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The Stuart Rod & Reel Club Newsletter



The beautiful sunset on the Gulf of Mexico inside the Steinhatchee Inlet. The end of another gorgeous day of good memories, special friends and great fishing.

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.



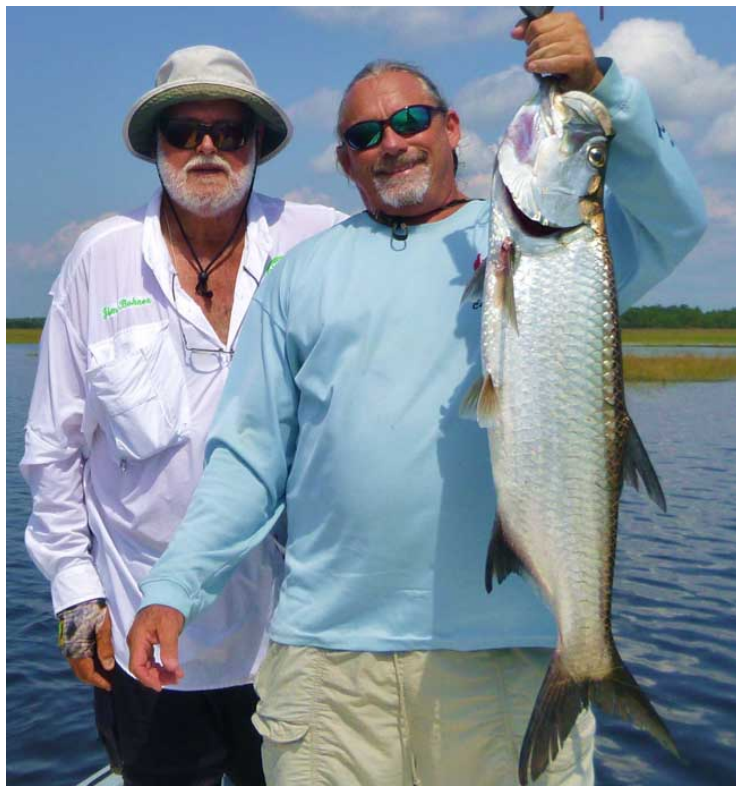
Steinhatchee Trip Report

At the end of September, a group of SRRC members traveled to Steinhatchee, Florida. Chris Hope of Outboards Only was kind enough to handle all of the logistics of the rooms and guides. Naturally, everyone was a little concerned as Hurricane Hermine had caused extensive damage to this entire area, especially Steinhatchee and Cedar Key. We stayed at the Sea Hag Marina and Fishing Cottages and they did a fantastic job in rebuilding and restocking the marina. The lodging units were not damaged by the storm surge, but they had chest high water in the tackle shop at the peak of the storm. Through some heroic work and great volunteers, the company had most everything cleaned and put back together properly.

Steinhatchee is a place that looks like Florida of fifty or more years ago. When you get out in the water, the grasses reminded one of the seagrasses of the Florida Keys of old or the best of the Bahamas. Because of Hermine, there were significant amounts of floating seagrass that had been torn from the bottom. However, the meadows of living seagrasses were still impressive. People are friendly and the area is one that you should visit if you want to see old Florida at its finest.

This resort caters to fishing enthusiasts and those who seek scallops in the summer season. Although there is a nice swimming pool, the only other thing to do involves boating. There are no beaches and no shopping nearby. It is a pure spot and this is a large part of its appeal.

Jim Bohrer and Jay Honan with a nice Steinhatchee tarpon that Jay caught. This juvenile tarpon made about 15 jumps. Because of its size, they took it out of the water for a quick photo. The fish swam away quickly and unharmed. This was an inshore grand slam day for Jay, with a redfish, a trout, a tarpon and a flounder. All of the fish were released.





Our first day of fishing at Steinhatchee had a rainy beginning. This redfish did not mind. It rained off and on all morning, but Jim Bohrer and this fish connected.



There are some big trout in the Steinhatchee area like this fish that Jay Honan caught. This was one of many that Jay caught on this trip.



Pete Noll with a three- spotted redfish caught off the grass flats of Steinhatchee.



John Norman with a nice redfish. John fished with his Dad Phil, pictured below. The tail of this fish had some stories to tell.

Phil Norman caught this beauty on a glassy calm Gulf day. John and Phil obviously had a great time.





*Mike Giordano,
fishing with
Chris Hope,
brought this nice
West Coast
redfish home.*



Jay Honan and Jim Bohrer with a double header.

*Even your editor
caught and
released redfish.
Of course, I
remember the
much bigger one
that cut the line
and got away.*





Back on the home front, Pete Noll caught and released this snook from under the 10 Cent Bridge, using a Key Lime green DOA lure.



Jim Harter caught this fine snook, also under the 10 Cent Bridge. He was also using a Key Lime DOA jig lure.



Jerry Hoge with a nice seatrout, caught with Jim Bohrer on the Indian River Lagoon.



Pete Noll with a big jack, caught near the Roosevelt bridge. This fish was following schools of bait that are moving through the area in the Fall.



Roy Buckley with an Indian River redfish. Jim Bohrer says that most SRRC member anglers can recognize the area from the homes in the background.

2016 TOURNAMENT OUTING SCHEDULE

FISHING BOUNDARIES EXTEND FROM THE SOUTH SHORE OF THE JUPITER INLET TO VERO BEACH FOR ALL REGULAR EVENTS.

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.

Speakers for the November 10th Meeting-Important Notice:

Our November meeting will feature a CCA Florida presentation that will provide important and timely information to our members.

Brian Gorski, COO of CCA Florida, Dan Askin, CFO of CCA Florida and CCA Senior Water Scientist Adam Gelber will tell us what CCA is doing to help with water quality issues in Martin County. CCA has been asked to speak at this meeting in response to ongoing concerns about the direction and involvement that CCA Florida has taken in the water issues throughout Martin County and our region of Florida.

Jim Bohrer and Jim Harter helped to arrange this meeting. Both Stuart Rod and Reel Club and the Stuart Fly Rod Club have an extreme interest in this presentation. Please join us for this very important information session presented by the leadership of CCA Florida.



Keith Palant with a fat ocean-caught snook. It looks like this fish had been eating well recently. It was released to fight again.



Juan Giachino Jr with a very nice snook



Jim Tuten (above) and Hank Taylor (right) had a fine trip to the fabulous Florida Keys. They reported continuous action on a number of fish, especially on mangrove (gray) snapper. Jim shows off a flag yellowtail, caught in the ocean. Hank has a nice grouper to the right. Even with the large weekend population of the Keys, there are many good spots left. The relatively clean and unspoiled waters of the Keys bring the bait and the fish.



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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- River Palms Cottages

Guide & Charter Services

- Cajun Fishing Adventures Louisiana
- Catch 22 Charters Florida
- The Fish Intimidator Louisiana

General Business

- Capp's Roofing
- Inn of the Dog
- Plaza 95 Marathon, Dairy Queen and Highway Café

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- Crary Buchanan Attorneys

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E-mail all newsletter copy and photos to Fred Bartlett at fredbart@aol.com or to Jim Bohrer at halieutics@gmail.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 modern 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. It would be helpful if you could remove your hat and sunglasses while taking your photo.

Candidates for 2017 Board of Governors of the Stuart Rod and Reel Club

The slate of candidates listed below was presented at the October 2016 meeting of the club. The election will be held at the November 2016 club meeting.

President: Jim Bohrer

Vice President: Jim Bowdish

Treasurer: Pete Noll

Club Secretary: Fred Bartlett

Director of Angling: Frank Miller

Director at Large: Jerry Hoge

Director at Large: Roy Buckley

LUNCHEON FOR NOVEMBER

THE LUNCHEON FOR NOVEMBER WILL
BE HELD AT SANDSPRIT PARK.

THE TIME IS 1 PM AND THE DATE IS
NOVEMBER 12TH. PLEASE RSVP TO
BOB RUGGERI AT
BOB.RUGGERI@YAHOO.COM

Reminder-Christmas Party

Our Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 10th at the Dolphin Bar and Shrimp House. Cost is \$38 per person including appetizers, entrée, dessert and coffee or iced tea. Please see the Emails that have been sent to you. We need your check by December 3rd to reserve a place for you.



2016 Annual Dues

Dues for half year 2016 are now due. 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

Half year is July thru December \$45

Family membership for a full year is \$95

Half year is July thru December \$55

Send your checks payable to:

Stuart Rod and Reel Club, Inc.

c/o Peter Noll, Treasurer

1888 S. W. Mooring Dr.

Palm City, FL 34990

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.

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.

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.