

FORT MYERS BEACH TARPON HUNTERS CLUB.

TARPON TALES

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113 Tarpon Released 70 From Cheatersville

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well, what's going on this year, did you read the caption – 70 Tarpon released from “up the river” near Franklin Locks. **Ben Alderman** leads that pack with 23, 16 for **Rick (RD) DuJardin**. Congratulations to **Gary Reichart** who has a personal record of 10. For the ladies, **Ronda Fyffe** has 7, followed closely with 6 by **Melissa Standley**; this is going to be a great race. But what's wrong in the Gulf, **Jerry Stephenson** with 14 releases and **Rich Christiaens** with 5 are experts at finding fish, but for the rest of us, a lot of the time, the Tarpon are very elusive and when you find them – they're not eating! But having said all that, our club members have worked very hard this season and released 113 Silver Kings to date (last year at this time 82) By the looks of it, the afore mentioned gang fishing at “Cheatersville” will be finding their way out to their old hunting grounds off FMB and Sanibel, burning up gas like the rest of us. The river fishing has certainly slowed down. A couple of months ago these Tarpon were rolling constantly, it was a marvel to see – now just a few showing, with no hook-ups. Unusual for our VP – Rick (RD) has been “up river” last 5 trips and jumped no Tarpon – see you off FMB Rick, if you can remember the way! Our best wishes go to **Dale Johnson**, last year's release leader with 45 Tarpon. Dale fought a serious infection from a cut on his knee, while fishing last year. That infection came back this year. Dale, we wish you full recovery. Catch more Tarpon, you've got a way to go. Three of the five hunts in June produced no winners, but the June 11/12th hunt was won by **Gary Reichart**, with **Ben** 2nd. The June 25th hunt was won by newcomer **Jeff Doyal** with **Gary Reichart** second. The “All Night Hunt” produced no releases; **Don Cook** and I were the only ones to fish all night. (Are we the only daft ones?) In desperation we ended up at Bunche Beach, and Don hooked into a monster Tarpon, that took a lot of line, but jumped off. But that was at 7.30am! ...the hunt finished at 7am. A number of members enjoyed breakfast at B. Bills. Ray Lister – Just Lookin' 2011 - Releases 0 (due to the enormous time spend on club matters, I'm pleading with you for a 4 Tarpon start each year)

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Dean-O Hicks Memorial Kids Hunt – June 5th

Lois and Phil Lemke willingly took on the daunting task of running the Kids Hunt this year. In the past this has not been a well patronized event! The rule being that the child must not be in a club member's family. Lois contacted Big Brothers/Big Sisters who said they could provide as many kids as was needed for the day provided a BB/BS mentor went along with each kid. That was the easy part – getting enough captains proved to be harder – but we came up with 11 boats to host this event. I'm going to name them as they deserve a lot of thanks for helping out. Jeff Doyal, Gary Reichart, Rob Phelan, Gary Colecchio, Don Cook, Myself, Rick DuJardin, Kevin Vertesch, and Bill Wilson. Phil was backup if any Captain couldn't make it. The Alsop's and Bobbie Ratterree also took children not associated with BB/BS. No Tarpon were caught but a variety of other fish were released. We had a get together after at Bonita Bills, where we were joined by Dean-O's wife Terry and daughter. Everybody enjoyed the food and drinks. Lois and Phil had worked very hard getting sponsors for the event, providing drinks, snack's, kids club hats, life jackets, etc on each boat. At Bonita Bills, Lois provided each kid with a fishing rod and reel and a tackle box filled with all sorts of goodies. The kids and mentors enjoyed themselves, the Captains had a good time and our club gave a little back to the community. Thank you to all the sponsors and to an anonymous club member who donated \$400 to this event. But special thanks must go to Lois and Phil for organizing such a well run event. Will they be able to surpass that in 2012? And will they want to!



from the Dean-O Hicks Memorial Kids Hunt – Showing our organizers Lois & Phil Lemke. More photos may be seen on Face book. Who?

Tarpon Releases – Honor Roll – as of June 26th 2011

Standings	Club Members Name	# of TARPON	LAST TARPON	TIME of 1st FISH	1st TARPON	Capt Pts.
1	BEN ALDERMAN	23	12-Jun	7:27	4-Apr	3
2	RICK DuJARDIN	16	8-Jun	8:48	24-Mar	11
3	JERRY STEPHENSON	14	12-Jun	7:50	16-Apr	1
4	GARY REICHART	10	25-Jun	8:30	30-Apr	
5	RONDA FYFFE	7	15-Jun	11:00	16-Apr	
6	MELISSA STANDLEY	6	8-Jun	9:30	9-Apr	
7	RICH CHRISTIAENS	5	18-Jun	12:00	29-May	
8	KEG MCLUCAS	3	11-Jun	10:05	20-Mar	
9	BOBBY RATTERREE	3	18-Jun	9:02	1-May	1
10	JEFF DOYAL	3	27-May	9:30	7-May	
11	RYAN BRANDT	2	18-Jun	9:20	16-Apr	
12	LOIS MACKENZIE	2	28-May	11:39	18-Apr	
13	JOHN MCDANIEL	2	26-Apr	10:15	26-Apr	
14	ROB PHELAN	2	7-May	13:00	6-May	
15	PETE MAASTRICHT	2	17-Jun	7:30	8-May	
16	MAC MACKENZIE	2	25-May	14:00	11-May	1
17	DALE JOHNSON	2	20-May	8:40	20-May	
18	TOMMY STEPHENSON	1	16-Apr	9:15	16-Apr	
19	MATT STANDLEY	1	17-Apr	12:00	17-Apr	
20	CALEB KLINE	1	23-Apr	9:50	23-Apr	
21	PETER CUTLER	1	5-May	11:30	5-May	
22	JESSICA ALSOP	1	15-May	9:48	15-May	
23	BOB REED	1	21-May	8:00	21-May	
24	NICOLE REED	1	21-May	18:00	21-May	
25	CHRIS VERTESCH	1	22-May	11:40	22-May	
26	TAYLOR DuJARDIN	1	8-Jun	9:00	8-Jun	
27	KEVIN VERTESCH	Total 113				2

Thanks to Gary Danis our "Weight master" (250lbs?) for finally getting the release database entered – it's only July Gary!

Our Annual picnic on the Sanibel Causeway Sunday 26th June was going great till it rained about 2.30 pm. The food was good, Gary Danis on the hot dogs and hamburgers, myself on the ribs, and chickens al la Costco etc. Our club members brought copious amounts of food, so a good time was had by a total of about 50 members and friends, with various dogs! Ben Alderman organized the raffle prizes through John at Andersons Rod and Reel Repair. The club paid but John gave us a great discount. Don Cook won the major prize of a TLD 25 reel, but his wife Judy was selling the raffle tickets! Thanks to everyone for helping out. If you haven't been to one of our picnics, give it a try. It's free and you will meet great people. Tarpon Picnic pictures on Face Book posted by Matt Ponzio.

Want a ride, we have Captains willing to take you Tarpon Fishing (share expenses)

At the last meeting I asked if any Captains were willing to take new members fishing. These brave Captains offered. Gary Colechio (633-6348) Ben Alderman (633-8768) Rob Phelan (898-3668) Ray Lister, Rick DuJardin, Don Cook, and Gary Danis – see Offices list for phone numbers. Tarpon Fishing is expensive, if you don't want to pay, don't ask to go!

July	Sat	2 nd	One Day Hunt	Club Schedule
	Wed.	6 th	Monthly Meeting	7pm Bonita Bills
	Sat.	9 th	Gena Clarke Ladies Hunt	Bragging & cat fights 3pm Sunday
	Sat/Sun	9 th & 10 th	Two Day Hunt	3pm Weigh-in Sun at Bonita Bills
	Sat/Sun	23 rd & 24 th	Two Day Hunt	3pm Weigh-in Sun at Bonita Bills
	Sun.	31 st	One Day Hunt	

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