



Patchogue Fishing Club

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March Newsletter



Spring is here! The days are getting longer and before we know it the fishing season will begin! It's time to dust off the rods and reels and get ready. Our tournament schedule is almost complete so be sure to take note and mark your calendars. Also, our annual Chinese Auction and Pizza Night will be held at the June meeting. This year we will be trying something a little different and opening up the Chinese Auction to other items as well as fishing gear. More details and guidelines will be coming soon...

Lastly, due to an unfortunate turn of events our Annual Dinner and Awards Night will not be held this year. Instead we will be honoring our members who have fished hard all this past year on Thursday at our regular meeting. Pizza will be served and awards will be handed out then. The meeting will start promptly at 7:30 so please make every effort to be on time as we have many awards to give out! All are welcome as always! One small request though...please contact either John and Vivi Tighe at either 758-6784 or fotofish@optonline.net or Heidi at either 631-457-3968 or bchglass2000@yahoo.com to let us know how many will be attending so we can be sure to have enough Pizza for everyone!

See you at the meeting.

NEXT REGULAR CLUB MEETING WILL BE HELD ON:



March 24, 2011

Where: Blue Point Cottage

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Pizza, Coffee and donuts will be served

Committee Reports



Outdoor

Our tournament schedule is just about set. Please see the schedule at the end of the newsletter.



Indoor

This month we will be having our awards event. Pizza will be served. We will begin promptly at 7:30.

In April we will be watching a video on Red fishing. June will be our Annual Chinese Auction/Pizza Night and rounding out the year December we will have our 2nd Annual Holiday Party.

If anyone has any suggestions for an Indoor event, please see one of the Board members.



Conservation

There is talk of the new Fluke Regs for the coming season. The quick version is 3 fish per day at 20 ½" with a little longer season. More details will follow.

There has also been a massacre of Striped Bass in North Carolina that has gotten a lot of attention in The Fisherman.

There has been a very good run of Cod in Montauk; however there is fear that with the numbers that are being kept, changes in the regulations may be forthcoming.

Lastly, the NY Fishing license debate continues. Visit the NYSDEC website for more info.



Scales

Bill will be at the March and April meetings, so remember to clean your scales, oil them up and bring them in to be certified. A reminder to all who 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 Chuck Moffett for his 1 lb 14 oz Trout which won Fish of the Month.



New York Surf Fishing Tournament

I attended the Annual meeting for the tournament earlier this month. Congratulations to Pete Cilento. Pete earned a Silver pin for his fish that were submitted.

There were no rule changes for the upcoming season. I will be getting together an information packet for distribution at the April meeting.



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 see me.



Historian

John reports that the album is up to date. Thank you John!



Prizes

All prizes are up to date. Thank you George!



150 Club

150 Club tickets continue to be sold. If you would like to sell some tickets to friends or family, please see Carl.



2011 Dinner Dance

Due to an unfortunate turn of events, we will not be having our Annual Dinner Dance this year. This committee does need new chairperson/persons. We need to fill this position so a date can be secured for next year. Please see any of the Board members if you would like to help out with this important committee.

Dues



Annual membership 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 2011 (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*

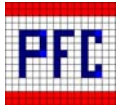
Additional 150 Club tickets will be available.

*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

Remember...our website offers a "sea" of information, so please take the time to stop by www.pfc1938.com to browse around. Many thanks to Carl, our illustrious webmaster for keeping the PFC site up and running.



March Birthdays

23rd Lorry Mangan

Happy Birthday Lorry! If your birthday is in March, Happy Birthday! Please let me know so I can update our records.



Good & Welfare

The VanGinHoven family has welcomed a new addition to their family! Madelyn Cecilia made her debut on March 13, 2011 and weighed in at 7 lbs.14 oz! Welcome Madelyn! Carl will be having Knee Replacement surgery on May 3rd. We all wish him a successful surgery and speedy recovery.

Heidi's brother will be undergoing a 2nd back surgery on March 28th. Our prayers for a successful outcome are with him.



Ladies Night

The first meeting of the new committee took place earlier this month. Friday November 4th, 2011 has been secured at the Sunset Harbor for the event. Cheryl, Heidi, Vivi and Delis are busy shopping and planning this fun evening. Bingo will be back this year!



Picnic & Casting

Mark your calendars everyone for the annual family picnic and casting competition! As always it will be held at Cathedral Pines on Sunday, July 31st, 2011. Casting begins at 8:00am. The Picnic starts at noon.



New Business

A member from Great South Bay Anglers approached George Remien about possibly having an interclub Surf Tournament. The Board discussed it and determined that it was a good idea. Details will follow.

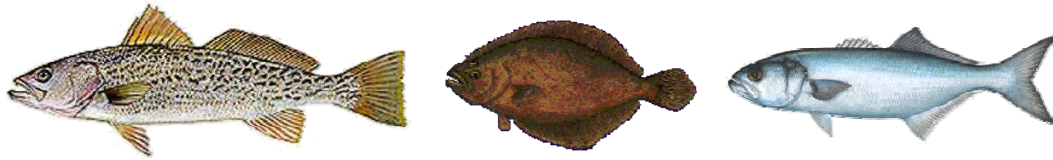
Upcoming Meetings



Regular Meetings

Type	Date	Time	Location
Informal	24-Feb	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
Dinner	19-Mar	7pm	Sunset Harbor
Informal	24-Mar	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
Business	21-Apr	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
Informal	26-May	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
Informal	23-Jun	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
Casting Picnic	TBD	8am Noon	Cathedral Pines
no meeting in August			
Business	22-Sep	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
Informal	27-Oct	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
Ladies Night	TBD	7pm	TBD
Business	15-Dec	8pm	Blue Point Cottage

2011 TOURNAMENTS



PECONIC BAY

Species: Bluefish, Fluke, Weakfish
Date: Saturday, May 14th, 2011
Time: Sunrise – 4pm
Place: Peconic Bay - Route 105 Bridge to Bug Light
Weigh in: From 4 – 4:30pm at the Manhasset Avenue Launching Ramp (Gull Pond)
Prizes: 1st & 2nd place each species (3rd if no weakfish)



NORTH SHORE FLUKE TOURNAMENT

Species: Fluke
Date: Saturday, May 21st, 2011
Time: Sunrise to 4:30pm
Place: TBA
Weigh in: 4:00pm -4:30pm @ Mattituck Inlet State Launching Ramp
Prizes: 1st, 2nd & 3rd place



SOUTH SHORE FLUKE TOURNAMENT

Species: Fluke
Date: Friday August 19th – Saturday August 20th, 2011
Time: Sunrise to 4:30pm
Place: TBA
Weigh in: Final Weigh In @ J&J 4pm Saturday August 20, 2011
Prizes: 1st, 2nd & 3rd place

There will also be 2 Surf Tournaments, Snapper Tournament, Freshwater Tournament and a Blackfish Tournament. Details for these will follow.