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25 Years of Taking Kids Fishing

One by one they filed over the boarding plank and onto the deck of the 'Living on Island Time' drift boat, like ants marching with purpose to a predetermined destination where they would soon be rewarded. Most were eager to climb on board and position themselves next to a lucky rod. Some walked with an obvious sense of

hesitation in their step, like kids you sometimes see at the fair sheepishly moving in line as they await their first roller coaster ride...excited to be there, but not quite sure what to expect. Once safely on board, energized chatter is soon interrupted by the abrupt sound of a big diesel engine roaring to life. With eyes wide open,

some grab their buddies, some clutch the railing, while others belt out startled screams that are quickly followed by a big smile and laughter. The anticipation of heading offshore, some

for the very first time, will soon be replaced by another *Kids Fishing Day* adventure, a scenario that has been repeated over and over again for the past 25 years in Palm Beach County. To date well over 11,000 kids have enjoyed this annual program.

The West Palm Beach Fishing Club first started its annual *Kids Fishing Day* program in 1988. That year a group of foster kids were treated to a half-day trip aboard the 'Miss Blue Heron' out of Riviera Beach. **Frances Doucet** and **Genie Lance**

served up donuts to the kids as the boat idled out. "Initially it was just a fishing trip with very little instruction. We soon discovered that

if we didn't want to see those donuts a second time around, future trips would have to be shorter than four hours.

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Flash Your Wahoo!

Well over a decade ago **Capt. George LaBonte** gave a fishing seminar introducing many club members to the then new technique of high-speed trolling for wahoo. George has done it again, at the June club meeting the talented charter fishing captain from Jupiter, along with **Capt. Joe Dobbins**, revealed an innovative approach to luring wahoo to the boat. They use a customized flasher. LaBonte readily admits that the use of reflective flashers is far from a new concept in fishing. Flashers have been used for a great many years in various parts of the world by spearfishermen and anglers alike. What LaBonte and Dobbins have done is taken the concept and refined it for bluewater drift fishing. Their flasher rig hangs vertically in the water column and is about 20 feet long. Depending on conditions like wind and tide the rig can be dropped lower into *continued on Page 33*

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events calendar

october 3

Inshore Meeting, 7:00 pm
 "Lure Fishing Techniques for
 Inshore & Nearshore Gamefish"
 Patrick Sebile
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october 17 - 21

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october 24

Offshore Meeting, 7:00 pm
 "Fishing Chokoloskee: Targeting
 Redfish, Trout, Snook & Tarpon"
 Capt. Mike Merritt
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october 31

*final day of club's annual Summer
 Fishing Contest competition*

november 1

*start of club's annual Winter
 Fishing Contest competition*

november 7

Inshore Meeting, 7:00 pm
 "Fall Fishing for Gator Trout,
 Snook, Mackerel & Pompano"
 Capt. Mark Dravo
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november 17

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

november 28

Offshore Meeting, 7:00 pm
 "Live Bait: Practical Tips for
 Catching, Keeping & Rigging
 Some of South Florida's Most
 Popular Baits"
 Capt. Ray Rosher
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december 5

Inshore Meeting, 7:00 pm
 "Fishing (& enjoying life) on
 the Indian River Lagoon"
 Capt. Rodney Smith
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december 26

*no meeting due to
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club news

Restored Mounts Go Back Up



Earlier this year, a crew of West Palm Beach Fishing Club members including **Nelson Schad, Barry Brimacomb, Eric Davison, Travis Stubblefield** and **Mike Ivancevic** gathered to re-hang a restored trophy blue marlin mount on the outside of our historic clubhouse at Fifth Street and North Flagler Drive. The

mount was totally refurbished by our friends at King Sailfish Mounts in Ft. Lauderdale. The 16.5 foot long fish is a replica of a 980 pound, 8 ounce marlin that once was the Florida state record. The mount was donated to the Fishing Club by well known lure maker **Bob Schneider** in 1997. The fish hung outside his tackle shop on Blue Heron Blvd. for many years.

Since its arrival at the Fishing Club the



behemoth marlin mount had weathered

two hurricanes. It was definitely showing its age when it was sent to King Sailfish Mounts for a total makeover. King did an outstanding job making our big fish look new again! They also restored a smaller blue marlin and bluefin tuna mount, which hang inside the clubhouse. Special thanks to King Sailfish Mounts and our skilled volunteers for getting the fish back on display at the Fishing Club!



Bryant is Club's #1 Recruiter

It's official...WPBFC member **Leonard Bryant** of Lake Worth recruited the most new members to the club last year. Bryant, a professional photographer, sponsored a total of seven new members in 2011 earning a free membership for himself. During the spring and summertime tournament season last year Bryant took it upon himself to actively promote the Fishing Club by word of mouth at some of the events he was photographing. "It's an easy sell once people understand the value of being a Fishing Club member," said Bryant who has been a club member for over 26 years. Several years ago the Fishing Club initiated a member rewards campaign called, "Sign Up Three & Yours is Free", where current club members can earn a free membership by sponsoring three or more new members (of an equivalent membership level) during the course of the calendar year. For example, an adult member who sponsors three new adult members will have their WPBFC membership renewed when it comes due, a \$75 value. So far this year, members **Ronnie Appleton, Don Dewoody & Chris Perry** are leading the pack in new member recruitment. Talking up the Fishing Club has never been so rewarding!

TD's Affinity Membership Can Help Our Foundation



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The Fishing Club began a win-win banking relationship with TD Bank several years ago. TD Bank has been an outstanding community partner for the Fishing Club; advertising in Tight Lines and being one of our major cash sponsors of the *KDW Classic*. A unique aspect of our relationship is the TD Bank Affinity Membership Program.

Here's how the program works:

TD Bank will make an annual contribution based upon a percentage of the average balances for all participating members once we have a minimum of 50 households coded to our organization. When our organization receives a contribution, it will be given to the Fishing Club's charitable affiliate, the Palm Beach County Fishing Foundation and will be used to support our youth outreach programs. Checking, savings, money market, CDs and retirement accounts are all included. And, there is no limit to the amount of our potential contribution!

Here's how you can help: Make TD Bank your bank. Visit any TD Bank location near you to open an account and let the TD representative know that you want your account linked to the West Palm Beach Fishing Club Affinity Program (code: **A1223**). Plus, TD Bank will give you \$25 to open your new account! That's it...TD Bank will take care of the rest. If you already have a TD Bank account, just visit your local TD Bank location, and tell any Customer Service Representative that you would like your account linked to our Affinity Membership Program.

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More Mounts & Memorabilia Donated to Club

As the old saying goes, 'what goes around comes around'. Another piece of Fishing Club history has returned to the clubhouse. The award for the 1972 *Silver Sailfish Derby* Heaviest Fish on Light Tackle, an engraved silver plate and silver aperitif glasses set has found it's way back to the WPBFC. **Fred Pennington** recently donated the angling memorabilia to the club. Fred was the mate on board the 'Fighting Lady' the day angler **Edwin Joerges** landed the prize-winning fish. "As I recall the fish was 80 or 85 pounds and was 7 feet, 11 inches long," said Pennington. The captain of the boat was **Gary Stuve**. **Denny Phipps** owned the 'Fighting Lady', a 36' Andy Mortenson sport fishing boat. "He's the one who started the yellow boat fad," said Pennington. The 40-year-old Derby award is now on display at the clubhouse.

Fred also donated a beautiful sawfish bill and a swordfish bill that some enterprising person made into a sword in the early 1970's. "We basically caught the sawfish by hand. We did that kind of stuff back then. The fish was over 11 feet long and we estimated it weighed about 700 pounds. We found it swimming in the shallows not too far from a blue hole we were diving off the south end of Andros Island." Cool stuff... Thanks Fred!

Longtime WPBFC member **Ron Appleton** has donated an old bridge gaff that was part of his fishing arsenal in the 1970's. Ronnie used the heavy hemp rope and weighted hook to land tarpon and other large fish from Florida Keys bridges. "We'd throw big Creek Chub Pikies at night for the tarpon. It was really exciting fishing. We'd also catch grouper, cobia, snook and mutton snapper," recalled Appleton who admitted that the landing technique was not always in the best interest of the tarpon. "Of course I'd never do that today, but the plugs were expensive and we didn't want to lose one. It would take two people to lift the tarpon up to the bridge that's why the

rope is so heavy. Sometimes big tarpon would run under the bridge during the fight, so we'd use the rig to snag our line on the other side of the bridge, then drop our rod over letting the fish drag the rod through the bridge, then we'd use the gaff to lift it back up on the other side and continue to fight the fish."

Club member **Brian Chrzanowski** of Lake Clarke Shores has donated a lookdown mount for the clubhouse walls. The unique trophy was one of the locally caught species

that had been missing from the WPBFC's extensive collection of fish mounts. "I'm pretty sure my dad caught it off the Lake Worth Bridge many years ago," said Chrzanowski.

A new Atlantic salmon mount has been added to the clubhouse conference room thanks to **John Lang** and his

friend **John Berger**. The 45.5 pound fish was caught by Berger in 1984 while fishing the Restigouche River in New Brunswick, Canada.

Thank you to all who have donated historical items to the club. Through the years the WPBFC has become a repository of mounts and local fishing memorabilia that has made it a popular destination for out of town visitors and youth groups.





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member news

Alan Buick (c) with Gary Thomason (l) & Paul Woodbury (r) and a 39 lb. wahoo they landed off Jupiter



Paul Ghostine shows off a good day's catch.

Club's Life Member List Grows

Five individuals have been added to the WPBFC's Lifetime Membership roster bringing the total number of members who hold life status to seventy-one. Joining the Life Member List are **A.P. Kirby, Jr.** from Mendham, New Jersey, **Dawn Burkhead** from Palm Beach, **Glenn Shepard** from Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, and **Paul Ghostine** from Lantana. "I have heard so much about the WPBFC and when I looked into it, I was excited to find an active club that embodied a rich history of the sport, on-going education, a voice for conservation, and most importantly a venue for the entire family," said Ghostine. **Alan Buick** of Palm Beach Gardens, one of the Fishing Club's most tenured members, recently switched his membership status from regular to lifetime. "Better to have it while I'm alive! It goes to a good cause, one that has been important to me for a very long time," said Buick who has been an active WPBFC member for 57 years. Lifetime membership is \$1,500, half of which is a charitable contribution to the Palm Beach County Fishing Foundation, the Fishing Club's charitable affiliate. The Fishing Club gratefully acknowledges the wonderful support it receives from all its lifetime members.

WPBFC LIFETIME MEMBER LIST

(AS OF MAY 15, 2012)



<u>NAME</u>	<u>LIFE MEMBER STATUS</u> <u>JOIN DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>LIFE MEMBER STATUS</u> <u>JOIN DATE</u>
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THOMAS H. BARKDULL, III	4/11	CHAD MOSS	1/11
ALLAN BIR	11/02	JUDGE MOSS	12/02
CHARLES BOOMHOWER	5/05	LARRY MULLINS	10/02
HOLLY BORSCH	12/08	AUSTIN MUSSELMAN	4/11
TRICIA BORSCH	12/08	JUSTINE NATHAN	1/02
BETH BOUTELL	5/00	GIOVANNI "GINO" PALOMBA	2/02
CHESTER BREWER	5/06	MADISON PALOMBA	2/02
ALAN BUICK	3/12	HOWARD PAUL	11/00
DAWN BURKHEAD	12/11	KYLA PAUL	1/09
DALE CLIFT	3/11	LISA PAUL	1/09
CODY CRAIGE	6/06	SUSAN PINCOURT	6/01
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ANNABEL HOPE DEWING	9/00	MICHAEL RENDINA	5/11
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THORNE DONNELLEY, JR.	11/95	KEVIN HARRISON SCHAD	9/98
JANICE DOUGHERTY	1/01	MORGAN RILEY SCHAD	6/97
MARSHALL FIELD, VI	8/11	GLENN SHEPARD	12/11
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
PAUL GHOSTINE	4/12	S.L. "BUDDY" TUPPEN	12/10
BRADY GILCHRIST	12/10	TORRE TURNEY	12/00
JUSTIN GILCHRIST	12/10	JOHN K. VOLK	3/98
TANNER GILCHRIST	12/10	LYLE RUSSELL WEITZ	12/07
ARTHUR M. "Pro" HERBERT	9/95	ALEXIS WILSON	4/99
N.J. HRABKO	8/03	McKENZIE SLATER WILSON	3/03
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Outstanding Club Volunteers Recognized

(l to r) Terry Jones, George Patane, Rick Ross & Henry Insera



The West Palm Beach Fishing Club presented Volunteer of the Year Awards to four deserving club members during the Volunteer Appreciation Fish Fry at the clubhouse in early May. **Terry Jones** of Palm Beach Gardens, **Rick Ross** of West Palm Beach, **Henry Insera** of North Palm Beach and **George Patane** of Lake Clarke Shores were acknowledged for their generous contributions of time and energy to further the angling programs, marine conservation projects and youth education initiatives conducted by the Fishing Club and its charitable foundation. "I think every one of these guys are excellent choices for this award. Each one makes significant contributions at multiple events throughout the year. They are in the trenches at our annual *Kids Fishing Day* program for less

Dale & Bill Bandel



fortunate children, our fundraising *Marine Yard Sale*, the *Silver Sailfish Derby* and the *KDW Classic*. Those events just don't happen without volunteers like these," said WPBFC chairman **Pete Schulz**.

WPBFC President **Tom Twyford** gratefully acknowledged the support of all club volunteers during the party. "Virtually every program and event the club and foundation produce are reliant upon volunteer participation. During the course of the year we have hundreds of individuals who contribute their time, whether its stuffing envelopes in the office, serving as a featured guest speaker at one of our monthly seminars, assisting with maintenance projects on our historic building or helping out with one of the many events we produce. This place simply does not operate without a dedicated army of volunteers. The Fishing Club is so very fortunate to have you. On behalf of the club, I sincerely thank each and every one of you for helping our organization continue to play such a unique and meaningful role in the community," said Twyford during the volunteer appreciation event.

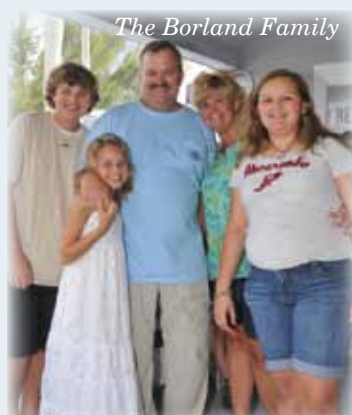
WPBFC Volunteer of the Year Awards are presented in memory of its first recipient **Glenn Weisner**, a very active club member who later joined the WPBFC board. "Glenn was extremely active at a time when the Fishing Club needed all the volunteer support it could get. He was one of those volunteers who was willing to roll up his sleeves and do just about anything that needed to be done. In fact, it was his enthusiasm which prompted us to create the award," remembered Twyford. Weisner lost a courageous battle with cancer in 1996. Past award winners and current members of the WPBFC Board of Directors are not eligible for the award.



Ken & Kathy Jerkins



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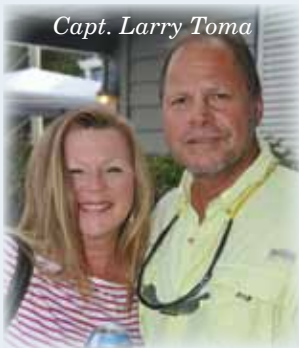


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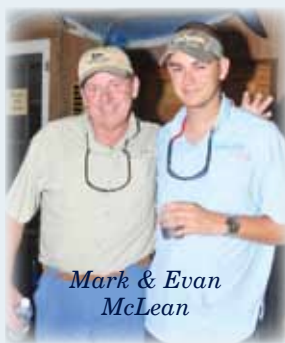


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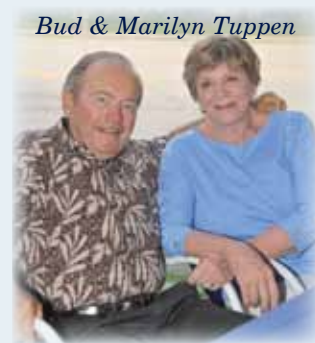


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more member news

Jerkins Takes Wounded Warriors Fishing



For the second year in a row, the West Palm Beach Fishing Club assisted with the Waterfront Wounded Warrior Project held this past April. After being treated to breakfast at the Sailfish Marina, two U.S. Army vets from the Walter Reed Medical Hospital located in Bethesda, Maryland, ventured offshore for some blue water angling. The soldiers fished aboard club member **Ken Jerkins** beautiful 57' Monterey, 'That's My Hun'. Soldiers **Derrik Duncan** from Hudson, Florida, and **John Jarvis** from Boston, Massachusetts, were the two participating Wounded Warriors; both had seen tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. Club members **Glenn Martin** and **George McNally** were part of the support crew. The fishing was slow, and the seas were rough, cutting the trip short...but all had a memorable trip. The fishing day was just one of several activities the soldiers experienced during their three-day visit to the Palm Beaches. "Anyone who has had the opportunity to interact with these Wounded Warriors has a good idea of what a small trip like this means to them. I can assure you it means more to them than you will ever realize. We are really thankful for the role the Fishing Club plays in this meaningful program," said Capt. **Jeff Csalos** of the West Palm Beach Fire Department who helps coordinate the Waterfront Wounded Warrior project locally.

Steele a Star on Igloo Label



If you happen to be buying a new Igloo marine cooler you may do a double take when you look at the label. Longtime Fishing Club member **Chuck Steele** of Stuart, Florida, is pictured on the sales label holding a nice dolphin. One of Chuck's fishing buddies is professional photographer **Mark Lewis**, (www.markpix.com) who does a variety of commercial work and owns a marketing firm. Chuck met Mark through the Classic SeaCraft Club, as both anglers have vintage SeaCraft boats. Mark happened to be the boat driver and witness to the catch and weighing of Chuck's 19 pound club record jack crevalle on plug 10 tackle back in 2007. The photo on the cooler label was from one of Mark's photo gathering trips with Chuck. A two-page spread photo taken on the same trip also showed up in US Airways Magazine promoting fishing in Florida's panhandle. "I had a friend visiting from Vienna, Austria, who had never gone fishing before. Chuck kindly took us offshore and the day obviously far exceeded my Austrian friends expectations!" said Lewis. Who knows where Chuck will turn up next!



Bendeck is Harbor Master



If you visit the Palm Beach Gardens Loggerhead Marina you will be likely to see a familiar face. WPBFC member **Glenn Bendeck** is the Harbor Master at the marina, located just south of Donald Ross Road along the west side of ICW. Glenn has been an active Fishing Club member for many years and regularly volunteers as an observer during the club's annual *Silver Sailfish Derby*. The Loggerhead Marina where Glenn works offers dockage, gas and diesel. "We just started a special weekend package for trailer boats. It would be great for club members who trailer and want to keep their boat in the water for a weekend." The marina is also a hurricane hole for boaters who make advance arrangements. For more info contact Glenn at (561) 627-6358 or visit www.loggerheadmarina.com.

Moffitt Reps T&T

Fishing Club member **Brower Moffitt** of West Palm Beach has taken on a new challenge. He has followed his passion for fly-fishing right into the sales world. Brower is the new sales rep for Thomas & Thomas, a well established, U.S. based manufacturer of fly fishing rods. Brower will be combining his fly-fishing expertise with the skills he honed for many years while working in the financial services business. "I'm excited to try something new and to help improve this company," said Moffitt. Thomas & Thomas is headquartered in Greenfield, Massachusetts, and builds high quality bamboo, fiberglass and graphite fly rods. Brower's sales territory covers thirteen states in the southeast from Virginia to Texas. "I'm really looking forward to meeting more folks in the industry." With a territory that extensive it appears that Brower will be doing just that...Best of luck Brower! For more info on T&T visit www.thomasandthomas.com.

Thomas & Thomas
FINE FLY FISHING



Ernst has Sweet Deal for Members

Shane Ernst of West Palm Beach is charting a new course these days. The active Fishing Club member left his motorcycle repair career to go full-time into the family business...beekeeping. Shane's grandfather has been a beekeeper for over 14 years. Their business, Colonel Honey, is based out of Venus, Florida (near Lake Placid). Shane



currently manages about 100 hives. "That's not a huge number of hives, but it allows me to maintain really healthy colonies. I can stay in tune with them pretty well," said Ernst who had his best year to date, producing approximately 7,000

Shane also does bee hive removal service, as is pictured at left.

pounds of raw honey. Shane produces a variety of honey, moving his hives around depending upon seasonal blooms. Blooming Palmetto trees produce a good quality honey that

has a woody flavor, the non-native Brazilian Pepper yields an excellent tasting lightly colored honey and Cabbage Palms produce a cooking grade honey. But it is the Orange Blossom honey that Shane favors the most. It is his specialty. Shane offers a nice discount to fellow WPBFC members; 2 pound squeeze top containers of raw Orange Blossom honey for \$10. Now that's a 'honey of deal'...thanks Shane! You can email Shane at: hewes33407@yahoo.com if you want some fresh, locally produced honey.



Brewer is ICCAT Delegate

Longtime WPBFC board member **Chester Brewer** of North Palm Beach has been a U.S. delegate on the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) for over seven years. Late last year, Brewer, along with other delegates and the U.S. Recreational Commissioner, **Ellen Peel** (also President of the Billfish Foundation), attended ICCAT's annual meeting that was held in Istanbul, Turkey. "Billfish are not priority species with most other ICCAT nations, which do not include recreational fishing delegates on their team. Nor do their nations have systematic data collection plans in place that help establish even the existence of such fisheries. Fortunately, at this meeting, a one year measure for blue marlin was agreed upon and if fully complied with, will reduce blue marlin mortality," said Peel.



Chester Brewer (far left) at ICCAT meeting in Istanbul, Turkey

"We've made progress on marlin, and even bluefin tuna. Now we have real concern over the protection of juvenile yellowfin tuna and bigeye tuna in the Gulf of Guinea off the western coast of Africa. We need to make more progress on that front because those juvenile fish migrate to U.S. waters. Maintaining a healthy yellowfin tuna fishery is critical to both the U.S. recreational and commercial fishing industries," commented Brewer. Recent U.S. catch declines of yellowfin are attributed in part to the overfishing that has been occurring in the Gulf of Guinea.

ICCAT is a 40-year old inter-governmental fishery organization of some 50-member nations responsible for the conservation of tunas and migratory species like billfish and sharks in the Atlantic Ocean, and its adjacent seas like the Mediterranean and the Gulf of Mexico. Most ICCAT delegates from other nations represent governments and commercial fishing, not the sportfishing sector. The WPBFC is proud of the work and dedication Chester Brewer has demonstrated while serving as an ICCAT delegate representing the interests of U.S. recreational anglers. Thank you, Chester, for making sure our voice is heard...Keep up the good work!

Friedman Files Fishing Reports



Gary Friedman

There's a new source of local fishing information for anglers to tap into. WPBFC member **Gary Friedman** is now filing

regular on line fishing reports for the Palm Beach and Jupiter region at www.theonlinefisherman.com. Gary lives in North Palm Beach and is regularly on the water. You'll see him at Fishing Club meetings and events as well...so before you hit the water be sure to get some additional 'fishing intel' from Friedman!

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more member news

Rennebaum & Lang Assist Club with Flagler Bridge Impacts

Club members **Rob Rennebaum** and **John Lang** have been working behind the scenes for more than a year assisting the club in meetings with officials from the Florida Department of Transportation, the City of West Palm Beach, and with various

engineers, regarding impacts to the Fishing Club caused by the impending replacement of the Flagler Memorial Bridge. The new bridge has been designed to come down at grade on North Flagler Drive, replacing the flyover that currently exists with a new traffic intersection. The Fishing Club will be located on the southwest corner of this intersection. The section of North Flagler Drive adjacent to the WPBFC clubhouse will be raised, up to a few feet, from its current elevation. The elevated road will require building a retaining wall along the northern and eastern border of the Fishing Club property. Drainage and aesthetics are the

*rendering of at-grade intersection at Flagler Drive
(provided by Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc.)*



club's primary concerns with the new design. Since the Fishing Club is a historic landmark any proposed changes to the property require considerable review and approval by all

parties. Rennebaum, a traffic and civil engineer with local firm

Simmons & White, has been actively involved helping the club provide comments on design proposals. "Rob speaks the language, can interpret the drawings and understands the process. We are so very fortunate to have his volunteer support," said WPBFC President **Tom Twyford**. "The club has been a big part of my family's life and it feels good to be able to give a little back," said Rennebaum. John Lang's architectural landscape company, The Lang Design Group, has also provided the Fishing Club with valuable input, including conceptual drawings. "We will definitely need John's landscaping expertise once the new bridge and intersection are built," added Twyford. The Fishing Club is very grateful for the guidance these two club members continue to provide throughout this process. Bridge replacement work is underway and the bridge's eastbound on-ramp will be closing soon. At this time construction is not expected to severely impact Fishing Club operations or events...if that changes we'll be sure to let members know.

Poveromo & SWS Seminar Returns

WPBFC member **George Poveromo** of Parkland, Florida, will be bringing his popular *Saltwater Sportsman Seminar Series* back to Palm Beach County next year. The seminar is set for Saturday, March 2nd, 2013, at William T. Dwyer High School in Palm Beach Gardens...so save the date!



On another note...If you've been to the WPBFC recently you may have noticed that George's Mako boat, the 'Mark VI', is featured on bottles of Star Brite Non-Skid Deck Cleaner that are among the raffle prizes being given away at club meetings...looking sharp George!



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Donnelley Sells Books on Clematis



Thorne Donnelley

Lifetime WPBFC member **Thorne Donnelley** has opened a new bookstore at 330 Clematis Street in Downtown West Palm Beach. Liberty Book Store carries a variety of niche books that will certainly be of interest to Fishing Club members. The new store is specializing in selling 'Boys Toys' books that include titles on naval history, aviation,

fishing, hunting, yachting and custom cars just to name a few. "I wasn't really interested in selling paperbacks. I'm specializing in hard to find books, first editions, rare books and large format coffee table style books," said Donnelley, who has been a WPBFC member for almost 20 years. Thorne, who is an avid fly fishermen, started Liberty Tax Service in 2005 and now has nine stores, including one that shares his space on Clematis. "I'm really having fun with the bookstore, it's much more enjoyable than tax work!" Next time you are on Clematis Street be sure to stop in and say hello to Thorne and tell him you are a Fishing Club member. You just might find a really cool book you can't live without! You can also visit the store online at www.libertybookstore.com. By the way you'll find the *The West Palm Beach Fishing Club: A 75 Year History*, by author **Mike Rivkin**, on the shelf.

Kriendler Restoring Rods

Chris Kriendler of Jupiter is assisting the Fishing Club by repairing many of the broken rods that are donated each year to the annual *Marine Yard Sale*. The annual event raises money for Palm Beach County Fishing Foundation initiatives like the *Kid's Fishing Day* and *Rods and Reels for Kids* programs. "Many of the rods that we get donated are missing guides. Chris saw our need for rod repairs and just took the ball and ran with it," said Fishing Club board member **Dan Kleiser**. The late **Jim Ewing**, whom the *Rods and Reels for Kids* program is dedicated to, began repairing rods well over a decade ago for the Fishing Club's foundation. Since Jim's passing there has been a void in our program, so we are especially



Chris Kriendler & George Patane

grateful for Chris's generous volunteer support! Kriendler's work on rods is the perfect compliment to the incredible volunteer work club board member **Bill Watson** does on the fishing reels that get donated to the Yard Sale.

Bronstien Recognized

Longtime Fishing Club member **Jim Bronstien** of North Palm Beach was presented with a prestigious Marine Industry Association of Palm Beach County (MIAPBC) *Beacon of Light Award* earlier this year. He was recognized as the association's *2012 Member of the Year*. Jim is a founding member and past president of the MIAPBC and has been an association board member on and off for more than 20 years. The



Alyssa Freeman of the MIAPBC presents Jim Bronstien with the *Beacon of Light Award*.

award was in recognition of Jim's industry-wide involvement and civic leadership, which has been extensive: he helped the MIAPBC build and maintain relationships with several key people and agencies in the county as owner and president of Rybovich from 1984 until 2004; he is a former board member of the Marine Industries Association of South Florida and a past president of the American Boat Builders and Repairer's Association...That's just the short list! Currently, Jim is president of Marine Business Advisors where he continues to use his vast knowledge of the marine industry, both foreign and domestic, to enhance the boating experience for both the industry and the private boater. Believe it or not he still finds time to fish! The Fishing Club is very proud of you Jim...Congratulations!

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The Earman River is Quiet... Remembering Glen Gross

by Tom Twyford

Glen Gross of Lake Park, Florida lost his battle with cancer this past January. He was 72 years old. Glen was a member of the West Palm Beach Fishing Club for over 42 years. He is survived by his beloved wife **Ginny**, who is also a longtime club member. The Michigan native was successful in life in many ways. Before moving to south Florida, Glen worked at General Motors as a tool and dye man. Glen was also a respected teacher sharing his mechanical knowledge with kids by teaching a Shop class. Teaching was something that came naturally to Glen. He was a generous man, especially when it came to kids.

Glen was a full-time tinkerer, which explained why he was such an accomplished commercial and recreational fisherman. Like many anglers, he also had a propensity to sometimes stretch the truth. Glen Gross was a master teller of fish stories. For decades, he began each morning with a visit to Lott Brothers Tackle Shop for a cup of coffee. The tales he would tell while huddled around the coffee pot at Lott's is the stuff of legend. Those present often met the captivating performance with equal parts of amazement, respect and skepticism. To say that Glen Gross was 'a genuine character' would be an understatement.

I first met Glen over twenty years ago when I moved to North Palm Beach. He lived four houses down the Earman River from me on the opposite side of the waterway. You always knew when Glen was on his dock either fishing or tinkering on his boat. You could hear him. Despite our docks being over 100 yards apart, Glen would begin to carry on conversations with me whenever he saw me on my dock. His voice boomed down the waterway. Speaking so loudly would be un-natural for most, but I think it felt normal to him. I always sensed excitement in his words, whether it was to inform me that several snook were swimming my direction or letting me know that the kingfish bite was going off. His enthusiasm was infectious and never failed to bring a smile to my face.

Glen was always eager to share what he knew about fishing with those of us who didn't have nearly as much time on the water as he did. His innovative fishing rigs, lures and techniques were unlike anything I had ever seen or read about in the pages of popular fishing magazines. A visit to Glen's garage was like peeking into Santa's workshop. He was always dreaming up some new crazy way to catch fish. Whenever neighbors drove by his house and saw his garage door open they would be compelled to stop in and see what he was working on. It was not unusual to find Glen

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crafting metal kingfish jigs out of old butter knives, or stringing colorful beads he bought at a craft store on pompano rigs, or painting pieces of specially cut metal tubing for dolphin lures.

It seemed as though his mind was always methodically processing the next idea that would fool a fish. Glen is credited with coming up with what I call the 'Earman River Snook Rig'. The rig is comprised of a Zara Super Spook outfitted with extra strong treble hooks, a short piece of number 10 wire leader and a large barrel swivel. Seasoned snook anglers viewing the rig for the first time often take

one look and laugh aloud. But I assure you when worked properly it is incredibly productive on the slob snook that cruise just below the surface of the Earman. Leave it to Glen to come up with such an unorthodox rig.

One of my fondest memories of Glen Gross is the first time he gave a seminar at the Fishing Club. After years of hearing Glen talk about his snapper fishing techniques I encouraged him to give the seminar. I'm certain he spent weeks preparing. The master performer did not disappoint. A few highlights included the items he brought for show and tell, like the bicycle tire rim that he used for yellow

snapper hand lining. He convincingly professed that the large diameter wheel allowed him to spool line out more efficiently to chummed up 'tails. Glen also introduced us to his 'bottom rake', a heavy metal bar with protruding bolts and dangling chains. He designed the contraption to stir up crabs over sand bottom, which in turn would attract mutton snapper and cobia. Glen concluded the meeting by giving everyone one of his homemade yellowtail jigs and a small tub of his 'fish paste', a concoction of fish parts and fish oil he cooked up in his kitchen. He revealed that rubbing the potent paste on jigs significantly improved his catch rate on snapper. It was a memorable evening, vintage Glen Gross.

Not long after Glen's death I was fishing off my dock. It was early in the morning, just me and my dog Charlie. I said to Charlie (Yes, I talk to my dog), "Let's see if Glen can catch us a snook." And promptly on the first cast the wish was answered with a legal, slot-sized snook. I released the fish. In days past I would have heard Glen's boisterous voice from down the canal. He would have been quizzing me on how I caught the fish and why in the world I was going to let it go. But on this day the Earman River was quiet.



Albertson was Bass Fishing Legend

Mary Elizabeth (Liz) Bollinger Albertson of Palm Beach Gardens passed away April 16, 2012. She was 87. Liz worked for the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections and the American Cancer Society for many years, but it was her passion for fishing that kept her busy throughout her life. "Her love for fishing and competition was right up there with family. I remember how excited I always was as a kid coming to Fishing Club meetings with her to hear the guest speakers, watch fishing movies and eating crackers & peanuts with cold Cokes. Mom nurtured our love for all things natural, I think my brother would rather fish than eat because of her influence," recalled Liz's daughter **Carolyn (Albertson) Kline**. Liz had been a West Palm Beach Fishing Club member for the past 66 years, one of the club's most tenured members. At 68 years, only **Kay Rybovich** has been a club member longer. Liz will be remembered by many as a women's angling pioneer. She was inducted into the International Women's Fishing Association Hall of Fame in 2003. "She was a bass fishing legend, there will never be another one like her," remembered club member **Alan Buick**. In fact, Liz still holds the all time club record



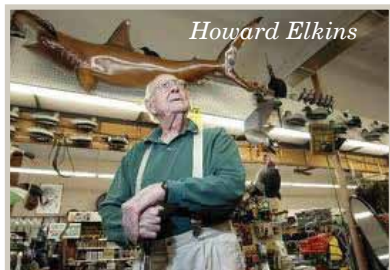
Liz's record bass.



Liz Albertson (r) with fellow WPBFC and IWFA member Pat O'Hara at a recent IWFA luncheon where Liz was honored with the IWFA's Lifetime Distinguished Member Award.

for largemouth bass in the 8 General tackle category. She caught the 12 pound, 12 ounce fish in the Jensen Savannahs using 6-pound test line. The record has stood for over 50 years. Liz never met a fish she didn't like. "I fished her a lot back in the 1950's," recalled **Capt. Jack Morrow**. "I remember one trip in particular. I was mating for **Capt. Bobby Haines** on the 'Lovango III', Bob Minis' boat. We were fishing the Cat Cay Tuna Tournament and we had all women anglers. It was Liz, **Ann Kunkel**, **Dorothea Dean** and **Jane Thompson**. That was quite a trip with those four gals, all fantastic anglers. We caught a nice blue marlin, but no tuna. When I think about Liz, I always think about that trip," said Morrow. "She was the one who passed her love of fishing on to me. I'll be forever grateful for that," said Liz's son **Lamont Albertson**.

We Also Remember....



Howard Elkins

Howard Elkins the longtime owner of the Outdoor Store in West Palm Beach who assisted and outfitted countless club members through the years...

Capt. Charlie Hayden

who put his Riviera Beach Trolling Bait shop on the map with his famous split tail mullet (and t-shirts)...Key West fishing guide and popular television fishing personality **Jose Wejbe**...Well known outdoor writer and founding editor of Florida Sportsman Magazine **Vic Dunaway**.

Dick Zuver, 80, of Palm Beach and Bay Head, New Jersey. Dick was a 56 year WPBFC member.

George Hubartt, 66, of Juno Beach. George was a regular at club meetings and his boat 'Grouper Lips' was often among the fleet during past WPBFC outings to Walker's Cay.

Scott Tuppen, 44, of Lake Worth, son of lifetime member **Buddy & Marilyn Tuppen**. Starting out as a teenager, Scott spent many years working at Tuppen's then set out on his own building a successful marine engine repair service. Always willing to lend a hand, Scott found his niche and had a knack for solving mechanical problems. It was no surprise that Scott developed a loyal following,



Buddy & Scott Tuppen

and was a regular in the club's annual *Palm Beach County KDW Classic*. He took Top Dolphin honors in the 2006 event (right).

In their own way each one of these individuals touched the lives of many West Palm Beach Fishing Club members through their talents, mentoring, sharing of information and devotion to the sport of fishing.

which was evident at his standing room only memorial service. Memorial donations received on Scott's behalf to the Palm Beach County Fishing Foundation's John Rybovich Endowment account have been significant and is certainly a fitting tribute to this WPBFC member.

Rick Mellen, 59, of Jupiter. Rick, owner of Jupiter Woodworking and a 17 year member of the WPBFC, loved fishing



WPBFC Chairman Pete Schulz, Rick Mellen & Capt. Eden White at the 2006 KDW Classic.



Jay Marvin's 70 lb. cobia on the scale

Congratulations to those club members who have recently made their mark in the Fishing Club's *All Time Club Record Book*. Great job, guys! See below for catch details....



Nick Labat's flounder



Rock Leas weighs his record ladyfish



Frevert's 14 lb. king on Plug 10

ANGLER	FISH	WEIGHT(lb.oz)	TACKLE	LOCATION	DATE	PREV. HELD BY/LBS.
Mike Baz	Spotted Seatrout	6.08	PLUG 10	Flamingo	4/23/12	Bill Fay /3.04
Bob Frevert	Mackerel, King	14.00	PLUG 10	Off Juno Beach	5/10/12	vacant
Nicholas Labat	Flounder	5.00	FLY 12	Boynton Bch canal	3/29/12	vacant
Rodman Leas	Ladyfish	5.00	Unl. GEN	Lake Worth Lagoon	11/3/11	Joseph Grzyb/3.00
Jay Marvin	Cobia	70.00	20 GEN	off Hobe Sound	1/7/12	Dennis O'Toole /58.15
Blake Naumann	Grouper	7.00	SPIN 8	Hobe Sound	5/7/12	Kevin Schad /2.08
Blake Naumann	Grouper	7.00	12 GEN	Hobe Sound	5/7/12	Brandon Hetzel /5.08
Nelson Schad	Snapper, Other	3.08	SPIN 8	Key Largo	3/20/12	Stacey Mathias /2.0
Chuck Steele	Drum, Black	8.04	Unl. GEN	Boca Grande	4/26/12	Rick DeCarlo /6.08

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Downtown Fishin'

It's been a pleasure to see the bustling activity along the Flagler Drive waterfront over the past year. It seems more and more locals are taking to the wall to target abundant species in the Lake Worth Lagoon. Depending on the time of year, sand perch, sheepshead, snook and more are bringing area fisherman to the shoreline in hopes of a tasty dinner. The WPBFC has gone to bat for local anglers many times in an effort to maintain public fishing access along local seawalls and bridges. These areas are recreational havens for the public and when designed properly allow for a variety of popular activities... including fishing.





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annual contest standings

2011 ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

(standings as of 8/31/12)



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 lbs.
(caught, weighed & released using a live mullet on 25 lb. tackle 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.)

Mark Donohue 400 pts. (4 in the Bahamas)
Allison Kleisley 300 pts. (1 off Jupiter, FL)
Dawn Samuels 100 pts. (1 in the Bahamas)
Mark Prazak 100 pts. (1 in the Bahamas)
Mike Samuels 100 pts. (1 in the Bahamas)



Serena Wilson of West Palm Beach won the *Beinecke Atlantic Blue Marlin Trophy*. Wilson caught and released four blue marlin in the Bahamas up to an estimated 650 pounds while fishing aboard the *Sandra T* with Capt. Frank Branch. Her releases scored 400 points in the annual trophy competition.



Rob Lane of Boonton, NJ, earned the *Donald S. Leas, International Angling Trophy*. Lane won the prestigious award by posting an impressive 23 blue marlin releases off St. Thomas. He also released a white marlin.

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.).

Carl Weigold (17) 3,500 pts. (35 on live bait)
Tony Groaton 2,800 pts. (25 on live bait/1 on dead)
Mike Samuels 2,600 pts. (26 on live bait)
Mark Donohue 2,200 pts. (22 on live bait)
Dawn Samuels 1,600 pts. (16 on live bait)
Rob Lane 1,300 pts. (13 on live bait)
Lev Mullins 1,300 pts. (13 on live bait)
Trent Glaub 800 pts. (8 on live bait)
Molly Fleming 600 pts. (6 on live bait)
Corey Engelman 600 pts. (3 on live bait/1 on dead)

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.
** Order of anglers listed below is based on date of entries received (not who is leading)*

Mark Wodlinger 18 Pacific sailfish on 30 Gen. tackle off Los Suenos, Costa Rica (Jan. 25-28, 2012)
Molly Fleming 8 Pacific sailfish on 12 Gen. tackle & 2 on 20 Gen. tackle off Tropic Star Lodge, Panama
Karla Branch 6 Pacific sailfish on 20 Gen. tackle off Tropic Star Lodge, Panama
Frank Branch 11 Pacific sailfish on 20 Gen. tackle off Tropic Star Lodge, 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.

Bobbi Nettles 1 tagged sailfish

Heather Murray of West Palm Beach won *The Richard Jeck Memorial Billfish Tagging Trophy*. Heather tagged and released a total of 20 sailfish to win the award in 2011.



Sam Talluto of Jupiter won the *James P. Nora Memorial Award* with a 27 lb., 6 oz. snook. Talluto caught, weighed and released the 43.5 inch fish in the Loxahatchee River. He is a four-time Nora Award winner, earning titles previously in 2001, 2008 and 2009.



Big Fish Winners

fun” competition tracks the heaviest fish (can be boated or weighed & released) entered by members for each species the club maintains weight records for. The catches are posted on the *All Time Record Board* in the WPBFC clubhouse and online. Fish must be weighed on a club certified scale and entries must be received on an official club affidavit. Winners receive a beautiful 'Big Fish' certificate suitable for framing. Plenty of big fish have been posted in the 2012 competition to date. Check it out on the *All Time Club Record's* page of the club website!

The West Palm Beach Fishing Club's 'Biggest Fish of The Year' Competition runs annually from January 1st through December 31st. During the course of each calendar year, this “just for

Gary York shows off his 2011 biggest dolphin of the year.



'BIGGEST FISH OF THE YEAR' 2011 WINNERS

SPECIES:

ANGLER:

WEIGHT & CATCH INFO:

AFRICAN POMPAÑO.....	DAWN BURKHEAD.....	42 LB., 8 OZ. (CAUGHT OFF SINGER ISLAND ON UNL. GEN. TACKLE ON 2/21)*
GREATER AMBERJACK.....	PAMELA SMITH.....	39 LBS. (CAUGHT OFF JUNO BEACH USING LIVE BAIT ON 40 LB. GEN. TACKLE ON 5/9)
GREAT BARRACUDA	GAVEN ENGELMAN	21 LB., 8 OZ. (CAUGHT OFF JUPITER ON 20 LB. GEN. TACKLE ON 8/21)
LARGEMOUTH BASS	LARRY LITRELL.....	8 LB., 8 OZ. (WEIGHED & RELEASED IN OAK HILL POND USING FLY 12 TACKLE ON 4/2)*
PEACOCK BASS	NO SIGNIFICANT FISH ENTERED	
BLUEFISH	JAY YOUNG.....	11 LB., 8 OZ. (CAUGHT OFF JUPITER ON 4 GEN. TACKLE ON 4/8)
BONEFISH.....	JIM GARDNER	11 LB., 15 OZ. (WEIGHED & RELEASED IN BISCAYNE BAY USING 10 GEN. TACKLE ON 4/2)
COBIA.....	KEVIN EBERSOLD.....	100 LBS. (CAUGHT OFF JUPITER USING A JIG ON 40 LB. BRAID TACKLE ON 2/2)*
DOLPHIN.....	GARY YORK.....	44 LB., 8 OZ. (CAUGHT OFF LAKE WORTH INLET ON 20 LB. GEN. TACKLE ON 12/30)
BLACK DRUM	RICK DeCARLO	6 LB., 8 OZ. (WEIGHED & RELEASED IN TAMPA BAY USING 8 GEN. TACKLE ON 11/22)
REDFISH.....	LARRY LITRELL.....	8 LB., 8 OZ. (CAUGHT IN THE MOSQUITO LAGOON USING FLY 20 TACKLE ON 7/31)
FLOUNDER.....	PETE SCHULZ	6 LB., 15 OZ. (CAUGHT AT JENSEN BEACH CAUSEWAY USING UNL. GEN. TACKLE ON 9/13)
GROUPE (WARSAW).....	PAMELA SMITH.....	41 LBS. (WEIGHED & RELEASED OFF JUNO BEACH USING 40 LB. GEN TACKLE ON 5/9)
JACK CREVALLE.....	DAN KLEISER	30 LBS. (WEIGHED & RELEASED OFF JUPITER USING A PLUG ON 30 LB. TACKLE ON 3/13)
HORSE EYE JACK	NO SIGNIFICANT FISH ENTERED	
LADYFISH	JOHN LANG	7 LBS. (WEIGHED & RELEASED IN LOSTMAN'S RIVER USING 30 LB. GEN. TACKLE ON 7/16)*
CERO MACKEREL	NO SIGNIFICANT FISH ENTERED	
KINGFISH	JOE ANTONACCI.....	43 LB., 6 OZ. (CAUGHT OFF JUPITER USING 20 LB. GEN TACKLE ON 1/22)
SPANISH MACKEREL	MAX HOWARD.....	8 LB., 2 OZ. (CAUGHT OFF JUNO USING A LURE ON 40 LB. GEN. TACKLE ON 12/20)
BLUE MARLIN.....	RELEASE ONLY CATEGORY	
WHITE MARLIN	RELEASE ONLY CATEGORY	
PERMIT	DAN DOHERTY	22 LBS. (WEIGHED & RELEASED OFF MARATHON USING 12 LB. GEN. TACKLE ON 6/18)
FLORIDA POMPAÑO	JOSHUA ANYZESKI	6 LB., 1 OZ. (CAUGHT NEAR OLD JUNO PIER USING 20 LB. GEN. TACKLE ON 1/22)*
ATLANTIC SAILFISH	RELEASE ONLY CATEGORY	
SPOTTED SEA TROUT	GREG PIENKA	6 LB., 8 OZ. (CAUGHT DURING FT. PIERCE OUTING USING FLY 20 TACKLE ON 7/15)
MAKO SHARK	RELEASE ONLY CATEGORY	
SHARK, OTHER.....	RELEASE ONLY CATEGORY	
SHEEPSHEAD.....	SANDY FARRELL.....	3 LB., 8 OZ. (CAUGHT DURING FT. PIERCE OUTING USING 4 LB. GEN. TACKLE ON 7/15)
MUTTON SNAPPER	COREY ENGELMAN	8 LB., 8 OZ. (CAUGHT OFF MIAMI USING 20 LB. GEN. TACKLE ON 2/26)
YELLOWTAIL SNAPPER	ANDREW ALEXANDER.....	3 LB., 7 OZ. (CAUGHT OFF MARATHON USING 8 LB. GEN TACKLE ON 9/17)
SNAPPER, OTHER.....	DAWN BURKHEAD.....	20 LB., 8 OZ. CUBERA (CAUGHT OFF PALM BEACH USING 40 GEN. TACKLE ON 6/20)
COMMON SNOOK	SAM TALLUTO.....	27 LB, 8 OZ. (WEIGHED & RELEASED IN LOXAHATCHEE RIVER USING 30 GEN. ON 8/16)
TARPON.....	NO SIGNIFICANT FISH ENTERED	
TRIPLETAIL	SHELLY DAVIS	14 LBS. (CAUGHT OFF PORT OF THE ISLANDS USING 12 LB. GEN. TACKLE ON 6/25)
BLACKFIN TUNA.....	NANCY DOVALE	31 LBS. (CAUGHT OFF BOCA RATON USING 30 LB. GEN. TACKLE ON 5/28)
YELLOWFIN TUNA.....	MICHAEL MURRAY.....	126 LBS. (CAUGHT OFF JUPITER USING 20 LB. GEN. TACKLE ON 1/14)
LITTLE TUNNY	DENNIS O'TOOLE	21 LBS. (WEIGHED & RELEASED OFF STUART USING 30 LB. GEN. TACKLE ON 7/16)
WAHOO	BLAKE REYNOLDS	41 LBS. (CAUGHT OFF JUNO BEACH USING 30 LB. GEN. TACKLE ON 7/16)

* INDICATES NEW CLUB RECORD IN 2011

member angling news

Members go to Panama

Through the years more than a few WPBFC members have visited the famed Tropic Star Lodge located at Pinas Bay off the Pacific coast of Panama. By air the lodge is located 50 miles south of Panama City, separated from the capital by dense jungle. This year the destination has been living up to its reputation judging by some of the trips that have been taken by club members. Longtime club members **Rufus Wakeman** of Jensen Beach and **Ricky Herpel** of West Palm Beach were among those who visited Tropic Star this year. Well known photographer **Pat Ford** and **Scott Loper** accompanied Rick and Rufus on their angling adventure. The group was specifically targeting large dolphin on fly for an article being penned by Ford.



Rufus Wakeman (l) & Rick Herpel (r) with dolphin on fly.



Although the lodge is set up almost specifically for targeting black and blue marlin, as well as Pacific sailfish there are plenty of large dolphin and yellowfin tuna for the taking. The Tropic Star fleet released a total of 34 marlin during the week Herpel and Wakeman were there. Herpel landed a 300 lb. blue marlin and large sailfish. All anglers caught sailfish, dolphin and tuna. "We didn't get the really large dolphin on fly that we were targeting, however we saw plenty of 50 lb. plus dolphin at the dock at the end of the day," said Herpel. Members **Frank** and **Karla Branch** double teamed the Pacific sails during their trip in May, ntallying a total of 17 releases on 20 pound class tackle. Members **Molly Fleming** and **Janeen Davis** also visited the Lodge in May. Molly released 8 Pacific sails on 8 pound class tackle and 2 on 20 pound tackle. "We had fun. The sails are finally coming back after a long period of slow fishing for them, the long liners really hurt it for a long time," commented Fleming.

Hofgren Gets Solo White Marlin



Fishing Club member **Steve Hofgren** of Tequesta made a memorable catch this spring while trolling ballyhoo in 550' off Jupiter. He was fishing by himself and battled the estimated 75 pound white marlin for about 40 minutes before getting the release. Fighting the fish, driving the boat, taking the picture and releasing the fish solo was no easy feat...fantastic catch, Steve! The club has been getting encouraging reports over the past year about white marlin catches in South Florida and the Bahamas. Club member **Mike Samuels** of Palm Beach Gardens also released a whitey earlier this year off Jupiter.

Is Your Hand Scale Certified?

Hand scales are a convenient way to get accurate weights on fish you intend to enter in club contests. Be sure your scale is certified yearly. Hand scales can be certified at the WPBFC clubhouse or at local tackle shops including Fishing Headquarters in Jupiter, Lott Bros. in North Palm Beach and Tuppen's in Lake Worth.



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club outings

A Good Day In The Sound

By Bill Buendel, WPBFC Hobe Sound Outing Coordinator

A group of about twenty boats from the Fishing Club gathered on February 18th this year for our annual expedition to Hobe Sound. Preparations for any club outing starts months in advance. Planning includes selection of the days, looking at the moon phase and trying to find a favorable tide. Additional considerations include where to meet after the fishing day concludes and making reservations for the meeting facility...and that is just the beginning. Then there is the food; we all know that the WPBFC cannot have an outing without a potluck that brings out the culinary talents of club members...it has been rumored that some club members participate in our outings just for the food!

On the way to our outing launching point at Burt Reynolds Park in Jupiter, I was listening to the fishing report from the Snook Nook in Jensen Beach. The hosts were talking about the pompano bite; it had not materialized, likely a result of an unseasonably warm winter. There was also talk of cobia because the fish would likely be working their way down the coast due to an approaching cold front. But the weather for our outing was beautiful; 'Chamber of Commerce' weather as it is often called. Light winds, ideal water and ambient temperatures... what more could we ask for? Many past Hobe Sound outings have been plagued by very cold and windy conditions. But that was years past...this day was ideal.

I have no boat ramp stories this year; I usually have some comical incidents to report regarding the activities and adventures I witness while camped out at the ramp. This year it was all order and efficiency. Everyone was courteous and had their vessels in good repair, engines started and operators moved their vessels out of the way so the next crew could launch. There were lulls in the activity but everyone was on good behavior; a far cry from the chaos I have seen in years past.

It was a good day for the Hobe Sound outing and at day's end some nice fish were reported. Pee Wee anglers' **Bobby** and **Kaitlin Weigt** were in the Spanish mackerel with 12 and 3 fish respectively. **Ryan Bieneman** had a good time with jacks and ladyfish. **Ryan Sullivan** had fun with jacks and lizardfish. **Kyle** and **Emma Pientka** showed with pinfish. **Casey Staniszewski** was our *Top Junior Angler* landing an assortment of species that included barracuda, sheepshead and mangrove snapper, all caught on spinning and fly tackle.

The award for the *Most Ladyfish Releases* went to **George Floyd**, while the *Largest Ladyfish Award* went to **Butch Farrell** with a 3.5 lb. fish. New member **Alex Sullivan** took the *Largest Bluefish* category with a nice 8 lb. fish. The *Largest Trout* was awarded to **George Floyd** presenting a 21.5 inch fish for the honor. *Best Catch on Fly* went to **Steven Goethel** with a Barracuda. There had been reports of large redfish in the area and to prove it, **Casey Staniszewski** (little Casey's dad) had an 11 lb. fish, which won him an *Outstanding Catch* award. A second *Outstanding Catch* award was presented to **Jay Young** for a 4 lb. snook landed on 4 spin tackle; the *Largest Snook Award* went to **Greg Pientka** with an impressive 42 inch fish. *Best Catch on 4 lb. Spin* went to club Chairman, **Pete Schulz**, who landed a wide variety of great fish on the light line. *Outstanding Lady Angler* was presented to **Sandy Farrell**, with an assortment of Sound species, 11 different types in all. Several anglers were having so much fun, they were late coming in to the party and missed the awards presentations; they reported great fishing as well.

Of course the food was great once again this year. Some of the highlights were **Tracy Bennett's** home made cupcakes, **Joella's** pasta salad. **Bob and Cathy Weigt's** pulled pork and baked beans were the best! Bob makes a great contribution to the potluck every year with the pulled pork (no wonder this outing is so popular!). There were also great contributions of fresh fruit, potato salad, strawberry compote, chocolate chip cookies and gumbo. The conversation, camaraderie and fish stories were outstanding as well. Thank you all for your participation and another great outing; it is always a pleasure to be around fellow club members. Special thanks to WPBFC board member Bob Weigt for helping me organize another outing.



Extreme Bonefishing

By Brower Moffitt, WPBFC Bahamas Bonefish Outing Coordinator

The Fishing Club's first ever Bahamian Bonefish Outing held April 21st to 24th was a rousing success despite gale force winds and scattered showers. Six hearty souls from the club participated in the outing that was held at the spectacular Delphi Lodge located in scenic Rolling Harbour on Great Abaco. The group arrived three hours late on a Saturday afternoon due to stormy weather in Key West that had our connection flight from Ft. Lauderdale to Marsh Harbour grounded. The Key West Airport was closed most of the day due to 500 lightning strikes during a two-hour period in the morning. United brought in new aircraft and we



you could see the dark clouds that had plagued Key West earlier in the day coming our way. Gale force winds and scattered heavy showers were the norm for the next 4 to 5 hours and at times heavy rains and wind during the night.

The next morning we awoke to sunny skies and 30 mph winds out of the west with more dark clouds on the horizon. By noon the rain was back and our day of fishing was just wishful thinking. We got a slight break in the late afternoon enabling us to wade a nice flat at Cherokee Basin for a few hours with a 35 mph tailwind! Wading down wind was no problem but walking back on the beach into gusts that had sand stinging your legs was a bit challenging to say the least....Bonefish 1...WPBFC 0.

Dinnertime was another matter altogether. There was no wind, no rain only great food, very good wine (The Delphi Lodge has an awesome wine cellar), beer and a selection of fine liquor. Over the next two days we met some truly wonderful and very entertaining people from Ireland, South Africa, local Bahamians, as well as others from parts unknown.

were able to arrive in the Bahamas around 2:30...better late than never!

After arriving at the Delphi and checking into absolutely beautiful rooms our intrepid group decided that having a beverage to calm the nerves was in order. As you looked west from the second story porch off the beautiful dining room

with **Lee Smith** got into the action as well. Lee caught his first ever bonefish during the outing. He was thrilled with the unexpected long runs of the silver ghost of the flats. While the numbers of fish caught were few, we did see a lot of fish, but the wind and rain was a definite handicap. Under more favorable conditions there is no doubt that we all would have caught more fish. Despite the unsettled weather, the only complaint from those who went was that our time at the Delphi Lodge was too short. Everyone wants to stay an extra day on our next visit. Such a positive response to the trip underscores the quality of the Delphi Lodge facility and staff. We extend a special thanks to Delphi Lodge owner **Peter Mantle** who went the extra mile to assist the club with this first ever outing. Everyone on the trip voted to return next year, so that means that half of the available spots are already spoken for. The lodge can accommodate up to 12 anglers, so only six other lucky members will be able to challenge the conditions that await the next group of 'Extreme Bonefisherman'!

A fellow who went by 'Guitar Jimmy', the owner of a local watering hole named Curly Q's, and his good friend who was a really good piano man, played numerous songs after dinner one night. It was one of those unexpected moments of wonderful entertainment. Needless to say, all had a great time!

Now for a fishing report...**Paul Berbary** and his wife **Karen** were the top anglers from the club with Paul landing some really nice fish including one fish on fly of over 8 lbs. As of this writing, Paul's bonefish was the largest caught at the Delphi Lodge this season. Karen caught a total of 4 fish on fly. **Tom Eastwood** and I, along



Karen Berbary



Paul Berbary

SAVE THE DATE!

Next year's outing to the Delphi Lodge is set for April 20 - 24. Call Outing coordinator Brower Moffitt (772) 263-4262 for details.



Dockside Decompression

Despite afternoon thunderstorms and so-so fishing, the club's annual trek to Ft. Pierce was just as relaxing and laid back as ever. Our destination at the Dockside Inn located right on Ft. Pierce Inlet was very accommodating and never fails to put participants in a wonderful frame of mind... of course the Tiki Bar next door has a little something to do with the positive attitude adjustment as well. Held each July, the Ft. Pierce outing has become a popular long-weekend getaway for some Fishing Club families, validated by a strong showing of Pee Wee anglers. The trip has become so popular with some club regulars that they make their reservations well in advance to reserve a specific room at the resort. While the fishing was not as productive compared to a few of our previous visits, there were still plenty of fish stories being told at the dock and several outstanding catches made (see outing award winners below). The WPBFC gratefully acknowledges the continued support of the good folks at the Dockside Inn and the efforts of volunteer outing coordinator **Barry Brimacomb**.

Noah Beys & friends w/
his big trout



a scenic view from the balcony...

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2012 Outing Results...

- **Most Outstanding Catch Offshore:**
Marc Labat - 26 lb. cobia
- **Most Outstanding Catch Inshore:**
Shane Ernst - 4 snook, 9 seatrout, 1 redfish
- **Best Catch from Dock:** Nick Labat - flounder
- **Best Catch on Fly:** Greg Pientka - 8 lb. snook
- **Largest Trout:** Dave Dell - 6 lb. seatrout
- **Most Snook Releases:** Shane Ernst - 4 releases
- **Outstanding Junior:**
Nick Labat - sheepshead, 8 lb. jack, flounder
- **Outstanding Pee Wee Anglers:**
Chris Labat - pinfish, ladyfish, rockfish, Spanish mackerel, 6 lb. amberjack
Emma Pientka - needle fish
Kyle Pientka - Spanish mackerel
Noah Beys - catfish, 7 lb. seatrout, snapper
Ryan Sullivan - catfish
Tristan Csonka - 6 lb. seatrout (on a SpongeBob Square Pants fishing rod!)
Ethan Morrison - seatrout, ladyfish, snapper
Zachery Fragione - snapper



Junior & Pee Wee Angler Catches

9 yr. old Amanda Hyland caught & released her 1st ever sailfin earlier this year while fishing with her dad, Paul, & John Jolley.



Jay Hunston proudly shows off his hefty 6 lb. bluefish.



Pee Wee Shay Pfendler beams over her Boynton intracoastal jack.



What's for dinner? Christopher Labat did his part by landing this 5 lb. mutton.



10 yr. old Josh Anyzewski bested this blackfin tuna on light line...he's repping the club well - check out the patch on his sleeve!



A great Father's Day gift! Ty Pfendler landed this monster snook on dad's (Scott) big day while sunrise fishing at the beach.



Memorable broadbill... With a little help, lifetime member Kayla Paul (age 8) landed her 1st ever swordfish while fishing aboard the 'Inlet Magic'.



Andrew Alexander subdued this skippy in the Keys.



Will Schmitt's bull red is currently the club's 'Biggest of the Year'.

A good day in Chokoloskee for Pee Wees Liam & Brennan McGinley.



Pee Wee trophy winner Ian Beall aboard the 'Ice Tea, Too'.

14 yr. old Colby Borland fooled his 30 lb. blackfin with a Rapala X-Rap plug off Palm Beach.

Max Howard's 26" mackerel fell for a Gulfstream glass minnow jig.



Brothers Zeke Dattile Mears (l) & Wyatt Ortlip (r) each show off a backyard tilapia.



2 yr. old Tyler Ehlers landed his 1st ever bass with a little help from his proud papa, Dave.



Family members Sasha (l) & Joey (r) Love, fishing with their grandpa, Joe, often battle colossal catfish in a nearby lake. Shasha's big cat, caught on whole wheat bread, broke her rod in half!



A FISH TALE WORTH TELLING.....

By Club member Kim Ryan

Every once in a while, a fortunate person gets to witness a fishing story that has very little to do with the fish: this is one of those moments that I will treasure forever. I hope you enjoy it..... perhaps it will cause you to reminisce about similar stories you may have experienced with your kids.

The story takes place at about 8:15pm; the end of a busy Saturday, at the end of a busy week. The wind was blowing wild; the air was cold; and my nine year old son Stephen was hysterically crying, yelling at the top of his lungs that I just don't understand, and insisting that he was not going to sleep at all that night. Believe it or not, I cannot remember a moment that has made my husband Steve and I more proud of his behavior.

You see, Steve had just been asked to move back to Titusville, FL (from Palm City) and had been living away from our two boys and me for about three weeks. We were tired of packing every weekend, and we missed him, so we decided to go stay in his short term rental condo for the weekend. We spent most of our Saturday doing the not-so-fun-if-you're-a-kid-but-we're-moving-and-have-to-get-it-taken-care-of type things. Our oldest son Stephen was tired and bored as we headed back to the condo that evening; but he perked up immediately when Steve made a brief detour to get some frozen mullet. Fishing!

Our hopes were not high. It was dark, chilly and the wind was picking up even more. But, we aimed to get Stephen hooked up on a catfish, or something little just to spice up his day. Stephen cast a half mullet over the seawall into the Indian River in Titusville, FL, directly across the river from the NASA Vehicle Assembly Building. For the next 20 minutes, Stephen and his younger brother Shane did cartwheels, somersaults, wrestling and all the fun things that all boys do when they wait for something to happen.

Zzzzzzzzz...yes, Stephen was hooked up. He ran to the pole, picked it up and let the fish run. My son is not a novice. He caught the fishing bug about two years ago, and has fished every spare moment he has had available since then. So when Stephen said very seriously "Mom, it's big." I believed him.

Stephen handled the fight like a pro, even though it was difficult to see where it was running and what it was doing. He got it close to the seawall after about ten minutes and all we could make out before it took off to deeper water again, was that it was big. After about 15 more minutes, Stephen got that fish back to the seawall. We saw it was a Red Drum and our hearts sank; we were completely unprepared to hoist a huge fish (estimated to be about 3 feet, 20 to 25 pounds) up the six foot seawall. Steve heroically stretched fully extended, bottom half of his body on the ground, and top half hanging over the seawall. He could reach the water with our small net, but the fish was just too long and Steve couldn't scoop it in to the short handled net. After a couple minutes of trying, Steve accidentally dropped the net, which floated away in a flash, and he and I tried to hand-line that fish up for a picture. Of course, everyone knows what happened....SNAP.....SCREAM.....but the fight wasn't over yet. Stephen ran and grabbed the cast net and desperately tried to get that fish. It didn't work either.

He was devastated, hence the crying and yelling. And even though we explained that this was an official "catch", he just couldn't care less. Stephen needed to touch it to feel like he really caught it. So he yelled, and cried out in frustration, and insisted that he was not going to sleep until he caught another. But despite this erratic behavior, this was one of the most touching, heart wrenching, full of pride moments of my life; I had just realized my son was a true, honest, lay it all on the line, live and breathe for this sport, fisherman.

We caught a couple catfish after that. We were prepared for the big one since Steve immediately went to the hardware store and returned with a big net. But the big one never came back, that night. Stephen was vindicated with a nice Red a few weeks later (see photo), but will never forget this one that got away and broke his heart; and I will never forget the way the relentless spirit of Stephen filled mine that same night.

*Earl Webb with
Steve, Stephen &
Kim Ryan
at the 2012 KDW
Classic*



*Stephen
Ryan with
a nice
redfish.*

Fishing Club Catches



Barbara Bush scored big on a trip to Key West with this 16 lb. mutton snapper.



Mike Baz bested this 26 lb. dolphin off Jupiter & currently leads the 12 Gen.tackle category in the Summer Fishing Contest.



Sandy Farrell (r) & husband Butch are real excited about catching a number of spotted seatrout in the Lake Worth Lagoon this year.

Lifetime club member Henry Cromwell had a banner trip fishing with friends on the other side of the 'stream early this year. They went an impressive 10 for 16 on wahoo!



Sharon Oyman leads the 'Biggest Mutton of the Year' competition with this hefty 17 3/4 pounder caught off Key West. The fish was a women's division winner in the 2012 Key West Fishing Tournament.



Tony Greateon (c), was fishing the Grand Slam Billfish Brawl with fellow members Paul (l) & Will (r) Sabayrac when he landed this 46.9 lb. dolphin.

John Taylor took this 35 lb. wahoo while fishing with fellow club member Tim Nettles during the full moon in August.



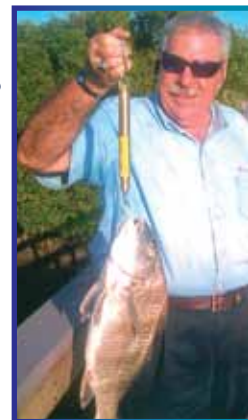
Joe Puleo's monster red measured 49 inches and weighed 34 lbs. He caught the big fish using a D.O.A. paddletail lure on 15 pound test line while fishing the waters off Venice, LA. this spring.



Craig Callway (r), caught & released this summertime sailfish during the Palm Beach County KDW Classic. He was fishing with a boatload of fellow club members aboard member Rob Rennebaum's boat, the 'Maui'.



Longtime club member Rick DeCarlo of Longwood, FL, with one of many black drum he's caught this year at his new fishing hot spot.



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WPBFC board member Dave Webb, along with his wife Laurie, tangled with tuna this summer in the Bahamas aboard their new boat, 'Flight Risk', a Predator Express.



Daniel Hanna with a 20 lb. snook caught tolling in the Earman River



One of many snook caught by Tim Nettles this spring. This one measured 33 1/2".

snook corner



Tommy Twyford's Earman River snook fell for a topwater plug and weighed in at 18 1/2 lbs.



Mike Slade caught & released this 26+ lb. lineside while surf fishing Jupiter Beach.

Capt. Scott Hamilton endured a prolonged battle on fly 20 with this 36 1/4 lb. bull dolphin.



Fantastic Catch! Jay Young's 26 1/2 lb. Loxahatchee River snook, caught on 4 spin tackle, was fooled by a D.O.A. shrimp.



Capt. Tore Turney (l) & Richard Wood with a nice summertime blackfin tuna.



Dawn Burkhead caught this impressive genuine red last winter offshore Palm Beach.



George Lott (above) and daughter Elizabeth (l) enjoyed some successful trout fishing this summer in Montana.



On a recent business trip to California, Stuart Pavlik took time out to go stream fishing for rainbow trout in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Evan McLean shows off a sizable queen snapper caught this summer while vacationing at the Sunrise Resort & Marina on Grand Bahama Island.




Derby Destiny.....

1,174 Releases

75th Anniversary Event Posts

Historic Numbers

by Tom Twyford, WPBFC President



If you were fishing in early January and happen to believe in the spirit of mythological gods, then you might think that King Neptune, with one powerful wave of his trident, was the one who unleashed thousands of sailfish from their lair on the edge of the Gulf Stream.

If that was the case, Neptune's timing could not have been much better for the 46 boat fleet fishing the annual *Silver Sailfish Derby*, held January 4th through 6th. The venerable event, recognized as the world's oldest sailfish tournament, celebrated its 75th anniversary in dramatic fashion this year by recording 1,174 sailfish releases during three consecutive days of fishing. It was an angling feat that had previously never been accomplished. Anywhere.

Timing is everything. A week prior to the Derby, the weather was being described as 'Summerlike' and sailfish encounters were few and far between. However, thanks to a passing cold front right before the tournament, the sailfish showed up. It would be one of the few decent fronts we had this past winter. Reports the day of the Derby Captain's meeting were off the hook. Many boats released double digit sails and some were reporting the best sailfish bite they had ever seen. These reports, combined with blustery north winds, fueled everyone's anticipation; the Derby Captain's meeting was abuzz with excitement. Most participants knew that a good sailfish bite was likely to continue, but no one could have predicted what would soon follow.

Fishing Club member **Tony Greateon** of Tequesta fishing aboard 'Native Son' re-

leased the first sail of the tournament at 8:04 am. It would be the beginning of an epic eight hour period that would shatter numerous Derby records. The best of the bite was between Stuart and the Hobe Sound Loran Tower. Voices calling in sailfish releases over the Derby radio channel were filled with just as much excitement as a sports announcer calling the final minutes of a tied up game seven Stanley Cup match. Pandemonium! The Sailfish Sector of the Gulf Stream certainly lived up to its name on day one of the Derby. Angler **Adam Cohen** aboard the 'Tales Gone Wild' released the final fish at 4:19 pm bringing the first day total to an incredible 659 sailfish. The average catch per boat was 14.33 sailfish on day one, the highest per boat average ever recorded in Derby history. It boggles the mind to think about how many fish were actually pushing south during this single day off Palm Beach.

Past Derby champions 'Get Lit' claimed *Top Boat* honors on day one with a new single day tournament record of 36 releases. Thirty six boats posted double digit scores the first day. **Scott Robins** aboard 'Weez In The Keys' was *Top Angler on Day One* with 13 individual releases. Even the

Derby *Heaviest Weight Fish* record was broken during this unprecedented first day, a 59.3 wahoo landed by **Mike Weber** of Allentown, Pennsylvania aboard the 'Petunia'.

The excitement continued on the Derby's second day. Those who ran past the fish the first day stayed closer to home and were rewarded. The action slid a little further south between Jupiter Inlet and the Juno Pier. Multiple boats registered 16 releases, but it was 'El Palacio De Los Jugos' who claimed *Top Daily Boat* honors based on time of release. **Adam Cohen** on 'Tales Gone Wild' was *Top Angler on Day Two* with 11 individual releases. **Chad Fair** on the 'Cha Ching' landed the *Top Daily Weight Fish* with a 24.8 pound cobia. A few notable milestones occurred during the Derby's second day. At 1:59 pm **Mark Lane** aboard the 'Lady Lane' caught sailfish number 959 which eclipsed the three day tournament record for most releases (previously 958 sails in the 2006 Derby). The catch earned him the *Lucky Sailfish Award*. At 3:22 pm **Sasha Lickle** aboard the 'ADHD' released the 1,000th sailfish of the tournament. A total of 365 sails were released on the second day. A total, when compared to the previous day, seems tame until you

Derby photos by
Leonard Bryant Photography



realize that there are many years when this amount is not caught during the entire three day contest. The two day tally was 1,024 sailfish releases. The Derby fleet had sailed into uncharted waters.

By the time day three rolled around crews were busy re-spooling reels and re-rigging rods, captains were scrambling for more bait and anglers were exhausted. A warming wind and calmer sea conditions slowed the sailfish bite considerably the final day. The fleet released 150 sails bringing the three day total to a record breaking 1,174 sailfish releases. *Top Daily Boat* on day three was the 'Princess Lily' with 8 sails on time. *Top Daily Angler* was Tony Greateon on the 'Native Son' with 5 releases. **Nadia Bohlman** landed the *Top Daily Weight Fish* with a 25.6 pound cobia on 'Cha Ching'.

Team 'Get Lit' earned *Top Boat* honors overall with 58 sails. 'Get Lit' angler **Bill Danko** claimed the coveted *Rea Trophy* for most individual releases with 24 sails. 'Team Murray' was crowned *Top Tag Team* with a total of 19 tagged sailfish. Lifetime WPBFC member **Virginia Turney Adams** of Ft. Pierce, who is 82 years young, won the *Louis S. Boski Outstanding Angler Trophy*.

At the conclusion of the event people looking at the Derby scoreboard were scratching their heads at the numbers posted. Most had a hard time digesting that the numbers represented sailfish releases. There are no concise answers or singular explanations for such an epic sailfish bite, but rather a series of several things, in combination with ideal weather and talented captains, crews and anglers, that resulted in something spectacular. The irony of this incredible sailfish bite taking place on the 75th anniversary of a tournament that has such a strong conservation legacy was not lost on longtime members of the West Palm Beach Fishing Club.

"This is special and represents what can be accomplished over a long period of time when dedicated anglers persist and voluntarily practice ethical angling techniques such as release-a-dermy resulting in fewer landings. The catch & release ethic, combined with new technology like circle hooks, shorter fighting times, better gear and knowledge, and good science and management has had a profound impact. Mother nature played an important role as well. The

Fishing Club has been pioneering these things in cooperation with several scientific institutions and NGO's since 1938. The Derby fleet averaged 8.5 sailfish per boat-day! This has never occurred before in our history. I hope Mother Nature provides a sequel!" said longtime member and WPBFC Scientific Advisor **John Jolley**.

Even 94-year old Fishing Club member **Kay Rybovich** was at the Derby awards dinner enjoying every second of the stories being told. One could not help but think how proud her late husband, **Johnny Rybovich**, longtime WPBFC President and marine conservation leader, would be regarding such a successful event. The actions taken by the WPBFC over the past seven plus decades to instill a greater conservation ethic in our fishery certainly appears to be making a difference...perhaps with a little help from King Neptune, too. 🐟



2012 Derby - View from the Radio Committee

By Pete Schulz, WPBFC Chairman & Derby Radioman

I'd like to start off by thanking Fishing Club members **Chuck Steele**, **Tommy Schulz**, and **Terry Jones**, because without them the *Silver Sailfish Derby* wouldn't be possible. The four of us serve as the official 'Derby Radio Committee'. To this day, I am not sure how the late '**Buccaneer**' **Bob (Reddy)** did the job for so many years by himself. The first day of this year's tournament was extremely chaotic to say the least. I have never experienced a tournament quite like this one. We had so many people trying to reach the four of us at one time that there was rarely a moment of silence. With 659 fish released on the first day we were logging a sailfish on average every 42 seconds throughout the entire eight hour day. Our small committee was certainly put to the test. I had my cell phone with two lines, two land lines at our base station located at Fishing Headquarters, Tommy's cell phone, and the VHF radio. When people would call in on the VHF radio, they would interrupt other calls or interrupt one of us talking to another boat. We de-



cided to use the radio exclusively for calling in fish and use the landlines to send out the assigned fish number and time of release. We logged 100 sailfish during the first hour. To put this in perspective there have been plenty of tournaments in the past when the Derby fleet would barely catch 100 fish all day. At the end of the second hour this year we were right at 200 fish. Sometimes as many as 30 to 40 fish would pile up in our queue before we could begin to give out fish numbers and time of release. We would have to flip back through our logbook to find their fish and give them their information. Through it all the integrity of our scoring system held up and by the end of the first day, the four of us had our rhythm down. We were primed for day two.

I have a funny story to tell from day one. At about the middle of the first day I had a boat call in and ask us a question about the rules. Now

keep in mind a fish was being called in every 42 seconds. The voice on the phone said, "We have two fish on and we are about out of line. Can we tie a life preserver to one of the rods and throw it overboard? We will go catch the other fish and then come back to get the life preserver rod. Hurry, I need to know now." I said, "That is a rules committee's question. You will have to call **Tom T.** (tournament director Tom Twyford) and ask him, but if I were to guess, the answer would be no." The outcome was one fish stopped running, so they were able to chase one without losing the other. By the way, the answer was 'No'. Stuff like this always seems to happen in the Derby. It was a good question, but... now? During the best bite ever? Crazy questions are not unusual in the Derby. Like the time we were asked, "Can we throw our angler overboard while he's hooked up to chase after another fish, and then come back and pick him up?"

The success of the first day brought on a new challenge for day two. The anglers were exhausted and boat captains were calling in new anglers to replace day one anglers. Many expected the fishing to be as good or to even rival day one. Perhaps it was the radio committee's good fortune that there were only 365 fish caught during the second day. It's funny to look back now and say it really slowed down that second day, because we've had many years when that many fish weren't caught during the entire tournament. Day two of the Derby was still chaotic and a really good fishing day. During the middle of the second day is when we approached the 1,000th sailfish release. We all knew how significant this milestone was and that the record book was being rewritten before our



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very eyes. It was awesome to witness, and something I will never forget. During day two, we put a GoPro camera on the counter to record the chaos as multiple fish were being called in on the radio. Some of the audio from those clips is pretty hilarious.



On the final day the seas had calmed and we all knew the bite would be nothing like the first two days. With only 150 fish caught on the third day, the radio committee was actually bored. The last sailfish release we logged at the end of day three was fish number 1,174. This amazing number is believed to be a world record for the most sailfish caught and released during

a three-day tournament. We all looked at each other wondering if this would ever be broken again. This isn't the first time we have thought this. In 2006 we asked the same question after a Derby fleet of 50 boats caught and released 958 sailfish.

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the water column using a length of rope, or allowed to drift further away from the boat with the use of an adjustable float. The flasher remains tied off to the boat at all times so that it can be retrieved quickly, preventing hooked fish from getting fouled in the rig. The main line consists of 400 lb. cable. Lightweight plastic panels covered with reflective mylar tape are the main attractant. The flashy panels hang from the main line off branch swivels like the kind used for making deep drop rigs. The flashers are connected with number 12 leader wire and snap swivels. LaBonte uses a Braid dolphin teaser that weighs about four pounds at the bottom of his flasher to sink the rig into the water column. When deployed, the whole rig resembles a reflective piece of kelp undulating in



LaBonte's flasher rig on display at the clubhouse

jigs," says LaBonte who adds that deploying your live bait spread before putting out the flasher will prevent the baits from swimming into the rig.

LaBonte did not reveal his mylar source, but did say he purchases the material from a wholesale supplier who does not sell to the general public. However, George suggests an internet search using key words like 'mylar' and 'holographic material' might produce results for product.

the water beneath the boat shooting out shafts of light. "We often have fish swim right up to the flasher, not just wahoo, but also black-fin tuna and sailfish. We fish our normal spread as we drift. Usually two kite baits and two flat lines. We also have pitch rods and speed jigging rods ready. We catch a lot of fish just by prospecting with speed

Bouncer's Top 5 Dolphin Tips

If you missed seeing **Capt. Bouncer Smith** and **Don Hammond** of the Dolphinfish Tagging and Research Program earlier this year at the Fishing Club you missed an information packed meeting. Hammond revealed some fascinating tidbits about the biology, behavior and migratory habits of dolphin (the fish, not the mammal). Bouncer also gave up some great dolphin fishing tips at the conclusion of the program that any angler can benefit from....here's his Top Five (not in any particular order):



fly two kites.

- **#2 Drag Teasers:** Creating commotion in front of your trolling spread is a sure fire way to get attention from dolphin. When trolling, Bouncer drags 'Reel Tease' brand teasers about 20 to 25 feet behind the boat. But teaser placement varies depending upon the boat and where the calm water is in your wake.

- **#3 Follow the Birds:** If you see birds working the surface, get to that location. High flying frigate birds often follow large dolphin. If you get hooked

- **#1 Fish Late Winter & Early**

Spring: Bouncer likes this time period best off southeast Florida, especially when there is strong current to the north, royal blue water offshore and a hard east wind. It's his perfect live baiting scenario, put the sea anchor out and

up after trolling through an area where birds were working, be sure to keep track of where the birds went while you were fighting fish. Don't think you can catch up to the birds by trolling back to their new location. That is a waste of time. Instead pull all your lines in and motor back to them. Binoculars are an invaluable dolphin fishing tool.

- **#4 Use Sabiki Rigs:** You'll catch more dolphin if you use the bait that the fish are eating. Bouncer says that not enough anglers take the time to bug up baits off the weedline or flotsam they are fishing.

- **#5 Use Light Leaders & Circle Hooks:** If you find finicky dolphin or fish that just won't eat, scale down your leader size. Bouncer will drop down to 20-pound test fluorocarbon if that's what it takes to get a bite. You'll jump off far less fish if you use circle hooks, they work wonders when trying to stay connected to acrobatic dolphin.

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New Records Set at *KDW Classic*

Favorable weather and sea conditions gave way to some notable catches during the Fishing Club's 10th annual *Palm Beach County KDW Classic* held June 2nd out of Riviera Beach Marina. A total of 202

boats entered the popular one-day tournament this year.

Light southwesterly winds gave the tournament fleet the opportunity to run offshore in pursuit of dolphin and wahoo, while those seeking big kingfish stayed closer to the coast. Leading up to the event the best kingfish bite had been south of Palm Beach Inlet. However, tournament day the fish moved north and the best of the action occurred between the Juno Pier and Jupiter Inlet.

Team 'No Xcuses' lead by **Art Permenter** was among the boats that ventured into the bluewater. "We do a lot of fishing, but this was actually our first ever fishing tournament," said Permenter. Art's son **Steven**, a Boynton Beach fire fighter who lives in Wellington, was one of the other anglers on board. The team found a pack of schoolie dolphin and were picking away at

them when the school abruptly bolted from sight. Soon after, a large dolphin swam into casting range. Steven grabbed a pitch rod baited with a dead sardine and tossed it to the curious fish. It was the lightest rod on the boat. The big bull did not hesitate to inhale the sardine and the fight was on. A 45-minute battle ensued. After many tense moments the fish was boated. "We knew we had a good fish," said Art. Back at the weigh station Steven's fish tipped the scales at 47.3 pounds, besting the previous *KDW Classic* record, held by WPBFC member **David Bulthuis** of New Smyrna Beach, by two pounds.

Fishing Club junior member **Gaven Engelman** of Jupiter also had a record-setting day during this year's *KDW Classic*. The twelve-year old was fishing with his dad, **Corey**, aboard a family friend's boat 'Jackpot'. The 'Jack-

pot' team was live-baiting the edge off Jupiter, where Gaven landed a 41 pound kingfish. The smoker king earned him the first place junior angler award and was a new *KDW Classic* junior angler record.

Team 'Choppy' was making waves of their own during this year's *KDW Classic*. **Chris Perry** of Lake Worth weighed in the heaviest fish of the tournament, a 48.7 pound kingfish. While the fish was not a new record, the great

catch earned Perry a \$3,000 paycheck, plus a trifecta of bonus prize money that included the Ande Monofilament \$1,000 Big Fish Bonus (heaviest overall fish), the \$500 West Palm Beach Fishing Club member bonus (largest eligible fish caught by a WPBFC member) and the \$250 Sea Tow member bonus. Perry was also crowned the 'King of



Team 'Choppy' & angler Chris Perry (2nd from left) with his winning kingfish.



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Team 'Reel-Ality Bites'



Ray Waldner & Nelson Schad weigh in a king.

the Classic', awarded to the male angler who catches the heaviest eligible fish. As if that was not enough, Perry guided sons **Jett** (third place junior) and **Chase** (fifth place junior) to the winner's circle as well. Needless to say it was a big day for the Perry family!

Young **Christopher Sprague** also maintained his win-



*Christopher Sprague
(center front) & Team
Tuppens*

ning ways this year, earning a 9th place trophy for his 16.5 pound kingfish. Club member **Joey Kleisley** earned the 10th place junior award fishing with his family. Club members **Danny Mroz** (4th place dolphin) and **Evan McLean** (6th place dolphin) landed in the KDW Classic winner's circle for their nice dolphin entries. Mroz was fishing with **John** and **Marty Lott** when he landed his 25.3 pound mahi.

"It was the biggest fish I've ever caught," said Mroz who donated the fish to the tournament 'Fish Box' for the Kid's Fishing Days program. His generosity lead to another award when his fish donation ticket was drawn for the 'Fish Box' raffle prize. It was definitely a good karma day for Danny!



Danny Mroz's (c) 4th place dolphin



*Gaven Engelman's (c) new
Junior Angler record 41 lb. king*

year's tournament was a 31.4 pound fish caught aboard the 'Fish Happens' by angler **Mark Ruth-erford**. The second place wahoo weighing 17.8 pounds was caught by angler **Mike Belemonti** aboard the 'Hi-Voltage'. "This was our first ever fishing tournament and we had people come in from New York to fish it, so it was exciting to catch an award winning fish," said **Joy Belemonti**. Only five wahoo came to the scale this year leaving three of the available awards vacant.

Ann Menor of Lake Worth, who landed a 30-pound kingfish aboard the 'Soda Pops', claimed this year's 'Queen of the Classic' title. Boat number 192, one of the last boats to register for the tournament, won the \$2,000 'Hit the Jack-

Thank You Volunteers!

The continued success of the KDW Classic is a credit to the dedicated 'army' of volunteers who so willingly contribute their time and energies to help produce this annual community event. Club members like Bud Tyska, Pete Schulz, George Patane, Bob Broadway, Terry Jones, Chester Brewer, Frank & Susan Cecilia and many others devote multiple days of volunteer support in advance and during the tournament to help pull the event together. We even have junior members like Colby Borland, Blake Naumann, and Morgan & Kevin Schad now playing instrumental volunteer roles throughout the event.




KDW Classic volunteer Jessica Pinder (above) measures a dolphin. Data was collected at this year's event to help the efforts of the Dolphinfish Research Program with their ongoing studies. Classic volunteers do everything from sell raffle tickets (left), tees, food & beverages to site set-up and break down.



With over 60 individuals volunteering this year there are simply too many people to mention. The Fishing Club is so very grateful to have their incredible support....thank you to all our volunteers!

pot' prize, a random drawing of boat numbers during the awards party. The winners were high-fiving and jumping for joy when their number was called.

The Palm Beach County KDW Classic is a charity tournament raising money for local marine conservation and youth education initiatives conducted by the Fishing Club's charitable affiliate, the Palm Beach County Fishing Foundation. Community outreach programs like our annual Kid's Fishing Days, Rods & Reels for Kids program, marine habitat initiatives in the Lake Worth Lagoon, offshore artificial reefs, coral reef conservation efforts and scholarship awards at local universities benefit from this event. In addition, a \$2,000 contribution was made to the City of Riviera Beach Scholarship Fund and a \$500 donation was made to the Riviera Beach Maritime Academy this year. Donations to the Riviera Beach Scholarship Fund from the KDW Classic since 2005 now total \$15,500.

Next year's KDW Classic is set for Saturday, June 1st, and will be headquartered out of the Riviera Beach Marina. Visit www.kdwclassic.com or find the KDW Classic on facebook to view additional photos and learn more about this important club event. 

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2nd (\$2000)	Kyle Washington.....Mac Daddy	39.7 lbs.
3rd (\$1000)	Rick Burton.....Hard Way	37.0 lbs.
4th (\$700)	Angelo Incorvaia.....Cut N Stuff	31.4 lbs.
5th (\$500)	Carl Schachter.....Sea Star	30.3 lbs.
6th (\$400)	Ann Menor.....Soda Pops	30.0 lbs. *
7th (\$300)	Tristan McTeer.....Momma Jomma	30.0 lbs.
8th (\$200)	Mike Wood.....Pennyles	29.8 lbs.

DOLPHIN

1st (\$3000)	Steven Permenter.....No Xcuses	47.3 lbs. **
2nd (\$2000)	Matt Niles.....Too Bad, Too Sad	35.7 lbs.
3rd (\$1000)	Court Vernon.....Capt. Harry's	32.0 lbs.
4th (\$700)	Danny Mroz.....Serenity Now	25.3 lbs.
5th (\$500)	Chris Hodge.....Tide Machine	25.0 lbs.
6th (\$400)	Evan McLean.....Reelality Bites	23.4 lbs.
7th (\$300)	Dale Green.....Reel Tour	19.1 lbs.
8th (\$200)	Samantha Robinson.....Costa Del Mar	18.6 lbs.

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1st (\$3000)	Mark Rutherford.....Fish Happens	31.4 lbs.
2nd (\$2000)	Mike Belemonti.....Hi Voltage	17.8 lbs.
3rd (\$1000)	David Batignani.....In Your Dreams	16.3 lbs.
4th (\$700)	Bill Holiday.....Right Hook	14.7 lbs.
5th (\$500)	Craig Elmore.....Hard Lines	14.0 lbs.

6th - 8thno fish entered

* Winner based on time - ** New Tournament Record

JUNIORS

1st (\$600)	Gaven Engelman.....Jackpot	41.0 lb. kingfish **
2nd (\$500)	Skyler Hunt.....Cut N Stuff	32.2 lb. kingfish
3rd (\$400)	Jett Perry.....Choppy	26.1 lb. kingfish
4th (\$300)	Landon Emmons.....Yippie-Ki-Ay	25.7 lb. kingfish
5th (\$200)	Chase Perry.....Choppy	25.2 lb. kingfish
6th (\$100)	Chase Worcester.....Moonshine	21.3 lb. kingfish
7th (\$100)	Victoria Lopez.....Sunshine	20.3 lb. kingfish
8th (\$100)	Ryan Walker.....Remedy	19.2 lb. kingfish
9th (\$100)	Christopher Sprague ... Team Tuppen's	16.5 lb. kingfish
10th (\$100)	Joey Kleisley.....No Bid	15.0 lb. kingfish

SPECIAL AWARDS:

2012 KING OF THE CLASSIC:

(HEAVIEST ELIGIBLE SPECIES WEIGHED IN BY MALE ANGLER)

Chris Perry.....Choppy.....48.7 lb. Kingfish

2012 QUEEN OF THE CLASSIC:

(HEAVIEST ELIGIBLE SPECIES WEIGHED IN BY FEMALE ANGLER)

Ann Menor.....Soda Pops.....30.0 lb. Kingfish

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Chris Perry.....Choppy.....48.7 lb. Kingfish

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Boat #192.....Volatile - Scott Crone

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1st Place Kingfish (48.7 lbs.).....Choppy owner Chris Perry

1st Place Dolphin.....n/a • 1st Place Wahoo.....n/a

Mangroves Planted

Like clockwork each Fall red mangrove trees drop their slender, cigar-like seeds (called propagules) into the water. It is not uncommon to see hundreds of them bobbing along a tide line in places like the Loxahatchee River. For the past several years the West Palm Beach Fishing Club has encouraged its members to collect these seeds while out on the water and bring them to the club. There is usually a month long window of opportunity to collect the seeds. The seed-pods stay fertile for quite some time if left in a bucket of water. The Fishing Club uses the collected seeds for planting projects in the Lake Worth Lagoon. Earlier this year, club members seeded a stretch of the Earman River in North Palm Beach near Prosperity Farms Road where the South Florida Water Management District had removed invasive exotic plants such as Australian Pines and Brazilian Pepper. The exposed shoreline was an ideal area for seeding. While natural recruitment of red mangroves is likely to occur in this area, planting seeds expedites the process. Red mangroves play a vital role in estuaries like the Lake Worth Lagoon by providing critical habitat for marine life and birds. Decaying mangrove leaves help form the basis of the food web in healthy estuaries. Prop roots from red mangrove trees stabilize shorelines and help filter the water. Thank you to all WPBFC volunteers who have been collecting seeds and assisting with our planting efforts.



Eddie Twyford & Kelsey Henry



South Cove Project Takes Shape



Leitha Barry & granddaughter, Piper



Jim & Betty Jean Jolley



Minnie McCluskey, Bob Guzauskas & Bob Oglesby

A little over twenty hearty volunteers from the Fishing Club helped plant red mangroves this September on the three man made islands that make up the new South Cove Natural Area located off Flagler Drive in downtown West Palm Beach. Club volunteers supplied boats and brawn for the event. Over 3,500 mangroves were planted. As volunteers filled fresh dug holes with the juvenile plants, fiddler crabs could be seen scurrying across the sand and baitfish would occasionally erupt from the water, supporting the theory behind the oft quoted saying, "if you build it, they will come."



Mike Feeley & Jeff Koons



Lee Shepard



volunteer crews are shuttled to the site



Max Howard & Casey Staniszewski

PBCFF Awards Scholarships

Palm Beach Atlantic University

The Palm Beach County Fishing Foundation has been awarding marine biology scholarships at Palm Beach Atlantic University since 1994. The foundation is proud to announce that **Jessica Pinder** from Royal Palm Beach is this year's recipient of the \$1,250 award. "There were several outstanding candidates this year which made the selection process quite challenging for the Board of Directors. Jessica was a wonderful choice. She's already jumped onboard as a Fishing Club volunteer - doing an outstanding job collecting dolphin data at this year's *Palm Beach County KDW Classic* and working the Fish Morphology station during our annual *Kid's Fishing Day* program. I'm sure we'll be seeing more of her in the future since she lives nearby and plans to continue volunteering," said board chairman **Pete Schulz**.



Dr. Ray Waldner (l), & Tom Twyford (r) present PBAU student Jessica Pinder with her 2012 scholarship award.



Tom Twyford with FAU scholarship winner Jessica Cusick

Florida Atlantic University

The Fishing Club's foundation has been awarding the *Captain Al Nathan Memorial Scholarship* to a graduate student at Florida Atlantic University since 2003. This year's recipient of that award is **Jessica Cusick**. The \$2,500 scholarship aided Jessica with the completion of her master's thesis project. "My research involved looking at the aggressive behavior between two species of dolphin, bottlenose and spotted. I looked at which individuals participated, the behaviors that were used during aggression, and how aggression changed over time." Cusick's research took place in the Bahamas in collaboration with the Wild Dolphin Project. "This scholarship was crucial to making my research possible."

KDW supports Riviera Beach Scholarship Fund

Proceeds from the annual *Palm Beach County KDW Classic* have gone to support a wide variety of PBCFF conservation and education initiatives through the years. One of those areas of support has been geared towards college bound students from the City of Riviera Beach through the city's scholarship fund. A \$2,000 contribution was made this year to two worthy students, **Anthony Woodside**, who will be attending Florida Southern College, and **Vanessa Bass**, who will be attending Palm Beach State College. Vanessa's career goal is to one day become a marine veterinarian. Over \$15,000 has been donated to the city's scholarship fund since the *KDW Classic* began.

New Scholarship Honors Leah Schad

The PBCFF Board of Directors has approved a \$500 contribution in memory of the late **Leah Schad** to the Friends of the Gale Academy of Environmental Science and Technology at Forrest Hill Community High School. This will be an annual scholarship contribution pending board approval each year. Leah Schad, who passed away in 2008 was a well-known environmentalist and very active Fishing Club volunteer. "We look forward to building a relationship with students at Forrest Hill High School. It is our hope that some of them will get involved in programs like *Kid's Fishing Day* or our environmental enhancement efforts in the Lake Worth Lagoon. This is a wonderful way to remember our dear friend Leah Schad," said WPBFC President **Tom Twyford**.



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Marine Yard Sale 2012



Each spring the Fishing Club is the site of a unique 'cultural' event that has become quite popular within our community, especially for those looking for bargains on anything related to boating, fishing or diving. The annual Marine Yard Sale, a fund raising event for the Palm Beach County Fishing Foundation, did not disappoint attendees this year...the pickin's were as good as ever! Nearly two hundred people were waiting in line before the gate opened. A feeding frenzy soon followed and the net result was a record setting \$20,000+ raised for the foundation.

Thank you to all who so generously donated unwanted marine items and to those who volunteered their time to make the event so successful and fun! Don't forget, donations for this event are accepted year around!



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Quite a contrast to the twelve (12) two-hour trips we run today. We also realized that without an educational component the program was not as meaningful as it should be,” said WPBFC President **Tom Twyford**.

In a few short years the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission came on board as a program partner and brought their successful Kids Fishing Clinic format into the fold. “This made the introductory experience complete,” added Twyford. Knot tying, how to cast a fishing rod, how to bait a hook, hands on instruction using spinning gear and a review of what kind of items should be in their tackle box are some of the practical lessons that are now a standard part of the program. The Fishing Club established it’s charitable affiliate, the Palm Beach County Fishing Foundation, in 1990 and all future *Kids Fishing Day* events were conducted under this new charitable entity. “The creation of the Palm Beach County Fishing Foundation gave us the ability to solicit support from a wider audience. Much of what the Fishing Club was doing, and continues to do, in the community is charitable. It was something we needed to do,” said WPBFC Board member and former chairman **John Jolley**.

However, *Kids Fishing Day* is much more than angling instruction. The program has become an outdoor classroom that also includes lessons on fish morphology, ethical angling practices, boating safety and the function of mangroves and oysters in the Lake Worth Lagoon. One of the highlights of the program each year is the interaction between kids and animals at the marine touch tank where FWC biologists teach kids the importance of marine habitat. The kids get to see and touch a variety of marine critters at this station, which never fails to produce some of the most entertaining facial expressions of the program. The message that is emphasized at this booth is: If there is no habitat, then there are no fish. Even the adult chaperones and volunteers walk away from these educational stations having learned something new. Since many of the kids who participate, mostly ages 8 to 12 years old, come from inner-city areas a new booth promoting gang prevention was added this year thanks to the support of the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office and a Law Enforcement Trust Fund grant. “This is the perfect age to reach out to the kids and let them know what the warning signs are and why they should stay away from gangs. Going fishing is a great use of their time and programs like this serve as a wonderful introduction. This is a wonderful opportunity you are providing the kids of our community,” said PBSO Gang Prevention Coordinator **Marcia Bahia**.

The event moved to a new venue this year after many years of conducting the program in Lantana’s Bicentennial Park. “We were displaced by the construction on the East Ocean Avenue Bridge. Lantana has been incredibly supportive and we are so very thankful for the town’s support all these years, but it was just not practical to try to hold the event in the same location,” said WPBFC Chairman **Pete Schulz**. The Town of Lake Park welcomed the event with open arms and Lake Park Harbor Marina proved to be an ideal venue. The program will return to Lake Park next year on July 30th, 31st and August 1st.

“Support from groups like the Marine Industries Association, Fish Florida, the Lake Worth KDW Fishing Tournament, and Delray Yacht Cruises to name a few, plus scores of individual donors, is what has given the Fishing Club’s foundation the ability to provide this program free of charge for the past 25 years. This financial support combined with an army of enthusiastic volunteers is what makes it all work,” said Twyford. “Most of these kids are like little sponges soaking up all these new experiences. I think everyone who sees the program in action understands how rewarding it is to see the smiles and know that we are making a difference in the community.” 





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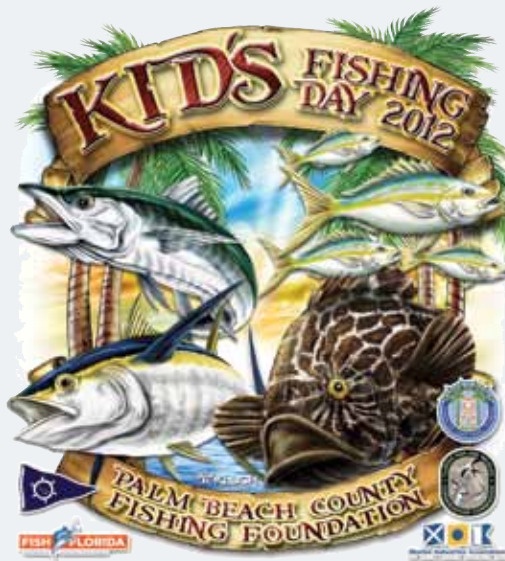
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PBCFF Donates Tackle

The Palm Beach County Fishing Foundation's *Rods & Reels for Kids* program donated new gear to several groups this year including the Palm Beach County Airboat & Halftrack Conservation Club's annual Howard Elkins Memorial Kid's Fishing Clinic, the Palm Beach Atlantic University physical Education Department and the Real Life Children's Ranch. "The rods, reels and tackle that your club gave to our children are a tremendous blessing. Your gift combined with the fishing class that **Captain Ron Doerr** donated did so much to spark an interest in fishing. I pray that it will help develop, in some of them,



Capt. Ron Doerr

a lifelong passion for fishing. Please tell everyone at the West Palm Beach Fishing Club how thankful we are," said **Mark Mayers** Executive Director of Real Life Children's Ranch in Okeechobee. To

date over 1,200 rod and reel combos have been donated to area youth groups since the program began. The PBCFF *Rods & Reels for Kids* program is dedicated in memory of former WPBFC board member **Jim Ewing**.

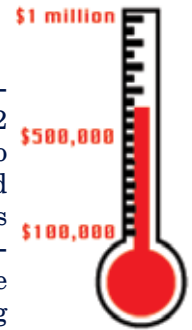
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Foundation Supports Reef Conservation

Over the past year the PBCFF has financially supported local reef conservations

efforts including new mooring bouys off the Breakers Reef and reef monitoring dives conducted by the Palm Beach County Reef Research Team. The funding has been provided by the special PBCFF reef conservation fund set up several years ago in response to damage off Palm Beach caused by a barge cable being dragged across the reef. The PBCFF gratefully acknowledge members who specifically support this specific fund.



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Hershey Bar Memories

Inquisitive visitors to the West Palm Beach Fishing Club sometimes ask what the significance of the old Hershey's Chocolate Bar boxes are in the club showcase. Others who frequent the club don't even notice them.

The boxes are nestled on a shelf among far more captivating items like old wooden lures, vintage *Silver Sailfish Derby* awards, antique reels and other fishing memorabilia. But just like everything else inside the historic clubhouse even the chocolate boxes have a story. Here it is...

Monthly fishing club meetings have always been a big part of the club's social activities. Today hot dogs and cold beer are the norm prior to the featured speaker taking center stage, but 60 years ago it was Hershey's Chocolate Bars and Coca-Cola's. Then club director **Frances Doucet** would sell the candy bars for five cents. "Frances used to take care of us kids. She usually gave all the kids a candy bar for free," recalled club member **Lamont Albertson**. Coca-Cola's in the classic thick glass bottles were dispensed out of the bright red ice chest that remains a fixture inside



the clubhouse meeting room. "I wasn't allowed to drink Coke at home, but when my folks took me to the Fishing Club I was allowed to have one. It was always a big treat, something I'll never forget," added Albertson. On one occasion, Lamont remembers getting several extra candy bars from Frances that he planned to keep for after-school treats over the next few days. Fellow club member **Alan Buick** was catching a ride home with Lamont's

dad that evening. Unbeknownst to Lamont, Alan snagged most of the Hershey Bars for himself. "When I got home and figured out what happened I was so mad at Alan!" chuckled Lamont. "It's possible," recalled Buick. "I did a lot of things like that when I was a kid."

Those old chocolate boxes and that classic Coca-Cola ice chest help keep part of the club's wonderful past alive. For longtime members like Lamont Albertson and Alan Buick they are wonderful reminders of a very special time and place. So the next time you see those chocolate boxes in the club showcase you'll understand why they are there.

Best Kept Secret Revealed!

By club member John Jolley

Remember the great fried fish at Proctor's Restaurant on South Dixie in West Palm Beach? Everbody interested in fish knew about Proctor's. Many say they produced the best fish sandwich in town. It's a fond memory now!

Always consistent, Proctor's coleslaw, french fries and tartar sauce was 'mmm-mmm good' too! I remember longtime club members **Jim Gardner** and **Paul Bell**, both from Ocean Ridge, used to come up just for lunch back in the 1970s. They'd pick me up at the old field research laboratory inside the WPBFC clubhouse, and sometimes we'd also pick up my wife, **Linda**, during her lunch break. Proctor's was our dining destination! Always perfect, we ran into lots of club members there; especially the likes of **Ron Appleton**, **Dan Kleiser** and **Bill Watson**. But about 10 years ago the owners retired and closed the place down. I've been lookin' for a replacement ever since; unsuccessfully I might add. I'm now glad I never gave

up the search. Let me share with you an unexpected find....

Last year in June, my neighbor and fellow club member, **Steve Jara**, dropped by and asked me along for lunch. We visited Bud's Chicken & Seafood on Boynton Beach Boulevard in downtown Boynton. Jara used the drive-thru. He ordered a fried shrimp dinner, while I opted for the advertised fried fish sandwich meal with all the fixings (lettuce, tomato, cheese & tartar sauce). Having never eaten a Bud's fish sandwich before, I was somewhat skeptical and certainly did not think it would be on par with the Proctor sandwich I so fondly recalled. However, I was more than pleasantly surprised, I'd finally found what I'd been searching for - and guess what? The coleslaw and fries are great, too! Not a week goes by now that I don't go to Bud's and order another.

Anyway, Bud's has seven (7) other restaurants spread throughout in Palm Beach County. Their product



is always consistently the same - the fish isn't oily or greasy because of their quick, high temperature cooking technique. Flaky Alaskan cod fillets are rendered with light breading and served on a multi-grain bun. I know I'm sounding like a commercial, but if you try one, you'll probably be hooked too! The same result happened to my two brothers, **Jim** and **Bob**. **Dr. Paul Hyland**, another club member, agrees. Bud's fish sandwich is unbeatable! Jim Gardner's wife, **Barbara**, loves them too!

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Robin DeCarlo, pictured here with an 18 1/2 lb. Indian River redfish, recently joined her husband Rick & son Stephen as a WPBFC member. Rick's been a club member for 28 years!



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