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On Fishing



Bill Fish with his 4 lbs. pool winning fluke caught on the Paramount.

Congratulations Bill!

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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

Youth Outreach Trip - We had a **Great Day** on the MiJo with the youths from Ranch Hope! The weather was overcast with a little bit of drizzle to start. I was concerned that we would have a downpour and end up with a bunch of drenched kids! However, the rain held off and it was a cool but a pleasant day. **The kids did have fun with a recorded 105 fluke caught and 4 of them keepers, 6 sea robins, 6 skates, and 3 sharks (information recorded by Tom Tyls).**

In addition to Tom, club members on this trip included: Steve Totten, Walter Amos, Chuck Santoro, Tony Lill, Jim Piobino, Art Lein, Mike Modoski, Frank Rella, Harry Vogt, Harold Gusterson, Tom Orr and Ed O'Dowd who was determined to make this trip in spite of some health issues - **Glad to see you Ed!**

A special thanks goes to **Art Lein** who arranged this trip with the Ranch Hope staff and **Tom Tyls** for keeping track of our members coming on this trip. Jeff Dement and Toni Ann, from that American Littoral Society were both on hand to tag the fish that were caught and the kids loved to see this tagging and learn how we track fish to learn more about them and the environment they live in.

And what about the kids! They really enjoyed themselves and everybody came up with some fish. Trophies were given out for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners for catching the biggest fish, and a trophy for catching the most fish. The kids clutched their trophies like they were holding a million dollars and they went home with smiles on their faces. A great day and I know that we made anglers of some of them who will go on to fishing at some point in their lives, which is another goal of this trip. We also gave these youths a day of fun in their troubled lives and I am sure they will remember this trip for years to come! Ranch Hope staff gave our club a "**Good Guy Award**" for taking their kids on this fun fishing trip and also two cowboy hats that was given to me and Chuck Santoro. This award will be passed around at our July meeting **Thanks all members** for making this trip happen by supporting our club through raffle sales, Dark Horses, our Fluke Tournament and 50/50 ticket sales!



June 16th Meeting Recap

We had Mr. Carl Benson as our guest speaker to talk about cutting down on the mortality of fluke by using bigger hook sizes and how to handle fluke when they are caught. Ray Sebecke cooked some good hot dogs for us and member Nico Lecourieux surprised us by making chicken with a teriyaki flavor and also accompanied by delicious rice! Maybe you will give us your recipe Nico for both of these dishes! Thank you Ray and Nico for keeping us well fed!

Speaker for our July 21st Meeting

Captain David Huebner

Captain Huebner will give a presentation about some great fishing for salmon and trout in Lake Ontario. We usually bring in speakers from the metropolitan area that covers fishing in our neck of the woods. It is good to reach out and see what fishing opportunities are available at other locations. Captain Dave will certainly tell us about what the fishing is like in Lake Ontario and possibly interest a number of our club members to take a trip up there and have some fun fishing for salmon and other species.

June 20th - Kid's Fishing Derby at Saddle River County Park

Chuck Santoro reported that rainy weather and dark clouds kept a lot of kids away. Our club gave trophies away to the kids catching the biggest fish and the winners were:

1st place - Dean Peluso - Fair Lawn

2nd place - Mark Dziuba - Clifton

3rd place - Cooper Bunger - Ramsey

High Hook won by Kyle Lordi - Waldwick

The bass were about 9 inches and the Sunny's big as Chuck's hand. The kids had a very big surprise when a 2 1/2 foot snapping turtle showed up to snatch some free food from the fishing lines!

Welcome Aboard!

Four new members signed up at our June 16th meeting and they are:

Tom Bornemann - Maywood, NJ

Steven Schlechter - Paramus

Davis Tangen - Maywood, NJ

Ishmael Lopez - Fair Lawn, NJ

Raffle Winners

Here are the winners of our annual raffle. The tickets were drawn on the night of our June 16th club meeting.

1. **Charter Trip on the Reel Fun Sport Fishing - \$600 value - Debra Reid of Elmwood Park, NJ**
2. **Canyon Reel HS 16 and Shimano Terez Rod - \$550 value- Stephen Fitzpatrick of Tappan, NY**
3. **Canyon Reel HS 15 and Shimano Terez Rod - \$450 value - Thomas Kazimir of Maywood, NJ**
4. **32 inch LCD High Definition TV - \$300 value - Yolanda Velez of Jersey City, NJ**
5. **Fishing Trip – 2 Tickets for the Party Boat “Fisherman”- \$150 value - Frank Peracchio, of Garfield, NJ**
6. **Gift Certificate – Dick’s Sporting Goods - \$75 value - Arthur Weber of Toms River, NJ**
7. **Gift Certificate – Dick’s Sporting Goods - \$75 value - Fred Ostry of Springfield, NJ**

Thank you to all members who sold our raffle tickets and even non-members such as Jerry Decresenzo, Kathy Maier, Kristen Capalbo and Rick Reitano who sell a lot of tickets from their business establishments!

Schedules on Upcoming Fishing Trips & Events

July 16th - Fluke Charter on the MiJo – (Thursday), Atlantic Highlands with Chuck Santoro as the Trip Captain. The cost is \$65 and it includes: pool, water, beer and tips for mates. The MiJo has a kitchen and makes delicious egg sandwiches, burgers and coffee is available. See Chuck at our **July meeting** to sign up, call him at (201) 788-2460 or email him at Boats62@aol.com.

4th Annual SWABC Fluke Tournament Saturday, August 8th

Our club's Fluke Tournament is scheduled for August 8, 2015 (Saturday) with a rain date of August 9th. Like last year, we will have three weigh-in ports (Twin Lights Marina in the Highlands, Fisherman's Den in Belmar, and Clark's landing in Point Pleasant). Our new fluke tournament banners have been posted at the three ports and tournament applications are available at each of them. The new entry fee is **\$100 per boat** (up to 6 anglers). The **combined weight of three fish** will be used to determine the winners of this tournament. There will be three categories of prizes, 1st, 2nd and 3rd with a **maximum of \$6,000 in cash payouts and Calcuttas** will also be offered. For those members who would like to help Fluke Tournament Director, Mark Capalbo, with this tournament, see him at our meetings. If you have any questions about this tournament or would like to enter it, please call Mark at **(201) 313-6576**. Also, if you know of anglers who go into tournaments, please direct them to enter our tournament by contacting Mark. He would certainly appreciate your help in making our tournament a very successful one! Thank You!

August 15th - SWABC Bus Charter Fluke Trip to Rhode Island –

Both Mark Capalbo and Bill Fish are organizing a **bus charter trip to Rhode Island** to catch some nice big fluke. Mark has gone to Rhode Island a number of times for fluke and he is very excited about doing this again and introducing our members to some good fluke fishing. The bus for it has been reserved and the details follow:

The date is August 15th, and the bus leaves at 2:30 a.m. from the American Legion Post # 170 in Rochelle Park (where our club meets every month). We expect to be fishing on one of the Frances Fleet boats (Admiral Frances) around 8:00 a.m. and return to the dock around 3:00 p.m. Then we will board our bus for our return trip and arrive at the Legion around 8:00 p.m. or so. The cost is **\$150** that is **all inclusive** and includes the **cost for the bus, tip for the bus driver and tips for the mates on the boat**. Any leftover money will go toward a pool. **Only 40 anglers** will be signed up for this trip so that we have ample room on the bus and boat. Signups will be on a first come-first serve basis. If paying by check, please make your check out to Mark Capalbo. As of the writing of this newsletter, there are only ten spaces left, so call Mark ASAP at (201) 313 - 6576. See more about the Frances Fleet at: www.francesfleet.com.

Fishing Management Issues - By John Toth

Seismic Testing

As I reported in our June newsletter, our state is opposed to seismic testing and DEP's Commissioner, Bob Martin, has come out strongly opposed to it. To stop this testing that is going on while this newsletter is being written, our state is being represented by the prestigious law firm of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer (at no charge, Pro-Bono) in an attempt to stop it **immediately** through the court as a **Public Nuisance** charge. I (representing the NJOA and the JCAA) and other groups like Garden State Seafood have been on conference calls with this law firm, and this firm wants to bring an injunction in court that seismic testing is causing "**Irreparable Damage!**" However, it could not do so since there is no hard evidence that this testing is resulting in **immediate damage** to our fisheries such as thousands of floating dead fish, whales, sharks etc. Studies that show detrimental effects of this testing can be entered into the court, but these studies can also be refuted by the same group that is behind this testing. Damage to our fisheries, especially scallops, can take months to occur and long after the testing has been done. As I see it now, the outcome through the court based on a Public Nuisance case will not be strong enough to stop the testing. "Irreparable Damage" makes a much stronger case. Whatever the court decides, I thanked the two representatives in this law firm that have put in a lot of time and effort to bring a case together against seismic testing in a very short timeframe and in a very professional manner.

Chris Zeman - Not Reappointed

Our club member and former member of the Mid-Atlantic marine Fisheries Council (MAMFC) was not reappointed to this council. Chris really represented the interests of recreational anglers for a number of years on this council and we have, unfortunately, lost a good voice on this important council. Being on this council takes time and effort to read through all the regulations that this council reviews and being on top of all the issues that we face. All of us owe Chris a **Big Thank You** for representing us well on the MAMFC! Adam Nowalsky (NJ RFA Chapter) will fill the seat vacated by Chris.

Weird but True!

A Swedish fisherman caught a 7 foot 224 lb., halibut off the coast of Norway that took him one hour to bring it up to his boat. However, the halibut was so big that it would not fit into his boat. So, in order to commemorate his catch, **he jumped into the freezing water** to pose alongside it so that his friend could take a picture of it and that he could prove to his friends the he caught the Big One! After picture taking, the halibut was released "to fight another day." (NY Post June 4, 2015).

Blackfish Record Broken

On May 6th, the NJ State Division of Fish and Wildlife officially awarded Frank LaMorte of Mount Laurel his 25 pounds, 5 ounces as the new state record for blackfish. He caught it on a Star rod and a Shimano reel with 65 lb. braided line. A crab served as the bait. The previous record was 25 lbs., so the extra 5 ounces tipped the scales for a new state record for Frank LaMorte (Asbury Park Press, May 8, 2015).

Revisions to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act

A new bill (Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act) to update the original Magnuson-Stevens Act is stirring a lot of controversy in the fishing community. On one hand, proponents of this bill like it because it would provide more flexibility in rebuilding schedules for fishery stocks. Opponents charge that this bill will undo all of the gains of the original Magnuson-Stevens Act and point to the fact that more than 35 species have been restored to health as a result of this legislation. The updated version of the Magnuson Act came out of the House Natural Resource Committee and will soon go to the full House for a vote. This bill will face many obstacles in the House and no companion bill yet exists in the Senate. This debate is far from over and we certainly will be hearing about issue for quite some time to come! Things move slowly when it comes to fishing management issues.












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2015 BIG FISH OF THE YEAR DERBY

FISH	SPECIES	MIN. WEIGHT	ENTRY WEIGHT	ANGLER
	BLACKFISH	4		
	BLUEFISH	12	18 lbs.	Chuck Santoro
	COD FISH	10		
	FLOUNDER	1lb.8oz.		
	FLUKE	4	6.5 lbs.	Matt Christensen
	LING	2		
	POLLOCK	10		
	PORGY	1lb.8oz.		
	SEA BASS	2	2.46 lbs	Tom Tyls
	STRIPED BASS	12	40 lbs.	Ishmael Lopez
	WEAKFISH	2		

2015 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 Janaury15th 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.

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