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SEPTEMBER 2004 NEWSLETTER

DON'T FORGET.....

Our annual **SNAPPER DERBY** will be held this Sunday, September 12th, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

*******Note: New Location*******



This year we are going to try our luck catching snappers at the dock located at the end of Pine Neck Road in East Patchogue. After eastbound split from Montauk Highway, take first right off of South Country Road onto Pine Neck Road, and take to end. Make the last right into the boat ramp parking lot. The dock is located just to the left of the boat ramps. There should be plenty of room for us and hopefully plenty of snappers. As usual, fresh bait will be supplied by the club and remember; only one person on each team of two must be a club member. Hope to see you there!!

I hope everyone is having a great summer. Can you believe that it's September already? Unfortunately, the fluke season is officially over but the fall run of striped bass and bluefish has just begun. It's also a great time to go out and catch that trophy sea bass or porgy.

The Annual George Dietz Picnic and Jim Belmonte Casting Tournament at Cathedral Pines was another great success. Vinny and Terry Smith took a well deserved break this year and the "Remien clan" quickly found out how much work it takes to pull everything together. Needless to say, we had a great turnout and everyone helped out to make things run smoothly. On behalf of the entire club I would like to thank the following people for helping make this wonderful event possible year after year: Leo DiDonato & Ron Pfister for donating the meats and BBQing, George Dietz for the beer, Steve Gehrke for the ice cream, the Rockwell's for the water balloons, Carlee Ogeka for the clams, George Remien for donating the corn and organizing the casting tournament, Rich for purchasing the soda, juices, and water, Carl for taking all of the great pictures, and all of the members who contributed to the wonderful array of tasteful dishes. Details on the day's events can be found in the committee reports.

NEXT REGULAR CLUB MEETING WILL BE HELD ON:

SEPTEMBER 23, 2004

Where: Blue Point Cottage

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Indoor: **TBD**

Coffee and Donuts will be served

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Outdoor

Having the freshwater tournament later in June (a weekend when anglers did not require a license) encouraged some extra PFC members to hit Mill Pond on June 27th. Unfortunately, the fish were not interested in eating much that day. Approximately 12 members fished the tournament on Sunday and only a few caught fish. Luckily, Tom Ganetis, Steve and Jason Gehrke managed to catch a few fish before the end of the day. Tom caught an impressive 5 pound 6 ounce large mouth bass and the Gehrke's both pulled in two small yellow perch in order to take the "other species" prize home. Congratulations to the winners and a big thank you goes out to Bill for running the tournament and donating the prizes. Prizes were handed out at the club picnic in July.

The fluke tournament during the weekend of August 28th was a bit more successful. The weather on both days was good enough to fish, although Sunday was the better of the two. Approximately 20 club members fished the tournament and several fish were caught. It appears that the quality fish were outside the Shinnecock and Fire Island Inlets although one of the prize winning flukes was caught just inside the Moriches Inlet. Overall, we had a decent turnout and I'm pretty sure everyone had a good time. The following are the skillful winners:

Fluke Tournament Winners

1 st Place:	Ron Pfister	8-0
2 nd Place:	Frank Mazurkiewicz	5-4
3 rd Place:	Tom Ganetis	5-2



We have at least three tournaments remaining this year. There will be two surf tournaments, one in October (16th & 17th) and one in November (13th and 14th). We will announce the details of the surf tournaments at the September meeting. The blackfish tournament will be held on October 29th (Friday). This tournament is already booked up. Twenty-one club members signed up and several have already provided me with a deposit. I will review the list of members signed up for this tournament during the September meeting. Details for the remaining tournaments will be summarized in the October newsletter.

Indoor

We had another successful Chinese Auction during our June meeting. On behalf of the club I would like to thank all members that donated equipment to the Chinese Auction this year. Special thanks goes out to Rich Steinbart for helping me run the Auction that night. At the end of the night the Auction raised \$125, which will be used to add another tournament in 2004 or to supplement the existing prize budget for the end of the year dinner dance.

We need to start thinking about our "Fall Lineup" of indoor activities. If you have any ideas please contact me so that we can start to set some dates.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - continued

Fish of the Month

<u>Month</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Fish</u>	<u>Weight</u>
January	No fish weighed in		
February	No fish weighed in		
March	John Tighe	Cod	22-12
April	Ed Harrold	Cod	18-0
April (Jr.)	Dylan Jewell	Cod	10-0
May	George Dietz	Striped Bass	26-0
May (Jr.)	Rudy Mistina	Flounder	3-8
June	Harvey Holmes	Striped Bass	40-0
June (Jr.)	Dylan Jewell	Striped Bass	30-0
July	Rudy Mistina *	Thresher Shark	226-0

* Rudy is a junior member

Congratulations Harvey, Dylan and Rudy!

Good and Welfare

I'm sorry to say that George Dietz's sister, Wilma, passed away recently. George, our prayers are with you and your family.

Picnic

If you have not had a chance to do so yet please check out our website and look at the great pictures Carl Dippel took at the picnic. They say pictures are worth a thousand words and you can easily see from the pictures Carl took that everyone had a great time.

Only approximately \$50 of the \$250 budget for the annual picnic was spent this year. This, of course, is only possible because of the great people we have in our club. As you can see from the introduction to this newsletter, many members made wonderful donations to make the picnic a great success.

Casting



George Remien asked that I thank all those club members who pitched in to help set up, break down, and make the casting tournament run so smoothly. He also asked that I give a very special thanks to Steve Gehrke, and his trusty calculator, who year after year tabulates all of the casting winners. Finally, congratulations to all of the casting winners.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - continued

Current Standings

Attached to the newsletter are the current standings for 2004. Please remember to go to our website to see the latest and greatest standings for our club. Both Cheryl and Carl are working very hard to keep the standings up to date so you can check it out at any time.

Board Meeting

In case some of the board members forgot over the long, hot summer.....the next board meeting will be held on September 15th at Jason Remien's house. See you there!

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!!

JASON

