



Fort Myers Beach Tarpon Hunters Club

TARPON TALES

Club Member Newsletter

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June 2018

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Picnic Time!

I just can't believe how quickly the Month of May comes and goes. Historically we have recorded good numbers in May as many of our members spend a significant amount of time on the water in search for the Silver King. We had our ups and downs this May.

On the Plus side of the column:

We are up to 14 releases for the year anchored by Pete's eight releases. We had a Rookie Hunt winner this year. Congratulations Marya Teets on your first club release and taking the pressure of your captain. And let's not forget our sixth straight victory over the Cape Coral club with six releases.

On the negative side of the column:

Tropical Storm Alberto blew us out for our three day Al Jackson / Al Thomas Memorial Day Hunt. It was great to see the daughters of Al Jackson at the weight in and also the great turnout by our members.

Looking forward to June as we start out with our Picnic at the Causeway on Sunday the 10th. (see attached flyer) We will finalize the details at our Wednesday meeting and it looks to be another great event.

Thanks again to Phil and Lois Lemke for helping out with the Pork.

With most of the tarpon moving north in the month of June, so are we. On June 23rd and 24th we will again be on Cabbage Key. The Up North Hunt has been a successful club event and those who attend keep coming back. This year we are adding grilled Cobia to the menu along with Mary's famous Italian beef.

Hope to see you at the Wednesday meeting and on the water.

Kevin

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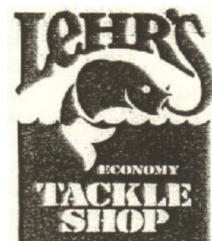
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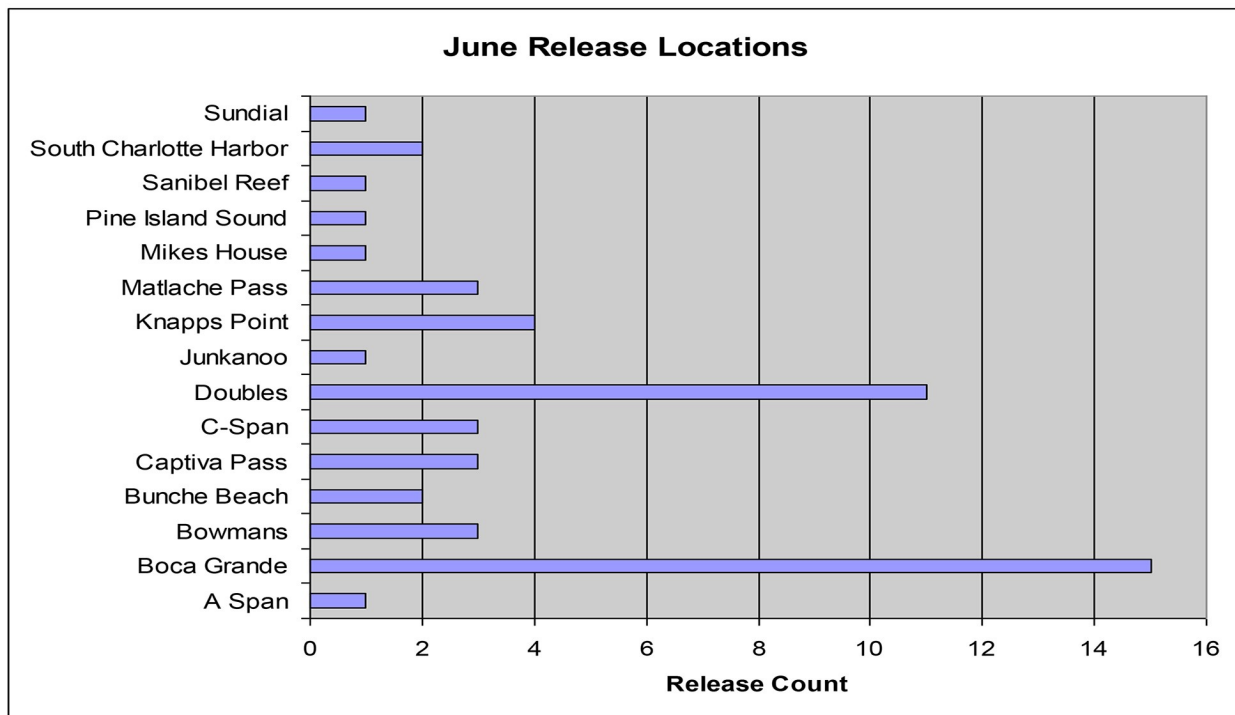
2018 Fish Count

Rank	Name	Tarpon	Date of first fish	Time of first fish	Date of last fish	Captains pts.
1	Pete Maastricht	8	4/1		5/19	3
2	Leslie Miller (R)	2	4/28		5/5	
3	Jerry Stephenson	2	5/19		5/19	
4	Aaron Virnig	1	4/6		4/6	
5	Marya Teets ®	1	5/5		5/5	
6	Kevin Vertesch					2
	Totals	3				

**The Club Picnic is Sunday June 10th on the Causeway
See attached flyer for more information**

Historical Releases

Thanks Don Taylor



Al Jackson / Al Thomas Memorial Day Hunt



A Few pictures the family of Al Jackson Donated



Interclub Hunt



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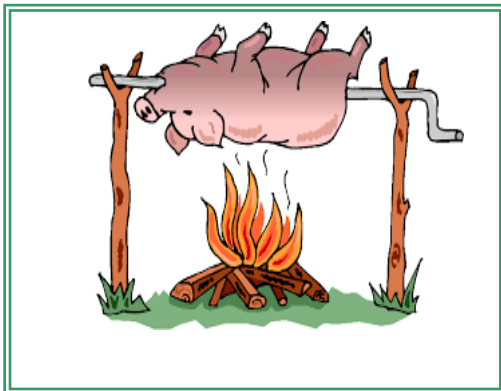
Club Picnic-June 10th

Picnic on Sanibel Causeway *Sunday* June 10th 11am to whenever it rains!

Same location as last few years

Directions – Fort Myers to Sanibel Causeway, to the second island, go just past the restrooms on the left and park on the right (West) side of the road – facing Pine Island.

Don Cook will be up early securing the area and placing the direction signs- thanks once again Don.



Club will provide the Food and soft drinks. For all other beverages, use coosie cups or drink containers and be discrete NO Glass. Bring beach chairs.

***Don't miss Phil and Lois Lemke's
Pig Roast!***

Small gifts of snacks or deserts would be appreciated.

Over \$500.00 in Raffle Prizes!

Feeling Lucky?

We will have great raffle prizes, rods, reels, etc. so bring plenty of \$\$\$\$

***This Picnic is open to all Members & Sponsors
Come, bring the family and enjoy the fun***

Warning – If you come by boat, wear shoes when coming ashore, rip rap, rocks etc.

Club Rules – Tarpon don't count if released during the picnic – so party – don't fish

2018 Schedule - Fort Myers Beach Tarpon Hunters Club

<u>January</u>	Mon.	1 st	One Day Hunt	4pm Weigh-in Hangover time at Bonita Bills
	Wed.	10 th	Board Meeting	7pm Bonita Bills New Year Plans, Clinic set-up
<u>February</u>	Wed.	7 st	Board Meeting	7pm Bonita Bills Clinic Set-up
	Sun.	25 th	Fish Fry	Details to be determined
<u>March</u>	Wed.	7 th	Tarpon Clinic	7pm Bonita Bills, come early and help set-up!
	Sun.	18 th	One Day Hunt	All One Day Hunts are Midnight - Midnight No Weigh-in
	Sat/Sun	24-25 th	Two Day Hunt \$\$ Cutbait Classic	All Two Day Hunts-Midnight Sat.-4pm Sunday Weigh-in 4pm at Bonita Bills
<u>April</u>	Wed.	4 th	Monthly Meeting	7pm Bonita Bills
	Sat.	7 th	Orientation Hunt	Midnight-4pm, Food, Weigh-in 4-6pm at Bonita Bills
	Sun.	8 th	Junior Hunt	Midnight-4pm Weigh-in at Bonita Bills (Must have a Kid)
	Sat.	15 th	One Day Hunt	Midnight-Midnight
	Sat.	22 nd	Ladies Hunt	Weigh-in 4pm at Bonita Bills (Gena Clarke Memorial)
	Sat/Sun	28/29 th	Two Day Hunt	Midnight-4pm Weigh-in at Bonita Bills
<u>May</u>	Wed.	2 nd ^d	Monthly Meeting	7pm Bonita Bills
	Sat.	5 th	Rookie Hunt	Midnight-4pm Weigh-in at Bonita Bills (Any club member who has not caught a Tarpon)
	Sat.	11 th	Ding Darling Hunt	Ding Darling Tournament
	Sat.	19 th	Interclub Hunt	Cape Club to Host
	Sat.-Mon.	26-28 th	3 Day Memorial Hunt	Al Jackson / Al Thomas Memorial Hunt Midnight Sat.-4pm Monday Weigh-in at Bonita Bills
<u>June</u>	Wed.	6 th	Monthly Meeting	7pm Bonita Bills
	Sat.	9 th	One Day Hunt	Midnight-Midnight
	Sun.	10 th	Club Picnic	11am on Sanibel Causeway
	Sat/Sun	23 rd -24 ^t	Up North Hunt	No Weigh-in
<u>July</u>	Sat.	1 st	Dean-O Hicks	Bonita Bills Kids Fishing Day – Come out and Help
	Wed.	11 th	Monthly Meeting	7pm Bonita Bills
	Sat.	14 th	Team Hunt	Veteran & Rookies- Midnight-4pm Weigh-in at BB's
	Sun.	15 th	One Day Hunt	Midnight-Midnight
	Sat/Sun	28-29 th	Two Day Hunt	Midnight - Weigh-in 4pm at Bonita Bills
<u>August</u>	Wed.	1 st	Monthly Meeting	7pm Bonita Bills
	Sat/Sun	11-12 th	Two Day Hunt	Midnight - Weigh-in 4pm at Bonita Bills
	Sat.	25 th	One Day Hunt	Midnight-Midnight
<u>September</u>	Sat-Mon.	1 st -3 rd	3 Day Hunt	Midnight Sat – Monday Weigh-in 4pm at Bonita Bills
	Wed.	5 th	Monthly Meeting	7pm Bonita Bills
	Sat.	15 th	One Day Hunt	Midnight-Midnight
	Sat/Sun.	22-23 rd	Two Day Hunt	Midnight-4pm Weigh-in at Bonita Bills
	Sat.	29 th	One Day Hunt	Midnight-Midnight
<u>October</u>	Wed.	3 th	Monthly Meeting	7pm Bonita Bills, all are invited
	Sun.	7 th	One Day Hunt	Midnight-Midnight
	Sat/Sun	14-15 th	Two Day Hunt \$\$	Midnight Sat – Sunday Weigh-in 4pm at Bonita Bills

\$\$ Hunts – Captains meeting on prior Wednesday 7:00pm at Bonita Bills, you must register to be eligible.