

Pioneer Valley Boat & Surf Club Meeting

Wednesday March 4, 2015

Springfield Yacht & Canoe Club

Regular Meeting 7:30pm

www.pioneervalleyboatandsurfclub.org

This month's speaker will be John Panetta. John runs a boat charter and talked to our club many years ago. Tonight John will talk about fishing for striped bass, fluke, sea bass, and blackfish.

Last month's speaker was Al Gag. Al showed a video of his Whip-it-fish jig. Al demonstrated how to use the lure and various techniques. He did a very good presentation to our membership.

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 Springfield Sportsman's Show was held on February 19, 20, 21, and 22. I would like to thank all of our members who volunteered setting up the booth, working and selling raffle tickets at the booth, and taking down the booth. We did get a few new members at the show. Special thanks to Al Gag for giving the new members a lure. Thanks to Ray Nacewicz for taking care of the raffle money. Thanks to Tom Misiewicz for bringing "big blue" our set up for the booth. Tim Nacewicz did another great job selling raffle tickets this year. Thank you to all who helped spread the word of our club to many visitors to our booth. Captain Jim Puhala is to be thanked for donating the raffle prize of the trip on the "Ernit". We also have a new rod and reel to be raffled off to prospective members at our next meeting. This setup was donated by Steve Andras. Thank you Steve! Thanks to Bob Kelley for getting the parking passes. Thanks to all! We are very fortunate to have many members helping out and volunteering at this show. Our

membership volunteering and thoughtfulness to help strengthen our club is very much appreciated!

Our ice fishing get together that was scheduled to be on Sunday February 15, 2015 was cancelled because of poor weather and ice conditions.

The 7th annual fishing and hunting swap will be in Feeding Hills March 8, 2015. Cost is \$2 to get in. This event will be held at the Polish Club. Ray Nacewicz will be getting a table for our club to sell raffle tickets. Volunteers needed to help Ray. Any member who would want a table to sell their fishing or hunting gear can contact Dave Dussault at 413-427-0846. Address is 139 Southwick Street, rt. 57, Southwick, MA. There is a small cost to get in.

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 arraignments. 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, and we are looking for nominations for member of the year. Please let me know of a deserving member. We also invite the Hartford Surf Club to attend this event. We have a yearly fishing contest with Hartford surf for club competition. **ALL PAYMENTS FOR THIS BANQUET NEED TO BE PAID IN FULL AT OUR MARCH MEETING!**

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 is planned for Saturday March 21st. Time will be 8:00-9:30am. Please join us for breakfast with Don Prior doing some cooking and helping out with this event. A raffle drawing will be held for some maple

syrup. Members that attend this breakfast must sign up for this raffle on the day of this event.

On February 26th I received an email about the possibility of Rhode Island saltwater licenses going up from \$7 to \$25. A message from RI state representative Brian Patrick Kennedy said he is confident the bill will not be brought to the floor of the House for a vote. The hearing on this bill has been postponed. It looks like it is dead upon arrival. Let's hope they don't try to pull a sneak on us fisherman.

Remember all members please sell raffle tickets for our club. The drawing will be held on April 1st. We still have a month away to help build up our treasury for our club activities. Ray Nacewicz will be collecting ticket stubs and money for those who already sold tickets.

Future Events & Meetings:

February 27 – March 1, 2015 – RISAA Saltwater Fishing Show.

March 4, 2015 – Regular Meeting – Speaker John Panetta

March 8, 2015 – Polish American Club, Southwick, MA. Fishing and Hunting sale.

March 21, 2015 – Pomeroy's Sugar House Breakfast.

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 TBA

May 6 or June 3 meeting we will have Joey G. from Why Not Fishing to talk about kayak fishing.

August 1, 2015 – Red Cliffe summer get together.

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

October 4, 2015 – Regular meeting – Speaker Bill Hurley

Sincerely,

Bob Ruzala

President