

Pioneer Valley Boat & Surf Club Meeting

Wednesday April 1, 2015

Springfield Yacht & Canoe Club

Regular Meeting 7:30pm

www.pioneervalleyboatandsurfclub.org

This month's speaker will be Leanda Fontaine Gagnon. Leanda is a Fisheries Biologist for Mass. Division of Fish & Wildlife. Her topic will be about the Quabbin Reservoir. She will go in detail into the PIT-tagging of Lake Trout. She will talk some about the Landlocked Salmon scale collecting program to identify if there is natural reproduction going on. She has a lot of information to share with us.

Membership dues are \$30 and should be paid to our treasurer Don Prior. Please see Don if you have a change of address or email.

The 7th annual fishing and hunting swap was a success in Feeding Hills March 8, 2015. The event was held at the Polish Club. Ray Nacewicz was in charge of getting a table for our club to sell raffle tickets. Many volunteers from our club showed up and helped Ray. We had a new member signup on this day along with good raffle sales for our club. Thanks to Ray and all the members that helped this day successful for our club.

Our club banquet will be held on Saturday March 28, 2015 at the Cavalier restaurant in Chicopee. Time will be 6:00-6:30 social hour. Dinner served at 6:45pm. Cost is \$30 per member. 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 next meeting. Thanks to Tom Misiewicz for making the arrangements. Jim McKeough will be purchasing the raffle table prizes. All members are encouraged to bring a raffle prize for the table. Club fishing awards will be given at this event. Member of the year award will be given. We also invite the Hartford Surf Club to attend this event. We have a yearly fishing contest with Hartford surf for club competition. At the writing of this newsletter we had over 50 signups for the banquet.

50/50 Raffle takes place every meeting. Special thanks to Bob Genetelli for running this monthly raffle. Thank you to Bob for getting the coffee and refreshments at all of our meetings.

Breakfast at Pomeroy's sugar house was on Saturday March 21st. Many members attended. Members that attended this breakfast signed up for a raffle for Maple Syrup. We will draw the winner at our April meeting. Thanks to our Treasurer Don Prior for helping this event possible and fun.

There will be a fund raiser on March 29, 2015 for Tony Stetzko. This will be held on a Sunday from 4:00-8:00pm. Tickets are \$20 at the door. There will be Auctions, raffles, buffet, and DJ music. Fishing gear, one of a kind artwork, and restaurant certificates. Tony is a good friend of Al Gag. Tony also is known for catching a record striped bass of 78 lbs. Mr. Stetzko had an accident and has since passed away. The fundraiser will be for Tony's son Anton III who is very young and this will help for future needs

ALL raffle tickets sales, cash and unused ones must be returned at our April 1 meeting. We will draw the winner of this event on April 1. The winner of the raffle prize gets a trip on "The Ernit" fishing boat with Captain Jim Puhala, or \$200 in cash. The winner also will get free membership with a friend for one year to our club. Special thanks to Captain Jim for donating this trip to our club for many years. Last year's winner caught Striped Bass to 42 lbs. and blue fish to over 12 lbs. This is our largest fundraiser for our club, so please sell, sell, sell the raffle tickets.

At our March meeting we had 6 new members attend that joined from the Springfield Sportsman's Show. The raffle for the new members was a salt water rod and reel donated by Steve Andras. Thank you Steve for your donation of this fishing outfit. The winner was Joe Thornton. Congratulations Joe!

Visit our website, all the pictures from past meetings are up to date. Special thanks goes to Sarah Madison, our website coordinator for her hard work and attention to detail for our site. She is very helpful to our club and I just want to say she does an excellent job!

Future Events & Meetings:

March 28, 2015 – Club Banquet at Cavalier Restaurant.

March 29, 2015 – Fund raiser for Tony Stetzko at Eastham Elks Club.

April 1, 2015 – Regular meeting – Speaker Leanda Fontaine Gagnon, Topic will be Lake Trout and Landlocked Salmon at the Quabbin Reservoir.

May 6, 2015- Regular meeting – Speaker Joey G. from Why Not Fishing, Topic will be Kayak fishing.

June 3, 2015- Regular meeting- Speaker TBA

August 1, 2015 – Red Cliffe summer get together.

September 2, 2015 – Regular meeting – Speaker Matthew Ayer, Recreational Biologist for Mass. Marine Fisheries.

September 18 & 19, 2015-Hartford Surf Club versus Pioneer Valley Boat & Surf Club yearly fishing tournament, cookout afterwards @ Cardinal Bait & Tackle Shop, Weekapaug, R.I.

October 7, 2015-Regular meeting-Speaker Bill Hurley.

Sincerely,

Bob Ruzala

President