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Big Fish Contest leader with a 23lb 6.4oz. striped bass caught by new member Joe DeLucia on the Katie James.



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Club Fluke Trip Sunday July 17, 2014
The Suzie Girl with Trip Captain Chuck Santoro

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

Fishing for fluke, blues, striped bass, sea bass is breaking out all over the place! Now is the time to get out and do some fishing! Our club has fishing trips scheduled please sign up for the trips listed and the ones that are announced at our meetings. Before you know it, the summer will be gone and we will be scratching our heads to say, "where did it go"!

Skin cancer - I have had a pimple type growth on my left hand that would not go away no matter what I put on it. At first, I thought it was some problem related to dry skin. I went to a doctor and he diagnosed it as skin cancer. I will need surgery to remove all of it. Even though I always apply sunscreen before I go out to fish, I still got it on my hand. Who knows how it happened? However, be careful about the sun when you are fishing during the hot summer days! Wear a hat that is big enough to protect your face, neck and ears. Wear shirts that provide protection for your upper torso and try to buy those shirts that have UV protection built in them. I usually wear pants that are very light, to protect my legs from the sun and those nasty flies that land on your socks without you feeling them and bite right through them. In this newsletter, I have included an article on how to protect your self from skin cancer and please read it. I have a friend who had a pimple below his left eye and I noticed it was not going away and it seemed to get bigger (just like my experience). I told him to see a doctor and it turned out to be skin cancer. The doctor told him that if he waited much longer to get treatment, he could have possibly lost his eyesight in that eye! So if you have symptoms like I refer to, see a doctor ASAP.

Governor's Surf Tournament - The Jersey Coast Anglers Association is a sponsor of this tournament and I along with Lt. Governor Kim Guardagno, Davis Chanda, Director of the NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife, Tim Burden from the NJ Beach Buggy Association and John Rogalo from the NJ Federation of Sportmen's Clubs were on hand to give prizes to the lucky winners from the various categories in this tournament (striped bass and bluefish). What was really fun to see was the small kids and teens running up to get their prizes and seeing the excitement on their faces! It looked like they won the lotto! It also seemed to me that the girls/women who received their prizes ran up or walked quickly for their nice prizes while the boys and older guys seem to strut up for their prizes with the "look at me attitude". I guess that is another one of the differences between our sexes! In the past, the Governor's Tournament was held on the first Sunday in October usually with inclement weather and not much fish to catch (a 18 1/2 inch bluefish won the 2013 tournament!). By moving it to May 18th resulted in more and bigger fish with a 36 inch bluefish winning the Governor's Cup! Our member Bill Tarnacki and his daughter entered this tournament and it was nice seeing them having a nice day of it!

May 20th Meeting Recap

We had Craig Lemon from the Division of Fish & Wildlife give a power point presentation about freshwater fishing in NJ that covered our state's hatchery program and its stocking program. Our state has really good fresh water opportunities and that is why Craig was invited to our club so that our members could have a better understanding of what is available to them. A press release was sent out to inform the public about Craig's fresh water presentation and we had a number of guests that attended our meeting to hear what he had to say. Craig also talked about the various species of fish at the hatcheries he manages and their reproduction processes. It was amazing to see and hear how nature works its magic in the life cycle of these fish! As a saltwater club, we never had a speaker talk about fresh water fishing, but it is always good to learn what other fishing opportunities are available right in our backyard!

Speaker for our June 17th Meeting

We will have Stanley Gola to give us a presentation on how to use and when to use bucktails for fluke fishing. This presentation will cover what color of bucktails works best during bright sun or on cloudy days and what bucktails should be used at various depths of fishing. His presentation will also cover how the colors of bucktails change at various depths and what color works at best at big depths like the Ambrose channel. Stanley makes and sells his bucktails and he will have a huge variety for us to choose from at very reasonable prices. Anglers who like to use bucktails, and for those anglers who want to learn how to best use them, should not miss this meeting!

Member John Piazza will have some sinker molds for sale before the start of this meeting

Welcome Aboard!

These anglers had the foresight to join our club and they include:
Robin Ricca - Oakland, NJ
Warren Woogen - Wappingers Falls, NY
Nico Lecourieux - North Haledon, NJ
Rick Castelli - Paramus,

Thank you for joining and join us on our fishing trips!

Report on Club Charter Trip on the June 1st Misty Morn Rich Bunger Trip Captain

The weather was great for this trip and a lot of our club members went on it (38). Unfortunately, the fishing did not match the nice weather and it turned to be a slow trip with only five keeper fluke caught. **Warren Woogen**, a new member from Wappingers Falls, NY won both pools of this trip (1/3 of the pool for the first keeper fish caught, & 2/3 of the pool for the largest fluke. Warren won \$175 for catching the first fluke at 3 3/4 lbs. and it turned out to be biggest fish caught on the trip. (You joined at the right time Warren!) Member Don Lohse won the 50/50 and was \$24 richer at the end of the day. It was one of those days when you see a lot of boats around you and you also see no nets moving, meaning no fish coming over the rails. In spite of the slow fishing, we had a lot of fun and laughs and enjoyed a nice day out on the water.

Upcoming Fishing Trips 2014

Many of us are itching to go on the water and we have these fishing opportunities on the horizon. 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:

July 17th - (Thursday) Fluke trip on Suzie Girl in Belmar SWABC & independent agent trip. Trip Capt. Chuck Santoro 201-446-9047 Cell or 201-909-07550 office.

July 25th - (Friday) Fluke trip on Ocean Explorer in Belmar, Rich Bunger trip captain – (201) 825-8347. (richbunger@yahoo.com).



August 9th – (Saturday) **SWABC 3rd. Annual Fluke Tournament**



August 16th – (Saturday)– Club charter **bus trip** to Rhode Island to catch some **big fluke** that leaves from our Legion hall meeting place **Friday night on August 15th**. Mark Capalbo trip captain – (201) 313 - 6576 (markcapalbo@aol.com).



October 25th – (Saturday) John Piazza's striped bass trip on the Fins on Feathers.



Surf Fishing Trips & Dates Tom Tyls will be scheduling dates and can be reached at (201) 796 - 8522 or tatyls@aol.com

Katie James – Member Jim Zimmer to set up a number of charter trips for this boat – (201) 666-5423



Special Charter Rate for the Fins On Feathers – 20th Anniversary



Captain and club member Frank Tenore is celebrating his 20th anniversary with his Fins On Feathers Charter and he is offering special rates to members:

Contact Frank or Mary Tenore at (973) 763-2876 or email to Finsonfeathers@msn.com

John Toth – will be setting up charters on the **Fins on Feathers** and **Katie James** – (732) 656-0139

We are looking for Volunteers to be Trip Captains to plan & schedule Charter & Party boat trips for 2014.

Fishing Charter - July 17th on the Suzie Girl - Chuck Santoro Trip Captain

Member Chuck Santoro is running a charter for fluke on the Suzie Girl out of Belmar for fluke on July 17th that includes beer, soda and water for a cost of \$65 that includes a tip for the mate! The pool is an extra \$5. The Suzie Girl is a big boat and a comfortable boat to fish from with a captain (Jim Hull) that has many years of fishing experience. So, see Chuck at our June 17th meeting to give him your payment for this trip or call Chuck at (201) 446-9047 or at his office at (201) 909-0755 or boats62@aol.com.

Fishing Trip – Friday July 25th on the Ocean Explorer - Rich Bunger Trip Captain

Member Rich Bunger is organizing a trip on the Ocean Explorer, another good fishing boat out of Belmar, for fluke. The cost is \$65, Seniors \$60, Kids \$35. See Rich at our June 17th meeting to get on this trip or call him at (201) 825-8347 or email at richbunger@yahoo.com. The Ocean Explorer (Captain Bobby Quinn) has a good reputation and has been on the fishing scene for quite some time. So get out and fish! Before you know it, the fluke season will be over!

SWABC Fluke Tournament - August 9th

Our Fluke Tournament Director, Mark Caplabo has been doing an outstanding job in pulling this tournament together and we are all working to make this tournament a success. We have been promoting it at the fishing shows, putting ads in The Fisherman magazine, distributing applications at tackle shops, sending out press releases to newspapers and doing everything to get the word out that we have a fluke tournament in progress.

What we would like all of our members to do in promoting it is to take our fluke applications that will be available at our meetings and give these applications to your fishing friends who may be interested to be in our tournament. That is all we are asking at this time. If you need more information about the tournament or have suggestions to promote it, please get in touch with Mark Caplabo at (201) 313-6576. We have put a lot of energy in making this tournament a success and your help to make it one would be very much appreciated. Also, our website has information about the tournament and it can be accessed at www.swabc.org.

Fishing Management Issues - John Toth

Regionalization of Summer Flounder (Fluke) - I have been writing about this issue and in short, our state, NY and Conn. share the same quota for summer flounder when in the past, NJ had its own quota for summer flounder. Also, under regionalization, all three states have the same size (18 inches) and bag limits (5). With the lower size limit, more NY anglers are coming into NJ waters since we all have the same limits. In the past, NY anglers had a much higher size limit. Member Mark Capalbo reported that he has seen so many NY boats in our waters that he has never seen before. The danger here is that if we exceed our fluke quota, our fluke fishery may be shut before it ends in September! Consequently, JCAA's Legislative Chairman, Tom Fote, testified at a May 19th Senate Environment Committee to oppose regionalization so that it ends this year and NOT be approved for 2015. This Senate committee passed a resolution approving regionalization to end this year.

Seismic Blasting - Just about every organization (JCAA, NJOA, Clean Ocean Action) is against it, even the commercial anglers. The stated purpose of this blasting of sound waves is to track changes in sea levels over the **last 60 million years** to better understand climate change and historical changes in sea levels. It is being funded by the National Science Foundation. A number of universities have been given grants to be involved in this seismic testing, including Rutgers. The danger here is that these strong sound waves will kill or disrupt our fisheries including whales, squid and just about every fish that is exposed to it. There is strong public opposition to this blasting and its outcome is unclear at this point. The suspicion is that this testing is not being done for climate change, but to locate deposits of oil and gas off our shores.

Shark River Fish Kill

There was a lot of media coverage over this fish kill on May 12th with a lot of speculation over its cause. An article in the Asbury Park Press (May 29th) indicated that the Shark River is dying a slow death because its river needs dredging to save the waterway and preserve the quality of marine life there. Dredging was needed before Sandy, and Sandy made it worse. The cost to do it is \$5 million. Estimates by our state put the fish kill of menhaden at **1/2 million pounds!** If the river had been deeper, there would have been more water and oxygen in the river that would have avoided the killing of the fish. Even at low tide, boats pick up mud and are a hazard for boat props. A retired state official from our Marine Fisheries said that the river has so little water in it that it becomes a trap for large fish during low tide. Town officials said that they have been trying to get the state to dredge this body of water for 17 years, so may be with this fish kill that got so much media attention that something will finally be done about it now!

SWABC Fund Raising Raffle

Turn in all your raffle tickets. Drawing of the winning raffle tickets will be held at our club's **June 17, 2014 meeting** & the tickets will be pulled at 9:00 p.m.

Surf Fishing Trips & Dates

While the above are boat trips, we do have a contingent of members who like to fish at the surf and our club does not have organized surf trips at this time for our members. However, member Tom Tyls likes his surf fishing and he wants members to contact him to possibly set up some dates when they all can get together and fish as a group and have some fun together. Tom can be reached at (201) 796 - 8522 or tatyls@aol.com

Skin Cancer – Be Careful!














Our fishing season kicking into high gear and we will be on the water, especially during the hot summer months when the sun really beats down on us. That hot sun also raises the possibility of getting skin cancer and a number of anglers have had parts of the ears, nose and other areas of their skin removed. It is important to understand the types of rays that can harm us.

There are two types of Ultraviolet rays and they are UVB and UVA rays. The UVB rays penetrate the outer layer of skin causing damage to skin cells and it is the primary cause of skin cancer. The UVA rays can even pass through window glass and penetrate deep into the layers of skin contributing to premature aging of skin, wrinkles and of course cancer.

It is very important to have the right protection and sun blocks that have a SPF rating (sun protection factor) that you need to look out for. Applying a sunscreen with a SPF of 15 for example, means that it will take 15 times longer for your skin to burn. However, SPF measures protection from sunburn **caused** mainly by UVB rays, but it does not measure how well a sunscreen protects from UVA rays. Therefore, it is important to select a sunscreen that has a UVA/UVB protection.

So use a sunscreen that has a SPF of at least 15 or higher. Also, don't forget to apply a lip balm since your lips also receive these dangerous rays. In addition to using sun blocks, always wear a hat to give your head protection from the sun. Wear one that has a wide brim to give your ears and neck the needed protection. There are shirts for sale that are especially designed for anglers that have the pockets you want but they also offer the protection from the UVB and UVA rays. They can be purchased from various catalogues or at fishing stores. Sunglasses to protect your eyes from sun glare are also important and you can get the needed protection from sunglasses that cost \$15 to \$300+ in price. Berkely sells sunglasses that are very reasonably priced and provide you the right protection from these harmful rays. Enjoy your fishing, but protect yourself from harmful rays!

2014 BIG FISH OF THE YEAR DERDY

	SPECIES	MIN. WEIGHT	TOTAL WEIGHT	ANGLER
	BLACKFISH	4		
	BLUEFISH	12		
	COD FISH	10		
	FLOUNDER	1 1/2		
	FLUKE	4	5 lbs. 10oz	John Toth
	LING	2		
	POLLOCK	10		
	PORGY	1 1/2		
	SEA BASS	2		
	STRIPED BASS	12	23 lbs 6.4oz	Joe DeLucia
	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.
4. A club member can win more than one Big Fish contest prize.
5. Dues card number must be on the submitted application (Dues number can be obtained from our Membership Secretary)
6. 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.

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.

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**

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