



Patchogue Fishing Club

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January 2008 Newsletter

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President's Message

Welcome all to the year 2008! I hope that all of you had a great holiday. Let us hope that this coming year sees a great fishing season and that the club has a banner year. Just in case you didn't know...NOAA has made its recommendations to the MAMFC for Fluke, Porgy, & Black Sea Bass for the 2008 fishing season:

- Fluke-15.77 million pounds, an 8% decrease from the 2007 allocation of 17.11 million pounds.
- Porgy-7.34 million pounds, a 39% decrease from the 2007 allocation of 12 million pounds.
- Black Sea Bass- 4.22 million pounds, a 16% decrease from 2007 allocation of 5 million.

These numbers do not bode well for the upcoming fishing season. There have been rumors floating around that one of the proposals for this year's Fluke regulations is a 19" minimum size, 2 fish per day bag limit and a 3-month season. This could effectively kill this year's fluke season for the party and charter boat fleet not to mention the damage to tackle shops and boat rental stations. There is a great deal of controversy on both sides of this argument but no matter how you look at it...we are most like in for a very dismal fluke season.

In closing, I have just finished looking over the latest issue of the Fishermen. There is a very interesting article covering the controversy over the current fluke biomass numbers and how the 2010 target weight of that biomass (197 million pounds) was decided upon. It is a wonder we ever got out of the twentieth century.

My final thought is that as we are being asked to take drastic cuts in our allotments of fluke, us meaning the recreational fishing population. The commercial fishing industry still barrels along exploiting and destroying fish stocks. When will all of this madness end?

Jim Smith

NEXT REGULAR CLUB MEETING WILL BE HELD ON:



January 24, 2008

Where: Blue Point Cottage

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Coffee and donuts will be served

Proposed New Slate*

OFFICERS

President: Jim Smith
1st Vice President: Heidi LeLaidier
2nd Vice President: Rich Steinbart
Secretary: Jason Remien
Financial Secretary: Carl Dippel
Treasurer: John Tighe

DIRECTORS

Chairman: Cheryl Dippel
..... Mark Tutrani
..... Don Schaefer
..... Tom Ganetis
..... Ron Pfister
..... Matt Werner

** This slate will be voted upon during the January meeting since the December meeting was cancelled*

2008 Committees

Indoor Board of Directors
Outdoor Matt Werner
..... Bill Rockwell
NY Surf Tournament Heidi LeLaidier
Conservation Jim Smith
Scales Bill Rockwell
Weigh Master Cheryl Dippel
Fish of the Month Cheryl Dippel
Prizes George Remien
Rules & Records Jason Remien
Jackets Ron Pfister
Custodian Leo DiDonato
Historian John Tighe
Newsletter Jason Remien
Good & Welfare Cheryl Dippel
Publicity Heidi LeLaidier
2008 Dinner Jason Remien
2009 Dinner TBD
Casting George Remien
Picnic Debbie & Jason Remien
Ladies Night Toni & Mark Tutrani
150 Club Don Schaefer
Budget – Audit Debbie Remien

If anyone would like to work on any committee, please contact the chairman. Your help and/or input is always appreciated.

Committee Reports



Indoor

The Board of Directors is looking for a member to chair this committee. At a minimum, suggestions on possible guest speakers are always welcome. Arrangements are being made to have Al Goldberg present at one of the spring meetings. Keep in mind; some of our best speakers have been members who are willing to share their expertise and experiences. Please consider volunteering.



Scales

Bill will be ready to start calibrating your scales at the January meeting.



Good & Welfare

Just in case members are not aware, Lorry Mangan's husband, Richard, passed away this past fall. Lorry, we are very sorry for your loss and know that our prayers are with you and your family. I would also like to report that Susan Ganetis is recovering very well from a recent operation and we wish Toni Tutrani the best as she prepares for back surgery in February.



Conservation

Jim will continue his outstanding reporting on conservation and will keep us up-to-date on everything throughout the year.



Fish of the Month

Month	Angler	Species	Weight
October	Neil VanGinhoven	Bluefish	15-4
	Jacob Smith (Jr.)	Porgy	2-8
November	Harvey Holmes	Blackfish	12-8
	<i>No fish weighed in by junior member</i>		
December	<i>No fish weighed in by any members</i>		

Congratulations to all 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 (green or blue). If you would like a mug, please talk to Heidi LeLaidier. I use mine everyday at work!



Historian

John is continuing on as the club's historian. He does an outstanding job keeping our photo albums up-to-date and in fine order. He just added the pictures from Ladies Night and they look great. If you have pictures, articles and other material of historical interest to the club, please pass it on to him for inclusion. The albums are often available for viewing at the meetings, so please take the time to browse through them.



Prizes

George Remien is requesting the return of all annual trophies ASAP. The annual dinner dance is just around the corner and he needs time to have all the engraving for this year's winners. Please bring them to the January meeting or make arrangements with George.



150 Club

Don Schaefer has graciously agreed to continue distributing tickets for the 150 Club this year. Thank you Don! Remember...each adult member must buy or sell two tickets but anyone wishing to sell extra can get them from Don.



2008 Dinner Dance

The Annual Dinner Dance will be held **Friday, February 15th** at the Sunset Harbour. It is very important that you send in your response card (enclosed w/pre-stamped envelope) to Debbie and Jason Remien by **February 4th** along with your payment (if you plan on attending). I apologize for the late notice and quick response time but since we didn't have a December newsletter or meeting the message did not get out. If I don't get at least 45 people attending by the February 4th date it is VERY possible that we will have to cancel the dinner dance. Please see enclosed flyer for details. Hope you can make it!

Dues



Carl will begin collecting dues at the January meeting.

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. So if you want to avoid being considered “not in good standing” you have to pay before or at the April Meeting. Here are the rates for 2008:

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.

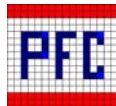
Junior members are not obliged to purchase 150 Club tickets.



Newsletter

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Cheryl and Carl for writing the newsletter over the past few years. It’s no simple task. The fact that neither of them fish but continue to be dedicated to this club is just another indication of how truly special this fishing club and its dedicated members are. Thank you again!

With the exception of this newsletter, I would like to continue sending newsletters out to those with Internet access electronically. This practice will save time and money. Anyone without Internet access will continue to receive their newsletter in the mail.



Website

Since we are no longer reading the minutes during the meetings, look for them on the website: www.pfc1938.com.

January Birthdays



16th Guy LeLaidier
26th John Tighe
27th Matt Pfister

Happy Birthday to all the members who were born in January!



Outdoor

I'm very excited to report that one of our newer members, Matt Werner, has agreed to chair this committee. He is looking forward to planning and proposing several new and exciting tournaments for the PFC in 2008. I understand that his "fishing buddies", John Caruso and Gary Loock, are also anxious to help out.

I would like to thank Tom Ganetis for chairing this committee over the past couple of years. Your continued support and valued opinion will always be welcome.

A proposed list of tournaments will be presented in the near future. Remember, the actual number of tournaments and associated prizes (including amounts) will depend on the final 2008 budget.

2008 Meetings



Regular Meetings

Type	Date	Time	Location
Business	24-Jan	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
Dinner	15-Feb	7pm	Sunset Harbour
Informal	27-Mar	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
Business	24-Apr	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
Informal	22-May	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
Informal	26-Jun	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
Casting Picnic	TBD	8am Noon	Cathedral Pines
no meeting in August			
Business	25-Sep	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
Informal	23-Oct	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
Ladies Night	TBD	7pm	TBD
Business	18-Dec	8pm	Blue Point Cottage

Directors' Meetings

Day	Date	Time	Location
Wed	16-Jan	8pm	Cheryl & Carl Dippel
Wed	20-Feb	8pm	Jason Remien
Wed	19-Mar	8pm	Heidi LeLaidier
Wed	16-Apr	8pm	Matt Werner
Wed	21-May	8pm	Mark Tutrani
Wed	18-Jun	8pm	Ron Pfister
no meeting in July			
no meeting in August			
Wed	17-Sep	8pm	Don Schaefer
Wed	15-Oct	8pm	Tom Ganetis
Wed	19-Nov	8pm	John Tighe
no meeting in December			