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TIGHT LINES

Volume 11, Issue 15, February 4, 2024

Looking Ahead

- Feb 5 - Kayak Clean-Up (*Cancelled*)
- Feb 9 - Cast 'N' Blast
- Feb 21 - Board Meeting and Membership Luncheon, Fishin' Funatics Awards and Casting Pop-up at Key Largo Anglers Club
- Feb 25 - Capts & Anglers' Meeting/ Offshore Tournament
- Feb 26 - Offshore Tournament
- March 4 - Kayak Clean-Up with R & G Club
- March 18 - Special Event Hosted by Bonefish Bonnies and Rod & Gun Club



Fishin' Funatics

Think Pink - Bonefish Bonnies Barbies It's Not Over Yet!

While a fun time was had by the Bonnie Barbies at both the Captains' and Anglers' Meeting and the Award Celebration, **the tournament continues**. The fishing portion of the **tournament had to be delayed** because of unfavorable wind reports and a small craft advisory.

Esther Vazquez, managing registration and rules, advised the anglers and captains that they would **have until Monday, February 12th, to choose a day to fish. Boats**

must contact either Esther or Jodi Zifferer to declare their fishing day the night before they plan to fish and text either Esther (305-972-5231) or Jodi (305-522-6780) when they put lines in and lines are out.

Binders and scoresheets should be dropped off at PakMail to the attention of Past President Mona Brewer, heading up the Scoring Committee, within 90 minutes of the boat's return. Fishing awards will be presented at the upcoming February 21st membership meeting luncheon at Key Largo Anglers Club.

The Captains' and Anglers' Meeting, hosted by Laura Wilson and Jodi Zifferer at Jodi's home, was awash in a sea of pink. There were Barbies galore and two Kens. Daisy Gonzalez won the pink YETI cooler in the Early Entry Raffle.

The Awards Celebration, hosted by Tina Jones and Liz Zug, was held the following evening at The Racquet Club even though the only awards presented were those for Team Spirit. Those winning were 1st place, Chesapeake (Meg Shields, Valerie Rich, Kathy Weiland, Cassandra Moffet and Bessie Connelly); 2nd place, Matador (Allison Freeland, Morgan Smith and their two Kens, Jock Freeland and Chris Page; and 3rd place, Bad Habit (Esther Vazquez, Daisy Gonzalez, Bettina Schottland, Laura Wilson, Kelly Hertzman and Jennifer Leonard).

Many thanks to the following board members: Laura Wilson and Jodi Zifferer as well as Tina Jones and Liz Zug; Bonny Gothier and Kathy Weiland for choosing the awards and prizes; Esther Vazquez for managing registration and rules; and Kristina Ersek, Johanna Carrier and Angela Basciano for answering every call for help.

Thanks too, to Past President, Mona Brewer, heading up the Scoring Committee, and members, Jennifer Leonard for decorations and Courtney Bridge, Beth Joyner, Rachel Kelley, Kim Elliott and Judy Wilson as members of the Scoring Committee.



A Sea of Pink



"Chesapeake" Barbies



Winner Daisy Gonzalez



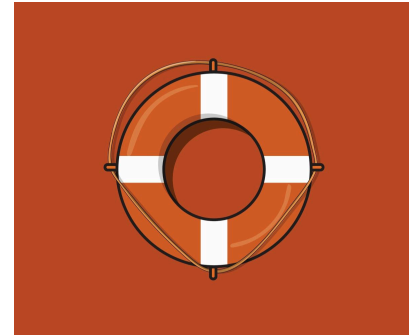
Bd. Members Liz Zug & Tina Jones



"Matador" Barbies & Kens

As Tournament Season Begins...

Be aware that it is easy to become complacent about our safety in what we do every day. The Bonefish Bonnies board encourages all Bonnies to familiarize themselves with what to do in emergencies and how to prevent them especially when you're out on the water.



Something as simple as what shoes you are wearing while fishing can help prevent injuries. Flip-Flops do not give you traction on a wet deck nor do they give you support when you are fighting a fish.

Make sure you know where the life preservers and life ring are whenever you are on someone else's boat whether it is a charter or privately owned.

Review boater overboard procedures by clicking on www.boatingsafetymag.com/safety-tips/how-to-rescue-an-overboard-boater/

If you haven't already, take the Coast Guard Auxiliary *Suddenly In Command* class.

Check out inflatable belt packs such as the Mustang Minimalist by clicking on www.mustangsurvival.com

And, don't forget about a fishing license if you need it. Check out Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission by clicking on myfwc.com.

Be safe, have fun and Tight Lines.

Cast & Blast, February 9th
Only Two Spots Left!
Contact [Kathy Weiland1@gmail.com](mailto:KathyWeiland1@gmail.com) ASAP.
Include your name and ORC #.



Cast & Blast

Friday, February 9, 2024

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Card Sound Sporting Clays

(6.7 miles past Alabama Jacks on the right, look for the balloons)



If you're a Bonnie who has always wanted to learn the secrets of fly casting or how to safely handle and fire shotguns and pistols, now is your chance. Come out and enjoy a day of friendship and fun with the Bonefish Bonnies!!!



A few things to know....

\$100/person includes range and gun rental as well as ammunition, instruction, lunch and beverages.

Email your name and ORC # to BonefishBonnies1@gmail.com or pick up a form in the drawer below

And drop it off at our PakMail mailbox - Bonefish Bonnies, 24 Dockside Lane, PMB Box 1.

Your payment is your reservation. – DEADLINE for sign-ups and cancellations is February 2nd. LIMITED to 25 Bonnies. (There will be a wait list should there be cancellations before February 2nd.)

Questions? Email bonefishbonnies1@gmail.com

Fly rods, ear plugs, shotguns and shells will be provided. Wear closed-toe shoes and loose-fitting clothing and bring sunglasses. Bring your own shotgun or fly rod if you'd like. Whether you are a beginner or an avid shooter all are welcome!!! Everyone will receive gun safety and shooting instructions from professionals. Nancy Zakon and Mona Brewer will be available for fly casting lessons.

It will be an exciting day that will definitely be a BLAST!!!!



FEBRUARY 21, 2024 BONEFISH BONNIES LUNCHEON

Speaker, Chris Malinowski, PhD

Chris is the Director of Research and Conservation for the Ocean First Institute. Dr. Mikki McComb, Executive Director of the Institute will also be attending the luncheon. The Institute's goal is to foster conservation through research and education.



KEY LARGO
ANGLERS CLUB

CHECK-IN 10:45 AM

MEETING AND
SPEAKER 11 AM

FOLLOWED BY
LUNCHEON &
ADJOURNMENT
AT 1 PM

RSVP TO
[BONEFISHBONNIES1@
GMAIL.COM](mailto:BONEFISHBONNIES1@GMAIL.COM)
INCLUDE YOUR ORC #

DEADLINE IS
FEBRUARY 16TH

Enjoy another one of Chef
Jon's wonderful luncheon
menus.

Cost is \$50++

A Pop-Up???

According to a definition found on YouTube, "Pop-up events are temporary, unexpected events in unique spaces. They pop up and, after a few hours or days, they pop down. By definition, most events are temporary. It is the



Spoiler Alert!

We're about to ruin the element of surprise for the first ever, Bonefish Bonnie pop-up event.

Immediately following lunch on February 21st there will be a Casting Pop-Up. Never held a fly rod in your hand and wondering what fly fishing is all about? Your chance to find out is coming up. Do

element of surprise in unexpected locations that distinguish pop-up events."

your casting skills need a quick tune up along with your fishing gear? This pop-up is for you too.

Check next week's *Tight Lines* for details.

First call for "Reel Women Love Sails" 2/26/2024 Click [here](#) to download the entry form.



Bonefish Bonnies

"REEL WOMEN LOVE SAILS"

2024 Offshore Tournament

Anglers' and Captains' Meeting
Residence Club Lobby
Sunday, February 25th, 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Awards Ceremony
Town Hall Waterside
Monday, February 26th, 5:30-7:30 pm

Boat Name _____

I want to fish & need a place on a boat

I have room for _____ Bonnies on my boat

Angler Name	1 st FF?	Cell Phone #	ORC # or Check Amount	# of Dinners
1) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____
2) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____
3) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____
4) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____
5) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____
6) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____
Captain/Mate		Cell Phone #		# of Dinners

Tournament entry fee is \$200/angler – Billed to your ORC #. This entry fee includes Captains' Meeting beverages and snacks, tournament gifts, and awards.

Dinner \$100/person. Spouses, partners, captains, mates and other Bonnies are welcome!

If you are not on a boat already, fill in Angler name and check box above.

Enter on or before February 2, 2024 (**COMPLETED** entry form) to receive an incentive prize!

Entry Deadline is February 9, 2024.

No cancellations can be honored after February 9, 2024

Questions? Contact Esther Vazquez (305) 972-5231 or Jennifer Leonard (404) 229-4293

Save the Date - February 26, 2024

Bonefish & Tarpon Trust
Tarbone Dinner 2024

Bonefish Bonnies Past President Adelaide Skoglund who is a BTT Founding Member will be inducted into BTT's Circle of Honor.

For more information contact
www.bonefishtarpontrust.org

Save the Date - March 18, 2024

A Special Event hosted by Bonefish Bonnies and Rod & Gun Club featuring Jude De'Niese, internationally known dog trainer, showing his dogs and speaking about training your dog whether for competition or companionship. Watch for details in upcoming *Tight Lines*.

**Bonefish Bonnies Membership Roster
2023-2024**

A Warm Welcome to New Bonnie:

Molly Lanzon

and

A Hearty Welcome Back to Renewing Bonnies:

Heather McHold
Stacy Scott



*****Easiest way to update YOUR calendar?
Click [here](#) to download and print a copy of the 25th
Anniversary Season Calendar.*****

VISIT OUR WEBSITE - www.bonefishbonnies.com
Don't forget to send in your fishing pictures to
bonefishbonnies1@gmail.com

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