



PATCHOGUE FISHING CLUB

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JUNE 2003 NEWSLETTER

Rain, rain go away.....come back another day. I find myself singing that song much too much lately. In fact, as I'm writing this newsletter it is pouring outside. I hope everyone has had an opportunity to get out and fish despite the wet and windy weather this spring. I look forward to catching some fish this upcoming week as I will be on vacation (ha, ha).

At the May Meeting George Dietz presented a lecture on the *History of the Patchogue Fishing Club*. It featured a slide show of old and new photos and newspaper clippings. If you don't already know, George Dietz was the first member to join the PFC which was created by, among others, his father, Augie, and Carl Dippel Senior. The club was created 65 years ago in 1938 (That's why there is 1938 in the name of the PFC website.) The



PFC has a very rich and interesting history. George did a great job and I would personally like to thank him from the bottom of my heart for sharing some of the history with the club. To the left is just one example of the many photographs George shared at the meeting. It is a photo of Jim Belmonte at the 1965 Garcia Surf Casting Championship. The club used to participate in many surf casting tournaments and Jim Belmonte was one of the best surf casters. We must not forget to thank Carl Dippel for pulling it all together. Carl scanned all of the old pictures and placed them on a Power Point presentation for George to use, which was very impressive. The presentation was recorded and will be available on the club's web site some time in the near future.

Please see the outdoor committee section for details on the results of the May 18th Peconic Bay and June 8th Freshwater Tournaments.

NEXT REGULAR CLUB MEETING WILL BE HELD ON:

JUNE 26, 2003

Where: Blue Point Cottage

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Indoor: **Captain Pat (Hart's Cove Charters)**

Coffee and Donuts will be served

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Outdoor

The Peconic Bay Tournament was well attended. Unfortunately, the fishing was less than perfect. Don't get me wrong, several fish were caught.....most were "cookie cutter" size blue fish and several small fluke. Not one weakfish was caught by a member of the Patchogue Fishing Club. Despite the poor fishing conditions we all managed to have a great time and a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prize was handed out for the bluefish and fluke category. The results of the tournament are listed below.

The weather held off for the freshwater tournament on June 8th. Only five club members fished the tournament that day (Neil VanGinhoven, Andy Polcha, Leo DiDonato, Tom Wasilewicz, and Bill Rockwell) and I hear the fish were pretty sparse as well. Once again, Neil VanGinhoven's crew (Leo and Andy) ended up with a decent day placing in both the bass and pickerel categories (see below for details on results). Only one bass was caught and Neil was the lucky angler. No fish in the "other" category were weighed in that day. Congratulations to the winners and a big thank you goes out to Bill for running the tournament.

The following are the results of the Peconic Bay Tournament and the Freshwater Tournament:

Peconic Bay Tournament

Fluke

1st Place: Mark Tutrani 4-2
2nd Place: George Dietz 4-1
3rd Place: George Remien 3-9

Bluefish

1st Place: Rich Steinbart 5-2
2nd Place: Cliff Bennett 4-2
3rd Place: John Tighe 3-9

Freshwater Tournament

Bass

1st Place: Neil VanGinhoven 1-8

Pickerel

1st Place: Neil VanGinhoven 1-6
2nd Place: Leo DiDonato 1-0

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

Please mark your calendars for the next two PFC tournaments listed below. We will not have any newsletters going out until September so make sure you remember these dates!

Night Time Striped Bass Trip



Our outdoor committee chairman, Tom Ganetis, is once again trying something a little different for the club. On July 12th, which is a Saturday, Tom is organizing a night time bass trip out of Montauk. In an attempt to keep club members together reservations should be made on the SEA OTTER IV (See picture above). The SEA OTTER IV is a great 45 foot boat that can fish 6-25 people. If you are interested in participating in this exciting tournament please call Captain Joel at (631) 668-

2669 or e-mail him at captainjoel@seaotterfishing.com. The trip will cost \$60 per person (not including a tip for the mate) and runs from 7 p.m. – 1:30 a.m. in the morning. They will require a \$30 deposit that can

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be paid via credit card (VISA or MASTERCARD). The Sea Otter IV is located on West Lake Drive Extension in Montauk- at the mouth of *world famous Montauk Harbor!* Please make reservations as soon as possible as the boat is not being chartered for PFC club members only. The weigh-in will be held immediately after the boat docks and a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prize for the three largest striped bass will be awarded. This tournament will be discussed further at the June meeting.

Fluke Tournament

Our annual fluke tournament will be held on August 24th. Details are below:

When: Sunday, August 24th
Where: Moriches Bay and the Ocean

- Between Fire Island and Shinnecock Inlets
- As far out into the ocean you are willing to go.....

Time: Sunrise till 3:00 p.m.
Prize: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Largest Fluke
Weigh-in: 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. at the Smith Point Marina (Boat Ramp)

**REMEMBER: IF THERE ARE ANY WEATHER ADVISORYS/WARNINGS (I.E., SMALL CRAFT WARNING)
THE TOURNAMENT IS CANCELED**

Indoor

Don't miss out on this month's indoor presentation. **Captain Pat** of *Hart's Cove Charters* will be talking to the club about live-lining in the Moriches Inlet. Also, we may have a surprise visit from a gentleman named Chuck "the buck tail maker". Alex is trying to arrange for him to be at the meeting to give club members an opportunity to purchase some of Chuck's famous custom made buck tails and teasers at wholesale prices.

Scales

If you have not had an opportunity to get your scales certified yet.....what the heck have you been doing (ha, ha). Seriously, if you still have not had your scales certified, you will have to contact Bill Rockwell and try to set up a time to meet at his house. He would be more than happy to do it for you. Thanks Bill for attending several of the meetings this spring to certify many club member's scales.

Fish of the Month

<u>Month</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Fish</u>	<u>Weight</u>
January	Tom Wasilewicz	Brown Trout	1-8
February	No fish weighed in		
March	Ed Harrold	Cod	8-0
April	Artie Yarrington	Striped Bass	11-0
May	George Dietz	Striped Bass	14-9
May (Jr.)	Brian Roecklien	Bluefish	6-0

Congratulations George and Brian!!

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Good and Welfare

I'm sorry to say my own grandmother, my father's mother, passed away on June 17, 2003, only one day shy of both her 84th birthday and 64th wedding anniversary. Marion Remien lived a great life surrounded by love and family. We will miss her very much.

Picnic

Please pull out the picnic announcement from this newsletter and hang it on your refrigerator. I don't want anyone to forget about it, especially since it's early this year: **July 20th**.

PFC Directory/Website

Also attached to this newsletter is the latest and greatest (I hope) directory. Please pull this out of the newsletter as well and put it in a place where you can find it later on when you are looking for somebody to fish with. If you find any mistakes (and I'm sure you will) or need to make a change please let me know. I will make sure it gets into the next update.

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!!

RON & JASON