



Patchogue Fishing Club

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February 2007 Newsletter

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President's Message by James Smith

I would like to say that it's been a good month, but that would be stretching it. I was involved in a serious car accident on January 30th while on my way to work. A person trying to make a u-turn on Vets hwy clipped the back of my truck, sending me skidding sideways. I smashed into the center guardrail then my truck flipped two and a half times ending up on its roof. Some other drivers stopped and helped me out of the truck (I had to crawl backwards out of the passenger's side window). It was a miracle that I was not hurt any worse than I was, considering the fact that I found myself hanging upside down by the seatbelt. They took me to the hospital, but I was able to walk away from the wreck with only a badly sprained neck and back, a few cuts and some burns on my face (from the impact of the air bag). I am thankful to God that I'm o.k., and that I had dropped Jacob off at his day care center just ten minutes before the incident. I am still having difficulty driving because of limited neck mobility. So far this month, I have only been able to go to work two times.

Let's move on to the real bad news. The Atlantic Marine Fisheries Commission met last week in Alexandria, Virginia and doled out some bad news for New York Fluke fans. The ASMFC found it prudent to adopt the last minute NOAA proposal of 17.122 million pounds for Summer Flounder for the 2007 season. In addition to that, the second shoe dropped with the tallies for last year's recreational Fluke harvest came in. We (NY State) were allotted 650,000 pounds and according their estimates, we actually caught 837,000 pounds of Fluke (which I feel is a real stretch, considering most party boats came back to the docks with pool fish in the 19" range). Whether we agree or not, the ASMFC is requiring New York recreational anglers to take a 49% cut in our quota. Some of their suggested limits were as follows; first is an 18" minimum size, four fish per day and an open season of June 22nd thru July 31st. Second is a 19" minimum size, 4 fish per day and an open season from May 6th thru August 31st. The final suggestion is a 20" minimum size, four fish per day and an open season of May 1st thru September 31st. Any of these solutions are not very appealing.

The ASMFC has also laid down tougher limits for Blackfish and Weakfish for the 2007 season. I will keep you posted regarding the new regulations as they become available.

NEXT REGULAR CLUB MEETING WILL BE HELD ON:

February 22, 2007



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

Coffee and donuts will be served.

Committee Reports



Scales

Bill will be calibrating your scales at the February meeting. Please remember that the March meeting is our annual dinner dance so you might want to get your scales certified at this meeting.



Good & Welfare

Jim Smith was involved in a very serious car accident. He suffered some injuries but was very fortunate to escape without major problems. Hope you're feeling better, Jim.

Laurie & Dick Mangan celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in December. Congratulations to you both. That is quite a milestone!

Another milestone that was celebrated this month was the 90th birthday of George Dietz. You are an inspiration to us all, Dad!



Conservation

Jim included this report in his President's message.



Historian

John is continuing to do an outstanding job keeping our scrapbooks up to date.



Indoor

by Jason Remien

As you know the Board of Directors have been working hard making some changes in an attempt to improve on the club's moral. We have been steadily losing members over the past couple of years and it's difficult to pinpoint the exact reasons why. Times have certainly changed and we need to try and catch up.

The Board of Directors is now looking for your help and creative ideas on how to make the Patchogue Fishing Club even better than it is already. At this week's meeting we will be having a brainstorming event for the indoor activity. You may ask, "What is Brainstorming?" or "Why do we need a Brainstorming Event"? Well, I have done some research on this topic and the following will hopefully shed some light on the reason I believe that this indoor event will be beneficial to the club:

What is brainstorming?

Brainstorming is a tool used by teams for creative exploration of options in an environment free of criticism.

Why use brainstorming?

This tool will be used by the Patchogue Fishing Club to establish a common method to creatively and efficiently generate a high volume of ideas on any topic by creating a process that is free of criticism and judgment.

What are the benefits of brainstorming?

To name a few...Creativity and open thinking, large number of ideas (we hope), all club members get involved, and sense of ownership in decisions.

There are many ways that we can run this brainstorming event. I plan on using two large note pads (or flip charts) in the front of the room. One will be used to capture all the things we like about the club and the other to capture those things we don't like and/or would like to change. Throughout this process I hope that lots of ideas are developed. There will be some ground rules of course, and those will be discussed at the meeting.

I hope you care enough about our fishing club to make every attempt to make this meeting and share some of your ideas. It should be lots of fun...I hope to see you on Thursday!

150 Club



Anyone interested in buying or selling extra tickets should speak to Don Schafer.

Quartermaster



Ron has done a terrific job on this committee and is looking into new sweatshirts and hats. There is no longer a minimum order requirement, so if anyone is interested in ordering a sweatshirt or a jacket, please talk to Ron.

Prizes



George Remien is requesting the return of all annual trophies ASAP. Morton Judelson, Bill Rockwell's father-in-law, has added a new wooden base to our McGarvey Bowl so that we can continue adding the name plates for many years to come. He did an outstanding job and a letter of thanks has been sent.

2007 Dinner



by Jason Remien

By now you should have received this year's Dinner Dance invitation. One very important note that was not included is a reminder that the Dinner Dance **now counts as a meeting** for March. Don't miss out on celebrating the 2006-fishing year together with great music, dinner and dance, prizes and trophies, and of course great company. If you have not done so already, please get your response cards back to Jason & Debbie Remien as soon as possible. Remember...we can't read minds!

When: Saturday, March 17, 2007
Where: SUNSET HARBOR (Dockside 500)
Time: 7:00 - 11:00 p.m.
Cost: \$50/person (Includes dinner, music and dance, as well as open bar (top shelf) during cocktail hour and beer/wine for the remaining three (3) hours)

Note: Please bring one bottle of wine or other liquor for a basket of cheer that will be raffled at the end of the night. Thanks!

Dues



Carl will continue collecting dues at the February meeting.

This year we will be collecting dues and the obligatory 150 tickets together. So be prepared to pay for both. Dues are due as of January 1st. So if you want to avoid being considered “not in good standing” you have to pay before or at the April Meeting. Here are the rates for 2007:

Adult Member + two 150 Club Tickets	\$80.00
Senior Member + two 150 Club Tickets	\$65.00
Spouse + two 150 Club Tickets	\$60.00
Life + two 150 Club Tickets.....	\$20.00
Junior Member.....	\$25.00

Additional 150 Club tickets will be available.

Junior members are not obliged to purchase 150 Club tickets.

Newsletter



Anyone without internet access will receive their newsletter in the mail. If you have any problems with the electronic delivery please call Carl at 289-6934. He will be happy to help you.

Website



Since we are no longer reading the minutes during the meetings, look for them on the website: www.pfc1938.com.

Thanks to Don Schafer several errors have been corrected on our website. Don, you have a keen eye. Thanks again!

February Birthdays



3 rd	Cheryl Dippel	12 th	Neil VanGinhoven, Jr.
4 th	Bill Rockwell	15 th	Bette Harrold
10 th	George Dietz	18 th	Tisha Werner
11 th	Heidi LeLaidier	19 th	Jeffrey Maggio

Happy Birthday to all the members who were born in February!

Fish of the Month



No winners for January.



Member Input

From: Mark & Toni Tutrani:

Wading River – Beautiful country setting. Fully furnished, 1 bedroom, full kitchen/pantry, full bath. Private entrance, 1 car off street parking. No smoking. No pets. Satellite. Security, references & credit. \$995.00 all. 631-739-7233

From: Bill Rockwell:

I'm attaching a photo of me holding a winter steelhead caught by me on 2/5/2007 while in Oregon. It was 7lbs. and caught while fly fishing with a river guide on the Clackamus River just east of Portland. Dena and I were visiting our 5 month old grandson of my son Ben and his wife Anita. I have been fishing in the Northwest as much as possible when we visit and this was my first steelhead. –Bill

I love to include messages and pictures from members, space permitting. So please send them to me whenever you can.

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Outdoor by Jason Remien

Board members discussed the approved tournament schedule for 2007. Additional information on each tournament (e.g., time limits, weigh-in locations, etc.) will be made available to club members on the website and in future newsletters as the tournaments draw near. The following changes/updates were discussed for a few of the tournaments:

- The North Shore Fluke Tournament will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 15th and 16th instead of Saturday and Sunday, June 16th and 17th. This change was proposed to avoid having the second day of the tournament on Father's Day.
- The prizes for the Peconic Tournament were changed as well. There will be a 1st and 2nd prize for three fish species (weakfish, fluke, and bluefish). If any one of the species is not caught on the day of the tournament a 3rd place prize will be included for one or more of the other categories.
- The blackfish tournament will be on Saturday, November 3rd on the Orient Star II (Captains Bill and Mike Russo). Details on the time and cost of the trip will be provided in future updates to the outdoor committee reports. Please see the following link for more information on this charter boat. (<http://www.orientstarfishing.com/>)



Upcoming Meetings

Regular Meetings

Type	Date	Time	Location
Informal	22-Feb	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
Dinner	17-Mar	7pm	Sunset Harbour
Business	26-Apr	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
Informal	24-May	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
Informal	28-Jun	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
Casting Picnic	28-Jul	8am Noon	Cathedral Pines
no meeting in August			
Business	27-Sep	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
Informal	25-Oct	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
Ladies Night	2-Nov	7pm	Sunset Harbour
Business	13-Dec	8pm	Blue Point Cottage

Directors' Meetings

Day	Date	Time	Location
Wed	14-Mar	8pm	Cheryl & Carl Dippel
Thurs	19-Apr	8pm	Bill Rockwell
Thurs	17-May	8pm	Mark Tutrani
Wed	20-Jun	8pm	Heidi LeLaidier
no meeting in July			
no meeting in August			
Wed	19-Sep	8pm	Don Schaefer
Wed	17-Oct	8pm	Cheryl & Carl Dippel
Wed	28-Nov	8pm	John Tighe
no meeting in December			