

Pioneer Valley Boat & Surf Club Meeting
Wednesday January 7, 2015
Springfield Yacht and Canoe Club
Regular Meeting 7:30pm
www.pioneervalleyboatandsurfclub.org

Our regular meeting for tonight will feature Dennis Zamboratta speaking on the history of the needlefish. Dennis will talk about how the needlefish lure was born and the many designs it has. This will be a very good and informative talk.

At our last meeting we had our Christmas party, yankee swap, and Christmas raffle. Victor Narducci won the \$100 Visa card and Rich Cotti won the \$100 Mike's plug gift certificate. We had the following win a \$50 raffle: Mike DiSanto, Steve Andras, Mike Blais, and Maurice Morin.

Membership dues were voted on and raised to \$30 by all members in attendance. At this meeting the budget committee presented that in the future the club will not subsidize the banquet and clothing purchases. The mailing of newsletters will only be delivered via email. Our club feels that eliminating mailings will save on our budget. We will mail out postcards with the meeting date to members who are not online. When paying your dues members will receive the meeting schedule for the year. All of our meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month September through June. For our banquet and awards we will be giving out framed certificates instead of trophies to those who caught the largest species of fish in the surf and boat categories. ALL club members are asked to sell \$10 worth of raffle tickets for a chance to win the fishing Trip on The Ernit with Captain Jim Puhala. This raffle is our largest fund raiser and we need everyone's help to make this a success. We also sell these raffle tickets at the Sportsman's Show.

Fish slips for angler awards and for the contest with Hartford Surf club must be in for the January meeting. Please give affidavits to Sean Carey.

We are getting ready for the Sportsman's Show which will be held on February 19, 20, 21, and 22. Our club has a booth at this show. The show is held on the grounds of the Big E in West Springfield. As always we need volunteers to man

the booths. More information will be available on this next month.

Tickets for the RISSA saltwater fishing show will be available for \$6. Ray Nacewicz will be taking orders for tickets at the January meeting. All must prepay to Ray. He will have tickets at the February meeting. The show will be held at the Providence, R.I. convention center February 27 – March 1.

The 7th annual fishing swap meet will be in Feeding Hills March 8, 2015. Cost is \$2 to get in. This event will be at the Polish club. Ray Nacewicz will be getting a table for our club to sell raffle tickets. Volunteers needed to help Ray. Any club member who would want a table to sell their fishing or hunting gear can contact Dave Dussault at 413-427-0846

Elections took place in December. Voted in for President Bob Ruzala; Vice President Sean Carey; Treasurer Don Prior; Secretary Bob Kelley. Congratulations to all that were elected!

We need input from members for member of the year. Please let us know if you know of anyone deserving. We also need ideas for future speakers for our meetings. Let us know if you know of a speaker or if you are and member that would like to educate us somehow. Members are also encouraged to be available as a backup in case bad weather prohibits speakers coming from long distance who cannot travel to us.

Future Events and Meetings:

February 4, 2015 Regular meeting - Speaker Al Gag
February 15, 2015 - Ice Fishing get together
February 19, 20, 21, 22, 2015 - Sportsman's Show at the Big E
February 27 – March 1, 2015 - RISSA Saltwater Fishing Show
March 4, 2015 Regular meeting – Speaker John Pannetta
March 28, 2015 Club banquet at Cavalier Restaurant

Sincerely,
Bob Ruzala
President