



PATCHOGUE FISHING CLUB

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MAY 2003 NEWSLETTER

A **1 pound 1 ounce** flounder caught by George Remien took 1st place in the April 26th/27th flounder tournament. John Tighe placed 2nd with a **10 ounce** flounder. Unfortunately, there were no other fish weighed in and therefore no third place prize. I didn't catch any fish myself on Sunday, but was very happy that the maiden voyage of the "DebrAnn" came up with a first place prize. I guess the flounder were not quite ready to bite yet. I don't think the terrible weather we had on Saturday, April 26th, helped either.

If you missed out on the first tournament of 2003, don't worry, we have another coming up this weekend and one just around the corner in June. Get ready to make that trek out east for the annual weakfish/bluefish/fluke tournament in the Peconic Bay this Sunday, May 18th. Dust off your freshwater fishing gear and don't miss our annual freshwater tournament to be held on Sunday, June 1st. Bill Rockwell will once again be running the show at Mill Pond in Patchogue. Details on both tournaments can be found in the outdoor committee section of this newsletter. Good Luck!

This date has been changed to
the following week, June 8th

NEXT REGULAR CLUB MEETING WILL BE HELD ON:

MAY 22, 2003

Where: Blue Point Cottage
Time: 8:00 p.m.
Indoor: George Dietz – PFC History

Coffee and Donuts will be served

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Outdoor

Please see the attached "TOURNAMENT REMINDER" for details on the two upcoming tournaments.

Additional notes for the Peconic Bay Tournament:

- Remember, if you don't have a boat or know somebody who owns one; get on one of the many open boats on the North Fork. The weigh-in is later in the afternoon in order to accommodate those without a boat.
- In order to have more club members win prizes, only one fish per member can be weighed in for a prize. In other words, you can't win 1st or 2nd place in one category and then place again in another category.
- A map and chart have also been included in this newsletter for additional information. This is an old chart so please recognize that some markers may have moved over the years.

Note: If the fishing in the Peconic Bay area stays the same for the tournament this weekend we should have a blast. I hear that the fluke are jumping on the boats and big one's too!

Indoor

Thanks to Artie Yarrington we had a whole bunch of fishing videos to choose from to watch at the April meeting. Due to some time constraints we ended up viewing a 60 minute striped bass video that was very educational. Artie is also letting the club make a copy of all his videos so that we can start our own library for members to borrow or watch at other meetings. Thanks Artie! Also, thanks to Tom Wasilewicz for taking the time to make copies of the fishing videos.

Don't forget, George Dietz will be presenting at this month's 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 so don't miss out on this indoor event!

Scales

If you have not had an opportunity to get your scales certified yet, don't worry. Bill should be at the May meeting certifying scales for the 2003 season. This will be your last chance to bring scales to a meeting so don't forget them.

Fish of the Month

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

APRIL WINNER TO BE ANNOUNCED AT MAY MEETING

COMMITTEE REPORTS - Continued

Picnic

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the George Dietz Annual PFC Picnic on **July 20, 2003**. Hope to see everyone there!

Good & Welfare

I have good news to report:

- I had heard that Jim Belmonte was not feeling well prior to the April meeting but he was one of the first to show up and looked great.
- Ron Pfister's laparoscopic surgery went well. He is probably back to work and getting ready for the May 18th Peconic Bay tournament.
- We received a report at the April meeting that Ted Rickman has left the hospital, is home and with help, walking around. Ted, we look forward to seeing you at the meetings again.

New Members

I am very excited to report that we had another new member join us at the April meeting. Please welcome ***Bernard Henry***, a friend of Rich Steinbart, to the club.

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!!

RON & JASON