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APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER



President Update

We had a great outing in March. It was very windy, but some folks ventured out of the canals and it paid off! Kudos to the Schneider's and Tutt's for taking out member

anglers on their boats for the first time as host captains, we very much appreciate it as without host captains we cannot hold these outings. You don't have to be an expert captain to host members, you just have to be willing to have fun and meet new people that love to fish and don't have easy access to a boat. Join us for the next outing on April 12th that will be a multi-species dartboard competition. We are working of getting more member interac-

tion and fishing conversations at our meetings and are looking at organizing some other beach outings/competitions. Do you have kids that love to fish? Invite them to our meetings, we would love to hear what they are catching. We are also considering having meetings over the summer if there is enough interest - many of us are around all summer and there could be good interest.



Christine Heffern

Speaker for the April 11th meeting

Christine Heffern of Whitney's Bait and Tackle Shop will be sharing with the Sanibel Island Fishing Club where and how she fishes in Sanibel. Christine grew up shore fishing the lakes and rivers in Pennsylvania and perch and walleye fishing on a friend's boat on Lake Erie. She has worked selling at Whitney's Bait and Tackle for 3 years, advising folks how and where to fish here in Sanibel. Christine started fishing in Sanibel in 2016. She came to Sanibel every other month and learned as much as she could from Jim Bryan who also works at Whitney's and has

been a good friend of Whitney for over 30 years. Jim is her partner and teacher. She moved here in fall of 2021 and has fished every day she is off work. She mostly fishes on the beach or in Ding Darling. Whitney's was the first shop she went to and she has been there ever since. "I love fishing because it is a great reflective activity that can help you appreciate your surroundings, bond with new people, and get a break from your busy work life. Fishing brings me so much joy. I like to share my knowledge with others so they can enjoy beach fishing too, whether it be with lures, shrimp or cut bait, depending on the fishing conditions. I am looking forward to meeting everyone and teach them how to have fun fishing!"

Fishing Pier Update

Bob Stern in conjunction with the city and the outside engineering firm are working hard to ascertain the costs to open the pier and to make it more resilient. Once determined we will be raising monies to meet those goals. Stay tuned for more updates



Angler of The Year Standings

- Jerry Vadnais- 239.5
- Bob Stern - 205.5
- Lauren Schneider - 139
- Frances Tutt - 98.5
- Andrea Dankenbrink - 95.5
- Sandy Tannenbaum - 90.5
- Simon Tutt - 83
- David Gurney - 80
- Chuck Bye - 65.5
- Jo Sanacore - 55.5
- Bill Schneider - 53
- Joe Schneider - 51.5
- John Bringham - 31
- Tom McKeehan - 11
- Chet Mohr - 8
- Roger King - 0
- Greg Easter - 0

“Ding” Darling & Doc Ford’s 13th Annual Tarpon Tournament

The Bait Box Will Sponsor Team SCIF in the “Ding” Darling & Doc Ford’s 13th Annual Tarpon Tournament

2025 Dates:
Thursday, May 8, 2025: Check-in & Captains’ Meeting - 2025 Participants Only
Friday, May 9, 2025:
Tournament Day & “Silver King” Awards Banquet
<https://dingdarlingsociety.org/tarpon-tournament>

Captain of The Year Standings

- Bob Stern is in first place followed by
- Bill Schneide
- Chuck Bye
- Roger King
- Simon Tutt
- Tom McKeehan



Simon Tutt Outings Director

Simon was born and raised in the UK and moved to the USA in his 30’s. He is a keen angler and has been fishing in lakes, streams, freshwater and saltwater for over 50 years. Before retiring Simon worked in the Information Technology sector and is

now into pretty much anything that’s water oriented! He enjoys setting up and managing SIFC’s friendly fishing tournaments for its members and looks forward to introducing new competitions in the near future.



SCIF Photos From March

