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Photos of award recipients at our past presidents dinner to Jeff Rypkermx, Bob Cameron, Butch & Pat Pawson, Walter Amos, Ray Pharao, Capt. Frank Tenore & Chuck Santoro who was so surprised to be this years win of the big Striped Bass award he was beside him self.



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Events & Stories

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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 Corner

What a Past President's Dinner! We had a lot of good Dark Horse prizes, good speakers including Director David Chanda, Director of NJ's Fish & Wildlife, who manages our state's fisheries and lots of good food! Additionally, we even finished before 9:30 p.m., allowing us to have a good time and even leave early!

This dinner did not happen by magic, but by a lot of work by dedicated members and **Big Thank You's** are in order! Jim Zimmer spent a lot of his time shopping around to get good prizes for the Dark Horse. He was at the Mountainside Inn at 3:00 p.m. organizing the prizes so that they were in proper order and identified. Harold Gusterson handled the tickets for our dinner and that is quite some job with recording all of the information and through numerous telephone calls reserving tickets. Rich Bunger fabricated and set up club banner for the dinner and several guests told John Toth, our Master of Ceremonies, how nice the banner looked. Members Tom Tyls and his brother Chuck and Jeff Rypkema whisked prizes to the Dark Horse winners. Harry Vogt, Steve Totten, and Dan Eberle sold Dark Horse and 50/50 tickets and Jim Galanaugh Jr. sold tickets also and paid our dinner bill with Mountainside management. John DeBona, Advertising manager of The Fisherman, not only brought gifts for our Dark Horse but also called out the winning Dark Horse tickets. Dennis Nieradka and Mike Rochonski helped out where needed. Lastly, I want to thank all of you for supporting our Past President's Dinner since without your support it would not have happened.

On another subject, club membership dues must be paid by April 2012 according to our club's by-laws. If you have not already paid your dues, please pay them at our April 17th meeting to Membership Chairman, Al Saggau. You can also mail your check to: American Legion Hall Post # 170, 33 West Passaic Street, Rochelle Park, N.J. 07622.

Also as a reminder, please try to sell our club's raffle tickets. I would like to have each member sell one raffle book (\$10) to help offset the costs of running our club. You may not be the personality type to sell raffle tickets, but at least buy one book for \$10. We will have the drawing for the raffle prizes at our June 19th meeting and that date is coming up fast! So if you have not already done so, see member Rich Bunger at our April 17th meeting to pick your raffle tickets or call him at (201) 825-8347 to order them.

Thank You for your support!



April 17th Meeting - Captain John Kolia's Reel Fun Fishing

To get our members prepared for the upcoming fluke season, we will have Captain John Kolia's from Reel Fun Fishing as our guest speaker to give a seminar about how to catch more fluke by **bucktail** for them. We are all familiar with dragging fluke rigs, but bucktailing for them seems to put more fluke in the cooler. Captain Kolia's will cover the various type of rigs he uses for this purpose and how best to use them to maximize your catch. This is the type of seminar you often pay to hear from professional captains, but this is a benefit that you have as a member of our club. Don't miss this meeting!

May 15th Meeting, Speaker – Captain Frank Tenore

Captain Frank Tenore excels at fishing for stripers and he will give us a power point presentation on the fine points of catching stripers that are close to coming into our waters in full force.

June 19th Meeting, Speaker – Captain Allen Gonzalez

Captain Gonzalez loves his fluke fishing and he will talk about his tricks to get the big ones in our coolers.

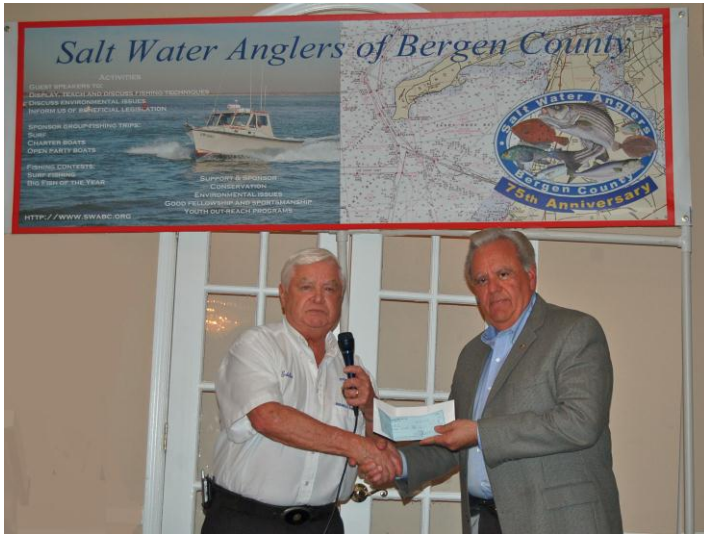
Somerset Show Report by John Toth

This show is a really good fishing show since it has so much saltwater vendors with all types of gear for sale. Our club had booth # 739 and it really looked good with the nice club banner that Rich Bunger fabricated to better identify our booth. In the past, people walking by our booth squinted their eyes to see who we are, but not anymore because of our big banner. I want to thank club members who worked at our booth for three days and they included: Bob Cameron, Steve Totten, Rich Bunger, Dave Slater, Harold Gusterson, Harry Vogt, Mark Capalbo, Dennis Nieradka, Jim Galanaugh Jr. John Piazza and his two grandsons William and Charles Rupprecht. Our purpose at the show was to not only sell our club's raffle tickets, but to reach out to anglers who live near our club and may be interested in joining it. This show is always interesting and if you missed it this year, it will be around in March 2013.

Thank You American Legion Post # 170!

Post Commander Ed O' Dowd presented our club with a check for \$500 at our past President's Dinner to be applied to our June 11th fluke charter trip for disadvantaged youths on the MiJo. We have held our club meetings at this American Legion Post for over forty years and we have always had a good relationship with its members. A number of club members also belong to the Legion.

Thank You Post # 170 for your continued generosity and support of our club! by Ed VanderStad



Caught catching out of season sea bass

Party Boat Jamaica out of Brielle was caught catching out of season sea bass – they had **819** of them! Two undercover conservation officers from the state DEP were undercover on the boat working on a tip that the captain was catching illegal fish. The undercover officers issued 53 summonses to 38 anglers keeping the bass and police were also at the dock waiting for the Jamaica to come to port. Many anglers seeing the police at the dock waiting for them **ran off the boat leaving all of their gear, tackle boxes and coolers filled with fish on the boat.** (I actually heard this testimony from a police officer at the hearing on determining fluke regulations). Captain Howard Bogan testified that the reefs he anchored on had loads of sea bass and that he told his anglers that they could not keep the fish. Captain Howard Bogan may receive hefty fines that are still being calculated.

New Sea Bass Regulations

There were two options for the NJ Marine Fisheries Council to consider and they are:

12.5 inches – 25 fish – May 19 – Oct. 14 & Nov. 1- Dec. 31



Past President Dinner Prizes

Thank You!

We had great Dark Horse prizes at our dinner and the following prizes valued over \$2000.00 were provided by the following people and also by tackle shops. They certainly deserve our recognition and gratitude!

Canyon Reel HS 15- donated by Don Parr, Canyon Reels Distributor

Penn spinning reel – donated by Tom Blecker of Penn Tackle

2 free passes on The Prowler – donated by Scott Hilliard from the Prowler

5 buckets of Gulp – donated by Route 46 Tackle – Jim Kim

Shakespeare rod & reel combo – donated by Katie James Sportfishing – Captain Art Lein

Tsunami spin combo – donated by Ryan Bunn from Ramsey Outdoors

Tiger stick & reel combo – donated by Charles Santoro, President

Candle dish – donated by Marlene Piasecki

Food chopper – donated by Marlene Piasecki

Book “Do fish sleep”- donated

Tea assortment gift set – donated by Marlene Piasecki

Fins on Feathers free fishing trip – Captain Frank Tenore

2 Spoons & 1 Umbrella rig – Fins on Feathers - Captain Frank Tenore

Box of assorted gear – donated by Katie James Sportfishing – Captain Art Lein

48 quart Coleman cooler – John Toth

Tackle box with assorted gear – Pat & Butch Pawson

Minnow trap with assorted gear – Pat & Butch Pawson

Cooler with assorted tackle – Jim Zimmer















Basket of lady shower products – Jim Zimmer

Assorted jigs and hand-tied flies – Captain Art Hilliard & Robby – The Eagle

2 baskets of assorted fishing gear – John DeBona – Advertising Manager The Fisherman

Upcoming Events and Fish Trips for 2012.

Member Mark Capalbo announced at our February meeting that he has chartered **The Eagle** for an August 18th fluke trip. He also talked about our club possibly running a Fluke Tournament on August 11th. This tournament is in a discussion stage. More charter trips are being planned.

- May 19th – Striped Bass Trip – Fins On Feathers - John Piazza – (201) 843-1941 
- May 23rd - Fluke Trip on Reel Fun Fishing – Jim Zimmer – (201) 666-5423 
- May 26th – Fluke Trip – Katie James – Jim Zimmer – (201) 666-5423 
- June 5th – Fluke Trip – Reel Fun Fishing – Jim Zimmer – (201) 666-5423 
- June 7th – Fluke Walk on Trip on The Prowler – Jim Zimmer (201) 666-5423 
- June 11th – Fluke Charter Trip for Disadvantaged kids on the MiJo** 
- June 24th – Fluke Trip – Katie James – Jim Zimmer (201) 666-5423 
- July 7th – Fluke Trip – Katie James – Jim Zimmer (201) 666-5423 
- July 14th – Sandy Hook Bay Anglers Fluke Tournament – Jim Zimmer 
- July 17th – Fluke Trip – Reel Class Fishing – Jim Zimmer (201) 666-5423 
- August 18th – Fluke Trip - The Eagle - Mark Capalbo – (201) 313-6576 
- September 9th – Bocce Tournament – Glen Rock
- October 27 – Blackfish Trip – Fins On Feathers – John Piazza – (201) 843-1941 
- November 3rd – Striped Bass Trip – MiJo – Andy Dixon – (201) 843-8115 
- November 24th – Blackfish Trip – Fins On Feathers – John Piazza – (201) 843-1941 

Fishing Management Issues by John Toth

Report on NJ Assembly Meeting on Pots Off the Reef Bill- Recreational anglers have been trying to get the Pots Off The Reef Bill passed for about six years. We have signed petitions, post cards, telephone calls to legislators and letters to no avail in getting the bill passed because it has always been stopped by an Assembly Speaker with ties to the commercial industry (Garden State Seafood) from Cape May. Current Assembly Speaker Albano from the 1st District has refused to post this bill for a vote even though it had **54** members of the Assembly last year who signed on to co-sponsor it (including Assemblywoman Connie Wagner who came to one of our meetings)

The JCAA, NJ Outdoor Alliance and Reef Rescue (represented at our dinner) got word that Speaker Albano was going to have a hearing on this bill (A-2645) on March 8th at his Agricultural and Natural Resources Committee in Trenton. What was different this time is that this bill represented a **compromise solution** in that the commercial anglers would have sections of the reefs restricted for their use. The President of the Jersey Coast Anglers Association, Joe Punteacca was ill so in his absence and as a JCAA Board member, I read a prepared two- page statement to the committee explaining our problems with this bill (restricted sections were wrong, Federal funding in jeopardy, enforce, No reference 13 reefs in Federal waters of NJ's shores).

After additional testimony, voting **FOR** this bill was **Garden State Seafood** and the **RECREATIONAL FISHING ALLIANCE (RFA)**! The RFA can be reached at (888) 564-6732.

Voting **AGAINST** this bill was the **JCAA** (my testimony) along with **Marvin Aleski** from the **Hudson River Fisherman's Association** along with other clubs and organizations.

Assemblyman Albano knew he had the votes to pass this flawed bill out of his committee or else he would not have had it heard. Assemblyman Albano wanted to post this flawed bill quickly in the Assembly so it could pass, but it was pulled from the agenda since the issue of Federal funding was not confirmed. The Senate recently passed the Senate version of the bill (S-1177) that calls for complete removal of commercial gear from the reefs. What happens now? DEP Commissioner Martin is supposed to come out with a new version of this bill and the contents of it have not been disclosed. I will keep you informed.

SWABC Items for 75th anniversary

Club member Richie Bungler has been leading the effort (with the help of other members) to develop new items that identify us as members of the Saltwater Anglers of Bergen County. At our meeting, Richie will show these items that are available and he will take orders from members on what you want to purchase. Also, if you have any new ideas for new fund risers for our club, including special fishing trips, Please talk to our president or any of our board members. The items follow are available:

SWABC Sweat Shirt - \$20 each

Large & Extra Large Tee Shirts - \$10 each

2 Extra Large & 3 Extra large Tee Shirts - \$15 each

(For an extra \$5.00 you can order these shirts with a large club logo on the back, and you can have your name, the even, type of fish you caught, size and date!)

Sample Back Logo

SWABC Hats - \$10

SWABC Bait pail & lid - \$3

Hand Towels with clip - \$3

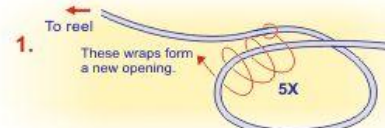
Bumper Stickers \$1

Window Stickers 50 cents.

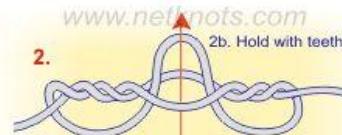
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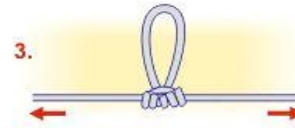
This knot forms a loop anywhere on a line. Hooks or other tackle can then be attached to the loop.



1. Form a loop in the line at the desired location. Pull line from one side of loop down and pass it through and around that side of loop. Make 5+ wraps around the loop, keeping a thumb or forefinger in the new opening which is formed.



2a. Feed bottom of loop through new opening.
2. Push bottom of original loop up through new opening and hold with teeth. Wet knot with saliva and pull both ends in opposite directions.



3. Pull ends of line firmly until coils tighten and loop stands out from line.

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Salt-water Registration, WHO NEEDS TO REGISTER?

Individual saltwater anglers ages 16 and older **MUST** register if ANY of the following criteria are met:

- Recreationally fish with a hand line or rod and line, spearfish or fish by hand
- Recreationally fish in the marine and fresh tidal waters of the State of New Jersey
- Recreationally fish in marine waters outside the State of New Jersey but land the catch in New Jersey

NOTE: Anglers with a valid registration with the National Saltwater Angler Registry or have a valid license from another exempted state are required to register (for free) with the NJ Saltwater Recreational Registry Program. Registration with NJ will exempt you from having to register with the National Saltwater Angler Registry.

Don't forget to register for this year saltwater register at (<http://www.nj.gov/dep/saltwaterregistry/>) It's free !

Fish vs. Water Temperature

Blackfish-- -48-52	Mackerel- -46-48	Cod-----42-45	Sea Bass---48-60	Flounder-- -48-52	Whiting-----42-45
Fluke-----55-70	Blues-----55-72	Ling-----45-47	Weaks-----56-68		

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 \$30.00 for a one-year membership, into New Jersey's #1
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