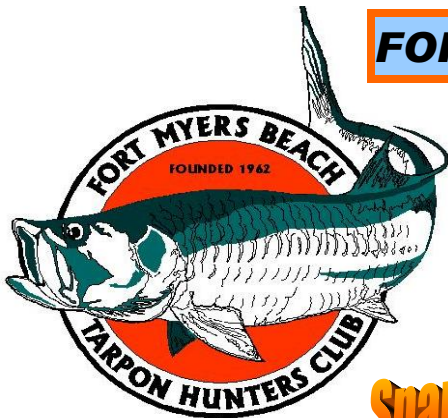


## FORT MYERS BEACH TARPON HUNTERS CLUB.



# TARPON TALES

CLUB MEMBERS NEWSLETTER [www.fmbth.com](http://www.fmbth.com) September 2010

**Sparky has 45 Tarpon - Total 176**

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well, we're finally coming to the end of our Tarpon season – midnight Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> is the deadline this year, with two day hunts both weekends till then. Now is the time to make your move and knock our leaders off their perches! This may be hard to do with **Dale (Sparky) Johnson** holding first place with 45 releases to date and **Rick (RD) DuJardin** in second with 28 fish. Dale has 5 tarpon since the last newsletter and RD has 7. **Jerry (no boat) Stephenson** is stuck at 20. **Ben Alderman** now moves into 4<sup>th</sup> place doubling his total to 14. One ahead of **Nicole Reed** with 13. September total, 28 releases. I know **Kevin Vertesch** is going for the Captains Cup this year, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7am he signed up new member **Jim Faye** and at 11.59am Jim releases his first Tarpon with the

club. Congratulations Jim. A few days later Kevin goes out, with four new members signed up, but I haven't heard the outcome of that trip yet! So Kevin now leads with 4

Captain's points and I have 3, very well earned points, but as you Americans like to say "It ain't over till the fat lady" etc. etc. As you can plainly see from the photo, Kevin, in a not so flattering pose, is "attempting" to touch the leader of Jim's Tarpon. But I believe he is more interested in finger counting as to how many Captains points he will get with that release. I only have one question - Is this all a conspiracy? This **gang**, Jim, Kevin and

Don Cook, who took the photo, all hail from Sanibel, and those boys stick together. **They** say that Jim released his fish on the day he joined our club, the 18<sup>th</sup> but Don's photo is date stamped the 12<sup>th</sup> - I rest my case!

**Banquet venue changed – we are on our beach at "Nervous Nellie's"**

**It's our annual AWARDS BANQUET, Saturday Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, see the enclosed flier. Girls dust off your jeans and tux jackets and guys your old prom dresses – yes, its semi formal cross dressing, again this year.**

After a number of successful years at Rodes Seafood under the excellent supervision of club member Charlie Bohley, the majority have spoken. Closer and on our home turf of FMB was the request from our members at the August meeting? **Mike Drexler** took on the thankless task of finding such a restaurant and the one he found is diagonally across the water from **Bonita Bills**. Mike tells me we have a 2<sup>nd</sup> floor private room with its own bar and a balcony overlooking the water. This watering hole, **Nervous Nellie's** (was Snug Harbor) used to own Icabods at Dwyer's in Fort Myers, so you know the menu is extensive! I have left Mike to select and organize this shindig, if it bombs, he takes the fall, if it succeeds, I will, of course, step in and take credit! Mike has written two emails to me which I have attached, one, giving more detail of the extensive menu and the other a time line and detailed directions. If you're a new member this year, make sure you come along, bring your family and friends. It's a good night out. Your friends may disown you after, but what the heck.

**Thank you to all our sponsors for helping the club during the past years, especially Bill Semmer of Semmer Electric who provides us with our "Club House" Please support them - and drink at Bonita Bills!**

**Sad fact in these economic times that an established store such as Andersons True Value closed down. Ben Alderman, one of our club members worked at the store, but left months before its closing! Ben is great at rod building and repair and was able to get us huge discounts, on tackle for our raffles. Support your local fishing stores – while we still have them.**

Ray Lister – Just lookin' - as hard as I can!

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