



PATCHOGUE FISHING CLUB

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SEPTEMBER 2002 NEWSLETTER

DON'T FORGET.....

Our annual **SNAPPER DERBY** will be held this Sunday,
September 8th, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Meet at the Patchogue "L" dock. As usual, fresh bait will be supplied by the club and remember; only one person on each team of two must be a club member. Hope to see you there!!



I hope everyone is having a great summer. Can you believe that it's September already? It seems like we were just at the Annual George Dietz Picnic. What a great turnout we ended up having! A huge thanks to Vinny and Terry. All their effort, time and energy made the picnic a great success. They could not do it alone.....Vinny would like to thank Leo DiDonato & Ron Pfister for the meats and BBQing, George Dietz for the beer (The Blue Point Summer Ale was a hit), Steve Gehrke for the ice cream, the Rockwell's for the clams and water balloons, Neil VanGinhoven for donating the corn, Carl for taking all of the great pictures, George Remien for organizing the casting tournament, and all of the members who contributed to the wonderful array of tasteful dishes. Details on the day's events can be found in the committee reports.

I know for many club members it's time to get back to "the real world" and hopefully for all it's time to start thinking about hitting the surf and enjoying the fall run of bass, blues and weakfish. **GOOD LUCK.....** and don't forget to send in those weigh slips for New York Surf Tournament.

NEXT REGULAR CLUB MEETING WILL BE HELD ON:

SEPTEMBER 26, 2002

Where: Blue Point Cottage

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Indoor: **TBD**

Coffee and Donuts will be served

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Outdoor

The fluke tournament on August 25 turned out to be a beautiful day. The fluke on the other hand were playing hard to get, except of course, for our top three winners. Somehow they managed to pull a few “fatties” out of the water. I personally caught three nice sized dog fish, several skates, and more sea robins than I would like to admit. We had a decent turnout and I hope everyone had a good time. The following are the skillful winners:

Fluke Tournament Winners

1 st Place:	Ted Rickman	8-8
2 nd Place:	Gregg Maynard	7-8
3 rd Place:	Alex Segarra	6-8



We have at least three tournaments remaining this year. There will be two surf tournaments, one in October and one in November. Tom Ganetis will announce the exact dates for the surf tournaments at the September meeting. The blackfish tournament will be held on December 1st (North Fork). Details for the tournaments will be summarized in the October newsletter.

Indoor

Many thanks go out to Alex Segarra for organizing a great June indoor activity. Bill Altman from *Hampton Navigation* did a great job displaying and presenting all types of electronics (e.g., GPS, depth finders, fish finders, etc.) for your boat. He catered the presentation to exactly what we wanted to know by going around and asking everyone what they wanted to learn. Bill kept everyone captivated right to the end. Thanks again Alex for setting up a great indoor. Keep up the great work.

We are still planning to have another Chinese Auction in the fall so keep getting prepared and clean out your tackle boxes.

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
April	Ed Harrold	Blackfish	11-8
April (Jr.)	Andy Mistina	Flounder	2-4
May	David Bodnar	Striped Bass	25-2
June	Andy Polcha	Striped Bass	22-0
July	David Bodnar	Striped Bass	37-8

Congratulations Andy and David!!

COMMITTEE REPORTS - continued

Good and Welfare

We have three great announcements:

First, I am proud to announce the birth of James Joseph Steinbart in July. He weighed in at 7 pounds 14 ounces and was 20 inches long. I understand the family is very happy and healthy.



Second, congratulations to future grandparents Carl and Cheryl Dippel! Their son Chris and daughter-in-law Claire announced that they are pregnant and due in January.

Third, I am very happy to inform everyone that David and Ellen Knieriemen recently announced that they are pregnant. The baby is due on April 1st.

Congratulations to the new parents, the parents to be and grandparents to be!

Picnic

If you have not had a chance to do so yet please check out our website and look at the great pictures Carl Dippel took at the picnic. They say pictures are worth a thousand words and you can easily see from the pictures Carl took that everyone had a great time.

I found out from the “picnic masters” Vinny and Terry that approximately **\$400** will go back to the club this year (\$50 more than they are actually budgeted to spend!). This return would not have been possible if it wasn't for the great people we have in our club. As you can see from the introduction to this newsletter, many members made wonderful donations to make the picnic a great success.

Casting

George Remien asked that I thank all those club members who pitched in to help set up, break down, and make the casting tournament run so smoothly. He also asked that I give a very special thanks to Steve Gehrke, and his trusty calculator, who year after year tabulates all of the casting winners. Finally, congratulations to all of the casting winners..... especially Arty Yarrington who placed first in both distance and accuracy.

Current Standings

Please go to our website to see the latest and greatest standings for our club. Both Cheryl and Carl are working very hard to keep the standings up to date so you can check it out at any time. Occasionally, I will print out the standings and include them in the newsletter for those who do not have access to a computer.

Board Meeting

In case some of the board members forgot over the long, hot summer.....the next board meeting will be held on September 18th at Vinny Smith's house. See you there!

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!!

RON & JASON