

CLUB REPORTS DECEMBER 08

SEABUNNIES

Sea Bunny Competition 2008

Fish Category Weight in pounds

Sheepshead / Triggerfish/ Flounder

Lisa Tatro	(Sheepshead)	3.0
Lynn Jones	(Triggerfish)	3.2
Mary Taylor	(Triggerfish)	5.4

Amberjack / Barracuda / Cobia

Mary Taylor	Cobia	10
Lynn Jones	AJ	10.7

Snapper

Lisa Tatro	1.8
Lynn Jones	4.6
Mary Taylor	8.1

Hogfish

Eileen Morris	3.0
Patti Bacun	3.1
Lynn Jones	4.2
Lisa Tatro	3.4
Mary Taylor	16.4

Grouper

Lynn Jones	5.4
Eileen Morris	6.0
Lisa Tatro	7.9
Mary Taylor	17.8

Lobster

Lisa Tatro	1.5	
Cindy Whitaker	1.75	
Patti Bacun		2.75
Mary Taylor	3.6	

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Points

Lynn Jones

Aluminum can 1
Total Points = 1

Rita F.

Plastic bag 1
Fishing line 1
Dive Knife 1
Total Points = 3

Debbie Holtz

Encrusted Bottle 1
Some plastic junk (6 pk plastic rings perhaps) 1
Total Points = 2

Lisa Tatro

2 tin cans 2
Beer bottle 1
Steel line 5 ft. Long 1
Carpet 3 ft. 3
Total Points = 7

Mary Taylor

Rusty bent spear shaft 1
Homeade concrete/PVC bouy weight (5 lb) w/ 1 ft rope 2
Aged spear shaft (broken at trigger end) 1
Large black plastic trash bag 1
1 balloon, half deflated 1
Fishing line with swivel 1
Cardboard bait container 1
Half of a plastic cup 1
An empty motor oil container 1
Candy wrapper (Reeses) 1
Measuring spoon (1 tsp) 1
7 ft. X 4 ft. Rubber Boat 2
Broken speargun band 1
Plastic bottle 1
Another spear shaft 1
Empty Fritos bag 1
12 ft of thin rope 1
Soft weight (5 lb) 1
Total Points = 20

Patti Bacun

A rod butt	1	
Blue Tarp 6' X 8'	4	
6 Anchors 6#'s, 7#, 2-8#, 10# and a 15# plow-type one	18	
17 bottles	17	
5 Cans	5	
2 lobster tickle sticks	2	
2 Weight belts, one was wrapped around an anchor – (12#'s of weights, and one was by itself - 10#'s of weights)	6	
Rope - a total of about 200',(some was on anchors, some not)	10	
3 plastic cups	3	
1 snorkel	1	
2 plastic bottles	2	
2 cans	2	
3 glass bottles	3	
1 aluminum rod	1	
1 plastic bag	1	
1 syrofoam carton	1	
1 syrofoam cup	1	

Total Points = 78



REEF ROWDIES December 2008

The Rowdies all want to “Wish You A Merry Christmas!” Time has gone so fast and it doesn’t seem that we have seen many of our FSDA friends this year. (Too much traveling!) We had fun hunting fossils and diving with some of the Bunnies though. I do miss our FSDA’s December holiday party though December is soooo busy and I hope March will have a good turn out as usual.

Wine Cellar was the festive scene of action for the Rowdies again this year – what a lovely place for an Awards ceremony – and good food too! This was Rowdies 35th anniversary as a family scuba club (established in 1973). Pat Fredette is our only remaining founding member with Ken & Sonia and Ed Zuranski joining in '86 & '88.

All year long we had been collecting for our big yearly drawing and with one last chance we all donated our dollars – half to Lynn Willis the December winner. So then the excitement built up for the EOY drawing and the big winner was Pat Fredette!! What good luck!!

You should have seen Lynn Willis’s face as we managed to really surprise her by honoring her for her service to the Rowdies with our huge traveling trophy, the “Bunny Lauser Award.” Congratulations Lynn and thanks again for your service!! This award was

established in 1982 in memory of a very active former club member, Bunny Lauser, who passed away. This trophy is passed on to active members each year and now has 26 name plates attached. Thanks again for your continued service Ed Z and Bobbie Jo R, our 2006 & 2007 winners!

Selecting competition trophy awards is difficult but Ed and Mary Z did a fantastic job! Luckily St. Pete has some excellent shops with a marine theme and they are great shoppers! We also were presented certificates with a new background this year – thanks Pat F, nice work!

We waited to see who won the Rowdies' 2008 competition with "baited breath" (where in the world did that one come from?) We are mostly photographers adding Shelling, Fossiling, Manmade Artifact and "Saving Our Seas". It is hard to separate those last two categories. I really had a difficult time finding shells this year – did any of you find that problem? Pat Fredette's Mammoth Tooth find gave her points for her 6th place award. Lynn Willis's great photos placed her in the 5th slot. 4th place went to Ed Z with both pictures in several categories and his fossil whale tooth. Third place went to Lori Smith. Lori had not only pictures in several categories but she found fossils, shells (more than I had seen!), and she had lugged a large anchor up from the bottom of the Gulf for the Manmade Artifact. Bobbie Jo captured 2nd place by only entering several photography categories but what photographs!! Well, the secret to taking the top place is to enter every category possible, even if it isn't a "great" find, you may take points for 2nd or 3rd for entering something! First place went to me, Sonia Smith, so I send out the challenge to all club members to pick up that sinker, fishing line, shell, and fossil and take zillions of pictures. You can beat me next year! ☺

Smile – I may be taking your picture!! Sonia