

Pioneer Valley Boat & Surf Club Meeting

Wednesday February 3, 2016

Regular meeting 7:30

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This month's meeting will feature Al Gag. Al will have a nice presentation of using his lures fishing the Cape Cod Canal. He will also bring some of his lures for sale to our members. Al is a very colorful speaker and this should be a very good presentation.

Last month's meeting was Captain Bill Brown. His topic was about fishing Block Island for a variety of fish species and tactics. Captain Bill charts his boat out of Watch Hill Rhode Island. Bill did an outstanding presentation to our meeting.

Membership dues are due payable at this meeting. Dues are \$30 and should be paid to Don Prior, our treasurer.

Raffle tickets for our club fund raiser will be available at this meeting. We ask all club members to sell \$10 worth of tickets. The raffle is for a chance to win a fishing trip on the ERNIT with Captain Jim Puhala. This is our largest fund raiser and we need everyone's help to make this a success. Ray Nacewicz will distribute the tickets at every meeting. We also sell these tickets at the Sportsman's show.

Tickets will be available for the RISAA New England saltwater fishing show for February 26-28th. Orders were taken at the last meeting and will be handed out through Ray Nacewicz.

In February we are looking into having our ice fishing get together at Camp Ramah, Palmer, Mass. This would be dependent upon having safe ice for this event. Steve Andras will be chairing this along with help from Sean Carey. We need help from Mother Nature!

We are planning for the Springfield Sportsman Show on February 19, 20, and 21. Our club has a large booth at the show. We will need members to set up, take down, and man the booth. Signup sheets will be at this meeting. All

members who help out will be able to get into the show for free. They will also get free parking. We need setup help on Thursday evening at 6:00pm. The show will be open Friday 12-8, Saturday 9-7, and Sunday 10-5. We will sell raffle tickets. We also will have a fishing rod and reel that will be a raffle prize to potential and new members. The rod and reel is donated by Steve Andras. If you join as a new member at the show Al Gag will give out a free lure. We need all members' help to make this event a success.

The 8th annual fishing and hunting swap meet will be on March 6, 2016. This event takes place at the Feeding Hills Polish club. Cost to get in is \$2. Tables are available for rent at \$35 for anyone to sell their gear.

Our club banquet will be held on Saturday April 9th at the Cavalier restaurant in Chicopee. Time will be 6:00-6:30 social event. Dinner will be served at 6:45. Cost is \$30 per member, payable in advance of the banquet. Food choice is Filet Mignon, Boneless Breast of Chicken, or Broiled Scrod. The meal will include chicken noodle soup, oven browned potatoes, green beans, and apple pie with ice cream. There will be a signup sheet this meeting. Thanks to Tom Misiewicz for making the arraignments. All members are encouraged to bring a raffle prize to the raffle table. Club awards will be given out at this event. We also invite Hartford Surf Club to attend this event.

50/50 raffle takes place every meeting. Special thanks to Bob Genetelli for running this event. Bob also brings the coffee and snacks.

We are looking for speakers for March, April, and June. Let me know if anyone knows anybody that would be a good candidate to talk. We also welcome members to give a presentation.

Future Events & Meetings:

February 3, 2016 – Regular meeting, Speaker Al Gag

February TBA, 2016 – Ice fishing get together

February 19-21, 2016 – Springfield Sportsman show, Big E, Wet Springfield, MA

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

March 2, 2016 – Regular meeting

March 6, 2016 – Annual fishing & hunting swap, Polish club, Feeding Hills, MA

April 6, 2016 – Regular meeting

April 9, 2016- Club Banquet, Cavalier restaurant, Chicopee, Mass.

May 4, 2016 – Regular meeting, Speaker Jack Houghton, Daddy Mac lures

June 1, 2016 – Regular meeting

August 6, 2016 – Summer get together at Red Cliffe Club, South Hadley, MA

Sincerely,

Bob Ruzala

President