



PATCHOGUE FISHING CLUB

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FEBRUARY 2003 NEWSLETTER

Believe it or not.....

the opening of the flounder season is just around the corner! Get your fishing gear ready because March 15th will be here before you know it. In fact, if you fish opening day for flounder, you can share the tales of your adventure that evening at the annual dinner dance. Hopefully, this cold weather we've been having will help boost the flounder catch this year. I can't wait!

2003 DINNER DANCE

When: March 15, 2003
Where: SUNSET HARBOR
Time: 7:00 - 12:00 p.m.
Cost: \$45 *(Includes dinner, music and dance, as well as open bar 4 of the 5 hours)*

BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!!!

By now you should have received your invitation, right? I'm sure (or at least I hope) that all of the members have already replied with a resounding **YES!!** How could you possibly turn down a night to celebrate the 2002 Fishing Year? A night filled with music, dancing, prizes, trophies, plaques, great food, drinks and company. Don't miss out on the fun and join us on March 15 at Sunset Harbor, we are truly looking forward to it. Please try to get your response cards back to David Knieriemen as soon as possible. Thank you.

NEXT REGULAR CLUB MEETING WILL BE HELD ON:

February 27, 2003

Where: Blue Point Cottage
Time: 8:00 p.m.
Indoor: **Capt. Kenny (Laura Lee)**

Coffee and Donuts will be served

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Outdoor

Tom Ganetis has already started to set up some of our tournaments for the year! Details of each tournament will be provided in the March newsletter, but please mark your calendars for following tournaments that were discussed at the January meeting:

Tournament	Location	Date
Flounder	Moriches Bay	April 6 th
Peconic Bay Tournament (Fluke/Blue/Weakfish)	Peconic Bay	May 18 th
Freshwater	Mill Pond	TBD
Striped Bass Trip (Night)	Montauk	July 12 th
Fluke	Moriches Bay/Ocean	August 25 th
Blackfish	Greenport (Peconic Star)	November 16 th
Snapper Derby	TBD	September 7 th
November Surf	TBD	TBD
December Surf	TBD	TBD
Optional (Weakfish, Porgies/Sea Bass)?	TBD	TBD

As you can see, the budget committee has determined that the club can have eight (8) tournaments this year. That will allow the club to vote on one additional tournament. Good luck ahead of time!

Indoor

Captain Kenny of the Laura Lee (Captree) will be speaking at the meeting this Thursday. Alex informed me that Capt. Kenny will be bringing some of his own topics to talk about but will be open to anything the club wants to discuss.

I understand that Al Goldberg is interested in speaking to the club this spring as well. Alex will be giving him a call and setting up a date.

You don't want to miss out on the May indoor as George Dietz will once again bring us back in time as he strolls down memory lane and discusses some of the Patchogue Fishing Club's history. George will have several pictures and articles to look at.

New York Surf Tournament

Congratulations to Beau LeLaidier for placing 1st in the New York Surf Tournament Children's Division with an impressive 8 pound bluefish. Overall, the club ended up in 16th place out of seventeen participants.

The Patchogue Fishing Club's participation in this contest in 2003 will be discussed at the February meeting.

Scales

Please clean up and lubricate your scales so they will be ready for calibration. Bill Rockwell should be at the February meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - CONTINUED

Jackets

Tom Wasilewicz has plenty of T-shirts and hats for the 2003 season.

Fish of the Month

It's great to see that somebody is fishing.....

<u>Month</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Fish</u>	<u>Weight</u>
January	Tom Wasilewicz	Brown Trout	1-8

Congratulations Tom!

Don't Forget: Fish of the month winners are not required to pick up their prize within 2 meetings; however, the club continues to encourage all members to make meetings regularly. If a fish of the month winner does not pick up their prize within 2 meetings, the prize will be mailed to that member.

Do not confuse this motion with Article V, Section 4A of the constitution. All members are still required to make at least two meetings during the current year to be eligible for an annual prize or prizes. The George Dietz Annual Club Picnic does not count as a meeting. I mistakenly included the day on the proposed meeting list last month. Sorry about that.

Prizes

All of the 2002 prize winners have been identified and George Remien is now busy preparing the trophies, plaques, and prizes for the annual dinner dance on March 15th. Congratulations to all winners ahead of time! (The few gift certificates left over from the 2002 fishing season will be used up in 2003 season).

Good & Welfare

- One of our club members, Ted Rickman, recently had a severe heart attack and has been in the hospital for about two months. Ted, the members of the PFC wish you well. The following information is being provided in case you would like to send a card or give him a call:

St. Francis Hospital
100 Port Washington Blvd.
Roslyn, New York 11576
(516) 562-6000 (Room 271)

- I am very sorry to inform you that Jim Belmonte's sister recently passed away. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jim and his family.
- George Remien recently had knee surgery and is now beginning the long recovery process. He is in good spirits and looks forward to fishing in 2003.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - CONTINUED

- Congratulations to Cheryl and Carl Dippel on recently becoming grandparents. Their son Christopher and his wife had a beautiful baby girl named Charlotte June Dippel. This child is sure to be spoiled rotten by her grandparents.

Dues

Don't forget all dues must be paid before the April meeting. Dues will continue to be collected at the February meeting. Below, you will find the dues for 2003:

Adult member:	\$45
Senior member:	\$30
Spouse of adult member:	\$25
Junior member:	\$10
Child of member:	\$5

150 Club

Please don't wait till the last minute to buy and/or sell your required (2) 150 Club tickets. 2003 drawings will occur as soon as all 150 tickets are sold.

New Members (2002)

We had one new member join the club in January, Harvey Holmes Jr. Harvey, a very accomplished fisherman, will be a great addition to the PFC. He charts several fishing trips throughout the year with the following fishing boats:

Nancy Ann, Orient Point
Brooklyn Girl, Orient Point
Capt. Bob IV, Mattituck

At the January meeting Harvey provided the club with a listing of all the charters he set up for 2003 season (attached). He would love to have members of the PFC join him on one or more of the charters. All you have to do is contact him @ (516) 935-4863 and see if there is space available. I believe one or more of his charters line up with club tournaments so if you don't have anybody to fish with yet give him a call soon.

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!!

RON & JASON