



# PATCHOGUE FISHING CLUB

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## NEWSLETTER

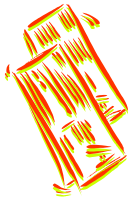
I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday. Yes, you heard right.....not only is the flounder season open but the NYSDEC decided to open the striped bass season one month earlier and the fluke season will be open all year! Now, we just need some consistent warm weather. I'll be honest and say I have not even "wet the line" yet this year but am looking forward to the flounder tournament this weekend. I hope everyone got their tournament change notice a couple of weeks ago. I will add the details of the flounder tournament in the outdoor committee section just in case. I wish everyone the best of luck and hope to see you on the water.

### DUES



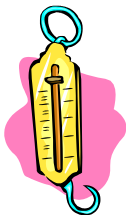
The April meeting is your final chance to pay your annual dues before becoming a member not in good standing. What does that mean? It means that if you go out and catch a 4 pound flounder this weekend during the tournament and did not pay your dues yet, you will not be able to weigh it in or be eligible to win any club prizes. Please don't let that happen. Pay your dues this Thursday!

### 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. Approximately 135 tickets are out! That means that only 15 tickets are left. We will definitely have our first drawing at the April meeting.

### SCALES



Bill informed the club last month that he will not be at the April meeting but will be at the May meeting to certify scales. If you have not calibrated your scale(s) yet, and want them certified prior to the May meeting, 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 24, 2003**

Where: Blue Point Cottage

Time: 8:00 p.m.

*Coffee and Donuts will be served*

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Outdoor

Just in case you forgot, the first PFC tournament will be held this weekend. The details can be found below. I have a feeling that the "weekend tournament" will be a regular activity for the PFC. It's nice to be able to pick one of the days or just go crazy and fish both. It definitely will give more people an opportunity to fish the tournaments. Good Luck!

WHAT: FLOUNDER TOURNAMENT

WHEN: SATURDAY, APRIL 26 - SUNDAY, APRIL 27

WHERE: SHINNECOCK BAY TO ROBERT MOSES BRIDGE

TIME: SUNRISE on SATURDAY til 3:00 p.m. on SUNDAY

WEIGH-IN: ANY TIME DURING STORE HOURS AT J&J BAIT & TACKLE UP UNTIL 3:00 p.m. ON SUNDAY

NOTE: This tournament will accommodate those who may decide to go on the Rosie (Saturday Only).

### Indoor

At this time we don't have an indoor activity set for the April meeting. One of our members, Artie Yarrington, offered to bring in some fishing tapes on catching striped bass. With the season opening early this year maybe it would not be a bad idea to pop one into the VCR during the meeting.

Don't forget, George Dietz will be presenting at the May meeting. He will once again bring us back in time as he strolls down memory lane and discusses some of the club's history. George will have several pictures and articles to look at.

### Conservation

As I mentioned earlier the recreational saltwater fishing seasons, size and possession limits have been announced by the NYSDEC. I summarized some of the information below. For a full list please contact DEC or visit them on the website.

Species	Size Limits (Total Length in Inches)	Daily Possession Limits (Number of Fish)	Open Seasons
Fluke	17	7	All year
Winter Flounder	11	15	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. in March-June 30 and Sept. 15-Nov. 30
Blackfish	14	1 fish – June 1 to Oct. 6 10 fish – Oct. 7 to May 31	All year
Bluefish	No size limit	10	All year
Weakfish	16	6	All year
Cod	21	Any number	All year
Striped Bass	28	1	April 15- Dec. 15
Sea Bass	11.5	25	All year
Porgy	10	50	All year

## COMMITTEE REPORTS - Continued

### Fish of the Month

Cheryl reports that the weigh slips are starting to come in.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Fish</u>	<u>Weight</u>
January	Tom Wasilewicz	Brown Trout	1-8
February	No fish weighed in		
<b>March</b>	<b>Ed Harrold</b>	<b>Cod</b>	<b>8-0</b>

*Congratulations Ed!*

### Good & Welfare

Ron will not be at the April meeting as he will be prepping for laparoscopic surgery that same day. Ron, the club wishes you the best of luck.

Congratulations to Dave & Ellen Knieriemen. Elizabeth Grace was born on April 9<sup>th</sup>. She's adorable and definitely quite a catch.

George Dietz reported that Jim Belmonte is not doing well. Jim, the members of the PFC wish you a speedy recovery.

### Picnic

Mark your calendars! This year's George Dietz Annual PFC Picnic is scheduled for **JULY 20, 2003**. Don't miss out on the great fun this year.

### New Members

I am very excited to report that we had four (4) new members join the club at the March meeting. 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

Scott Sincebaugh  
John M. Haughey  
Jared Remien (Jr. member)  
Bette Harrold

#### Proposed By

Dallas Bengal  
George Remien  
Jason Remien  
Ed Harrold

**SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!!**

**RON & JASON**