



December 2020

Fishnet Winter Edition

President's Message by: Kathy Gillen, IWFA President 2019/2020



WOW! What a year! I know 2020 will stand out as one of the most challenging years we have ever under

We are planning a full slate of events next year in hopes that our members will once again be able to me

- **2** nd **Virtual Funament** : Fish from anywhere during
- **Annual Luncheon & Awards** in Suderdale Sunday April 25
- **Louisiana Slam** : Venice LA, Kickoff June 6, Fish June 7-9
- **BackCountry Tournament** in Hamorada FL, Kickoff Oct 17, Fish Oct 18-20

Please note your board will always have your safety in mind as we move forward with any plans and will

As we wrap up 2020, we hope for a further look at the new year and the associated with the fishing community.

In conclusion, I want to personally thank all the ladies who have given me the honor and talent to be the IWFA

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Kathy Gillen

Everything Else Has Been Virtual - Why Knot Fishing!

By Connie O'Day Event Co-chair

The pandemic year 2020 has resulted in cancellation of 3 IWFA Tournaments. Desperate for a way to c

In the interest of "getting back out on the water" this tournament was designed to be a fun competition!

Team members developed new friendships as they strategized on how to maximize points and capture t

In just two months, 12,404 fish were released alive and healthy by our 65 anglers.

First Place Team -

“Saltwater Army”

Linda Harper, Cindy Kearns, D

Second Place Team - *“Liquid Assets”*

Ashley Bahen, Jill Gaddis, Aledia Tush, Camille Sover

Third Place Team - *“Reel Deals”*

Joanne Kolius, Mary Edmonds, Cheri Tindall, Pam Mar

The 6 junior anglers caught and released 776 fish

Many thanks to the committee who designed this amazing new event format. Connie O’Day and Brenda

Plans are currently in development for another Virtual Funament for the months of April and May of 202



My Journey to Master Angler

Roberta G. Arostegui



Robertas mom Peggy Godbar in 1946 who has served as her inspiration.

Achieving Master Angler has been a very long journey since I caught my first fish, a sunfish, on a bread

In 2005 longtime IWFA member Gussie Leech introduced me to the IWFA organization and she was ins

My recent journey to Master Angler started with a strategy session with my husband about what fish I



Roberta with a Striped marlin caught on Fly

wanted to chase and when and where we could find the species and size I would need. It turned out to

The day I fought multiple amberjacks and the black grouper I injured my arm severely and needed to re

Six of the twelve fish required were caught in Florida (Butterfly Peacock, Permit, Blackfin Tuna, Little Tu

While catching the fish was my primary goal, I was blessed with beautiful scenery, kind and eager guide

2020 Monthly Milestone Winners

Congratulations to our Monthly Award Winners

Turning in those affidavits could put you on the list!

January

- Brooke Black, 50 Monthly Awards
- Allison Stattner, 25 Monthly Awards
- Emma Hunt, JR Angler, 50 Monthly Awards

February

- Julia Brown, Placida, FL - 100th Monthly Award
- Linda Denkert, 1st Monthly Award

March

- Brooke Black, Tavernier, Monthly Award
- Linda Denkert, Islamorada, Monthly Award 25th
- Ashley Bahen, Nags Head, Monthly Award
- Amy Lockhart, Riverview, Monthly Award
- Jennifer Parker, Islamorada, Monthly Award
- Leiza Fitzgerald, Sarasota, Monthly Award

April

- Laura Beth Jenks, Abington, VA - 10th Monthly Award
- Jenna Hunt, JR Angler, 10th Monthly Award

May

- Linda Denkert, Islamorada, FL - 50th Monthly Award
- Shandra Rummel, Islamorada, FL - 50th Monthly Award
- Amy Lockhart, Riverview, FL - 50th Monthly Award
- Leiza Fitzgerald, Sarasota, FL - 10th Monthly Award

June

- Brenda Moore, Pearland, TX - 75th Monthly Award
- Mary Edmunds, Marengo, IL - 75th Monthly Award
- Cheri Tindall, Islamorada, FL - 50th Monthly Award
- Nancy Llacuna, Cape Coral, FL - 25th Monthly Award
- Mary Parker Weingart, Mukwanago, WI - 10th Monthly Award
- Wynn Smith, Louisburg, NC - 10th Monthly Award

July

- Linda Denkert, 75th Monthly Awards
- Mary Parker Weingart, 50th Monthly Award
- Amy Dougherty, 1st & 10th Monthly Award

August

- Denise Freihofer, 150th Monthly Award
- Amy Dougherty, 25th Monthly Award
- Leiza Fitzgerald, 25th Monthly Award
- Rebecca Strain, 25th Monthly Award
- Cindy Kearns, 25th Monthly Award
- Mari Kitagawa, 10th Monthly Award
- Camille Soverel, 1st Monthly Award
- Diana Javonillo, 1st Monthly Award
- Ildiko Meltzer, 1st Monthly Award
- Kimberly Gaido, 1st Monthly Award
- Lisa Lanata, 1st Monthly Award
- Lisa Bellar, 1st Monthly Award
- Priscilla Horn, 1st Monthly Award
- Emily Hanzlik, JR Angler, 100th Monthly Award

September

- Linda Denkert, 100th Monthly Award
- Amy Lockhart, 75th Monthly Award
- Shandra Rummel, 75th Monthly Award
- Ellen Matthews, 50th Monthly Award
- Cindy Kearns, 25th Monthly Award
- Camille Soverel, 10th Monthly Award

October

- Brenda Moore, 100th Monthly
- Christine Wilson, 1st Monthly

November

- Aledia Tush, 75th Monthly Award
- Amy Dougherty, 50th Monthly Award
- Jennifer Parker, 50th Monthly Award
- Nancy Llacuna, 50th Monthly Award

* Please note

ALL 2020 affidavits

must be filled no later than end of day on Jan. 5th, 2021 in order to be counted.



2021 Tentative Schedule of Events

We are hoping this year that we will be in a position to have the following events.☐

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Message from IWFA Scholarship Trust

Greetings fellow IWFA members,

The scholarship trust board would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy and successful year of charitable giving plans.

Thank you, Lisa Everett IWFA Scholarship Trust Chair the address for **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S FISHING**
www.IWFA.org/scholarship

Member Applause

Congratulations to Carmen Perez-Padron who recently won the Top Lady Angler and General Division C

Connie O'Day and Kathy Gillen just returned from fishing the No Sancocho Tournament at Casa Vieja L

Member Mary Peachin has just published her inspirational biography, adventurous life she has had.

New species added starting 2021

New species added starting 2021. This takes our species list up to 237 species! Please note we genera

1. Asp - Category 1: Member of carp family, found in Europe and Asia, bottom feeders, terminal mou
2. Pacific Bonefish - Category 3: Worldwide in tropical and subtropical pacific waters.
3. Milkfish - Category 4: Indian and Pacific waters east and west. Coastal in nature, as well as reefs.
4. Snubnose Pompano - Category 3: Jack family, range indo-pacific, Red Sea, estuaries to reefs.
5. Sea Bream(gilthead) - Category 2: Poggy family, Mediteranian and Eastern Atlantic Reefs, lagoon
6. King Threadfin - Category 2: Queensland Coast to Gulf of Papua Australia.

Amazon Smile...

Don't forget to "Smile" during this holiday season!

Who doesn't Amazon? Don't forget to SMILE!

The IWFA Scholarship Trust is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. As of May 12th we will partner with Amazon smile. If you would like to make a tax deductible donation to the IWFA Scholarship Trust, please send your donation to info@iwfa.org

Facebook Posting



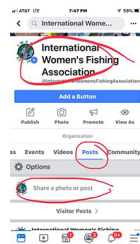
Facebook: Members are utilizing Facebook regularly and posting great shots. P

Post on the IWFA FaceBook Page...Here's How!

Let's all stay connected by sharing our fishing experiences and photos on the open FaceBook page! Ju

Here is how to quickly post from your own phone or computer:

1. From your FaceBook Page type "International Women's Fishing Association" in the search bar
2. You should now be able to click on the IWFA Face Book Page
3. Below the Main Organization Name there are several tabs (Home/About/Photos/Events/Videos/Posts)
4. Once Posts has been selected, there will be an option for you to "Write Something" and post a pic
5. See photo for guidance...it's just that easy!



Photos from Tournaments & Funaments for Historian & Sharing

If you have a great photo of yourself or your fishing partner to share with IWFA, please email it to: photo@iwfa.org

Also, feel free to directly post it to the IWFA Facebook Page, but if you don't have a Facebook account,

JR Angler Mentors Needed

Any IWFA member that [is interested in being a](mailto:jsontel@iwfa.org) mentor or would like to sign up a Jr Angler from the ages

Welcome to our new members!!

1. Amy Dougherty – Kitty Hawk, NC
2. Gwyn Grafe – Buford, GA
3. Diane Javonillo – Long Beach, CA
4. Cindy Kearns – Union, IL
5. Audrey Koocher – Bronxville, NY
6. Heather Voss - Royal Palm Beach, FL
7. Christine Wilson – Sarasota, F:
8. Courtney Woznek – Jacksonville, FL

Jr Anglers □

1. Sophie Hunt – Pearland, TX
2. Mia O'Day – Pearland, TX

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