



The Islander

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A Publication of the St. George Island Civic Club
The next club meeting will be on June 15. There will not be speakers during the Summer

The President's Corner – Diane Bodenhamer

Aloha! We had another fun meeting in May - the food is always ono (good)!

Highlights from the May 15th SGICC Meeting:

We again collected for Backpack Buddies Program, with a HUGE delivery to FCSMA (Cafeteria staff at Franklin County School) the following day. Reminder SGICC is doing this every month, so bring individually portioned, non-perishable items that require little to no cooking (canned ravioli/soup/stew, individually wrapped pop tarts/granola bars/fruit chews, juice/milk boxes, instant grits/oatmeal, dried/canned fruit, crackers, pudding/jello cups). Cash donations will be used to purchase items for the following month. Diane will stockpile all summer donations to be delivered in August

SGI Board Meeting Stats: We have around \$9000 in our account and over 411 paid members!!

In lieu of a forming a committee, SGICC will publish a list of the

contact information (email, phone number) for all the County Commissioners in all future monthly newsletters. We encourage you to contact our **District Commissioner Ricky Jones** directly with your issues.

We are still researching options to replace the "sunset bench" which was destroyed by vandalism.

We have a Facebook Page! If you haven't seen it, please search for "SGI Civic Club", click on the page, then click "Like" and make sure "Following" is highlighted! I'm hoping this will increase our visibility and make communication even easier! Tell your friends!

That's it for now - please join us at 630pm on **Thursday, June 15th** for the next meeting!!

Highlights from the April 20th SGICC Meeting:

Dan Myers, who is building Doc Myers Sports Bar at the corner of West Pine and West 1st street, addressed the membership on the progress of the construction and how (*See Doc Myers, Page Two*)

(Doc Myers, From Page One)
the Sports Bar will be set up.
The building will be an open air
Chikee hut built by the Seminole



Doc Myers, under construction (6/3/17)
Tribe of Florida with many fans set
overhead. The rest rooms and kitchen
are on raised pilings on the East side
of the property. The rest rooms meet
ADA requirements with an elevator
available.
The wait staff will each have an
electronic device that will send orders
directly to the kitchen with the meals
then sent down on a dumb waiter.
There will also be a full bar and a
happy hour for oyster and drinks.
Dan hopes the bar will be open at the
end of June or first of July. There will
be limited parking and catering of
events.

Georgia Man's Body Found

The SGI Volunteer Fire Department
recovered the body of a Georgia man
caught in a rip tide off the Island

behind the Lighthouse early in May.
Franklin County Sheriff AJ Smith
warned visitors that if a red flag is
flying, don't go into the water.

Thank You Fundraiser for SGI VFD Equipment

Last meeting, after discussion with
Chief Jay Abbott, the
SGICC membership approved a
fundraising drive to buy an air
generating station for the
SGIVFD. This equipment was not in
the VFD budget, but was on their
wish list. The station cost \$8000 -
\$2000 was approved by SGICC
members to seed the fund, and Chief
Abbott matched that amount with
\$2000 Collected in contributions
since the fire. That left \$4000 to be
raised.

What happened?

Club members responded with more
than \$6,000 in contributions.

Other SGIVFD news:

Jay has "I Support SGI VFD" t-shirts
for sale in long and short sleeve
versions for only \$25 dollars for the
short sleeve and \$30 for the long
sleeve - he said: "you can buy them
and wear them" to show your
support. If you can't get by the station,
they'll be up for sale again at the 6/15
SGICC meeting. Talk it up -
contribute!!!

U.S. Coast Guard helps celebrate Memorial Day

James Hargrove took the following picture on Memorial Day as the U.S. Coast Guard performed a flyover and then hovered over Lighthouse Park.



Lighthouse June Full Moon Climb

The June Full Moon Climb at the Cape St. George Lighthouse on St. George Island will be held on Friday, June 9. The Sunset/Full Moon Climb will take place from 8:30-10 p.m. and will include light hors d'oeuvres and a sparkling cider toast to the full moon. Cost is \$15.00 for the general public and \$10.00 for members of the St. George Lighthouse Association. The sun will set at 8:39 p.m. and the Strawberry moon will rise at 8:49 p.m. on June 9. In Europe it is called the Rose Moon.

Full Moon names are attributable to native American tribes, most notably the Algonquin, who named the moons to mark the changing seasons.

After sunset, people are invited to climb to the top of the lighthouse for a breathtaking view of the full moon, as space and time permit. Cost is \$10.00 for the general public and \$5.00 for SGLA members.

Because space is limited, reservations are recommended. For reservations or more information, please contact the Lighthouse Gift Shop at 850-927-7745.

Upcoming Events

SGI Mullet Toss



This annual fun event will take place Saturday, June 10 from 10 a.m. till 5 p.m. on the beach in front of The Blue Parrot Oceanfront Cafe on St. George Island at 68 West Gorrie Dr. This annual Mullet Toss is sponsored by The Blue Parrot for the benefit of the Apalachicola Bay Charter School. For a nominal entry fee you get a unique Mullet Toss T Shirt, and 2 mullet to throw. Visitors and Locals compete for prizes and bragging rights. There are prizes for the longest throws in the men's, women's and kid's divisions. For more information, call 850-927-2987 or go to:

www.blueparrotsgi.com/calendar/mullet_toss.htm

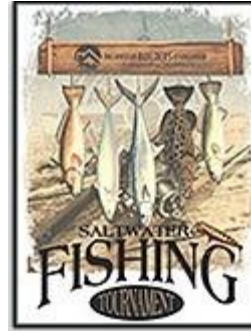
Women's Fishing Clinic



On Saturday, June 10, join the Florida State Park on St. George Island for a Women's Fishing Clinic. Participants will take home a lifelong hobby and leave with a new appreciation for the marine environment. They will learn the basics of conservation stewardship, fishing ethics, angling skills, safety and the vulnerability of Florida's marine ecosystems in a fun, laid-back atmosphere. Lessons include knot tying, cast netting, rod and reel rigging, how to be a responsible marine resource steward, marine fish and habitat identification, catch-and-release techniques and more. If conditions allow, women will have the opportunity to practice their newly learned skills by fishing from shore. This event is a catch-and-release activity. All participants must have a valid recreational saltwater fishing license unless exempt. Fishing equipment and bait are provided during the clinic but participants are encouraged to bring their own gear. Advanced registration is required. Program and entrance fees are free to participants. For more information, call (850) 487-055, or go

to: www.floridastateparks.org/park-events/St-George-Island

Saltwater Fishing Tournament



On Saturday, June 10, join the Tallahassee Builders Association for their 29th Annual Saltwater Fishing Tournament to be held at C-Quarters Marina at 501 St. James Ave Hwy 98, Carrabelle. There will be cash prizes for In-Shore and Off-Shore Grand Slams and the largest fish of various species.

Fisherman's Choice Youth Fishing Tournament

On Saturday, June 10 at 330 US-98 in Eastpoint, join the Annual Fisherman's Choice Youth Fishing Tournament. Kids 16 and under will fish for fresh and saltwater species. Each entry receives a t-shirt, and after the tournament, entrees are invited to attend a cookout at Fisherman's Choice in Eastpoint. Entry is free and generally about 200 kids sign up. For more information, call (850) 670-8808 or go to: thefishermanschoice.net/

Bowery Market

Visit Apalachicola's new open-air street market on June 14, June 21 and June 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Bowery Market will be held on Commerce Street between Avenues F and G. Enjoy live music and food as you peruse vendors offering a variety of merchandise, services, and activities. Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Hosted by Apalachicola Main Street and FAMU Business Incubator Program. For more information, call 844-272-2523, or go to: www.apalachicolabowerymarket.com

Big Bend Classic Fishing Tournament

The Forgotten Coast's Largest Fishing Tournament, the 29th Annual Big Bend Classic, will again be held Father's Day weekend, June 16-17 at 1000 Ave A N, Carrabelle. However, this year, the event headquarters will be Shields Marina in St. Marks. The Moorings of Carrabelle will be an outpost weigh-in location. All of the proceeds from the Big Bend Saltwater Classic are used to develop artificial reefs in the Northeastern Gulf of Mexico. For more information, call (850) 697-2800, or go to: www.saltwaterclassic.com.

Thanks to the Franklin County Tourist Development Council for Upcoming Events. Go to:
<http://www.saltyflorida.com/events>

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