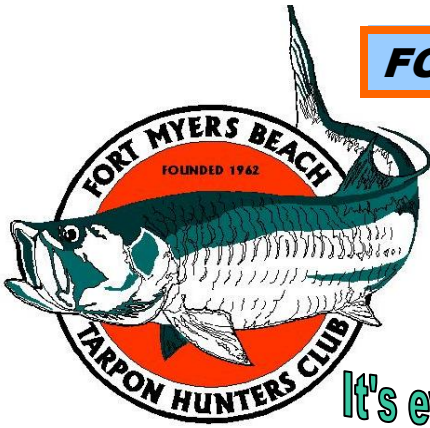


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TARPON TALES

CLUB MEMBERS NEWSLETTER www.fmbth.com

September 2011

It's even, even more a sad, sad situation

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

"It's a sad, sad situation and it's getting more and more absurd" Well I have been quoting my fellow Englishman, Sir Elton John for the last 3 months, and the Tarpon fishing has gone from bad to worse. One Tarpon released September 8th, by **Ryan Brandt**, our fly fishing, photographer extraordinaire, who caught this lone fish on light tackle in the mouth, of both the Tarpon and the Orange River! Congratulations Ryan for being my hero this month. Help me here fellow members, catch Tarpon, what do I have to write about. **The Presidents Corner** relates to what has happened since the last newsletter. One Tarpon does not cut it for my normal action packed tome. The club, I am sorry to have to remind you all, have released 7 Silver Kings in the last 3 months, is that **"a sad, sad situation"** or what? Last year 57 releases over the same time frame! What the heck happened! The Cape Club is having the same problems, but not quite as extreme as ours, as they fish nearly every day, being old retired farts, "up the river" where ever that is. Even **Byron Stout** in his weekly fishing reports, hardly mentions Tarpon these days! I have taken our **Weightmaster, Gary** off the FMBTHC payroll, he's had little work in the last months, but we have spread his stipend amongst other officers. My belated apologies go to our larger than life **Keg McLucas** who caught a Tarpon on the 8th of August at Iona Cove, which I failed to mention. He kindly reminded me of my omission, when he hugged me the last time we met. Hugs from Keg could be fatal! What happened to **Rick (RD) DuJardin**, with his plans to catch enough Tarpon while **Ben Alderman** was abroad, to take over the lead position? Try as he might the fish were not off the beaches as he predicted. A few Saturdays ago, **Gary Reichart** and **Jeff Doyal** were fishing together off FMB and "claimed" they saw 17 Tarpon. RD was in his favorite position early next morning, but didn't see a fish all day! Lot of talk on the radio that Sunday between RD and Gary about what those two had been smoking that Saturday! *Ray Lister – Just Lookin' – sometimes.*

Do you understand my written words?

Does my flowery use of **The English** language confuse my fellow Tarpon fisher people? Last month I made light of a photo of our esteemed EPA fellow **Gary Colecchio** giving a speech, but looking like he was singing an opera. I asked in jest, was he a "Baritone or **Castrato**" I questioned at the last meeting, who knew what a **Castrato** was? The only correct answer came from our own **Jessica Alsop** (nee Morningstar) go figure! Opera 101 classes will be starting after the next meeting!

Tarpon Club Members in the News – Scott and Lin Bates.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest Tarpon club members, Scott and Lin Bates, who were introduced into the club by Jeff Doyal, being neighbours in the Mullock Creek area of south Fort Myers. Scott and Lin are keen fisherpeople who own a 25 foot Shearwater boat. That sort of boat is more than capable of releasing many Tarpon, so watch out folks, the Bates may be contenders for the top ten in 2012. Perhaps Lin will take a run at the Ladies Release Trophy next year. Good luck to you both, and may all your Tarpon be over 50 lbs .

Tarpon Club Banquet – Saturday, November 5th

There has been a lot of work done by Mike Drexler in securing a location for our banquet this year. Most members who went to Nervous Nellies last year want to have it there again. We ended up being packed into a smaller space than we expected, but that was due to it being a very cold night, where all the outdoor patrons came inside. Then, due to the cold we couldn't use the adjoining balcony. We coped with the smaller space, but only just. I think everybody remembers how good the food and service were and that made up for the other short comings. Mike Drexler's problem has been that the restaurant has been closed all of September, so he has not been able to get a firm commitment as to our booking. So Mike has been busy talking to other locations, as a backup if things fall through at Nellie's. Thanks Mike for all your efforts. We will let everybody know ASAP as to the outcome. Please try and attend the Banquet, it's a lot of work getting it organized, but we have a lot of fun on the evening.

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Fort Myers Beach Club, Tarpon Releases – Honor Board September 30th 2011

#	Club Members Name	# of TARPON	DATE last TARPON	TIME of 1st FISH	DATE of 1st TARPON	Captains Pts.	DNA
1	BEN ALDERMAN	24	20-Aug	7:27	4-Apr	3	1
2	RICK DuJARDIN	15	21-Aug	8:48	24-Mar	10	16
3	JERRY STEPHENSON	14	12-Jun	7:50	16-Apr	1	
4	GARY REICHART	10	25-Jun	8:30	30-Apr	1	
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	4	6-Aug	10:05	20-Mar		
9	RYAN BRANDT	4	8-Sept	9:20	16-Apr		
10	BOBBY RATTERREE	3	18-Jun	9:02	1-May	1	5
11	JEFF DOYAL	3	27-May	9:30	7-May		
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		2
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	Junior club	member
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	2	
	KEVIN VERTESCH						
27	RAY LISTER	1	17-Jul	10:15	17-Jul		
28	GARY COLLECHIO	1	31-Jul	10:17	31-Jul		
29	LARRY SCABIS	1	5-Aug	8:30	5-Aug		
	Total Releases	119	End of September				

Fill up the blank space - chatter

The club board meeting October 3rd is the last get together before the banquet. If you have one of the travelling trophies could you give it to Gary Danis at that time, or arrange to deliver it to him. It seems every October that Gary has to run around collecting the missing cups and plaques etc. to get them engraved in time for the presentations.

Our season ends Sunday October 9th at midnight. Call any released fish in by Wednesday 12th, to have them count for the 2011 season. Check the above honor roll table, for errors as to spelling and releases. Call Gary Danis with any changes. (I'm rechecking; I must have caught more than one Tarpon this year! Plus the 4 extra I'm allowed as president - read the rules.)

Any donations of raffle prizes for the banquet, November 5th would be appreciated. Our club will be purchasing most of the prizes, as in this economy we are reluctant to ask our sponsors for free gifts.

Don't forget, 2012 is our 50th anniversary of the founding of our Tarpon club. We still need suggestions as to how we celebrate this occasion. Think on, and let me know.

October Sat/Sun 1st & 2nd Two Day Hunt 3pm Weigh-in Sun at Bonita Bills
 Wed. 5th Board Meeting 7pm Bonita Bills, all Invited
 Sat/Sun 8th & 9th Two Day Hunt 3pm Final Weigh-in Sun at Bonita Bills
 Season ends midnight Sun. Oct. 9th

November Sat. 5th **Tarpon Club Awards Banquet 6pm** Details to be announced – soon!

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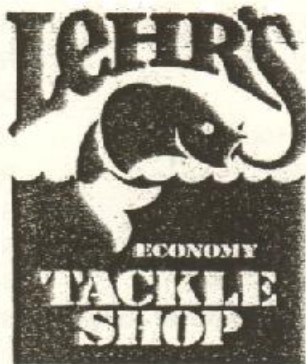
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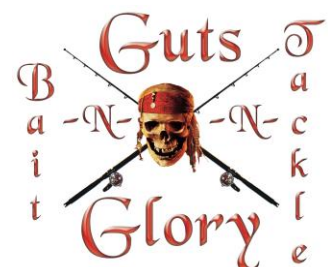
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