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**Jim Piobino, Chuck Santoro, Carl Bruger and Rich Bunger
With the members of Cub Pack 23 from Suffern, NY
at Foxwood Pond to learn about fishing
with the help of SWABC Members**

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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

Our May 16th meeting generated a lot of discussion on the new fluke regulations. At times, the discussion became somewhat heated and this is a direct result of the frustrations that all of us are feeling over this issue. Our club over the years has had discussions about the various options available to us for fluke (size, number of fluke and season) and we reached consensus on the preferred option we wanted for our club with not much fanfare. But this season is different than the rest and not only our club, but many others, are equally upset about this season. (See my Fishing Management Issues column in another section of this bulletin for more information).

While our May 16th meeting generated a lot of comments over this fluke issue, Nico made it all better for us by cooking up delicious sausage tortellini and a nice salad. Always outstanding and **Thanks Nico!** Our speaker, Butch Kloss, gave us a presentation on fishing in Costa Rica. More details on this trip are in this bulletin.

Our fishing season is going into high gear, and it is the right time to enter our Big Fish Contest. Our members catch some nice-size fish during the fishing season, and this contest gives us the opportunity to see the big fish that are being caught. Contest winners are presented prizes for their big fish at our Past President's Dinner in March. Please see the Big Fish Contest chart and the rules that apply to enter this contest in this bulletin. Good Luck to all of you and may you catch the Big One! (So far, Tom Siciliano caught a **10.83 lb.** blackfish & Rich Bunger with a **42 lb.** striped bass). Also, you will notice there are a number of **new** fishing trips that have been added to the Calendar of Events section in this bulletin. While a number of them are in the fall/winter seasons; plan to go on them. Fishing is what this club is about and these charter trips are set up so we don't fish elbow to elbow and also have fun fishing with our fellow members.

June 20th Meeting - Captain John Koliass Reel Fun Charters on Catching Fluke

Fishing for fluke is one of Captain John's specialties and he not only likes to catch this fish, but he also likes to share his techniques with us to catch more of them. Fishing for fluke is one of our favorite past times and Captain John will help us to make fishing for this fish an even more enjoyable experience!

Seafood Questionable on Preventing Heart Disease

Only 39% of Americans think seafood reduces risk of dying from heart disease, despite American Heart Association recommendations. (Asbury Park Press 5/13/2017)

July 18th Meeting - NJ Fish & Wildlife - Survey of Anglers for Data Collection

Jonathan Klotz and one of his colleagues will give us a presentation on why and how these employees of NJ's Fish & Wildlife collect data from anglers so that our state can have a more accurate picture of fish stocks.

August 15th Meeting - Presentation on Sun Glasses for Protection of Eyes

At this meeting, Mr. Jack Alt will talk about the right sunglasses that anglers should purchase for the protection they need to protect their eyes from harmful rays. He will also explain why effective sun glasses do not have to be expensive and that they can be purchased at very reasonable prices.

Club Members Help Cub Scouts to Catch Fish (Front Page Picture)

Member Chuck Santoro was contacted by Cub Scout Pack Leader, Frank Tinelli, about our club helping them learn about fishing and also showing kids how to do it. Chuck got members Carl Bruger, Rich Bunger, Tom Tyls and Jim Piobino to help him with the kids and our club supplied fishing poles, bobbers and hooks. This event was held around 6:30 p.m. on May 19th at the Foxwood Pond in Suffern, NY, with about 15 cub scouts and their family members and scout leaders. The kids ranged in ages between the ages of 7 to 11 years of age. The kids and our members had fun with this event and kids introduced early in age to fishing may take it up in the future and that is what we hope that they will do! In a Thank You letter to Chuck Santoro from Cub Scout Leader, Frank Tinelli, he indicated "We are looking forward to being a part of the SWABC family".

Coast Rica Trip

At our May meeting, Captain Butch Kloss gave us a presentation on fishing in Costa Rica and it sounds very interesting and tempting! A number of our members expressed interest in going on this trip (usually for 5 days - with 2 days travel and 3 days fishing). The details of this trip has to be worked out with the cost/lodging etc. Anybody interested in going on this trip should see John Toth at our June 20th meeting. We would need about 5 or 6 members to make this trip a GO! John can also be reached at (732) 656-0139 or tothjohn@verizon.net



Our Club's 6th Annual Fluke Tournament

Our club sponsors a fluke tournament every year at three different ports and Mark Capalbo is our Fluke Tournament Director. Mark will need help in weighing fish at these ports and making sure everything is handled right. If you can help Mark, see him at our meetings or call him at (201) 313-6576. Also, if you know of anybody that would like to be in our club's tournament, please contact them and direct them to Mark who is working hard to make our tournament successful.

June 1st - Report on MiJo Trip for Ranch Hope Kids

The weather was great, but the fishing was not so great with a slow pick all day. A number of short fluke were caught in addition to 4 keepers. Many boats were around the MiJo and little to no fish was seen coming over the rails. But the kids still had fun and really enjoyed the day on the water with only one of them becoming seasick. All the kids were asked to come into the cabin and Chuck Santoro told them about the trophies we had for them (1st, 2nd, and 3rd place and one for catching the most fish). Tom Tyls explained that he would be tracking the fish that they caught to earn their trophies. Jeff Dement, from the Littoral Society, told them that he would be tagging the fish they caught and the purpose for doing it.

Tom Tyls recorded the names of our members who helped the kids catch fish and they included: Tom Orr, Ed O'Dowd, Chuck Santoro, Harold Gusterson (who took a lot of pictures, Mike Cargill, Frank Rella, Mike Modoski, Steve Totten, Jim Galanaugh Jr., Jim Piobino, Harry Vogt, Rick Swarthe, Dominick Catalalano, and Kevin Morgan. John Toth presented the kids with the trophies that they won and they will remember this trip for a long time and especially the trophies they won. Thanks to all club members who helped the kids and a special thanks to Tom Tyls for contacting club members to help on this trip and Chuck Santoro for making things run smoothly on it. (The Williams Company and the American Legion Post # 170 contributed \$1000 and \$500 respectively toward the cost of this charter, and the proceeds from the selling of our raffle tickets paid for the rest of the cost - approximately \$2,000).

Storm's Ship Farewell

The United States Coast Guard cutter, **Tamaroa** will be intentionally sunk off the New Jersey and Delaware coasts in the near future to form a new artificial reef. The Tamaroa gained notoriety for its daunting rescue missions during the "Perfect Storm" of 1991, but she was originally the U.S. Navy's Zuni, an ocean/salvage

tug, commissioned in 1943. She is the **last surviving vessel from the battle of Iwo Jima**. At 205-feet long, this vessel is expected to provide a lot of habitat for marine life that will make it a productive fishing and dive site. (Asbury Park Press 4/21/17).

Inter- Club Fishing Contests with both Surf & Boats

Our club has a number of members who like to go surf fishing. Why not surf fish together and have more fun doing it! The Hudson River Fishermen's Association (HRFA) also has a contingent of anglers who like surf fishing, and they expressed an interest in having an inter-club surf fishing contest with us. We used to do this a number of years ago and had a lot of fun doing it. The HRFA is also interested in a boat contest between our clubs. Most likely, two boats will be used with SWABC and HRFA members sailing out of Leonardo. These contests would be for **Fun Only** with **no contest money** involved and the rewards would be for bragging rights only! Just friendly completion! Our member Rob Callen is interested in setting these trips up. See him at our June 20th meeting to let him know you are interested in this. Rob can also be reached at Rbrtt2005@yahoo.com.

2017 Calendar of Events

There are a number of new fishing trips (**5 in total**) that have been added to our Calendar of Events

June 20th - Club Meeting - Captain John Kolia on catching fluke

July 18th - Club Meeting - NJ Fish & Wildlife presentation on surveys for data collection.

July 29th - Club Charter Bus Trip to Rhode Island

August 12th - 6th Annual Club Fluke Tournament

August 15th - Club Meeting - Presentation on Using Sun Glasses for Eye Protection

October 29th - (New) Sea Bass Trip on the Skylarker (\$90 inc. tip) Belmar (Craig Zincavage - trip captain)- (973) 234-9618.

November 18th - Club Bus Charter Trip (sea bass, cod, ling) on the Black Hawk in Connecticut

November 24th (Friday after Thanksgiving) - (New) Black Fish on Break Even Charters in Belmar (\$95 inc. tip - 6 pack)

November 26th - (New) Charter trip for blackfish on the Skylarker sailing from Belmar - Craig Zincavage is the Trip Captain.

December 2nd - (New) Black Fish Charter Trip on Break Even Charters (\$95 inc. tip - (6 pack)

December 30th - (New) Off shore - 18 hours - Sea Bass trip (\$180 inc. tip)

Fishing Management Issues - by John Toth

Our 2017 fluke season is complicated, divisive and also very injurious to the many businesses trying to make a living in the fishing business. I have spent so much time on this issue with numerous phone calls, conference calls with our state DEP, and attending meetings at various locations in Baltimore, Galloway Twp., Toms River etc. Every year, there seems to be some **drama** on what our fluke season will be, but this year tops them all!

I wanted to receive input from our members at our May 16th meeting on this fluke issue since I was going to attend the NJ Marine Fisheries Council meeting on May 17th in Avalon, NJ, the next day after our club meeting. This Council was going to receive input from the public before voting on to accept or reject the new regulations at hand - 3 fluke, 18 inches and 104 days. Before my attending this meeting, I wanted receive input not only from our club but from other clubs as well so that in my testimony before this Council, I could tell it what anglers thought about the new regulations. I made a quick survey of JCAA member clubs on this issue. In my testimony before his Council, I indicated that **All 15 clubs, including our own**, voted to go **Out of Compliance** and stay with the **Status Quo** (2016 regulations of 5 fish, 125 days and 18 inches). Not one club voted to accept the new regulations! I gave this testimony to the Council so that it is on record that many of us are opposed to the new regulations.

But, this Council had it its back against the wall since if it did NOT approve the new regulations, then we would have further delays in arriving at new fluke regulations for consideration and New Jersey would **Not** have a fluke season in place before the Memorial Day Holiday or even some time shortly after it - not a good option! Note the date of this May 17th meeting and the short time before the Memorial Day on May 29th! So, given the choice of not having a fluke season to kick off the upcoming summer season or accepting the new regulations, the Council voted unanimously to approve them. I sensed this even before I made my testimony that the Council had already made up its mind on how it was going to vote. My comments were basically moot, but I am glad that I delivered them anyway!

Other comments made from boat captains and other associations are ones we are already familiar with: how am I going to pay my insurance, dock space, boat upkeep if I can't fish for fluke after September 5th? What can we fish for after September 5th? - No sea bass until October 22nd!

While we had enough drama over our 2017 fluke season, I fear (and I certainly hope that I am wrong) that this drama will continue with developing the new regulations for our 2018 fluke season!

Winners of our Club's Raffle

By law, we are required to post the names of the winners of our raffle and this information follows:

1. **Charter Fishing Trip on the Reel Fun Sport Fishing - \$600 value - Ralph Melito**
2. **Micro Jigging Reel and Black Widow Rod - \$500 value - Mike Pulaski**
3. **Canyon Reel HS 15 and Shimano Teramar Rod - \$450 value - Doug Barr**
4. **32 inch LCD High Definition TV - \$300 value - Kevin Russ**
5. **Fishing Trip – 2 Tickets for the Party Boat “Fisherman”- \$150 value - Joe Paretti**
6. **Gift Certificate – Ramsey Outdoor- RT 17 Ramsey, NJ - \$100 value - Nick Quiles**
7. **Gift Certificate – Ramsey Outdoor - RT 17, Ramsey, NJ - \$100 value - John Kober**

Thanks goes to both Captain John Koliass (Reel Fun Fishing) and Jigging World for supporting this fund raising raffle for our club and to all club members for participating in it!

By the way, all staples have to be removed from the raffle tickets. The tickets also need to be separated from each other so that all tickets are accessible to be drawn and not stuck together. This is a very time-consuming and tedious job and club member, **Fred Villanova**, receives **HUGE KUDOS** for managing our raffle ticket program! Look at Fred's picture with all the tickets on the floor that have been separated (about 4,600 of them)!



2017 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 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.

FISH	SPECIES	MIN. WEIGHT	ENTRY WEIGHT	ANGLER
	BLACKFISH	4 lbs.	10.83 lbs.	Tom Sicilano
	BLUEFISH	12 lbs.		
	COD FISH	10 lbs.		
	FLOUNDER	1lb.8oz.		
	FLUKE	4 lbs.		
	LING	2 lbs.		
	POLLOCK	10 lbs.		
	PORGY	1lb.8oz.		
	SEA BASS	2 lbs.		
	STRIPED BASS	12 lbs.	42 lbs.	Rich Bunger
	WEAKFISH	2 lbs.		

Shrimp Kills Prey with its "Pinky"!

A newly discovered species of shrimp uses its **bright pink claw** to create a sound loud enough to kill small fish. This shrimp is found off Panama's Pacific coast. This shrimp closes its enlarged claw at a rapid speed to create an imploding bubble. The result is so loud that it can stun or kill a fish. (NY Post April 14, 2017).

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