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**Our Club's recent Hampton trip
Jeff Criswell Sr., Jeff Criswell Jr., Bob Goldstein, John Farrell**

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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 plus participation if you choose in our 50/50 and dark horse drawings. Welcome all; we hope you enjoy the evening.

President's Corner

John Tiedemann was our guest speaker from Monmouth University and he gave us an excellent presentation on the biological background of striped bass and the different locations they come from such as the Hudson and Chesapeake Bay areas. He also gave us valuable information on how to handle striped bass after we catch and release them to prevent their mortality. So many striped bass are killed needlessly and we need to protect this valuable resource not only for ourselves, but for future generations. Our club also gave a donation of \$100 toward John's research program that his university is involved with in tracking the migration patterns of striped bass.

Nico was at his best in making delicious tacos with pulled pork, a corn mixture, cheese and other fillings for us to put in the tacos together along with a salad and lemon cake for dessert. **Thanks Nico!**

Kevin Morgan won our 50/50 of \$117 and he had a big smile on his face when his winning ticket was called!

It was an informative meeting with good food that was enjoyed by all of us members!

September 21 Meeting –

Speaker: **Tony Maja's** name is associated with Bunker Spoons and other tackle. He has come out with a new product line of tackle that he is eager to present to us! Fishing is a dynamic sport with new lures to give us the edge when we want to increase our catch and Tony Maja will help us to do just that!

Also at this meeting, we will be giving gift cards and certificates to members who won the Big Fish contest in **2020**. We wanted to give them out earlier, but COVID caused the closing of the Legion and disrupted this presentation. The Big Fish contest winners are **Bob Goldstein, Bill Fish, Jeff Criswell Jr. and Jeff Criswell Senior, Jeff Schwarz and Bob Cameron**.

Bob Cameron is recovering from a medical problem and **we all hope you recover soon Bob and get back to fishing that you love to do!**

Speaker for our October 19th Meeting – Penn Tackle

Tony Dubeck from Penn Tackle will talk about reel maintenance and the latest product line of Penn tackle. Representatives of Penn tackle always put on an interesting presentation on their equipment and help us to improve our fishing skills.

Speaker for our November 16th Meeting – Eddie Godell on Toggy Times Jigs

Eddie Goodell manufactures Toggy Times jigs that are especially made for catching blackfish. These jigs have a unique design to present bait better. He will give us a power point presentation on the effectiveness of his jigs and they will be for sale. This will be a very interesting meeting and a timely one with the blackfish season upon us. Don't miss it!

Good News Finally?

We always hear from fishing management is that we have to cut back on the number of fish we catch because we have exceeded our fishing quotas. Finally, there is news that the Atlantic States Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) has increased the quotas for fluke by 25% and bluefish by 67%.

What does this mean for us during our **2022** fishing season? It could possibly mean raising our catch of fluke from 3 to 4 fish, a longer season or lowering the size of possibly one fluke to 17 inches? There are many possibilities that may come into play with an increased quota.

In regard to bluefish, we may bounce back to keeping a 10 fish bag limit again?

Right now, it looks like we are finally on the path to see some improvements on our fishing scene. But keep your fingers crossed since when it comes to fishing management issues, anything can happen!

John Toth serves as an advisor to NJ's Marine Fisheries Council for fluke and will keep us posted on any changes to our fluke fishery.

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

December 21st (Tuesday) – Blackfish (\$150 + tip

Carmen can be reached at **(973) 214-4247** or

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Info@jerseyboatexpo.com

Winter Trade Shows – They are on for 2022!

Because of COVID -19, the winter trade shows we used to go to beat the winter doldrums were canceled in 2021.

Would they be held in 2022 was the real question, but this question has been answered with the following trade shows and their schedules follow:

Garden State Expo – January 6 to 9th

Boat Show – February 17-20th

Salt Water Expo – March 18-20th

Our club has a booth at these three shows to sell raffle tickets and to enlist new club members.

All shows will be held in only one location and that is the New Jersey Convention & Exposition Center at Raritan Center in Edison, NJ.

Ralph DeJulia with 2 fluke caught on the MiMi



Bill Fish Holding a 9 lb. Pollack



**A combo trip for fluke and lobsters on the boat "Curlew"
Rick Swarthe, Bill Horne, John Toth & Arnie Ulrich**



Remembering the Destruction of the World Trade Center on 9/11/2001

By John Toth

It is hard to believe that 20 years have gone by since the Trade Centers were brought down by terrorists who wanted to destroy America. However, that day will never be forgotten by me. I worked for the Port Authority of NY & NJ and my office was located on the 65th floor of the North Tower (Tower #1). My office faced in a northern direction and the Empire State building and all of Manhattan was in front of me. It was a crystal-clear day and the Hudson had a dark blue tint to it. The morning sun cast a reddish/brown tint on the office buildings in front of me. I thanked God for giving us such a beautiful day!

At 8:46 a.m. a jet flew directly over my office and crashed around the 85th floor. I heard it come in since it flew right over me. What was strange about it is that I heard the engines speed up before it hit the building. So, I knew from the start that something was not right. Also, the day was very clear so visibility was not a problem.

The Trade Center was designed to withstand a jet hitting it with the biggest jet in the air at that time of its construction in the 1970s. The jet that hit us was much bigger and actually it was a bomb since it was full of fuel coming a short distance from Boston Logan. The Trade Center (at 110 stories) was also designed to normally sway about 3 feet. Upon jet impact, I think the building swayed 8 to 9 feet in a southern direction and then about the same footage when it bounced back in a northern direction with all of the building's weight moving it forward. I thought that the building was going to collapse. Finally, the Trade Center bounced back and wobbled with the aluminum cladding on its outer surface cracking and falling down like icicles falling from a roof on a winter day. When I heard that sound, I knew that the Trade Center was going to fall down and it was just a matter of time.

People on my floor were shell shocked and said, "What Happened?" and initially did not move. I yelled out to everybody to get out. A colleague of mine (Sheryl) could not move from her desk and I shook her hard and told her to get out!

We slowly moved down the stairs and while people were scared, nobody lost it although some came close. Unbeknown to us, the jet fuel went down the building's elevator shafts and blew out some of the floors below us. This caused us to not go straight down the stairway but to circulate to floors that were intact to get out. We saw firemen moving up stairs to rescue people but I knew that they were never going to be coming back down again and were doomed. I can still see them.

We were around the 27th floor when the South Tower collapsed and its debris stuck the North Tower while we were still inside in it. The North Tower swayed upon this impact and the ceiling above me was moving and I was waiting with others to be crushed to death, but the North

Tower still held.

I eventually made it out of the building and was shocked to see the empty space that the South Tower once occupied. It was like a war zone with debris everywhere. It is hard to describe, but it was like scene from World War I with broken trees, pieces of twisted steel and a grayish light because of the dust in the air and on the ground. There was a big tree branch blocking egress and I picked it up to clear a path. I was knocked down by somebody running to get away causing my fall on a nail sticking out from some piece of wood and piercing my knee cap. I thought that I would never get up, but a cop nearby yelled at me to get up and get away before people jumping out from the towers would hit me. A colleague of mine witnessed a woman crushed to death from someone leaping from the tower. People who could not escape had the hard choice of either burning to death or jumping to achieve a quick death.

I was completely covered with dust and went to a nearby street and then saw the North Tower fall almost in front of me. With the TV antenna on top of it, it looked like a big dagger pushing down the building with debris exploding from it. The force of the building coming down turned the building's concrete in to dust. I moved as fast as I could to get away from the collapsing tower so that I would not be hit with falling debris.

My knee was bleeding and I used my tie to bandage it. I slowly walked up Church Street on my way to the PA Bus Terminal. I passed St. Vincent hospital and staff was waiting outside for casualties but few if any came since most people were crushed to death. All that was found of a friend of mine was his wedding ring. From the Port Authority Bus Terminal, I eventually made it home and then to a hospital for wound treatment and to wash the dust from my body.

At the end of the day, 2,977 Americans were murdered that day! Approximately 1,200 of them have not been identified with efforts still being made to identify their body parts.

I belong to World Trade Center Tribute, an association formed by people who lost loved ones with the goal of not letting this tragedy be forgotten. Tours by this association are conducted at the Trade Center site by docents to tell visitors what happened on that fateful day. I am one of those docents and I have given over 50 tours to visitors from the USA and many visitors from around the world.

Keeping the memory alive of what happened on 9/11 is the reason I have written this column.

By the way, Sheryl, the colleague I mentioned earlier that I shook hard to get out of the building invited me to her retirement party and thanked me in front of her family for saving her life.

We are haunted day and night by the knowledge that the amount of time we spend fishing is inconsequential in comparison with the amount of time doing things we do not love." – Howell Raines

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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Giant Blue Marlin Nets Fishermen \$1.167 Million in Tournament

The 2021 Mid-Atlantic tournament held in Cape May and Ocean City, Maryland was one for the ages. When the dust settled, a record **1,135-pound blue marlin** was caught August 20th on Jon Duffie’s Billfisher.

The marlin was so big that its tail hung through the Billfisher’s transom door as she sat on the scale. A skiff was needed to assist with pulling the fish from the boat through the door so it could be hoisted to the scale, which took 8 men to do, according to the tournament’s spokespeople.

This remarkable catch, which angler Billy Gurlach battled for 3 ½ hours on an 80-pound outfit, beat the contest’s earlier catch of a 985-pound blue marlin.

A total of 203 boats entered this tournament.

This blue marlin is pending a new state record for Maryland. For the record, this huge marlin was **11 feet from bill to tail.** (Asbury Park Press, August 24th, courtesy of Dan Radel.)

Olympic Mollusk Mayhem

Tokyo Bay turned into Oyster Bay and it wreaked havoc on a key Olympic venue of rowing and canoeing. Floats were set up to stop waves from crashing back across the water onto to athletes, but the shellfish started the floats to start sinking. Organizers were forced to hire divers and bring the floats ashore for emergency repairs costing \$1.28 million dollars!

The process resulted in the removal of more than **30,000 pounds** of magaki oysters which are considered to be a popular delicacy in Japan. However, City officials fear the oysters will return to the site again at the end of the Games and are considering a proposal to electrolyze the seawater to prevent these creatures from again attaching themselves to this equipment. (New York Post, July 20, 2021).

Fish of a Lifetime!

A Maryland angler in July spent **8 hours** reeling in a record **301-pound swordfish.**

Peter Schultz, 36, was participating in the Big Fish Classic Tournament in Ocean City when he hooked the giant prize on his line about 50 miles offshore.

Schultz called it “the fish of a lifetime” adding that his friends helped him haul it in. (Weird but True”, New York Post, August 1, 2021).

Salt Water Anglers of Bergen County #1 Salt Water Fishing Club

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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