



Fort Myers Beach Tarpon Hunters Club

TARPON TALES

Club Member Newsletter

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February 2021

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Tarpon will be showing soon!

After what might be considered a somewhat cold "winter" in Southwest Florida, our fair weather has returned. The water temperature has held steady in the low to mid 70's which means our Silver King should be steaming up the coast to a neighborhood near you. Our first fish of the year is typically released in the first week or two of March so tune up that rod and put some new line on that reel. Remember, if you have the slightest weakness in your tackle, Tarpon will find it and make you pay for your oversight.

Every year, March holds our biggest recruiting event for the year, our Tarpon Fishing & Tackle Clinic. We will be hosting the event once again at Bonita Bills Clubhouse. Based on the enthusiastic response from many new anglers, I do believe we may have our room filled with anxious anglers. Please join us and wear your club sportswear to help identify you as a member to our visitors.

February remained a blustery month. Our **Fish Fillet Hunt** held on Saturday, February 13th to collect eating fish for our fish fry turned out to be a challenging day. Actually, the entire week prohibited most vessels without a deep V hull to venture off shore to fill the coolers. Fortunately for us, we had Mary Laser and Matt Mitchell to provide some fresh Sheepshead, and Pete Maastricht was able to provide Mahi Mahi, Cobia and Grouper for the event. Thank you for supplying fish for our **Fish Fry held on Sunday, February 21st**. We did have to work through the Bonita Bills Marine Sale at the last minute and adjusted the event which was held in the back cabana area of Bonita Bills restaurant. We had **45** club members and family join us which was a great turnout. The fish was fantastic and we had more than enough food and desserts to feed the group. Special shout out to those agreeing to bring a dish or dessert, the Trepinas, Whitwoods, Lemkes, Johnsons, Alfieris and those of you that also brought additional desserts anonymously. Unfortunately, no one thought to take photos (including the newsletter guy), so you will just have to imagine how fun it was.

We have a full slate of events for March as the season heats up. Wednesday, **March 3rd** we will be hosting the **Tarpon Fishing & Tackle Clinic**. On **Saturday, March 14th**, we will hold our first **One Day Hunt**. We will then roll into our first **Two Day Hunt** held on **Sat/Sun, March 20-21st**. All Two Day Hunts are followed by a weigh in at Bonita Bills at 4:00pm.

We already have a number of new members so please reach out to these new members and introduce yourself when you have the opportunity.

Tight Lines to All.....Steve Johnson

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Mary Laser with nice redfish (closed season) while fishing for Fish Fry



Marya Teets thumbing a fat tournament bass



Mary Laser with snook (closed season) while fishing for Fish Fry

**Pine Island's
Annual
ISLAND FEST**

The Pine Island Chamber of Commerce is proud to host its annual "IslandFest" at Phillips Park at Pine Island Center this March. Bring the whole family to participate in our traditional mullet toss, enjoy local seafood, visit the arts & crafts vendors, listen in on the fishing seminars, and enjoy some live music.

March 13
10-5

Phillips Park - Pine Island Center
(About 3 miles past Matlacha)

Bonita Springs Boat Show March 4-7



**PUNTA GORDA
BOAT SHOW**

March 11-14, 2021

www.PuntaGordaBoatShow.com
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**Event information courtesy of
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Englewood Beach Waterfest March 26-27



Farmers Market at Miromar Outlets
 Located in front of
Ford's Garage Restaurant
Fridays 9-1



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 2021 **EXPO**
Lee Civic Center
Ft. Myers, Fl.
May 15-16 10X10
space only
\$125!

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Nautical Flea Market - Fishing Seminars
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