waters off Isla Mujeres, Mexico, where he spends most of his time searching for sails these days. Isla is where huge numbers of sails are found each spring 'balling bait'. The feeding phenomenon presents a unique opportunity for bluewater fly fishermen like Floyd. "I've never seen sailfish so



animated and aggressive. Fly fishing for them when they are balling the bait is incredibly exciting. We are not teasing the fish up on the troll, which is standard practice using a hookless ballyhoo. We're sight casting into the bait balls. The strikes are incredible," commented Floyd who uses a large arbor Charlton Signature Tarpon Fly Reel spooled with Scientific Anglers 15 wt. billfish fly line, and paired with a Sage Xi2 16 weight fly rod. "For flies I use Anthony's custom tied 'Chicken Feather'. Mostly a blue and white pattern, but sometimes pink and white, especially later in the day," said Floyd.

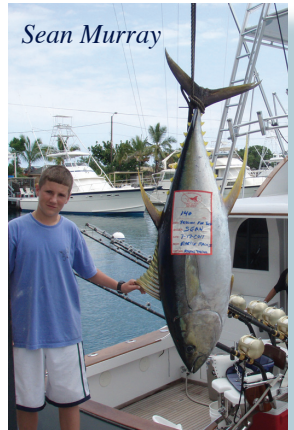
Tom has refined his fly-rodging technique for the scrappy billfish with one of the most accomplished charter captains in Mexico, **Capt. Anthony Mendillo**. If that name sounds familiar it's because Anthony spent a lot of time charter fishing in Palm Beach County before moving to Mexico. Anthony, along with his wife **Kin**, own and operate *Keen M Sportfishing*. They run two boats out of Isla Mujeres, the *Keen M* and the *Lilly M*. Anthony's catch and release statistics for Atlantic sails has been matched by few others over the past decade. So it's by no coincidence that he and his mate, **Guyo**, have guided anglers and teams to some notable tournament wins, including a recent 1st Place Boat award in the 2011 International Master's Angling Tournament held in Isla.

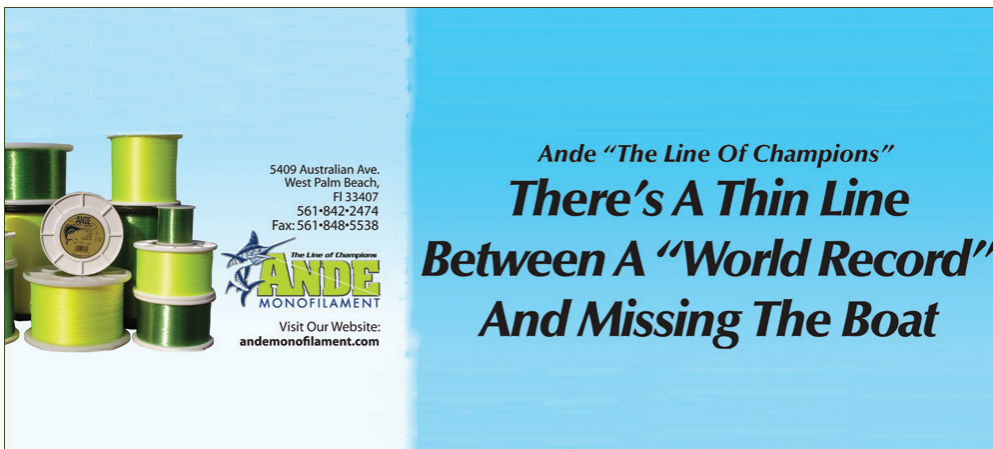
National Geographic recently employed Anthony's boats and expertise to film a segment on sailfish balling the bait. He also happens to be one of the few captains officially permitted by the Mexican government to run whale-watching tours during the incredible whale shark aggregations that occur off Isla. To learn more about Anthony's unique operation, visit [www.keenmsportfishing.com](http://www.keenmsportfishing.com). The spectacular images on his website will quickly explain why Tom Floyd has the fly rod bug for Isla sails. 🐟

### Murray's Hook Up in Hawaii

Fishing Club member **Charles Murray** and his family experienced a memorable fishing trip this July while vacationing in Hawaii. The Murray clan was in search of blue marlin off the renowned Kona coast on the big island of Hawaii where the seas are

typically calm and the fish are huge. They were fishing aboard the *Marlin Magic II* with **Capt. Marlin Parker**....and yes, that is the captain's real name. "The fishing was a little slow so we ventured towards the cut between the big Island and Maui where the seas kicked up to 8 to 10 feet which proved to be a little to rough for my son **Sean** and wife **Jaymie**. So we changed course and steamed towards the lee side of the big Island. About 15 minutes into that leg of the trip we happened into large pod of spinner dolphin. There had to have been hundreds of them. As we watched in amazement the left long reel started to scream, we had hooked into a large yellow-fin tuna. It wasn't long after we got the baits back into the water when the left short reel started screaming, this time it was a blue marlin. Jaymie was on deck and fought the fish perfectly, it was a 150 lb. male which we tagged and released," recounted the elder Murray. Sure sounds like a great trip! 🐟





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# annual contest standings

(standings as of 9/28/11)



## The Nora Award

*Presented annually to the member catching the heaviest snook within Florida. (must be weighed on land or suitable stable surface)*

Sam Talluto ..... 27 lb., 8 oz.  
(caught, weighed & released using 30 Gen in the Loxahatchee River)

## Beinecke Blue Marlin Trophy



*Presented annually to the member scoring the most points for blue marlin releases in the Bahamas (100 pts.) and Florida (300 pts.)*

Serena Wilson.....400 pts.....4 releases off Bahamas  
Rob Murray .....200 pts.....2 releases off Bahamas  
Rob Ruwitch.....200 pts.....2 releases off Bahamas  
Ryan McMahon ....100 pts.....1 release off Bahamas  
Dave Lybass .....100 pts.....1 release off Bahamas



## Tracy Schneider Memorial Trophy

*Presented annually to the member scoring the highest total points for sailfish releases in Florida waters based on the following point values: caught and released on live bait (100 pts.), dead bait (300 pts.), pure artificial lures (500 pts.), and fly (1000 pts.).*

Mark Donohue ..... 3,100 pts. (31 on live bait)  
Serena Wilson ..... 2,300 pts. (23 on live bait)  
Mike Samuels ..... 2,200 pts. (16 on live bait/2 on dead bait)  
Carl Weigold (16)..... 2,000 pts. (20 on live bait)  
Heather Murray ..... 1,700 pts. (17 on live bait)  
Rob Ruwitch..... 1,200 pts. (4 on dead bait)  
Mike Ianniello ..... 1,200 pts. (4 on dead bait)  
Mike Murray..... 1,200 pts. (12 on live bait)

## Leas International Angling Trophy



*Presented annually to the member who makes the most outstanding catch or catches in international waters. Can be fresh or salt water.*

Rob Lane.....23 Blue Marlin & 1 White Marlin releases caught on 50 lb. tackle off St. Thomas.  
Lisa Everett.....30 Pacific sailfish releases & 2 Blue Marlin off Guatemala (Feb)  
Susan McCart.....15 Pacific sailfish on 30 Gen. off Los Suenos, Costa Rica (Mar)  
Tom Floyd.....8 Atlantic sailfish releases on Fly 20 tackle off Isla Mujeres (Mar)  
Brower Moffitt.....28 bonefish releases on Fly 12 in the Bahamas  
Mark Donohue.....8 Pacific sailfish releases on 30 Gen. off Los Suenos, Costa Rica (Mar)  
Molly Fleming.....2 Blue Marlin, 3 Pacific sailfish & assorted tuna off Panama



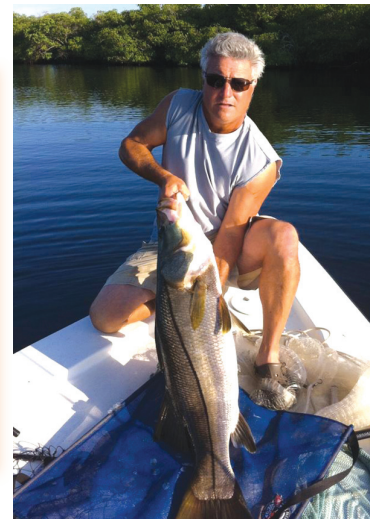
## Jeck Billfish Tagging Trophy

*Presented annually to the member who tags the most billfish, including swordfish, off Florida & the Bahamas. Anglers must use approved TBF or NMFS tags. Min. of 20 fish must be tagged to win.*

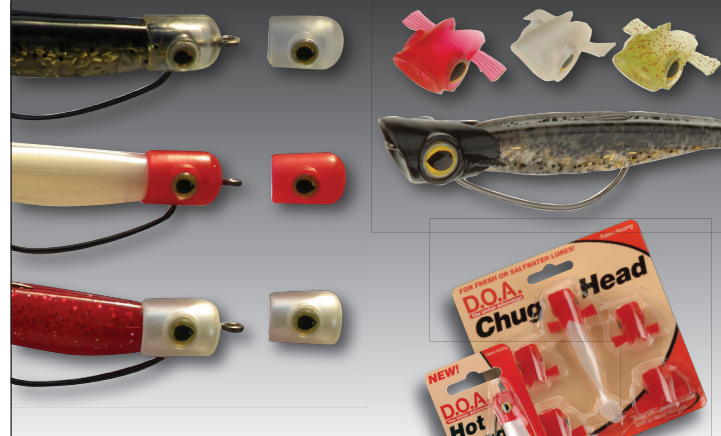
Heather Murray.....11 sailfish tagged & released  
Mike Murray..... 10 sailfish tagged & released



Ryan McMahon's blue marlin (above) was released off Walker's Cay. Dave Lybass released his marlin (right) on the same trip w/ McMahon. Member Sam Talluto leads the Nora Award competition with a 27.8 lb. snook (upper right).



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## Summertime Fun at Sunrise

by Outing Coordinator David Webb



Our members have enjoyed the tradition of summertime Fishing Club outings to the Bahamas for over two decades. Crossing the Gulf Stream in a small boat is an experience and a challenge all rolled into one event and going with the group provides an added layer of safety. While the economy is certainly crimping the fishing opportunities for many, it was decided to return to the fabulous Sunrise Resort and Marina on Grand Bahama Island this past June.

The crossing was not typical with participants departing from four inlets over the course of five days. Some chose wisely, others not so much, but all attendees eventually arrived in tact. Our gracious host, **Ta'Shar Cuccurullo**, provided a wonderful welcome cocktail party Saturday night, the official arrival day, and everyone had their fill of conch fritters, wings and the all important island punch. The event gave everyone a chance to share tales of the crossing and early fishing reports. **John Jolley**, on the *Seaclusion*, had already raised a marlin and reports of dolphin, blackfin tuna and mutton snapper were encouraging.

The weather for the rest of the outing was beautiful with the exception of a westerly component to the light winds. With hooks sharpened and GPS's tuned to secret locations, the crews of the club spent five days scouring the cobalt blue waters off Grand Bahama in search of dinner and a possible trophy fish.

The crew of the *Lucky Limey* wasted no time demonstrating their angling talents. **Marcus Wingate** went one for three on yellowfins Saturday with two lost to sharks. His 32 lb. tuna took top fish in that category. Angler **Andrew Passell** also fed the sharks tuna sandwiches on Sunday but landed a beautiful 37 lb. dolphin, which claimed that top honor. Not to be bested by the men, **Marie Wingate** landed a 21.5 lb. dolphin, which was also her first and earned her Top Lady recognition.

Perennial producer *My Pirogue* also dialed in early with a variety of fine catches. **Frank Allen** took Best Light Tackle with a great 18.5 lb. African pompano on 12 pound



class tackle while **Mark Labat** landed an impressive 17 lb. mutton. **Janice Labat** boated muttons as well, in addition to blackfin tuna and dolphin. Junior winner **Nicholas Labat** landed cero mackerel to 8.5 lb., a 20 lb. kingfish, barracuda, jacks and tuna. Brother **Christopher** was recognized for his catches of dolphin, tuna and mackerel.

All catches courtesy of the 'grand dad'

skipper **Neal Allen**. Nice going gang!

The *Cajun Gator* turned in a very noteworthy performance as well, led by **Dan Turk's** 47 lb. amberjack, which earned him the Outstanding Catch award. Junior **Danny Turk** entered a nice 14 lb. kingfish and also speared lionfish, doing his part to thin out the population of this invasive exotic species. Junior **Jessica** boated a beautiful yellowfin grouper weighing 8 lbs.

Interestingly, after early sightings, no marlin or sailfish were caught during the outing. However, *Seaclusion* was more than busy with John Jolley deep dropping for the fish fry and doing checkout dives with members of the **Hyland** family. Along the way, pee wee angler **Amanda Hyland** boated a 6 lb. cero mackerel and sister **Cassidy** landed barracuda and cero as well.

Long time club supporter **Bill Bachman** and family also contributed to the angling ledger. Pee wee **Billy** was recognized for his great fish, a 20 lb. barracuda and 15 lb. oceanic bonito. Brother and fellow pee wee **Jackson**





caught his first dolphin and a 10 lb. tuna and **Sawyer**, also a pee wee, bagged a strawberry grouper. Nice catches boys!

The Best Wahoo of the trip was boated by **Jill Levy** on her first trip with the club, fishing with **Jay Pivnick** on the beautiful Buddy Davis center console, *Lilly*.

The Hard Luck award was garnered by **Mike Steetle**, *Stress Management*, and we will defer to him to recount that story as he sees fit!

The day of departure came too early as it always does but the outing was a great success. All dockside activities were well attended and the group seemed to enjoy the pace and tempo of the trip. Ta'Shar and the staff of Sunrise went above and beyond to make the outing an enjoyable and incident free event and the facilities and service were fantastic. Thursday evening the traditional "Nutin' But Fish" awards ceremony exceeded expectations and capped another memory filled trip.

Thanks go to **Capt. Rick Ross** for, once again, chairing the event committee and attending to all of the preliminary chores that make these outings so much fun. Thanks, also, to our partners and sponsors who continually support our club even in less than perfect times.

Finally, I would also like to thank my brother, **Earl**, and the Omaha Kid, **Vince**, for putting up with my many chores during our fishing trip and for helping me with the Thursday dinner and awards. Thanks guys! 🐟





# Annual Trek to Ft. Pierce Yields Trout, Reds

by Outing Coordinator Capt. Barry Brimacombe

This year's Club outing to the scenic Dockside Inn located on Ft. Pierce Inlet seemed to have great potential. At the captain's meeting prior to the trip, club member **Dr. Greg Pientka** revealed that he had pre-fished the area a week earlier and found good numbers of snook and redfish feeding on many of the nearby flats where schools of bait were present. It sounded as simple as 'find the bait and you'll find the fish'...so we were all excited to get the outing started.

I arrived Wednesday morning and the hunt began. The seatrout were cooperating as we caught them up to 4.5 pounds on the falling tide on a flat just north of the inlet, but we caught no snook along one of my favorite mangrove shorelines that almost always produces at least one fish. As it started to get dark on a beautiful night I noticed the problem. A great big ball set high up in the sky...you guessed it, a full moon. In July a full moon sends snook into spawning mode, which also explains why they ate so well the week before, Darn! Since there was a lack of hungry linesiders our members focused on the remaining species that call this productive area of the Indian River Lagoon home.

Spotted seatrout were the most cooperative, almost everyone that fished the flats caught at least one, but the Largest Trout award went to Greg Pientka with a 6.5 pound 'gator trout'. Redfish were also playing nice; **Johannes Csonka**, **Dan Doherty**, and **Phil Zammit** all caught reds, but the winner of the Most Redfish award went to **Bill Helfferich** with two large reds. The snappers were eating great on the strong tides; **Howard Neale** caught a 2 pound yellowtail snapper to earn the award for the Largest Snapper. The team of **Susan** and **Peter Hinck** fished their tandem kayak to find a pair of 20 inch flounders; Susan also jumped a nice tarpon and caught a 26 inch octopus from the dock. Her varied catches took the Outstanding Inshore Angler award. I was lucky enough to earn the Best Catch on Fly award this year by catching one snook on fly. It may have been the only snook in the area that did not have lockjaw! The award for the Best Catch on 4 Spin was shared between **Butch** and **Sandy Farrell**, fishing from the same boat. Butch fooled the biggest fish on 4 Spin, a nice four pound trout. Sandy ended up with the most fish on 4 Spin with a 3.5 pound sheepshead, four seatrout, a 3 pound ladyfish and several mangrove snappers. The coveted Best Catch from the Dock was awarded to **Rose Slaymaker** with a 3 pound cero mackerel.

Top Junior honors went to **Nicholas Labat** who landed snook, barracuda, trout and snapper during the outing. Fishing Club Pee-Wee anglers ruled the water this year, **Tristan Csonka** caught 3 seatrout, **Bradley Kobosko** caught snapper and grouper. **Nicole Kobosko** landed grouper and catfish, **Ethan Morrison** bested a 3 pound flounder, and **Christopher Labat** wrangled a 15 inch trout and a stubborn 10 pound jack. It is always rewarding to see the next generation of Fishing Club members participating in club outings and making memories with their families. Congratulations to all our Pee-Wee anglers!

The recent changes to the Dockside Inn property were hardly noticed by those who participated this year. Club members had plenty of room to spread out and the facilities were as convenient as ever. The site layout and functional amenities that the Dockside Inn has to offer is ideal for our annual trip. It is a fantastic place for our outing. First time outing participants like Butch and Sandy Farrell had a great time this year and really liked the fact that they could bring their dog on the trip. They said they would definitely sign up for next year's outing. In fact several members have already booked rooms for the club's 2012 visit, which is tentatively set for July 12<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup>. I look forward to next year, and yes, I've already checked the moon phase. Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's club outing so much fun. See y'all around the clubhouse.

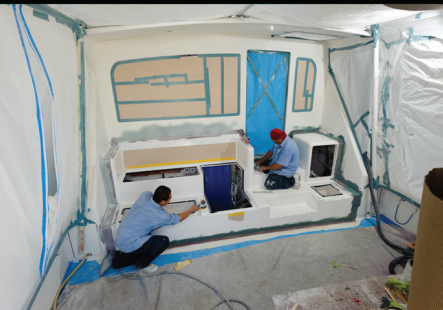






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## Big Dolphin, Kings Highlight 'Classic'

The 9th annual *Palm Beach County KDW Classic* co-hosted by the West Palm Beach Fishing Club (WPBFC) and the City of Riviera Beach, and presented by the Marine Industries Association of Palm Beach County, was held June 4th out of the Riviera Beach Marina attracting a fleet of 204 boats and nearly 800 anglers. "It was one of our smoothest running tournaments ever. We were thrilled with how it all turned out," said Tournament Committee member **Bud Tyska**. A steady breeze from the east leading up to the event set the stage for excellent offshore fishing. Dolphin fishing in particular had been outstanding the days prior to the tournament. "We knew we were going to see more dolphin than usual this year because of the ideal conditions. We probably turned away nearly a dozen dolphin at the weigh station that would have been prize winning fish last year," said tournament weigh master **Pete Schulz**. Many of the boats reported that they did not have to go far offshore to catch their fish. Much of the action was just off the edge of the reef in 120 to 300 feet of water.

The largest fish weighed in at this year's *KDW Classic* was a 54 pound kingfish caught by Royal Palm Beach angler **Jason Intoppa** aboard the *Seagasm*. Intoppa's fish earned \$3,000 and the coveted *King of the Classic* title, which is awarded annually to the male angler who catches the heaviest tournament eligible fish. The big kingfish also claimed the Ande Monofilament \$1,000 Big Fish Bonus prize. This year's *Queen of the Classic* honor was won by **Sherri Beswick** of Riviera Beach with a 41.2 pound kingfish caught aboard the *Spiced Rum*. Beswick's third place king earned her \$1,000. "A lot of nice kingfish were weighed in this year. It took over thirty pounds in the kingfish category just to get on the leader board. We did see a few wahoo this year, but this was the second year in a row we have not filled all of the wahoo categories," said Schulz. The Top Junior Angler trophy was awarded to **Logan Poe** of Loxahatchee who boated

## 2011 KDW Classic Winner's List

### KINGFISH

1st (\$3000) .....	Jason Intoppa .....	Seagasm .....	54.0 lbs.
2nd (\$2000) .....	Ramsay Bulkeley .....	Catch 22 .....	48.9 lbs.
3rd (\$1000) .....	Sherri Beswick .....	Spiced Rum III .....	41.2 lbs.
4th (\$700) .....	Warren Neal .....	Extremis .....	38.2 lbs.
5th (\$500) .....	Alex Burgess .....	Sea Premacy .....	34.0 lbs.
6th (\$400) .....	Tony Close .....	Mack Daddy .....	31.7 lbs.
7th (\$300) .....	George Wells .....	Snake Dancer .....	30.6 lbs.
8th (\$200) .....	Joel Zmistowski .....	Knot Obsessed .....	30.4 lbs.

### DOLPHIN

1st (\$3000) .....	Greg Bradley .....	Whatever's Bitin' .....	32.8 lbs.
2nd (\$2000) .....	Pedro Medina .....	Team Attractor .....	32.3 lbs.
3rd (\$1000) .....	Tom Feely .....	Right Hook .....	32.0 lbs. *
4th (\$700) .....	Bill Greenman .....	Alibi .....	32.0 lbs.
5th (\$500) .....	Danny Finch .....	Sea Hunter .....	30.1 lbs.
6th (\$400) .....	Rick Klotz .....	Triple Trouble .....	29.6 lbs.
7th (\$300) .....	Keith Perry .....	Reel Chaos .....	29.4 lbs.
8th (\$200) .....	Chris Acampora .....	Star Trek Six .....	29.0 lbs.

### WAHOO

1st (\$3000) .....	Chris Leidy .....	Relentless .....	14.6 lbs.
2nd (\$2000) .....	Mark Brisson .....	Hard Lines .....	12.5 lbs.
3rd (\$1000) .....	Tom Hollandsworth .....	Tommy Boy II .....	9.1 lbs.
4th - 8th .....	no fish entered		

### JUNIORS

1st (\$600) .....	Logan Poe .....	Snapper Lips .....	29.1 lb. kingfish
2nd (\$500) .....	Billy Bachman .....	Team Tuppen's .....	23.0 lb. kingfish
3rd (\$400) .....	Clay Harris .....	Snake Dancer .....	22.6 lb. kingfish
4th (\$300) .....	Stephen Boski .....	Anita L .....	21.6 lb. kingfish
5th (\$200) .....	Triston McTeer .....	Mama Jama .....	21.5 lb. kingfish
6th (\$100) .....	Tyler Estabrook .....	Down Time .....	20.0 lb. dolphin
7th (\$100) .....	Chase Perry .....	Choppy .....	18.0 lb. kingfish *
8th (\$100) .....	Gaven Engelman .....	Jackpot .....	18.0 lb. kingfish
9th (\$100) .....	Christopher Sprague .....	Team Tuppen's .....	17.3 lb. kingfish
10th (100) .....	Daniel Shepherd .....	Pole Dancer .....	16.6 lb. kingfish

\* winner based on time

### SPECIAL AWARDS:

#### 2011 KING OF THE CLASSIC:

(HEAVIEST ELIGIBLE SPECIES WEIGHED IN BY MALE ANGLER)

Jason Intoppa .....	Seagasm .....	54.0 lb. Kingfish
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#### 2011 QUEEN OF THE CLASSIC:

(HEAVIEST ELIGIBLE SPECIES WEIGHED IN BY FEMALE ANGLER)

Sherri Beswick .....	Spiced Rum III .....	41.2 lb. Kingfish
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#### HEAVIEST ELIGIBLE SPECIES WEIGHED IN BY A WPBFC ANGLER (\$500 CASH):

Warren Neal .....	Extremis .....	38.2 lb. Kingfish
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Jason Intoppa .....	Seagasm .....	54.0 lb. Kingfish
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1st Place Wahoo (14.6 lbs.) .....	Relentless, owner Robert Calhoun
1st Place Dolphin .....	n/a
1st Place Wahoo .....	n/a







a 29.1 pound kingfish aboard the *Snapper Lips* earning \$600 for his great catch.

In all, over \$32,000 in cash awards were up for grabs for winning anglers in the popular one-day fishing tournament. These cash prizes were generously provided by our Cash Award Sponsors (see below). Continued support from this impressive list of sponsors is one of the reasons the *KDW Classic* remains such a popular family fishing event. Proceeds from the annual *Palm Beach County KDW Classic* support a variety of local marine conservation projects and youth oriented education programs conducted by the West Palm Beach Fishing Club and its charitable affiliate, the Palm Beach County Fishing Foundation. "Our goal has always been to raise money for local projects that enhance marine resources and benefit those who use them. The Fishing Club's board just recently approved donations that will support the installation of additional mooring buoys off Palm Beach County and the valuable monitor-



'King & Queen' of the Classic



ing efforts of the Palm Beach County Reef Research Team. Money raised will also be used to support educational scholarships for area youth," said WPBFC president **Tom Twyford**.

"The West Palm Beach Fishing Club prides itself on its unique role and its active involvement in the community for the past seventy-six years. There just aren't many institutions like it, anywhere. In recent years we have placed a lot of emphasis on marine enhancement efforts and kids. With the *Palm Beach County KDW Classic* we are committed to producing a fun, family oriented, first class event that benefits our community in many ways," said Fishing Club board chairman Pete Schulz. For additional tournament information and photos visit the tournament website at [www.kdwclassic.com](http://www.kdwclassic.com) or become a fan on facebook. Next year's *Palm Beach County KDW Classic* is scheduled for Saturday June 2nd, 2012, at the Riviera Beach Marina.

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## fishing fodder...

### Club Snook Sling Modified



amberjack, barracuda, bull reds and other varieties of fish. The small end caps were sewn into the open ends of the sling to keep the fish more secure. Under some circumstances fish were sliding out of the old design. The angled end caps minimize that from happening,” said WPBFC president **Tom Twyford**.

The Fishing Club developed the Snook Sling several years ago to promote a more conservation oriented technique for weighing and releasing fish, especially snook. Weighing and releasing some species of fish, especially snook, tarpon and trout, in a vertical orientation can damage vital internal organs, or sometimes damage the throat latch or gills. The increased popularity and use of hand scales like the Boga Grip has fueled this concern. The WPBFC has certified over thirteen hundred hand scales for its members in recent years. “Because the Fishing Club is an advocate of catch, weigh & release we wanted to develop a tool that minimizes our impact on the fish. Using a Snook Sling is just a more ethical approach to weighing your catch,” continued Twyford.

WPBFC Snook Slings are made from top quality materials designed for a saltwater environment and can be easily folded and stored on a boat. By no coincidence the sling is 28” wide, the minimum size limit for snook (during open season). For WPBFC competition purposes (Summer & Winter Fishing Contests, club records, annual Nora snook award, etc.) the weight of the sling, which is 1 pound, will be deducted from the fish weight. “There is a genuine need for a product like this. It makes sense that the West Palm Beach Fishing Club with its strong conservation ethic is the one that helps initiate its development and use,” said club chairman and WPBFC Angling Committee member **Pete Schulz**.

The Snook Sling sells for \$45. They are available at the WPBFC clubhouse, located at 201 Fifth Street in West Palm Beach, and at Fishing Headquarters tackle shop in Jupiter, located at 633 Alternate A1A (561-743-7335). Slings can also be purchased online at the club website.

After a few years in the field and receiving input from anglers, the West Palm Beach Fishing Club’s Snook Sling has undergone a few modifications. The original Snook Slings were made out of a white material and were a little larger than the current design. The new version is made out of a durable blue material called textilene that does not show stains as much and has a more open mesh. Additionally, the newly upgraded Snook Slings feature small end caps. “Anglers are using the slings to weigh more than just snook. They are using it for sharks,



**Chris Gardinal**, a Fisheries Research Technician with the FWC’s Fish & Wildlife Research Institute in St. Petersburg recently visited the Fishing Club informing members about the Tarpon Genetic Recapture Study, a collaborative effort between the state and Mote Marine Lab in Sarasota. Researchers like Chris are reaching out to groups like the WPBFC for assistance in collecting DNA samples from caught and released tarpon. If you catch tarpon here’s how you can help: The FWC provides anglers with free sampling kits, enough to sample three fish. Free kits are also available at many area tackle shops. Included in the kit are instructions, small abrasive pads, labeled vials containing 20% ethanol and corresponding data slips. A firm scrub with the pad on the outer jaw of a tarpon will yield enough silvery skin cells for researchers to get a DNA fingerprint of your fish. To date, more than 3,000 tarpon have been sampled resulting in over 70 tarpon recaptures (fish that have been scrubbed more than once). Data collected from this cost effective methodology reveals important information on tarpon movements, growth rates and post release survivability.

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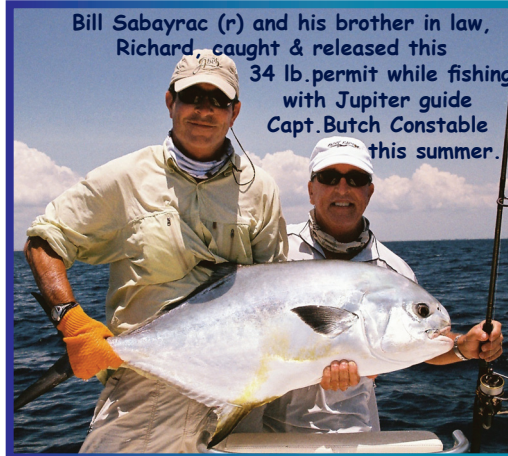


# Fishing Club Catches



That's member Dominic D'Angelo with a nice dolphin he boated earlier this year.

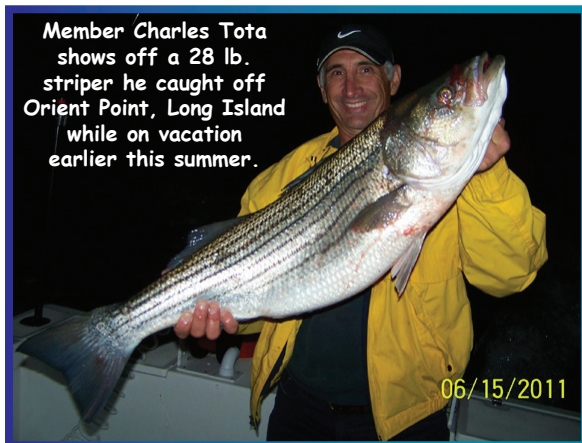
Blake Reynolds weighed in this hefty 27 lb., 2 oz. blackfin tuna at the clubhouse in May. He caught the fish offshore Lost Tree Village.



Bill Sabayrac (r) and his brother in law, Richard, caught & released this 34 lb. permit while fishing with Jupiter guide Capt. Butch Constable this summer.

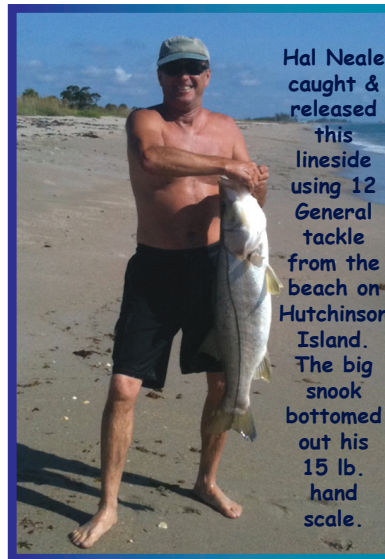


Club member Dave Lybass caught this big tuna on a summertime trip to Bermuda.



Member Charles Tota shows off a 28 lb. striper he caught off Orient Point, Long Island while on vacation earlier this summer.

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Hal Neale caught & released this lineside using 12 General tackle from the beach on Hutchinson Island. The big snook bottomed out his 15 lb. hand scale.



Brothers Tore (l) & Nils Turney pose with a monster king Nils caught off Palm Beach this summer.

Tommy Twyford's summertime dock fishing skills were honed in the Earman River where he caught and released a number of notable sized snook. The one pictured below weighed 21 lbs.



Richard Wood caught his limit of striped bass 2 days in row off Long Island this summer (l). Woody also reeled in the hefty 'hoo below while fishing aboard the 'Black Dog' off Jupiter in August.

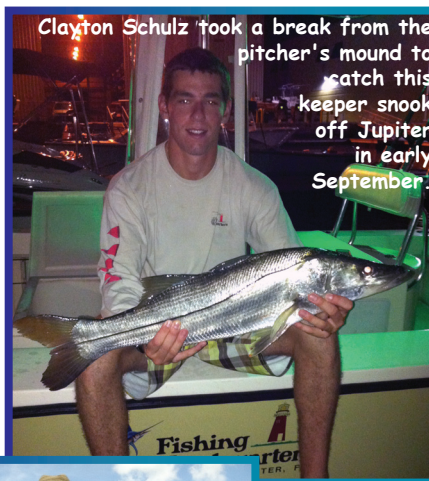


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Dawn Burkhead's 20 lb., 8 oz. cubera was caught off Palm Beach in June.



Clayton Schulz took a break from the pitcher's mound to catch this keeper snook off Jupiter in early September.



Long time member Frank Cote landed this smoker kingfish the day after fishing a local tournament. He admits his timing was a little off...



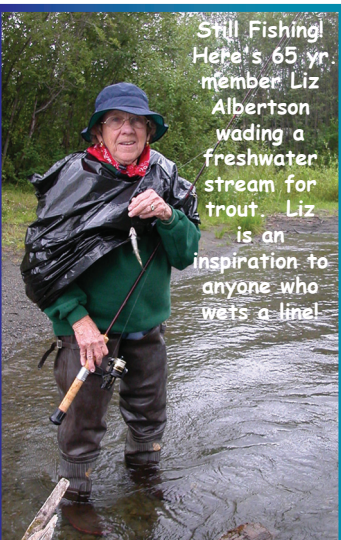
Kim Ryan landed her 1st ever snook this summer while wade fishing near Palm City in the IRL.



Sam Talluto shows off a nice pair of summertime tilefish.



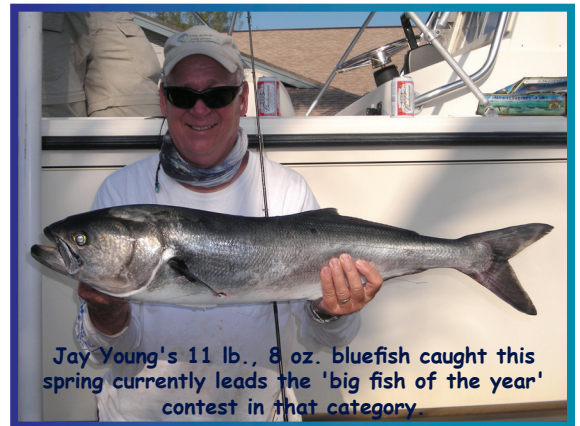
Big leaguer Bill Gullickson caught this 20 lb. cobia off Jupiter this summer.



Still Fishing! Here's 65 yr member Liz Albertson wading a freshwater stream for trout. Liz is an inspiration to anyone who wets a line!



Richard Nickler shows off his 1st ever sailfin. After the excitement of the catch, he confessed this was not the safest way to handle the fish prior to it's release. He'll be keeping his next sail in the water boat-side.



Jay Young's 11 lb., 8 oz. bluefish caught this spring currently leads the 'big fish of the year' contest in that category.



Pete Schulz's flounder is the biggest of the year so far weighing in at 6 lbs. 15 ozs.



Lee Spencer landed this 5 lb. 4 oz. pacu from a Frenchman's Landing pond in May. The piranha look-alike is a non-native invasive species. Lee has been a club member for 63 yrs.



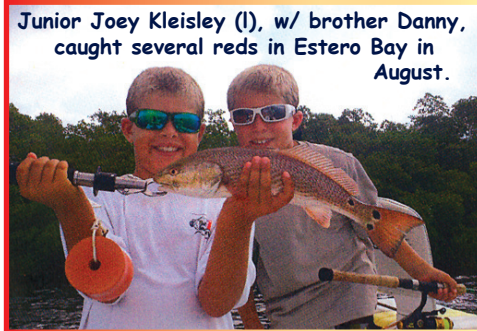
That masked man is club member Mike Baz showing off a 22 lb. Jupiter Inlet snook.



# Juniors & Pee Wees Show Their Stuff



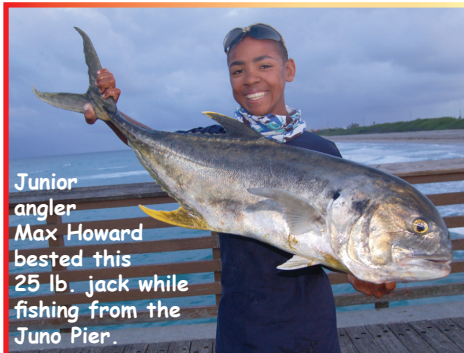
➡ Pee Wee Wyatt Ortlip gets a little help from dad before releasing his red-ear sunfish.



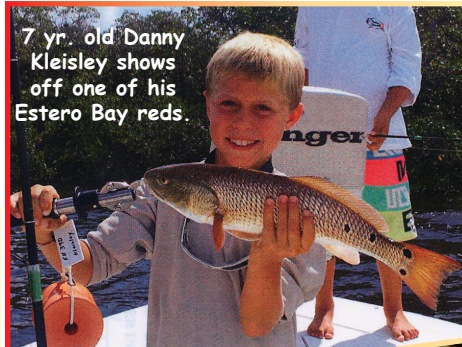
Junior Joey Kleisley (l), w/ brother Danny, caught several reds in Estero Bay in August.



That's 7 yr. old Shane Ryan & dad, Stephen, with Shane's 1st ever snook.



Junior angler Max Howard bested this 25 lb. jack while fishing from the Juno Pier.



7 yr. old Danny Kleisley shows off one of his Estero Bay reds.

Not to be bested by his little brother, junior Stephen Ryan also landed his 1st ever snook this summer.



➡ Though not quite ready to handle a rod, 11 mo. old Jameson Mooney proudly sports his fishing club colors.



➡ 12 yr. old Casey Staniszewski caught his 1st ever bonefish fishing Biscayne Bay w/ his grandpa Bob Callaway, guided by Capt. Bob Branham.



8 yr. old Zach Mattox with a snook he caught off Jupiter Beach in July.

➡ Pee Wee McKenzie Wilson gets help from Billy Hall while posing with her Almaco Jack.



➡ Evan McLean does some summer-time deep dropping off the Bahamas.

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➡ 6 yr. old Christopher Sprague receives his 9th place award for a 17.3 lb. kingfish caught during the 2011 KDW Classic.





## Waterway News...

## The 'Stacks' Are Gone!

This is old news if you live in Palm Beach County. However, many of the Fishing Club's seasonal members will be surprised when they return this year by the altered skyline inside Palm Beach Inlet.

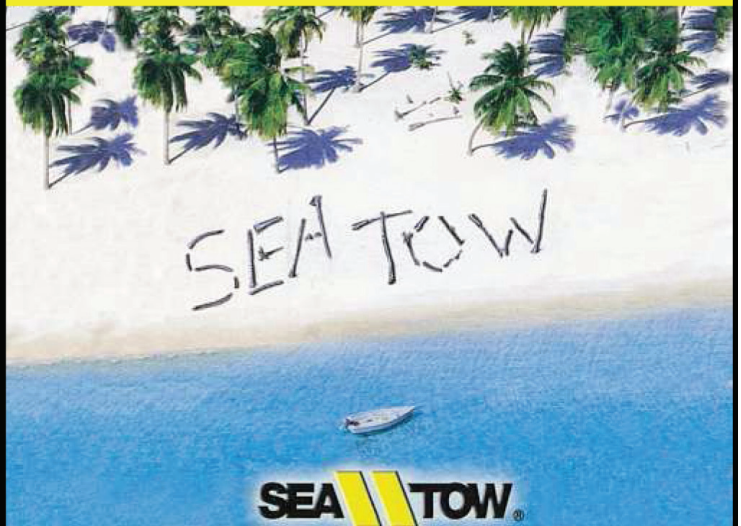
On a clear Sunday morning this past June the two 300 foot tall Florida Power & Light (FPL) smoke stacks, which have stood sentinel-like for nearly 50 years next to the Port of Palm Beach, were felled in less than ten seconds like monstrous trees (view the event at [www.youtube.com/FPL](http://www.youtube.com/FPL)). The surreal sight of the huge structures falling towards the Intracoastal Waterway was straight out of a Bruce Willis action film. If a production film crew wasn't rolling on the explosive event, they should have been. Aside from serving their practical function, the easily identifiable red and white columns were popular range marks for area mariners trying to find a specific fishing or diving spot offshore. Visual identification of the stacks was often a reassuring and sometimes course correcting sight for boaters returning from the Bahamas. Fortunately the 42 story tall Tiara condominium on Singer Island will still serve that purpose.

The FPL stacks were imploded to pave the way for FPL to convert the power plant from a primarily oil burning operation to a 'greener' mostly natural gas powered plant.

If you are wondering what will become of the warm water discharge that attracts hordes of manatees each winter, FPL has addressed that issue as well. The power company will continue to operate temporary heaters until the new plant is operational. The heaters will be turned on when water temperatures in the Lake Worth Lagoon reach 65 degrees. FPL intends to conduct additional monitoring, such as aerial surveys, and health assessments, to learn more about how manatees respond to this change in the warm water source. New stacks will be built, but they will only be half the height of their predecessors. FPL's conversion to newer environmentally friendly and efficient technology should be applauded, but many anglers will likely miss references to the 'stacks' on future fishing trips. FPL's Riviera Beach Next Generation Clean Energy Center is slated to begin service in 2014. For more information, visit [www.FPL.com/rbec](http://www.FPL.com/rbec).



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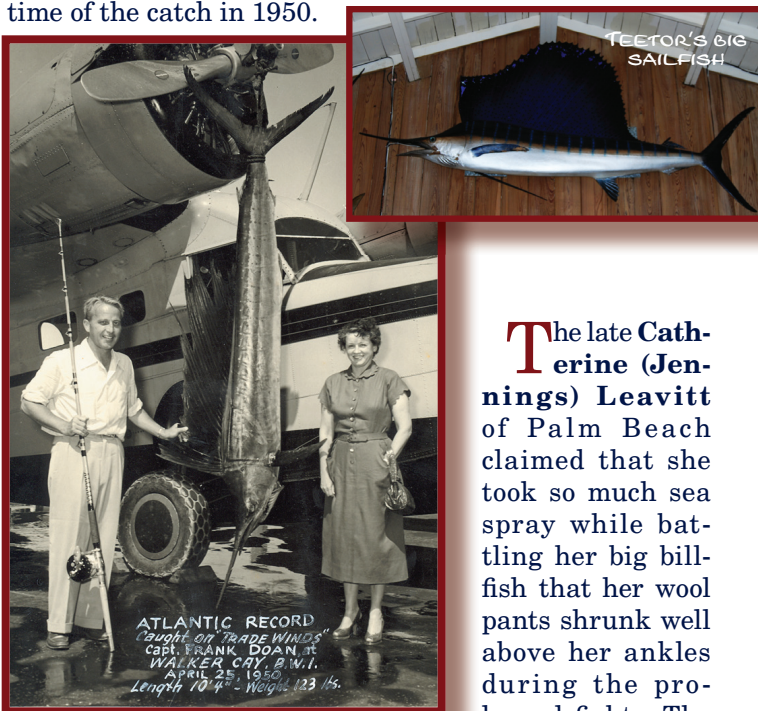
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Another unintended record catch hanging inside our clubhouse was caught by the late **Gloria Applegate**. Her record wahoo has been in the IGFA World Record Book for more than 40 years. The fish weighed 83 pounds and was caught on 20 pound test line while fishing a seamount off the U.S. Virgin Islands in March of 1968. "That was our first world record together. We were looking for a blue marlin on light tackle, then that wahoo popped up. It was so big I knew it must be some sort of record," recalled **Capt. Nelson Applegate**. The fish was caught aboard the Applegate's boat, *Mako*, a 46' Broward. "That was one fish raising boat!" said Nelson who has been a WPBFC member for 53 years and now lives in Supply, North Carolina.



**Herman Teetor's** 123 pound Atlantic sailfish is another record-breaking fish that hangs inside the club. You can't miss it; the huge skin mounted sail rests high above the fireplace mantle. Teetor's super-sized sail was caught off Walker's Cay and was a world record at the time of the catch in 1950.



The late **Catherine (Jennings) Leavitt** of Palm Beach claimed that she took so much sea spray while battling her big billfish that her wool pants shrunk well above her ankles during the prolonged fight. The fish at the center

of her fashion faux pas was the blue marlin that hangs on the club's north wall. She caught the 180 pound marlin in 1970 on light tackle while fishing with **Capt. Al Nathan**

and mate **Wally Alexander** aboard the *Wendy II* (see photo below). Catherine also donated the large replica mount tarpon that hangs on the same wall inside the clubhouse. She caught that fish in Boca Grande Pass.



Dwarfed by the billfish that surround it, you'd never know the bluefish (see above) that hangs on the north wall inside the club weighed nearly 20 pounds. Past WPBFC president Bob Kleiser caught the big blue while dragging a rag mop lure in the Loxahatchee River in 1962. "They caught about 20 really big bluefish that day," remembered **Dan Kleiser** who has donated quite a few fish to the club over the years, many of which once graced the walls of Kleiser's Sport Shop.

Lifetime club member **Arthur M. 'Pro' Herbert** donated the eight-foot long sailfish that hangs in the club conference room over a plexiglass display filled with angling memorabilia from past club president **Johnny Rybovich** (see picture below). As the story goes, Pro battled the big sail from his 13 foot Boston Whaler using an Ambassador plug casting outfit. The fish was one of a double header sail. It was a very memorable catch for any young man in 1964! Pro has been a huge supporter of the Fishing Club through the years and now lives in Ridgeland, South Carolina.



**Howard Neale, Jr.**, father of active club members **Harold** and **Howard Neale**, caught the little tunny that is displayed on the club's north wall. He landed the not-so-spectacular fish in the early 1960's off Marathon in the Florida Keys. "They must have seen my dad com-



ing. Who mounts a bonito anyway?”, laughed Harold. As common as bonito are to catch, it is somewhat unusual to get one mounted, so it remains a very special addition to the club’s collection.



HAROLD & CECE NEALE  
W/ BONITO MOUNT

**D**oug Peterson of Boynton Beach recently donated an unusual skin mount to the club, a yellow coney (also called golden coney).



PETERSON  
W/ YELLOW  
CONEY

He caught the colorful fish in 1968 while drift fishing aboard the *Big Day II*. “It was a pretty unusual catch, even back then,” recalled Peterson who was a mate on the boat. “That was when Pflueger Taxidermy was doing all the mounts for the drift boat and we could get mounts at half price.”

**F**ishing Club member **Lou Rossi** of Lake Worth has caught and released well over 100 tarpon on fly tackle, some well over 100 pounds. His first tarpon on fly was with **Capt. Gris Bettle** off Key West in 1967. The fish hangs over the hallway entrance inside the clubhouse. “I thought for sure I was going to lose the fish, it got wrapped up in the leader after jumping a couple of times. But I landed



ROSSI'S 1ST  
TARPON

it,” said Lou. The mount was among some of the first replicas made by Pflueger Taxidermy. Lou continues to chase the silver king. “I can’t

believe I’m 84 years old and still fishing for tarpon on fly. Standing on that casting platform, I must be stupid or something,” said Rossi, who has never lost his wonderful sense of humor through the years.

**T**here are several largemouth bass skin mounts displayed inside the Fishing Club with stories to tell. **Bob Huttemeyer’s** trophy bucketmouth was caught on March 13, 1985 in the Jensen Savannahs. The 11.5 pound fish had an impressive girth of 28 inches. The wooden Devil Horse plug Bob used to fool the big bass still hangs in the fish’s mouth. WPBFC board member **Barry Brimacombe’s** 7 pound 12 ounce bass hangs on the club’s south wall. His fish was caught from the first Dynamite Hole off Pahokee in 1986 and won ‘Big Fish’ honors in a local tournament.

Former Palm Beach Gardens police chief **Hank Nolan** caught the largemouth bass that is mounted on a clock in the club conference room. That fish was plucked from a body of water formerly known as the Airport Lake, which is where PGA National is located today. **Irene Nolan** donated the mount to the club.



HUTTEMEYER'S  
BASS



BRIMACOMBE'S  
BASS

**B**ecause the WPBFC dates back to 1934, it is not surprising that several highly protected species hang in the club, additions to the décor long before stricter regulations and protected status were established for them. One of the most striking is the full size North American Crocodile that guards the southwest corner of the clubhouse. The ten foot

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CLUBHOUSE  
CROC

long croc was reportedly shot while basking along the shoreline of the Lake Worth Lagoon over 70 years ago. Another reptile on display is **Wesley Watson's** alligator head mount. "That gator measured 12 feet, 8 inches long...and that was with part of it's tail bitten off. It was so fat, we couldn't even get our arms around it," recalled Watson, who bagged the gator 15 years ago somewhere between Pahokee & Belle Glade in Lake Okeechobee. The beast was estimated to weigh around 900 pounds.



WESLEY WATSON(R)  
AND HIS FATHER,  
BILL, WITH GATOR  
HEAD MOUNT →



CALLAWAY'S PALM BEACH RIFLE

IN THE 1960S,  
BOB CALLAWAY  
(BELOW W/ A PALM  
BEACH RIFLE)  
USED TO 'DIVE UP'  
GOLIATHS W/  
FRIENDS BERT  
PICKLESIMER &  
ROBERT PALMER  
(BELOW).

## Bob Callaway's 'Palm Beach

Rifle' rests below a giant goliath grouper on display over the kitchen pass through. The homemade spear gun, complete with gun shell bandolier, was what many young men like Bob used back in the 1960's to harvest the big groupers. "We used to make our shafts out of five foot electricians ground rods; they were affordable and you could buy them in bundles. I never sold fish, but I did a lot of diving with guys who did. They would only shoot goliaths if the fish house had a market for them, otherwise no one wanted them. All we kept were the cheeks. I remember one



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time we went overboard in 80 feet of water and looked down and could see at least a dozen or so fish swimming on the bottom. The water was really clear. They looked like cows moving around down there. That was on one small piece of reef, there might have been hundreds of them along the reefline that day," recalled Callaway.

Here's the story behind the bottle-nose dolphin mount that hangs in the club rafters. Over 50 years ago the **O'Donnell** family was staying at the Grand Bahama Club at West End, Bahamas, when they found the disoriented animal swimming in the shallows. "We were fishing for bonefish and saw this dolphin bobbing up and down. We worked the whole day trying to keep it alive, but it didn't make it. So we brought it back to the States and took it to the Miami Marine lab to be studied. After they were finished with it, we had it mounted," recalled **Maryanne O'Donnell**, who along with her brother **Clifford** donated the unique mount, along with many others, including a blue marlin head mount, to the Fishing Club.

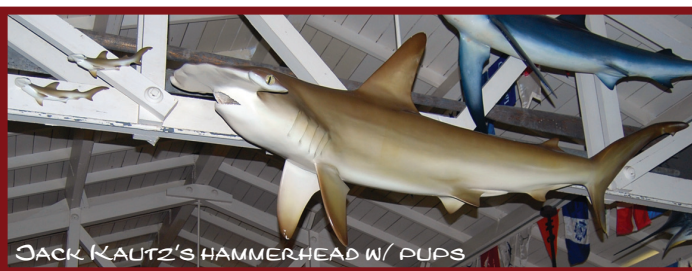


CLIFF O'DONNELL'S BLUE MARLIN WAS CAUGHT OFF PALM BEACH IN 1969. THE FISH WEIGHED 276.5 LBS. AND MEASURED OVER 10 1/2 FEET LONG.

One night off Palm Beach in 1977, **Mike Lameyer** caught the 75 lb. swordfish that now hangs high up on the club's north wall. Mike was fishing aboard fellow club member **Michael P. Finney's** 17 ft. Mako, *Little Chicken*. According to the late **Frances Doucet**, longtime club director, the fish was the first locally caught swordfish ever entered in a Fishing Club contest.

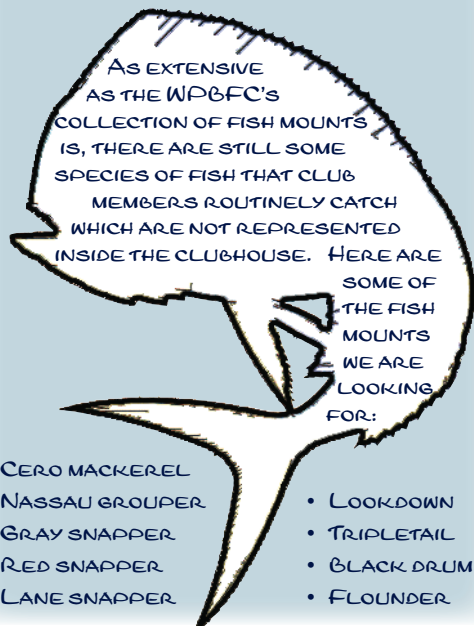


The biggest shark that hangs inside the club is **Jack Kautz's** Great Hammerhead. He landed the behemoth off Dania, Florida, in 1982 after a battle that lasted nearly two hours. "I'm glad it ended up here at the fishing club where it will be appreciated. I think my wife is really glad it's finally out of the house," joked Kautz the day he donated the fish mount to the Fishing Club.



These are but a few of the stories behind the fish inside our clubhouse. The WPBFC has one of the finest collections of game fish mounts found anywhere. Thank you to all who have generously donated their trophy catches and memorabilia over the years. The Fishing Club's character and charm would not be the same without them. ➡

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## Foundation Awards Scholarships



2011 scholarship winners Sean Williams & Tricia Meredith.

The Fishing Club's charitable affiliate, the Palm Beach County Fishing Foundation (PBCFF), awarded its annual *Capt. Al Nathan Memorial Scholarship* at Florida Atlantic University this past spring. Five different graduate students enrolled in FAU's Charles E. Schmidt College of Science shared the annual \$2,500 award. Here's what several recipients had to say about receiving the PBCFF's scholarship support. "For my dissertation, I am researching the olfactory capabilities of sharks, a common target of recreational fisheries in our area. There are many myths as to how well sharks are able to smell, and my research aims to replace those misconceptions with scientific evidence. With shark populations declining at an alarming rate, it is important to understand the biology of these fish in order to effectively manage them. Thank you for choosing me as a scholarship recipient," said FAU Doctoral Candidate, **Tricia Meredith**. Scholarship winner **Sean Williams** added, "Since I am a full-time graduate student and my wife is a public school teacher, this award is welcome financial support that will permit me to focus my efforts on my research project over the summer months. I expect to conclude research at the end of this year, so this time period is a critical one." Williams' research involves sea turtle hatchling disorientation. "My dissertation research is focused on the sensory biology of cownose rays and yellow stingrays. I will be presenting my research results regarding ultraviolet and color vision in the cownose rays and yellow stingray in Minneapolis (this summer) at a joint meeting of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists and look forward to recognizing the Palm Beach County Fishing Foundation as a source of support for my project," said scholarship recipient **Christine Bedore**.

The PBCFF established this marine biology scholarship in memory of the late **Capt. Al Nathan**, a lifetime Fishing Club member who supported many of the club's conservation, historic preservation and youth education programs. Since 2003, a total of \$17,000 has been awarded to FAU students. We are thrilled to continue Capt. Nathan's legacy through this meaningful scholarship program.

## Arc Fishing for Volunteers

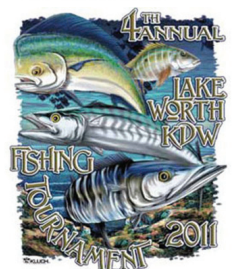


Arc participants enjoy an afternoon educational program at the clubhouse.

The Arc of Palm Beach County (Arc) is looking for a few volunteer instructors to assist with introducing and teaching their participants to fish. Arc wants to develop a fishing club that would get some of their adult participants with special needs outside to fish at local ponds, canals, piers or seawalls. The Arc is seeking interested volunteers to help provide basic fishing instruction to participants. It is anticipated that about 10 to 16 Arc participants would take part in the program that would run once a week for four consecutive weeks. Each fishing day would last no more than 4 hours. Through the years the West Palm Beach Fishing Club has been the site of educational programs for Arc participants, which have always been well received. Those visits have mostly focused on fish identification using the club's impressive collection of trophy mounts for visual aids. Now the Arc would like to take the programming a step further by getting their participants on the water. The WPBFC's charitable foundation has agreed to donate all the fishing tackle necessary for the proposed program. WPBFC members interested in assisting Arc with some basic fishing instruction should contact **Julie Lobdell**, Director of the Arc Recreation Department at (561) 804-4910, or by email at [jlobdell@wpb.org](mailto:jlobdell@wpb.org).

## A Foundation Thank You

The PBCFF would like to acknowledge several donations made this year from area fishing tournaments for our annual *Kids Fishing Days* program, as well as other youth and conservation oriented initiatives. The Lake Worth Fishing Tournament, the Fisherman's Ball and the Florida Nursery Growers and Landscape Association Fishing Tournament all made generous contributions to the Fishing Club's foundation this year. The PBCFF is very grateful for the support it receives from these community events. Thank you to all the Fishing Club members, participants, sponsors and organizers involved in these tournaments that have made these contributions possible!



*The Fisherman's Ball*





August 16, 2011

Tom Twyford, Jr.  
Palm Beach County Fishing Foundation  
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Dear Mr. Twyford,

On behalf of the Gulf Stream Council and the Trade Winds District, I would like to thank the Palm Beach County Fishing Foundation for its very generous donation of rods and reels to the Boy Scouts of America. This donation will help introduce our young Cub Scouts to fishing and our marine environment.

The Rods & Reels For Kids program is an excellent way to further the goals of the Foundation and the Fishing Club, and is a credit to your organization. We will put these rods and reels to good use during our Cub Scout Loop Advancement Workday on September 17<sup>th</sup> at John Prince Park. We will send you photographs of the boys using the equipment, and discovering the enjoyment of fishing.

Again, thank you for your very generous donation to Scouting.

Yours in Scouting,

Raymond E. Kramer III  
Trade Winds District Chairman

## Rods & Reels for Kids

The Palm Beach County Fishing Foundation's *Rods & Reels for Kids* program continues to supply area youth groups with tackle. Recent contributions have been made to the Gulf Stream Council, Trade Winds District of the Boy Scouts of America, the Riviera Beach Recreation Department and a kids fishing clinic conducted by the Palm Beach County Airboat & Halftrack Conservation Club (see photo below).

To date, over 1,100 fishing rod and reels have been donated to area youth organizations through the PBCFF's *Rods & Reels for Kids* program. The *Rods & Reels for Kids* program was established by the Fishing Club's foundation ten years ago. The program provides refurbished and new tackle to area youth groups who don't have the financial resources to buy the gear. The Fishing Club board of directors recently dedicated the *Rods & Reels for Kids* program to the late **Jim Ewing**, a former WPBFC board member who was instrumental in developing the



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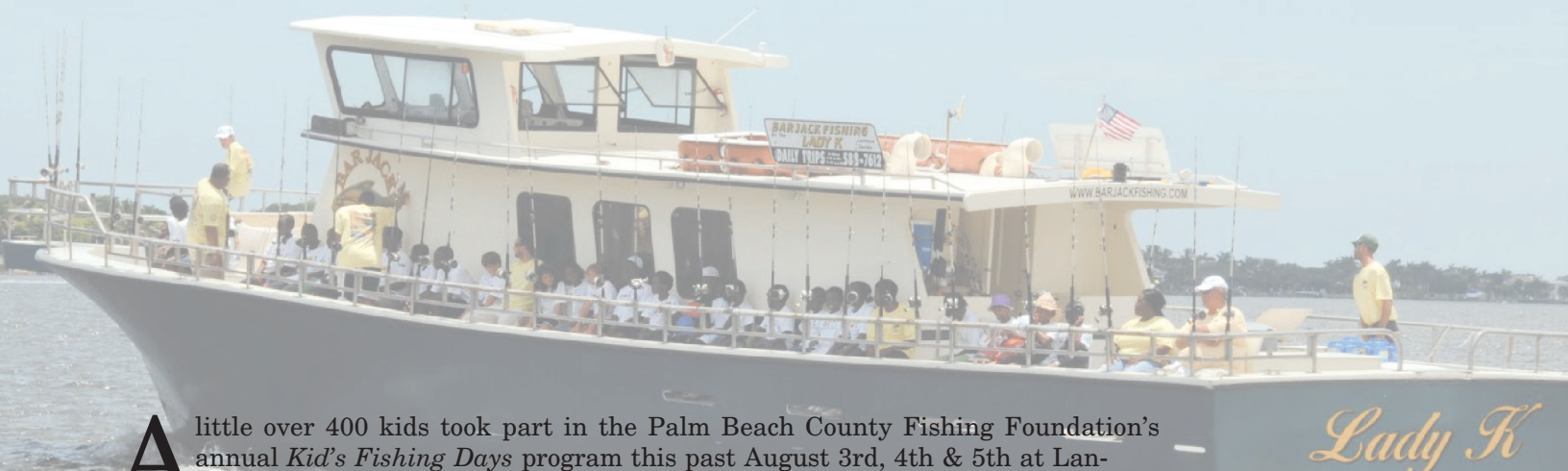


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# New Youth Groups, Volunteers at Kid's Fishing Days



A little over 400 kids took part in the Palm Beach County Fishing Foundation's annual *Kid's Fishing Days* program this past August 3rd, 4th & 5th at Lantana's Bicentennial Park. The popular environmental education and fishing adventure program marked its 24<sup>th</sup> year and has now served over 11,000 young people from throughout Palm Beach County since its inception. Several new youth groups got involved this year including kids from the Orthodox Zion Primitive Baptist Church in Riviera Beach and the Greenacres Church of God of Prophecy. Other participating youth groups included New Hope Charities from Pahokee, St. John Missionary Baptist Church, Boca Youth Activities Center, the Max Fisher Boys & Girls Club, Urban Youth Impact, City of West Palm Beach Recreation Department and My Choice, a Riviera Beach based after-school program.

For many of the kids who participate, a drift boat trip offshore or interacting with marine critters at the FWC marine touch tank are first time adventures. Once again this year several participants had never seen the ocean. "Those of us who enjoy fishing and boating take a lot of what we have at our doorstep for granted. For some of these kids this program reveals a whole new world that they have little knowledge of," commented one of the youth group chaperones.

Unfortunately, fishing was slow this year due in part to an untimely cold water upwelling off Boynton Inlet. Despite the unfavorable bottom fishing conditions more than a few kids hooked up with their first saltwater fish. Wide eyes, big smiles and excited chatter were the norm each time the *Lady K* sailed out Boynton Inlet. A total of twelve drift boat trips in all were taken during the course of the program. "You can't imagine the tangled lines and screams of excitement that goes on when multiple bonito are hooked. It's really exciting for the kids. We enjoy being a part of the program. These were some of the best behaved kids we've ever had," said **Capt. Al Lebrun** who operates the *Lady K* drift boat out of Lantana.

This year's addition of a mangrove and Lake Worth Lagoon educational station manned by staff and volunteers from the Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources Management was well received by kids and chaperones alike. A bulkhead mangrove planter project located within Bicentennial Park (which the Fishing Club helped fund) provided a perfect backdrop and visual aid for showing the kids how developed shorelines can be softened through environmental enhancement.

This year more emphasis was placed on getting high school and college aged kids from the Fishing Club involved as volunteers. "In many cases these kids need to log community service hours for their school so it is a perfect fit. Plus their interaction with the participants is a wonderful experience for them. It's a win-win for everyone involved," noted WPBFC chairman **Pete Schulz**. "The continued success of this outreach program is a direct result of incredible volunteer involvement, and the in-kind and financial support from our community partners. It just doesn't happen without them," added Schulz.



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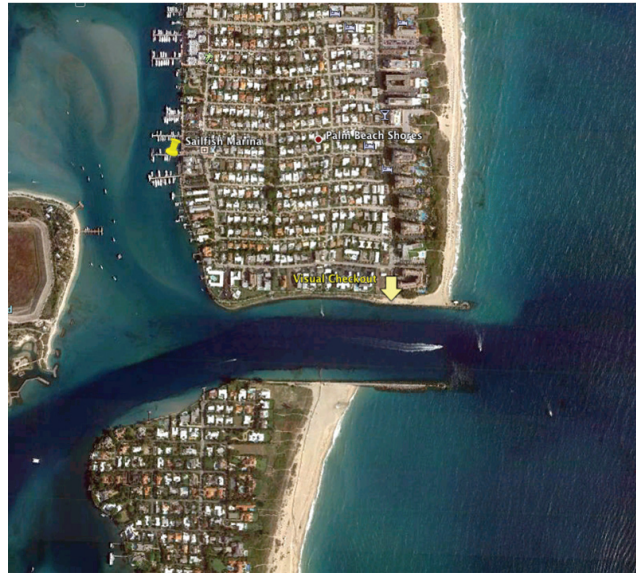


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each fall when seasonal storms move and redistribute sand along our coastline, leaving some sections of beach eroded. This of course sends oceanfront residents and tourism officials into a panic. Comments from fishermen, surfers, and county taxpayers in general, are often pitted against the sometimes very differing views of coastal property owners. Yet, we all want the same thing: healthy beaches. With federal dollars for beach nourishment projects drying up, the county, coastal municipalities and inlet taxing districts are all scrambling for money and solutions. Additionally, sources of sand with the proper grain size, and minimal silt and clay content are becoming harder to find. In fact, Broward and Miami-Dade Counties have exhausted most of their supply of suitable sand off their coasts. They have begun tapping into the supply of offshore sand off Palm Beach County and the Bahamas, at significant expense. Even though Palm Beach County has an estimated 50+ year supply of suitable sand off its coast, it is clear to me that the frequency and sheer volume of material required for these projects is unsustainable, both economically and environmentally.



*The indented south side of Lake Worth Inlet and the accumulation of sand inside the lagoon off Sailfish Marina are easily visible in this Google Earth image. Commercial inlets like this one must be periodically dredged to maintain safe navigation, however maintaining the inlet disrupts littoral drift.*

It is time to embrace more cost effective and lasting approaches to this dynamic problem, rather than keep throwing money at the same old methodology. The buildup and erosion of our beaches is a recurring natural event that has been exacerbated by human development. As long as we maintain navigable inlets we will always have beach erosion issues. Dredged inlets interfere with the natural movement of sand, primarily from north to south along our coast. This natural process is called littoral drift, and it can be impeded by structures in the water. That's why surfers find some of the best wave breaks near sand bars created by jetties and piers. It also explains why the beach on the north side of every Palm Beach County inlet extends further east than the more eroded south side (see photo above). It is no coincidence that the island of Palm Beach had far less beach erosion sixty years ago when iron groins were spaced perpendicularly along the shoreline. Over time the groins deteriorated and most were eventually removed, but they worked.

Here's a functional, albeit somewhat novel, approach to keeping more sand on some of our beaches. I suggest Palm Beach County invest some of its beach nourishment dollars in the construction of new fishing piers instead of cutting huge checks to dredge and fill operators. Specifically, build ocean fishing piers at Carlin Park south of Jupiter Inlet and at Ocean Reef Park on Singer Island, both county parks with existing public use infrastructure. Engineered properly, and perhaps used in conjunction with strategically placed groins, the piers could effectively help retain sand in these two areas where erosion problems are so persistent. Perhaps there are other suitable sites as well.

In 1999, after tremendous public debate and scrutiny by permitting agencies the county received approval by the Governor and cabinet to build the new Juno Pier. The construction cost was approximately three million dollars, a minimal expenditure when you compare it to what has been spent on past beach nourishment projects. Rebuilding the Juno Pier has proved to be a very successful investment for Palm Beach County. It is a facility that is enjoyed by

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anglers, surfers, local residents and visitors alike. Sixty years ago Palm Beach County supported three ocean fishing piers at a time when the county population was just a fraction of what it is today. The iconic Juno Pier has become a huge asset to the town of Juno Beach and is a popular tourist attraction. Beach erosion thus far has not been an issue near the Juno Pier.

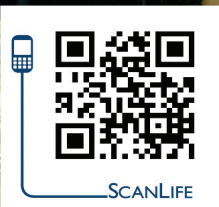
The Juno Pier was not intended to accrete sand. The original design placed the pier bait shack and admission building on the upland so that all the pier's pilings could be spaced at 30-foot intervals allowing for the uninhibited flow of sand beneath the structure. However, the permitting agencies insisted on a design change that moved the bait shack over the water requiring a tighter aggregation of pilings to support the building. This was done because the permitting agencies indicated that the sex of turtle hatchlings in nests shaded by the building could be artificially altered (the



*Palm Beach Post photographer Greg Lovett took this picture (left) the day the new Juno Pier opened in 1999. Note the position of the bait shack to the water. By comparison, look how much sand has accreted below and to the east of the bait shack in the photo below, taken October of 2011.*



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temperature of sand around turtle eggs influences the sex of the animal). As a result, the bait shack was moved over the water and the cluster of pilings beneath it has accreted sand (see photos). The point of all this is that here is a structure that by design provides valuable recreational opportunities to the public and is helping hold sand at Juno Beach. The pier's impact on sea turtle's has been negligible.

Let me be clear, building piers is by no means a panacea. Nor am I trying to oversimplify a very complex problem. I recognize that maintenance dredging at inlets, and emergency nourishment at heavily eroded beaches after significant storm events from time to time will be required. However, our addiction to status quo nourishment needs to end. We need to think outside the box. Fishing piers, along with other structures like groins, are just a few alternative approaches to dredge and fill projects. One enterprising individual has even proposed employing movable groins made from barges that can be floated to erosion hot spots and then sunk perpendicular to the beach to accrete sand. The structures could be re-floated and moved, or adjusted, if they were not performing as expected, or if they were causing serious impacts to turtles or other resources. Furthermore, these barges could be designed to look like natural shoreline outcroppings with rock and possibly vegetation added to the exposed portion of the barge. Innovative alternatives like these have been proposed in the past only to be stymied by political bickering, the uncom-

promising views of special interest groups, dredge company lobbyists, 'not in my backyard' attitudes and overzealous regulators too focused on minimal or potential impacts, rather than acknowledging the big picture and long term benefits. We are running out of time and options. What benefit to the public and the environment will there be if our beaches continue to erode and we don't give new approaches a chance?

A recent proposal by the county to construct emergent rock piles off Singer Island was defeated earlier this year, in part because of potential impacts on sea turtles. As a result, some Singer Island condominiums are considering building massive seawalls along their portion of the beach. A few already exist. Continued armoring of the beach with seawalls will eventually lead to little or no beach at all for turtles to nest. Ironically, the permitting agencies that denied the experimental rock piles off Singer Island in the name of turtle protection are the same agencies that, years ago, permitted the construction of buildings far too close to the ocean, destroying the protective qualities the dune provides for the beach and nesting turtles. This cycle of bureaucratic ineffectiveness must end.

It's time to search for more practical solutions to Palm Beach County's beach erosion problem. Let's quit wasting millions of dollars on an expensive and environmentally irresponsible process that we have little to show for and invest in solutions that are more sustainable. Building a few new fishing piers is a start...what do we have to lose?

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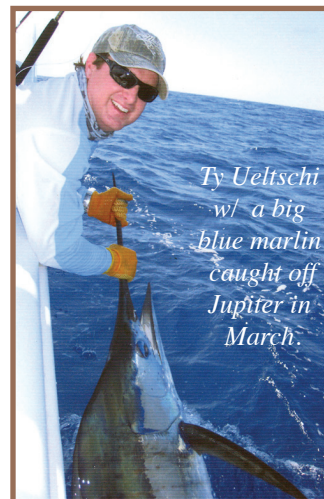
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*New pee wee Kacey Hunston shows off a mangrove snapper*



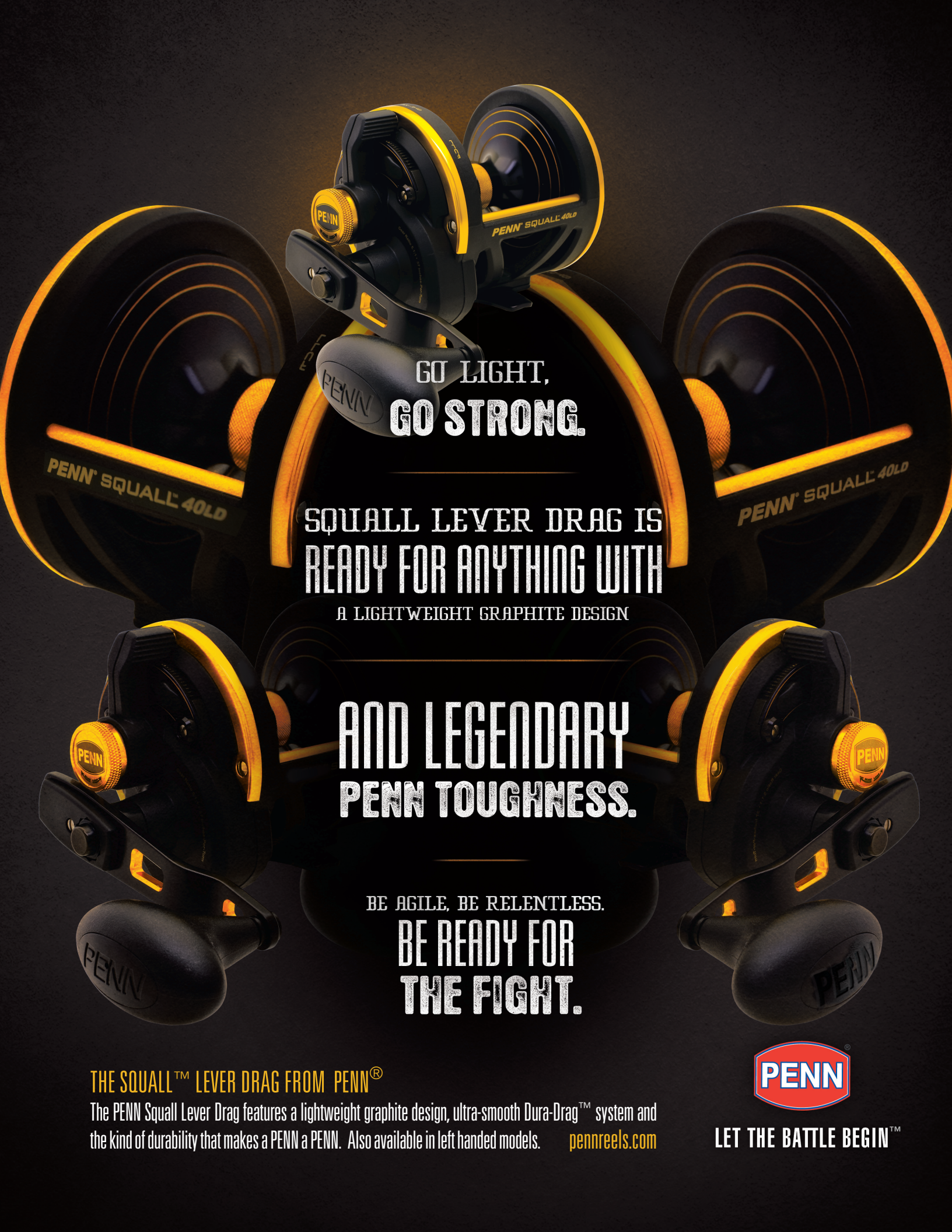
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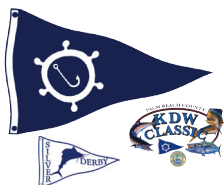


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