



PATCHOGUE FISHING CLUB

APRIL

2002



IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN!!



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Yes, the flounder season is upon us and as you can see to the left the first PFC tournament of 2002 was a great success. Approximately 25 club members attended the flounder tournament on April 14th. Don Schafer (middle) placed first with a beautiful 2 pound 7 ounce “flatty” and the Mistina team (Joe on the right and Andy to the left) are tied for 2nd and 3rd; both with a 2 pound 4 ounce flounder. It was great to see a large turnout so early in the season and many thanks goes out to Tom Ganetis for organizing the tournament.

If you didn't make the tournament I hope you've had a chance to get out and catch your first fish of 2002. Overall, the season seems to have started off with a slow pick (for me at least) and some bad weather, but I'm optimistic that the fishing will only get better. Cheryl has reported some flounder weigh slips in the box already. I wish everyone the best of luck and hope to see you on the water.

The April meeting marks a final chance to pay your **annual dues** before becoming a member not in good standing (i.e. ineligible to win any club prizes until you pay!). I don't want to see any of our members catch a 5 pound flounder and not be eligible to receive a well deserved prize. If you have not done so already, don't forget to pay your dues this Thursday.

I would also like to remind you about one of your other responsibilities to the club..... **150 Club tickets**. All of our functions and prizes are funded by your annual dues and sale of 150 club tickets. If you have not paid your dues and plan on doing so on Thursday, please don't forget to purchase your required (2) 150 club tickets.

One last message..... I believe this will be the last month that Bill will be at the meeting calibrating scales. If you can not make it to this months meeting and still have not calibrated your scale(s), please contact Bill and arrange a time to meet so that he can check them out. Thanks!

NEXT REGULAR CLUB MEETING WILL BE HELD ON:

APRIL 25, 2002

Where: Blue Point Cottage
Time: 8:00 p.m.
Indoor: Coast Guard Auxiliary

Coffee and Donuts will be served

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Outdoor

Let's hope the weakfish tournament is as successful as the flounder tournament. That's right; mark your calendars for May 4th and 5th. The club is long overdue for a good ole weakfish tournament. I hope everyone gets their boats ready for this one! If you do plan on fishing the tournament please make an effort to "fill your boat". In other words, call some of your fellow club members and see if they want to join you. I'm not sure if they are collecting parking and launching fees at Heckscher State Park this early in the season but please be prepared to pay just in case. Of course, the Heckscher State Park launch is not the only place you can drop your boat. See below for details of the tournament:

When: Saturday & Sunday, May 4th and 5th

What: Weakfish (*from Boat or Surf*)

Where: From Smith Point Bridge to Fire Island Inlet

Time: 4:00 p.m. Saturday May 4th until 1:00 p.m. on Sunday May 5th

Weigh-in: From **1:00 – 1:30 p.m.** at the Heckscher State Park Boat Ramp



Indoor

We didn't have an indoor last month but are excited to report that three members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary will be at the April meeting to discuss various topics related to boating safety. ***Please make sure you get to the meeting on time (8:00 p.m. sharp). We plan to get things started right away to ensure that we wrap everything up by 10:00 p.m.***

Fish of the Month

<u>Month</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Fish</u>	<u>Weight</u>
January	No fish weighed in		
February	No fish weighed in		
March	Tom Ganetis	Flounder	2-8

Congratulations Tom!!

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)

Good & Welfare

As many members already know, Ron Pfister's father recently passed away. Ron, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Picnic

Mark your calendars! This year's George Dietz Annual PFC Picnic is scheduled for **JULY 28, 2002**. Don't miss out on the great fun this year.

150 Club

George Remien has informed me that approximately **128 tickets** have been sold so far. George is planning on having the first drawing in May so let's try to buy/sell the rest of the tickets by the next meeting.

New Members

I am very excited to report that we had eight (8) new members join the club at the March meeting. I'm sure that is some sort of club record. Below are the names of all the new members. Let me be the first to welcome them into the club and wish them many years of "tight lines".

New Member

Carlee & Chris Ogeka
Salvadore Matos
Kenneth Aschwinor
Ronald E. Monsell
Glenn F. Pisano
Gene Kastendiecil
Laura Wysolmierski

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SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!!

RON & JASON