



Patchogue Fishing Club


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February Newsletter



Presidents Message

Happy February everyone! I hope everyone had a wonderful Valentine's Day  and if you were lucky enough to get away last week for Winter Break, you have returned to the grind rested and ready to "tackle" the last few weeks of winter!

Speaking of tackle, there have been several Tackle shows as of late, and there are several more to come:

- From Feb 26-28, 2010 at the SCCC Campus in Brentwood is the Suffolk County Boat & Sport fishing Show. This event has a full slate of seminars that are sponsored by the Fisherman. For additional information call 631-834-1355 or visit www.suffolkboatshow.com.
- Feb 27th brings us the annual Decoy, Fishing Tackle & Sporting Collectables Show right here in Patchogue @ the Patchogue Manor from 9am – 4pm.
- March 3rd the North Shore Flyrodders are offering a free Salty Fly Tying Clinic at 7:30 pm at the Britannia Marina on Rt. 25A in Northport. Space is limited to 20 people so if you are interested contact Jerry Kessler at GKessler1@aol.com.
- March 4-7 is the big weekend at Suffern, where there's something for everyone. Hours are as follows: Thursday 2pm-9pm, Friday 1pm-9pm, Saturday 9:30 am-5pm, and Sunday 9:30 am-5pm. Adult admission is \$12, and Children under 12 are \$3. For more information visit www.sportshows.com
- Also being held March 4-7 is the Long Island Boat Show at the Nassau Coliseum. Hours are as follows: Thursday and Friday-4pm-9pm, Saturday 11am-8pm and Sunday 1am-6pm. For more information call 631-691-7050
- The Knights of Columbus Hall in Lindenhurst is the site for the Fisherman's Flea Market on March 13th from 9 am -2 pm. There are many bargains to be had there! For more information call 732-381-2165 or visit www.fishingfleamarkets.com.
- Lastly, the weekend of March 19-21 at the Garden State Exhibit Center in Somerset, NJ is the site for the Saltwater Fishing Expo. Beau and I have gone to this show and I must say it was definitely worth the trip. For more info go to www.sportshows.com.

Our Annual Dinner Dance is fast approaching so please RSVP as soon as possible.

See you at the meeting!

Heidi LeLaidier

NEXT REGULAR CLUB MEETING WILL BE HELD ON:



February 25, 2010

Where: Blue Point Cottage

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Coffee and donuts will be served

Committee Reports



Outdoor

Tom has set up three tournaments thus far for the 2010 season. Below is the list so mark your calendars!

PECONIC BAY: Bluefish, Weakfish and Fluke
Saturday May 15th from Sunrise to 4pm
Peconic Bay from Rt. 105 Bridge to Bug Light
Weigh-in from 4-4:30 at Manhasset Ave Launching Ramp
1st and 2nd Place for each species (3rd place added if no Weakfish are caught)

Bluefish Spring Surf: Bluefish Only
Monday May 17th-Sunday May 23rd (24 hours)
All Long Island Waters
Weigh-in only at J & J's until 4pm on Sunday, May 23rd
1st and 2nd Place for largest bluefish

NORTH SHORE FLUKE: Fluke only
Saturday June 5th (Rain date June 12th)
Sunrise to 4 pm
Herod Point to Smithtown Bay
Weigh-in at Brookhaven Town Ramp in Mt. Sinai
1st and 2nd Place



Conservation

Tom reports that the newest rules and regulations are now out. Please see the new regulation list at the end of the newsletter.



Indoor

The Board of Directors is looking for a member or a few members to chair this committee.



Scales

Bill will be at the February Meeting, so clean up your scales, oil them up and bring them in to be certified. Remember, if you participate in the New York Surf Fishing Contest, your scales must be certified by the club if you plan on practicing catch and release.



Fish of the Month

Congratulations to Bill Rockwell for his 2 lb 2 oz Brown Trout! There were no Junior Member winners.



Jackets

Ron continues to do a terrific job on this committee and is always working on offering new merchandise and alternative designs. Thanks Ron! We also have plenty of PFC mugs. If you would like a mug, please talk to Heidi LeLaidier.



Historian

John reports that the album is up to date. Thank you for your hard work and for helping us to keep adding chapters to the club's history!



Prizes

George Remien is requesting the return of all annual trophies ASAP. Please remember to bring your trophy to the meeting so we can prepare them for the next recipients.



150 Club

Carl reports that there have been 34 tickets sold so far. If you are interested in selling additional tickets please see Carl at the meeting...



2009 Dinner Dance

The Annual Dinner Dance is quickly approaching. Be sure to mark your calendars for **Saturday, March 13th at the Sunset Harbor. Cocktail hour begins at 7 pm.** Dinner and festivities to follow at 8pm. The cost is \$45 per person. John reports that there have been 32 responses to date!

Note: Please bring one bottle of wine or other liquor for the basket of cheer that will be raffled at the end of the night. Thank You all for your continued generosity!

Dues



This year's dues are now being collected.

Similar to last 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, and have to be paid by the April Meeting to remain a member in good standing. Here are the rates for 2010 (No changes):

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*

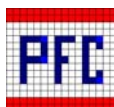
Additional 150 Club tickets will be available.

*Junior members are not obliged to purchase 150 Club tickets.



Newsletter

This year, again, anyone who has internet access will receive their newsletter electronically. We have done this in an effort to save money and time. 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

The website has been updated. Please stop by and check it out. Carl does a wonderful job of maintaining it and there are lots of great links! Thank you Carl!



February Birthdays

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| 3 rd Cheryl Dippel | 15 th Bette Harold |
| 4 th Bill Rockwell | 18 th Tisha Werner |
| 11 th Heidi Lelaidier | 19 th Jeff Maggio |
| 12 th Neil VanGinhoven Jr | |

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



Good & Welfare

Mark has reported that Toni is home from the hospital and is recuperating from her surgery. Sadly, Toni has been diagnosed with Fallopian Cancer. We all wish her well as she undergoes the next phase of her treatment.



Ladies Night

We still need a chairperson for the committee.

Annual Picnic and Casting

Mark your calendars! Jason has reserved Sunday, July 25th at Cathedral Pines for our Annual Family Picnic and Casting competition.

Unfinished Business

Debbie Remien completed the 2009 Audit and presented the 2010 budget (Thanks Debbie, you're the best!) There will be an open discussion at the regular meeting, followed by a vote by the club.

New Business

The Board decided, in an effort to balance the budget, that the club will again be charging \$1.00 for the Dark Horse raffle at the meetings. We will also be holding 50/50 drawings monthly as well.

Upcoming Meetings



Regular Meetings

Type	Date	Time	Location
Informal	25-Feb	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
Dinner	13-Mar	7pm	Sunset Harbor
Informal	25-Mar	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
Business	22-Apr	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
Informal	27-May	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
Informal	24-Jun	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
Casting Picnic	25-July	8am Noon	Cathedral Pines
no meeting in August			
Business	23-Sep	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
Informal	28-Oct	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
Ladies Night	TBD	7pm	TBD
Business	16-Dec	8pm	Blue Point Cottage

RECIPE CORNER

Greek Bluefish Cakes

1 cup cooked Bluefish (white meat only)
1 cup feta cheese
1 cup sautéed onions
1 egg
½ cup breadcrumbs

Mix together bluefish, feta cheese, onions and egg. Form into cakes. Coat with breadcrumbs. Fry in Olive Oil until brown and crispy. ENJOY!

Recipe courtesy of Tom Ganetis



Marine Recreational Fisheries Regulations

With all the changes in the regs as of late, here are the current ones for your information. As updates are made available, this list will be updated as well. NOTE: All measurements are total length.

BLACKFISH: SIZE: 14 inch minimum. BAG LIMIT: 4 (four) fish per day. SEASON: Jan 17-April 30 and Oct 1-Dec 20.

BLUEFISH: SIZE: No size limit. BAG LIMIT: 15 (fifteen) fish per day; however no more than 10 may be under 12 inches. SEASON: Open all year.

COD: SIZE: 22 inch minimum in state waters. BAG LIMIT: No bag limit in state waters, however 10 fish limit in federal waters. SEASON: Open all year.

FLUKE: SIZE: 21 inch minimum. BAG LIMIT: 2 (two) fish per day.
SEASON: May 15th-June 15th. Closed June 16th-July 2nd Open July 3rd – August 17th.

FLOUNDER: SIZE: 12 inch minimum. BAG LIMIT: 2 (two) fish per day. Season: Open only April 1-May 30 in all Marine waters.

POLLOCK: SIZE: 19 inch minimum. BAG LIMIT: None SEASON: Open all year.

PORGY: Party Boat Anglers: SIZE: 11 inch minimum. Season: June 12-Aug 31:
10 (ten) fish per day. Sept 1- Oct 15: 45 (forty five) fish per day
Private/Rental Boat and Shore Anglers: SIZE: 10.5 inch minimum. Season: May 25-Sept 26: 10 (ten) fish per day.

SEA BASS: SIZE: 12.5 inch minimum. BAG LIMIT: 25 (twenty five) fish per day
SEASON: Open June 1st-30th and September 1st – 30th.

STRIPED BASS: ALL MARINE WATERS SOUTH OF GW BRIDGE: SIZE: 1(one) fish per day 28-40 inches and 1(one) fish over 40 inches*. SEASON: April 15- Dec 15.

*Party/Charter Boats: 2 (two) fish per day 28 inch minimum.

HUDSON RIVER NORTH OF GW BRIDGE: SIZE: 18 inch minimum BAG LIMIT: 1(one) fish per day. SEASON: March 16-Nov 30.

WEAKFISH: SIZE: 16 inch minimum. BAG LIMIT: 6 (six) fish per day.
SEASON: Open all year.