



Patchogue Fishing Club

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January 2012 Newsletter



Happy New Year! Here's hoping 2012 will be a great year in every way. The Board of Directors is looking forward to another fabulous one for the Patchogue Fishing Club and would like to begin by thanking all the people who chaired and/or served on last year's committees. Because of all their efforts, every event was successful and enjoyed by all.

We lost a great member this past year who was very dedicated to the PFC and will truly be missed. Please see attached letter from Don Schaefer Jr. about the passing of his father and how much the relationships forged in this and other fishing clubs meant the world to him.

This year, we'd like to welcome Bill Rockwell and Leo DiDonato to the Board of Directors. It's great to have these experienced members joining us. We appreciate all the people who so readily agreed to chair committees for 2012 and look forward to working with them again.

NEXT REGULAR CLUB MEETING WILL BE HELD ON:



January 26, 2012

Where: Blue Point Cottage

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Coffee and donuts will be served

New Slate

OFFICERS

President: Cheryl Dippel
 Vice President: Rich Steinbart
 Secretary: Jason Remien
 Financial Secretary: Carl Dippel
 Treasurer: John Tighe

DIRECTORS

Chairman: Carl Dippel
 Neil VanGinhoven
 Tom Ganetis
 George Remien
 Bill Rockwell
 Vivi Tighe
 Heidi LeLaidier
 Leo DiDonato

2012 Committees

Indoor	Board Members
Outdoor	Tom Ganetis
NY Surf Tournament	Heidi LeLaidier
Conservation	Tom Ganetis
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
Dinner Dance	Vinny & Terri Smith
Casting	George Remien
Picnic	Debbie & Jason Remien
Ladies Night	Cheryl, Heidi, Vivi, and Delis
150 Club	Carl Dippel
Budget – Audit	Debbie Remien

Committee Reports



Indoor

This committee will once again be chaired by the Board of Directors. Suggestions on possible guest speakers are always welcome from all club members. 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

We will start calibrating scales at the January meeting.



Fish of the Month

No weigh slips have been submitted in January as of yet. The December winner(s) will be announced at the January meeting. A list of all fish-of-the-month winners is available on the PFC website.



Jackets

Ron continues to do a terrific job on this committee and is always working on offering new merchandise and alternative designs. Thanks Ron!



Historian

John agreed to continue on as the club's historian. He does an outstanding job keeping our photo albums up-to-date and in fine order. The album is up to date and now includes some great photographs from our most recent club event, Ladies Night. As always, 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.



Good & Welfare

Guy LeLaidier's mother recently passed away. We are all very sorry for your loss and please know that our prayers are with you and your family.

The club also received a letter from Don Schaefer Jr. about the passing of his father and what this and other fishing clubs meant to him. The entire letter is included with this newsletter. Don and his great fishing stories will truly be missed.



Prizes

George Remien reported that he has some left over prizes from last year. These will be taken into account when preparing the 2012 budget. He also reported that all but one trophy has been returned and the last one will be handed in soon. Thanks to all for getting them in early this year.



"150 Club"

Carl Dippel will continue to distribute tickets and collect money during the same time annual dues are being collected. The Board Members discussed changing this to the "100 Club" as we have been struggling for years to sell the required 150 tickets. We currently do not have more than 50 adult club members, which mean some members must purchase or sell more than two tickets. Consideration is being given to the possibility of having ten \$50 drawings in 2012. This will be discussed further at the regular meeting.



2012 Dinner Dance

The Annual Dinner Dance will be held **Saturday, March 10^h** at the Bellport Historical Society. Vinny and Terri Smith have been working hard to make sure that this is a great event. There will be a live band so don't miss out! Please mark your calendars and more details will be provided in the near future. Hope you can make it!

Dues



The Board will begin collecting dues at the January meeting.

Similar to last year, we will be collecting dues and the obligatory "150 club" tickets together (Note: this may change to the "100 club"). Please 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 April 15th. Here are the rates for 2012 (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

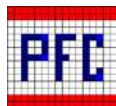
Additional "150 Club" tickets will be available.

Junior members are not obliged to purchase "150 Club" tickets.



Newsletter

We will continue to send out the newsletter electronically in 2012. This is the preferred method of distribution. However, 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...we are no longer reading the minutes during the regular meetings but you can find them on website: www.pfc1938.com in case you are interested.

January Birthdays



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

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



Outdoor

We are pleased to report that Tom Ganetis has agreed to chair this committee again with help from other members. Neil VanGinhoven once again volunteered to coordinate this year's Snapper Derby, Jason Remien is going to give the Blackfish Tournament a try again, Carl, Cheryl, and Bill will organize a Freshwater Tournament together, Rich Steinbart volunteered to run the annual Peconic Bay Tournament, and Heidi will continue to coordinate our Surf Tournaments. 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 2012 budget.

Upcoming Meetings



Regular Meetings

Date	Time	Location
26-Jan	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
no meeting in February		
22-Mar	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
no meeting in April		
24-May	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
no meetings in June, July, or August		
27-Sep	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
25-Oct	8pm	Blue Point Cottage
9-Nov	7pm	Ladies Night, Sunset Harbor
13-Dec	8pm	Blue Point Cottage

Directors' Meetings

Day	Date	Time	Location
Wed	18-Jan	8pm	Cheryl & Carl Dippel
no meeting in February			
Wed	14-Mar	8pm	George Remien
no meeting in April			
Wed	16-May	8pm	Neil VanGinhoven
no meeting in June			
no meeting in July			
no meeting in August			
Wed	19-Sep	8pm	Jason Remien
Wed	17-Oct	8pm	Tom Ganetis
no meeting in November			
Wed	4-Dec	8pm	John & Vivi Tighe

January 2012.

To Our Friends at The
Patchogue Fishing
Club, The Eastern Fly
Rodders and The Art
Flick Chapter of Trout
Unlimited,



Thank you so very much for the friendships and expressions of sympathy at the passing of my father, Don Schaefer. Kym and I got a glimpse of what Holly has known for many years, that all of you were an important relationship in my father's life.

As you all well know, Dad loved fishing very much. He was not particular about it either; he just wanted to be out on the water (puddle to ocean). He could be fishing for Snappers in the canal or Salmon on the Alagnak. Slack lines or tight lines did not matter. His love for the water was not a recent event either. His time on boats started as a teen and was a constant till his death.

For Dad and I, it was over fishing that we got to know each other as men. The trips we went on were a gift. I did not realize that initially. Fortunately, the value of this gift was realized before it was too late. The delays in the airport, the days we got shut out in the pouring rain, the times crushing the cutbows on the Big Horn, are all memories that I hold dearly.

Even greater than his love of water was that of relationships with folks like you. Fishing was certainly his favorite medium for building these relationships but the common denominator could simply be standing in the same line at a checkout counter.

So many people that we met at the wake had the same comment about Dad, "Boy, could he tell a story". Its true, he certainly could. The story could be an event from childhood or last week's trip to the Connetquot. Told by lesser narrators, you could've fallen asleep, but with the color, tone and timing my Dad had, well, you were hooked!

What would he hope that you take away from all of this? He would hope that you remember him as a good friend that happened to love fishing.

Tight Lines,

Kym, Holly and Don.

Don