



Fishing Club!!
New Port Richey, FL

January 2017 News Letter

Highlights

Happy New Year!

- **Meeting Locations and Date Change.** Meetings are now the Second Tuesday of the Month and the location is the American Legion Club in New Port Richey. Same time 6:30pm. Next meeting is 10 January 2017.
- **After Holiday Party – Timber Greens Country Club, 6:00pm, 14 January 2017.** You must have paid your membership dues and paid for you and your guest's meal during the December meeting or by mail to Mike S. to reserve your spot. It is too late to sign up during the January meeting as final numbers have been submitted to the Country Club.

General membership meeting: 57 established members and their spouses along with 3 guests attended the meeting held on 13 December 2016. The Fish-On Club would like to welcome our newest members: Larry and Kathie Lainey and Zach Radziewicz pictured below.



. Members gathered from 6:30 to 7 pm to set up and socialize in preparation for the meeting. At 7pm the Club President Chet Jasak called the meeting to order. The Sgt at Arms began the meeting leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chet then introduced guests and new members. After learning about our guests we began our meeting reviewing new and old business while enjoying the club bought pizza from Morty's Pizza in New Port Richey on Massachusetts Street. The flea market was a great chance to get rid of some gear or pick up some more.

Upcoming Speaker Information



Our January Meeting speaker is none other than Captain Dencill Powell of Rajun Cajun Fishing Charters. He will speak to us about winter Redfish and Speckled Trout fishing in our local area. Ask anyone who has fished with him and they will tell you there are few guides who know more about Redfish than Captain Dencill. Every year I can't wait for this speaker as I learn a lot and so will you. I for one will be bidding on his charter that he donated for the Silent Auction. We are honored to have him and his wife join us our guest for our After-Holiday Party as he has been and continues to be a big supporter of our Wish-To-Fish campaign through generous donations of free fishing trips and hours spent speaking to our club about fishing and conservation of our fishery.

<http://www.bradwiegmann.com/destinations/1256-never-boring-with-captain-dencill-powell-in-gulf-of-mexico.html>

<http://hernandosun.com/OntheGulf>

<http://www.rajuncajunfishincharters.com/saltwater>

New Business and Upcoming Events:

After Holiday Party - 14 January 2017.

Fish-On Fishing Club "After" Holiday Party When: Saturday January 14, 2017 Where: Timber Greens Clubhouse

<http://www.timbergreens.net/Pages/DirectionstoTimberGreens.aspx>

Cocktails 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM (Cash Bar) Silent Auction Bidding time Dinner at 6:30
Meal Choices: Oven Roasted Prime Rib Chicken Marsala Both include TWO Side dishes and Salad There will be a beverage station for: Coffee, Tea, and Ice Tea Cake for Dessert Chinese Gift Exchange: If you bring a "wrapped" gift valued at around \$15 (one gift per couple) you will draw a number out of a hat. This will be the sequence members will be called to pick a gift from either the table or from a previous opened gift. Previous OPENED Gifts will NOT be available for the taking if that gift has been TRADED three times. COST: Your getting a \$26 meal for only \$10 each. You "MUST" Pay your 2017 Dues on or before the regular general membership meeting on Tuesday December 13 along with your \$10 or \$20 meal money depending if you are single or you're bringing your significant other with you. This Subsidized "After" Holiday Party is

only for 2017 Paid Up members and their spouses or significant other. If you bring a Non-member guest the charge is \$30.00. If you prefer you can send your meal choices, and check for \$55 to Mike Spanhel, 5657 West Shore Drive, New Port Richey, FL 34652



Dave Taylor 2 Dec 2016 with a beautiful 29 inch Gag Grouper and a 33 inch Amber Jack. Impressive Fish Dave!

Snow Bird Winter Tournament – Tuesday 24 January 2016 is the next Club Tournament. \$10 entry fee must be paid prior to the tournament. A special Cobia Pool for one dollar will be available. Weigh in is promptly at 4 pm at Nick's Park. It is suggested that you get your bait from the bait shop next to the Miss Virginia Charter Boat.



Chet with a nice AJ and Rick with a 30 inch King Mackerel.

Nomination and election of new Board Members - The January meeting we will again ask for nomination for Board Members with an election held in February 2017. So far we have the following nominations and acceptance of their nomination from:

Frank Belizio – Fish On Club President
Mike Brumley – Vice President
Mike Spanhel – Treasurer
Robert Grover – Secretary
Member at Large – Bill Herr
Sgt at Arms – Jim Soper

General Membership Meetings - *Meetings are the Second Tuesdays of each month*
Next meeting 8 November 2016 at 6:30pm. Meeting location has changed to the American Legion Post 79, in New Port Richey. Building location is 5329 Legion PI, New Port Richey, FL 34652

<https://www.mapquest.com/us/fl/new-port-richey/34652-1759/5329-legion-pl-28.254774,-82.726093>

<http://www.americanlegionparadisepost79.org/>

Breakfast Social: No breakfast socials until Feb 2017

Dinner Socials: No dinner socials until Feb 2017

Old Business and Past Events

Requirement for a picture of the fish on a ruler for entry into the monthly and year-long tournament is no longer being considered for 2017 tournaments. All entries must still submit a photo and fishing report with length and species caught via the website within 24 hours.

Fishing Regulation Changes

Snook closed 1 Dec

Gag grouper closed 31 Dec

Amber Jack opens 1 Jan



Jean with another nice 32.5 inch Cobia caught inshore

ATTENTION all fishermen! Members LIKE FISHING REPORTS!

PLEASE submit a report EVERY time you return from fishing, even if nothing was caught. The more fishing information shared with your fellow members helps us all become better fishermen. Information like time of day, tide movement, weather conditions, general fishing locations, species & size caught. Picture(s) would be great. Even if nothing spectacular was caught this information would let other members know what is or isn't going on.

[Fishing Reports](#) ← Click this Link to see fishing reports and **to**
SUBMIT your report on our website.

Dave Taylor, 10 Nov 2016, nice grouper!

Ongoing Fishing tournaments:

[Targeted Species Rules](#) ← click this link to see detailed rules

2016 Fish of the Month targeted species are:

Dec 14 – 10 Jan – Any Mackerel

Previous month winner for Gag Grouper was our very own Mike Kaplan with a documented 26.25 inch Gag. What a beast!



[Fish of the Month Tournament Rules](#) ← click this link to see detailed rules.

Year Long Tournament: Mike Spanhel went over the rules and discussed that it is \$5 per type of fish to enter. You must be signed up and paid before you catch the fish to enter. You should provide details in your Fishing Report with date fish was caught, type of fish and length within 24-48 hours of the catch. You can access fishing reports on the website. *Click this link to see detailed tournament rules:* [Year Long Tournament](#)

[Members Area](#) ← *click her to go to members only area to see our members. If you have trouble getting to Members area or need the password call Frank Belizzio at 727-597-0741*

Website Update: Frank Bellizio has worked hard on the website www.fishonclub.us and has been adding recipes, merchandise and fishing videos. Check it out.

Waiting for the last fish to be brought in for weigh-in

fishonclub.us Is a great place to direct people interested in knowing more about our club. Lots of information is available for anyone to see BUT if you go to the **Members**

Area and put in your password there is much more information available. If you forgot the password you can call Chet @ 727- 816-8991 or Frank @ 727-597-0741.

50/50 Raffle: Denis Surctte won the 50/50 drawing for \$110. Congratulations Denis, we won't tell the IRS or your Wife. It's fun and it earns money for the club. Be sure to buy your tickets. You can't win if you don't play!



Lucky Denis

Membership Attendance Raffle – Jim McCarthy one of the most active members of our club won the membership drawing from the name tag drawing at the end of the meeting. Must be present to win, so make sure you make the meetings.

Club Officers:

President: Chet Jasak

Vice President: Frank Bellizio

Treasurer: Mike Spanhel

Advisory Council – Jim McCarthy and Jack Hexter

Secretary: Mike Brumley

Sergeant at Arms: Jim Soper

Member at Large: Bill Herr

2016 Committee Chairpersons:

Wish-to-Fish – Mike Spanhel

YMCA Fishing Festival – Chet Jasak

Main Street Clean-Up – Bernard Zanetti

After Holiday Party – Russ Thompson

Club Picnics/Bfst social – Dave Taylor

Dinner Socials – Ernie Philippi

Club Tournaments – Jack Hexter

Fund Raising – Fred Morin

If you want to help on any of these committees, see or call the chairperson. They can use the help. Get involved in the Club Activities!!