



The Sanibel Island Fishing Club

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Final 2016-17 Season Newsletter

Final Words from Warren

Time flies when we're having fun! I have heard that somewhere. At the close of our season, I sincerely hope you have had some fun being a member of our club this season.

The most auspicious moment of the year was the signing of Florida's SB10. This bill paves the way to start moving the water south to the Everglades, which so desperately needs it. On its way through the "River of Grass" it will be cleaned and restored to just that...water. I am convinced that this will pay dividends to SW Florida for years. Unfortunately, it won't happen for years....BUT, it will happen!

As you are aware we have made "Clean Water" our main "corporate" goal; and we have expended scarce resources in our attempts to achieve it. Thanks to our partners in this effort. They include: SCCF, Captains for Clean Water, Now or Neverglades, Ray Judah, Ding Darling Refuge, Senator Joe Negron, and others. Perhaps you too became involved. Thanks to all who made this happen.

Without "Clean Water" our fish stocks would suffer, and soon there would be no need for fisher people, and fishing clubs. We must remain vigilant to assure we are doing everything to maintain healthy amounts of fish throughout the world.

Congrats to Captain Mary Laser and her team for winning the last club outing. {Captain Mary, Gary Biltgen, Jack Smith, and Dave Lewis.} This win catapulted Gary Biltgen into a tie with Hunt Ethridge for "Angler of the Year!" Congrats to both!

We are still on the lookout for a leader or two to help guide our club into the future. We need a V.P. among others. Think about it.

May you still catch that fish you dream of. [I released a tarpon on April 30th.]

Next Meeting: October 10, 2017 @ Sanibel Community House – see you in the Fall!

Hunt Ethridge and Gary Biltgen SIFC Co-Anglers of the Year!

Mary Laser's team (Mary, Gary Biltgen, Jack Smith and David Lewis) won our final outing of the year (Tarpon), moving Gary and Hunt Ethridge into a tie for angler of year. Congratulations to both!!



Club Tarpon Hunt anglers celebrate the final 2017 outing at Gramma Dot's:



Our thanks to Duane Thurow for running our Outings the last two years!!



Next Club Outing

To be announced in the Fall

Final 2016- 17 Angler of the Year Standings

Hunt Ethridge	96
Gary Biltgen	96
Mary Laser	95
Duane Thurow	94
David Lewis	93
Jack Smith	92
Curt Will	92
Allen DaGue	92
Ron Fields	75
Doug Mallon	69
Tom Butcher	69
Warren Teigen	53
Gary Long	52
Tom Tilton	52
Andrea Dankenbrink	52

For complete listing of Angler of Year standings, check our website: <http://www.sanibelislandfishingclub.com/Outings/final%20angler%20of%20year%20standings%202015-16.pdf>

Thanks to Doug Mallon for his outstanding work on our behalf as Treasurer for the last 5 years!!

