



PATCHOGUE FISHING CLUB

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DECEMBER 2003 NEWSLETTER

It's hard to believe that the holidays are just around the corner and the 2003 fishing season is coming to an end. It just seems like yesterday I was dropping the boat in the water and now I'm just thankful that I was able to have the boat shrink-wrapped before our winter storm today. Just think, we've already had two snowstorms and winter hasn't even officially arrived!! I hope this is not a sign of things to come.

I trust that everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving feasts as much as we did in our family. It's always great to get together with family during the holidays (the hours of endless eating isn't so bad either).

As we close the year, we will vote for the 2004 officers at the December meeting. The nominated members were announced at Ladies Night on November 14th as is tradition and are listed under the committee reports. For those of you who will be unable to join us on Thursday, let me along with the rest of the Board of Directors take this chance to wish you a.....



*HAPPY
HANUKAH*

*Merry
Christmas*



*HAPPY
NEW
YEAR*

NEXT REGULAR CLUB MEETING WILL BE HELD ON:

DECEMBER 18, 2003

Where: Blue Point Cottage

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Coffee and Donuts will be served

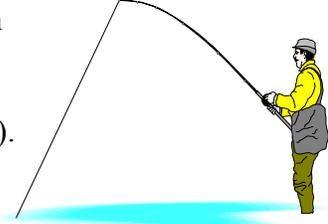
COMMITTEE REPORTS

Outdoor

SURF TOURNAMENTS

We had two surf tournaments this year, one in October and another in November. Unfortunately, I only have the results for the October tournament. I'm also sad to say that I didn't fish either of the tournaments this year (not that I would have caught anything anyway).

George Dietz reported that there was a decent turnout for the October 25-26 tournament. At least nine (9) club members fished the tournament and the following are the final results:

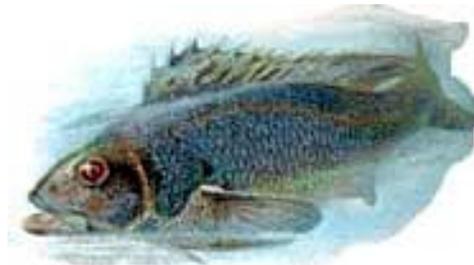


1 st Place:	Mark Simmons	11-8	Striped Bass
2 nd Place:	Dylan Jewell	9-0	Bluefish
3 rd Place:	Bo LeLaidier	7-12	Bluefish

The November tournament was held on the 23rd and the 24th. I will post the results of that tournament in the January newsletter.

BLACKFISH TOURNAMENT

The blackfish tournament was held on November 18th and the weather was perfect that day...probably too perfect since the Peconic Star was completely packed. I heard that the boat was pretty tight, and unfortunately I'm not talking about the fishing lines. Approximately 13-club member fished the tournament. Most were fishing on the Peconic Star although a few fished on another boat since one of the club members already had a trip chartered on the same day. The following are the final results of the tournament:



1 st Place:	Harvey Holmes	8-0
2 nd Place:	Lorry Mangan	6-12
3 rd Place:	Rich Steinbart*	4-4

* There was actually a tie for third place between Rich Steinbart and Ron Pfister. Rich and Ron flipped a coin at the November board meeting and as you can see above, Rich won the toss.

Indoor

Ron Pfister will have several examples of wooden craft carvings made by a friend of his, Joe Hawkins, at the December meeting. The carvings will be of nautical scenes (boats, fishing, etc.) and can be ordered if interested (probably not by the holidays). Joe Hawkins' work was recently showcased on Channel 12.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – continued

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 Roecklein	Bluefish	6-0
June	Joel Fumuso	Striped Bass	36-0
June (Jr.)	Robert Roecklein	Striped Bass	11-0
July	Harvey Holmes	Striped Bass	37-12
July (Jr.)	Dylan Jewell	Striped Bass	19-8
August	Joel Fumuso	Striped Bass	32-0
September	David Bodnar	Tuna	58-0
October	Peter Cilento	Striped Bass	24-12
October (Jr.)	Dylan Jewell	Bluefish	9-0

Congratulations Peter and Dylan!!

Note: November fish-of-the-month winners will be announced at the December meeting and will be reported in the January newsletter.

Prizes

George Remien reports that all prizes are up to date. He will have the prizes for the Surf Fishing Tournaments and the Blackfish Tournament at the December meeting.

Those members who have trophies this year need to return them to the club in the next few weeks so that the 2003 winners can get engraved before the annual dinner dance in March.

Ladies Night

Mark and Toni did it again! They managed to fill up an entire side of the room at Sunset Harbor with wonderful prizes. Mark reported that the other side of the room was filled with 47 club members and guests on November 14th. In the end, approximately \$110 will come back to the club. This of course would not happen if it weren't for the fact that Mark and Toni donated some of the Chinese auction prizes and the contributions of the club members for the basket of cheer. The bottom line is that, once again, all had a great time.

Mark and Toni would like to thank:

- All those that helped set up the prizes and sell tickets
- Rich Steinbart and Susan Ganetis for helping dole out the prizes
- And most of all everyone for coming to Ladies Night.

On behalf of the club, I would like to thank Mark and Toni for the time and effort they put into making Ladies Night a great success.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - continued

Dinner Dance

Mark your calendars! David Knieriemen has booked the Sunset Harbor for the annual PFC Dinner Dance. This year, the dance will be held on **Saturday March 13, 2004**. There will be more information to come in future newsletters.

Nominations for 2004

OFFICERS

President: Jason Remien
1st Vice President: Tom Wasilewicz
2nd Vice President: Rich Steinbart
Secretary: George Remien
Financial Secretary: Cheryl Dippel
Treasurer: John Tighe

Chairman of the Board: Ron Pfister

BOARD

1st Year: Neil VanGinhoven
Don Schaefer
Mark Tutrani
2nd Year: George Dietz
David Knieriemen

**SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!!
RON & JASON**

