

Pioneer Valley Boat & Surf Club Meeting

Wednesday May 6, 2015

Springfield Yacht & Canoe Club

Regular Meeting 7:00pm

www.pioneervalleyboatandsurfclub.org

This month's speaker will be Joey G. of Why Knot Fishing. Joe will be having a talk on kayak fishing. He will set up outside our meeting place at 7:00 O'clock and show everyone his kayak with fishing equipment and set ups. So please come early to ask him questions about his kayak. At 7:30 we will have our business meeting, Joey then after our business session will be giving a presentation on more about kayaking and fishing. He will be raffling off one free guided trip at this meeting. So please come down for this fine presentation and a chance to win a guided trip.

Last month's speaker was Leanda Fontaine Gagnon. Leanda is a Fisheries Biologist for Mass. Division of Fish & Wildlife. Her topic was about the Quabbin Reservoir. She went into detail of PIT-tagging of Lake Trout. She also talked some about the Landlocked Salmon scale collecting program to identify if there is natural reproduction going on. She had a lot of information to share with us. Leanda did a great presentation!

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. If you are not paid up by this meeting we will be taking your name off of our mailing list.

Our club banquet was held on Saturday March 28, 2015 at the Cavalier restaurant in Chicopee. Thank you to all attended. Thanks to Tom Misiewicz for making the arraignments with the restaurant. Thanks to Jim McKeough for buying the raffle prizes. Many of our members brought raffle items to the table and we thank you. Mike DiSanto donated a lot of his custom plugs, Thank you Mike! Hartford surf club attended and they brought some nice raffle items which were very much appreciated. In our yearly contest with Hartford surf club, they had 162lbs. of fish, we had 290lbs. of fish. Thereby we won the competition for the year 2014. Member of the Year award went to Ray Nacewicz. Ray does a lot for our club and he is most deserving of this award. Pearl Warzecka was honored with a plaque for her many years of service to our club. Tim Nacewicz received a trophy and gift card for his selling of many raffle tickets at the sportsman's show. The following were our final tallies for our annual fishing contest. Please note that in each category the first place finisher received a framed certificate noting the size, category, and species of fish caught.

BOAT DIVISION

Striped Bass

1. Ray Duplissie 42lbs.

2. Len Brennan 33lbs. 12oz.

3. Rich Cotti 33lbs. 8oz.

Bluefish

1. Ray Duplissie 12 lbs. 8oz.

2. Peter Ifflund 12 lbs. 4oz.

3. Steve Andras 12 lbs.

Fluke

1. Steve Nacewicz 5 lbs. 8oz.

2. Len Colson 5 lbs.

3. Don Prior 5 lbs.

Blackfish

1. Ray Nacewicz 4 lbs. 4oz.

2. Roy Britton 4 lbs. 2oz.

3. Bob Kelley 4 lbs.

Sea Bass

1. Len Brennan 3 lbs. 8oz.

SURF DIVISION

Striped Bass

1. Paul Ruzala 40 lbs. 4oz.

2. Ken Adams 34 lbs. 6.4oz.

3. Bob Ruzala 28.12 lbs.

Bluefish

1. Bob Genetelli 12 lbs. 5oz.

2. Dan Sliwa 6 lbs.

Fly rod division

1. Bob Genetelli 31inch 9 lbs. 4oz.

Overall the banquet was a good time with good food, and good camaraderie. Thanks to all for making this possible.

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 meeting.

This month we will have our raffle for those who weighed in fish for the year for the master angler categories and for those who caught the largest fish in the respected category. Each winner will receive a gift certificate of \$25. There will be 2 winners in each category.

Dick Roberts was the winner of the raffle prize trip on "The Ernit" fishing boat with Captain Jim Puhala. 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. Thanks to all who sold raffle tickets. Our treasurer is compiling the amount of raffle tickets sold and we should know by our May meeting how we fared.

Steve Andras will be selling a limited amount of SP-Minnow Bullet lures for \$13.00 apiece. They weigh in at 2-1/8 oz. and will be available in various colors. See Steve at the May meeting.

Rich Cotti has volunteered to be our fish slip chairman. All season long keep track of all the fish you catch for our master award angler program. When catching a large fish have it weighed on a certified scale along with a witness to document your catch. Most bait shops have a weigh in scale. Certified Boga grips scales are also ways to weigh fish. Fill out your fish slips and give them to Rich at our monthly meetings.

Future Events & Meetings:

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