

Pioneer Valley Boat & Surf Club Meeting

Wednesday February 1, 2017

Board of Director meeting 7:00

Regular meeting 7:30

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This month's speaker will be Al Gag. Al will present his latest lures for salt water fishing. He has a new rattle combo with his jig heads that has been very successful. Al is a very colorful speaker with a great presentation for us to enjoy. Al has been a very good supporter of our club.

Last month's speaker was Ed Bauchiero. Ed talked about catching Taimen in Mongolia. Taimen is a very large fish that resembles something like a salmon. Ed did a very good job of educating us on the fishing for this nice fish. He showed pictures of him meeting President Jimmy Carter who also was fishing for Taimen in Mongola that week.

Please pay your dues for this year's membership to Don Prior, our treasurer. The dues are \$30.

Our website has some issues with it that we hope to correct. At the writing of this newsletter if you go on the internet you might see "site disabled-free servers". Underneath will say [pioneervalleyboatandsurfclub.org](http://pioneervalleyboatandsurfclub.org). If you click on, our website will come up. We are working with "free servers" to correct this issue and eliminate the heading. We also have all the pictures from past meetings up to January 2017 on our site. Special thanks to Sarah Madison who updates our site and loads the pictures. She has been working very hard to help us out with our minor problems. Don Prior has been helping with contact to free servers also. Thank you Don!

50/50 raffle takes place every meeting. Special thanks to Roy Britton for running this event. Thank you goes to Ken Adams along with Peter Jezouit for running the snacks and coffee.

The Springfield sportsman show will take place on February 24-26 at the Big E in West Springfield, Mass. We will need to set up for our booth on Thursday night at 6:00pm. All members who help out at the booth will be able to enter the show for free. We will also have free parking for those who help out. The show runs Friday through Sunday. We need everyone's help to man the booth. Sign up at our February meeting to volunteer. Show times are Friday 12-8, Saturday 9-7, Sunday 10-5. We also will have a new membership drive at this show in which any new member that signs up will be awarded a ticket for a drawing for a salt water rod and reel. This drawing will be at our March meeting, and the new member needs to be present to win. Thanks to Steve Andras for donating the rod and reel.

This month Ray Nacewicz will have raffle tickets for our clubs largest fund raiser. This will be for the fishing trip on "The Ernit" captained by Jim Puhala. We thank Jim again for donating this trip to our club. All members are encouraged to sell at least \$10 worth of tickets.

Discount tickets for the RISAA salt water fishing show for March 10-12 will be \$7.00. All tickets must be paid for at the February meeting. Ray Nacewicz will be collecting money for this show. He will have the tickets you purchase at the March meeting. Show times are Friday 1-8pm, Saturday 9am-7pm, Sunday 10am-5pm. Sunday is family day, all women and kids are free admission.

The 8<sup>th</sup> annual Agawam fishing and hunting swap will take place on March 12<sup>th</sup>. The show will be at the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills, Mass. Hours are 8am to 1pm. Our club will have a booth there. There will be 50 tables of fishing and hunting items for sale. Many good deals are found at this show in the past.

Our club banquet will be April 1, 2017 at the Cavalier restaurant in Chicopee, Mass. Hartford surf club also joins us for this night of camaraderie and fun. Jim McKeough will be purchasing items for our super raffle. Members are encouraged to bring prizes for the raffle. Choice of meals will be Filet Mignon, Boneless breast of Chicken, or Broiled Scrod. Cost of the meals will be \$30 which will include tax and gratuity. Please pay at the February or March meeting. Social time starts at 6:00pm. Fishing club awards will be presented. We will eat dinner at

6:30. Thanks to Tom Misiewicz for making the plans and for contacting the restaurant.

Let me know of any guest speakers you would like to see for our future meetings. We have a speaker for March. We are looking for speakers for the rest of the year. As always club members are welcome to do a presentation.

**Future Events & Meetings:**

February 1, 2017 – Regular meeting, Speaker Al Gag

February 24-26 – Springfield sportsman’s show, Big E, West Springfield

March 1, 2017 – Regular meeting, Speaker Jerry Sparks, Kayaking and gear for fishing in Rhode Island

March 12, 2017 - Agawam fishing and hunting swap, Polish American Club, Feeding Hills, Mass.

March 10-12, 2017 - RISAA Salt Water Fishing Show, Providence, RI

March 2017 TBA – Pomeroy Sugar House Breakfast

April 1, 2017 – Club Banquet at Cavalier restaurant, Chicopee, Mass.

August 5, 2017 – Red Cliff Summer get together and picnic, South Hadley, Mass.

Sincerely,

Bob Ruzala

President

