

## FORT MYERS BEACH TARPON HUNTERS CLUB.



# TARPON TALES

CLUB MEMBERS NEWSLETTER [www.fmbth.com](http://www.fmbth.com)

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## We Beat Cape Club Again

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well, what's up with these Tarpon, the Gulf is a hard place to fish this season. Normally by this time of the year the Tarpon are starting to settle down in their normal locations. But this year they have come and gone at will and when they're showing, they are not always feeding. **Jerry Stephenson** is one of the few people in the club having any continued success off Fort Myers Beach with 11 releases. But even Jerry says he has been frustrated this year by the erratic actions of the Silver King. Up the river near Franklin Locks, a place our club never used to fish, tells a different story. "Cheatersville" has become the place to be. **Ben Alderman** fishing at the locks has racked up a total of 16 releases. **Rick DuJardin** has 12 total, **Gary Reichart** has 6 and **Ronda Fyffe** leading the ladies has 5 at the present time. Even our last year's champion **Dale Johnson** has finally got on the board with 2 fish. Positions at the lock's may change in the next few weeks as Rick (RD)'s girlfriend **Melissa** is back in town and after releasing her first Tarpon on her last trip, is ready to try and upstage Ronda and take the ladies trophy with 3 Tarpon to date. Will it happen, enquiring minds want to know? Will RD forsake his releases, letting love prevail and giving Melissa her chance at the ladies title? Can you wait for the next newsletter? Congratulations to **Jay McDaniel** and **Rob Phelan**, new names on our leader board with 2 releases each. To date our club has released 74 Tarpon, 41 "up the river" and the rest scattered in the Gulf and the back of Sanibel. The Rookie hunt was won by **Chris Vertesch**; younger brother of **Kevin**, with one release off Tween Waters, Kevin worked hard to get that Tarpon for his bro.   
Ray Lister – Still Lookin'

### Fort Myers Beach Club Win the Interclub Hunt 4 - 2

YES we won the trophy yet again, the most important club hunt of the season. Rick (RD) was our team leader and selected from our top rankings as follows. Team 1/ RD and Ray Lister, 2/ Ben Alderman and Dale Johnson, 3/ Jerry Stephenson and Nichole Reed, 4/ Les Boyle and Pete Maastricht and finally 5/ the Alsop's Eddie and Jessica. We held a very noisy Captain's Meeting on the Wednesday before the hunt, to formulate strategy and the final decision was that teams fished where the heck they wanted to! Team 4/ Les and Peter prefished the hunt on Friday and it seemed travelled the whole Gulf and backwaters without seeing a Tarpon, so they as well as RD and myself and team Ben & Dale chose to fish the river. Team 3/ Jerry and Nichole naturally wanted to fish the Gulf, as well as Eddie and Jessica. Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of May started out great with a very early release by Ben Alderman at the locks – unfortunately Ben's hookup was before the start time of 7am so it didn't count, but bode well for a good day in the river – but not as good as we had anticipated. Jerry S. released our first Tarpon at 8.07 am in the rough waters of the Gulf. Ben followed with a river release at 9.57 Roy Bennett for the Cape countered with a Gulf fish at 10.37 Team 3/ Jerry and Nichole moved out to 35 feet of water when the waters calmed and found the mother lode of Tarpon. Calling the Alsop's to follow them. Nichole released a Tarpon at 1.02 making it 3-1 Roy Bennett countered a minute later with the second and final Tarpon for the Cape. Jerry Stephenson released his second fish at 1.20 clinching our win. The Alsop's lost 3 fish out in 35ft. Ben and Dale both lost fish in the river, Les and Dave together with RD and myself were mere spectators, with no action, but we had an excuse as we were too busy directing operations and calling in releases - to fish! Good food was provided by "Barb" from Bonita Bills for about 40 people. The Cape club dusted down some of their really old members to fish this event, including Ken Holzhauser and Jerry Geyer, Ken's son at 39, is the youngest member of their club! We joke about their ages, but I rest my case!

Picture shows number of Tarpon caught per person ( Nichole embarrassed ) Presidents and Team leaders; I tried to cut Roy Bennett out on right.



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## Tarpon Releases – Honor Roll – as of May 26<sup>th</sup> 2011

	Club Members Name	# of TARPON	Where Caught	Captain's Points	DNA Returns
1	BEN ALDERMAN	16	Franklin locks	1	9
2	RICK DUJARDIN	12	1@M4 11@ Locks	2 + 2 + 2	
3	JERRY STEPHENSON	11	Off FMB	1	
4	GARY REICHART	6	Franklin Locks	Bobbie Ratterriee	
5	RONDA FYFFE	5	Franklin Locks		
6	MELISSA STANDLEY	3	Franklin Locks	RD	
7	JAY McDANIEL	2			
8	ROB PHELAN	2			
9	MAC MACKENZIE	2	Doubles		
10	DALE JOHNSON	2	Franklin Locks	Ben Alderman	
11	KEG McLUCAS	1	M4	<b>1st Fish of 2011</b>	
12	TOMMY STEPHENSON	1	Off FMB	Jerry S	
13	RYAN BRANDT	1			
14	MATT STANDLEY	1	Franklin Locks	RD	
15	LOIS MACKENZIE	1	Off FMB	Mac MacKenzie	
16	CALEB CLINE	1		RD	
17	BOBBY RATTERRIEE	1	Franklin Locks		
18	PETE CUTLER	1	Off FMB	Chuck Cutler	
19	PETE MAASTRICHT	1			
20	JESSICA ALSOP	1	Franklin Locks	Eddie Alsop	
21	NICHOLE REED	1	Off FMB	Jerry Stephenson	
22	CHRIS VERTESCH*	1	Captiva-Gulf	Kevin Vertesch	<b>*Winner of Rookie Hunt</b>

Total 73 Releases

### Club News

*At our June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting we have Alex Dolinski from Bonita Boat Center giving us a talk on boats, engines, fishing, diving etc. etc., Alex's talks are always interesting. Have your questions ready – Ethanol E10-E15!! 😞*

*Dean-O Hicks Kids Hunt, June 5<sup>th</sup> Lois & Phil Lemke have spent a great deal of time of time, organizing this event with the majority of kids coming from Big Brothers/Big Sisters and have gathered a large group of sponsors to give every kid, life jackets, hats etc and giveaways after the hunt. If you are a Captain that has volunteered for this hunt, thank you and please be at our June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. The club is providing food and sodas for our visitors at Bonita Bills after the event. It is a great shame, but typical of our club that we had so few Captains sign up for this event! Next year please make more of an effort to support these kids. The Lemke's efforts have the sponsors in place, let's get our act together and make it great in 2012*

*Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> of May was the Junior hunt – with no releases by young people!  
Not mentioned before due to the shame, but the May 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> two day hunt was dominated by our ladies. Ronda Fyffe won with 2 Tarpon and Jessica Alsop was 2<sup>nd</sup> with one. Ben Alderman (a man) managed 3<sup>rd</sup>*

### June Club Schedule

Wed.	1 <sup>st</sup>	Monthly Meeting	7pm Bonita Bills
Sat	4 <sup>th</sup>	One Day Hunt	
Sun	5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Dean-O Hicks Kids Hunt</b>	7am-2pm No kid on boat -Tarpon don't count Kids - Bar food & drink at Bonita Bills, Time TBD
Sat/Sun	11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup>	Two Day Hunt	3pm Weigh-in Sun at Bonita Bills
Sat	18 <sup>th</sup>	All Night Hunt	5pm-7am, Breakfast - 8am, Sun, Bonita Bills
Sat	25 <sup>th</sup>	One Day Hunt	
Sun.	26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CLUB PICNIC</b>	11am on Sanibel – exact location TBA

*Thank you, Matt Ponzio for mailing this newsletter/email. Visit Matt at his UPS store – 16970-3 San Carlos Blvd.  
Matt is also a drop off point for the Tarpon DNA sample program – Rick DuJardin with 9 or more DNA's must know Matt well.*