

PATCHOGUE FISHING CLUB

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NEWSLETTER

It seems that the weather is finally turning around! Unfortunately, at the Remien household, the leaves still need to be raked and the grass is growing like crazy. All that I can think about is getting the boat in the water. I have not had a chance to fish yet this year but have heard that many club members have been doing very well with the codfish. In fact, John Tighe caught an impressive 20 pound 12 ounce codfish, which is the fish of the month for March. Congratulations John! It's great to see that the cod fishing is bouncing back.

I'm looking forward to a great year of fishing and hope that all of our tournaments are successful, starting with the Peconic Bay tournament on May 16th and the Flounder tournament the following week (May 22nd and 23rd). Please see the details for these tournaments in the outdoor committee section of this newsletter. I wish everyone the best of luck and hope to see you on the water.

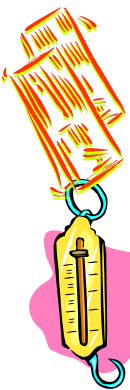
DUES

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 12 pound fluke or 4 pound flounder during one of the upcoming tournaments and had not paid 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 113 tickets are out! That means that only 37 tickets are left. Let's try to have our first drawing at the April meeting!



SCALES

Bill informed the club last month that the April meeting may be your last chance to bring your scales to a meeting for certification. After that you will have to 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 22, 2004

Where: Blue Point Cottage
Time: 8:00 p.m.
Indoor: **Al Goldberg, Rod Raffle**

Coffee and Donuts will be served

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Outdoor

Last month the club voted and approved some of the proposed tournaments for 2004. Details for all of the tournaments will be provided in the PFC website in the very near future. For now, details of the two May tournaments are provided on the attached "TOURNAMENT REMINDER" sheet.

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.

Additional note for the Moriches Bay Flounder Tournament:

- If you would like to be in the group picture for the flounder tournament please make an effort to come down to the SUNDAY weigh-in between 3-3:30 p.m. Although we will have a weigh-in on Saturday at the same time, the picture of the group will only be taken on Sunday. Thanks!

Indoor

This month I am happy to announce that Custom rod builder, Al Goldberg, will be our indoor speaker. I'm sure Al has a whole list of things that he will talk about during his presentation so be prepared to learn something new! Don't forget, Al will be once again donating a boat rod to the club at the meeting. Raffle tickets will only be sold during this month's meeting (\$10/ticket). A drawing will be made at the end of the meeting and one lucky winner will take home one of Al Goldberg's custom built rods. Money made from the raffle will be donated to the "Send a Kid Fishing" Fund.

NOTE: Please make an effort to get to the meeting on time as I will like to give Al Goldberg as much time as possible to share his fishing experiences with us. Thanks you!!

John Mantione, President of the New York Fishing Tackle Trade Association (NYFTTA), agreed to speak to the club during the May meeting. John will talk to the club about the organization and why it was created. The PFC is an Associate Member of the NYFTTA. I'm sure many of you would like to hear how our annual membership fee is "put to work".

Conservation

I don't have anything specific to report in the newsletter but am confident that James Smith will have another wonderful report prepared for our meeting this week.

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	No fish weighed in		
February	No fish weighed in		
March	John Tighe	Cod	22-12

Congratulations John

Jackets

If you are interested, Tom provided me with the attached price list for hats, T-shirts, etc. He plans on placing another T-shirt and hat order before the picnic this summer. If you would like something else please let him know.

Picnic

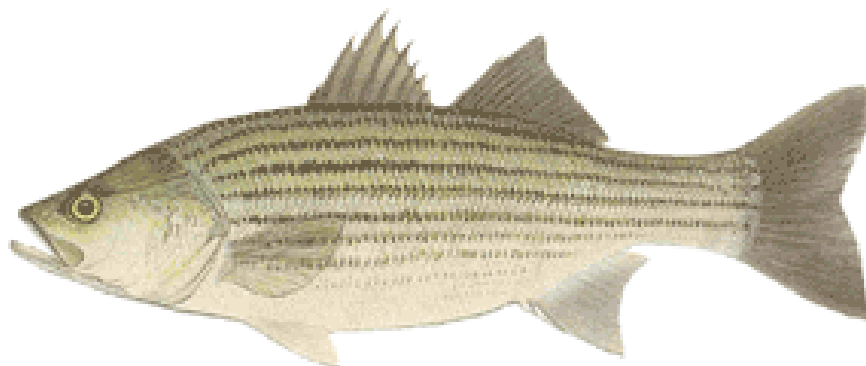
This year's George Dietz Annual PFC Picnic is scheduled for **JULY 25, 2004**. Don't miss out on the great fun this year.

Ladies Night

Mark your calendars! Ladies Night is all set for **Friday, November 5, 2004** at the Sunset Harbor. I understand Mark and Toni have already purchased all of the prizes!

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!!

JASON





**PATCHOGUE FISHING CLUB
2004
TOURNAMENT REMINDER**



PECONIC BAY TOURNAMENT

- WHEN:** SUNDAY, MAY 16th
WHAT: WEAKFISH, FLUKE, BLUEFISH
WHERE: PECONIC BAY
TIME: SUNRISE – 4:00 p.m.
WEIGH-IN: 4:00 – 4:30 p.m. at the Manhasset Avenue Launching Ramp (Gull Pond)
PRIZES: 1st and 2nd Place (Weakfish, Fluke, and Bluefish)

DIRECTIONS TO NORMAN KLIPP MARINE PARK (*Manhasset Avenue, Greenport*)
Time: Approx. 1 hour 15 minutes

- From Patchogue take Sunrise Highway to Exit 63 North (Riverhead 31) to the stop sign
- Make a left at fork (104 North)
- Then make right at next fork (Route 105)
- Continue on Route 105 until the first traffic light (You will go over the Peconic River)
- At the traffic light, make a right turn on Route 25 East
- Pick up a **PARKING PERMIT** at Warrens Tackle Shop (On left side of Route 25 in Aquebogue)
- Proceed east to Mattituck and turn left over to Sound Avenue
- Make right onto Sound Avenue and proceed east to Manhasset Avenue (In Greenport)
- Turn right onto Manhasset Avenue. This road will take you to the boat ramp.

FLOUNDER TOURNAMENT

- WHEN:** SATURDAY, MAY 22 - SUNDAY, MAY 23
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 OR
SATURDAY & SUNDAY: 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. at the Smith Point Boat Ramp

GOOD LUCK!!!

Questions?
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