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10.1 lbs.
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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 every third Tuesday of the month, (except March) at 7:30 PM at the Legion Hall. A \$5 fee is required, for non-members. This entitles you to refreshments, snacks, and some new tricks about fishing and participation if you choose in our 50/50 and dark horse drawings. Welcome all; we hope you enjoy the evening.

President's Corner

For our June 15th meeting, I invited not only Jack Calt to give us a presentation on his company's Viking Eyewear, but I also invited Dennis Adesso who is very active in the organization MA 22 that is deeply involved in helping returning veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). At the request of member Don Lohse, our club donated \$150 toward MA 22 to offset the cost of fuel that Captain Art Lein used to take three MA 22 veterans on a June 9th fishing trip. Captain Art invited me to go on this trip and meet these veterans. I talked to them and on hearing their war stories and how they help veterans, I invited Dennis Adesso (MA 22 President) to our meeting to tell our members about the problems that returning veterans face when they return home.

At our June meeting, Dennis told us his personal struggles to return to normalcy that included severe depression, alcoholism and his estrangement with his wife and daughters. Because of this, he seriously considered suicide to resolve his problems. Unfortunately, many of our veterans do just that and a number of them die every day! Dennis and his friends founded MA 22 to give emotional as well as material support to suffering veterans. His emotional sharing of his experiences to reach a normal life was spellbinding and our members gave him a standing ovation at the end of it! In another section of this newsletter, I will list contact information if you want to financially help MA 22 for our veterans.

Before I leave this subject, I want to **THANK Captain Art Lein** for taking these veterans on his boat (**Katie James**) for a fishing trip that they really enjoyed and also member **Barry Paull** who served as a mate on this boat and he helped these veterans in so many ways to make their trip pleasurable!

Jack Calt and his business partner Todd explained the importance of wearing sunglasses on fishing trips and sold them to our members at very reasonable prices. Jack also donated a number of his sunglasses as prizes for use in our future Dark Horses.

Bob Goldstein was also on hand to sell his fluke tackle and Bob also donated his nice fluke jigs to our Dark Horse – **Thank You Bob!**

Nico made delicious Chicken Scampi along with a nice salad and brownies – **Thank You Nico** for preparing such delicious meals for our meetings!

Bruce DeMercurio was the lucky winner of our 50/50 and went home with **\$175** in his pocket that can easily pay for another fishing trip.

All in all, it was a good meeting and a very memorable one with our MA 22 guest sharing his personal and moving stories with us.

“The Gods do not deduct from man's allotted span
the hours spent in fishing.”
Babylonian proverb.

Speaker for our July 20th Meeting – George Browne – Fishing in Island Beach State Park

George Browne is an avid angler and is very familiar with Island Beach State Park. George will give us a presentation on where to fish in this park and tell us all the amenities this park has to offer.

Speaker for our August 17th Meeting – John Tiedemann -Striped Bass life history, ecology and best practices for catch & release.

John Tiedemann is the Assistant Dean at Monmouth University's School of Science and Director of Environmental Biology and Policy Program since 1978. His career has been dedicated to marine habitat and water quality. John has extensive knowledge on the best practices for the catch & release of striped bass and he will share his knowledge with us during a power point presentation at this informative meeting. So many striped bass die needlessly during their release and the right way to handle striped bass will save this fish for us and future generations.

June 21st Ranch Hope Club Fishing Charter Trip

On Monday, June 21st, our club took youths from Ranch Hope on a charter fishing trip on the MiJo that sails from Atlantic Highlands. Our members helped the youths to catch fish by showing them how to do it and then hand off a rod to them with a fish that has been caught. Some of the kids become very good at it and catch fish on their own. One of them caught a 21-inch fluke! Six keepers were caught during this trip with many throwbacks. The kids were so excited about it even when a shark was caught. In essence, we brought tremendous joy for one day to youths that have so many problems in their lives!

Our members who helped these youths included: Alex Rubino, Chuck Santoro, Frank Rella, Harry Vogt, Hector Chacon, Jim Galanaugh Jr., Jim Piobino, Kevin Morgan, Mike Modeski, Steve Totten, Tom Tyls, Tony Lill, Don Lohse and John Toth. A Special Thanks goes to **Tom Tyls** for organizing our members to help on this trip and to **Chuck Santoro** who took down the names of the youths and the number of fish that they caught. This was important to help us identify who would get the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies. Another trophy was also given to the youth who caught the most fish.

Thank God that the weather was OK for us. The kids were so much looking forward to this trip and we did not want them to be disappointed with a weather cancellation like we had last year. Our club has been doing this trip for many years and we will continue to sponsor this trip since it brings joy to youths who are in most need of it!

Welcome Aboard!

A Big Welcome Aboard goes to:

John Ward – Fair Lawn, NJ
Nick Casamassimo – Dumont, NJ

MA 22 – Dennis Addesso

At our June 15th meeting, we learned firsthand how much our returning veterans from the wars in Iraq, Somalia and Afghanistan have had on their lives and their families. So many veterans commit suicide over their difficulty in returning to society. MA 22 is an organization that not only helps veterans with their psychological issues, but also in other ways like paying for a new roof that a veteran need but cannot pay for it. If you would like to financially assist MA 22 in its mission to help returning veterans, please make your check out to **MA 22** and send it to:

Dennis Addesso
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You can also donate by going on line to ww.Ma22.org/donate. MA 22 is a non-profit organization (501 (c) 3 raising awareness of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD))

Club Fishing Charters

The Trip Captain for the following charter is Craig Zincavage and he can be reached at (973) 234-9618 or at zincman70@yahoo.com.

August 12 – Bus trip to the boat Hampton Lady on Long Island – limit 20 anglers (about 5 spots left).

The cost of this trip is \$215 and it includes payment for the bus, boat and tips for the mates. If you have not already paid for this trip or placed a deposit on it to reserve your spot, please **make full payment for it at our July 20th meeting.**

Fishing Trips by Club Member Carmen Bufardecì

These trips, organized by Carmen, are **not** charter trips exclusively for club members. However, our club members are invited to fish with Carmen and his friends to fill out charters on the Fish Monger that sails from Point Pleasant. Please contact Carmen if you are interested to fish on the Fish Monger that takes about 10 anglers. The dates are:
November 23rd (Tuesday) – Blackfish (\$150 + tip for the mate)

December 21st (Tuesday) – Blackfish (\$150 = tip for the mate)

Carmen can be reached at (973) 214-4247 or cbufardecì@gmail.com.

New Jersey's Striped Bass Bonus program

The 2021 NJ Striped Bass Bonus Program re-opened on **May 15th** which provides a permit for anglers to retain one striped bass at **24 inches to less than 28 inches**. This permit can be obtained on line at: www.nj.gov/dep/fgw/bonusbas.htm through NJ's Division of Fish & Wildlife.

New Jersey Saltwater Registry

When it comes to distributing federal funding and having political clout during discussions with members of other states during fishing management meetings, our state is under represented since it only has about 250,000 **registered** anglers. Other states with lower populations than New Jersey have more registered anglers and receive more federal funding than ours. When it comes to political clout, New Jersey can claim it has only 250,000 anglers while other states can show it has much more anglers than us even though we have a much larger population.

Some anglers are under the mistaken perception that they only need to register once with our state. Registration in New Jersey is required **each year** and it is **free**. To register for it go to: nj.gov/dep/saltwaterregistry/ If you want to be registered for **New York's registry** it is also free. It is better to call them than going on line. Call them at (631) 654-2311.

Congratulations Jeff Schwarz!

Jeff participated in a Virginia saltwater fishing tournament in October 2020 and caught a **13lbs. Blue Line Tilefish!**

Jeff received a nice citation from the state of Virginia for catching this special fish.

Jeff is certainly an avid angler and spends many days on the water in pursuit of this sport that we all love!

Thanks to Don Lohse for Cleaning out our Club's Closet!

Our club has a closet by where we get chairs for our meeting and we store club articles in it such as raffle tickets, kitchen utensils etc. Over the years with everything going into it, it became more difficult to find anything!

Don took the time to clean out this closet and he threw out so much junk that had accumulated over the years. Ironically, some of the things in our closet did not even belong to our club and it is a mystery how they even ended up in there!

Now it is so easy to find what we are looking for and a **Big Thanks** goes to Don for taking time to make this happen! This volunteerism on the part of our membership helps to make our club so special.

This is one Lucky Fish

A giant 25-year-old female Muskie, believed the oldest in Iowa, was captured by state officials this week-nearly 20 years to the day she was first tagged by researchers. The fish was born in 1996 and had eluded 1,996 nets along the way (Weird but True, New York Post, April 25, 2021).

Hunters, Trappers and Anglers Threatened by Bill A 1365 By John Toth

I regret to inform you that Bill (A) 1365 was passed out of the Assembly Agricultural Committee with a 3 to 1 vote on June 14th. The synopsis of this bill is: Prohibits, harassing, or taking certain wildlife at competitive events, establishes penalties. Essentially, this is the first nail in the coffin to ban hunting and trapping in our state. While this bill does NOT contain language that would ban competitive events for recreational anglers, rest assured that this ban would follow for us anglers in due time. In its draft form, recreational anglers were included in this bill (both salt and fresh) but were removed since anglers would be expected to fight its passage. A good way to divide and conquer opposition to this bill.

Like a surprise attack, this bill came out of nowhere. We first heard about it on June 9th and it was scheduled to be voted on by the Agricultural Committee on June 14th leaving us very little time to respond and organize opposition to it. Our governor, who has a record of abolishing the hunting of bears, would most likely sign this bill if it came across his desk.

Animal rights activists are well organized and continually place a lot of pressure on New Jersey's legislators to curb or eliminate the rights of hunters, trappers and, eventually, anglers in our state. Any hunting and trapping contests would be unlawful and penalties would apply. If eventually applied to recreational anglers, the tournaments we now have for fluke, sharks and other species could not be held since they would be deemed unlawful.

While this vote is a setback for us, it is far from a total defeat. We have to talk to our elected officials and supply them with the facts they need to understand our position. The other side relies on half truths and emotion to press their agenda. If you have ever been to a meeting with animal right activists, you would understand why I am saying this.

I testified a number of years ago at a Senate Environmental Committee considering the passage of HOFNOD, (Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs) that promotes getting youths involved in fishing, especially from inner city neighborhoods. I told this committee how fishing has such a positive impact on youths since it introduces them to nature and the joy fishing brings to them. An animal right activist at this committee testified that HOFNOD would introduce youths to the killing of fish! This committee voted to move HOFNOD for passage. This activist was so mad that HOFNOD passed and even made nasty comments to me for testifying for it. The point I am making here is that these animal right activists are extremists and would support any legislation like A1365 that would curb or deny hunting and fishing opportunities that we enjoy today.

During 2007, Assemblyman Panter and Senator Karcher introduced legislation that would expand NJ's Fish & Game Council to include animal right activists. If this inclusion of activists happened, fishing and hunting in New Jersey as we know it would die a slow death. Alarmed by this development, hunters and anglers joined together from various organizations to send these legislators to early retirement. Today, the names have changed to Assemblyman Houghtaling and Senator Gopal and it might be the time to have them deserve the same fate.

This battle has just begun to save our hunting, trapping and fishing rights in New Jersey. I will keep you updated on how to make your voices heard to preserve what we enjoy so much that others eagerly want to take this away from us.

Creole Onion Fish (Easy to Make & Good)

- 2 lbs. of fish or less (all types)
- Olive oil – enough to lightly rub on fish fillets
- ¾ cup of French's Fried Onions, finely crushed.
(Place onions on a sheet of wax paper and crush with a coffee cup or in plastic bag & crush)
- Creole seasoning – sprinkle lightly on fillets (used Cajun's Choice brand and it already contains salt & pepper, don't add any. Can add more when fish is done to taste). Check label for ingredients.
- Lemon wedges

1. Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees
2. Place fillets in baking dish and lightly spread olive oil over them (by brush or fingers)
3. Dust with a little Creole seasoning
4. Sprinkle crushed fried onions over fillets
5. Bake at 350 degrees until fish flakes
6. Approximately 18 minutes for fillets that are thin like fluke, sea bass etc.
7. Approximately 23-25 minutes for thicker fillets like cod – 1 inch thick

“Jaws” Swims Across the Atlantic

“Jaws” really sank its teeth into this trip.

An enormous great white shark named Nukumi became the second in history known to have swam across the Atlantic.

The 3,541, pound, 17-foot behemoth- the biggest ever documented – in the North Atlantic - was tracked via GPS device swimming toward Spain on April 23rd.

The massive man eater is believed to be at least 50 years old. (Weird, but True, New York Post, April 24, 2021).

“In the morning be first up, and in the evening last go to bed,
for they that sleep catch no fish”

English proverb.

2021 BIG FISH OF THE YEAR DERBY Rules

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.

FISH	SPECIES	MIN. WEIGHT	ENTRY WEIGHT	ANGLER
	BLACKFISH	4		
	BLUEFISH	12	13.8 lbs.	Jim Catanzaro
	COD FISH	10		
	FLOUNDER	1.5 lbs.	2.9 lbs.	Bill Fish
	FLUKE	4	13.2 lbs.	Jeff Criswell Jr.
	LING	2		
	POLLOCK	10		
	PORGY	1.5 lbs.	2.75 lbs.	John Farrell
	SEA BASS	2	5.25 lbs.	Dominic Catalano
	STRIPED BASS	12	24.4 lbs.	Don Lohse
	WEAKFISH	2		

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.



SALT WATER ANGLERS OF BERGEN COUNTY FISHING CONTEST AFFIDAVIT



ANGLERS NAME: _____

Date submitted with picture: _____

I certify that the following statements are true and that all contest rules were complied with and the witness actually witnessed the weighing and the measuring of the fish.

Caught from: ___ Boat ___ Surf - Date: _____

Name of Boat: _____

Port: _____

Where caught: _____

Signature of Angler _____

SPECIES

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Witnessed by: _____

1. _____

Address: _____

2. _____

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3. _____



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Jim Catanzaro holding a nice 13.8 lbs. bluefish!

Dominic Catalano with a 5.25 lb. sea bass



Man Swallowed by a Whale?

Michael Packard, a Cape Cod lobsterman, claims that he was swallowed by a Humpback Whale on June 11th. "All of a sudden, I felt like I got hit by a freight train and everything went black." The whale he said spit him back out in about 30 to 40 seconds, he said.

He was released from a hospital, just hours after his alleged brush with the whale and suffered only soft tissue damage and no serious injuries. (New York Post, June 13, 2021).

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Enclose a check in the amount of \$60 for a one-year membership, into New Jersey's #1 Salt Water Fishing Club

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