



# TARPON TALES

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**Dale leads with 40 releases**

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We are into the Tarpon days of summer, Tarpon everywhere, sometimes they're eating and a lot of times they're not! You see them here, you see them there, but catch them if you can. This month **Dale (Sparky) Johnson** has caught them there, near the causeway drifting live bait on an outgoing hill tide (like a mini Boca Grande hill tide) Dale has released 14 of the silver kings doing what he likes to do. That gives Dale a total of 40 releases, putting him firmly in 1<sup>st</sup> place. **Rick (RD) DuJardin** is second with 21 releases. RD, and I quote, said "only 40, ha, I've got plenty of time to beat that rookie!" or words to that effect!

**Jerry Stevenson** is third with 20 Tarpon, many on light tackle, but it's tough catching Tarpon, Jerry, when you've sold your boat! In fourth place is **Nichole Reed**, going for the Ladies Release Trophy and the Light Tackle award with 12 silver kings. Way to go Nichole. **Ben Alderman** is 5<sup>th</sup> with 7 Tarpon, but don't bother calling Ben on his cell phone, because all you may hear is the sound of Mullock Creek Marina water in your ears, more on that later.

The one day hunt on August 1<sup>st</sup> was won by RD with 2 releases, second was Nichole with 2, but her Tarpon were caught later. August 7/8<sup>th</sup> 2 day hunt was also won by RD with 2 releases, I came 2<sup>nd</sup> with one release by default as no other members releasing Tarpon turned up at the weigh-in! Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> was the Junior Hunt, no fish released, but **Matt Ponzio's** daughter **Claudia**, the only Junior out fishing, at least got to see lots of Tarpon, which is more than we do sometimes.! Finally the August 21/22<sup>nd</sup> 2 day hunt was won by **Gary Reichart** with an early release at 8.15 am on Saturday. RD came second. I was anticipating winning that hunt; I released a big Tarpon on steroids Sunday morning and an hour later hooked into a 70 pounder, which was looking like an easy release... but the fish went ballistic boat side and after a fine acrobatic show, finally spat the hook – my hopes of fame and glory were dashed. Getting back to hunt winner, Gary Reichart. Gary, on Saturday afternoon/evening/night, to celebrate his first Tarpon of the year enjoyed a number of adult beverages with his fishing buddies RD and Ben Alderman. Ben on the narrow docks at Mullock Marina, had an altercation with a belligerent boater. Yes, I'm talking about our mild mannered Ben. Both ended up in the pristine waters of Estero Bay! Hence his lack of cell phone communication!

The Captain's Trophy for other members catching Tarpon on your boat is wide open – come on Captains let's make this a race to the finish. Don't forget the list in last month's newsletter giving phone numbers of members wanting to fish. Also up for grabs is the fine Sportsman's Trophy, donated by Mike Ydavoy. This Trophy is for members who catch a Tarpon on fly, one on light tackle (20lb line and under) and one on conventional tackle (line size above 20lb.) –in the same year!

Ray Lister – Just Lookin'

## Tarpon Banquet – Change of Venue?

At the August 4<sup>th</sup> club meeting the venue for the November awards banquet was discussed, we have had a great time at Rodes Seafood on Bonita Beach Road, for a number of years, but some members feel that it is too far a trip to drive, especially afterwards! We have "seconded" Mike Drexler, Jerry Stevenson and Gary Danis into looking into local restaurants preferably on Fort Myers Beach. We are waiting for their feedback. Charlie Bohley at Rodes has done very well for us in the past and his food and ambiance would be very hard to beat, if it can be beaten at all.

Richard Christiaens with his pet Tarpon caught on fly



Photo taken by Ryan Brandt

Billy of Guts & Glory – What the heck is he doing?



Photo taken by Don Cook

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## Honor Roll - Tarpon Club Releases – August 26<sup>th</sup> 2010

Standings	Club Members Name	# of TARPON	DATE of last TARPON	TIME of 1st FISH	DATE of 1st TARPON	Captain's Points	DNA TROPHY
1	DALE JOHNSON	40	24-Aug	19:00	13-May	2	1
2	RICK DUJARDIN	21	21-Aug	14:30	13-May		10
3	JERRY STEPHENSON	20	12-Jul	7:30	7-May		
4	NICHOLE REED	12	8-Aug	20:20	31-May		
5	BEN ALDERMAN	7	26-Jul	11:35	15-May		
6	RAY LISTER	4	22-Aug	18:45	1-May	1+2	1
7	MAC MACKENZIE	4	17-Jun	13:07	26-May		
8	PETE MAASTRICHT	4	16-Jun	9:30	30-May		
9	RICH CHRISTIAENS	3	17-Jul	16:00	22-Apr		
10	EDDIE ALSOP	3	12-Jul	10:56	8-May		
11	CHARLIE CUTLER	3	14-May	13:30	13-May		
12	LOIS MACKENZIE	3	29-May	11:30	26-May		
13	TOMMY STEPHENSON	3	13-Jun	8:45	13-Jun		
14	LES BOYLE	2	6-May	8:59	15-Apr		
15	CHUCK PRESSER	2	13-Jul	9:00	9-May		
16	PETER CUTLER	2	14-May	10:30	12-May		
17	KEG McLUCAS	2	30-May	10:30	29-May		
18	MARK PETRITES	2	7-Jun	7:00	7-Jun		
19	WAYNE HOOPER	2	31-Jul	10:35	16-Jun		
20	JEFF KOEPKE	1	8-May	9:30	8-May		
21	JESSICA ALSOP	1	15-May	10:30	15-May		
22	MARY DEMIK	1	16-May	11:53	16-May		
23	KEVIN WATTS	1	16-May	12:40	16-May		
24	KEVIN VERTESCH	1	22-May	13:18	22-May	2	
25	DAVID JEDEL	1	22-May	14:45	22-May		
26	CLIVE HASTINGS	1	29-May	11:45	29-May		
27	PHIL LEMKE	1	15-Jun	19:00	15-Jun		
28	GARY REICHART	1	21-Aug	8:13	21-Aug		
	RYAN BRYANT		22-Apr			2	

*This August to date we released 30 Tarpon to make a yearly Total of 147 Last year's final total 172 by 40 members  
Many thanks to Gary Danis our Weighmaster for the Honor Roll release table and data*

The DNA sampling program for the **"Tarpon Generic Recapture Program"** run by the Fish and Wildlife Institute needs more samples from club members. Kits to take these DNA swabs are available from Matt Ponzio at his UPS store (address below) these kits contain detailed instructions. With so many club members, our return rate is very low. Matt kindly donated a trophy last year to the member returning the most DNA samples each year. To date Rick DuJardin leads with 10 samples, although Dale "Sparky" Johnson has a batch he must not yet have turned in! Help track our Tarpon through DNA, it's a very interesting program, get involved, you could win a trophy.

### Club Schedule to the end of our 2010 season

<u>September</u> .....	Wed	1 <sup>st</sup>	Monthly Meeting	7pm Bonita Bills
	Sat/Mon	4/5/6 <sup>th</sup>	Three Day Hunt	3pm Weigh-in <b>Mon</b> at Bonita Bills ( Labor Day Weekend )
	Sun	12 <sup>th</sup>	One Day Hunt	
	Sat/ Sun	18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup>	Two Day Hunt	3pm Weigh-in Sun at Bonita Bills
	Sat/Sun	25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup>	Two Day Hunt	3pm Weigh-in Sun at Bonita Bills
<u>October</u> .....	Sat/Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Two Day Hunt	3pm Weigh-in Sun at Bonita Bills
	Wed.	6 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting	7pm Bonita Bills, all Invited
	Sat/Sun	9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup>	Two Day Hunt	3pm <b>Final Weigh-in</b> Sun at Bonita Bills <span style="float: right;">Season ends Oct 10<sup>th</sup> at Midnight</span>
<u>November</u> .....	Sat.	6 <sup>th</sup>	Tarpon Club Awards Banquet	Details to be announced

*Thanks to Matt Ponzio for mailing this newsletter/email. Visit Matt at his UPS store – 16970-3 San Carlos Blvd.*