



PATCHOGUE FISHING CLUB

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NEWSLETTER



Good "Tide"ings to you...wherever you are... good "Tide"ings for Christmas and a Happy New Year. The holidays are upon us and whether you celebrate Hanukah, Kwanzaa, or Christmas... it's easy to get caught up in the chaos of the season. Take just a moment to read a note a friend sent my way:

...It's that time of the year when people are scurrying around trying to get that holiday shopping done. The stores seem to be decorating earlier and earlier. The season just arrives sooner every year. Try to remember that those people we love are there all year long. Tell those folks that you love and care for them now, because all too often, we realize that we never got to speak those words until its too late. Use this time of celebration to give thanks for all of the wonderful people and things that we have been blessed with. Pray for the health and safety of all of the people you love. Pray for the members of the armed forces who are overseas fighting to protect freedom for all, and that they make it home safe and sound. Life is too short. Live every day to the fullest and share that feeling with all the people you touch...

As we close the year, we will vote for the 2005 officers at the December meeting. The nominated members were announced at Ladies Night on November 5th, as is tradition and are listed under the committee reports. For those of you who will be unable to join us on Thursday, let me along with the rest of the Board of Directors take this chance to wish you.....

Happy Holidays

NEXT REGULAR CLUB MEETING WILL BE HELD ON:

DECEMBER 16, 2004

Where: Blue Point Cottage (Small Room)

Time: 8:00 p.m.

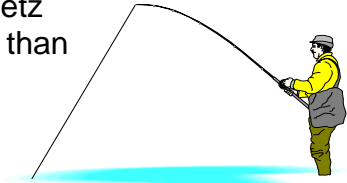
Coffee and Donuts will be served

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Outdoor

SURF TOURNAMENTS

We had our usual two surf tournaments this year, one in October and another in November. I was unable to fish these tournaments but George Dietz reported that there was a decent turnout for both, despite the less than perfect weather. Approximately 10 club members fished each tournament and the final results are summarized below:



October Tournament (October 16-17)

| | | | |
|------------------------|--------------|------|--------------|
| 1 st Place: | Don Schaefer | 13-8 | Striped Bass |
| 2 nd Place: | Dylan Jewell | 7-4 | Bluefish |
| 3 rd Place: | Chris Style | 3-8 | Bluefish |



November Tournament (November 13-14)

| | | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------|------|----------|
| 1 st Place: | Cliff Bennett | 9-12 | Bluefish |
| 2 nd Place: | George Dietz | 7-12 | Bluefish |
| 3 rd Place: | <i>No fish weighed in</i> | | |

BLACKFISH TOURNAMENT

The blackfish tournament was held on Friday, October 29th, which ended up being one of the nicer days in October (remember how windy October was!) The trip was successful, even though we were traveling more than fishing that day. Seventeen (17) club members fished the tournament and approximately 60 blackfish were caught. I believe everyone caught at least one blackfish. It was nice to have the whole boat chartered with PFC members. We all had a good time. The following are the final results of the tournament:

| | | |
|------------------------|----------------|-----|
| 1 st Place: | Tom Wasilewicz | 7-4 |
| 2 nd Place: | Dylan Jewell | 6-0 |
| 3 rd Place: | Henry Bernard | 5-4 |



COMMITTEE REPORTS - continued

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 |
| May | George Dietz | Striped Bass | 26-0 |
| May (Jr.) | Rudy Mistina | Flounder | 3-8 |
| June | Rudy Mistina * | Thresher Shark | 226-0 |
| June (Jr.) | Dylan Jewell | Striped Bass | 30-0 |
| July | Harvey Holmes | Striped Bass | 45-15 |
| July (Jr.) | Tom Pfister | Striped Bass | 10-8 |
| August | Leo DiDonato | Striped Bass | 34-0 |
| September | Harvey Holmes | Striped Bass | 33-2 |
| October | David Bodnar | Striped Bass | 40-8 |
| October (Jr.) | Dylan Jewell | Bluefish | 7-4 |

Congratulations David and Dylan!!

Note: November fish-of-the-month winners will be announced at the December meeting and will be reported in the January newsletter.

Prizes

George Remien reports that all prizes are up to date except for the November surf tournament. Those prizes will be handed out at the December meeting.

Those members who have trophies this year need to return them to the club in the next few weeks. The 2004 winners will need to be engraved before the annual dinner dance in March.

Ladies Night

Mark and Toni really out did themselves this year! I was blown away with the amount of wonderful Chinese Auction items they managed to get for this wonderful event. Mark reported that we had 52 club members and guests on November 5th. In the end, approximately **\$540 will come back to the club**. This is absolutely amazing! Of course this would not happen if it weren't for the fact that Mark and Toni donated some of the Chinese auction prizes and the contributions of the club members for the basket of cheer. The bottom line, once again, all had a great time.

Mark and Toni would like to thank:

- All those that helped set up the prizes and sell tickets
- Rich Steinbart, Delis Remien, Susan Ganetis, and Jason Remien for helping dole out the prizes
- And most of all everyone for coming to Ladies Night.

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On behalf of the club, I would like to thank Mark and Toni for the time and effort they put into making Ladies Night a great success.

Dinner Dance

Mark your calendars! David Knieriemen has booked the Sunset Harbor for the annual PFC Dinner Dance. This year, the dance will be held on **Saturday, March 12, 2005**. There will be more information to come in future newsletters.

Jackets

Tom reports that we have plenty of T-shirts and hats just in time for the holidays. Come to the December meeting and buy a T-shirt and/or hat for that fishing fanatic in your family or just buy one or two for yourself.

Good & Welfare



A very belated "CONGRATULATIONS" to Tom and Elizabeth Wasilewicz on the birth of their beautiful baby boy this summer (see picture):

Zachary Thomas was born on July 16, 2004, weighed 7 lbs. – 4 oz. And was 21 inches long.

More recently, Tom and Susan Ganetis became proud grandparents as their daughter Andrea (and her husband Charlie) gave birth to a baby boy. Evan Thomas was born on December 2, 2004 and was 7 lbs. – 11 oz. Congratulations to both!

Nominations for 2005

OFFICERS

President: Cheryl Dippel
1st Vice President: Rich Steinbart
2nd Vice President: George Remien
Secretary: James Smith
Financial Secretary: Carl Dippel
Treasurer: John Tighe

Chairman of the Board: Jason Remien

BOARD

1st Year: George Dietz
Tom Ganetis

2nd Year: Neil VanGinhoven
Don Schaefer
Mark Tutrani

