



## Fort Myers Beach Tarpon Hunters Club

# TARPON TALES

Club Member Newsletter

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May 2016

PRESIDENT'S  
CORNER

## We have a new Leader!

May is finally here and the fishing has already started to pick-up, we currently have a tie for first place with two fish apiece and our currently leader is no longer a rookie! If you were hoping to use Aaron Virnig for captains point your to late, but not to be out done he is being chased by one of our most seasoned veterans Jerry Stephenson so we truly have a battle of New Blood VS Old Blood with Don Taylor only one fish behind.

I haven't received an official head count from the Mercury Event yet but I have spoke to a few members who went, having spent the last week-end working as a captain for Mercury at one of these events I can tell you there is a remarkable difference when you compare the Mercury vs Yamaha in a side by side comparison, if you missed driving these boats at the last event there will be one more at The Boat House in Cape Coral. If your thinking about repowering in the future take some time out and go take these boats for a test drive.

There is a lot going on this month starting with the Ding Darling Tournament this Saturday then on the 14th we will have the interclub hunt and on Sunday the 15th the Rookie Hunt. We have had to cancel the first two scheduled Orientation hunts so I didn't schedule is again (I keep picking windy days) I know a few of the the new members have already been out and I would like to get the rest of you out prior to the Rookie Hunt so I'm hoping for the 7th or the 14th to finish it up then we can have the weigh-in on the same day as the Rookie Hunt so we can all get together then. On Saturday 21st will be our all night hunt with breakfast at Bonita Bills Sunday am, maybe we can get Gary D to bring his famous Bloody Mary's. And Finally on Memorial Day Weekend we will have our first Money Hunt, it will be a \$20 entrance fee for that hunt with the winner taking all! You can pay your fee at the next meeting and no entries will be taken after May 27th. If there are no winners the pot will roll over to the next money hunt.

Our next meeting will be a busy one we will set-up the Interclub Team, the money hunt and picnic preparations and we will have a speaker from the Bonefish and Tarpon Trust, JoEllen Wilson will be coming in with a presentation about the program she runs for juvenile Tarpon and hopeful give us some information on the new Tarpon DNA program they are sponsoring. You will not want to miss it!

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting, until next time, tight lines..  
Capt. Matt

**Historic Catches are back! Read inside for more info!**



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## 2016 Results of our First Ladies Hunt



**No fish were caught but we still have plenty of smiling faces!**

**Keep in mind our Weigh-in are a social time where members get to meet each other, tell stories and make up lies.**

**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.