



# The Sanibel Island Fishing Club

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## April 2018 Newsletter

### Words from Warren

Where does all the time go? It seems like just yesterday we were starting our season.....and, now it is April. Wow!!!!

Dr. Bruce Neil of Sanibel Sea School and Coastal Keeper will be joining us as a speaker. He will be talking about how small....like really small fish...become the large fish we love to catch...or maybe just dream of catching. Should be interesting. Hope you will join us again.

By the time you receive this....the Youth Fishing Derby will be finished. In the record book, as they say! Congratulations to Michael Doran [Event Coordinator], Gary Biltgen, and Ken Kopperl [who started the event effort] for their leadership roles; AND ALL the Volunteers from our club who made this happen. Please review Gary's email blast about this effort and Thank our sponsors, and volunteers. The list is long and we are grateful to all who helped make it happen! Let's hope we helped some future members of our club get started fishing.

Mary Laser, our Outings Director, will be present and I am sure has plans for another Outing. Congratulations to Mary and her crew for winning last month's Outing. She has the hot ticket this year.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting.

Until then, Good Luck Fishing. May you catch the fish of your dreams.

### April Monthly Meeting

**WHEN:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018  
**WHERE:** Sanibel Island Community Center  
**TIME:** 6:30pm Pizza - 7:00pm Meeting



### Topic: Leptocephalus Larvae

This month's featured speaker is Dr. Bruce Neill, a founding member of the Sanibel Sea School, and a long time Sanibel resident. Dr. Neill will be giving a presentation on Leptocephalus Larvae: which, in layman's terms means big fish at their very early ages. This tiny larval fish are how many of Florida's prime gamefish began their life cycle. This list includes tarpon, bonefish and several species of eel. Understanding the importance of quality habitat for these tiny juvenile fish is an important first step in providing a safe environment for the larva to mature into the gamefish so many anglers love to target. Bruce will look at these as well as other, related juvenile saltwater spawn. This should be an interesting presentation for anglers who might be curious as to how these gamefish survive from a microscopic size to a two-hundred pound tackle busting silver king. A question and answer period will follow Dr. Neill's presentation.

### Next Club Outing

April 15<sup>th</sup> is our next outing. It will be the Inshore Slam. Sign up at the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting!

### 2017-18 Angler of the Year Standings after March, 2018 Inshore Dartboard Outing

Mary Laser	76
Tom Tilton	72
Duane Thurow	70
Curt Will	70
David Lewis	69
Gary Biltgen	68
Don Cook	65

For complete listing of Angler and Captain of the Year standings, check our website:

<http://www.sanibelislandfishingclub.com/>

### 2017-2018 Meeting Schedule

April	10
May	15

### 2017-2018 Outing Schedule

April	15
May	20



Crystal clear water on the beach and SIFC fishing hat spells success for Gary in early March!