

### September 2015 News Letter

**General membership meeting:** 22 established members attended the August meeting. We had one guest, Bob Malone (pictured on the left), a friend of Roger DePauw. Bob joined the club later in the meeting. Another new member from June is pictured below, he is Tim Boros (right). The members gathered at 6:30 pm on 4 August, at the Gulf Landings Clubhouse to socialize. Vice President Frank Bellizio opened the meeting at 7:00.



**Membership Attendance Raffle:** NEW, Starting this meeting and every meeting from now on, one lucky member attending the meeting will win their choice of a club shirt, hat, or \$10.00 Cash. Odds are pretty good of winning since we have about 30 members present at each meeting.

**The Program for the August meeting** was given by a local guide and tournament professional fisherman, Capt. Greg DeVault. Greg is a lifetime Floridian born and raised in Dunedin and New Port Richey/Port Richey. As a charter Captain he ranges from Charlotte Harbor (near Punta Gorda for Tarpon) to Crystal River, going wherever the bite is strongest and based on the needs of the clients. He personally prefers to use artificial baits but as a guide it is hard to beat live and cut bait for ensuring client success. He is always on the lookout for moving water and is looking for large schools of mullet, as gamefish are always amongst the mullet. He likes to fish the live bait under a float about 24". He recommends that you don't throw the rig right into the middle of the mullet so as not to spook them or the fish with them. His technique is to throw it up current or in front of the moving school. Your live bait will see all the fish and go crazy and it will get hit. He likes sardines/white bait but shrimp is also good. He does use cut bait but doesn't use a bobber and instead uses a jig head or circle hook for cut bait. He also likes to target fall mullet schools with a ¼ oz. jig head or worm hooks with a sea shard (or other paddle tail soft plastic). He does throw the paddle tail into the fall schools as it doesn't make much of a commotion to spook them. He works the jigs or worm hooks with plastics fairly quickly through the structure that the mullet are holding on. He mentioned that if you aren't bumping mullets from time to time you aren't fishing the lure fast enough.

Greg's tackle recommendations (in interest of full disclosure he is sponsored by Shimano) is 3000 and 4000 Shimano CI4+ reels on 8ft Shimano Teramar Rods (designed for live bait). He likes to use 15lb braid (sometimes even 10lb braid) making sure to keep his spool full to reduce friction and lessening wind knots. He uses 20-25lb fluorocarbon leader usually, going higher if fishing bridges or other structure which abrades the line or if water is stained darker. He likes Segar brand fluorocarbon for live bait (because it is stiffer) and Tsunami brand fluorocarbon (softer) for artificial baits. He ties primarily loop knots for all his set ups to enhance the movement of the bait.

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

***We encourage you to consider using some of the guides that speak to the group such as David Graham (September) Greg DeVault (August) and Mark Dillingham (from July). I plan to do that so I can learn the local inshore waters better and faster. I am sure in one day fishing with an experienced local guide I will learn more than a year of fishing on my own.***

***Fish-On Club Meetings are the FIRST Tuesdays of each month***

September's meeting will be Tuesday Sept. 1. Socializing at 6:30pm at the Gulf Landings Clubhouse, meeting starts at 7:00pm.

**September Speaker: Our guest speaker will be professional guide, Capt. David Graham of Salty D's Charters,**

**352-428-6291** (see links below to go to his website)

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***ATTENTION all fishermen! Members like seeing 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 out there on the water.

[fishonclub.us](http://fishonclub.us) ← Click this Link to go to our website **Home page** then Click on the **"Fishing Rpts"** Tab to **READ** or **SUBMIT** fishing reports.

## Ongoing Fish-ON Club Fishing tournaments:

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

**The targeted species for the month of July was Grouper and it was won by Mike Kaplan with a 32" Grouper. That is a beast of a grouper!**

The fish for the month of August is: **Redfish**

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

The fish for the month of October will be: Mackerel

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

The junk fish of the month was an 11" Ladyfish caught by Frank Bellizio.

[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 more detailed tournament rules:* [Year Long Tournament](#)

*You can now see who is entered in each division and also see who has entered fish in those divisions.* Go to the "Club Info" tab then [click on Year Long Fishing Tournament Standings](#)

[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*

## New Business and Upcoming Events:

**Website Update:** Frank Bellizio has worked hard on the website [www.fishonclub.us](http://www.fishonclub.us)

It is easier to submit Fishing Reports, just to the "Fishing Rpt." Tab.

You can now see the "Year Long Fishing Tourn. Standings" by going to the "Club Info." Tab. You can also see recipes, merchandise and fishing videos. Check it out.

**Our next Wish-To-Fish outing is September 26.** We are taking about 30 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 (1 September 2015). This is a very rewarding experience and members are encouraged to participate in this event at least once.

**Club Picnic Reminder:** Mark your calendars for the November 7 club picnic.

**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.

**Main Street Clean-up:** Our quarterly clean-up is in September. The six members signing up will receive a free breakfast immediately following the clean-up.

### 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 was held at **DOCKSIDE Sports Bar and Grill**,

Thanks for another great night out Ernie!



September's Dinner Social will be 16 September at 5:30pm at **Crab Shack 5430 Baylea Ave, Port Richey**

**October's Dinner Social** will be 21 October at 5:30 pm at Monty's Pizza located at 7534 Massachusetts, New Port Richey.

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

## **A technique to try instead of netting mullet**

### **Chumming For Mullet**

For a box full of tasty mullet, buy a sack or two of chum. Not the usual kind, but 50-pound bags of Poultry Grower Finisher 15 percent in pellets only, according to veteran mullet-snatchers. Once the boat is anchored, mix a handful of chum firmly with water into the size of a baseball. Wind up like Nolan Ryan and pitch it a good ways out, far enough where the mullet won't know your boat is anchored nearby.

Next, rig up four or five No. 2 hooks under a very small cork. A small weight will keep the hooks in line, but won't submerge the float. Then, using a white plastic earthworm, bite off the thinnest sliver you can. Thread a piece on each hook. The effect underwater must look like a string of chum descending. Multiple spinning rods are set out, and the corks closely watched. Add more chum. When a cork suddenly lays on its side or disappears, grab the rod and tighten the line. It works on both mullet species, with the bigger stripes putting up a good fight.

Read more: <http://www.floridasportsman.com/2012/10/01/mullet-fishing/#ixzz3iW7ej6cU>

## **Fishing Tip of the Month – Jack Hexter**

This may not apply to some members, but a lot of members have vinyl windows on their boats which roll down to keep the captain and passengers out of the weather, but, during most days, are rolled up to allow cooling air flow thru the hole they cover when under power. One problem with these windows is they scratch easily, especially on the edges of the zippers used to keep them closed. To avoid these scratches, cover one side of the zipper with a soft cloth, flannel is excellent, but a towel will do, before rolling them up for storage. To keep the zippers moving freely, just move the zipper every few weeks. That will keep salt and dirt from hardening. I also lubricate zippers with "chap stick".

## **Recap of the CCA Banquet :**

The CCA Banquet was held on Thursday 27 August at the Spartan Manor. Fish-On Club had reserved two table with 19 club members attending. It was lots of fun, trips and tackle, guns, artwork, etc. as well as lots of other items that were auctioned, and raffled. Free beer, obviously, was a hit as well. Thanks to Chet & Jack who are on the CCA Board to help this great organization.

## **Update on the STAR Tournament – CCA – Jack Hexter**

There has now been a couple more tagged redfish caught. #16 was caught by a youth angler, who was not registered (he is now) and thus not eligible for the HellsBay boat, but would have been eligible for the \$100,000 in scholarship funds if he had been registered. There's other divisions beside the tagged redfish, just go catch some fish, take a picture and submit them to the tournament.

Registration is easy and make sure to follow the picture and submission of the carcass rules to appropriate turn in points to get your prize. As of last meeting only three members appeared to be signed up.

## **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)

[fishonclub.us](http://fishonclub.us) **Our website** 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 with those members they would like to fish with. Contact them by phone or email and ask to be included on the next fishing trip.

**50/50 Raffle:** Was won by Jim McCarthy!

### **Club Officers:**

**President:** Chet Jasak

**Vice President:** Frank Bellizio

**Treasurer:** Mike Spanhel

**Advisory Council** – Jim McCarthy, Ernie Philippi and Jack Hexter

**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!!*