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SAVE THE DATES

May Fish of the Month: Amberjack



May 7th: FSC Monthly Meeting, VFW
7:00 PM Quick Tips; 7:30 PM Business Meeting
•Election of Officers
•Smoked Fish Smoke-Off

May 11th: **FREE** Club Surf Tournament

May 18th: Bottom Trip- Ponce Inlet (see flyer page 5)

June 4th: FSC Monthly Meeting, VFW
7:00 PM Quick Tips; 7:30 PM Business Meeting
•Swap & Shop

June 8th: **FREE** Club Kayak Tournament- Genung's Fish Camp

June 22nd: **FREE** Club Guys & Gals Tournament- Herschel King



Want to Learn Surf Fishing?

by Noel Kuhn, Surf Fishing Professional

MAY 7, 2019

Monthly Flagler Sportfishing Club Meeting



Learn how to surf fish with Noel Kuhn and enjoy the art of fishing without a boat. Noel is a great teacher and guide who will teach all of us how to fish on the beach. Also, this month is the Smoked Fish Smoke Off so bring your best smoked fish to be judged. Judging will begin at 6:30. Bring your favorite fish dip as well.

Quick Tips - 7pm

Bob Cyr - Fishing rod repair

General Meeting starts at 7:30pm

Featured Speakers Start at 8:15pm

Fishing in the Surf

Put your feet in the sand and fish in the surf! Learn how to enjoy surf fishing with Noel Kuhn. Also, get prepared for the next free Club Surf Tournament on May 11th.

➤ **Founding Member**
Florida Surfcasters Club

➤ **Surf fishing for 40 years**

➤ **Tournament Winner & Jax native**

Topics to be covered!

1. Equipment for Surf fishing
2. Bait to use
3. Where to fish

MEETING PLACE
(PUBLIC WELCOME)
VFW Club
47 Old Kings Rd N
Palm Coast, FL 32137



FROM THE HELM

May 2019

During my working days, when people came to me with an opportunity, it usually meant there was a problem that needed to be solved. I have an opportunity for you all right now and you can help me solve it! So here we go:

Last month, I explained that our explosive growth has put a strain on our budget and our people. We did some tweaking on the budget. As it stands now we should be good. Now it's on to the people part. The elections are being held this month and the same names show up in different places each year. We have some new blood but not enough to carry the current work load of 10 free club tournaments, 1 Charity Tournament, 2 kid's clinics, a bottom trip, a club picnic and a Christmas party and this is not a complete list.

On top of the events, we recruit two speakers every month, have a complete stand-alone financial function, take photos of every event, and run an active digital media and new member program.

So with that being said, if you have been a member for at least a year, please consider throwing your name in the hat for an elected position.

If you are new or a newer member, consider helping out in an area that you have an interest or expertise in. We are looking at splitting up some of the tasks and creating a group rather than just one person to spread the work load around. We are looking for volunteers to help in areas such as Quick Books, data entry, social events, weigh-in's, photography, digital media and new member recruiting. If you don't like any of these jobs, sign up anyway and we will find you something to do!

By getting involved, you will make some new friends, and have some fun with a group of really nice people.

Tight Lines!
Chuck

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**May fishing forecast**

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It seems that our spring is finally here in full effect! The forecast will be much the same as April, plus more. By "more," I mean we should all be catching **more** fish, plus expecting **more** species.

On the beach, anglers can expect more blue fish, more pompano, and more Spanish mackerel, as well as, the usual whiting and occasional redfish and black drum. From the piers, the bite will be much the same. However, as the month progresses be on the lookout for a shot at a kingfish and tarpon.

Inshore Anglers, it is time to dust off your favorite topwater plug. Hit your favorite flat, early in the morning for some exciting redfishing, or target creek mouths and drop-offs for speckled sea trout. After chasing the topwater bite, anglers can target flounder as the day warms up. For the flatties, target deep holes with

moving water using a ¼ ounce jighead and a small mullet or mud minnow.

Offshore Anglers should not have to travel far for some exciting battles. Kingfish and cobia will be found on the beach and on the wrecks and reefs (make sure to have some pitch baits ready on some spinning gear). While fishing these waters, be on the lookout for sailfish as they too move in with the warmer water. Deep water anglers will be greeted by more dolphin. Recent reports have most bites coming on ballyhoo rigs. Small pink and white skirted baits are working also. An occasional wahoo or blackfin tuna may still find its way into the spread also.

Good luck on the water and remember - fishing is fun, have a blast!

Begins at
7:00PM

QUICK TIPS

Bob Cyr – Fishing rod repair

This month, our quick tips speaker will be discussing how to repair your fishing rod when you have minor breaks and similar issues.

2019 Count the Spots Tournament

Saturday 3-30-2019

Herschel King Park

By: Tom & Lisa Moravec

It was a beautiful day for the tournament with sunshine and a high around 76°. We had a total of 90 people sign up. and a total of 80 at the weigh-in. It was a great turnout with 12 anglers weighing a total of 16 fish.

The tournament winners with the most spots were: **Bill Moore in 1st place** with 11 spots at 2.6 lbs, **Rick Lay in 2nd place** with 9 spots at 3.8 lbs, **Steve Hirko in 3rd place** with 5 spots at 2.75 lbs, **Bill Zimmer in 4th place** with 4 spots at 3.6lbs, **Shawn Barnett in 5th place** with 4 spots at 2.65 lbs, and **Carol Webb in 6th place**, also with 4 spots at 2.55 lbs.

The winner for the **largest redfish by weight** was **Pat Gleichmann** with 3 spots and weighed in at 7 lbs.

We also had a great **50/50 drawing** won by **Roy Cribb** for \$170, and numerous raffle prizes, including a nice combination **Penn rod and reel combo** that **Cookie Zimmer** won. **Frank DePrume** won a **filet knife**, **Jason Healy** won the **Engel bait cooler**, and **Stefanie Bakazan** won an **Arctic coffee mug**.

Congratulations to everyone!! A huge thank you to everyone that came out and participated in the weigh-in.



Flagler Sportfishing Club Election of Officers

The election of officers for our club will take place at the general membership meeting on Tuesday, May 7th at the VFW. The business meeting will begin at 7:30 PM. You should have already received an election ballot via email, or you will be getting one very soon. There will also be ballots at the meeting along with a collection box for the completed ballots.

We will be electing a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Weighmaster and Sergeant at Arms. Names of nominees will be on the ballots for each office and you are allowed to vote one time for each of the vacancies. If you cannot be at the meeting on May 7th, please print out the ballot you have received by email, select your candidate, and mail it to Flagler Sportfishing Club, P.O. Box 353383, Palm Coast, FL 32135-3383, ATTN: Bill May. **IT MUST BE MAILED IN TIME TO BE PICKED UP FROM THE PO BOX AT LEAST ONE DAY PRIOR TO THE MEETING.** If you attend the meeting on May 7th, you can vote then.

Winners will be determined and announced at the end of the May meeting, and officers will assume office the following meeting on June 4th. If you have questions, call Bill May at 386-864-1555. **Please** vote!

Follow us on Instagram: [flagler_sportfishing_club](#)

Flagler Sport Fishing Club 2019 Election Ballot

Instructions:

- ◇ Fill out the ballot below by marking a check in the space behind the name.
- ◇ For each position there is a blank space for a write in candidate.
- ◇ Members whose names are printed on the ballot will serve if elected.
- ◇ The signature line assures that only club members have voted.
- ◇ Bring filled in ballot to club meeting 7 May or mail to Flagler Sportfishing Club PO Box 353383 Attn: Bill May

For President

Chuck Gleichmann _____
 Rita Waddell _____
 Write-in _____

For Vice President

Dana Syens _____
 Write-in _____

For Weighmaster

Chuck Radloff _____
 Write-in _____

For Treasurer

Gary Fisher _____
 Write-in _____

For Sergeant – At - Arms

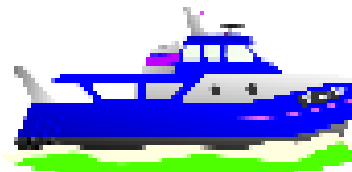
Ron Gorney _____
 Dean Roberts _____
 Write-in _____

 Club Member Signature

Join our Facebook group: Flagler Sportfishing Club Members

CLUB BOTTOM TRIP

Saturday, May 18, 2019



An all day fishing trip for club members aboard the 90' Critter Fleet.

The boat can fish up to 85 and the trip is limited to first 65 members who pay in advance.

Cost is **\$85.00 for members** and **\$120.00 for non-members**. Sign-up's start at the April 2, 2019 meeting.

Will be open to non-members after May 7, 2019 meeting.

Price includes: boat, bait, tackle, bottled water and entry into Big Fish Jackpots.

•**1st place fish** \$100.00; **2nd place fish** \$75.00; **3rd place fish** \$50.00 - Big Fish Jackpot is paid for fish on yearlong tournament list only.

•Calcutta: Biggest fish from yearlong tournament list with \$5.00 buy in.

•Raffle

•Boat has galley with food and drinks for sale.

•You may bring your own beer, food and tackle; but no glass and no braided fishing line is allowed.

•Small Coolers Only

Critter Fleet leaves at 8:00 AM and returns around 4:30 PM

Drawing at 7:30 AM for fishing spots at back of the boat.

Directions from Palm Coast:

1. Take Interstate 95 South to the Port Orange Exit #256 (State Road 421).
2. Turn Left (East) on Dunlawton Avenue for approximately 4 miles.
3. Cross over the Intercoastal Waterway and continue to A1A (Atlantic Avenue).
4. Turn Right (South) on A1A (Atlantic Avenue).
5. Go approximately 6 miles South on A1A (Atlantic Avenue). "Watch your speed"
6. Turn Right at stop sign.
7. Next Stop Sign Turn Left on Peninsula Drive.
8. Continue to 4950 S. Peninsula Drive. (Across the street from the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse.)

Contact Tim Miller - (386) 237-7026

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Address:

Flagler Sportfishing Club
P.O. Box 353383
Palm Coast, FL 32135



Just a reminder that Manatee season starts May 1
Check FWC website for more info



FLAGLER SPORTFISHING CLUB

FREE SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT

Saturday, May 11, 2019 from 6:00 AM to 3:00 PM

With or without fish come to the weigh-in at Betty Steflik Pavilion (under the 100 Bridge) to participate in the 50/50, raffles, lunch and socializing!

PAYOUTS:

Heaviest Fish - Eligible Species

- 1st Place \$100.00 •2nd Place \$85.00
- 3rd Place \$60.00 •4th Place \$35.00

Most Fish - Eligible Species

- 1st Place \$100.00 •2nd Place \$85.00
- 3rd Place \$60.00 •4th Place \$35.00

PLUS:

†Heaviest Pompano \$35.00 Bonus

†Show up Drawing \$25.00 Gift Card

Eligible Species: Black Drum, Blue Fish, Flounder, Pompano, Redfish, Sheepshead, Trout, and Whiting (Whiting: Minimum Length is 11")

Rules: All eligible fish must be caught from the surf while the angler stands in the sand. Fish any beach you like. All fish must conform to FWC regulations. A tie breaker is determined by the time of weigh-in; the earliest wins.

- In case of tie in 'Most Species,' heaviest combined weight wins tie.
- One cash prize per person

Weigh In: 2:00 PM-3:00 PM at Betty Steflik Pavilion, Flagler Beach.

For non-members: Food only \$5.00 donation

Sign Up: At the May 7th monthly meeting or contact Tournament Chair Norm Manley at (386) 237-4676 or nmanley1@hotmail.com - we need to know how much lunch and bottle water to order. Lunch will be at 2:30.

All club members fish **FREE**. Any accompanying guest (non-member) may compete with a \$20 donation paid in advance by May 10 and **MUST** fish with a member!

Volunteers are needed for raffle and 50/50 sales. Please contact Norm.

WEIGHMASTER REPORT

The fishing continues to be good for our club members. We had some really nice catches at our Spots Tournament & lots of slips in the boxes at the weigh stations. **Congratulations** Fish of the Month winner, **Pat Gleichmann** for her 7# Redfish catch in March!!! It's Spotted Sea Trout in April and then Amberjack for the May Fish of the Month.

Leading the **2019 Yearlong Tournament** as of March 31, 2019 is Karen Dougherty & Rick Lay. Species Leaders and Full Standings are available on the Website <http://sportfishbase.com/members/>

Thanks for everyone's support, and if you have any questions, please let me know...Rita Waddell, Weighmaster...386.585.0148

3-30-2019

Species Leaders by Points

Species	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth
Amberjack						
Black Drum	Rick Lay 13	Jeff James 10	Michael Brandon 5	Chris Goodwin 2		
Bluefish	ML Lopez 10					
Cobia						
Dolphin						
Flounder	Andy Zook 10	Carol Webb 6				
Grouper						
King Mackerel						
Pompano(Florida)	Rick Lay 10	Karen Dougherty 8	Jeff James 5	Gene Van Dorpe 4	Shawn Beauchamp 3	
Porgy						
Redfish	Ronald Gorney 10	Gene Van Dorpe 6	Andrew Scarpa 5	Patricia Gleichmann 5	Karen Dougherty 4	
Sea Bass	Dana Syens 10					
Sheepshead	Rick Lay 10	Karen Dougherty 7	Michael Brandon 6	Dominic Turdo 4	Jeff James 3	
Snapper, Mangrove	ML Lopez 10					
Snapper, Other						
Snapper, Red						
Snook						
Spanish Mackerel	Carol Webb 10					
Spotted Seatrout	Bill Moore 10	Shawn Barnett 6	Michael Brandon 5	Scheyenne Welch 4	Johnny Johns 3	Bruce Tilley 2
Trigger	Kevin Clymer 10	Shane Stover 6	Dana Syens 5			
Tuna/Bonita	Ryan Lukaszewski 10					
Wahoo	Bruce Bachman Jr. 25					
Whiting	Rick Lay 11	Brian Genk 10	Karen Dougherty 4	Tim Miller 3	Jeff James 2	

3-30-2019 Mixed Flagler Sportfishing Club Year Long Tournament

Species	First Place 10 Pts	Second Place 6 Pts	Third Place 5 Pts	Fourth Place 4 Pts	Fifth Place 3 Pts	Sixth Place 2 Pts
Amberjack						
Black Drum	Jeff James 8-9	Rick Lay 8-9	Michael Brandon 7-14	Rick Lay 7-14	Rick Lay 7-14	Chris Goodwin 6-2
Bluefish	ML Lopez 0-14					
Cobia						
Dolphin						
Flounder	Andy Zook 2-13	Carol Webb 1-3				
Grouper						
King Mackerel						
Pompano(Florida)	Rick Lay 4-4	Karen Dougherty 3-11	Jeff James 2-15	Gene Van Dorpe 2-7	Shawn Beauchamp 2-0	Karen Dougherty 1-15
Porgy						
Redfish	Ronald Gorney 8-8	Gene Van Dorpe 7-7	Patricia Gleichmann 7-0	Karen Dougherty 6-12	Andrew Scarpa 6-11	Andrew Scarpa 6-11
Sea Bass	Dana Syens 2-8					
Sheepshead	Rick Lay 5-12	Michael Brandon 5-8	Karen Dougherty 5-4	Dominic Turdo 4-14	Jeff James 4-12	Karen Dougherty 4-12
Snapper, Mangrove	ML Lopez 0-9					
Snapper, Other						
Snapper, Red						
Snook						
Spanish Mackerel	Carol Webb 0-15					
Spotted Seatrout	Bill Moore 3-11	Shawn Barnett 2-15	Michael Brandon 2-0	Scheyenne Welch 1-15	Johnny Johns 1-15	Bruce Tilley 1-15
Trigger	Kevin Clymer 8-9	Shane Stover 5-12	Dana Syens 5-9			
Tuna/Bonita	Ryan Lukaszewski 16-2					
Wahoo	Bruce Bachman Jr. 80-8	Bruce Bachman Jr. 79-8	Bruce Bachman Jr. 72-8	Bruce Bachman Jr. 68-4		
Whiting	Brian Genk 2-1	Rick Lay 1-15	Rick Lay 1-14	Karen Dougherty 1-14	Tim Miller 1-14	Jeff James 1-10

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3-30-2019 Ladies Flagler Sportfishing Club Year Long Tournament

Species	First Place 10 Pts	Second Place 6 Pts	Third Place 5 Pts	Fourth Place 4 Pts	Fifth Place 3 Pts	Sixth Place 2 Pts
Amberjack						
Black Drum	Carol Webb 2-5					
Bluefish	ML Lopez 0-14					
Cobia						
Dolphin						
Flounder	Carol Webb 1-3					
Grouper						
King Mackerel						
Pompano(Florida)	Karen Dougherty 3-11	Karen Dougherty 1-15	Karen Dougherty 1-2			
Porgy						
Redfish	Patricia Gleichmann 7-0	Karen Dougherty 6-12	Carol Carter 6-0	ML Lopez 4-11	ML Lopez 4-10	ML Lopez 3-8
Sea Bass	Dana Syens 2-8					
Sheepshead	Karen Dougherty 5-4	Karen Dougherty 4-12	Karen Dougherty 4-2	Carol Webb 3-10	Karen Dougherty 3-3	Rolita Gilmore 3-1
Snapper, Mangrove	ML Lopez 0-9					
Snapper, Other						
Snapper, Red						
Snook						
Spanish Mackerel	Carol Webb 0-15					
Spotted Seatrout	Scheyenne Welch 1-15	ML Lopez 1-7	ML Lopez 0-13			
Trigger	Dana Syens 5-9					
Tuna/Bonita						
Wahoo						
Whiting	Karen Dougherty 1-14	Karen Dougherty 1-10	Karen Dougherty 1-10	Karen Dougherty 1-9	Karen Dougherty 1-9	Karen Dougherty 1-6

3-30-2019 Men's Flagler Sportfishing Club Year Long Tournament

Species	First Place 10 Pts	Second Place 6 Pts	Third Place 5 Pts	Fourth Place 4 Pts	Fifth Place 3 Pts	Sixth Place 2 Pts
Amberjack						
Black Drum	Jeff James 8-9	Rick Lay 8-9	Michael Brandon 7-14	Rick Lay 7-14	Rick Lay 7-14	Chris Goodwin 6-2
Bluefish						
Cobia						
Dolphin						
Flounder	Andy Zook 2-13					
Grouper						
King Mackerel						
Pompano(Florida)	Rick Lay 4-4	Jeff James 2-15	Gene Van Dorpe 2-7	Shawn Beauchamp 2-0	Jeff James 1-11	Jeff James 1-10
Porgy						
Redfish	Ronald Gorney 8-8	Gene Van Dorpe 7-7	Andrew Scarpa 6-11	Andrew Scarpa 6-11	Gene Van Dorpe 6-10	Johnny Johns 6-10
Sea Bass						
Sheepshead	Rick Lay 5-12	Michael Brandon 5-8	Dominic Turdo 4-14	Jeff James 4-12	Tim Miller 4-11	Tim Miller 4-11
Snapper, Mangrove						
Snapper, Other						
Snapper, Red						
Snook						
Spanish Mackerel						
Spotted Seatrout	Bill Moore 3-11	Shawn Barnett 2-15	Michael Brandon 2-0	Johnny Johns 1-15	Bruce Tilley 1-15	Andrei Nikonorov 0-10
Trigger	Kevin Clymer 8-9	Shane Stover 5-12				
Tuna/Bonita	Ryan Lukaszewski 16-2					
Wahoo	Bruce Bachman Jr. 80-8	Bruce Bachman Jr. 79-8	Bruce Bachman Jr. 72-8	Bruce Bachman Jr. 68-4		
Whiting	Brian Genk 2-1	Rick Lay 1-15	Rick Lay 1-14	Tim Miller 1-14	Jeff James 1-10	Brian Genk 1-10

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Rick Lay Placed 2nd
with nine spots



Steve Hirko placed 3rd
with five spots



Bill Zimmer Placed 4th
with four spots



Shawn Barnett took 5th
Place, also with four spots



Carol Webb placed 6th with four spots;
Her dad, Bill Moore placed 1st
with eleven spots



Pat Gleichmann won heaviest
redfish with a 7 lb. catch



Lisa Moravec's mom, Penny Latta
with Tournament Chair, Tom Moravec



April "Count the Spots" Tournament



Bill May reminds members that nominations for Club
officers will end this month and elections will be held at
the May Monthly Meeting.

April Monthly Meeting



Erica Vickers from Hammock Bait & Tackle

They will be open at 5:30 a.m. for the Spring Classic on April 27th.
We have a new weigh station across from Bing's Landing on A1A,
which will be open 7 Days a Week from 6:00 AM until 6:00 PM.



Andy Block will be running the 4th Annual Smoked
Fish Smokeoff at the May 7th Monthly Meeting.



Tim Miller reported on the May 18th Bottom Trip
on the Critter Fleet out of Ponce Inlet.



Guest speaker was Dan Smith from Hometown
News.



VP Dana Syens talked about the upcoming Spring
Classic Tournament.



Norm Manley is running the Free Club Surf Tournament
on May 11th



Rita Viddell tells everyone the Redfish limit for Volusia and
Flagler Counties. The Fish of the Month was won by Pat
Gleichmann with her 7 lb. Redfish.



Captain Tim Jarvis holds a Q&A Quick Tips Seminar.

4th ANNUAL SMOKED FISH SMOKE OFF

Get ready to smoke up your finest smoked fish for the club's 4th annual Smoked Fish Smoke Off. Come on out to the May 7th club meeting and enter your best local smoked fish to win one of three great prizes. 1st place – Full length club logo embroidered vinyl clad apron, 2nd place- Large club logo embroidered hand towel, 3rd place- a bag of hardwood smoking chips.

A plate of your smoked fish needs to be at the VFW between 6:30 pm and 7:15 pm so we can get the 3 judges working and the club meeting started without interruption. You can only win one prize, but you can enter as many recipes as you like. The judges will start their tasting at 7:20, so be sure to have your entry in on time. The winners will be announced at the break and everyone will be able to join in on the sampling.

Entrants are also encouraged to bring along a bowl of their favorite smoked fish dip (not to be judged) to share with everyone while we enjoy the smoked fish. The club will provide plates, napkins and crackers to go along with the fish and dip.

Remember....you don't have to be the one to have caught the fish, as long as it's local (sorry, no salmon or non-local fish).

If you have any questions, call Andy Block at 914-557-6083 or email to ablock100@gmail.com

More Count the Spots Tournament Photo's



Frank DePrume won the fillet knife in the raffle



Garrett McSweeney had a redfish with two spots



Weighmaster Rita Waddell counted 9 spots



Cookie Zimmer was the winner of the rod and reel



50/50 winner Roy Cribb



Tournament chair Lisa Moravec awards Jason Healy with a bait cooler

Club Meeting Minutes 04-02-19

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

Pledge of Allegiance: Presented by Pat Gleichmann

Passing of March Minutes: Minutes of March 05, 2019 meeting, published in the Chum Line were passed, motion was made by Dean Roberts and seconded by Norm Manley.

Finance Report & Renewals: Gary Fisher said he is the worst treasurer the club has ever seen and you should vote for someone else! He told us that the membership renewal rate is 65-70%, we are missing around 30%, so please renew your dues. He is taking credit card payments for the Spring Tournament. You have to be a paid up member or you do not get the \$5.00 discount on the entry fee. At the sign up at the Captain's meeting he is using Pay Pal and will use online for renewals. The bills are paid and there is money in the bank.

Welcome Visitors/New Members: We had 19 guests/new members at tonight's meeting.

Announcements:

Chuck Gleichmann said to see the people in the yellow shirts and ask them any questions you may have about the club. Our speakers are very knowledgeable. We have professional guides, and to seek out the people who can help answer anything you need to know. On Sat., April 6th Boaters Exchange will have their Expo, there will be food and beverages, fishing seminars and vendors at this event. He announced that the April edition of the Chum Line bounced at the post office for postage due and they are being re-mailed. This was an issue of money to not publish it anymore because it is our largest expense. Everything has gone up and we try to keep the club's expenses within the budget. Our food costs have doubled since the first of the year. The Christmas Party has gone up \$10.00 more a head times for 175 people. Tim will cover the details of the Bottom Trip but that was raised to \$2,000.00. We are always looking at our expenses and trying to keep them down and fund our tournaments. Gary advised that the April edition of the Chum Line was mailed out today. If you don't have an email address, we will still print out a hard copy and mail it to you, but the bulk of the copies will be sent by email now.

REPORTS:

Weigh Master Report: Rita Waddell said so far this year, fourteen species in the Year Long Tournament have been caught. The leader in the Ladies division is Karen Dougherty, Men's division is Rick Lay.

Bing's Landing will not be weighing in fish anymore, Hammock Bait & Tackle across the street on A1A will be our new weigh station. Hammock hours are 6 AM, 7 days a week and they close no earlier than 6 PM. For the Spring Classic, an exception will be made and they will be open at 5 AM to get your bait and Ron Gorney said they have free coffee. Rita invited us all to be at the Spring Classic, even if you don't fish it, please come to support our club.

OLD BUSINESS:

Elections: Bill May said that if you are tired of looking at these people who are holding the offices that are up for election, that the ballot boxes are at the rear of the room. Nomination deadline is before the next meeting. At the May meeting, he will let us know who is in the running and who we will be voting for.

Spring Classic: Dana announced that the 23rd Spring Classic will start with a mandatory Captain's meeting at Beach Front Grille on 4/26, 5:30 – 7 PM. The tournament will be 4/27, boats launch from 7-8 AM and the weigh in will be at Hidden Treasure from 3 – 4 PM. We have a lot of sponsors and many raffles and silent auction prizes, there will be a golf package valued at \$2,000.00 and a silent auction prize of a 13' Kayak. American Integrity is a new sponsor that has donated a big screen TV for a special separate raffle. DAV is our benefactor, come to the Captain's meeting and buy tickets.

Count the Spots Tournament: Tom & Lisa Moravec ran this tournament but were absent from tonight's meeting. Rita reported that Bill Moore won for most spots with an 11 spot redfish. Pat Gleichmann brought in the heaviest redfish with a 7 pounder. There were 12 anglers, 6 places were paid out, there were 16-18 fish weighed in from 7 – 2 ½ lbs. Tom & Lisa did a great job.

Smoke Off: Andy Block said at next month's meeting he will hold the 4th annual Fish Smoke Off. He asked participants to bring dip for the fish, but the dip will not be judged. By a show of hands, at least 8 people plan on participating. You can enter as many as you want but only one will be able to win. We have different judges every year, entries are to be only local fish, the judges will start tasting at 7:20 PM. 1st place is an embroidered apron, 2nd prize is a embroidered hand towel and 3rd prize is a bag of smoking chips. Andy said he will be smoking some kingfish. Crackers and plates will be provided, bring your dips. Winners will be announced just before the break and during the break, we can all taste it for ourselves.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bottom Trip: Tim Miller said there will be two new events at the Flagler Pier, on the 2nd Saturday of the month, from 12 PM (Midnight) to 6 AM the pier will be open for anglers to fish as Lionel Richey put it "All Night Long". On the 3rd Saturday of the month, they will hold a tournament with some nice prizes. There will be \$1.00 discount for club members. The Bottom Trip will be on May 18 on the Critter Fleet Boat out of Ponce Inlet. Cost is \$85.00 for members and \$120.00 for non-members. Registration will be open to non-members after the May 7th meeting. Prize payouts will be \$100.00 for 1st, \$75.00 for 2nd, \$50.00 for 3rd. Big Fish Jackpot is paid for fish on Year Long Tournament list only. There will be a Calcutta- Biggest fish from Year Long Tournament list with a \$5.00 buy in. The boat leaves at 8 AM back at 4:30 PM. **Drawing will be at 7:30 AM for fishing spots at the back of the boat.** Watch for speed traps, watch speed limits, directions are in the flyer in the Chum Line. Call or email Tim Miller to reserve a spot. Mail your check to the PO Box, payment can be made by credit card also.

Surf Tournament: Norm Manley will be chairing this free tournament. It will be held on May 11th, have your feet in the sand, facing East at 6 AM. Weigh in will be at the Betty Steflick Pavillion across from Hidden Treasure, under the 100 bridge. One of the raffle prizes will be an 11' surf rod worth \$350.00, another prize will be a sand spike and more. Norm said there will be fish in the ocean. Signup sheets are in the back of the room, only eligible fish will count. Lunch will be served at 1:30 PM, check flyer in the Chum Line for prize info. Norm said, next month's speaker will be Noel Kuhn.

Any Other New Business:

Chuck Gleichmann said our speaker tonight will be Dan Smith who is an excellent fisherman, an author and he does a column in the Home News and has been around since 1968. He reminded us that there were raffle and 50/50 tickets for sale and election ballots in the back for any nominations you may want to make. Break for 10 minutes

SPEAKER : Dan Smith has been fishing in these waters for over 40 years. He is originally from Louisiana and was raised in New Iberia. When he was 10 years old, he started fishing with a cane pole. He told us that when you catch a lady fish, cut it up and use it for bait. He fishes for flounder and that Matanzas in April is the capital for flounder. He fishes the state parks, Tomoka basin and wades in the

water for the flounder and he catches 40-50 by wading and using artificial bait. In 2014, he caught 104 flounder. Look into the water at the bottom for flounder, they want a bottom that is colored like them. They like some current, but not a strong current. They wait for the bait fish to come and they hide from the birds that will eat them, by using the bottom color to conceal themselves. He walks out 3-4 feet and casts out, as the light comes up, flounder start moving out. Dolphins eat the flounder, the dolphins come in a line and they let you know where the flounders are. He uses chartreuse color shrimp tail jigs and it is like candy to the flounder.

Flounders are smart, if you hook a flounder, it might come off and he won't let you hook him again. They won't hit the same color jig again, so you have to change the colors. Flounders also like sand eels. Flounder are like dogs, they will walk back to the bank until they see the shoreline, then it will flip and try to go the other way and he can unhook himself. Use live finger mullet for bait or cut 1/2" wide strip and put a hook in one end of it. Flounder won't school but if you catch one, stay in that area. People that don't like the taste of some fish, do like to eat flounder. At Ponce Inlet, by the doggie park and Tomoka State Park and the west end of any bridge that meets the shore is a good place to catch flounder. In 2014, he caught 8-10 flounder on top water bait. They will imitate tarpon and come right out of the water. Grand Slam makes his baits for him, flounder like a light color. Always throw your bait into the current and let it drift back to you, he got a snook that way, he was using a 10 pound test, no leader but the snook broke off. His baits are on the Grand Slam website, listed as Dan Smith's Special Edition Bait.

50/50 Winner: Was Bob Cyr and he received \$270.00.

**Attendance tonight was 132 people
Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM**

Minutes submitted by Carol Carter, Club Secretary

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