



The Sanibel Island Fishing Club

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May 2019 Newsletter

Presidents Corner

WOW! Time has flown by this year. Here we are getting ready for the last meeting of this season. Where did the time go? We have had a good turnout by our members this year. Thanks to all of our members who attended the meetings and/or fished the tournaments. I am looking forward to everyone returning next year. I promise it will be exciting with possibly new ideas and possibly some new fun events.

Unfortunately, I will not be at this meeting or at the tournament due to prior commitments. I plan on being around all next year for the season.

We have found a new Secretary to replace Gary Biltgen. David Lewis has stepped up and volunteered to take on this position. David has been a member for several years. Gary has held this position for numerous years and has done an excellent job. He will be missed by all and he has been passing his knowledge to David and advice to me. He will still be a member of our club.

On another note, we will need to fill another vital position. Mary Laser, who has been our Outings Director, has advised us that she will no longer be able to be the Outings Director after this last event this May. Mary has done an excellent job for the past few years. If anyone is interested in helping us by filling this position, it will greatly be appreciated. This is everyone's club so whoever is interested may contact me for information. Our thanks go out to Gary and Mary for their help and dedication to our club.

For everyone who will be headed home back north, east, or west, please be careful and we look forward to everyone returning next year.

May Monthly Meeting

WHEN: Tuesday, May 14, 2018
WHERE: Sanibel Island Community Center
TIME: 6:30pm Pizza - 7:00pm Meeting

Speaker: Rob Steffan



Topic: Tarpon!

May's featured speaker will be Tarpon Hunter Rob Steffan. After moving to SW Florida Rob joined the Cape Coral Tarpon Hunters Club. Within a short time he became a member of the 200+ -member club's board of directors and ultimately became the club vice president and president. He was awarded the club's Sportsman of the Year award in 2017, and is currently serving as vice president. By using techniques promoted by the Tarpon Hunters Club he has released many tarpon, mentored several beginner tarpon fishermen and woman, and shared his extensive tarpon fishing experience with many other anglers.

Rob will speak about some of the basics of tarpon fishing in our local waters. Importantly, he will discuss how average fishermen and fisherwomen can become engaged in tarpon fishing both inshore and near shore. He will also address ethical fishing tactics and tarpon fishing gear that help ensure the safe catching and release of our areas greatest sport fish. He will explain both bait and tackle selection and his presentation is designed specifically to help those new to tarpon fishing so they can get out on the water and experience the mighty silver king firsthand.

Next Club Outing

May 19th is our next outing. It will be the Tarpon Outing. Sign up at the May 14th meeting!

2018-2019 Meeting Schedule

May	14
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2016-2017 Outing Schedule (Saturdays this year)

May	19
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2018-19 Angler of the Year Standings after April, 2019 Inshore Slam Outings

Mary Laser	98
Tom Tilton	95
Ron Fields	92
Duane Thurow	90
Andrea Dankenbrink	75
David Lewis	72
Don Cook	72
Gary Dutton	71

For complete listing of Angler and Captain of the Year standings, check our website:
<http://www.sanibelislandfishingclub.com/>

2018-2019 Captain of the Year Standings after May, 2018 Inshore Slam

Mary Laser	98
Duane Thurow	90
David Lewis	53
Don Cook	53



Jeff Bonnett's First Redfish