



## PATCHOGUE FISHING CLUB

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## MARCH 2003 NEWSLETTER

The dinner dance committee, chaired by David Knieriemen, did it again! Approximately 60 members gathered at Sunset Harbor on March 15<sup>th</sup> and enjoyed a great night celebrating the 2002 fishing season. The food was delicious and the prizes from J&J Bait and Tackle were great. The DJ kept the party going, and best of all everyone seemed to have a good time. Many thanks to Dave Knieriemen for all of the time and effort he put into this wonderful event. As usual, many members assisted Dave in the



evening's festivities. Ed printed the programs and pads, George Remien helped prepare labels for the prizes, and Tom Wasilewicz and his wife Elizabeth helped organized the prizes and trophies. A special thanks to **White Water Marine** for donating the cooler, fishing bag and boat equipment this year. Thanks to everyone involved and congratulations to all prize and trophy winners.

The picture you see on the left is of a well deserving couple receiving the 2002 Carl Dippel Memorial Trophy (Service Award). Both Carl and Cheryl Dippel do so much for the club and we wanted to especially thank them for the time and effort spent on keeping our website up and running.

Dust off your fishing gear because the Flounder season officially opened up on March 15<sup>th</sup>. I don't think there has been much of a bite yet, but I personally can't wait to get out on the water and try to catch some. It's been too long without any fresh fish on the dinner table! If your boat is still dockside and not quite ready for its 2003 launch, grab your fishing gear and head over to the Shinnecock Canal. I hear Tommy Wasilewicz has been hanging out their quite a bit. Don't forget, our flounder tournament is on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. See details for the tournament in the outdoor section.

NEXT REGULAR CLUB MEETING WILL BE HELD ON:

**March 27, 2003**

Where: Blue Point Cottage

Time: 8:00 p.m.

*Coffee and Donuts will be served*

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Outdoor

Several of the tournament dates have been set. Additional tournaments may be added as the 2003 season moves along. I do want to note that I made a mistake in last month's newsletter. The Fluke tournament is on August 24<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) not August 25<sup>th</sup> (Monday). That brings me to the next topic. At the Board Meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> the topic came up of the day our tournaments are typically held. For as long as I can remember the PFC tournaments usually fell on Sundays. More recently, some members have explained that they miss several tournaments (at least in the morning) because of religious obligations. A suggestion was made that some, not all, tournaments be held on Saturday as apposed to Sunday. This topic will be discussed further at the March meeting. In the meantime, below are the details for our upcoming flounder tournament. Good Luck!

### Flounder Tournament

<b>When:</b>	<b>April 6<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Where:</b>	<b>Shinnecock Bay to Robert Moses Bridge</b>
<b>How:</b>	<b>Boat <u>or from the Shore</u></b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>Sunrise – 3:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Weigh-in:</b>	<b>3:00 – 3:30 p.m. at the Smith Point Marina</b>
<b>Prizes:</b>	<b>3 Largest Flounder</b>

### Indoor

Captain Kenny of the Laura Lee (Captree) provided club members with a recap of the 2002 season at the February meeting. He started out with opening day for flounder and ended with the fall run of bass and bluefish. He shared details of good places to fish in Moriches Bay (near Captree) and the ocean while providing tips on what terminal tackle works best for various types of fishing. He even found some time to teach everyone how to tie a knot that is ideal for attaching a monofilament leader to braided line. I would like to thank Alex Segarra for arranging this indoor activity and look forward to many more.

Alex called Al Goldberg to speak at one of our spring meetings and is he currently waiting to hear back from Al to set a date.

Begin to gather some of your best fishing pictures and/or videos clips because Alex is also planning an indoor activity to share those pictures, stories, and videos with club members to enjoy.

### New York Surf Tournament

Heidi gave a very thorough report on the 2003 New York Surf Tournament, which included discussing some rule changes and handing out a memo with all the details of the fishing contest for those members interested. I'm attaching the memo for those members that missed the meeting or did not get one.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS - CONTINUED

The board would like to thank Heidi for chairing this committee once again. Let's try to keep her busy this year sending in weigh slips. I would love to see our club's name higher in the standings

### Scales

If you have not done so already, please bring your scales in for calibration. Bill will be at the March meeting.

### Jackets

Tom Wasilewicz had several items to show at the February meeting. He can pretty much get whatever you want with the PFC logo as long as you provide him with the \$ ahead of time. Of course, prices will decrease if several people order. I'm attaching a price list for your information. Please let Tom know if you are interested in anything listed. The golf shirts are really nice.

### Fish of the Month

No fish were weighed in during the month of February but I know for a fact that some cod fish have been weighed in for March. That's good news since we did not have any cod weighed in last year. Hopefully, there will be some flounder slips coming in soon as well.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Fish</u>	<u>Weight</u>
January	Tom Wasilewicz	Brown Trout	1-8
February	No fish weighed in		

### Prizes

As I mentioned in the beginning of this newsletter, the prizes provided for the dinner by J&J Bait & Tackle were great. I would like to thank John and Paul for helping put the prizes together.

### Good & Welfare

I am sad to inform you that Mark Tutrani's uncle Tony recently passed away. Mark, our prayers are with you and your family.

### Dues

You only have two months to go to pay your dues before becoming a member NOT in good standing. Dues will continue to be collected at the March 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

## COMMITTEE REPORTS - CONTINUED

### Dinner Dance

Once again, the club would like to thank **White Water Marine** for donating equipment towards the beautiful basket of cheer. Congratulations to Laura and Alex Segarra on winning the basket cheer. Believe it or not, they won last year as well! We are going to have to keep them out of the drawing next year (ha, ha). Thanks again David, a great time was had by all!

### 150 Club

George Remien has informed the board that only **62 tickets** have been sold. Please don't wait till the last minute to sell or buy your required (2) 150 Club tickets. The 2003 drawings will not occur until all 150 tickets are sold.

### Budget

The 2003 PFC budget will be discussed and voted upon at the March meeting.

### Address & Phone Number List

The PFC address and phone directory will be revised after the April meeting and sent out with the May newsletter for your information. Please let me know when you change your address and/or phone number so that I can update the directory. Thanks!

**SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!!**

**RON & JASON**