

Pioneer Valley Boat & Surf Club Meeting

Wednesday March 1, 2017

Board of Director meeting 7:00

Regular meeting 7:30

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This month's speaker will be Captain Jerry Sparks. Jerry is out of Rhode Island in which he guides and charters fishing trips for striped bass and bluefish in a kayak. He will be bringing in some lures and clothing for us to see. His talk will be "Skinny Water Fishing Salt Ponds and Rivers". Most of his fishing is done in a kayak.

Last month's speaker was Al Gag. Al presented his latest lures for salt water fishing. Al did a fantastic presentation. We would also like to note that Al has been a very good supporter of our club. He donated many of his latest lures to our club for our annual banquet along with a new lure to all of our new members. Thank you Al for all your support!

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

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 took place on February 24-26 at the Big E in West Springfield, Mass. Many of our members worked at our booth and to this we say thank you! It was very gratifying to see the great turn out from our membership. The show was a good one in which many attendees visited our booth. We had some new members join and a few more potential ones that will show up at our March 1 meeting. The new members will be entered in a raffle for a new salt water rod and reel. This drawing will be at our next meeting, and the

new member needs to be present to win. Thanks to Steve Andras for donating the rod and reel.

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.

Tickets for the RISAA salt water fishing show for March 10-12 will be handed out at our March meeting for those who purchased them in February. Show times are Friday 1-8pm, Saturday 9am-7pm, Sunday 10am-5pm. Sunday is family day, all women and kids are free admission.

The 8th annual Agawam fishing and hunting swap will take place on March 12th. 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 \$20 which will include tax and gratuity. The total cost of each meal is more than \$20, but the club will subsidize the additional costs. Please pay at the 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.

For the meeting in April we are working on getting an environmental officer to talk on boat safety and current laws.

Future Events & Meetings:

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 18 2017 – Pomeroy Sugar House Breakfast. 8:00-9:30am.

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

April 5, 2017 – Regular meeting, speaker TBA

May 3, 2017 - Regular meeting, speaker Matt Ayer, Recreational Fisheries Biologist.

June 7, 2017 – Regular meeting

June 26, 2017 – Fishing trip on Lucky lady charters

August 19, 2017 – Red Cliff Summer get together and picnic, South Hadley, Mass.

September 6, 2017 – Regular meeting, speaker Captain Jack Houghton, Daddy Mac Lures

October 4, 2017 – Regular meeting, speaker Bill Hurley

November 1, 2017 – Regular meeting, speaker Dave Pickering

December 6, 2017 – Christmas party, pizza, Yankee Swap

Sincerely,

Bob Ruzala

President

