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THE STUART ROD & REEL CLUB NEWSLETTER



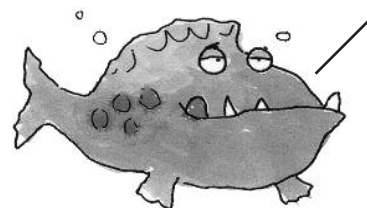
## MARCH MEETING

This month's meeting of the Stuart Rod and Reel Club will be held on March 9th at Finz. Food service begins at 6:30 PM, followed by our membership meeting at 7 PM. A Buffet will be provided. The cost is \$15 and includes coffee, tea, soft drinks and tip.

Our guest speaker this month is Jerry McBride. Jerry McBride's family traded the waterfront of Southeast Florida for a fish hatchery and three miles of trout stream in Nebraska when he was 5. McBride immediately ventured into commercial fishing when his father offered the generous sum of 25 cents for every 100 green sunfish he could remove from the golden shiner ponds with an antique fly rod. When the Governor began flying Jerry's bullfrogs to California's Mark Twain Calaveras County Frog Jumping Contest, the accompanying notoriety catapulted McBride into the live frog business at a buck apiece. The fish hatchery proved to be a valuable proving ground for a kid with outdoor interests; McBride still utilizes the lessons learned observing fish on a daily basis. Jerry left the education field to join the Florida Sportsman/Shallow Water Angler editorial staff in 2000. He now works with DOA Lures, and specializes in kayak fishing as a member of the Hobie pro staff. Jerry will be providing valuable information regarding our local waters where he is recognized as an expert.

## February's Largest Pompano Outing

The Club's February 2011 outing presented challenging conditions for those electing to fish the event. Friday and Saturday's anglers dealt with high, cold winds, rain and a slow bite! Thirteen members provided reports, however only five reported catches. Roy Sedge's 15 1/2 inch pompano beat Craig Halliwill's pompano by a scant 1/4 inch! The highlight of the outing for many of us was the family cookout Saturday. Dusty Smith and his co-host Ken Dara had the perfect menu for the weather. The Sausage & Peppers and Meatballs & Sauce sandwiches were just the ticket as we sat huddled from the wind. Hosting an outing requires much effort; Dusty and Ken did a great job. Many thanks to Dusty, Ken and all the brave souls who fished in the difficult conditions.



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## March's Round Island Outing Important Location Change

This month's outing was originally scheduled for Round Island. The Round Island area will have very low tides on Saturday March 12th making it difficult for many of you to navigate the shallow and narrow channel back to the boat ramp for our outing food service. **Therefore we are moving our food service from the launch area at Round Island boat ramp to the Jensen Beach Causeway launch facility.** This is a Saturday only outing. Targeted species are Redfish, Snook and Trout. Redfish receive three points each, Snook receive two points each, and Trout receive one point each. There is no limit on the number of each species caught and no requirement to catch more than one species. Your scores must be turned in Joe Chudkowski (732-672-1642) by 1:30 PM on March 12th. If you are a Club member, whether or not you fish this outing, you are encouraged to join your fellow Club members to share experiences and a bite to eat. While Joe Chudkowski and his co-host, Roger Sharp are busy with their calculators tallying up scores, enjoy chicken tenders with barbecue sauce, potato salad, soft baked rolls, potato chips, soft drinks, water and cookies.

## April's Outing

Next month's outing (April 11-13) is a local Berkley outing. Anglers can fish Friday, Saturday or Sunday. This is a Lotto outing. The object of this outing is most species caught with 1 fish per species allowed. Roger Sharp, our host, will be arranging food service at Finz's Waterfront Grill on Saturday.



## Hook Kids on Fishing

Come join us as volunteers helping the Anglers For Conservation at the Sixth Annual Jensen Beach Hook Kids on Fishing at Indian Riverside Park (9-11a.m.) on March 19. The goal of this program is to establish activities for kids and parents alike to learn basic fishing skills and how to use, not abuse, our waterways. The program includes hands-on clinics on casting, conservation, knot tying, catch and release, and fishing with professional guides. Donated rods and reels are distributed to kids who need them. You can find additional information regarding this program at <http://www.anglersforconservation.org/Programs/Angler-Education/hook-kids-on-fishing.html>.

## Artificial Instincts: "Retrieve Disciplines" by Capt. C.A. Richardson

After the decision has been made on what artificial lure to cast into the water...the next evaluation naturally is how to retrieve it. There are three retrieve disciplines you'll want to master, they are: natural, erratic, and oddly enough slack-line presentations. You'll have to visualize the target fish's perspective (either approaching or following the lure) and anticipate his needs based off existing conditions to decide which retrieve to use.

### Natural Retrieves

Generally, natural retrieves are the primary discipline when fishing artificial lures. This category includes straight cranking, walking-the-dog, burning, subtle lift & fall, and slow dragging techniques. We call them natural retrieves because they mimic normal movement or swimming behaviors. A prime illustration would be burning a small white buck tail jig down a sandy swash channel on the beach and then a snook whacks it because it was a small glass minnow trying to make a hasty escape. Again when everything looks genuine to the game fish, they can often be duped.

### Erratic Retrieves

A complex category of retrieves that emulates struggling, wounded, or dying prey with the use of a fluttering, yo-yoing, dart-dart-pause, or the variable walk-wake-rest action with an assortment of artificial lures. This erratic discipline can be most effective on predator fish but often fails because the angle gives the lure too much movement. Developing a good feel on how to give the bait just enough action to look like an easy meal rather than delivering an over enthusiastic or convulsive retrieve is a fine line. But master this injured tactic and you'll be catching fish like a pro.

### Slack Line Presentations

Finally, there is the presentation that requires absolutely nothing from the angler other than a slack line. These presentations are commonly referred to a dead-sticking and/or riding current (drifting). Dead-sticking is simple letting the game fish find your lure (often scent enhanced) without generating any movement. In this dead-sticking sense, the mislead wary predator is the one that decides to gobble up the lure and hook himself...a fantastic tactic for spooky or pressured fish. The riding current technique is similarly deceptive by allowing the artificial to drift down current on a slack line into a likely ambush zone where a game fish would likely strike the unsuspecting bait. Both of these (do nothing) presentations can be deadly, just as long as the angler resists the temptation of imparting some type of action on the lure.

### Summing It Up

When you really think about it, all of these retrieves are very organic even though the pace or rhythm mentioned is varied depending on the target's demeanor. That is to say, they are all trying to fool game fish by looking quite vulnerable in some fashion.

## Fishing Reports

As Club members, we have an easy way to share our fishing experiences in real-time. It's a feature where you send a report to a single address and every Club member with an e-mail address receives it. You can even attach pictures of your catch. Simply send an e-mail to [fishingreport@stuartrodandreeel.com](mailto:fishingreport@stuartrodandreeel.com), it will automatically be forwarded to all club members for you. If you have blocking features in your e-mail, you could be missing out on some good info from fellow club members.

February's early weather kept most of us off the cold water but Jay Honan was not willing to wait it out. He went Bass fishing. He didn't say whose back yard he was fishing in but the results speak for themselves.



### True Lies Photo Contest Winner

Russ and Nikki Wykstra went with friends on a Black Dog charter Jan. 31st. It was an afternoon trip and the weather was beautiful.

They had Chad as their captain and Matt as first mate. Chad and Matt did their best and Nikki is happy to say that everyone had a ball catching kingfish, triggerfish, lane snapper, red hind young, yellowtail snapper, a one mutton keeper. Nikki was thrilled to get a red grouper. They were impressed as the captain kept them in fish as much as possible and he did not wait long to move about. Nikki says to tell everyone that the Black Dog still delivers and they are so skilled in untangling the fishing lines and keeping the lines tied that everyone felt lucky to be aboard. Ken Dara and Steve Krivokopich fished on the Black Dog a week later and had a great time too.

Ken Dara caught this 150lb. Nurse Shark that gave his new Butterfly jig rod a work out on the Black Dog.



The weather broke shortly after our February outing and Jim Bohrer took full advantage, fishing with several Club members. Jim took Jay Honan to the Round Island area and they were in fish all day. They had a 40 trout day with at least 8 fish in the low 20 inch range. Steve Krivokopich also had a 40 trout day with Jim that week but theirs were not as large even though Steve was using the same D.O.A. Figi Chicken CAL Shad.



The best trout story received was of Jim Bohrer and Frank Pryzbylski fishing from around 8AM until after the Shuttle launch. They said that they only caught about 20 fish that day but ... what a way to start the day. They each caught very large trout with the largest coming on top water plugs!

Trout are the big story this month but Jay Honan gets the award for most species reported. In addition to his Bass and Trout he also caught a Flounder this month. Then again, maybe it was a Fluke.

On Wednesday the 23rd, Fred Miller and another new member, Duke Johnson fished with local guide Ed Zyak and boated two "of these monsters" (Fred's words) on live bait. The biggest he'd ever seen. They also caught some of the biggest trout they'd ever seen along with uncountable 3 lb. bluefish. Top that off with a few pompano and they had "a pretty awesome day" according to Frank.



# 2011 SRRC Outings Schedule

Approved:01/01/11

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Outing/Event:</b>	<b>Details:</b>	<b>Contacts:</b>	<b>Winner:</b>
January 14, 15, 16 <b>Lotto Drawing</b>	<b>Local Pompano</b>	Total Number of Pompano Caught	Frank Pryzbylski 486-3531	Joe Chudkowski
February 11, 12, 13	<b>Local Pompano</b>	Longest Pompano (Nose to the fork of the tail).	Dusty Smith 772-349-5419 Co-Host Ken Dara	Roy Sedge
March 12, Saturday	<b>Round Island</b> <b>Changed to Jensen Causeway</b> High Point Total	High Point-Trout=1pt. Snook =2pts. Redfish=3pts. No limit on Number of any species.	Joe Chudkowski 732-672-1642 Co-Host Roger Sharp	Food to be provided at launch area at Jensen Causeway
April 15, 16, 17 <b>Lotto Drawing</b>	<b>Local Berkely Outing</b>	Most Species Caught (1 fish per specie)	Roger Sharp 772-971-6927	Finz Waterfront Grill (1PM Saturday)
May 14, Saturday	<b>Local Night Outing</b>	Longest Snook (Nose to Tip of Pinched Tail)	Jay Honan 772-285-5884 Co-Host Mark Gaisford	Sandsprit Park (5PM Saturday / Cookout)
June 10, 11, 12	<b>Off Shore Outing</b>	Longest Dolphin (If no Dolphin Caught, then longest Kingfish caught will count measured from nose to fork of tail).	Norm Jacques 794-9859 Co-Host Bill Sneed	Sandsprit Park (1PM Cookout) Families invited to the cookout.
July 15, 16, 17 <b>Lotto Drawing</b>	<b>D.O.A. Tarpon Outing</b>	Most Fish Jumped (If no Tarpon jumped then most Snook Released will count).	Ken Dara 772-349-6751 cell 772-546-8467 Home	Shrimpers in the Manatee Pocket (1PM Saturday)
August 13 Saturday	<b>Local Night Outing</b>	High Point-Snook = 1pt., Trout = 2pts Redfish = 3pts. No limit on Number of specie.	Eric Hunter 561-762-7560 Co-Host Don Evans	Sandsprit Park (5PM Saturday / Cookout)
September 16, 17, 18	<b>Local Snook Outing</b>	Local Snook (Nose to Tip of Pinched Tail)	Craig Halliwill 772-463-8294 Co-Host Steve Krivokopich	Sandsprit Park (1PM Cookout) Families invited to the cookout.
October 14, 15, 16	<b>Local Trout Outing</b>	Longest Trout Wins (Nose to Tip of Tail)	Jim Bohrer 301-648-2052	The Landing in the Nettles Island Marina (1PM Saturday)
November 12 Saturday	<b>Round Island-Redfish</b>	Total Number of spots on all Redfish caught (If no Redfish caught the most Trout released will count.	Nikki/Russ Wykstra 772-905-7405 Co-Host Gary Powell	Food to be provided at launch area at Round Island
December <b>TBA</b>	<b>Big Brothers/Sisters</b> Possible Outing	Have Fun with kids	All Board Members	Sandsprit Park (1PM Saturday / Cookout)

## SRRC 2011 Outing Rules

Remember that all Stuart Rod and Reel Club Outings are based purely on the Honor System. All scheduled Club outings for 2011 will be "Local Outings".

Boundaries for "Local Outings" shall be as follows. The Northern boundary shall include the area of Round Island, and the Southern boundary shall be the South Jetty of the Jupiter inlet.

"Daylight Outings" have the option of being fished on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. The exceptions to this rule are the two Round Island outings which will be Saturday Only events. Outings shall begin at first safe light in the morning with lines out of the water by 1 PM. Scores must be turned into the Outing Host in person, or by phone by 1:30 PM on the day you fish the outing. (Refer to the Outing Schedule for the Host's contact phone number).

You are encouraged to join with other members for post Outing Food Service regardless of which of the 3 days you decide to fish. Food will be provided at the conclusion of the Saturday Outings only. The location for food services will be announced at our regular membership meetings, in our News Letter, and listed on the 2011 Outing Schedule.

"Night Time Outings" will be Saturday Only events and shall begin at 6:00 PM with lines out of the water by Midnight. Food will be provided prior to the Night Time Outing (check 2011 Outing Schedule for time and location for food). Scores shall be turned in to the Outing Host by phone no later than noon on the day following the Outing. (Refer to the outing schedule for the Host Contact phone number).

For "Manufacturer Sponsored Outings", you may use the products supplied by the sponsoring company at the membership meeting preceding the outing, or any other product the manufacturer sells.

Family members under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian to participate in an outing.

While guests are always welcome to join members during our outings, you must be a paid member of the Stuart Rod and Reel Club to be eligible to win an outing.

Outing scores shall be published on the Monday following the outing.

Outings cancelled due to weather shall be rescheduled for the following weekend.

**Outing result disputes shall be settled by the Angling Director.**

**Conservation Report** by Jim Harter

It seems like we are now being attacked in all directions.

Senator Joe Negron wants to do away with the fishing licenses in Senate Bill 744. This is a very bad idea. The State of Florida receives 47 million dollars from its fees that go into boat ramps and our fisheries. There is a 10% excise tax on fishing products the federal government collects and then disburses it back to the states based on the number of fishing licenses. If the state does not require fishing licenses, under a new federal law, you will have to buy one from Uncle Sam for \$15 and we will never see that money.

The State of Florida is filing a law suit to keep the EPA from enforcing the water quality standards that were supposed to be enforced over 20 years ago. Everyone dragged their feet, assisted by the EPA and now a Federal Judge has ruled in favor of the standards and chastised the EPA for not enforcing the standards. Congressman Rooney and the State Attorney General oppose enforcement of these water quality standards.

**2011 Annual Dues**

The membership dues for the Stuart Rod and Reel Club are now due; please pay them as soon as you can. Individual membership is one adult 18 years of age or older. Family membership consists of the member, their spouse or significant other, and children under the age of 18. Fully paid membership begins the first day of January, and end on the thirty first day of December of each calendar year.

- Individual membership for a full year is \$60.00 January thru December
- Family membership for a full year is \$85.00 January thru December

**Send your checks payable to:**

Stuart Rod and Reel Club  
c/o Steve Krivokopich  
3273 SW Porpoise Circle  
Stuart, FL 34997

*You must be a paid member in order for your catch to qualify as a tournament winner!*

If you have changed your address or phone number since joining the Club, please send your current information to Bill Sneed at williamsneed@att.net. Home addresses will not be distributed.

**MONTHLY BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING**

our Board of Governors meets monthly in accordance with our Club By-laws to conduct a business meeting. This meeting is held on the last Monday of the month at 6PM at Finz Waterfront Grille. All Club members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Members desiring to bring issues/concerns before the Board must notify the President three days prior to the meeting with their request for incorporation into the Agenda.

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