



Patchogue Fishing Club

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September 2007 Newsletter

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President's Message

Hello everyone! I hope all is well and you all have taken advantage of this past summers bounty of fishing possibilities that have been available around our shores. I did, and was rewarded with an 8lb 6oz. Weakfish. It was caught early in the evening on Friday in June during a ride with Jacob to check out the happenings around the Patchogue shore. The fish fell prey to a 4 swimming shad in a bunker pattern, the lure was fished just under a school of rolling bunker at the mouth of Swan River. As is my usually custom, the beautiful fish was released to fight another day. Jacob also got in some fishing this summer, several snappers fell prey to his angling skills.

On a more serious and troubling note, the NYS DEC decided to close the fluke season as of 9/15/07. They claim that we have already severely over fished our quota for 2007. The Council said that the closure is necessary to prevent severe penalties next season. We had taken a huge jump in the minimum size limit for Fluke in 2007 to allow for a year long open season. Somehow, the recreational angler has been able to catch an astonishing amount of keeper size fish. There has been an out cry from both party and charter boat captains on this issue, they booked dates in advance for the fall run of Fluke and now will have to cancel.

Also the MAMFC has mandated that we take a 30% cut in Porgy, Sea Bass quotas for next year and even deeper cuts are being called for in regards to the 2008 Black Fish quota. What this will mean for the fall Black Fish season is unclear at present.

The Blue Fish population on the other hand is doing quite well according to the MAMFC, and a possible relaxation of those regulations is a possibility for next year.

...James Smith

NEXT REGULAR CLUB MEETING WILL BE HELD ON:

September 27, 2007



Where: Blue Point Cottage

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Coffee and donuts will be served.

Committee Reports



Historian

John has all the scrapbooks up to date and continues to do a great job. If anyone has pictures to contribute, please give them to him for inclusion.



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 had PFC coffee mugs available at the picnic and they were a big hit. They will be available for purchase at the next few meetings as well. Great job Heidi!



Good & Welfare

There is nothing to report at this time. If anyone has something to share, let Cheryl know.



Dues

All 2007 dues were due at the April meeting. 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.



Indoor

Jim Belmonte will be our guest speaker at the September meeting. Many members have expressed an interest in the past Cast-a-Ball contests that the PFC participated in on television. Jim is going to share all his experience with us and show us exactly how it was done. It should prove to be a very interesting discussion and we're fortunate to be able to relive some of our memorable history.



Fish of the Month

June's prize goes to Harvey Holmes with a 47-9 striped bass.

July's winner is Harvey Holmes with a 38-11 striped bass.

The prize for August goes to Leo DiDonato with a 35-0 striped bass.

The Junior Member winner for August is Kyle Reisert with a 13-0 striped bass.

You will find the calculations for the Fish of the Month prize on our website. Click *Details* at the top of the page.



Prizes

George Remien will have plenty of prizes to hand out at the September meeting. If you participated in any of the summer tournaments and placed or were one of the lucky fish-of-the-month winners, please make every effort to attend the meeting and claim your prize(s). Thanks!



Website

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

Newsletter



This month's newsletter is being send via snail mail to everyone because we've included an updated membership roster. We don't want to put this information on the website. You can still download a color copy without the roster from our website.

Birthdays



September

9 th	Pete Cilento	14 th	Chuck Moffett
11 th	Tom Wasilewicz	28 th	Steve Gehrke

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

150 Club



Additional raffle drawings will be held at the September meeting.

Outdoor



Jason Remien is still collecting deposits (\$50 non-refundable deposit/person) for the November 3rd blackfish tournament on the Orient Star II. Only 3 spots are available! If you want to participate in this tournament you must have your \$50 deposit at the September meeting. Please see the following link for more information on this charter boat and directions to the slip (near the Orient Point Ferry).

<http://www.orientstarfishing.com/>

Please remember that if a "Small Craft Warning" is in effect at the start of any tournament day, the boat portion of the tournament will be cancelled for that body of water for that day only. If a "Small Craft Advisory" is in effect, the tournament will be held as scheduled. Any member who has a question regarding a specific tournament may call Tom Ganetis. He will have his cell phone turned on until the start of each tournament. ...Jason Remien

Recent Tournaments Winners



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: 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place for largest Flounder.

Results:

1st no entry
2nd no entry
3rd no entry

I fished today for four hours and never had a bite. Water temp way down. Weather was a factor. ...*Tom Ganets*, Outdoor Chairman



PATCHOGUE FRESHWATER TOURNAMENT

Date: Sunday June 3, 2007
Time: Sunrise to noon
Place: Mill Pond, Patchogue
Weigh in: Noon to 12:30pm at the East end of East 2nd St. ([map](#))
Prizes: 1st and 2nd for Bass, 1st and 2nd for Pickerel, and 1st and 2nd for largest of any other species

Results:

<u>Bass</u>	<u>Pickerel</u>	<u>Other</u>
1 st no entry	1 st Bennett, Cliff 2-0	1 st Bennett, Cliff 0-15 bluegill
2 nd no entry	2 nd no entry	2 nd no entry

We had a very poor turn out for today's Freshwater Tournament even though the weather was fairly good. I guess next year I'll go back to the last weekend in June when members can fish without a license which might draw more participants. Cliff Bennett fished with me and we saw Chuck Moffett fishing most of the morning. I caught a 2 lb 13 oz largemouth bass. ...*Bill Rockwell*

Editor's note: A big thanks to Bill Rockwell who runs the tournament and donates the prizes every year.

NORTH SHORE FLUKE TOURNAMENT

Date: Friday & Saturday June 15 & 16, 2007
Time: Sunrise Saturday to Saturday 4pm
Place: Herod Point to Smithtown Bay
Weigh in: Brookhaven Town boat ramp, Mt. Sinai Friday & Saturday 4-4:30pm
Prizes: 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place for largest Fluke

Results:

- 1st Ganetis, Tom 4-6
- 2nd Tighe, Vivi..4-5
- 3rd Ganetis, Sue 2-9

**Fluke
tournament
winners**



Sue & Tom Ganetis & Vivi Tighe

**Porgy
Tournament
winners**



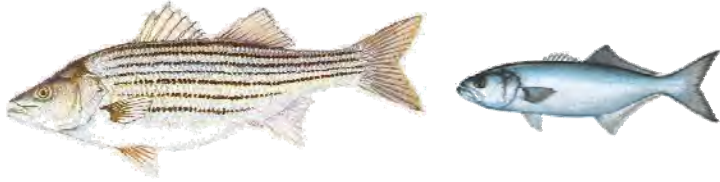
John & Vivi Tighe & Tom Ganetis

PECONIC PORGY TOURNAMENT

Date: Sunday June 24, 2007
Time: Sunrise to 4pm
Place: Peconic Bay from South Jamesport Ramp
Weigh in: 4-4:30pm
Prizes: 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place for largest Porgy.

Results:

- 1st Tighe, Vivi..1-15
- 2nd Ganetis, Tom 1-7
- 3rd Tighe, John 1-6



SOUTH SHORE BOAT & SURF TOURNAMENT

Date: Friday, Saturday, & Sunday July 20, 21, & 22, 2007
Time: Sunrise Friday to 3pm Sunday
Place: Back Bays (Great South, Moriches, Shinnecock) and the Ocean Between Fire Island and Shinnecock Inlets
Weigh in: J&J Bait & Tackle anytime Friday & Saturday, before 4pm Sunday
Prizes: 1st & 2nd place for largest Striped Bass & Bluefish

Results:

Striped Bass

1st Van Ginhoven, Neil, 7-10
2nd no entry

Bluefish

1st Caruso, John, 5.12
2nd Loock, Gary, 5-9



SOUTH SHORE FLUKE TOURNAMENT

Date: Friday, Saturday, & Sunday August 17, 18, & 19, 2007
Time: Sunrise Friday to Saturday 3pm
Place: Back Bays (Great South, Moriches, Shinnecock) and the Ocean Between Fire Island and Shinnecock Inlets
Weigh in: J&J Bait & Tackle anytime Friday, before 4pm Saturday
Prizes: 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place for largest Fluke

Results:

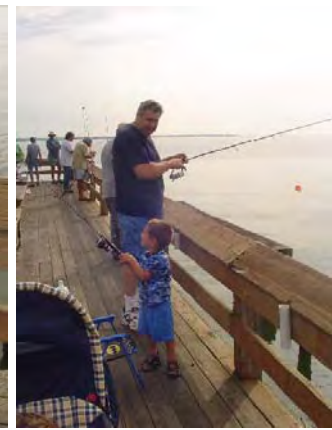
1st Pfister, Ron, 4-0
2nd Tutrani, Mark, 3-2
3rd Ganetis, Tom, 3-0



SNAPPER TOURNAMENT

Date: Sunday August 26th 2007
Time: 9am – 11am
Place: Mascot Dock, South Ocean Ave, Patchogue
Weigh in: 9-11am at the Mascot Dock
Teams: One adult & one child; only one must be PFC member.
Prizes: First, Most, & Largest Snapper (subject to change)

Results: Due to a race on the bay the Mascot Doc was closed. The attendees were split into several different locations. The committee has decided to give all participants a prize.



We went to fish in Patchogue but it was the day of a boat race and we moved to Blue Point dock.

...Elizabeth Wasilewicz

Upcoming Tournaments



MONTAUK SURF TOURNAMENT

Date: Saturday & Sunday October 13 & 14, 2007

Time: Sunrise Saturday – 11am Sunday

Place:

Weigh in:

Prizes: 1st & 2nd Place for largest Striped Bass & Bluefish



BLACKFISH TOURNAMENT

Date: Saturday November 3, 2007
 Time: 7am – 3:00pm
 Place: [Orient Star II](#) (Captains Bill and Mike Russo)
 Weigh in: On the dock
 Prizes: 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place



Picnic & Casting

The George Dietz Annual Club Picnic and Jim Belmonte Casting Tournament was a great success even though Mother Nature decided to provide a little bit of excitement in the middle of the day with a deluge of water. Let's just say that this will not be a picnic any of us will forget any time soon. We all had a very good opportunity to get really close with our fellow club members for a while underneath the gazebo. The best thing is that the rain held off during the casting tournament and the kid's races.

Despite the weather, the picnic and casting committees did a great job. The food was delicious, the prizes were great, and the company was wonderful. All of that, and we still end up returning money to the club. This, of course, would not have happened if it were not for all the wonderful donations made by several of the club members that make this wonderful event happen year after year.

Thanks to Leo DiDonato & Ron Pfister for donating the meats, George Dietz for the beer, the Gehrke's for the ice cream (and of course Steve for performing the casting prize calculations), George and Delis Remien for the corn and other basket of cheer prizes, the Rockwell's for bringing the balloons, and all of the members who contributed to the wonderful array of tasteful dishes. ...*Jason Remien*



Upcoming Meetings

Regular Meetings

Type	Date	Time	Location
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

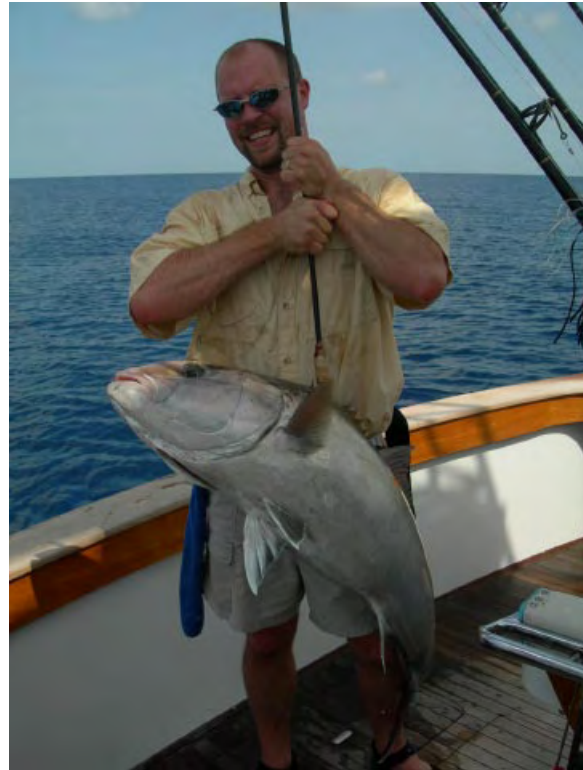
Directors' Meetings

Day	Date	Time	Location
Wed	17-Oct	8pm	Cheryl & Carl Dippel
Wed	28-Nov	8pm	John Tighe
no meeting in December			

Scrapbook



John Caruso



Matt Werner

Matt and I went on our annual trek to Islamorada in the Florida Keys last week and caught a great variety of fish ranging from all kinds of snappers, yellowtails, sharks, jacks, black finned-tuna, king Mackerel, cero and Spanish mackerel and amberjack. One photo shows Matt with what I believe is a club record-breaking amberjack of 44 pounds. Matt fought the fish for 20 minutes pulling it up from 500 feet of water. It's good to be young! ...*John Caruso*