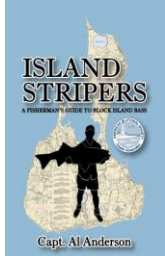


Pioneer Valley Boat & Surf Club
Meeting Date April 2, 2013
7:30 Regular Meeting
At The Springfield Yacht & Canoe Club



Tonight's Speaker: Captain Al Anderson. Speaking on - "Block" Island Stripers. The Captain will do a power point presentation on fishing for stripers on Block Island. He will have books for sale titled "Block" Island Stripers. He can autograph the book if you wish.

Last month's meeting speaker was Pat Paquette. Pat did a nice job of how to fish the cape cod canal. Pat is also running for an appointment to the MASS. Fishery counsel. We support Pat and hope he gets on this board. We wrote a letter to Governor Patrick Duval in support of Patrick.

50/50 Raffle will be monthly. Thanks to Bob Genetelli for running this and picking up the snacks and coffee. Mr. Oberlander won the raffle in March for \$60.

Our **club banquet** was held on Saturday March 23, 2013 at the Cavalier Restaurant in Chicopee, MA. We invited Hartford Surf Club to attend. In our yearlong fishing contest with Hartford Surf, they beat us in total fish weight of 316 lbs.6 oz. to our total of 207.44 lbs. Congratulations to Hartford Surf! All who attended the dinner had great food and there was a lot of camaraderie among all. The super raffle went very good. My thanks to all who brought raffle prizes. Special thanks to Tom Misiewicz who made arrangements with the restaurant. Jim McKeough and his wife Shirley were in charge of getting raffle table prizes. Thank you Jim and Shirley for shopping to get the prizes. Special thank you goes out to the following who donated to the raffle table: Mike DiSanto for donating 8 custom wooden plugs with the name Pioneer valley boat and surf club on all of them; Jeff Colson for donating 3 custom casting eggs; Steve Andras for donating 2 fishing rod and reel setups; Roy Britton for donating a fly box with white Goldie flies; Bob Genetelli for donating 3 prizes of his saltwater flies; and Steve Higgins of Hartford Surf for a gift basket. These are the donations that were known to me. If anyone else donated please tell me so I can acknowledge your donation. The awards presented that night to our members were:

Rich Cotti largest boat striped bass 31.7 lbs

Ray Nacewicz largest boat bluefish 15.4 lbs

Chris Noftall largest boat cod 5.5 lbs

Dan Sliwa largest boat fluke 3 lbs

Paul Ruzala largest surf striped bass 32 lbs

Dan Sliwa largest surf bluefish 12 lbs

Gregory "chainsaw" Williams largest striped bass on a fly 38 inches

Bob Genetelli largest blue fish on a fly 35.5 inches

We also honored Tim Nacewicz for his work at the Springfield sportsman's show for selling raffle tickets. Steve Andras presented a fishing rod and reel along with a trophy to Tim. Tim did an outstanding job of selling over \$100 of raffle tickets at the sportsman's show.

MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD went to Pearl Warzecka. We presented Pearl with a plaque for all of her service and hard work over the years. She is our treasurer who is always doing something for our club. Pearl sells raffle tickets, does our treasurer work, helps out at all of our events, and overall is there when we need some type of help. Pearl, CONGRATULATIONS!

Membership dues for 2013 should be paid ASAP. Dues are \$20. See our treasurer Pearl for payment.

I would like to thank Ed Szcsur for donating many prizes for our club's ice fishing event. This event went well and was very successful for the many items Ed donated. Thank you Ed!

RAFFLE DRAWING APRIL 2nd! Raffle tickets for a chance to win a Trip on "The Ernit" with Captain Jim Puhala will be available for sale at this meeting. Or you may take a gift certificate of \$200. The raffle will be drawn at our April meeting. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.00. Maurice Morin will be selling tickets at our meetings. Members are welcome to take some tickets home to sell them providing they are returned at our April meeting. Thanks to Captain Jim Puhala who has helped us with this raffle donation of his services. Jim has given this prize for many years. Many of our members have been on Jim's boat in the past and have caught some very large Stripers. So give Jim a call if you don't win, he will provide a good fishing outing with you.

Fishing tackle show on Sunday March 3rd was at the Polish Americans Club. Rt. 57, Feeding Hills, MA. Special thanks to Ray Nacewicz and all of our members who helped at our booth selling raffle tickets and memberships. THANK YOU to all who helped.

For those who gave in fish slips along with those who weighed in a fish, we had a raffle take place at the March meeting. Each category will have two raffle prizes. Prizes are gift certificates of \$25 each from Cardinal bait and tackle, Mike's custom plugs, and (2) from Cabelas. Sean Carey is the chairman for this event. The weighed in fish are totaled and are in a contest with Hartford Surf Club for a competition between our clubs. Winners of the raffle were Ray Nacewicz (Mikes Plugs GC), Dan Sliwa (Cabelas GC), Len Colson (Cabelas GC), and Paul Ruzala (Cardinal Bait GC). Congratulations to all winners.

WE NEED YOUR FISH SLIPS THIS YEAR! Hartford Surf beat us in our annual contest with them. We need to get the bragging rights back!

Pictures are on our website of the Ice Fishing Day along with Sportsman Show. To view visit us at www.pioneervalleyboatandsurf.org/

FISH REPORT: Captain Jerry Sparks reported getting into schoolies on March 25, Narragansett, RI. The fish are arriving! Many reports are stating they are seeing herring on the cape and in RI.

Frank Sousa to be honored at the MASS.Sportsmen Counsel Annual Meeting. April 13,2013. Time: 5:00 pm awards. 6:00 pm dinner. Super raffle to follow. Cost is \$35pp. Table of 8 \$250. Where: VFW 414, Rt. 146, 156 Boston Road, Sutton, MASS.

Future Dates:

April 5, 2013, Pomeroy Sugar House Restaurant Breakfast. Time 8:00- 10:00 am. Join us for breakfast. Put your name in for a chance to win some Maple syrup. Directions: MASS PIKE Exit 3. Turn left at the lights, this is Southampton Road; Turn left at 2nd set of lights onto North road (Purple Onion restaurant & Bar is on the left corner, now it is 7B's store); Continue on North road; Go straight through 4 way stop sign intersection; At the intersection there is a cemetery on the left; Turn right at the stop sign Russellville road; Pomeroy Sugar House is ¼

mile on the right. Directions from US 91N; Take exit 15; Turn left at lights Lower Westfield road; Turn right at end of Homestead Avenue; Turn left onto Westfield road US-202; Follow US 202 approx. 5 miles. At lights when you reach Southampton road go straight through intersection and follow directions from above to North road (Purple Onion – 7B's corner).

April, . Volunteers needed to stock salmon fry. This information is under special notices on our website.

April 13, 2013 Frank Sousa to be honored. See above for more details

May 7, 2013 Speaker: Captain Jerry Sparks. Kayak fishing in the ocean and around Narragansett, RI.

May 11 & 12, and 18 & 19 - Holyoke Shad Derby

June 2, 2013 Open house at Westfield River fish ladder. Location is at Southworth paper company lot. Address is 150 Front St., West Springfield, MA. Caleb Slater of MASS fish and game invited us to attend. This is free to the public. www.westfieldriver.org

June 4, 2013 Speaker: Caleb Slater. Anadromous fish on the Westfield River.

August 3, 2013 Red Cliffs Summer Get Together, South Hadley, MA. Chairman John Hutcelseder

Sincerely,

Bob Ruszala

President