



Fishing Club!
New Port Richey, FL

August 2015 News Letter

General membership meeting: 19 established members attended the July meeting. We had three guests, two of which joined. The members gathered at 6:30 pm on July 7th, at the Gulf Landings Clubhouse to socialize. President Chet Jasak opened the meeting at 7:00.

Guests attending were: Mike Travica on the left from Wesley Chapel, and Jim Jenson on the right from Zephyr Hills, were both guests that became our newest members. Hutch was also a guest and he talked to us about the "Big Buck Expo" at the Florida State Fairgrounds on 11 and 12 July in Tampa. He had a booth and was going to offer a free drawing for a satellite phone during the event.



The Program for the July meeting was given by a local guide and tournament professional fisherman, Mark Dillingham. Mark has been a professional guide for the last 15 years and is a 30 year resident of Florida and has spent his entire life as a fisherman. He described in detail some of his tournament proven strategies for catching Redfish, Snook as well as Cobia and Speckled Sea Trout. His passion is light tackle spinning outfits and using artificial baits. He showed us a couple of his outfits that he uses. He had Shimano CI4+ 3000 reels on medium weight with extra fast tip 7' 2" rods like Shimano Cumara and Crucial. He likes to use 15 lb Power Pro braid and likes a little known fluorocarbon leader at 20-25lb called Gamma tied together with the "FG" knot. He likes to fish Mister Twister Exude D.A.R.T. 4.5" soft plastics in Natural Shrimp, Golden Breem and Mangrove Red on ¼ oz jig heads with 4/0 hooks often rigged "weedless". He described gently tossing the baits into the crevices and cracks of the mangroves where Snook and Redfish are hiding and very gently tapping it. He calls it "dead sticking" it. He suggests looking for the Mullet running in and out of the bushes because the Snook and Redfish are running with them. Due to the heat of the summer sun the water is too warm later in the day and he tries to only fish Four hour charters. He likes starting at 5 or 6 am and being on the water at first light. He mentioned over and over about the importance of knowing the tides and wind direction and keeping track of both so you know the best times to fish particular areas. The spot that worked last time might not have fish if the tide or wind is different from the last trip.

August Speaker: We are pleased to announce that Capt. Greg DeVault will be our speaker at the August FOC meeting. Capt. Greg is a 5 time PTTS team of the year winner and he will be sharing his knowledge with us 4 August 2015 at 6:30pm.



<http://captainregd.com/>

<http://b3fishing.com/fishing-guides/west-central-florida/capt-greg-devault/>

http://www.floridalighttacklecharters.com/captains_gregdevault.htm

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Capt-Greg-DeVaults-Angling-Adventures/216031993799>

Ongoing Fishing tournaments:

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

The fish for the month of June was Snapper and it was won by Bob Shirley with a 27.25” **Red Snapper**.

The fish for the month of July is: **Grouper**

The fish for the month of August will be: **Redfish**

The fish for the month of September will be: **TBD**

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

A Lizard Fish was drawn from the bowl and the winner was Jack Hexter with a 9.5” Lizard Fish.

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 date fish was caught, type of fish and length to Mike Spanhel via email or phone within 24-48 hours of the catch. Pictures are not required but we love to have pictures of our members with their prize catches. *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 Bellizio at 727-597-0741

New Business and Upcoming Events:

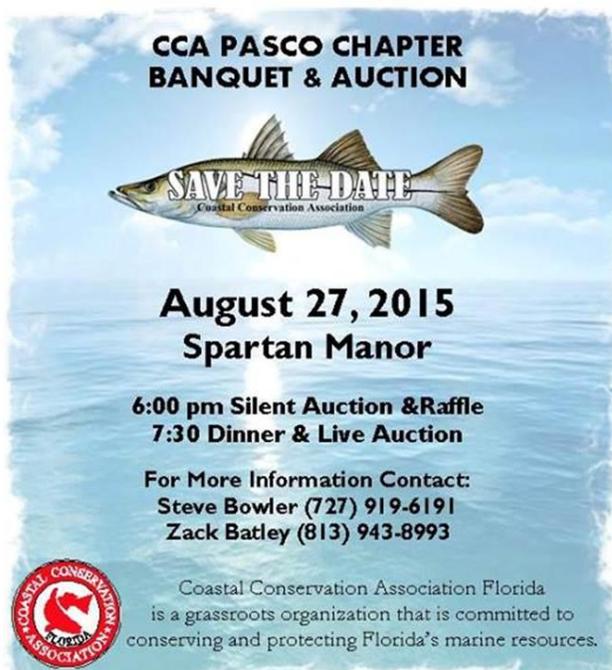
Website Update: Frank Bellizio has worked hard on the website www.fishonclub.us and has been adding recipes, merchandise and fishing videos. Check it out.

The CCA Banquet is coming up on Thursday 27 August from 6 – 10 pm at the Spartan Manor 6121 Massachusetts Ave, New Port Richey, FL 33653.

There will be lots of fun, trips and tackle, guns, artwork, etc as well as lots of other items to be auctioned, and raffled.

Tickets are \$75.00 per person, \$140 per couple. This price includes CCA Membership for a year. See Chet or Jack for tickets or you can get them online by going to:

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?llr=a84vyonab&oeidk=a07eb916ujm0f83cecd>



Our next Wish-To-Fish outing is September 26. We are taking about 20 children from the Joshua House and escorts out on the Miss Virginia for a day of fishing. Sign-up sheets will be available next meeting (4 August 2015).

Reminder - The End of the Year Fish- On-Club Flea Market is planned for Tuesday, December 1, in place of our regular meeting. Bring your excess fishing and boating gear and sell or come to buy other member's gear! It will make your wife very happy.

General Membership Meetings – 4 August at 6:30pm, Gulf Landings Clubhouse *Meetings are the FIRST Tuesdays of each month*). September's meeting will be 1 September at 6:30pm.

Monthly Breakfast Socials:

Breakfast Socials are temporarily postponed due to lower attendance with our snow-bird members gone for the summer. We will restart them at some time in the future.

Monthly Dinner Socials:

The Aug Dinner Social will be at **DOCKSIDE Sports Bar and Grill, 5015 US HIGHWAY 19 New Port Richey on August 19th at 5:30PM**

If you have any questions call Ernie @ 727-862-6047\

Pictures from 15 July 2015 at the Hudson VFW. Another great night hosted by Ernie and the wonderful volunteers at the VFW.





Fishing Tip of the Month – Jack Hexter

Sun Glasses

Sight fishing is one of the most exciting and rewarding ways to catch fish. Looking for and spotting a cruising redfish, trout or laid up snook or tarpon is a thrill in and of itself, but then casting and presenting a lure or fly, or even a bait to these fish and having them eat it makes it the best. But to do these things, one has to be able to see beneath the surface of the water. Even if you are not sight fishing, being able to see beneath the surface is useful in any number of situations, like looking for baitfish or structure. To this end, anglers have relied on polarized sunglasses for years. If it weren't for polarization, our vision would rarely penetrate the surface of the water because of the glare reflected back at us.

We know polarization works, but how? Light reflected back at us from a horizontal surface generally is horizontally reflected, as opposed to being scattered like in terrestrial surroundings. It's the glare that sometimes blinds us.

Polarized lenses contain a special filter that blocks this intense reflected light, thus reducing glare. Non-polarized lenses filter all light, horizontal and vertical. As such the perception of glare is lessened but not eliminated. Filtering all the light can actually lead to diminished visual acuity. This is where polarized lenses excel. They allow the vertical component of light while eliminating the easily scattered and skewed horizontal light plane which we know as glare. This lets your eyes focus the vertical components of the image.

This is an easy way to determine if a pair of glasses is polarized. Hold the pair in question up, back to back with a known pair of polarized glasses and rotate the lenses 90°. The polarization in both pair will filter and eliminate both the horizontal and vertical light and you cannot see thru both lenses. If the image does not disappear and the view thru the lenses turns black, the pair in question is not polarized. If the view disappears and the view thru both lenses turns black, both vertical and horizontal light are being filtered and the questioned pair is in fact polarized. There are a bunch of different makes and colors of lenses in the polarized sunglass market. Generally, a gray or blue lens is better suited for offshore work as it allows deeper penetration of the water, but when you are on the flats, you don't have to look down 25 feet. For flats fishing most people prefer an amber or yellow lens which improves contrast.

Fishing Regulations: Regulations – Jack Hexter

The Gulf of Mexico greater amberjack recreational fishing season re-opens on August 1, 2015, at 12:01 a.m., local time. The minimum size limit continues to be 30 inches fork length, which is expected to continue through the end of the recreational fishing season. There is a one fish per person daily bag limit.

Preliminary landings indicate the recreational quota may be met by mid- to late September, 2015. If needed, NOAA Fisheries will distribute a Fishery Bulletin announcing a closure at a later date.

Note: NOAA Fisheries is reviewing a recommendation by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council to increase the minimum recreational size limit to 34 inches fork length. The Agency will notify fisherman when this rule is finalized. (Notice they didn't say IF this rule is finalized)

Gulf of Mexico greater amberjack size limit change approved by FWC

News Release

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Media contact: Greg Workman, 352-239-2763

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) today approved changing the minimum size limit for greater amberjack caught in Gulf of Mexico state waters from 30 inches fork length to 34 inches fork length. Fork length is measured from the tip of the lower jaw to the center of the fork in the tail.

This change will make state-water regulations in the Gulf consistent with pending federal regulation changes and will go into effect after federal regulations are approved. Recent stock assessments have indicated that greater amberjack in the Gulf of Mexico are overfished, which means there are not enough greater amberjack for the population to remain sustainable. They are also undergoing overfishing, which means more greater amberjack are being removed than is sustainable. Changing the minimum size limit will help ensure more greater amberjack are left in the water and have a chance to reproduce before being harvested.

For **more information**, visit MyFWC.com/Commission and select "Commission Meetings" then the "Agenda." For information about **recreational greater amberjack**, visit MyFWC.com/Fishing and click on "Saltwater Fishing," "Recreational Regulations" and "Amberjack."

The Star Tournament - CCA Florida State-wide Tournament

One hundred specially tagged redfish are the STAR attraction in the inaugural CCA Florida State-wide Tournament and Anglers Rodeo (STAR). The kick-off is at sunrise on Saturday, May 23, 2015, Memorial Day weekend and ends at 5 p.m., September 7, 2015, Labor Day offering participants a total of 108 fishing days! This will be one of the most angler inclusive tournaments in the state of Florida and will provide all anglers an opportunity to participate. With nearly \$500,000 in prizes, STAR anticipates recruiting over 4,500 participants, who will each have an opportunity to win, making it Florida's largest saltwater fishing tournament. More info at <http://www.ccaflstar.com/>

[Fishing Reports](#) ← Click this Link to see fishing reports on our website.

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.

Member Profile Forms: To make it easier for members to contact one another for fishing events, we have developed a member profile form showing interest and experience among other things. This profile is posted on the club website for member access only. We encourage every member to complete the form on the website under the Members area and Frank or Chet will put them up on the website for all members to see.

Members with and without boats desiring to fish with other members with boats should attempt to make contact by phone or email and ask to be included on the next fishing trip.

50/50 Raffle: Was won by Mike Kaplan AGAIN!!!!

Club Officers:

President: Chet Jasak

Vice President: Frank Bellizio

Treasurer: Mike Spanhel

Advisory Council – Jim McCarthy

Secretary: Mike Brumley

Sergeant at Arms: Mike Kaplan

Member at Large: Russ Thompson

2015 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!!