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The regular meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of the month, at 8:00 P.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

We have had so many club activities during February and March! I just want to briefly highlight them.

**Flea Market** - Our club held its very first Flea Market on March 5th (Saturday) at the American Legion Post and it was a huge success! Our hats go off to Bill Fish who was the primary mover and organizer of this event with approximately 300 people attending it. A major concern of ours was the lack of parking spaces. However, this was brilliantly solved by having Mark Caplabo, Bill Goodsir and Tony Lill monitoring the parking lot and sending drivers either to spaces that became open in the lot or to locations across the street. Set up for 32 tables and chairs were handled on Friday afternoon by Chuck Santoro, Fred Villanova, and Ray Sebecke. Helping to move vendors in on Saturday morning was Rob Callen and Doug Parker. The clean up was done by Mile Peluso, Rob Callen and others. Hot dogs and refreshments were served by Nico Lecourlieux, Barry Paull, Dan Eberle, Jack O'Hara and Don Lohse. We used both levels of the legion hall and at the main admission door; Jim Galanaugh Jr., Harold Gusterson and Harry Vogt took in the money and stamped hands so people could use both levels. At the lower level, Chuck Santoro, Fred Villanova and I handled money and stamping of hands. We had Fisherman magazines, The Salty Dog magazines and On the Water magazines for "goody bags" which Andy Dixon gave out. The selling of our raffle tickets was handled by Steve Totten, Jim Zimmer and Jim Catanzaro. We had to make sure the entrance to the legion's bar was closed off to control traffic and Mike Cargill guarded it.

My pointing out all of our members who worked at this flea market shows that it was a **team effort** and it could not be done by one individual. Not only did our members helped to make this event a success, but it also gave us an opportunity to know each other better and not just rub elbows at our meetings. I was very pleased to see that we had an abundance of volunteers for this flea market and it shows that our club has many members who want it to prosper and succeed a very outward sign of a good fishing club!

**Past President's Dinner** - We had approximately 100 members and guests attend this dinner and a good time was had by all. We had a very nice Dark Horse and Bill Fish did a great job in getting prizes for it from various sources and boat captains. The only downside of it was that the microphone malfunctioned during it, making our announcements hard to hear. I get around

many functions held by other clubs and organizations and I can tell you that our dinner is one that we can be very proud of since many clubs do not put on a dinner like ours. I have been told many times by members and guests how much they have enjoyed this dinner.

**Somerset Show** - This is a show that is a great opportunity to interact with the public to sell our raffle tickets, get anglers to sign up to receive information from Mark Capalbo for our upcoming fluke tournament (17 people signed up for it) and to talk to people who live in Bergen County and nearby areas about joining our club. I talked to many of these people and I know that we will see them at our future meetings. Members who worked at this show included: Bob Cameron, Ray Sebecke, Jim Piobino, Don Lohse, John Piazza, Dave Huebner, Don Lohse, Chuck Santoro, Bill Fish, Gali Fish, Barry Paull, John Piazza, Craig Zincavage, and Steve Totten who not only helped me to set up our booth, but worked at this three day event with his incomparable talent of selling raffle tickets. Thanks to all of you who worked at this show!

**NJOA fundraiser at the Black Forest Inn** - This was quite an event with very delicious food and I loved the German beers! Our members Sergio Radossi and Annie Ulrich did a great job in helping to organize this event! The smoked salmon was delicious and I could have had that for my dinner and without any bagels! This dinner also gave me the opportunity to mingle with other guests and I made contact with a representative from Bass Pro who will be coming to one of our meetings to talk about their new store in Sayreville. See my report on Bass Pro further in this bulletin.

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### 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. Captain Art, also known as "Artie," loves fishing for a variety of species, especially for fluke, and will share his fishing expertise with us concerning this lure.

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### May 17th Meeting - Dave Lilly to Talk About Catching Fluke

Dave Lilly, a very experienced angler who loves to catch fluke, will be our May 17th speaker to talk about catching fluke using live and artificial baits. He is coming at the right time with the fluke season just about to break open. Dave has won many fluke tournaments, including our own. He placed third in our 2015 fluke tournament and he has won a lot of money in other tournaments. Don't miss this meeting.

### June 21st Meeting - Penn Reels

We will have a representative from Penn, who will talk about the latest product line of Penn reels/rods. His presentation will also cover the maintenance and care of Penn products that of course can be applied to all reels and rods that we own. Almost all of us have Penn reels and this meeting will be helpful to all of us who want to keep our fishing tackle in top notch performance

### 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**
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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 Kalias** 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).

### 2016 Membership Dues Need to Be Paid by April

Club membership dues are now payable and the dues are **\$35**. **April is the deadline for members to pay their dues** and receive our club’s bulletin and be listed as an active club member. Please see Membership Chairman, Jack O'Hara 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** will do. Thank You!

### Welcome Aboard!

We have 9 new members who have joined our club and many of them signed up at our recent flea market. They are:

**Rich Volpe** - Hasbrouck Heights

**David Costello** - Elmwood Park

**Donald Rehe** - Hackensack

**Judith Schaible** - Mine Hill

**Stephen Zuccaro** - Bogota

**Dave Mac Rae** - Oradell

**Donald Radell** - Bloomfield

**Matt Brogan** - Ridgewood

**Jeff Schwarz**- Lake Hiawatha

**Glad to have you on board and good fishing with us!**

### New Fishing Regulations - For 2016

**Fluke** - 5 fish at 18 inches and season runs from May 21 until September 25th

**Sea Bass** - 10 fish at 12.5 inches from May 23rd until June 19th

2 fish at 12.5 inches from July 1st until August 31st  
15 fish at 13 inches from October 22nd until December 31st

**Winter Flounder** - 2 fish at 12 inches from March 1st through 31st.

**Blackfish** - 15 inch size limit- open 4/1 - 4/30 (4 fish) - closed 5/1 to 7/16 - opens 7/17 - 11/15 (1 fish) - 11/16 to 12/31 (6 fish).

### Bass Pro Coming to Sayreville

Bass Pro will open a new 200,000 - square foot store in Sayreville, NJ in June of 2017. It is the first stage of a planned 2.4 million square foot of retail space. This complex will also have a movie theater, 20 other potential retail tenants, 1,000 hotel rooms and 2,000 apartments overlooking the Raritan River. Bass Pro can easily be reached by taking the NJ Turnpike to Exit 11 and follow the signs to Route 35 South. A speaker representing Bass Pro has been invited to come to one of future club meetings to explain what their new facility has to offer.

### Shark Teeth - Not just for Smiling!

Sharks have no bones, only cartilage. Cartilage cannot be fossilized. The teeth, however, can, and many have been found. The largest fossil shark teeth measures 7 inches! In the past, shark teeth were commonly used for tools. Weapons of war often had shark teeth imbedded in them for their cutting ability. Native Hawaiians used clubs and daggers employing shark teeth. Brazilian natives used shark teeth to tip their arrows.

## 2016 Calendar of Events

With a number of club events going on and new events being added, the following gives a quick snapshot of our 2016 activities. New fishing trips are still being planned and will be added as they come on line:

April 19th club meeting - Captain Art Lein speaker on Thundermist Lures

May 17th club meeting - Dave Lilly, winner of many tournaments, to talk about catching fluke

June 20th - Club Charter Fish Trip for Ranch Hope Youths on the MiJo

June 21st Meeting - Penn Tackle to give a presentation on their tackle and reel maintenance

July 14th - Fluke Trip on the MiJo

August 13th - 5th Annual Club Fluke Tournament

August 20th - Club Charter Bus Trip to Rhode Island for Fluke

December 3rd - Club Charter Trip for Blackfish on the Tag Fish

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### Charter Trip on the MiJo for Fluke - July 14th

This charter trip is being run by member **Chuck Santoro** as part of his insurance company associates and friends, but our club members are welcome to come on board for this trip since he usually has room for us. A number of our club members go on Chuck's charter trip and we always have a good time on the MiJo that sails from Atlantic Highlands. The cost is \$70 and it includes beer, soda, water, and tips for the mates. See Chuck at our meetings to sign up for it or contact him at (201) 446-9047 or at boats62@aol.com.

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### Fluke Charter Trip to Rhode Island - August 20th

Mark Capalbo & Bill Fish organized this trip last year and they are doing it again this year. Only 40 club members can sign up for this trip so that there is plenty of room on the boat. Spots are filling up fast and 23 members signed up for it when it was first announced at our February meeting! See Mark at our meetings or email him at markcapalbo@aol.com to be on this popular trip.

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### New Charter Fishing Trip Added

Member Craig Zincavage has set up a new charter trip for club members on the new Skylarker that is 70 ft. long. It sails from Belmar on November 20th for stripers. The cost is \$90 and that includes the tips for the mates. See Craig at our meetings to sign up for this trip or contact him at (973) 234-9618 or email him at zincman70@yahoo.com.

Craig Zincavage has also set up a charter trip on the boat "**Tag Fish**" that sails from the Highlands and it is a very popular boat that fishes for blackfish and there is even a **waiting list to charter it!** Craig says that he has been trying for quite some time (**like a year**) to set up this trip since this boat is so popular with blackfish anglers. The cost is \$130 and with adding the tip it comes to about **\$155**. The trip is scheduled for December 3, 2016. While that seems far away, this trip is limited to only **10 anglers**. This captain specializes in catching blackfish and anglers wanting to catch them want to go on this popular boat and that is why there is a **year-long waiting list** to charter it. At this point, Craig reports that he has only 4 spots open. Again, See Craig at our meetings or call him at (973) 234-9618 or email him at: zincman70 @ yahoo.com.

## 2016 BIG FISH OF THE YEAR DERBY












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 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.

(Minimum Fish weights on page 5.)

## BIG FISH CONTEST MINIMUM WEIGHTS

Fish	Species	min. weight
	Blackfish	4 lbs
	Bluefish	12 lbs
	Cod Fish	10 lbs
	Flounder	1.5 lbs
	Fluke	4 lbs
	Ling	2 lbs
	Pollock	10 lbs
	Porgy	1.5 lbs
	Sea Bass	2 lbs
	Striped Bass	12 lbs
	Weakfish	2 lbs

## Fishing Management Issues - By John Toth

### Report on Making Sandy Hook Bay a Natural Marine Sanctuary

On behalf of the Jersey Coast Anglers Association (JCAA) and the New Jersey Outdoor Alliance (NJOA), and our club, I attended a presentation given by Mr. Rik van Hemmen who is proposing to implement a Sandy Hook Bay Natural Marine Sanctuary. It would stretch roughly from Sandy Hook to the Earle Naval pier and to parts of the Navesink and the Schrewsbury rivers. This presentation was given at the Red Bank library at 7:00 p.m. on March 16th and it was attended by approximately **200-250 angry recreational anglers, commercial fishermen, oyster harvesters, clambers, and waterfowlers**. Only about 60 could fit in the conference room and the rest waited outside the library. This turnout was due to the threat that this sanctuary would have on one of our most productive fishing grounds for both recreational and commercial anglers.

Mr. Hemmen started his presentation by showing us a bunch of pictures of this area with boats and birds, but nothing concrete about **WHY** it should be a sanctuary. He did not stress **any positive results** we would expect to receive by having this sanctuary. He seems to love the area in question, but is oblivious to the repercussions that would result by having a sanctuary. In fact, Mr. Dan Ferrigno, a former and retired staff member of our NJ DEP with 30 years of experience, remarked that the sanctuaries we now have around our country (about 5 of them) all end up with tough

restrictions on fishing, boating, jet skis and diminish the enjoyment people should receive by having them. Others in the audience voiced over and over again that this sanctuary status would lead to more fishing restrictions and that **we do not need more regulations!** Hemmen responded that **he** is not trying to impose these regulations, but he seemed **oblivious** to this major concern voiced by the audience.

One person told him that he lives by the affected area and that the waters are cleaner than they have ever been and have more fish and that he did not see a **need** for this sanctuary, but Hemmen just blew off this remark. Building on this no need for a sanctuary, I remarked that "you obviously love the sanctuary concept to keep things the way they are **for you**, but **YOU HAVE NOT MADE A CASE WHY WE SHOULD HAVE IT!** He responded that "**we will have more fish!**" One person yelled out "do you have the data to prove it" and he said that he did not! His answer to me like the one he made earlier about a trash problem seems to be made up as he goes along with his presentation since he has **no real answers** to the important questions raised about his sanctuary proposal.

My take on this sanctuary issue is that Hemmen does not understand the negative implications that a sanctuary has, but worse is that he is **not accepting** the comments that were mostly made by anglers in the room. The danger I see is that in spite of what was conveyed to him about restrictions, he will still go forward with this sanctuary and, of course, like-minded organizations may back him and this can gain traction to move it further.

For this sanctuary to go to higher levels in our federal government it has to be first approved by our state government and that is our best hope to stop it. I will carefully track the sanctuary issue and keep you updated. We all need to stay on top of this important issue and all be united against it!

**Striped Bass Bonus Program** - will re-open on September 1st through December 31st. One bonus fish from 24 to less than 28 inches can be caught in addition to the one fish from 28 to 43 inches and one at 43 inches or greater are permitted.


Important, the Bonus Tag fish does not have to follow any order of catch and it can be used for the first striper caught. The NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife is not currently taking bonus tag applications. All 2015 bonus tag holders must reapply to receive their 2016 bonus tag, only one per angler.

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