

## Pioneer Valley Boat & Surf Club Meeting

February 4, 2014

Springfield Yacht & Canoe Club

Regular Meeting 7:30

Our regular meeting speaker for tonight will be Al Gag. Al will be talking about his latest lures and how to fish them. Al will also have some of his lures for sale at this meeting.

At our January meeting we had Paul Caruso, senior salt water fisheries biologist from the state of Massachusetts. Paul did a fine job talking about the striped bass tagging program in our state.

Dues are payable. Please pay our treasurer Pearl at this meeting. Please also update your mailing and email addresses at this time.

Winners of the Cabelas gift certificates raffle of \$100 each were Ray Nacewicz and Dick Roberts. Congratulations to each winner and thank you to all who participated and bought a raffle ticket.

50/50 raffle winner was Mike DiSanto. Special thanks to Bob Genetelli for running this raffle and bringing the coffee and snacks at each of our meetings.

The tee shirts many of you ordered that stated PVBSC the champions at the fall surf challenge are in. Please pay Steve Andras at this meeting.

Springfield Sportsman's Show will be February 20-23<sup>rd</sup> at the Big E. We are having a booth as usual. We need your help in setting up the booth. We meet on Wednesday at 6:00 to set up. We also need your help in working at the booth. There will be a sign up sheet at our next meeting. For those working the booth you get free parking and free admission. But you must work the booth for this entry. We will have our raffle tickets available for a fishing trip with Captain Jim Puhala. Captain Jim gives our club the chance to fish with him on his boat The

Ernit. He fishes for striped bass and bluefish out of the mouth of the Connecticut River. Or if you happen to win the raffle you may choose to win a cash prize instead. We encourage all that are working our both to sell raffle tickets. Sean Carey and Bob Kelley will be in charge of the raffle tickets. There will also be an invitation to prospective new members who join our club or show up at our March meeting a chance to win a rod and reel courtesy of Steve Andras. Tom Misiewicz has been working on these prospective member invitations for the raffle. Rich Cotti and his wife will have a poster made for our booth. So please everyone, get involved and help our club out.

Ice fishing get together will be Saturday February 15. The place will be at Camp Ramah in Palmer, Mass. Time will be 8am to 12 noon. Prizes and food will be served. We encourage all young fisherman and fisherwoman to attend. We have prizes for all young that attend. Sean Carey will be hosting and cooking at this event. We will have a signup sheet at our next meeting. Please indicate on the signup sheet how many in your party that will attend and how many young fishermen you have with you.

A breakfast at Pomeroy's Sugar House is planned for Saturday March 8, 8:00-9:30am. For all those that attend there will a raffle for some maple syrup. Thanks to Don Prior for helping out with this event. Raffle drawing will be made at our April meeting.

Club banquet will be March 29, 2014 at the Cavalier restaurant in Chicopee. Time will be 6:00-6:30 social hour. Dinner served at 6:45pm. Cost is \$25 per member with a small amount in addition to this cost to be paid by our club. Choice of boneless breast of chicken, filet mignon, or broiled scrod for dinner. The meal will come with chicken noodle soup, oven browned potatoes, green beans, and apple pie with ice cream for dessert. There will be a sign up sheet at our meeting and all payments must be made in advance of the banquet. Thanks to Tom Misiewicz for making arraignments. Jim McKeough will be purchasing the raffle table prizes. All members are encouraged to bring a raffle for the table. Club Fishing Awards are given at this event. We also give out member of the year

award, and we are currently looking for nominations. So if you know of anybody worthy of this award let me know.

Fish slip raffle will take place at our April meeting. We will have 4 raffles drawn. Two raffles for fish slips and two for those who weighed in fish.

RISAA saltwater show will be March 28-30. Ray Nacewicz will be getting discount tickets. Price is \$6.00. Bring your order and money at this meeting. Ray will have the tickets for the March meeting.

We will have our August get together at Red Cliffe Club on August 2, 2014. More information to follow and thanks to "Hutch" for chairing this event.

#### Future Events:

February 15, Ice fishing get together at Camp Ramah, Palmer, Mass. time 8:00am to 12:00 noon

February 20-23, Springfield sportsman's show

March 4, regular meeting with speaker from Reel Cast charters

March 8, Pomeroy Sugar House breakfast. 8:00 – 9:30am.

March 29, Club banquet at the Cavalier restaurant, Chicopee, Mass.

March 28-30, RISAA saltwater fishing show

August 2, Summer get together at Red Cliffe Club, South Hadley, Mass.

Sincerely,

Bob Ruzala

President Pioneer Valley Boat & Surf Club

