

Pioneer Valley Boat & Surf Club Meeting

Wednesday November 4, 2015

Regular meeting 7:30

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This month's speaker will be Ed Bauchiero. His presentation will be "Alaska: A Beginner's Guide". Ed has been to Alaska fishing many times and will be covering fish species, angling equipment, etc. Ed has been a long time board of director and member of the Pioneer Valley Trout Unlimited. This should be a dynamite presentation.

Last month's speaker was Bill Hurley. Bill's topic was "Increase your Catch". Bill was very generous to our club in that all who were in attendance received one of his lures. He also donated many of his lures for future club use. Bill did an outstanding presentation along with a lot of changes he has seen in the salt water due to temperature changes.

The 22nd annual M/S surf challenge took place on Friday October 16th 6:00pm to Sunday October 18th 8:00am. This is a surf fishing competition against other fishing clubs and takes place in Rhode Island. Our club was well represented. Final standings:

1 st . Rhode Island Mobile Sport Fisherman-----	78lbs
2 nd . Hartford Surf Club-----	56.64lbs
3 rd . Pioneer Valley Boat & Surf Club-----	33.85lbs
4 th . Mass Striped Bass-----	29.20lbs
5 th . RISAA-----	24.66lbs
6 th . Weekapaug Surfcasters-----	10.1lbs

Largest Striped Bass-----Cody Milardo-----25.2lbs RIMS

Largest blue-----Phil Medeiros-----14.4lbs Hartford Surf

Average weight of (7) Striped Bass-----20.93lbs

Average weight of (16) bluefish-----10.11lbs

Donations were from Grumpy's bait & tackle, Mike's Custom plugs, RIMS, Pioneer Valley Boat & Surf Club. Thanks to Gil Bell for getting the 3 day beach pass. The tournament raised \$1490 for M/S. Our club had (2) bluefish weighed in by Chris Noftall; and 1 by Nick Nardacci and Bob Kelly. Special thanks to Jim McKeough for running this event for 22 years. Steve Andras also helps Jim, Thank you! Thanks everyone for supporting our club.

Get your fish slips in to Rich Cotti. All fish slips are for Master angler awards and for competition against Hartford Surf club in our yearly club challenge.

50/50 raffle takes place at all regular meetings. Thanks to Bob Genetelli for running this event and bringing coffee and snacks.

There will be a special club member only raffle at a cost of \$10 per ticket. The prize will be a painting of a surf casting fisherman catching a striped bass. Size of the painting will be 18"x 18". Maureen Cotti, wife of long time member Rich will be doing the painting. The raffle tickets will be sold at the next 3 meetings. Thank you to Maureen and Rich for this generous gift to raise funds for our operating budget.

November elections will take place this month. We are looking for a vice president and secretary. Let me know if you would like to run for a position. We need your help to stay strong as a successful club.

As I write this newsletter we are looking for a speaker for January, March, April, May and June. Please let me know ASAP if you have anybody in mind.

Future Events & Meetings:

November 4 – Regular meeting, Speaker Ed Bachiero. Alaska: A Beginner's Guide.

December 2 – Club Christmas Party and Yankee Swap

January 6, 2016- Speaker TBA

February 3, 2016- Regular meeting, speaker Al Gag.

February 19, 20, 21, 2016. – Sportsman show, Big E, West Springfield, Mass.

February 26-28, 2016- New England Saltwater fishing show, Providence, RI.

Sincerely,

Bob Ruzala

President