



Fishing Club!
New Port Richey, FL

February 2017 News Letter

General membership meeting: 67 established members and their spouses along with 7 guests attended the meeting held on 10 January 2017. The Fish-On Club would like to welcome our newest members: Dave Manson, Chuck Struck, Peter Steeneck and John Robinson pictured below left to right.



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 Sergeant at Arms began the meeting leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chet then introduced guests and new members.

Meeting Speaker: Our January Meeting speaker was none other than Captain Dencill Powell of Rajun Cajun Fishing Charters. He stated that he had a great day using artificial lures in 1 foot of water up around Bay Port. He never fishes in water that he can't stand up in (to emphasize the fish are in the shallow water folks!). He prefers a muddy bottom to grass. His key point was to SLOW DOWN your presentation. Don't jerk the rod, move the rod only a couple of inches, slowly and gently. He prefers gold plastics but does also like white as well as Smokey Jim color or shad colored. He looks for moving water. He fishes his artificial lures weightless or with a 1/16oz jig head. He doesn't bother with fluorocarbon and uses Berkley Big Game mono in 20 or 30 lb test. He uses 10 lb power pro for his main line. He likes to use short 24" leaders. He prefers lures but will also use cut bait. He doesn't use shrimp. He works an area and if no bites he moves 50 ft down the shore and tries it again. The fish are there if the conditions are right. He also trolls for Gag Grouper in 7 feet of water over rock piles using the Yo Zuri deep divers 3 D in red and white with an 80 lb mono leader. **To learn more and see articles about Capt. Dencil click on the following three links.**

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

<http://hernandosun.com/OntheGulf>

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

Upcoming Speaker Information -

The February meeting is mainly for nominating officers and discussing the year-long calendar but we will have a brief talk prior to commencing electing our new board.

We had planned to have a local Dermatologist speak to the club about skin cancer and sun protection. In his place I will speak to the group about the same topic as I am a Physician Assistant that has worked in Dermatology. I no longer practice and am

retired but still would like to speak to the group about a topic that we need to be more aware of.

New Business and Upcoming Events:

Nomination and election of new Board Members – February meeting is the last chance to nomination officers. After nominations are close election will take place. 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

Winter Tournament – In efforts to get our "Snowbird members" to fish a tournament our next tourn. date is Friday February 24th. Members must pay the \$10 entry fee prior to the tournament. 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. Sign-up sheet will be available at the Feb. meeting.

General Membership Meetings - *Meetings are the Second Tuesdays of each month* Next meeting 14 March 2017 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

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

Breakfast Social: No breakfast socials have been planned yet. TBD

Dinner Socials: Next dinner social is 20 February 2017 from 5:30pm to 8pm at the VFW in Hudson. 9734 Dick St, Hudson, FL 34669. Contact Ernie if you have questions and a sign up sheet will be available at the meeting. The following dinner social will be 22 March 2017 at a location Captain Jack's, Tarpon Springs.

Old Business and Past Events

The after holiday party was a huge success with over 125 people attending and it generated a lot of money for our Wish to Fish program through donations and the Silent Auction that was orchestrated by Jack Hexter. A HUGE THANK YOU was given to Anthony and Melissa, the owners of Antonietti Marine. Thank you was also given to Capt. Dencil and his wife Leslie for their generous gifts to the program. We were honored to have them and their spouses as our guests at the After Holiday Party. We then had a delicious dinner followed by the Fish-On Club Cake for dessert. During dessert Chet once again MC'ed the Chinese Gift exchange. Since we had 125 people attending, the gift exchange rules were modified a little. The gift exchange went faster this year and proved to be exciting none the

less. If you have comments or suggestions for next year's party PLEASE feel free to let our club officers know.



Fishing Regulation Changes and Ramp Closures

Hudson ramp is closed and expected to remain closed until June 2017.

Snook opens 1 Mar for those with a tag and those that do not require a license. Size is not less than 28" TL and not more than 33 "TL and the limit is one per day.

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.

Ongoing Fishing tournaments:

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

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

Fish for the month of December was Mackerel and the biggest Mackerel was caught by Bob Bernstein who caught and reported a 23.5 inch monster Spanish mackerel.



Congratulations Bob.

[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.

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 and Membership Attendance Raffle: For the first time ever the same person won both raffles. Terry Gareis won \$121 dollars in the 50/50 but also won a Tshirt in the membership drawing. Congratulations Terry.

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

Committee Chairpersons for 2017:

Wish-to-Fish – Mike Spanhel

YMCA Fishing Festival – Chet Jasak

Club Tournaments – Mike Spanhel

After Holiday Party – Butch Kaelin

Club Picnics/Bfst social – Dave Taylor

Dinner Socials – Ernie Philippi

Fund Raising – Dave Gullickon

*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!!*