

Pioneer Valley Boat & Surf Club
Meeting Date March 5, 2013
Time: 7:00 Board of Directors Meeting
7:30 Regular Meeting
At The Springfield Yacht & Canoe Club

Tonight's Speaker: Pat Paquette speaking on "Fishing the Cape Cod Canal". Pat will update us on the Mass. Saltwater fishery appointments.

Last month's meeting our speaker was Paul Bridge who talked about "Albacore on the Fly". Paul did a nice job of how and when to fish for Albies.

Ray Nacewicz will have tickets for those who prepaid for the **RISAA saltwater show** in Providence, RI. This show will be on March 8, 9, and 10.

Our club banquet will be on Saturday March 23, 2013 at the Cavalier Restaurant in Chicopee, MA. Time 6:00pm for cash bar. 7:00 for dinner. Dinner choices are Filet Mignon, Broiled Scrod, or Breast of Chicken. Meal includes potato, vegetables, dessert, and coffee. Cost is \$25 per member. The cost is a few dollars more, but our club is putting in the difference. All dinners must be paid by March 5th meeting. We invited Hartford Surf Club to attend. All who attend the dinner are encouraged to bring a raffle prize for our super raffle at the end of dinner. Special thanks to Tom Misiewicz who is making arrangements with the restaurant. Jim McKeough is in charge of getting raffle table prizes.

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

Ice Fishing Day went really good. Weather was perfect. We had over 40 attend this event. Quite a few fish were caught. The species caught were largemouth bass, pickerel, crappie, and yellow perch. All fisherman and fisherwoman under the age of 21 received a raffle prize. Thanks to vice president Sean Carey for chairing this event and cooking. Everybody ate well and there was a lot of camaraderie. We also thank Camp Ramah and their owners for letting us use their pond and facilities for the day.

The Springfield Sportsman Show booth was a success. We would like to welcome the following new members who joined at the sportsmen's show: John McBrearty, Bob Pilecki, Bob Manley, Doug Sousa, and Leon Gomlinski. Henry Monczko rejoined and he was a member many years ago. Thanks for joining and welcome to our club! New members received a free lure from Al Gags. Thank you goes to Al for your continued support to our club. Our booth was decorated well and received a lot of traffic from many sportsmen. Special thanks to all of our members who set up, tore down, and manned the booth throughout the show. Our Seminar on "Introduction to Surf Casting" went well. Our Speakers of Steve Nacewicz, Ray Nacewicz, Denny Donovan, Sean Carey, and Steve Andras did a nice job of presenting and educating the attendees. Thank you to all the speakers and the rest of the members who volunteered their help. Thank you goes to all the members who sold raffle tickets. Along with an extra thanks to Tim Nacewicz, who by far sold the most tickets. On the last day Sean Carey made a clam chowder that was awesome. Great job Sean! I would like to again say thanks to all who attended and manned the booth and helped out.

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 is at the Polish Americans Club. Rt. 57, Feeding Hills, MA is the location. Time is 8am to around 2pm. Ray Nacewicz is manning our booth there. We sell raffle tickets and look for new members. We need some volunteers to help out. Please get in touch with Ray or Bob Ruzala if you can help out. There are various tables throughout the building that sells fishing and hunting equipment, similar to a tag sale. So show up and grab some good deals.

For those who gave in fish slips along with those who weighed in a fish, we will have a raffle take place this 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. At our banquet we will announce which club won the competition.

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

Future Dates:

March 3, 2013. Fishing tackle show and tag sale for sportsman. Polish Americans Club, Route 57, Feeding Hills, MA. We need volunteers. Ray Nacewicz is the chairman for this event.

March 5, 2013, Speaker: Pat Paquette. Fishing the Cape Cod Canal

March 8, 9, 10, 2013 RISAA Saltwater Show, Providence, RI.

March 23, 2013, Club Banquet, Cavalier Restaurant, Chicopee, MA 6:00-9:00pm

April 2, 2013, Speaker: Captain Al Anderson. "Block" Island Stripers.

April, MA. fisheries Salmon stocking program. Volunteers needed to stock salmon fry. This information is under special notices on our website.

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

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 White Cliffs Summer Get Together, South Hadley, MA. Chairman John Hutcelseder

Sincerely,

Bob Ruzala

President