

Pioneer Valley Boat and Surf Club Meeting

March 6, 2012

7:30 pm

Springfield Boat and Yacht Club

Guest Speaker: Pat Paquette, On The Water Magazine

Our last meeting featured Scott Glazier, guide from Altmar, N.Y. Scott did a very nice job of showing all aspects of the Salmon River. He also brought in some nice mounted fish. Scott had fishing rods with different rig set ups with a large variety of lures and flies that are used exclusively for steelhead and salmon. He guides on the Salmon River and if anybody would like to go fishing up there, give Scott a call.

Last Month's 50/50 meeting raffle was won by John Hutcelseder for \$75. Special thanks to Bob Genetelli for running this raffle. Bob also does a nice job of bringing coffee and snacks to each meeting. Thanks Bob, for your continued work and dedication to running this.

Our Club Raffle to be drawn April 3rd consists of a Grand Prize for a fishing trip on "The Ernit" with Captain Jim Puhala or \$200 in cash. Plus, a membership to our club for 2 for one year for the winner. Tickets will be sold at every meeting.

Special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Morin for selling tickets at our meetings. Tickets will also be available at the Springfield Sportsman's Show. All members are asked to sell tickets for this raffle for success for our club.

Membership dues should be paid for this year ASAP. Please pay at the next meeting if you have not done so at this time. The dues are \$20.

Club Banquet to be held: March 31, 2012 at the Cavalier Restaurant, 366 Chicopee St., Chicopee, MA. Time will be 6:00-6:45 for social hour. 6:45 dinner is served. Cost is \$25 per member. The club is paying a small amount to keep the price at \$25. Choice of: Boneless Breast of Chicken, Filet Mignon, or Broiled

Scrod. The meal will come with chicken noodle soup, oven brown potatoes, green beans, and apple pie with ice cream for dessert. Hartford Surf Club is also invited to this event. Special thanks to Tom Misiewicz for making the reservations for this date. All members are invited to bring a raffle prize. Please pay Pearl at the next meeting. The deadline for signing up will be 1 week before the banquet, which is March 24th. You can call Bob Ruzala at 413-592-5780 if you have a last minute decision on attending.

RISAA fishing show is March 9-11. Ray Nacewicz is in charge of getting discount tickets to this show. Ticket orders have already been placed through Ray at a price of \$6.00. The show is in the Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence, R.I. Ray will be handing out tickets at our March meeting for those who ordered them.

Anyone who wants club jackets must go through our club to place an order. Cost is \$50 per jacket. We need 5 jackets to place an order. There will be a sign up sheet at our March meeting.

Fish Slip Raffle will take place at our March meeting.

A special thank you goes to Rich Smith for donating \$100 for the largest striped bass caught from the surf. Chris Noftall caught the largest striper from the surf in 2011. The weight of Chris's fish was 27.8lbs.

Ice fishing tournament postponed as of this time. We will reconsider this at our next meeting. But winter looks to be almost over and ice is not safe in most areas.

The Springfield Sportsman's Show is February 23-26 at the Big E. It looks like we will be having a larger booth this year. All of our volunteers for this event that will work the booth receive free parking and free admission. Thanks to Bob Kelly for getting the free parking. Set up is Wednesday evening at 6:00pm. All members are encouraged to work the booth. Our booth will be at the Better Living Center. We might be getting a different booth location.

Maple Sugar Breakfast will be on Saturday, March 24th. Don Pryor will host this breakfast. Our members are encouraged to attend from 8:00-9:30 am. However, the Sugar House is open Friday through Sunday from 7:30-1:00. When attending this event fill out a ticket stating you attended through our club and you will be entered in a raffle for a ½ gallon of Maple Syrup which will be donated by Pomeroy's Sugar House. The Sugar House address is 491 Russellville Road, Westfield, MA. Directions will be at our next meeting.

Schedule of Events:

February 23-26: Springfield Sportsman's Show, West Springfield, MA

March 6: Speaker, Pat Paquette. On The Water Magazine

March 24: Maple Sugar Breakfast. Host Don Pryor

March 31: Club Banquet at Cavalier's Steak House

April 3: Speaker, Dr. Rich Rubin, Talk on Ticks and Lyme Disease

May 1: Speaker, Mike DiSanto, Talk on Plugs

June 5: TBA Speaker

August 25: Cook Out on The Connecticut River. Host John "Hutch" Hutcelseder

Please let me know if you have any thoughts or ideas for making our club the best around.

Sincerely,

Bob Ruzala

President