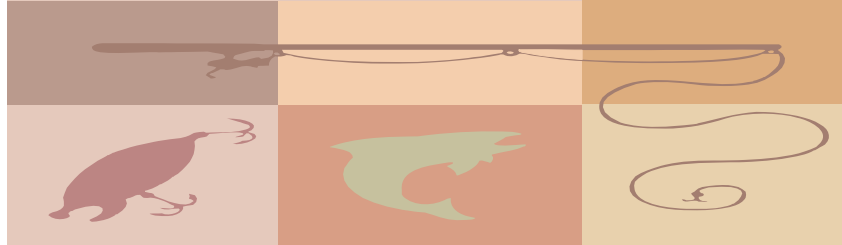




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April 2009 Newsletter



President's Message

Well it looks as though spring has definitely sprung. The birds are singing, flowers are popping up all over and the BUNKER have arrived! It won't be long until the bass, weaks and blues start showing themselves with their voracious appetites from the annual migration north...are you ready?

For all you flounder fisherman, I hear they are slowly waking up, and need a lot of coaxing, but if you have the patience and plenty of chum, you might be rewarded with some fish for the table.

Fluke season is shaping up to be a challenging one with all the new regs in place. It seems that every year there is another issue that threatens our recreational fishing industry. Now it seems that along with the Saltwater License that has been approved by the session and will be put into action in the very near future, the institution of Marine Reserves is yet another black cloud looming on the horizon, with the possibility of a moratorium on winter flounder following closely behind. These are very real threats. Unless we start to let our voices be heard, the way of life we all grew up with will cease to exist. We are Long Islanders. Fishing is part of our heritage. We need to protect that....

See you at the meeting

Heidi Felaidier

NEXT REGULAR CLUB MEETING WILL BE HELD ON:

April 23, 2009

Where: Blue Point Cottage

Time: 8:00 p.m.



Coffee and donuts will be served.

Committee Reports



Outdoor

We have the date of October 24, 2009 secured for the Blackfish Tournament. We will be fishing aboard the Brooklyn Girl. The boat holds 38, so if you are interested, a \$50 non refundable deposit is required to hold a spot. Please see Mark at the meeting if you are interested. Anyone who has already signed up, please bring in your deposit.



Indoor

We will be welcoming Al Goldberg to our meeting this month. As you know Al is a most gracious guest speaker and his presentations are always jam packed with great stories and helpful tips to improve your fishing game. This year Al will be speaking on Blackfishing and Fluking. A custom built Fluke/Blackfish rod will be raffled off. Don't miss out!

In May, Kadir Akturk from Aquaskins will be the guest speaker.



New York Surf Tournament

Information packets were passed out at the March meeting. If you weren't at the meeting and need one please see me at the meeting.



Conservation

Tom reports that the Saltwater license is coming; the final details have to be worked out. There is a bill before the Legislature to create Marine reserves in our near shore waters. There is also talk of a Moratorium on the Flounder fishery.



Scales

This is the last month Bill will be certifying scales at the meeting. If you are unable to get to your scales certified by then, you will need to contact Bill and make other arrangements. So clean up those scales, oil them and bring them to the meeting.

150 Club



Don reported that 95 tickets have been sold. Anyone interested in buying or selling extra tickets should speak to Don at the meeting.

Dues



Dues will continue to be collected at this month's meeting. Remember, this is the last month that you have to pay your dues and still remain a member in good standing.

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



If you would like to read the minutes from past meetings, they are available for viewing at www.pfc1938.com.

April Birthdays



5th Charlie Moffett
14th Joel Fumuso
17th Ron Pfister
20th Jenn Lelaidier

23rd Harvey Holmes
25th Tom Pfister
29th Mark Tutrani

Happy Birthday to all!



Good and Welfare

It is with great joy that we announce the newest addition to the Dippel clan. Skylar Paige Dippel arrived on April 6th, 2009. She weighed in at 8 lbs 5 oz and is 21 ½ long. Congratulations to Scott & Tracy and to the proud grandparents, Carl and Cheryl!



Upcoming Meetings

Regular Meetings

Type	Date	Time	Location
Business	23-Apr	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
Informal	28-May	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
Informal	25-Jun	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
Casting Picnic	26-July	8am Noon	Cathedral Pines
no meeting in August			
Business	24-Sep	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
Informal	22-Oct	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
Ladies Night	7-Nov	7pm	TBD
Business	17-Dec	8pm	Blue Point Cottage

Directors' Meetings

Day	Date	Time	Location
Wed	20-May	8pm	Matt Werner (?)
Wed	17-Jun	8pm	Heidi LeLaidier
no meeting in July			
no meeting in August			
Thursday	17-Sep	8pm	Cheryl & Carl Dippel
Wed	14-Oct	8pm	Tom Ganetis
Wed	18-Nov	8pm	John Tighe
no meeting in December			