



Fort Myers Beach Tarpon Hunters Club

TARPON TALES

Club Member Newsletter

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March-April 2016

PRESIDENT'S
CORNER

The Season Has Begun!

Our annual clinic was once again a success! I would like to thank **Jim Griffith** for coming out to speak to us and bringing some great additions to our raffle Prizes, we also need to thank **Bill Semmer** for allowing us to once again use his building and of course our raffle prize suppliers **Lehr Economy Tackle** and **Andersons Tackle**. Be sure to patrons these people because they support us all year! I would especially like to thank all the members who help make the clinic a success, without you we couldn't have pulled the clinic off. Thanks again.

I think at least one person was listening at the clinic because **Don Taylor** has caught the seasons first Fish! That also makes him the winner of our second one day hunt. If you want to know more you will have to come out to the meeting.

We have a lot going on this month our new member orientation hunt is coming up on April 9th so far only one new member has signed up, get your form in ASAP or at the next meeting on April 6th so we can get you teamed up with a veteran member, this is a great opportunity to learn first hand how to catch a Tarpon. Our Junior hunt will be on Sunday the 10th and remember you must have a kid onboard for any fish to count for that hunt, fish caught will still count for your yearly total but not for the hunt if your fishing without a kid. Our final hunt of the month will be a two day Ladies hunt and this will happen on a Full moon weekend so the fish should be hungry. As with all two day hunt it will start at 12:am Saturday and go until the 4pm weigh in at Bonita Bills, don't be late or your fish won't count!

Mercury Marine has asked if we would participate in an event with them. As of now it will be April 16th they are telling me they will have a banner out welcoming our club and there should be food (I will find out for sure prior to the event) Basically they are having this to show off Mercury products but if any of our members go and register they will donate \$5 to the club for every member who attends so this will actually be a fund raiser for us as well.

Club Growth - If everyone in the club brought in one new member we could double the size of the club. Well at least one of our members have done just that! Congratulations to Nicole and Bob Reed jr on the birth of their daughter on March 31st. Now it's up to everyone else to bring in a new member.

If you haven't paid your dues yet for 2016 I have included a application with the newsletter, keep in mind your fish won't count if your dues are not current, I will have the current membership list at the next meeting so you can make sure we have received your application. Until next time, tight lines.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Capt. Matt

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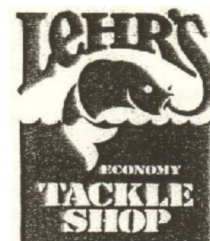
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2016 Tarpon Hunters Clinic



Welcome Tarpon Hunters
(It might be time for a new Banner)



Bob Reed Sr Talking about Fly Fishing



Kevin Vertesch talking about Conventional Tackle



Carl Keutgen Telling us our boundaries.

**Thanks to all our speakers, people who helped out with the raffle,
membership sign-up, getting refreshments, room set-up and clean-up
with out you we couldn't have done it!**

Congratulations!

Nicole and Bob Reed Jr
On the Birth of their Baby Girl
March 31st

And Welcome to our newest Member!



Be sure to visit our Sponsors and let them know we appreciate all they do for us!
A Special Thanks to **Bill Semmer** for his continued hospitality for letting us meet at Bonita Bill's.