



# Patchogue Fishing Club

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## April 2007 Newsletter

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NEXT REGULAR CLUB MEETING WILL BE HELD ON:

**April 26, 2007**



Where: Blue Point Cottage

Time: 8:00 p.m.

*Coffee and donuts will be served.*

### **President's Message** by James Smith

The March dinner dance was a terrific success and kudos must go out to all who helped make it such a fun evening out. Carl sure did cut a rug! In fact, quite a few members were wishing there was an oxygen tank at the edge of the dance floor!! Many prizes were given out and we were finally able to take some great pictures together as a group. Please submit any pictures of yourself with the fish you catch during this year and give them to Carl or Jason for a special slide show for the Dinner Dance next year. Even though everyone was having a great time, on a sad note Chuck Moffitt's mother Jean slipped and fell, breaking her hip. Our prayers go out to Jean as she recovers from surgery. We hope you are feeling better. On another sad note, Tom Ganetis' mother recently passed away. PFC would like to express our deepest condolences to Tom and his family.

Regarding Conservation, environmental groups are trying to get the Spiny Dogfish added to the endangered species list which if this occurs, would mean that no one could legally possess or harm a Dogfish. This seems ludicrous considering there are millions of these fish infesting our off shore fishing grounds. But from various reports, the population of dogfish in European waters is almost non-existent. I do see a need for regulations for areas where the species is being threatened. However, in our own waters these regulations are causing an over abundance of Dogfish which is now becoming a detriment to local sports fish. The Dogfish has even been seen invading Bluefish chum slicks and the Cod fishing grounds are totally infested with them. It seems that we need legislation to help put this species back in balance before they destroy the food chain and cause other species of fish to become endangered.

As far as the Fluke regulations are concerned, there is still no word on exactly what the N.Y.S DEC is going to adopt for the 2007 Fluke season. They will probably wait until June 1st before making that decision. Out of the four different options being examined, the most popular so far has been 19 ½ inches minimum size, four fish per day and a year round open season. I'll keep everyone informed as to how this progresses. Look for ever tightening regulations for Blackfish, Sea bass and Porgies. There are some that have gone as far as to try and designate the Blackfish a sport fish which would stop all commercial exploitation of the species. I also see Weakfish regulations changing within the next year or so. There is a feeling that the population is down considerably and steps need to be taken to maintain and even increase the Northeast biomass. Again, as details and changes in regulations occur, I will keep the club informed.

Remember in May, we have a few tournaments coming up; both the South shore Flounder Tournament and the Peconic Bay Tournament. And in June, the North shore Fluke Tournament on Father's day weekend. I would also like to encourage all of you to visit our website and take advantage of the message boards to keep in touch with each other and offer feedback about any concerns or comments you would like to share with the club.

Spring is finally here! I am looking forward to a great summer of fun and fishing with friends and family.

## Committee Reports

### Scales



Bill will be calibrating your scales at the April meeting. After the April meeting the scales which have not been calibrated this year can not be used to weigh fish for the annual contest or tournaments. To calibrate a scale after this meeting you must make an appointment with Bill Rockwell.

### Good & Welfare



As mentioned in the President's report, we are very sorry to report that Tom Ganetis' mother passed away. Our sympathy goes out to you and your family at this sad time, Tom.

Also as mentioned, Jean Moffett fell and broke her hip at the annual dinner dance on St. Patrick's Day. She was operated on and is recuperating. We wish you a speedy recovery, Jean.

## Conservation



Jim included this report in his President's message.



## Historian

John is continuing to do an outstanding job keeping our scrapbooks. He updates the current scrapbook frequently, so be sure to check it out if you haven't browsed through it in a while.

## Dues



Carl will continue collecting dues at the April meeting. Please remember that this is the last meeting to pay your annual dues and still remain in good standing. Members must be in good standing to be eligible to participate in tournaments.

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.

## 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.

Heidi is looking into having mugs made.



## Indoor

by Jason Remien

### **These are ideas resulting from the February *Brain Storming* meeting.**

#### **TOURNAMENTS**

- Bigger turnout for surf fishing tournament in MidIsland surf casters "gathering of anglers"
- Boat/Surf entry fee for tournaments (Pay day before tournament)
- More emphasis on freshwater fishing and surf fishing
- Competition with other clubs
- Offshore tournament
- Women's tournament
- Make fishing tournament more "user friendly" – flexible

#### **TOURNAMENT/CLUB PRIZES**

- Other venues for prizes
- Individual species prizes for 1st place replaced with trophy/plaque
- Custom plugs engraved for prizes
- Fish release point categories (record/prizes)
- Lure category for prizes

#### **SOCIAL EVENTS**

- New activities for picnic
- Clam bake on Fire Island
- Trips to Foxwoods, Yankees games, Great Adventure, etc.
- Club BBQ's at peoples houses/parks/beaches

#### **CONSERVATION PROGRAMS**

- More physical involvement in conservation programs (beach cleanups, etc.)
- Active membership in Recreational Fishing Alliance (RFA)
- Committee to write letters to various organizations

#### **"CLUB PRIDE"**

- Create/Design "PFC Flags" for trucks and boats
- Own clubhouse!
- More movies/pictures of club functions
- Surf tournaments (wearing of PFC apparel)

#### **MEMBERSHIP/ADVERTISING**

- Solicit more members, membership drive
- Advertisement/Publicity
- More youth
- Try to make new members feel more welcome
- Participate in sportsman shows

#### **OTHER**

- Club lending library (DVDs, books, CDs, etc.)
- More guest speakers
- Develop mission statement with objectives
- New place to meet
- Prevent "burnout" of committee members (more support for chairmen)
- More donations
- Official recognition of members that donate at functions

#### **OUTREACH**

- More fishing education (club members)
- "Take a kid fishing trips" – Outreach
- Sponsor fishing clinics for kids/adults

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

- Expand club directory to include businesses/interests
- More sharing of fishing spots during tournaments (more "communication" during tournaments)
- Central # to call for "fishing buddies"

## 150 Club



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

## 2007 Dinner



by Jason Remien



Even though no prize was awarded all agreed that John's tie was a winner.

Jason and Debbie did an outstanding job with the annual dinner dance this year. There were 57 people in attendance and everyone seemed to have a fabulous time. The changes in the menu and the deejay were perfect touches and added greatly to the overall success of the evening. It was financially successful as well, coming in at \$50.00 under budget. Our hats off to you, Deb and Jason! You always come through for us and we appreciate all your efforts.

## Prizes



George has everything set to begin a new year of tournaments, fish of the month, and dark horse.

## Website



Since we are no longer reading the minutes during the meetings, look for them on the website: [www.pfc1938.com](http://www.pfc1938.com).

## 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.

## Birthdays



March

23<sup>rd</sup> Lorry Mangan

April

5 <sup>th</sup>	Charlie Moffett	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Harvey Holmes
14 <sup>th</sup>	Joel Fumuso	25 <sup>th</sup>	Tom Pfister
17 <sup>th</sup>	Ron Pfister	29 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Tutrani
20 <sup>th</sup>	Jen LeLaidier		

Happy Birthday to all the members who were born in March & April!

## Fish of the Month



No winners for February.  
March's prize goes to Chuck Moffett with a 2lb even Trout.

## Outdoor



### **PECONIC BAY TOURNAMENT**

Date: Sunday May 6, 2007

Time: Sunrise – 4pm

Place: Peconic Bay

Weigh in: From 4 – 4:30pm at the Manhasset Avenue Launching Ramp (Gull Pond)

Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place for largest Weakfish, Fluke, & Bluefish



### **SOUTH SHORE FLOUNDER TOURNAMENT**

Date: Friday, Saturday & Sunday May 18, 19 & 20, 2007

Time: Sunrise - 3pm

Place: Moriches

Weigh in: J&J Bait & Tackle anytime Saturday, before 4pm Sunday

Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> place for largest Flounder.



## Upcoming Meetings

### Regular Meetings

Type	Date	Time	Location
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
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			