



PATCHOGUE FISHING CLUB

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SEPTEMBER 2003 NEWSLETTER

Welcome back, it seems as if the lazy days of summer were actually quite busy. Since the last newsletter we had a nighttime striped bass trip in Montauk, a well attended and wonderful club picnic, a successful fluke tournament, and a snapper derby for the kids (and adults too!). Now, fall is officially here and the surf should be alive with striped bass, bluefish, and weakfish as they begin to make their migration (Don't forget to send in those weigh slips for the New York Surf Tournament). Fall tournaments are currently being planned and will be discussed at the September meeting.

The George Dietz Annual Club Picnic and Jim Belmonte Casting Tournament was a great success. As usual, the picnic and casting committees did a great job. The weather was beautiful, the food was delicious, the prizes were great, and the company was wonderful. All of that and Vinny and Terri still end up returning money to the club. This, of course, would not have happened if it were not for all the wonderful donations made by several of the club members.

Thanks to Leo DiDonato & Ron Pfister for donating the meats, George Dietz for the beer, Steve Gehrke for the ice cream, and Chris & Carlee Ogeka for the clams. Both Ron Pfister and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Vinny and Terri Smith and George Remien for doing such a great job.

NEXT REGULAR CLUB MEETING WILL BE HELD ON:

SEPTEMBER 25, 2003

Where: Blue Point Cottage

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Coffee and Donuts will be served

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Outdoor

The nighttime bass trip on July 12 ended up to be a really good one for Frank Mazurkiewicz Sr. as he pulled in a 33 pound 8 ounce striper just as the whistle blew for the night. I don't remember if that fish won the pool but it definitely was good enough for first place in the tournament. John Tighe ended up with a second place fish weighing 16 pounds even, while Frank Mazurkiewicz Jr. placed third with a 12 pound 8 striper. Approximately eight club members fished that night. It was a bit crowded on the boat for my taste but it was a beautiful night and I always have a good time fishing.

We had perfect weather conditions for the 2003 fluke tournament on August 24 (*see picture below*). Plenty of fish were caught but unfortunately most of them were pretty small. I believe Neil VanGinhoven and Leo DiDonato limited out before noon that day. It was my first time out in the ocean with the "DebrAnn" and we pulled in our share of fluke as well. We had a decent turnout and I hope everyone had a good time. The following are the winners:

Fluke Tournament Winners

1 st Place:	Frank Mazurkiewicz Sr.	5-0
2 nd Place:	Leo DiDonato	4-12
3 rd Place:	Neil VanGinhoven	4-8



COMMITTEE REPORTS - continued

We managed to luck out with another beautiful day for the PFC snapper derby on September 7th. It's hard to believe that with all of the unpredictable weather we had this year we actually managed to have good weather for all of our tournaments. We had a good showing of children and adults. Unfortunately, the snappers were not biting at the "L-dock". I think it's time to pick a new place for next year. If anyone has any suggestions please let me know. Of course, J&J Tackle did a great job with the kid's prizes. As usual, everyone who participated received a prize.

First Snapper: Dylan Jewell & partner
Largest Snapper: Leo DiDonato & Tori Gehrke
Most Snapper: Tom Wasilewicz & Jackie Katz

We have at least three tournaments remaining this year. There will be two surf tournaments, one in October and one in November. George Dietz and Tom Ganetis will announce the exact dates for the surf tournaments at the September meeting. The blackfish tournament will be held on November 16th (Peconic Star, Greenport). 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. Pat Governale from Hart's Cove Charters spoke to the club and showed several slides of inshore and offshore angling.

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	Artie Yarrington	Striped Bass	11-0
May	George Dietz	Striped Bass	14-9
May (Jr.)	Brian Roecklein	Bluefish	6-0
June	Joel Fumuso	Striped Bass	36-0
June (Jr.)	Robert Roecklein	Striped Bass	11-0
July	Harvey Holmes	Striped Bass	37-12
July (Jr.)	Dylan Jewell	Striped Bass	19-8
August	<i>To be announced at the September meeting</i>		

Congratulations Joel, Robert, Harvey, and Dylan!!

Jackets

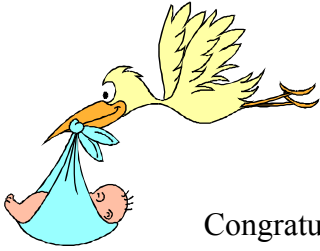
Tom asked that I remind all those club members that have already placed order or would like to place an order for a jacket (\$55 - \$65), sweatshirt (\$17 - \$24), golf shirt (\$17 - \$24), etc. to **PLEASE** bring money to the September meeting. Tom is asking for at least a \$30 deposit for each order. He would like to have everything in for the October meeting and just in time for the colder weather. This will be your last chance to order for 2003. Please come prepared to place an order and pay at the September meeting. Thanks!

COMMITTEE REPORTS - continued

Good and Welfare

We have two announcements:

First, I am proud to announce that Joel Fumuso and his wife Michelle recently had a baby. I apologize for not having any details in the newsletter but I was unable to get in touch with the proud parents prior to “press time”. I do believe all are happy and healthy. Details will be included in the October newsletter.



Second, congratulations to the new grandparents Vinny and Terri Smith! Terri’s daughter, Debbie, had a beautiful baby girl.

Congratulations to the new parents and grandparents!

Picnic

The pictures are worth a thousand words. 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. My father took several others, including many of the Jim Belmonte Annual Casting Tournament. I will give the photographs to Carl so they can be scanned in and placed on the PFC website. You can easily see from the pictures Carl Dippel and George Remien took that everyone had a great time.

Thanks again Vinny, Terri, and everyone that helped make the picnic run so smoothly.

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. As usual 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.

You probably noticed in the introduction and in the “Picnic” committee report that the annual casting tournament will from now on be officially known as the “*Annual Jim Belmonte Casting Tournament*”. A motion was made by George Dietz to name the casting tournament in honor of Jim Belmonte at the June meeting and all the members unanimously accepted it. This honor is of course well deserved. Jim led the Patchogue Fishing Club to many championships back in the day when PFC participated in several casting tournaments. Congratulations Jim!

FOR SALE

George Remien is selling his 1994 Ford Bronco (8 cylinder, black, 4X4). He is the original owner and all routine maintenance checks have been completed since day one. The truck has approximately 140K miles and is in good running condition. Some minor rust near tire wells. Please call George at 758-9235 if interested. Best offer.

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!!

RON & JASON