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TRUE LIES

2016

The Stuart Rod & Reel Club Newsletter



With summer coming, dawn, sunset and night are prime times for fishing.
The beauty of sunrise over Lake Okeechobee is hard to beat.

The Stuart Rod and Reel Club is dedicated to improving local fishing through by increasing angler knowledge, encouraging conservation and maximizing the fun involved in light tackle fishing in the Stuart Florida area. We hold monthly meetings on the second Thursday of each month, year round. Please join us or contact any board member for more information on how you can become a member of the Stuart Rod and Reel Club.



May Guest Speaker: Gary Guertin of Coastal Angler Magazine- Treasure Coast and Bahamas Issues

Our guest speaker for the May meeting was Gary Guertin, the publisher of the Treasure Coast and Bahamas editions of Coastal Angler Magazine. Gary presented a great deal of information the magazine. He welcomes member contributions on nice catches that they may make in the area. Each issue has a ‘bragging board’ section that allows area anglers to post and publish photos of their favorite catches.



Gary and his wife Misti were one of the original franchisees of Coastal Angler Magazine. This magazine is a free publication that is distributed throughout various regions of the country. Unlike conventional newsstand magazines, each issue is tailored to an individual market. For example, the Treasure Coast edition will have about one-third local information, one third Florida information and one-third national information. This allows advertisers to pick and choose the areas in which they want to market their products or services. Some of the advertising information that Gary presented may not be of specific interest to our members, but Coastal Angler uses a different and interesting business model that provides for local, regional and national advertisers a good opportunity. What is important to our members is that the magazine is able to tailor its coverage more

specifically to the fishermen in each area. Articles are usually written by local guides who give times and techniques suitable to each region. For the Treasure Coast, this relates to offshore, inshore and freshwater fishing. For another area, specific information and photos are used. Your story should be 500-700 words with a half page photo. Closing date is the 12th of the month before publication.

Gary has led an interesting life. He was originally from Cape Cod and had a diving and surfing background. He even served as a commercial hard hat diver for a time. He came to Florida full time in 1976 as a restaurant manager and part-time surfer. He was a Florida Oceanographic board member and marketing specialist. After that, he served as the General Manager of the Pirate’s Cove Resort and Marina from 1993-2005. He also worked as a manager on a Caribbean island. In 2008, he came back to Florida and became involved in Coastal Angler Magazine, as he and his wife got the franchise for the Treasure Coast and the Bahamas.

Now, with all of the various Coastal Angler editions, the total monthly print run is over 450,000 copies, covering 45 specific markets from the Florida Keys to Denver to Michigan to Maine. Gary gets 10,000 copies hand distributed each month to the Treasure Coast and uses an agent in the Bahamas. You can pick up a free issue at any local tackle or bait shop.

To submit photos or a story for Coastal Angler, please go to the local website www.camtreasurecoast.com or you can contact Gary at gary@coastalanglermagazine.com. The main website address for the national edition is www.coastalanglermagazine.com.

MEMBER'S INFORMATION

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS WITH SPEAKERS:

The monthly membership meeting is the second Thursday of the month. Our home port is The Quality Inn/Flanigan's Bar & Grill located at 950 SE Federal Hwy. (US 1) Stuart, FL. Flanigan's offers a very nice menu for \$18. We have the privilege of many fishing industry and conservation leaders in the Southeastern Florida region. These experts include tackle manufacturers, tournament winning Captains and guides, television and print journalists, and academic researchers. We have a guest speaker from this pool at each monthly meeting. Speakers will address topics of interests such as how to fish for the upcoming outing's targeted species and our diverse estuary system. This is a great way to gain additional local knowledge of this fishery.

MONTHLY OUTINGS: The Club sponsors a fishing outing each month. All outings are based on an Honor System. You don't have to keep your catch or take a picture of it either. Outings are scheduled for the weekend following the general membership meeting. Outings are usually three day events where anglers select to fish Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Most outings are scheduled from first safe light till 1PM. The targeted fish and scoring change from month to month with interesting twists such as more points for one species than another. The intent is to have fun! The winner of each monthly outing receives a Club logo embroidered fishing shirt. As part of the outing we have several lunches at restaurants along with club and family cook-outs. Additionally, the Board is encouraging members to partake of the lunch regardless of the day fished. These are no-cost events. With two away outings and the remainder based at Sandsprit Park, there is opportunity to participate without travelling around the state. Frank Miller as the Angling Committee Chairman will also consider your ideas about other outings in other parts of the state. This year's outing schedule was developed to increase participation, emphasizing the fun of fishing. You are able to view the 2016 schedule in every edition of True Lies.

NEWSLETTER: We publish a newsletter, True Lies, each month. It is circulated by e-mail. We are constantly looking for your fishing reports, pictures, recipes, and any other Club related information for inclusion. Submitting information is easy. You can send an e-mail to Fred Bartlett (fredbart@aol.com) or Jim Bohrer (halieutics@gmail.com).

WEB SITE: The Club's web site (www.stuartrodandreel.com) is a wealth of information. You can find the latest weather and tides, fishing tips and information on our advertisers/sponsors.

RAFFLE: An activity at our membership meetings that generates a great amount of interest is the "Raffle". Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Raffle prizes vary monthly but usually include a fishing rod, reel or combination. Other prizes have been tackle bags, boxes, pliers, lures and boating accessories. Your purchase of raffle tickets gives you a good chance of winning and helps support the activities of your club.

MEMBER DISCOUNTS: Your Club membership can help you to save some money. White's Tackle offers a 10% store discount on all purchases. Be sure to bring your current membership card of the Stuart Rod and Reel Club and tell them that you appreciate the support that they give our club.

Support our Advertisers

We are very fortunate to have many local businesses that advertise on our web site and provide additional sponsorship support to the Club. These businesses provide a wide range of products and services for the entire community. Whether you are looking for lodging, restaurants, fishing supplies, boat repair and restoration, guide services, legal services, or roof repair our sponsors deserve your consideration. You can learn more about these businesses by visiting our website at www.stuartrodandreel.com. Click on the advertiser's tab and you will find a brief description of our sponsors with contact information and links to their websites. Make our advertisers your priority when shopping. Please let them know that you learned about them through the Stuart Rod and Reel Club and that you appreciate their support.

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2016 TOURNAMENT OUTING SCHEDULE

FISHING BOUNDARIES EXTEND FROM THE SOUTH SHORE OF THE JUPITER INLET TO VERO BEACH FOR ALL REGULAR EVENTS.
THE CCA EVENT AND THE AWAY EVENT WILL HAVE DIFFERENT AREAS.

DATE	Outing/Event	Details	Food Service	Rules
June 24, 25	CCA Interclub Challenge. Contact Matt Behm at mbehm@ccaflorida.org or Brian Gorski at 941-720-4446 to register.	CCA event at River Palms Resort. Chapter Challenge between Martin County and other chapters of CCA.	River Palms Resort, Jensen Beach. You must be a paid registrant to participate.	\$65 per angler entry fee includes two meals at River Palms Resort in Jensen Beach.
July 15, 16, 17	Local Tarpon Outing	Most Tarpon: 3 points for angler touching the leader, 1 point for a jumped fish. Only one point allowed for each jumped fish	Shrimper's Restaurant, Port Salerno. 1 PM	Three points for a caught tarpon, one point for each jumped fish.
August 12, 13, 14	Local Trout and Redfish Outing	Largest Trout and Redfish, total inch length	Sandsprit Park, Stuart. 1 PM.	Longest total trout and redfish combined length.
September 9, 10, 11	Local Snook Outing	18" minimum length, catch and release size.	Sandsprit Park, Stuart. 1 PM.	Longest total length.
October 26-30	AWAY TRIP	Total Inches of 1 trout, 1 redfish and 1 snook (18" min.)	Trip location may change this year, away from Pine Island.	Longest total length. Gulf regulations must be followed.
November 11, 12, 13	Local Redfish Outing	Longest overall length fish.	Sandsprit Park, Stuart. 1 PM.	Longest total length.
December 10	Christmas Party	No Outing	Dolphin Bar, Jensen Beach	No Outing

All Stuart Rod and Reel Club Outings are based purely on the honor system. All scheduled outings are daylight outings. You can fish any of the correct dates listed above. The event will begin at the first safe light in the first morning with lines out of the water by 1 PM on the last day. You can only fish for score on one day of the tournament. Scores must be turned into the Angling Director by email, phone or in person by 2 PM local time on the day AFTER the event ends.

You are encouraged to join with other members for the post-outing food service as listed above. Only paid members are eligible to win an event. Guests and spouses of family members may participate in the food service and non-alcoholic beverages at Sandsprit Park. For food at a listed restaurant, guests and non-paid family members will be charged for their food and beverages.

Family members under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian to participate in an outing. Guests are always welcome to fish in outings, but only fully paid members are allowed to win any prizes in the outing. Outings cancelled due to inclement weather may be rescheduled for the following weekend at the discretion of the Angling Director. Any scoring disputes will be settled by the Angling Director. Please direct any questions or concerns to Frank Miller, Angling Director, at 305-469-4654 or email to: frmiami2@gmail.com.



Squeeky Kelly won the March DOA-only event with a very nice snook in gale force winds. Note the name on the shirt. He is now nicknamed "Squeezy". This is one to remember.



Buddy Kirkhart of Nu-Wave Taxidermy told us about the differences between modern fiberglass fish mounts as compared to the older style skin mounts. Modern mounts no longer require a fish to be killed and provide a longer lasting trophy with fewer problems. The only requirements are providing the length, girth and approximate area where the fish was caught. This will allow his artists to reproduce your trophy fish with accuracy and fidelity. The color is important for flats fish like bonefish that can be caught over turtle grass or sandy bottoms. Open water fish have similar colors throughout their range.

Angling Committee Report by Frank Miller

Here is a wrap up of our past months fishing activities: The fish of the month for the period ending May 12th for the largest trout was won by Squeeky "Squeezy" Kelly with a 28 1/2" fish. That's a real gator trout.

Our monthly outing targeted top-water lures only. The points were awarded for trout at (1) point each, snook at (2) points each and redfish at (3) points each.. Dr. Jerry Millstein landed a 28 inch snook for 2 points. Fred Bartlett nailed 2 trout for 2 points and Jay Honan did a job on the snook with 20 fish of which only three could be counted in the point totals for 6 points. Those kayaks are deadly. Congratulations, Jay.

Lunch at Sandsprit Park was outstanding, put on by Bob Ruggeri and ably assisted by Eric Rosenberg. They received a standing ovation for their food offerings. Great job, guys.

Members: Please stay tuned for upcoming messages regarding the 13th annual CCA Interclub challenge which will be held June 24th & 25th at River Palms cottages in Jensen Beach. We must have maximum Martin County participation so that we can win again.



Bob Ruggeri, with the assistance of Eric Rosenberg, put on a great luncheon for our May event. Chicken and beef fajitas with all of the trimmings and side dishes made for a super lunch. The weather was only a little breezy, a relief from some of the high winds that we have had recently.

Richard Matteson sporting his brand new Stuart Rod and Reel Club hat that he won for the April Fish of the Month Award. His big smile shows how happy he is to win this award





Eric Rosenberg with a beautiful snook caught at midnight under a bridge. Snook and Tarpon are essentially nocturnal fish and often the best fishing for these fish is late at night or early morning. As beautiful as it is to catch them in the daylight, the truth is that these fish are night hunters. Eric caught this fish where and when they like to feed, at night and where structure brings bait to them with the least amount of predatory effort. Snook like to stay in one area, waiting for the bait to come to them. Fish on both sides of the overhead lights and vary your retrieve to simulate baitfish being washed under the bridge. A DOA TerrorEyz can be magic with the correct technique.

New member Keith Palant with a daytime snook. They do come out in the day, but they rarely favor bright light conditions.



Just to prove your editor wrong about lighting conditions, here is long time member Dr. Jerry Millstein with a 28 inch plus snook caught on a bluebird sunny day. Chances are, the fish was hiding somewhere dark. This was caught with Jim Harter on Jim's flats boat near "his" bay using a Baby Spook lure.



GUEST SPEAKER FOR JUNE MEETING

Our speaker for the June membership meeting will be Captain Greg Snyder of River Hawk Fishing Charters. Greg will share his expertise on both inshore and offshore fishing in our area. Please join us for this informative talk at 7 PM on June 9th. Greg can be reached at 772-201-8501 or by email at gregsnyder@bellsouth.net.



Club member and SRRC sponsor Giles Murphy with a Pine Island redfish.

Pat Bartlett with a large Lake Okeechobee bass. Interestingly, the water problems that we have do not seem to impact the giant lake itself.

Water quality near the top seem better than the St. Lucie River and estuary.



Fred Bartlett with a lively 6.5-pound Lake Okeechobee bass. Live shiners are still the secret to these bass that have seen every lure known to man.



Yamaha HDMI 150 Propeller for Sale:

Stiletto Stainless Steel propeller - 14" Diameter x 19 pitch - splined for Yamaha HDMI 150 engine. Brand new. The propeller has markings "30319" and "Y1419" in it. Spline can be changed for a different engine type. \$200 and I'll throw in a spare aluminum "get home" prop of the same size and pitch. Thanks for looking.

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E-mail all newsletter copy and photos to Fred Bartlett at fredbart@aol.com. Closing date is the 25th of the month preceding publication. Please be sure that all photos are at least 800 X 800 pixel resolution. All cameras and smartphones are well above this resolution level. Please add place (within reason), names, dates, fishing method and other information to your Email. Don't share your secret spots, but give some interesting and relevant information to make your photo meaningful to our members.



Lorraine Francis (center) and her husband Dick (far right) showing the white marlin that she recently caught

Keith Palant with a night time summer flounder. Keith fishes aboard his boat Aquaholic out of Jensen Beach. Keith has taken to the club very well and provides his own fishing blog. Keith has been fishing with Gary Mirsky lately and they are teaming up for some nice snook and other fish. Keith loves fishing at any time, but he really is fond of night fishing. Inshore, river and offshore, he likes it all.



Gary Mirsky caught this fine linesider while fishing with Keith Palant along an ocean beach. Snook were resting along the shore trough waiting for their next meal.



Chris Hope and Jim Bohrer with a Steinhatchee redfish doubleheader

STEINHATCHEE FLORIDA (Pronounced Steenhatchee)

Chris Hope and Phil Norman of Outboards Only not only know their boat motors but are avid and accomplished anglers. They try and set aside time from their busy schedule in the fall and in the spring to put together fishing trips. The spring destination was Steinhatchee on the "forgotten coast" of Florida.

Some of the group have been south of there several times before i.e. Homosassa, Crystal River, and Horseshoe Beach, but fishing this far north was a first for all of us. We have all heard great stories about the fantastic red fishing in the area but we have all heard the same stories about the fishing spots south of there and that great Red fishing had alluded all of us. Chris Hope and I planned on fishing together and we tend to wax on the optimistic side where Phil Norman and his fishing partner, "a friend of Outboards Only", tended to be more stoic and cynical; they did not share our optimism as to the prospects of all this great red fishing.

Even with our optimism, Phil kept reminding us of all the trips that have left a bad taste in his mouth, not to mention the five hour drive and the possibility of traffic jams which became prophetic. (The dates that Chris and Phil choose for their spring and fall fishing excursions are dictated by their business cycles and not by the solunar tables, winds, and tides).

Chris and I got a late start on Wednesday April 27 2016, and didn't start fishing until about 4:30 PM, but still managed 34 trout before going back to the dock.



The dock at Sea Hag Marina is an impressive operation for such a sleepy little town in the middle of nowhere. A large supply of boats for rent, large storage area, slips for probably 40 boats, a large elaborate fish cleaning station with Clarence the full time fish cleaner on duty from noon till 8:00PM.

There is a convenience store and a fully stocked bait and tackle store and gift shop. We stayed in colorful "shacks" located directly across the street from the marina. They come in all sizes and can accommodate almost anybody, they are certainly not the "penthouse" but they're nice enough for a fish camp.



We had dinner at Roy's, a local restaurant less than a mile from our cabins, where we all had the "sweet corn seafood chowder". The entrees are all good at Roy's but they pale compared to the chowder.

An early start on Thursday. Light winds out of the Northwest, we decided to go North about 16 miles near Keaton Beach and work our way back with the wind. The water was "gin clear" with lots of lush turtle grass. Even though the water and conditions were great, the trout fishing was slow. We did manage 9 small black sea bass.

We worked our way south and away from the clean water and caught trout throughout our southern drift back to the Steinhatchee channel. We caught 75 trout that day with fish to 23".

We had dinner that night at "Fiddler's", about a mile away from where we were staying. This is a beautiful restaurant surrounded by a moat that

I believe is fed by the river. The moat has koi, huge mullet and several upper slot redfish.



The restaurant is full of fishing pictures and mounted fish. They range from large blue marlin to bluegill. They are beautiful mounts attractively displayed. The food is very good, they have a buffet every Friday and Saturday night, it's hard to find a parking place but it's worth it! We ate there three nights!

Up early Friday, coffee and breakfast about 4 miles away but again the food is very good and worth the trip.

This is the day Chris and I had arranged for a guide, Captain Scott Peters Jr. Met him at the dock at 7:15. His boat was tied up right across from Chris's (he had an older 25' flat bottom Everglades, similar to a Carolina Skiff) with a very broad beam and plenty of fishing space for two supersized anglers like Chris and myself. No seats, no trolling motor, no polling platform or push pole, no "power pole". I asked him why so sparse, and he said to me that what he likes to do is "drift".

We left the marina and quickly passed the "no wake zone" sign and made a surprising right hand turn, out of the channel, right through some shallow water and oyster bars we had been trying to avoid the past two days. As we headed north we had a large bar parallel to our course to our left about 150 yards, and to our right about 250 yards were the grassy banks of an irregular marshy shoreline. The shoreline was nothing but points, bays, and coves for as long as you could see. The view was interrupted only by an occasional island or rock pile.



The captain was running at about half throttle and lost in his thought process, his vision focused back and forth, I asked him a couple of questions, he ignored me and just kept his eyes moving.

He finally broke his silence and said "I hope there are going to be fish on this point". Then like a little kid at Christmas he yelled "They're here, look at the mullet jumping off that point". "Do you see the redfish?"

Chris was on the bow, I was in the back of the boat, I did not see any redfish. Scott had already cut the engine and was drifting within casting range. Chris made a long cast 10 degrees to the right of the bow heading, mine was 10 degrees to the left, by the time I let my cast fly Chris was already hooked up, with three turns of my handle I came tight. Fifteen minutes later we were standing side by side taking pictures of our "first cast double header". Chris and I were both feeling an unusual feeling for us; we both felt "lighter".

Captain Scott explained to us that in that area (Steinhatchee), the redfish follow the mullet and that if you watch closely you can see the redfish in the shallow water. As the day went on the principle of find the mullet - find the redfish held up, not just occasionally but for nine hours. Even when the tide went low the west wind blew just enough to keep the water in the shallow bays and points. The guide had planned

on moving out to deeper water with the tide and fish for trout but we stayed on the redfish all day long, we brought 85 redfish to the boat that Friday April 29, 2016.

Friday night "all you can eat buffet" at Fiddler's. It's almost worth driving to Steinhatchee to have this Friday night buffet at Fiddler's, they have everything and man is it good! The prime rib carving station manned by the owner was outstanding!

Saturday, Chris and I fished sans guide. All that "Texas Hold'em" Chris plays two and three times a week really paid off. What a memory this guy has. I figured if we could find one or two spots the guide took us to in the back country "everything looks alike" swamp marsh and we caught two or three redfish on our own we could stick our chest out and feel pretty dog-on proud of ourselves. But "Big Sexy" (as Chris likes to refer to himself) stars were aligned and his bio-rhythms were in sync with his karma. It was like his boat was being pulled by a tractor beam. He found his way through the hazard-laden backwaters and hit every one of the fishing spots. With the wind conditions the same as the previous day, the mullet and the redfish were there too.

Then "Big Sexy" developed this multi colored aura around his upper torso and head as he started finding jumping mullet and consequently redfish on his own. We caught redfish after redfish while Chris did the work of finding them. We even beat the previous day's count, we caught 95 redfish without a guide!

Neither Chris nor I have had better days fishing in the state of Florida.

Back to Fiddler's for the Saturday night buffet.

We packed, got coffee, and headed home; it was a happy ride. If any of you want information about Steinhatchee, please contact me.
Jim Bohrer



Phil Norman of Outboards Only fishing the top water outing with Jim Bohrer poses with a 5# trout before he releases it.



An inlet area snook for Keith Palant. As we learned from Zack Zud, Phd of Florida Oceanographic, snook move from ocean to inlet to upriver with speed and ease. You'll find them where the food is located. They can easily change color while making the upriver run.

Jay Honan with one of the many snook that he caught to win the May tournament event. Kayaks offer a quiet way to get to these wary fish, even on a Saturday morning near the inlet.





Jim Bohrer with a trout caught on May 22.



Left: Tyler Beck. Below: Jim Bohrer. Jim reports that "As bad as fishing has been, Tyler Beck and I had an outstanding day on May 22nd with 67 trout caught and released."

Jim asks "Connect the dots?"





Jay Honan with an impressive largemouth bass caught from his kayak.



Bill Lalone with a bonito and black fin tuna.



Gary Mirsky got this feisty Jack Crevalle while Snook fishing



This is the time of year to use your flats boat or bay boat to catch some great dorado/dolphin/mahi-mahi. On a calm day, get some bait at a nearby reef or wreck and go out to find a weed line. Pick your day carefully and go for it. Mike (Marathon) Butcher (L) and (Uncle) Joe Butcher show off two fine fish caught on a bay boat. These are friends of Keith Palant.

2016 Annual Dues

Dues for 2016 are now past due. Fully paid memberships begin the first day of January, and end on the thirty first day of December of each calendar year. An individual membership is one adult 18 years of age or older. Family memberships consist of the member, their spouse or significant other, and children under the age of 18. **You must be a fully paid member to win a tournament event.**

Individual membership for a full year is \$80

(January thru December)

Half year is July thru December \$45

Family membership for a full year is \$95

(January thru December)

Half year is July thru December \$55

Send your checks payable to:

Stuart Rod and Reel Club, Inc.

c/o Peter Noll, Treasurer

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Membership entitles a single person (or family) to participate in all outings and to enjoy a meal at every local outing. Members also receive an included meal (with soft drinks) at Shrimpers and Manatee Island Grill on the appropriate dates. We hold monthly meetings with interesting speakers and share information on where and when to fish in our area.

JUNE FOOD SERVICE AT CCA EVENT ONLY

There will be no June luncheon as there will be a CCA Interclub Challenge event. Contact Matt Behm at mbehm@ccaflorida.org for more information and registration. The entry fee is \$65 per angler. You can also call Brian Gorski to register at 941-720-4446. This event had about 192 anglers last year, so register early.

2016 FISH OF THE MONTH CONTEST

The Fish of the Month Contest runs from the day after each month's membership meeting and ends at 12 Noon the day of the following monthly meeting. All fish need to be legal size, except for Snook that must be 18 inches minimum and all fish outside the legal slot size must be released. Live bait, lures and flies are allowed. The member catching the most fish will be the monthly winner. The monthly winner will receive a monogrammed club hat.

May 13 through June 9: Snook (over 18 inches OAL, Catch and Release only.)

June 10 through July 14: Most Redfish

July 15 through Aug, 11: Most Trout

Aug. 12 through Sept. 8: Most Tarpon Caught & Released

Sept. 9 through Oct. 13: Largest Legal Snapper

Oct. 14 through Nov. 10: Largest Redfish

Nov. 11 through Dec. 8: Most Black Drum

The overall Winner of the Year will be the person who catches the highest number of species listed during the calendar year. The overall prize for the year will be a \$50 gift certificate from White's Tackle in Stuart.

When visiting other tackle shops or sponsors, please tell them about the Stuart Rod and Reel Club and ask if they can extend you a discount. All paid members should now have a 2016 membership card. If you do not have one and you have paid your dues, please contact Pete Noll or Fred Bartlett for a replacement card.