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**Serge Radossi with two nice stripe bass caught near the Statue of Liberty.  
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*Good fishing, good friends. That's what SWABC is all about The Best Fishing Club in NJ*

The regular meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of the month, at 8:00P.M. The only meeting that is not held at the Legion Hall on Tuesday will be the night of the Past President Dinner. That month is March. A \$5 fee is required, for non-members, this entitles them to the 50/50 drawing, refreshments, snacks, and some new tricks about fishing. Welcome all; we hope you enjoy the evening.

## President's Corner

### Happy New Year!

#### May 2015 be a great fishing year for all of us!

What a Christmas party we had! There was so much food and different dishes available for everybody's taste buds. One of our members (Ray Sebecke) told me that **all of us should be weighed in before we enter our Legion Hall- and then get weighed in again before we leave** to see how much weight we have gained! I felt like I gained 10 lbs.! Club members committed to bringing the following dishes before the party: artichoke dip (Jim Piombino), three shrimp appetizers (Dennis Bowman, Jim Zimmer & Harry Vogt), baked ziti (Jim Catanzaro) stuffed shells (Mark Capalbo), kielbasi & sauerkraut (Tom Tyls), pasta fagioli (Steve Totten) potato salad (Harold Gusterson), sausage & peppers (Barry Paull), 3 ft. sandwich (Chuck Santoro), antipasto (Bill Fish), rice pudding (Dave Nicholson), chocolate cookies (Neil Siegel), donuts (Walter Amos) cold cut platter (John Toth). More food was brought in at the party ; meatball marinara (Mike Peluso), cookies (Sal Tumminello), chicken marsala (Tony Lill), broccoli squares, (Tim Ring - a member who joined just last month), chicken wings, pork roll, broccoli rabe & jasmine rice dish (Nico Lecoureux). Did we go hungry or what! I thank all of you for making our Christmas party to be so nice and enjoyable. I also want to give our Chef, Bill Fish, kudos for putting all of this food together and presenting it in a nice fashion. Another big thanks goes to Chuck Santoro for buying the nice colored tablecloths and arriving at 3:00 p.m. with his grandson Kyle to set up the table and chairs for our meeting. And who can be better than Jim Galanaugh Jr. with his beard in playing Santa Claus! Of course, thank all of you coming and for your food contributions to make it a very memorable night!

#### Speaker for January 20th Meeting - Pete Grimbilas - President of the New Jersey Outdoor Alliance

Captain Pete Grimbilas, President of the (NJOA) will be our guest speaker and his presentation will cover a wide range of topics that affect NJ's anglers that will include an update on the status of artificial reefs, striped bass, and many important issues that affect all of anglers. Pete, spends a lot of his personal time interfacing with a lot of our legislators to convince them to support legislation to benefit anglers and hunters. Pete volunteers his time and does not get paid for all of his efforts that help all of us in Trenton. Pete has a lot of issues that you will find to be very interesting and you do not want to miss this meeting.

#### January 17<sup>th</sup> - Saltwater Sportsman National Seminar Series.

This seminar is hosted by George Poveromo and it will be held in the Linwood Country Club (500 Shore Road, Linwood) NJ. A number of our members go to this popular seminar. Call 1-800 448-7360 or [www.nationalseminarseries.com](http://www.nationalseminarseries.com). This seminar has six hours of fishing instructions and attendees receive goodie bags with fishing line, and other things they can use. The cost is \$55 for a ticket.

## Winter Fishing Report

Fishing is a year round sport for many of us, and now the tone to catch those winter favorites Cod, Pollock, Haddock and Jumbo Porgies. This week reports were mixed some reports had the best Cod fishing in years before the storm, but things slow down a bit after the storm. SWABC Members Bill Fish, & Mark Calaibo were fishing on Gail Frances on December 21. Mark had 2 keeper (5-6 lb.) cod, 8 short cod and 1 whiting (on the last drop!). Bill had one keeper cod (5-6 lb.), 9 short cod. I not sure how they did this but manage to get Warm Weather Fishing only Barry Paull to join them on the Jamaica 2 sailed on December 27. Bill Fish, Mark Capalbo, Barry Paull and Fred Feurstack & Don Parr from Canyon Reels also on the boat (14 hour Mud-hole marathon). Bill Fish had one keeper cod (5-6 lb.), Fred had a keeper Pollock (6-7 lb.), Barry had a short Pollock.



#### Speaker for February 17th Meeting - New Jersey's Marine Police

A representative from New Jersey's Marine Police will be our guest to talk not only about their enforcement issues, but also their stories about anglers and hunters violating the regulations that pertain to our sport. Some of the encounters by the police and the excuses they hear are not only interesting, but can be quite amusing at the same time! As the saying goes "truth is stranger than fiction".

#### 2015 Calendar of Shows and Events

Below is a quick snapshot of shows and events coming up. More detailed information follows it.

**January 17th** - Saltwater Sportsman National Seminar Series (George Poveromo)

**February 19 - 22** - NJ Boat Sale & Expo - NJ Convention Center (Raritan)

**March 20-22** - The Saltwater Fishing Expo - Garden State Exhibit Center - Somerset, NJ

**March 24th** - SWABC Past President's Dinner - Mountainside Inn - Clifton, NJ

**June 20** - Youth Outreach Derby at Saddle River County Park - Glenrock Area pond

**August 8** - SWABC Fluke Tournament - Details being developed.

#### 2014 Big Fish of the Year Derby - Last Call

Nice trophies will be given to the winners of the **Big Fish of the Year Derby** in the various categories at our 2015 past President's Dinner that will be held on March 24th. So turn in your affidavits to Tom Tyls at our January 13th meeting or call him at (201) 796-8522. This will be our Last Call to enter the Derby!

### **New Chef Needed**

Bill Fish has retired from the kitchen and we need a member to prepare refreshments so that we have something to snack on at the end of the meeting. It is a nice way to end the meeting and it also give us the opportunity to sit down and chat with each other. The refreshments do not have to be very complicated, but can be up to the discretion of the chef. See John Toth to discuss this position.

### **Open Space Ballot Issue**

Voters in the last election voted to approve the Open Space ballot question, which essentially approves buying open space and the funding of other public entities (like parks) with a tax that is imposed annually on businesses called a Corporate Business Tax (CTB). The problem here is that there is a big pot of money of **\$71 million**, but no decision has been made as to who is going to get this money! Usually, this decision is done first, but not in the political climate we live in. Right now, it looks like several environmental groups like the Audobon Society is going to have a big say as to where this money is supposed to be allocated, and monies going to our parks, clean water programs and the Division of Fish & Wildlife will have reduced funding! Our Division of Fish & Wildlife is already underfunded and may have its operating budget reduced from \$8 million to \$5.3 million! On December 8th, there was a Senate Environment and Energy Meeting chaired by Senator Smith to hear testimony on who should get the pieces of that \$71 million pie. I testified at this hearing on behalf of the New Jersey Outdoor Alliance and the Jersey Coast Anglers Association (JCAA) that fishing is big business for our state (\$1.5 billion) and our Division of Fish & Wildlife should not have its budget reduced and this reduction will have a very negative effect on this Division that is **producing revenue** for our state through its fishing and hunting programs. After hearing testimony from various groups looking for money, one woman testified that if voters really knew what was going on with this Open Space ballot issue, they would never have voted for it! I totally agree with her! This is the first of a number of hearings that will determine where the \$71 million will go. I will be attending these future hearings. I was the only person at this hearing that representing anglers and hunters, and that is how we get shortchanged when decisions are made in Trenton when nobody is around to speak up on our behalf.

### **Update on Striped Bass by John Toth**

On December 18th, the New Jersey Outdoor Alliance (NJOA) held a caucus in Trenton with New Jersey's legislators to brief them on issues so that they better understand them and can vote intelligently on them (we hope). They received presentations from representatives of the Division of Fish & Wildlife (DFW) concerning the exploding population of deer and black bears, and the upcoming proposals concerning striped bass. Our legislators must approve striped bass regulations and this caucus gave them a "heads up" on what is coming for striped bass. Legislators have to pass this legislation ASAP so that our striped bass season can start on time and not be out of compliance in early march 2015. Our legislators also received an explanation on how the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) regulates striped bass and it has to approve the proposals coming from our DFW. There are two proposals indicated in each category listed below, **but only one of them** will receive expected approval by the ASMFC:

**One striped bass at 28 inches to 42 inches, and one at 42 inches and above (2 fish)**

or:

**One striped bass at 29 inches to 36 inches, and one striped bass at 36 inches and above (2 fish)**

#### **Striped Bass Bonus Program**

**One striped bass at 28 inches and above - or one striped bass 24 inches to 28 or 29 inches.**

**Bottom Line** - In the above scenarios, anglers will be able to catch **2 striped bass**, and also be eligible to catch an additional striped bass under the **Bonus Tag Program - 3 fish in total**.

I will not go into the timelines for implementation and will keep you continually updated on how our striped bass season unfolds for 2015. (As a footnote, this NJOA caucus was well attended by anglers and hunters (including myself, Serge Radossi and others) and if sportsmen did not show up in Trenton why should legislators care about those issues that are important to us).

## February 19 - 22nd - New Jersey Boat Show

It is always interesting and fun to be at a boat show and see new boats and dream about owning one. This show will also provide us with an excellent opportunity to promote our club and especially our fluke tournament! The location is one that we are familiar with since we were just at it – the Raritan show in Edison, NJ Convention Center. Here is the schedule for this show and the shifts we need to have volunteers to work at it. Volunteers do not pay an entrance fee.



### New Jersey Boat Show time slots – February 19 – 22rd

**Thursday 2/19**– noon to 8:00 p.m., Noon to 4:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Friday 2/20** – noon to 8:00 p.m., Noon to 4:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Saturday 2/21** – 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. 3:30 to 9:00 p.m.

**Sunday 2/22** 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



We always have at least two members in a time slot to allow for breaks and the opportunity to see the show. See John Toth at our meetings to sign up for it or call him at (732) 656-0139 or email him at [tothjohn@verizon.net](mailto:tothjohn@verizon.net).

## March 20-22nd - The Saltwater Fishing Expo

(NJ Convention Center Somerset, NJ)

This is a show that is focused on saltwater fishing and not much else and it should not be missed since it has so much fishing tackle for sale. Our club will have a booth at this show to promote our club and sell raffle tickets. We will need volunteers (who do not pay an entrance fee) to work at it and as mentioned earlier, see John Toth at our meetings. call him at (732) 656-0139 or email him at [tothjohn@verizon.net](mailto:tothjohn@verizon.net)

**Friday March 20<sup>th</sup>** Noon - 4:00 p.m, 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup>**, 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup>**, 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

## Past President's Dinner

**March 24th – Our Club's Past President's Dinner at the Mountainside Inn in Clifton.**

**Put that date on your calendar!** Lots of good food, company, and a Big Dark Horse! More info to follow!

## SWABC Fund Raising Raffle

Tickets are now on sale for our fund raising raffle that helps to support the many activities of our club and to essentially help pay our club bills related to hall rental, food and beverages for our meetings, printing and mailing of our newsletters and other related expenses. Please see member **Fred Villanova** at our meetings and **take at least two raffle books or more to sell or buy!** Each book has 10 raffle tickets in it and at a cost of \$1 for each ticket. We have some very nice prizes to offer and they are:

1. **Charter Fishing Trip on the Reel Fun Sport Fishing - \$600 value**
2. **Canyon Reel HS 16 and Shimano Terez Rod - \$550 value**
3. **Canyon Reel HS 15 and Shimano Terez Rod - \$450 value**
4. **32 inch LCD High Definition TV - \$300 value**
5. **Fishing Trip – 2 Tickets for the Party Boat "Fisherman"- \$150 value**
6. **Gift Certificate – Dick's Sporting Goods - \$75 value**
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The drawing of the winning raffle tickets will be held on the night of our club's **June 16, 2015 meeting** and the tickets will be pulled at 9:00 p.m.

We want to thank **Captain John Koliass** for donating a charter to our club on his Reel Fun – [www.reelfunsportfishing.com](http://www.reelfunsportfishing.com) and also to **Don Par** for donating the two Canyon reels for our raffle – [www.canyonreels.com](http://www.canyonreels.com).

## Big Blackfish Caught!

Jimmy Chambers of Edison, NJ fishing on the Big Mohawk on December 20th caught a blackfish weighing **18 lbs., 12 ounces**. Captain Chris Hueth said it was the biggest blackfish ever caught on his boat. Not only did Jim Chambers caught that big one, but he also limited out as did a number of anglers. What a day! (Asbury Park Press, 12/22/14).



# 2014 BIG FISH OF THE YEAR DERBY

FISH	SPECIES	MIN. WEIGHT	ENTRY WEIGHT	ANGLER
	BLACKFISH	4	6 lb.	Barry Paull
	BLUEFISH	12	19 lbs. 11 oz.	Dennis Nieradka
	COD FISH	10		
	FLOUNDER	1lb. 8oz.	3 lbs 8 oz.	Chuck Santoto
	FLUKE	4	9 lbs. 11oz	Frank Prelich
	LING	2	2 lb. 3 oz.	Bill Fish
	POLLOCK	10		
	PORGY	1lb. 8oz.	4 lb. 9oz.	Doug Parker
	SEA BASS	2	4lb. 11oz.	Bill Busch
	STRIPED BASS	12	48 lb. 8oz.	Bob Cameron
	WEAKFISH	2		
	Billfish	No Minimum		
	Tuna	No Minimum		

**2014 Big Fish Contest Rules:** To limit confusion about the rules governing our Big Fish Contest, our Board members discussed this issue and agreed to the following provisions that would take into effect for 2014 and in the future:

1. Fish have to be in season to be entered.
2. The fish can be caught anywhere, not in just New Jersey's waters.
3. The fish entered has to be verified by the boat captain or another club member or at an official weigh station. A picture of the fish is a much-preferred way to verify an entry into the Big Fish contest done by a cell phone or a regular camera. A club member can win more than one Big Fish contest prize.
4. Dues card number must be on the submitted application (Dues number can be obtained from our Membership Secretary)
5. Affidavits must be received within 30 days after the fish is caught. Entries for fish caught after 12/15 of a given year must be received by January 15th of the following year.
6. Any member submitting a false affidavit will be disqualified from entering the contest during the year. If disqualified twice, the member will be expelled from the club.

## Upcoming Fishing Trips 2015

Support our Spencer Charters Boats & Head Boats this winter by buying trip tickets for future trips & gift certificates.

Winter is a good time to plan fishing trips. Winter will end and turn to spring sooner than you think! However, many of us are itching to go on the water and we have these fishing opportunities on the horizon. There are still some boats going out for the hardy fisherman. These are the scheduled trips so far and others are in the planning stages. As trips develop before the next printing of this newsletter, they will be announced at our meetings:

### Club Member only Special Charter Rates

#### Fins On Feathers is offering a Special Charter Rate

Captain and club member Frank Tenore will continue his supporting SWABC Club Member by offering a Fins On Feathers Charter special rates for members only:

**Option # 1** -Purchase a full six man charter gift certificate – Cost \$650 & Receive one open boat coupon with a value of \$120

**Option # 2** - Purchase 5 open boat trip coupons –Cost \$600 & Receive one additional open boat coupon with a value of \$120

Contact Frank or Mary Tenore at (973) 763-2876 or email [Finsonfeathers@msn.com](mailto:Finsonfeathers@msn.com)

### Katie James Sport Fishing LLC

Members that book a full charter before March 31 2015 for any day in 2015 will get it at the 2014 rates of \$660 with a deposit of \$110 (members only). After March 31 the price will be \$720 for members and \$780 nonmembers.

Please contact Captain Art Lein @ 201-696-7592 or E-mail [Katiejamesfish@aol.com](mailto:Katiejamesfish@aol.com).

### Reel Fun Sportfishing

SWABC Members who present their membership card are giving a blanket 10% off any charter. Cannot be combined with any other offers or Gift Cards Please Contact Captain John Koliass

(908)-421-4761 or E-mail [ReelFinSportfishing.com](mailto:ReelFinSportfishing.com)

### SWABC Fluke trip! It's not too early to start planning!

SWABC Fluke trip tentatively scheduled for

**Sunday, June 28, 2015**

Mimi VI, Point Pleasant, NJ. (Capt. Kenny)

8 hour trip departs dock at 6:30am

Limited to 30 people (first come, first serve)

Cost: \$75.00 includes bait, gratuity for mate, water and snacks

### Salt Water Anglers of Bergen County, New Jersey Sponsors

#### Membership Application for the Saltwater Anglers of Bergen County

Mail To: American Legion Hall Post # 170, 33 West Passaic Street, Rochelle Park, N.J. 07622

Please enclose a check or money order in the amount of \$40.00 for a one-year membership, into New Jersey's #1 Salt Water Fishing Club.

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Club membership dues are now payable and the regular dues for members are **\$35**. For an individual joining the first time and **\$40 and \$35** for each year thereafter. The cost for a family membership is \$40. Please see Membership Chairman, Matt Christensen or Charles Altman at our meetings to pay your dues or mail it to the American Legion Post # 170, 33 West Passaic Street, Rochelle Park, NJ 07622. Make the check payable to the Saltwater Anglers of Bergen County. Thank you!