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# THE CHUM LINE

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## SAVE THE DATES

*October Fish of the Month: Pompano*

October 2<sup>nd</sup>: FSC Monthly Meeting, VFW  
7:00 PM Quick Tips; 7:30 PM Business Meeting

October 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>: Creekside Festival, Princess Place

October 13<sup>th</sup>: Annual Club Picnic and Swap & Shop, Herschel King

October 20<sup>th</sup>: **FREE** Club Surf Tournament

November 13<sup>th</sup>: FSC Monthly Meeting, VFW  
7:00 PM Quick Tips; 7:30 PM Business Meeting

November 17<sup>th</sup>: **FREE** Flounder and Redfish Tournament, Bings Landing



## Surf Fishing OCTOBER 2, 2018

### Monthly Flagler Sportfishing Club Meeting

This month's meeting will consist of an experienced Panel made up of Surf Fishing Club Members sharing their experiences of success.

**Quick Tips - How to catch flounder**  
by Bill Moore. Starts at 7pm

**General Club Meeting - 7:30pm**

**The Panel discussion - Starts at 8pm**

## Learn how to Fish on the Beach

Presented by:  
Club Membership Panel

- Headed by Jeff Rafter, longtime Flagler Surf Fisherman
- The Panel will share the techniques of being a successful Surf Fisherman
- Learn about using the proper equipment
- Learn from the Best within the Club who Surf Fish

### Topics to be covered:

1. Equipment
2. Where to Fish
3. How to fish from the sand

MEETING PLACE  
(PUBLIC WELCOME)

VFW Club  
47 Old Kings Rd N  
Palm Coast, FL 32137  
(386) 446-8696



## FROM THE HELM October 2018

First of all a big thank you to all of the members who showed up at the St. Johns Water Management meeting over their Flagler wetlands restoration project. Believe me, your appearance made a difference and thanks again for taking the time out of your schedule. We didn't win, but the board was impressed enough to give us some breathing room and spend some time addressing our concerns. Stay tuned; this is a long way from being over.

Red tide news continues to be bad. FWC has mandated redfish and snook caught in southwest Florida must be released until further notice. Politicians continue to support more investigation of the issue and waste the taxpayer's time and money. Thank goodness for the private sector. CCA has partnered with Duke Energy to release 10,000 redfish in southwest Florida once the water clears up. Mote Marine Labs is working on a snook release program that will be financed by adopting a snook. Fishermen in Brevard County have formed the Indian River County Clean Water Coalition forcing a ½ cent additional sales tax to fund Mosquito Lagoon cleanup. I continue to wonder why our elected officials cannot

take action on these issues. With elections coming up please make sure you understand your candidates position on cleaning up this mess.

October is another busy month for activities. We are doing a kids clinic at Creekside this year for the first time at Princess Place. If you helped at our July clinic we can use you again on October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Besides the typical rods, reels and instruction, Whitney Marine Labs will join us both days with their rolling lab of live touch animals. It's going to be a lot of fun and if you like food and music this is the place to be. The Flagler Chamber of Commerce expects 20,000 people to attend so it will be quite a party.

While our club picnic is not quite as big it's still quite special. Expect great food, competition and fun all day at Herschel King Park. I am not sure what Rita Waddell has up her sleeve this year but you can bet the day is going to be special. Check further on in the Chum Line for specifics on both events.

With the mullet run in full song the inshore fishing is hot so get out there!

Chuck

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## Flagler County To Crescent Beach

### Capt. Jim Britton

**saltytalesfishingcharters.com**

October is one of my favorite months to fish in our area. While many other captains in surrounding areas will be fishing jetties for large oversize red and black drum, it is time for me to catch tournament size fish. The mullet run will slow down but large redfish will be roaming the banks of the ICW on low tides. During the higher tides these upper slot fish will move on top of oyster bars and up along the grass edges. With cooler water temperatures these fish will readily eat artificial baits. I prefer soft plastic baits for sight fishing opportunities and spoons or top water plugs when searching the higher water. Gator sea trout will return to the inshore troughs and Pellicer Creek this month also. Drifting live shrimp or finger mullet in the troughs should produce trophy trout. For artificial baits top water plugs during low light conditions will be hard to beat. When the sun is bright I like throwing 1/8 or 1/4 ounce jigheads with a soft plastic paddle tail (cast up current and bounce the jig along the bottom). In Pellicer Creek, fish

the deep holes on the sharp bends of the creek. A 1/4 ounce jighead tipped with a shrimp or a curlytail soft plastic should do the trick for getting their attention.

Flounder should round out a good day of fishing in October. Working soft plastic baits, slowly and methodically, on the redfish flats and even the trout troughs will often produce a flat fish by-catch! In order to catch large flounder intentionally, I like to use live mullet on a fish finder rig in and near Matanzas inlet (use just enough weight to hold bottom). Remember to wait a short amount of time after feeling the flounder "thump" before setting the hook.



## BOAT FOR SALE

2015, 17' Mitzi Skiffs for sale, 50hp Honda 2014 motor. Minn Kota Riptide ST trolling motor with I Pilot.

**\$14,900 or best offer.**

Call Bill Moore (407) 920-5229



## HOLIDAY/CHRISTMAS PARTY ANNOUNCEMENT

The holidays are just around the corner, believe it or not! Since so many of our members are new, and have little knowledge of the Clubs Holiday/Christmas party, I will try to explain. The club subsidizes the event. We have entertainment, dinner, dessert and coffee. It would not be a Club function without a Cooler of Cheer, a Chinese Auction and lots of fun. The date has changed and is now on DECEMBER 1. The location has also changed and will be at GRAND HAVEN GOLF CLUB. The entertainment will be Capt. Kirk. We are going to have a BUFFET, so you do not have to make up your mind in advance, you can taste it all. We will have full use of the Grand Haven Golf Club, inside and out. It will be decorated for the holidays and has a great big bar! If you have a preference as to whom you would like to sit with, put in your request early. The deadline for reservations is NOVEMBER 16th. So put on your dancing shoes, or not, but come join in the fun with your fellow Club members. Mingle and get to know them. If you like, bring along a guest or two (hopefully they will become members too). I will be at the October meeting to accept your reservations and money. See you then. Any questions please feel free to call me 386 441 8411, Pat Gleichmann. See page 4 for more information and to make your reservation.

## Free Club Surf Tournament Bings Landing Weigh-In

Saturday October 20, 2018- Fish from daylight to 2:00 PM

Come to the weigh in and participate in the 50/50, multiple chances to win  
raffles, lunch, socializing and a chance to win \$25 or \$15 just for showing up  
(with or without fish).

***\$850 in CASH PRIZES***

### Heaviest Fish

**1<sup>st</sup> Place = \$100**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place = \$80**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place = \$60**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Place = \$40**



### Most Species

**1<sup>st</sup> Place = \$100**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place = \$80**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place = \$60**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Place = \$40**

**Heaviest Pompano = \$25 bonus,**

**Participation (show up prizes) drawings = \$25 and \$15 gift cards**

***Raffle items include a Diawa Saltiest 4000 Reel spooled with braid***

**Eligible Species:** Black Drum, Blue Fish, Flounder, Pompano, Redfish, Sheepshead, Trout and 11" minimum on Whiting

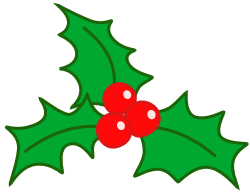
**Rules:** All eligible fish must be caught from the surf while the angler stands in the sand facing east. Fish any beach you like. All fish must conform to FWC regulations. All Club members are welcome and any accompanying guest may compete with a \$20 donation paid by the day before.

**Weigh-in:** Weigh-in starts at 2:00 PM and ends at 3:00 PM at Bings Landing. In case of a tie, the earliest to weigh in wins.

**Lunch** will be served starting at 2:00 PM. Water will be provided.

**Sign up:** If you haven't already signed up, you can at the October 2, 2018 Monthly Meeting. Sign up by October 17<sup>th</sup> so we can get enough food for everyone. Or contact **Tournament Director, Gary Fisher** at [treasurer@fcsportfishing.com](mailto:treasurer@fcsportfishing.com) or at 386-264-6975.





You are Invited to Flagler Sportfishing Club's Holiday Party  
**Flagler Sportfishing Club**  
**Annual Holiday Party 2018**

**Saturday, December 1st, 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM**

**Grand Haven Golf Club, 500 River Front Drive, Palm Coast 32137**  
 (Entrance to Grand Haven is ~2 miles on Colbert Lane from Palm Coast Pkwy and  
 is across from Grand Living Grand Haven Realty)

**Entertainment by DJ Enterprises - Captain Kirk for your**  
**Dining and Dancing Pleasure**  
**Dress is Club House Casual**



**MENU**

**6:00 p.m. Cocktail Hour & Hors d'oeuvres**

**7:00 p.m. Dinner Begins with Winter Salad, Candied Pecans, Dried Cranberries,  
 Feta Cheese and Wild Berry Vinaigrette Dressing  
 Assorted Dinner Rolls and Butter Served on Guests' Tables**

**GRAND HAVEN BUFFET**

- Chef Carved Prime Rib with House Aus Ju and Horseradish Cream Sauce
  - Bronzini (Sea Bass) with Lemon Dill Cream Drizzle
  - Wild Mushroom Chicken Marsala
- Sides: Baked Potato Bar; Wild Rice with Cranberries; Green Beans with Blistered Tomatoes
  - Chef's Choice Assorted Dessert and Coffee
  - Cash Bar



*As in the past, please bring one unwrapped toy per  
couple for our Club's donation to "Toys For Tots"*



	COST
Membership Name One: _____	\$30.00
Membership Name Two: _____	\$30.00
Guest Name: _____	\$45.00
Guest Name: _____	\$45.00
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED:</b> _____	
I would like to be seated with: _____	
_____	

**PLEASE NOTE:** Tables of **8** maximum - we will try to accommodate seating preferences. Your **Club Membership** entitles you to two people at the reduced Member menu price. All others are considered "Guests" and are required to pay Guest price. **All reservations and money must be received no later than November 16th. Money and reservations will be returned after November 16th. No Exceptions.** Make checks payable to **Flagler Sportfishing Club** and mail to Pat Gleichmann, 3300 John Anderson Dr., Ormond Beach, FL 32176. If you need additional information, contact Pat at 386-441-8411

## Reminder

Snook season opened on September 1 and will continue through December 14. Size limit is 28"-32." We are still looking for a Snook & Grouper catch for the Yearlong Species Tournament. Thanks for everyone's support and if you have any questions, please let me know...Rita Waddell, Weighmaster...386.585.0148

## August 11th Kayak Tournament



31" Snook caught by Ron (Butch) Gorney fishing on the "1 Moore Cast" with Captain Bill Moore.



Bill Zimmer 1st Place 3.14 lb Red with brother-in-law & new member Roy Cribbs 4th Place 2.13 lb Red.



2nd Place Redfish was Mark Heffley's 3.10 lb. Red. Close!



Awesome! Junior angler Evan Pandich took 3rd with his 3.09 Red



1st Place 2.06 lb. Trout was won by David Genk. Congrats.



Nice catch Tyler Ditton who took 2nd place, 2.05 lb. Trout



Steve Hirko usually brings fish to weigh ins but he won without fish in the draw for 3rd Place Trout! Nice.



You had to be there to see Mike Hadden win the draw for 4th Place Trout.



It was a Pandich Family Affair at the Kayak Tourn. Liz won the drawing for the Bucket.



Winning this great Engel live bait cooler made Mark Heffley smile.



Tourn chair Tim Loftus did the cooking on his own grill!!!!





# You Are Invited to the 2018 Flagler Sportfishing Club Annual Picnic "LET'S GO FISHING!!!"



Plus Swap & Shop

**WHERE: Herschel King Park (off Colbert Lane)**

**WHEN: Saturday, October 13, 2018**

**TIME: 11:00 AM to sign up for contests**

**12:30 PM FOOD WILL BE SERVED**

**WHY: To THANK our Club Members and HAVE FUN!!!**

Everything you will need to have a great time will be provided by the Club  
**FOOD: BBQ Chicken - Pulled Pork - Sausage, Peppers & Onions with Rolls -  
Water and Ice Tea**

**Plates - Cups - Napkins - Tableware - Games - Prizes**

**This is a BYOB event and we ask that you bring an appetizer, side, or dessert to share.**

**Music**



**Casting Contest**



Casting contest could not have been held at at more beautiful park. Herschel King.

**Horseshoe Contest**



**Corn Hole Contest**



**GREAT RAFFLE  
ITEMS**

**SWAP & SHOP**

**50/50**



**We have lots of great Raffle items ... Engel Cooler, Fishing Equipment, Costa Sunglasses, Gift Cards, Club Shirts, and more, along with the 50/50.**

You can sign up at the October 2, 2018 Monthly Meeting. You can also email Rita Waddell at [weighmaster@fcsportfishing.com](mailto:weighmaster@fcsportfishing.com). Please let Rita know how many are attending and whether you are bringing a side, appetizer, or dessert to share. Members are free, but the cost of members' guests is \$10.00 per guest. **Deadline for sign up is Friday, October 5, 2018.** We need to know how much food to order.



## Red Snapper Tournament Winners 8/2018

Red Snapper Catch			Date	Pounds	Ounces	
Ilardo	James		8/10/18	23	10	\$100
McIntire	Jim		8/19/18	20	2	\$80
Syens	Dana		8/19/18	18	0	\$70
Moravec	Thomas		8/19/18	16	0	\$50
McIntire	Claire		8/19/18	16	0	\$50



Weigh Master Rita Waddell announced the winners of the Snapper Tournament  
4th Clair McIntier 16 lbs; 3rd Jim McIntire 20.2 lbs; 2nd Dana Syens (not pictured) 18 lbs; 1st Jim Ilardo 23 lbs.

## September Meeting



Pres. Chuck Gleichmann announced that the 2018 Holiday Party is now on Dec. 1st at Grand Haven Golf Club. He also reported on the Drag Line Ditch Restoration.



When target fish is Trout, Spencer uses a float on a longer leader with free swimming shrimp.



Chris Christian spoke about the Creekside Festival Kids Zone and Free Kids Clinic being run by Flagler Sportfishing Club.



Guest speaker Spencer Brogan spoke about baits to use when pier fishing: sand fleas, fresh shrimp, crabs, & spider crabs (on jelly fish).



Board member Tim Loftus reported on the August 25th Kayak Tourn and is looking forward to next one.



Michael and Janet Baldwin from Palm Coast Walmart updated information on the Walmart Charity Tournament which is benefitting the Children's Miracle Network.

**Join our Facebook group: Flagler Sportfishing Club Members**





## **CREEKSIDE FESTIVAL** **FREE KIDS CLINIC**

Sponsored by Flagler Sportfishing Club  
and  
Fish Florida

**WHERE:** Princess Place Preserve, 2500 Princess Place Road, Palm Coast

**WHEN:** October 6 & 7, 2018 at Creekside Festival

**TIMES:** Two Clinics Each Day

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**WHO CAN ATTEND:** All kids ages 5 - 13  
who must be accompanied by a parent

**COST:** Free - Part of the Kids Zone



### **SIX STATIONS ARE:**

**Knot Tying  
Casting**

**Conservation  
Habitat**

**Throwing a Cast Net  
Proper Fish Handling**

**Each of the first 200 kids who complete all six stations  
will receive a free fishing rod.**



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conservation through education

Here are the top 10 points leaders in the **2018 Yearlong Tournaments** as of August 31, 2018. The Yearlong is still anybody's game! Species Leaders and Full Standings are available on the Website

<http://sportfishbase.com/members/>

### **Top 10 Yearlong Ladies & Men's Angler of the Year Point Standings...as of 8/31/2018**

<b>Ladies</b>		<b>Men's</b>	
Claire McIntire	56	Bruce Bachman Jr	61
Dana Syens	55	Abdollah Moghanaki	57
ML Lopez	49	Tim Miller	48
Lisa Moravec	31	Bruce Bachman	23
Elvie James	21	Andrew Puskas	22
Stephanie Bachman	20	Dusty Banks	20
Carol Webb	16	Dwayne Martin	19
Dawn VanDorpe	10	Jim McIntire	19
Debbie Bedenbaugh	10	Thomas Moravec	16
Cookie Zimmer	10	Shane Stover	16





## Club Meeting Minutes 09-04-18

**7:00 PM Quick Tips – speaker was Rebecca Lucas**

**topic:** Catch, Photo & Release of fish you catch

**Meeting Called to order** at 7:30 PM by President Chuck Gleichmann

**Pledge of Allegiance:** presented by Pat Gleichmann

**Passing of August Minutes:** Minutes of August 7, 2018 meeting were passed, motion was made by Rod Fonseca and seconded by Peter Bessette.

**Treasurer's Report:** Gary Fisher said to excuse him tonight, he is out of uniform, he had to rush out of the house and didn't have time to change. He spoke to the members about what the dues give you in the value of tournaments, in the case of a new member who paid his \$40.00 dues, and at the Kayak Tournament, won 3<sup>rd</sup> place redfish and got a check for \$30.00. And just for showing up at the weigh in, you receive a show up ticket that is worth a \$25.00 gift card or cash. One lucky winner, Ron Stark, won several prizes that day. Gary said that we are well within budget, it has been a good year, the bills are paid and there is money in the bank.

**Welcome Visitors/New Members:** We had 13 guests/new members at tonight's meeting.

**Announcements:** Chuck Gleichmann announced that on our schedule of events sheet and our club calendar the date of the Holiday Party is incorrect. It is shown as being Dec. 08, but the correct date is Dec. 01 and the location of the party has been changed to Grand Haven Country Club on Colbert Lane in Palm Coast. Chuck said he has copies of the tide and cheat sheet he provided at the New Members meeting for the people who attended and did not receive a copy of it. Chuck spoke about the "Flagler Ditch Restoration Project", that going on in the Intracoastal waters behind Gamble Rogers Park. The club is taking an active stand against this. Chuck G. said this Drag Line Ditch Restoration is being done by the State DEP and St. Johns Water Management District. This is a backhoe that skims the berms and they fill in the canals to revert it back to a salt marsh. It was used in Mosquito Lagoon and now it is moving to Flagler County. It was done in 2010 and the redfish have not come back yet. There will be a public hearing on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> and he would like to have a good show of members who want to see these agencies take the time to postpone this until more information can be obtained and more is known about the effect it will have. Chuck G. also said a member's wife is selling a 2015 Flat skiff, please let Chuck G. know if you are interested in buying it. At our Nov. meeting, we will be having a Veteran's Day Food Drive for the Disabled American Veterans, we were able to raise \$7,000.00 at our spring tournament and they have put that money to good use in providing transportation for the veterans to doctor's appts, etc. There will also be special raffle items for the DAV. Please dig deeper at the November meeting, these donations will be used here in our community and township.

## REPORTS:

**Weigh Master Report & Snapper Tournament:** Rita Waddell said she was happy because when she picked up the weigh slips, there were quite a few fish that had been weighed in. The Lady Angler leaders are: Claire McIntire, Dana Syens, Maria Lopez and Lisa Moravec. Male leaders are: Bruce Bachmann Jr., Aby Moghanaki, Tim Miller, Bruce Bachmann Sr. and Drew Puskas. The results of the Yearlong Tournament are on the member's website and there are copies at the back table. There have been no grouper or snook caught yet. Sept. 1 is the beginning of snook season and it will end on 12/15/18. There will be a free woman's fishing clinic that is being sponsored by the FWC, check on their website for details. Fish of the Month winner was Aby Moghanaki for a 6.2 lb trout in August. The FOM for Sept. will be Flounder. FWC has announced that because of the red tide, if you catch Snook or Redfish on the Gulf side, it will be a catch and release only.

**Snapper Tournament:** Rita said the tournament was held for two weekends from August 10-12 and Aug. 17-19. Winners were: 4<sup>th</sup> place tie with a 16 lb fish-Claire McIntire and Tom Moravec, prize of \$50.00 each, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Dana Syens with a 18 lb fish, with a prize amount of \$70.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Jim McIntire with a 20.02 lb fish, with a prize amount of \$80.00 and 1<sup>st</sup> place Jim Ilardo with a 23.01 fish, with a prize amount of \$100.00. Congrats to all!

## Old Business:

**Children's Miracle Network Tournament:** Janet & Mike Baldwin told us that we had 52 members that fished our Spring Tournament and that we need people to fish this tournament also. There is a Cooler of Joy on display that can be won and Jessica and David will be selling the tickets at tonight's meeting. There will be a special catch and release cooler and you can get up to 2 tickets if you bring in two live redfish. Janet said that the tournament will be held on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> and it will benefit the Arnold Palmer Children's Hospital, entry fee will be \$60.00 with a \$5.00 discount for club members, veterans and first responders. Prizes awarded for 1-5<sup>th</sup> place Redfish and an extra prize for most spots, one cash prize per angler. This is the first tournament Janet and Mike have hosted and they need volunteers. Sign-up sheets are on the back table along with posters to put up at any businesses you know and entry forms to enter the tournament. Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> will be the Captain's Meeting held at Hidden Treasure starting at 5 PM. The weigh-in will also be held at Hidden Treasure on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> from 2-3 PM. There will be great door prizes, raffles and coolers. Support our sponsors and try to fish this tournament. Jr. anglers can fish also, 15 yrs of age and under free. Kayaks or boats only, if you are using a kayak, speak to Mike Baldwin. Chuck G. mentioned that all the monies after expenses will be going to this charity.

**New Members Clinic:** Walt Huresky, said he holds the New and Old Members Clinic twice a year and it is conducted by Captains and speakers from the club. On 8/11 this one was held at the Hammock Community Center. We

had 77 people attend and 23 were non-members. They were taught how to throw a cast net, Kayak, pier and Intracoastal fishing, how to use the tides and phases of the moon to help you and also how to fish in the surf.

**Kayak 2 Tournament:** Our second Kayak Tournament of the year was hosted by Miguel Pandich and Tim Loftus on 8/25. Tim told us they had a great turnout, he brought his own propane grill from home and cooked up hot dogs and hamburgers for us all. For 2019, Miguel and Tim L. are working on getting a CPR (Catch, Photo, Release) for this tournament. Tim L. said to make sure to come to the weigh-ins, our member, Ron Stark, won 4 prizes. Many thanks to Ron for helping corral the members who were at the wrong pavilion and caught us before we sat down and ate all of Sea Ray's food at their farewell BBQ.

**Creekside Festival:** Chris Christian told us that this event will be held on Oct. 6 & 7 at Princess Preserve. We will do a kids zone, similar to what we do at the kids clinic. There will be 200 rods and reels to the first 200 kids, we will teach them how to cast net, how to fish, no food will be involved; there will be 2 sessions per day. Our area will be by the cement pool and we can go down to the water to cast, but the tide will be out while casting. There will be advertising in the newspaper on this event. Whitney Lab will be bringing some live fish or crab samples to show the kids for 2 hours.

**Picnic:** Rita said the picnic is set for Sat., Oct. 13 from noon to whenever. There will be a rod casting contest, horseshoe and corn hole contests, look for the flyer in the Chum Line. At the Oct. meeting, we will have signup sheets. No, Bill May, there will not be a whole pig at this picnic!

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Pier Tournament:** Jeff Rafter announced that this will be our first pier tournament and will be held on Sat., Sept. 22, fishing will be on the Flagler Pier from 6 AM – 1PM, the weigh-in will be from 12 – 1 PM. Details of the tournament will be in the Chum Line or on our website, we will be elbow to elbow with members or outside anglers on the pier. Wristbands will be handed out to single us out from the regular anglers out on the pier. Get in line at 6 AM and Buzz (the office worker) will check you off a list he will have of members fishing and the club pays your pier fee for that day. Fish where you want out there! A sandwich with chips bag lunch will be provided along with a dessert, you will have to find a spot to eat it. The pier has some benches out there, but you should provide your own chair if you need one. Raffle items as prizes will be a rod and reel combo, pier net, gift certificates from Fishing Shack and the Granada Pier and some fishing rigs made by Jeff. 1 prize per person, heaviest fish wins. Whiting must measure 11 inches to weigh them in. People outside the club that happen to be fishing on the pier that day cannot weigh fish in but we will allow them to buy raffle tickets. Jeff said tonight's speaker will be Spencer Brogan he will talk about pier fishing. Jeff also announced that he will be holding a special Ladies Surf Fishing Clinic on Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> at the Betty

Steflik Pavilion, which is under the 100 bridge in Flagler, across from Hidden Treasure restaurant. He has limited admission to 14 ladies and he has 7 signed up already. See Jeff if you are interested. After the clinic, he will then go to Gamble Rogers Beach to teach you how to cast the surf rod.

#### **Break for 10 minutes**

**Guest Speaker is Spencer Brogan:** Spencer has been a pier fisherman since he was a kid, growing up in Jacksonville. He told us if you are targeting a redfish or a drum to use a 2 oz weight, a 30 lb leader and a 2 widebend hook, it is an offset hook. For bait use sand fleas or ¼ of a crab and look for pilings. If using mullet, pitch it between the pilings and drag it back & forth. Don't go past 3 foot of water, mullet is running right now. Target the redfish for the largest weight. Use mullet for speckled trout and redfish. If the fish runs, turn his head. He uses 30-50 pound braid. If targeting Black Drum, use an owner SSW hook, pop the tail off of the shrimp, don't peel it, just open up the head some, keep the legs on it and use the whole shrimp. Also, you can use chunks of crab and clam. But the clams, cut in strips and salt them overnight to toughen them so they will stay on the hook. If fishing for Trout, if using a float rig or a trout rig, use a 12 lb leader, use a longer leader if the current is not strong, you don't need a float or a weight. You can use that rig for pompano and trout. When fishing for a flounder, shorten up the leader, adjust the depth, put the float up some. Don't set the hook on a flounder and don't yank the hook. If no wind, put the hook right behind the breakers. Fish into the wind and let the current bring the shrimp back to you. If a NE wind, the fish face north. He fishes the closest trough, the inside trough is the most productive. Around the full moon, you can get big trout. When fishing for Whiting & Pompano, use fresh shrimp, put the shrimp on ice, try to find a run out to fish in. If the water is rough, use a sputnick for a sinker, sand fleas, blue crab cut into knuckles for bait. Use circle hooks for Whiting. People like yellow small floats for Pompano and Whiting. Cut mullet in chunks for Bluefish. Sheepshead like sand fleas, drop your line to the bottom and if no hits, reel it back up. He showed us what a spider crab looks like, they are inside a jelly ball (jellyfish), he said they make very good bait. He doesn't use fish bites alone but he will pair them with a bait. For Trout, he uses a spinner with a shrimp on it. Pompano love bucktail jigs, pink color and he ties a 20 lb. mono leader to the line. A DOA bait or a gold spoon will work. Use a float rig and a popping cork with a DOA bait and the trout will hit it. Don't use a wire leader for trout, use 12 lb. mono. If Bluefish are around, use a 20 lb. mono, 40 lb. line is too heavy. Pay attention to the FWC rules and always check them online because they change very frequently and you need to know the rules.

**50/50 Raffle won by Elvira James**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM**

**Submitted by:** Carol Carter, Secretary



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