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April 14th – JCAA Dinner at the Crystal Point Yacht Club in Point Pleasant. **April 14th** – JCAA Dinner at the Crystal Point Yacht Club in Point Pleasant.

April 16th – Captain John Koliias (Reel Fun Fishing) to give a demonstration on buck tailing for fluke. Buck tailing for fluke is a specialty of Captain John

May 21st – Tom Blecker, Manager of reel repair for the Penn Tackle company will give a power point presentation on the care of reels and the repair facilities of Penn Tackle.

May 31st – Club charter trip on the MiJo – Rich Bunger trip captain

June 10th – SWABC sponsored trip for disadvantaged youths on the MiJo.

June 28th – Charter trip for fluke on MiJo – Rich Bunger trip captain.

76th Past President's Dinner



Our President Chuck Santoro and Master of Ceremonies, John Toth, receiving a check for \$500 from Ed O' Dowd, Past Commander of the American Legion Post # 170 for our club's annual Disadvantaged Youth Trip. Our club is very grateful for the continued support of the American Legion members for this charitable cause.

April 16th Meeting – Captain John Koliias – Bucktailing for Fluke
Our guest speaker will be Captain John Koliias (Reel Fun Fishing) and he will give a presentation on Bucktailing for fluke. Captain John is very good at this technique and he was one of the featured speakers at the recent Somerset Show demonstrating how to maximize your fluke catch using this method. There are many ways to bucktail and probably many more ways to use the right bait presentation. Captain John will explain what bucktailing is all about and the best baits to use. This is the type of presentation anglers pay to see at fishing seminars and you can see it at no cost at our April meeting.

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

March was a busy month for us with our club participating in the 3-day Somerset Show and also our getting ready for the annual Past President's Dinner.

The Somerset Show is always a good event for our club to be involved with and I want to thank our members who volunteered to work at it and they include: Steve Totten, John Piazza, Rich Bunger, Tom Tyls, Zach Garripoli, Bob Cameron, Mark Capalbo, Harry Vogt, Harold Gusterson, Dave Slater, John Toth, Dennis Nieradka, Jim Galanaugh Jr., Jim Piobino and Mike Peluso. I want to give special thanks to Steve Totten who worked at the event for three days and he put his selling skills to good use to sell a lot of our raffle tickets. Our club members are veterans at this and do very well working as teams such as Harry Vogt and Harold Gusterson. New members Jim Piobino and Mike Peluso who never worked at this show looked like seasoned veterans and managed to sell tickets even when the crowds at the show thinned out. It appears that we made about \$550 at this show by selling raffle tickets and we could not have done this without the volunteer work of our members. Thanks again guys!

May 21st Meeting – Tom Blecker – Maintenance Manager from Penn Tackle

We will have Tom Blecker from Penn Reels to give a presentation on the latest line of Penn reels and explain how all reels should be maintained. Tom is the manager in charge of repairing Penn reels at their factory in Philadelphia. We have had Tom at one of our meetings several years ago and he wants to come back to our club since he really enjoys our company. Tom can always teach us something about how to get the best performance from our reels even if they are not Penn reels

Last Call – for Jersey Coast Angler Association (JCAA) Sportsman of the Year Dinner

This dinner was scheduled for November 11, 2012 at the **Crystal Point Yacht Club** in Point Pleasant. However, because of Hurricane Sandy and the damage that it caused, especially to the shore communities, this JCAA dinner was canceled. It has now been re-scheduled for **April 14, 2013**. Our club member **Tim Burden** has been nominated to receive the JCAA Sportsman of the Year Award. Tim is also a very active member with the NJ Beach Buggy Association, and this club nominated him to receive this prestigious JCAA award. This also is a very nice dinner and our members who have gone to it want to go again. John Toth is a Board member of the JCAA and he will be taking names of our members who want to go to it. Call him at (732) 656-0139 to make your reservations

Past President's Dinner

Our dinner was very successful and that did not happen by chance but by the hard work of many of our members who contributed their time and effort to make it turn out that way. From the beginning, Harold Gusterson was in charge of taking and recording the names of 110 members and their guests coming to our dinner. Harold's home phone rang many times to receive this information. Then we had members Art Lein and Jim Zimmer buying gifts at tackle shops and receiving donations from them for our great Dark Horse. Jim Zimmer spent a lot of his time calling tackle shops for donations. We also had members Steve Totten, John Piazza, Harry Vogt, Jim Galanaugh Jr. and Dan Eberle selling chances and cards. Jeff Rypkema, Barry Paull and Tom Tyls brought up the Dark Horse prizes to the prize winners to make the meeting move at a fast pace instead of the winners all walking up to claim their prizes. Member Barry Paull who manages a transmission repair shop offered a transmission overhaul as a prize worth \$250 and Captain Philip Bouchard of the Misty Morn offered two free trips on his ship sailing from South Amboy along with two \$50 gift certificates redeemable at Meltzers Tackle Shop. Member Doug Parker offered to repair two fishing reels at no cost as a prize, and member Captain Frank Tenore also offered a free trip on the Fins on Feathers as a Dark Horse prize, John DeBona from the Fisherman magazine and Tim Burden from the NJ Beach Buggy Association gave us a nice assortment of fishing lures and gear, Marty Adams donated sand spike apparatus, Ramsey Outdoors donated a nice Penn reel and a Tsunami rod, Jim Zimmer donated a nice reel and a tackle box, Harry Vogt gave us nice rain gear, Captain Chris from the island Current Fleet gave us a pass for one trip, Don Parr from Canyon Reels donated an expensive Canyon reel, Katie James (Art Lein) donated a Tsunami combo and an assortment of fishing related gear and I donated an electric fishing knife, basket of fishing gear, a loaded tackle box and a barbecue grill set on behalf of San-Del Insurance. Our guests at the dais included Al Ristori, Anthony Mauro from the NJ Outdoor Alliance, Pete Grimbilas who is deeply involved with the artificial reef program and our member Chris Zeman, all heavy hitters who are connected to what is going on with the fishing industry. Other clubs were also at our dinner and they include the NJ Beach Buggy Association, Hudson River Fishermen's Association, Berkely Striper Club, and the Newark Bait & Flycasting Club – quite an assortment! The American Legion Post# 170 (where we meet) has always been supportive of our club and I want to thank Past Legion Commander Ed O'Dowd for giving our club a donation of \$500 to be used as a contribution toward our annual charter-fishing trip for disadvantaged children on June 10th of this year. Finally, I want to thank all our members who helped to make this event a successful one and to all of you members who attended it since if you did not come to it all the best planning and organizing for this dinner would be for nothing!

THANK YOU!

Big Bucks \$\$\$ for Small Eels

The Asian market developed a huge taste for glass eels in our waters for their exotic dishes (barbecued eels and other seafood). The huge pressure on this fishery resulted in the closure of fishing for glass eels that were once abundant during the 1990's in New Jersey's waters. **Because of their scarcity, juvenile eels fetch \$2,500 a Pound and sometime even more!**

An article in the March 16th edition of the Asbury Park Press reported that three fishermen from Maine came down to Absecon Creek (by Atlantic City) and set a net out early in the morning (2:45 a.m.) of March 13th to catch eels, but were being unknowingly watched by NJ conservation officers. The two men operating the net took about three pounds of glass eels that equals about eight thousand eels. On the shore, the third man from Maine was in a truck with a live holding tank that had another six pounds of eels in it or about 16,000 eels. A catch of 9 pounds of eels would bring about **\$22,500** for not too much effort and time. They would most likely have been around for more eels if they were not caught for more dollars to their wallets. The three men involved in this illegal activity have a court appearance in Absecon municipal court and face some hefty fines. It is amazing that such small eels could be worth \$2, 500 a pound! This is probably the most expensive thing that swims in any of our waters on earth!

SWABC Fund Raising Raffle

To support the many programs of our club and to pay for the cost of insurance, speaker fees, and our hall rent, we are holding a raffle for some very nice fishing gear and these prizes are:

1. **6 Hour fishing trip on the Fins & Feathers**
\$600 Value
2. **32" LCD HDTV**
\$300 Value
3. **Shimano Reel and Tsunami Rod combo**
\$290 Value
4. **Penn 320 GT2 Reel and Ugly Stick Rod combo**
\$170 Value
5. **Two tickets for the Fisherman Party Boat**
\$120 Value
6. **\$50 Gift Certificate for the Ramsey Outdoor Tackle Store**
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The winning tickets will be pulled at our **June 18th** meeting. There are ten tickets in each book and the cost is \$1 for each ticket. Please support our club by selling as many tickets as you can! See President Chuck Santoro at our meetings or Charlie Altman to get raffle books. Chuck Santoro can be reached at (201) 446-9047 if you need to call him to get raffle books.

Dues Are Now Due

Members who want to be in good standing need to pay their club dues by the **end of April 2013**. So, if you have not already paid your dues please see our Membership Secretaries, Al Saggau or Charlie Altman at our meetings or send you dues to the American Legion Post # 170 at 33 West Passaic Street, Rochelle Park, NJ 07662. Renewal for members is \$25 and \$30 for family membership. Our membership fees have stayed the same for many years! We are not here to make money, but to enjoy ourselves with the sport that we all love! The selling of our raffle tickets helps to keep our membership fees low!

More Fishing Days for Fluke?

At the time this newsletter is being written, there is a possibility that New Jersey may receive some of the quota from states that have not fully used their fluke quota allotted to them during 2012. This issue is still being discussed, but there is a chance that NJ anglers may receive some benefit from this development like more days for fishing. In case you have not heard it by now, **the new and current regulation for fluke is: 5 fish at 17.5 inches starting from May 18th to September 18th**. More information on this issue will follow in our May newsletter.



Fish Trips for 2013

Our club is still putting these trips together for 2013. Jim Galanaugh Jr. is checking for trips on the MiMi VI, and Rich Bunger and Mark Capalbo are checking for trips on other boats. At this time, we have five charter trips scheduled and they follow:

May 31st - Fluke trip on the Misty Morm - Rich Bunger (201) 264-5382

June 10th - Trip for Disadvantaged Youths on the MiJo

June 28th - Fluke Trip on the MiJo - Rich Bunger (201) 264-5382

July 18th - Fluke Trip on the MiJo - Chuck Santoro (201) 446-9047

November 2nd - Striped bass on the MiJo - Andy Dixon (201) 843-8115

It's early and we are not even done with the Spring season, but it is good to mark your calendars as these trips come on line & fill up fast. Contact the trip caption as soon as possible to get a place on the trip you want. We are here to fish and that is what this club is all about!

Pots off The Reefs Update – By John Toth

As I reported in our club's March newsletter, New Jersey's DEP Commissioner, Robert Martin, after meeting with members of the New Jersey Outdoor Alliance (NJOA) made a proposal to come to a compromise solution in getting the traps off the reefs. We have been trying to get these traps off the reefs for about seven years, but we have been blocked by commercial groups who have influence over legislators (Assemblyman Albano and Senator Van Drew) in the 1st District that covers Cape May, one of the largest commercial fleets on the East Coast. Even though we get legislators to support us, we cannot get the bill on the Assembly floor because of Assemblyman Albano who will not post it for a vote. In a nut shell, the compromise allows limited commercial fishing on two reefs in state waters, not to exceed 15% of the total existing size of the two reefs (Axel Carlson & sandy Hook). As part of this compromise, a new reef will be built in the vicinity of the Manasquan and Shark river inlets for exclusive use by recreational anglers. The thirteen reefs outside of New Jersey in federal waters will be petitioned by NJ DEP to be classified as Special Management Zones (SMZ) that effectively bans commercial use of them. Resolution of this ongoing dispute between recreational and commercial anglers will free up approximately \$250,000 in reef building aid from the Fish & Wildlife Service that has been held up because of this dispute. If this reef issue remains unresolved, the existing reefs will further deteriorate because of the damages caused by Sandy, and their permits issued from the federal government will expire in April 2015 which will require a lengthy and arduous process to renew.

The NJOA (comprised of various fishing and hunting groups) including the JCAA, and the NJ Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs took a vote on whether to accept going forward with this proposal from Commissioner Martin and the vote was in favor of it, with some groups against it like the JCAA that wants a no-compromise position and the Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs for it. **This is only a Proposal at this time and it is not in effect.** The next step for this proposal is for it to be brought up and voted on at the NJ Marine Fisheries Council meeting and it has an uncertain outcome since the council members (a majority of them from commercial interests) may object to some of the enforcement provisions and associated penalties of this proposal. I will keep you updated on the progress on this reef issue that may come to closure.

Sandy's Damage

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) released its report on the economic impact of Sandy on recreational and commercial fishing in New Jersey and New York. It estimates that the total uninsured loss of \$78 to \$121 million in New Jersey. The greatest damage from Sandy was to businesses supporting recreational fishing, between \$62 million to \$105 million. The damage was to marinas, docks, refrigeration storage facilities, tackle and for-hire vessels. The impact to commercial fishing was estimated at \$14 million. To pay for all of that destruction, a mere \$5 million in fisheries relief funding for New Jersey and New York was approved in the \$60 billion relief package that was passed in January. The original amount for fisheries relief was set at \$150 million and it was to be split among four fishery disaster areas in the U.S. Chris Zeman, our club member and one of NJ's representatives to the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries management Council was deeply involved in trying to get more funding from NOAA and through our legislators for NJ's recreational community. However, Washington's politics ultimately prevailed and that is why New Jersey will split the \$5 billion relief package with New York and receive about 2.5 billion to help our recreational community to recover. There is \$17 billion in HUD Community-based Development grants will be available to businesses hit by Sandy, but our recreational industry will have to get in line with other businesses seeking relief also.

Our Declining Fishing Industry

Incredibly, **only 9% of the seafood eaten in the United States is domestically caught**, the federal government estimates. Much of it comes from various sources such as China, Indonesia, and even Norway. Much of the fish that comes from overseas would never even reach our health standards and are harvested in waters that are barely drinkable and in some cases the fish are given chemicals to ward off sea lice and other diseases.

In New England, the quotas for cod, haddock and other bottom-dwelling stocks are being cut back to further depress fishing communities. The cuts will shrink the catch limits 77% for cod in the Gulf of Maine and 61% for cod in the Georges Bank that many of Maine's anglers fear could be fatal to their fishing industry. However, while our fishing quotas are being cut back, there will not be a shortage of fish in our markets since fish that comes from overseas will pick up the slack as a result of the cut backs to our fisheries. Much of the imported cod is caught and frozen in Norway and cut in China. If the cod fishing dips to near nothing in Maine, local fish processors could easily fill in this gap with imports, giving the remaining fishermen with limited opportunities.



SWABC Club Fluke Trips



MAY 31, 2013

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Includes Rods, Reel, Bait, and one tackle set up.

Limited to 40 fishermen \$25 deposit required balance due 5/21/13

JUNE 28, 2013

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75' Party Cruise & Fishing Charter Boat
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Capt. Mike Scardigno
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Cost per member \$55.00, Guest \$60.00 *Departing Dock at 7:00AM*
Includes Rods, Reel, Bait, and one tackle set up

Limited to 50 fishermen \$25 deposit required balance due 6/18/13

July 18, 2013

Trip Captain Chuck Santoro

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75' Party Cruise & Fishing Charter Boat
Atlantic Highlands, NJ
Capt. Mike Scardigno
(732) 872-0121



Cost per Person \$55.00 *Departing Dock at 7:00AM*
Includes Rods, Reel, Bait, and one tackle set up

Limited to 50 fishermen Total due by 6/18/13

SWABC Items for Sale

At our meeting, these items that are available and we 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:

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 club shirts with a large club logo on the back, and you can have your name, the event, type of fish you caught, size and date to this 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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Please enclose a check or money order in the amount of \$30.00 for a one-year membership, into New Jersey's
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Home/Business Ph #. _____

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