

September

# TRUE LIES

2016

*The Stuart Rod & Reel Club Newsletter*



*Jim Bohrer says, "There of those of you who I am sure think this is a made up or fictitious picture. I had it checked out by our resident marine biologist, Dr. Zack Judd, PhD of the Florida Oceanographic Society. He assured me that although strange, it is a real fish. It is a long-snouted lancetfish (Alepisauridae)."*

*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.*





*Smiling Hilarie (not Clinton) Bohrer with a smiling spotted Seatrout!*



*Here is a beautiful snook, caught and released, while fishing with member Keith Palant.*



*Keith Palant outside of the inlet with a nice snook. Both this photo and the one above show the correct way to hold a snook horizontally for photos and release. Putting the fish in a vertical position upsets internal organs and harms the fish. We need to conserve these precious fish.*



*Our own, very proud, Frank Miller with a dandy redfish.*



*Keith Palant with another nice snook. Water quality seems to have less of a negative impact on snook and tarpon, especially if there is bait in an area. Keith caught and released this fish to fight another day.*

***GUEST SPEAKER FOR THE SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING***

*Our speaker for the September general membership meeting will be Mark Dravo, one of the premier sea trout fishermen in all of Florida.*

*The winner of the August Trout/Redfish tournament was Squeeky Kelly. He caught both a Redfish and a Trout and he beat Bill Lalone by an overall length difference of only two inches. Congratulations to Squeeky Kelly.*



*Congratulations to Juan Guachino, Jr on his inshore slam. He also caught a grouper on the same trip (see page 8).*

# 2016 TOURNAMENT OUTING SCHEDULE

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

September 9, 10, 11	Local Snook Outing	18" minimum length, catch and release size.	Sandsprit Park, Stuart. 1 PM.	Longest total length.
October 26-29	<b>AWAY TRIP</b>	Total Inches of 1 trout, 1 redfish and 1 snook (18" min.)	Pine Island, FL at Tropic Star Cottages, Bokeelia 239-283-0015	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.



*Jim Harter caught this 34 inch snook near the 10 Cent Bridge. He used a key lime color DOA Cal Jig.*

## 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](http://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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- Fish Heads of Stuart
- Snook Nook
- Treasure Coast Rod and Reel
- White's Tackle

### Area Dining

- Crawdaddy's
- Dixie Grill
- Manatee Island Bar & Grill
- Manero's Restaurant
- Polka European Deli
- Rancho Chico
- Shrimper's

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- Cajun Fishing Adventures Louisiana
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### 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 Jim Bohrer at halieutics@gmail.com. Closing date is the 25<sup>th</sup> 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.***



*Juan Guachino, Jr caught this pretty grouper on the same day that he caught the inshore slam featured on page 4. Some days the stars just align for you.*



*A smiling Richard Matteson with another Round Island redfish.*



*Pete Noll with an Indian River Lagoon trout.*

#### FISH OF THE MONTH WINNER

The overall winner of the Fish of the Month for August was Jim Bohrer. He caught and released an incredible 186 spotted seatrout during August. He has the magic touch when it comes to inshore fishing. Plus, he can release most trout within seconds using his hemostats and his long experience. Congratulations, Jim!



### 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.***

### LUNCHEON FOR SEPTEMBER 2016

THE LUNCHEON FOR SEPTEMBER WILL BE HELD AT SANDSPRIT PARK IN STUART. THE DATE IS SEPTEMBER 10 AND THE TIME IS 1 PM. PLEASE EMAIL BOB RUGGERI AT [BOB.RUGGERI@YAHOO.COM](mailto:BOB.RUGGERI@YAHOO.COM) IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND. YOU CAN ALSO SIGN UP FOR THE LUNCHEON AT THE SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

### 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.

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.