



# Bulletin

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**Bob Cameron with a blackfish all of us would like to catch!  
12 lbs. 4 oz. - Congratulations Bob!**

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*Good fishing, good friends.*

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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 Column

Our club had a booth at the Garden State Outdoor Sports Show (Raritan Expo) and this show ran for four days (January 7th -10th). I want to thank the members who staffed our booth to sell tickets and to promote our club and they include: Steve Totten and John Piazza who helped me set our booth and also worked the morning shifts on both Saturday and Sunday, Mike Cargill, Craig Zincavage, Jim Catanzaro, Jack O'Hara, Don Lohse, Barry Paull, Lou Castellano, Chuck Santoro, Harry Vogt, Harold Gusterson, and Jim Piobino, Mike Peluso, and Dave Nicholson who helped me take our booth down. Both Steve Totten and John Piazza are "stars" at selling tickets and work so well as a team while doing it. I did not witness this new selling technique, but I am told that Barry Paull tied a dollar bill on a fishing line at the show and casted it out in the aisle where people were walking. Of course, they followed the dollar bill to our booth and bought our raffle tickets! Is that creative or what! My thanks again to our guys who worked at this show!

I am a Trustee and Acting Conservation-Foundation President of the New Jersey Outdoor Alliance (NJOA). I have been active in this organization since its founding when anglers and hunters banded together to oust two legislators (Senator Karcher and Assemblyman Panter) who wanted to stack the Division of Fish & Wildlife with a bunch of animal right activists who would kill angling and hunting as we know it. I set the agenda and preside over the monthly meetings of this organization. The NJOA among many of its accomplishments got Hooked on Fishing Not On Drugs (HOFNOD) passed and Traps Off The Reef Regulations passed in November 2015. The NJOA is holding a fundraiser; a Wild Game Dinner at the Black Forest Inn, 249 Highway 206, in Stanhope, NJ. Starting at 4:00 p.m. Three generations of world renowned Aichem family chefs will be preparing this feast. The price is \$100 and it includes: appetizers and a dinner menu of: venison, wild boar, pheasant, turkey, freshly caught fish, more entrees that are not listed here and coffee/tea. I fully support the NJOA and I hope you do too. Tricky Tray and 50/50 will also be available. Perhaps we can get a table(s) reserved for us to sit together. One of our members, Rich DeMelo told me that he is familiar with this restaurant and the price is a good deal for what you get. For payment and Information, please call our club member Arnie Ulrich at (201) 304-4691 or email Kaveester@aol.com. More info at: [www.njoutdooralliance.org](http://www.njoutdooralliance.org)

## January Meeting Recap

Our speaker was Chris Lido and he did a power point presentation on ice fishing. Chris is an avid fisherman and he likes to fish as much as possible, and ice fishing fits the bill when the winter makes it tough to fish saltwater. While most of us are not into this type of fishing, it is still interesting and fun to see and hear Chris talk about it. He is such a dynamic speaker and has such a positive attitude while doing it. Who knows, some of us may get into ice fishing after hearing Chris talk about it!

### **Speakers for our February 16th 2016 Meeting - Jeff Brust and Michael Celestino from the NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife**

Both Jeff and Michael will give a power point presentation on the importance of NJ's angler survey. This survey can be very helpful in giving Fish & Wildlife the data it needs to better manage our state's fisheries. Our cooperation in providing our fishery managers with the fishing data it needs helps all of us to better enjoy saltwater fishing. Poor data has been an ongoing problem with fishing management and that is one of the reasons why we receive quotas that none of us believe are accurate and also hurts our fishing industry. Both Jeff and Michael will tell us why we need to participate in this survey that has a direct impact on what we can fish for

### **Saltwater Anglers of Bergen County Flea Market - March 5, 2016**

Our Flea market is the only one held in northern NJ and it will be at our club's meeting location (American Legion Post # 170- 33 West Passaic Street, Rochelle Park, NJ) on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. This Flea Market will start at 10:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. Entry fee is \$3 for adults and children 12 years and younger are free. Refreshments will be available. Tables will cost \$30 for an 8 foot table, and \$25 for a 6 foot one. Items on sale will only be fishing and outdoors- related. Our members will be asked to assist with a few tasks. More updates will be announced at our monthly meetings. Additional information about this Flea Market can be had by calling member Bill Fish at (201) 566-1510.



**Past President's Dinner - March 15, 2016 -  
Mountainside Inn**

**Extending Purchase of Dinner Tickets  
at \$25**

We had a very good time at this dinner in March of last year with a nice crowd and food served Family style with roast beef, chicken, salad, pasta, potatoes and dessert **all for \$25**. The price for this year's Past President's Dinner **remains the same at \$25**, in spite of inflation! Can't beat the price for what you get! We will have a variety of speakers to briefly touch on a few fishing-related topics, a huge Dark Horse, door prizes, and trophies to be presented to the winners of the Big Fish Contest! Tickets will be on sale for the dinner at **\$25 until our February 16th, 2016 club meeting**. Originally, the cut - off date for buying tickets at the \$25 cost was our **January 19th meeting**. However, we heard reports that many members were on vacation and for a variety of reasons could not attend the January 19th meeting. Accordingly, the date to purchase dinner tickets has been extended to our **February 16th meeting**. After this meeting, the price for the dinner will go to **\$30**. We are making this change in the hope that members will buy their dinner tickets at an earlier date. By doing this, we can have a better head count of how many members are coming to dinner and also reduce confusion at the dinner over tickets.

**April 19th Meeting - Captain Art Lein to give a  
Presentation on Thundermist Lures**

Captain Art Lein (Katie James Sportfishing Charters) will give a presentation on how to use Thundermist lures that are very effective in catching fluke. He will explain how to use them under a variety of conditions.

**2016 Membership Dues are Due**

Club membership dues are now payable and the **regular** cost of dues for members is **\$35**. For an individual joining our club for the **first time** it is **\$40**. For **each year thereafter, it is \$35**. The cost for a family membership is **\$40**. Please see Membership Chairman, Jack O'Hara or Assistant Chairman, 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 or just SWABC. Thank You!

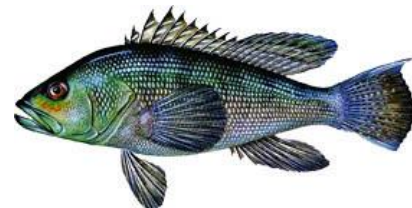
**Welcome Aboard!**

We have new a new member, **Craig Savino**, from Garfield who joined us. His daughter, Dandenia, bought him a membership in our club as a Christmas present! Craig you have such a thoughtful daughter who has steered you in the right direction to our fishing club instead of buying you something that you don't need or use!

At our Raritan show, **Bob Gabrian** signed up to be a member of our club and we certainly welcome Bob and stat making plans to fish with us!

**2015  
BIG FISH OF THE YEAR  
DERBY WINNERS**

<i>SPECIES</i>	<i>MIN. WEIGHT</i>	<i>ENTRY WEIGHT</i>	<i>ANGLER</i>
<b>BLACKFISH</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12 lbs. 4 oz.</b>	<b>Bob Cameron</b>
<b>BLUEFISH</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18 lbs.</b>	<b>Chuck Santoro</b>
<b>COD FISH</b>	<b>10</b>		
<b>FLOUNDER</b>	<b>1 lb. 8oz.</b>	<b>2 lb. 8 oz.</b>	<b>Bill Fish</b>
<b>FLUKE</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12 lbs. 4 oz.</b>	<b>Rich DeMelo</b>
<b>LING</b>	<b>2</b>		
<b>POLLOCK</b>	<b>10</b>		
<b>PORGY</b>	<b>1lb. 8oz.</b>	<b>3 lb. 2 oz.</b>	<b>Tom Siciliano</b>
<b>SEA BASS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4 lbs. 8 oz.</b>	<b>John Toth</b>
<b>STRIPED BASS</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>46 lbs.</b>	<b>Rich Reitano</b>
<b>WEAKFISH</b>	<b>2</b>		



## 2016 Calendar of Events

With the two shows coming up (Boat & Somerset that our club has a booth at both of them) and other club events going on, it is easy to become confused and the following gives a quick snapshot of our 2016 activities. It is **preliminary** since fishing trips are in the planning stages and have to added at a later time.

February 16th club meeting - Jeff Brust & Mike Celestino, DEP speakers  
February 18th - 21st - NJ Boat & Sale Expo - NJ Convention Center (Raritan)  
March 5th - Our Club Flea Market at the American Legion Post # 170  
March 13th - NJOA Fundraising Dinner at the Black Forest Inn in Stanhope  
March 15th - Past President's Dinner - Mountainside Inn - Clifton, NJ  
March 18- 20 - Saltwater Fishing Expo - Somerset, NJ  
April 19th club meeting - Captain Art Lein speaker  
June 13th - Club Charter Fish Trip for Ranch Hope Youths on the MiJo  
August 13th - 5th Annual Club Fluke Tournament  
August 20th - Club Charter Bus Trip to Rhode Island for Fluke

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### February 18th - February 21st - 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. (As of the writing of this bulletin, the NJ Assembly sent legislation to Governor Christie that **cuts the sales tax in half** on all non-commercial boats purchased in New Jersey and **caps** the sales tax on all luxury yachts. Our Governor is expected to sign this legislation to help our boating industry). 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.** John Toth will need a helper(s) with him to set up for this show around **10:00 a.m.** on Thursday, February 18th

#### New Jersey Boat Show – February 18 – 21st

<b>Thursday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Noon to 4:00 p.m. – Mike Cargill, Steve Totten &amp; John Toth</b> <b>4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Noon to 4:00 p.m. – John Toth</b> <b>4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Jim Catanzaro</b>
<b>Saturday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Noon to 4:00 p.m. - John Piazza, Steve Totten</b> <b>4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Craig Zincavage</b>
<b>Sunday, Feb. 21st</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - John Piazza, Steve Totten</b> <b>1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. – John Toth</b>

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).

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### March 18th -20th - The Saltwater Fishing Expo

(NJ Convention Center Somerset, NJ)

<b>Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Noon to 4:00 p.m. – Mike Cargill, Bob Cameron &amp; John Toth</b> <b>4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Jim Catanzaro</b>
<b>Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - John Piazza, Steve Totten</b> <b>4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Bill Fish, Gali Fish &amp; Barry Paull</b>
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### Fishing Management Issues - By John Toth

**Fluke** - so far I keep hearing that the regulations we had last year will be the same for this year. More definitive info on fluke regulations will come out later in February or early March. I will keep you all posted on it. At a recent public hearing with the Atlantic States marine Fisheries that was held to receive input from anglers on what they would like to see changes in fluke regulations, Paul Haertel, ( past president of the Jersey Coast Anglers Association) expressed comments that most in attendance agreed with. They include New Jersey having the same regulations as NY and Connecticut since we already are in the same region with them. But for fluke quota purposes, NJ should be in its own region and not combined with the other two states. We would most likely end up with a bigger quota for fluke under this new scenario. Also, the southern region of our state should have a 17 inch size fluke to be more competitive with Delaware that has a 16 inch size limit for fluke. This should help NJ's party/charter industry that is suffering losses with anglers going to Delaware for their lower size limit. These are only comments and we have to see if they are included in future fluke regulations to come.

**Sea Bass** - The regulations on this fishery has been nothing but draconian! Each year, our quota is reduced because we are overfishing it. The quota set for us is too low each year so the outcome is predictable. Ironically, fishing managers say that they no idea how many sea bass are in the ocean, but they have to error on the side of caution and set our quotas low. Anglers are fed up with this picture and want to make a statement that they are tired of it. Stay tuned on this one!

**Access** - The Hackensack Riverkeeper and the NY/NJ Baykeeper sued the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) over the DEP's handling of beach and waterway access. An Appellate Court in December 2015 ruled that the DEP cannot regulate access since there is no legislation on the books granting it that authority. In this void of authority, municipalities could make rules making beach access for anglers more difficult. Who does the Army Corps of Engineers report to in regard to beach replenishment? Alarmed, our legislators quickly passed legislation (1/12/16) giving the DEP this authority and with our governor's approval on 1/19/16. I have never seen our legislators pass anything so quickly! If only they could work together like this on other problems our state is facing like taxes etc.!

Both the Riverkeeper and the Baykeeper want the DEP to regulate access, but under better regulations under a bill (S-919) sponsored by Senator Smith. On January 25th, I attended Senator Smith's hearing on this issue in Trenton and he asked a number of groups to get together and work on what they want in his bill for the DEP to follow in regulating beach and waterway access. I will be working with this group to improve access and I will keep you updated on its progress.

### 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 - Reel Fun Sport Fishing LLC - \$600 value**
2. **Canyon Reel HS 16 and Shimano - Rod - \$500 value**
3. **Canyon Reel HS 15 and Shimano - 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 - \$100 value**
7. **Gift Certificate – Dick’s Sporting Goods - \$100 value**

The drawing of the winning raffle tickets will be held on the night of our club’s **May 17, 2016 meeting** and the tickets will be pulled at 9:00 p.m.

We want to thank **Captain John Koliass** of **Reel Fun Sport Fishing** for his continued support of our club's activities! More information on his charters can be found at: [www.reelfunsportfishing.com](http://www.reelfunsportfishing.com) Thanks also goes to **Don Par** for selling two Canyon reels for our raffle at discounted prices – [www.canyonreels.com](http://www.canyonreels.com)., and also Jigging World for selling rods to us at discounted prices - [www.JiggingWorld.com](http://www.JiggingWorld.com).

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

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