



# The Sanibel Island Fishing Club

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## January 2019 Newsletter

### Words from Warren

#### Happy New Year / Leadership

This is the most difficult letter I have had to address to the Club. I find myself stuck between the proverbial rock and a hard place. When I took the Presidency, I said I would go as long as my health would permit. Well, my health no longer permits. It's not like I am going to die tomorrow [of course no one knows.] Several of my doctors have told me it's time to let go of my responsibilities as President of you club. It gets too stressful for me.

This is not the way I would prefer to go out. I would much prefer to have had a successor named and in place. I have been mentioning this need for at least the last six months. No one has stepped forward.

I resign effective January 31st, 2019. I am sorry it has come to this. Please accept my apology. I will help the new President, if desired, to get started.

There are several steps I would suggest to ease the new Presidents responsibilities: #1. Put someone else in charge of the entire Christmas Party. #2. Build a speakers committee to seek speakers for the club meetings, a season ahead. #3. Create a succession line for officers.

Then there is the question of club secretary. We need one of those as well! Gary Biltgen has been requesting someone takeover his responsibilities as well.

**Now is the time to help YOUR club!**

Thank you for the time you have given me in leading the club. It has been an honor and pleasure to do so. I have enjoyed meeting, as well as fishing, with many members of the club. Thank you for your understanding.  
Warren W. Teigen

### NEXT MEETING

**WHEN:** Tuesday, January 8, 2019

**WHERE:** Community House

**TIME:** 6:30pm Pizza - 7:00pm Meeting



**SPEAKERS:** This month's featured speakers are **Michael Campbell and Leslie Haynes from the Lee County Department of Natural Resources**. Leslie is the current coordinator for the entire Lee County Artificial Reef Program, which is one of the largest artificial reef programs in the United States. She will be doing a power point presentation on the status of artificial reefs in 2019 including introducing the newest reef in our local waters, "The Phoenix Reef."

Michael Campbell will discuss the extent of the dead zones that have occurred on some of the near shore reefs after the disastrous and relentless red tides our local waters have experienced over the past year. Michael has been working with artificial reefs in Lee County for almost ten years now and is largely responsible for the deployment of one of our largest offshore structures, the 165 foot Mohawk Veterans Memorial Reef located west, northwest of Redfish Pass in ninety feet of water.

**Membership Dues for the 2019 Season are now due. A form is attached to the newsletter email and on the Club website. You must have your dues paid to participate in outings.**

### Next Club Outing

Our next outing will be an Inshore Winter Fish Variety Challenge on Sunday, January 13th. Sign up at the monthly meeting, January 8.

**SIFC thanks our Captains for their ongoing support of the club – we can't do it without you!!**

**We can always use more, so please sign in your boat.**

### SIFC Monthly Meeting

#### Schedule 2018-19:

- January 8 Community House
- February 12 Community House
- March 12 Community House
- April 9 Community House
- May 14 Community House

### 2018-19 Outing Dates

- January 13
- February 9 (fish fry on Sun, February 10)
- March 16
- April 13
- May 19

**\*Sheepshead outing will be on Saturday, Feb 9<sup>th</sup>**, followed by weigh in and fish cleaning. **A fish fry will take place the next day, Sunday, Feb 10<sup>th</sup> – details on that to be announced later.**

**Angler of Year standings can be found on our website:**

<http://www.sanibelislandfishingclub.com/>



Club members celebrate their success after the artificial inshore slam. Congratulations to Duane Thurow's team on their victory – the only team to catch a fish on the list!