



PATCHOGUE FISHING CLUB

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NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year! Welcome back to a new fishing season as we prepare to meet for the first time in 2004. Even though fishing has temporarily taken a back seat to the winter season, I find that now is the best time to organize your tackle box, change the line on your reels and schedule those charter boat dates (if you haven't done so already).

The votes are in and the 2004 officers and board members have been selected. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the dedicated members who have offered their time to contribute to the club over the years. I am very excited to recognize **Don Schaefer** as the newest member of the board and would like to thank **Neil VanGinhoven** for taking time out of his busy schedule to join the board one more time.

I'm honored to be your club President in 2004 and look forward to working with all members to make our club even better than it is already. As you well know, Ron Pfister has donated 2 years of his time and energy as President of the club. Not only would I like to take this opportunity to recognize him, but truly thank him for a job well done. Of course, Ron has now assumed the position of chairman of the board and many of our other officers and board members for 2004 are names you will quickly recognize:

OFFICERS

President: Jason Remien
1st Vice President: Tom Wasilewicz
2nd Vice President: Rich Steinbart
Secretary: George Remien
Financial Secretary: Cheryl Dippel
Treasurer: John Tighe

BOARD

1st Year: Neil VanGinhoven
Don Schaefer
Mark Tutrani
2nd Year: George Dietz
David Knieriemen

Chairman of the Board: Ron Pfister

NEXT REGULAR CLUB MEETING WILL BE HELD ON:

January 22, 2004

Where: Blue Point Cottage
Time: 8:00 p.m.

Coffee and Donuts will be served

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Here is just a little something to think about before turning the page and reviewing the 2004 committee chairperson list.....

EVERYBODY, ANYBODY, SOMEBODY & NOBODY

*There was a most important job that needed to be done.
And no reason not to do it, there was absolutely none.
But in vital matters such as this, the thing you have to ask
Is who exactly will it be who'll carry out the task.
ANYBODY could have told you that EVERYBODY knew
That this was something SOMEBODY would surely have to do.
NOBODY was unwilling. ANYBODY had the ability.
But NOBODY believed that it was their responsibility.
It seemed to be a job that ANYBODY could have done,
If ANYBODY thought they were supposed to be the one.
But since EVERYBODY recognized that ANYBODY could,
EVERYBODY took for granted that SOMEBODY would.
But NOBODY told ANYBODY that we are aware of,
That they would be in charge of seeing it was taken care of.
And NOBODY took it on themselves to follow through
And do what EVERYBODY thought that SOMEBODY would do.
When what EVERYBODY needed so, did not get done at all,
EVERYBODY was complaining that SOMEBODY dropped the ball.
ANYBODY then could see it was an awful crying shame,
And EVERYBODY looked around for SOMEBODY to blame.
SOMEBODY should have done the job
And EVERYBODY would have,
But in the end NOBODY did what
ANYBODY could have.*

My mother cut this out from a Parent Teacher Association (PTA) newsletter. They, like many other organizations, have struggled with poor volunteerism over the years. The Patchogue Fishing Club has typically done very well in the arena. One of the main reasons for this is that we have a core group of dedicated members who volunteer for certain committees year after year. One perfect example is organizing the George Dietz Annual Club Picnic. Vinny Smith (and his wonderful wife, Terri) volunteered many hours to pull this wonderful event together for many years. This is not an easy task but a very rewarding one in the end. They requested to take a break from this committee this year and they deserve it. Who will take their place in 2004?

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Below you will find a listing of the 2004 committees and respective chairperson(s). There are a few committees that have the chairperson listed as "TBD", which means "To Be Determined". The reason for this is that I either know that individual requested a break or I have different plans for the committee in 2004. If your name was mistakenly removed from the list and you would still like to chair that particular committee please let me know right away. In the very near future you may receive a phone call from me or will be approached by any of the board members to chair (or help chair) one of those committees this year. In the end, you may find many committees being chaired by the same dedicated members who have been doing such a great job over the years. On the other hand, we always encourage new faces and ideas. Remember, **any adult** club member (a.k.a. "ANYBODY") can chair a committee and you don't have to do it by yourself. As the chairperson of a committee, you can ask anyone else in the club for help to make your job easier. No matter what, I would like to thank all committee chairpersons (past, present, and future) for doing such a great job and look forward to an exciting 2004.

2004 COMMITTEES

Indoor	TBD
Outdoor	TBD
Charter Boat Trips.....	TBD
Surf Tournaments	George Dietz
Fresh Water Tournament.....	Bill Rockwell
NY Surf Tournament	Heidi LeLaidier
Conservation	TBD
Scales	Bill Rockwell
Weigh Master	Cheryl Dippel
Fish of the Month	Cheryl Dippel
Prizes	George Remien
Rules & Records	Jason Remien
Jackets	Tom Wasilewicz
Custodian	Leo DiDonato
Historian	John Tighe
Newsletter	Jason Remien
Good & Welfare.....	Cheryl Dippel
Publicity.....	TBD
2004 Dinner.....	David Knieriemen
Weigh Boards.....	John Tighe, Heidi LeLaidier
Casting.....	George Remien
Picnic.....	TBD
Ladies Night	Mark & Toni Tutrani
150 Club.....	Don Schaefer
Budget.....	Debbie Remien

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Outdoor

Overall it was another pretty good year of fishing. We had some really great tournaments with impressive turnouts. We ended up with nine tournaments this year, including the snapper derby. Thanks to Carl Dippel you can go to the club's website and see all of the tournament winners for 2003. Congratulations to all winners!

We're going to do a few things a little different with the outdoor committee this year. I have not confirmed an outdoor chairman yet but we should have something worked out before the February meeting:

- This year we are going to have the outdoor chairman meet with the board members during either the February or March board meeting to discuss proposed tournaments (and dates) prior to the regular meeting. This way we can collectively hash out the types of tournaments and the "best" time to have them. We may call some of our seasoned club members that are knowledgeable on when and where to fish for certain species. For example, we have several members that always seem to know when to catch the best flounder in the bay. Others are great fluke fishermen or really know when and where to get the biggest blackfish. We are going to try and reach out to those people to help schedule our tournaments. The committee chairperson would then not be solely responsible for picking all of the tournaments dates but would help coordinate them and be responsible for reporting to the club any results from previous tournaments.
- I would also like to try to have as many "weekend" tournaments as possible. Having a tournament on the weekend (Saturday and Sunday) will allow for more club members to participate. I know of many members that have obligations on Sunday, whether they are work, religious or other responsibilities that would love the option to fish on Saturday. This is not something new, many clubs have weekend tournaments and there will be plenty of people that can help out with the weigh-ins. Good possibilities for the weekend tournament include the Moriches Bay flounder and fluke tournaments.
- Finally, I would like to generate a list of club members that own a boat and would be willing to take other members without a boat on some of our tournaments. Many club members already do this but I would like to make it a bit more official. I have heard that there are some old and new members that would have loved to fish a tournament but didn't have a boat to fish on. Now, I'm not going to leave it up to the "Captain" to call everyone to make sure they have a boat to fish on. It will ultimately be up to the individual member to make some phone calls. The idea would be that anybody included on "the list" would be more than willing to take any club member as long as there is room on the boat. This way nobody should feel like they are imposing.

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Indoor

This is a tough one for me. The indoor committee has always been a difficult committee to fill. Alex Segarra has done a good job over the years and I'm not sure yet if he will continue. I do know for a fact that it is a committee that should not be run by one person. The goal is always to try and have some type of indoor activity for every meeting (a near impossible task). As you read earlier in this newsletter it is very difficult to get people to volunteer time.

If anyone has any ideas or would like to run an indoor activity themselves please let me know ASAP.

Scales

Please clean up and lubricate your scales so they will be ready for calibration. Bill Rockwell will continue to chair this committee. Thanks Bill!

Conservation

I need somebody to chair this committee in 2004. If you're "tapped" into all of the upcoming rules and regulations I would love to have you chair this committee. All you would have to do is report on what you probably know already from reading and listening to the news. Please let me know if you're interested.

Jackets

We will probably be placing a new order of T-shirts and hats this year. Tom will take a poll during the January meeting to make sure there is enough interest to make this investment.

Historian

John Tighe has agreed to continue this committee and I couldn't pick a better person to do it. He has been doing a wonderful job keeping our PFC albums up to date. He has once again asked me to remind all members that if they have pictures they would like to donate to the club he would be more than happy to put them in an album for future generations to see. Thanks John!

Fish of the Month

Below are the fish-of-the-month winners for the 2003 season. Congratulations to all prize and trophy winners ahead of time.

<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

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June (Jr.)	Robert Roecklein	Striped Bass	11-0
July	Harvey Holmes	Striped Bass	37-12
July (Jr.)	Dylan Jewell	Striped Bass	19-8
August	Joel Fumuso	Striped Bass	32-0
September	David Bodnar	Tuna	58-0
October	Peter Cilento	Striped Bass	24-12
October (Jr.)	Dylan Jewell	Bluefish	9-0
November	George Remien	Striped Bass	32-0
November (Jr.)	Dylan Jewell	Striped Bass	18-12
December	George Remien	Cod	4-0

Congratulations to all Winners!!

Prizes

George Remien asked me to remind all members who have trophies in their possession need to return them to the club **ASAP (Preferably at the January meeting)!!** The names of the 2003 winners must be engraved before the annual dinner dance on March 13th. Thanks!

Good & Welfare

One of our former club members, Ray Souter, passed away recently. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time.

Dues

We will start collecting dues at the **January** meeting. Below, you will find the dues for 2004:

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

150 Club

It's that time of the year again! As usual, every member will be responsible for selling and/or buying at least (2) 150 Club tickets (\$10/ticket).

Don Schaefer has graciously accepted to run this committee. Similar to last year, when you pay your dues, you will be handed two 150 club tickets that you will be responsible for selling or buying yourself. The club will still depend on some members selling more than two tickets since we don't have enough adult members to make 150 but at least this way every member will be responsible for at least two tickets. This method was very successful last year and I am confident it will continue to be this year. GOOD LUCK!

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2003 Dinner

Plans for the dinner are coming along. David Knieriemen has the Sunset Harbor booked for March 13, 2004. Details to come in the February newsletter.

PFC Regular Meeting Schedule

Attached, you will find the proposed 2003 schedule that will be voted upon at the January meeting. Please take a look at the dates and make sure we did not schedule a meeting on or near any holidays. Thanks!

Address & Phone Number List

It's time to start thinking about updating the PFC address and phone directory. Please take some time to look at your copy and see if any address, phone number, and/or e-mail addresses changes need to be made.

Please pay close attention to the e-mail address column. This is important because I would like to start sending more messages electronically to those members use e-mail on a routine basis. One cost saving measure will be to send a message notifying club members that a newsletter has been posted on the club's website. This will save the club \$ on postage since those club members would not require a hard copy of the newsletter. Carl Dippel has been placing the newsletters on the club's website for the past couple of years. Members could download the newsletter and view the latest club standings at the same time. If this works out I will also start sending other reminders as well (i.e. upcoming meetings, tournaments, results, etc.).

New Members (2003)

This past year, the Patchogue Fishing Club inducted 9 new members into the club. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome them and hope they enjoy the comradery of the club as much as I do.

Senior Members

Harvey Holmes, Jr.
Bette Harrold
Scott Sincebaugh
Bernard Henry

John Haughey
Bruce Perry
Robert Diedolf

Junior Members

Jared Remien
Garrett Matos

Final Standings

Cheryl Dippel will have copies of the final standings at the January meeting. In the meantime, you can go to our web site and check them out. Congratulations to all prize and trophy winners ahead of time.

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!!

JASON

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PFC MEETING SCHEDULE

Most meetings will be held on the 4th Thursday of the month (Please see below) at the Blue Point Cottage (Henrietta Acampora Recreation Center) from 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.

JANUARY	22
FEBRUARY	26
MARCH	25
APRIL	22
MAY	27
JUNE	24
JULY	PFC ANNUAL GEORGE DIETZ PICNIC
AUGUST	NO MEETING
SEPTEMBER	23
OCTOBER	28
NOVEMBER	LADIES NIGHT
DECEMBER	16

