



The Sanibel Island Fishing Club PO Box 989 ♦ Sanibel, FL 33957

March 2019 Newsletter

President's Corner

As I start this new adventure as the President, my first order of business is to make a commitment to the club to continue our great tradition. My goals are to increase our membership so we can have more members who will be fishing, to have more boats in the water, and more boat Captains so everyone will have an opportunity to fish.

Fishing is why we are all members here. I want to try new ideas and even possibly have an extra event during some months. This is our club and each and every member have a voice in it. If you would like to see something different, let me know. I'm open to suggestions.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Warren Teigen for all his hard work over the past several years as President. I'm sure he will enjoy a nice break from those duties and fit more time in for fishing. I would also like to thank all our board members who help make this club successful.

Tom Tilton

NEXT MEETING

WHEN: Tuesday, March 12, 2019
WHERE: Sanibel Island Community Center
TIME: 6:30pm Pizza - 7:00pm Meeting



Speakers: Dr. Ryan Orgera, SCCF CEO and Rae Ann Wessel, SCCF Director of Natural Resource Policy

Topic: Water Quality Update

This month's featured speakers are Ryan Orgera, Ph.D. and Rae Ann Wessel, Natural Resource Policy Director at the Sanibel and Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF). Dr. Orgera was recently appointed as the new CEO of SCCF and he, along with Rae Ann, will be discussing the current status of the progress being made toward the restoration of the Everglades and the long term solutions to the water quality issues that have negatively impacted Southwest Florida for the past several years.

Prior to taking over the reins at SCCF in January of this year, Ryan worked on the *Ending Illegal Fishing Project* as well as the *Global Shark Conservation* team with the Pew Charitable Trusts. Working across the globe, from Africa to South America, Ryan helped ensure global protections for thirteen species of sharks and rays. He is currently a member of the Federal Marine Protected Area Advisory Committee and remains deeply committed to conservation efforts both locally and internationally. Rae Ann Wessel will be on hand to discuss in detail her work on improving our local water quality, work which directly affects the fisheries and fishing in our back bays and estuaries.

Next Club Outing

Our fourth outing of the season will be an inshore dartboard challenge on Saturday, March 16. We can always use more boats, so we appreciate our generous captains signing up for this outing! Sign up at the March 12 meeting.

2018-19 Angler of the Year Standings after February, 2019 Sheepshead Outing

Mary Laser	59
Ron Fields	57
Duane Thurow	55
Tom Tilton	55

For complete listing of Angler and Captain of the Year standings, check our website:

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

SIFC Monthly Meeting Schedule 2018-19:

- March 12 Community House
- April 9 Community House
- May 14 Community House

2018-19 Outing Dates

- March 16
- April 13
- May 19



The February Sheepshead outing and Fish Fry were fabulous!! John, Mary and Jeff fried fish. A big thanks to Rol for organizing and all of the volunteers for a great event!!