

Pioneer Valley Boat & Surf Club

March 4, 2014

Springfield Yacht & Canoe Club

Regular Meeting 7:30

Our regular meeting will be having Captain Mike Roy from Reel Cast Charters. Reel Cast charters specialize in fishing with light tackle in shallow water for trophy striped bass.

Last month's speaker was Al Gag. Al did a nice job of talking about his whip it eel lures. He also sold these lures and had a nice raffle in which he donated the proceeds to charity. We also had Western Mass. Sportsman Council President Dwayne Pray join us. Dwayne told us how he was thankful our club is a member and also stated all of the sporting clubs need to stick together for future changes in laws and land usage.

Dues are payable. Please pay Pearl at this meeting.

Tee shirts that some of you ordered through Steve Andras are in. Most of you have paid, but there are a few who were not at last meeting, so please see Steve.

We will be taking orders for selling Jackets at \$40 with the club logo on them. If you want your name on them they will cost \$5 more. The jackets normally go for \$49, but the club will pay the \$9 difference. Sizes 2X and larger will be \$5 more. New style hats will also be sold at this meeting. They are baseball hats with our logo on them. Price is \$12. Ray Nacewicz will be taking orders at this meeting.

50/50 raffle winner last month was David Nickelson. Thanks to Bob Genetelli for running the raffle and bringing coffee and snacks to our meetings.

Check out our website. Pictures from past meetings and events have been updated. A special thanks to Sarah Madison for all her hard work for the updates.

The Springfield sportsman's show was well attended by our members. I would like to thank all the members who set up, watched, and closed the booth. We always had a good amount of members at the booth helping out and answering questions for the attendees. Raffle sales went well, with Timmy Nacewicz selling a large amount of tickets. Thank you Timmy! Captain Jim from "The Ernit" needs to be thanked because of his giving us a great deal on the raffle

prize of a trip on his boat. Thank you Jim. Raffle tickets will be available for those members able to sell tickets at their work place. The raffle is the largest fund raiser for the club and it is important that all members try to sell at least a couple of books. The raffle drawing will be held at our April meeting. We did get quite a few new members and I will report how many at our next meeting. All the new members who joined received a lure from Al Gag. Special thanks to Al for always helping us out at the show. We will be having a raffle for the new members and perspective new members at our meeting with one lucky winner winning a rod and reel donated by Steve Andras. Thank you Steve for donating this prize. Thanks to Tom Misiewicz for making the new member invitations for the raffle. Thanks to Rich Cotti and his wife for making a beautiful poster for the booth. To all that helped in one way or another, THANK YOU!

Club banquet will be held on March 29th at the Cavalier restaurant in Chicopee. Time is 6:00pm for social hour. Dinner will be served at 6:45. Cost is \$25 per person. The cost is actually more than \$25, our club will pay the difference. Your choice of boneless chicken breast, 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. The signup sheet will be at our meeting in which Pearl will collect your payment. Thanks to Tom Misiewicz for making arraignments. Jim McKeough will be purchasing prizes for the raffle table. Participants are encouraged to bring a raffle prize. We also will be giving out awards and member of the year. Hartford Surf Club has been invited and I saw some of their members recently and they are looking forward to attending.

Ice fishing get together was attended by over 40 of our members and friends. The weather was good. Some fish were caught. All of our younger attendees received a raffle prize. The food was excellent and filling. I would like to thank all that attended for making this a fun event. Thanks goes to Sean Carey for chairing this event, cooking, and getting the raffle prizes. I know some prizes were donated, and I will let you know in the future when I receive the complete list of donors. Again thank you to all who made this day special.

Breakfast at Pomeroy's sugar house is planned for Saturday March 8th. Time will be 8:00-9:30am. Please join us for breakfast with Don Prior doing some cooking and helping us out with this event. A raffle drawing will be held at our following meeting for some maple syrup. Members that attend this breakfast must sign up for this raffle on the day of the event.

Fish slip raffle will take place at our April meeting. We will have 4 raffles for those who gave in fish slips and weighed in fish for our yearly contest with Hartford Surf Club.

March 9 will be a fishing tackle, new and used, and hunting gear sale to be held at the Polish Americans Club, 139 Southwick Street, rt. 57 in Southwick, MA. There will be many booths with all sorts of gear. You can set up your own booth for a small charge. Ray Nacewicz will be on hand selling raffle tickets and representing our club. Doors open at 8:00 am and the show goes to about 2:00pm.

Future Events:

March 8, Pomeroy Sugar House breakfast, Westfield, MA.

March 9, Polish American Club, Southwick, MA, Fishing and hunting sale.

March 8 & 9, MSBA Annual Sport Fishing Expo, Plymouth, MA.

March 28-30, RISAA Saltwater fishing show, Providence, RI.

March 29, Club Banquet, Cavalier Restaurant, Chicopee, MA.

April 1, Club Meeting, Captain Bruce Millar, Fishing for trophy striped bass.

May 6, Club Meeting, Speaker TBA

June 3, Club Meeting, Speaker TBA

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

September 2, Club Meeting, Speaker TBA

October 7, Club Meeting, Speaker TBA

November 4, Club Meeting, Captain Mel True, Tautog Fishing.

December 2, Club meeting, Christmas Party, Yankee Swap, and pizza.

Sincerely,

Bob Ruzala

President