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MAY 2004 NEWSLETTER

As you can see from the picture below and the results summarized in the outdoor section of this newsletter the 2004 Peconic Bay Tournament was a great success. We

had a beautiful day and there was plenty of action to keep us occupied.



Twenty-two (22) club members fished the tournament on five PFC owned boats and one charter boat (Brooklyn Girl, Orient Point). Bluefish were plentiful but all "cookie cutter" size. The fluke fishing was decent but you had to work hard and know where to go. The weakfish were scarce

most of the day but managed to pop out towards the end of the tournament and make a few club members very happy. This is the first year that we managed to catch fish in each category. I believe a great time was had by all!

NEXT REGULAR CLUB MEETING WILL BE HELD ON:

MAY 27, 2004

Where: Blue Point Cottage
Time: 8:00 p.m.
Indoor: John Mantione, NYFTTA

Coffee and Donuts will be served

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Outdoor

The following are the results of the Peconic Bay Tournament and the Flounder Tournament:

Peconic Bay Tournament

Fluke

1st Place: Ron Pfister 6-12
2nd Place: Rich Steinbart 6-8

Bluefish

1st Place: Harvey Holmes 7-12
2nd Place: Mark Tutrani 6-4

Weakfish

1st Place: Steve Musso 10-0
2nd Place: Tom Ganetis 9-4

Flounder Tournament

1st Place: Rudy Mistina 3-8
2nd Place: Joe Mistina 2-10
3rd Place: David Knieriemen 2-4
Ron Pfister 2-4
Dylan Jewell 2-4



Approximately eight (8) PFC members fished the flounder tournament this year. Saturday was extremely foggy but Sunday turned out to be a beautiful day. As you can see from the results we have a three-way tie for third place. We will flip a coin to see who the winner is during the May meeting. I believe everyone that fished the tournament caught flounder so in the end it was a successful tournament.

DON'T FORGET: The next tournament will be the freshwater tournament on **Sunday, June 27th**. Following that will be the annual Fluke tournament in Moriches Bay. That tournament will be held on **Saturday and Sunday, August 28-29** this year. Details for both tournaments will be included in the June newsletter. Please mark your calendars.

Indoor

April 22 – Once again, Al Goldberg did a great job presenting to the club. He provided some good tips for fluke fishing and of course, raffled off one of his famous custom made fishing rods. On April 23, Al sent a letter to the Long Island Fisherman stating that, “*On behalf of the Patchogue Fishing Club I have enclosed a check for **\$400** for the Send-A-Kid-Fishing Fund. This was my fourth visit with the club and they continue their generous support to this program*”. I would like to personally thank Al for presenting at the April meeting and donating the wonderful custom made fishing rod, which by the way, was won by Ed Harold that night. Congratulations Ed!

COMMITTEE REPORTS - continued

This month John Mantione, President of the New York Fishing Tackle Trade Association (NYFTTA), will be speaking 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".

June 24 – We would like to organize another Chinese Auction to be held during the June meeting. I'm sure while cleaning and organizing your gear for the 2004 season you have come across items you no longer plan on using or have extra of. If you have any articles that you would like to donate to the club, just bring them along with you to the June meeting. If you can't make the meeting, but would like to donate some items, please call me or George Remien before the June meeting.

Scales

If you have not had an opportunity to get your scales certified yet.....what the heck have you been doing (ha, ha). Seriously, if you still have not had your scales certified, you will have to contact Bill Rockwell and try to set up a time to meet at his house. He would be more than happy to do it for you. Thanks Bill for attending several of the meetings this spring to certify many club member's scales.

Conservation

The latest NYS DEC saltwater regulations will be available at the May meeting and can be found at the following website:

<http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dfwmr/marine/finfish/swflaws.html>

Fish of the Month

<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
April	Ed Harrold	Cod	18-0
April (Jr.)	Dylan Jewell	Cod	10-0

Congratulations Ed and Dylan

Jackets

Tom asked me to remind all club members to PLEASE have any orders of the following items by the June meeting:

- Sweatshirts (all types)
- Long sleeve tees
- Jackets
- Golf shirts

Tom will need money to place the orders so please be prepared to pay for your order at the May or June meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - continued

Picnic

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the George Dietz Annual PFC Picnic on **July 25, 2004**. Hope to see everyone there!

New Members

I am very excited to report that we had some new members join us at the April meeting. Please welcome ***Matthew & Tisha Werner, John Caruso, and George Arrigo*** to the club.

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!!

JASON

