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NEWSLETTER



The dinner dance committee, chaired by David Knieriemen, did it again! Approximately

60 members gathered at Sunset Harbor on March 13th and enjoyed a great night celebrating the 2003 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 and Ellen 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. Jason printed the programs, George Remien helped prepare labels for the prizes, Tom Wasilewicz and Dylan Jewel helped



organized the prizes and trophies. A special thanks to **White Water Marine** for donating the basket of cheer and hats this year. Thanks to everyone involved and congratulations to all prize and trophy winners.

The picture you see above is of a well deserving couple receiving the 2003 Carl Dippel Memorial Trophy (Service Award). Both Mark and Toni work very hard to make Ladies Night such a great success year after year and we wanted to especially thank them for that effort. In addition, Mark "stepped up to the plate" and served as President in 2001.

As I sit here writing this newsletter it is snowing like crazy outside. It's hard to believe that the flounder season will be opening in the very near future (March 20th). 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 fish.

NEXT REGULAR CLUB MEETING WILL BE HELD ON:

March 25, 2004

Where: Blue Point Cottage

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Indoor: Harvey Cooper, Saltwater Fly Tying

Coffee and Donuts will be served

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Outdoor

Below are some of the proposed tournaments for the 2004 season. These will be discussed further during our meeting this month. Now that the budget is completed I can say that we will have at least seven (7) tournaments this year with the possibility of one more being added as the 2004 season moves along.

Proposed Tournament	Date(s)
Peconic Bay Tournament	May 16 th
Flounder (Moriches Bay)	May 22-23
Freshwater	June 27 th (no license necessary)
Fluke (Moriches Bay/Ocean)	August 28-29
Snapper Derby	September 12 th
Surf #1	TBD
Surf #2	TBD
Blackfish Tournament	October 29 th

Blackfish Tournament

We already have 19 people signed up for the October 29th blackfish tournament! I still need \$40 deposits from several of the members that signed up so please see me as soon as possible. Don't miss out...only a few spots are left.

Indoor

March Meeting

Harvey Cooper (The maker of "Killer Saltwater Teasers") will be presenting at the March meeting. Harvey and his homemade teasers are becoming very popular as you can see by his "title". He will be speaking to the club on how he got started making saltwater teasers, teaching some basic tying techniques, and providing some tips on how to add them to your terminal tackle as well as how to use them. During the break he will take orders for any club member interested in purchasing some of his teasers.

April Meeting

Al Goldberg called me earlier this week to inform me that he is now preparing one of his famous custom rods to auction at the April meeting. I will provide more details about this indoor activity in the April newsletter.

New York Surf Tournament



Heidi gave a very thorough report on the 2003 New York Surf Tournament results during the February meeting, which included recognizing several of our own members that placed in the tournament. As you can see from the picture on the left, we awarded Heidi her first place plaque for the impressive 23 pound 8 ounce striped bass (women's division) she caught last fall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - Continued

Heidi will be handing out details on the 2004 Surf Tournament in the near future.

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

Conservation

Once again James Smith has provided the club with a great conservation report. So good, that I can't include all of the information in the newsletter. Rather than just provide bits and pieces of the report I plan on making several copies to be handed out at the March meeting. I will also send the report electronically to those with active e-mail addresses (Another good reason to "get wired").

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 will be providing us with a price list for 2004 soon. As in the past, Tom 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. Please let Tom know if you are interested in something special.

Fish of the Month

No fish were weighed in during the months of January or February. Hopefully, there will be some flounder slips coming in soon.

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.

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 schedule for 2004:

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

Dinner Dance

Once again, the club would like to thank *White Water Marine* for donating the beautiful basket of cheer. Congratulations to Heidi and Guy LeLaidier on winning the basket cheer. Thanks again David, a great time was had by all!

COMMITTEE REPORTS - Continued

150 Club

Don Schafer has been busy selling tickets. Approximately 75 tickets have been sold so far. Please don't wait till the last minute to sell or buy your required (2) 150 Club tickets. The 2004 drawings will not occur until all 150 tickets are sold.

Budget

The 2004 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. Also, please provide me with your e-mail address if you have one. Thanks!

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!!

JASON

