

Pioneer Valley Boat & Surf Club Meeting

April 4, 2018

Regular meeting 7:30

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This month's speaker will be Ken Simmons, PhD. who is the Chief of Hatcheries for Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. Ken will be talking about the history of the Massachusetts hatchery program, which was the first one formally established in the U.S. more than 150 years ago.

Last month's speaker was Dr. Rich Rubin. Rich is a member of our club and his topic was about Ticks. He did a great job informing us of the problem with ticks and what to do if you have one on yourself. Rich also went over first aid for fishing accidents and what to do. The club with the help of Charles Harner and Steve Nacewicz passed out first aid kits and a tick removal tweezer for each member in attendance.

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 for running the snacks and coffee.

This month we will have the raffle for the fishing trip on the Ernit with Captain 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. Please bring in your raffle tickets to this meeting.

Our club banquet will be April 7, 2018 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 Baked Scrod. Cost of the meals will be \$20 per member. Social time starts at 5:30pm with a cash bar. Fishing club awards will be presented. We will eat dinner at 6:15. 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 meeting.

Future Events & Meetings:

April 4, 2018, - Regular meeting, Speaker Ken Simmons, Chief of Fish Hatcheries.

April 7, 2018 – Club Banquet at Cavalier restaurant, Chicopee, Mass.

May 2, 2018 – Regular meeting, Speaker Adam Kautza, Cold Water Fisheries Resource Project Leader.

June 6, 2018 – Regular meeting, Speaker Al Gag.

June 8 - 10, 2018 – RISAA Surf Fishing Club Challenge

August 4, 2018 – Red Cliff Summer get together and picnic, South Hadley, Mass.

September 5, 2018 – Regular meeting

October 3, 2018 – Regular meeting, Speaker Matt Ayer, Recreational Fisheries Biologist.

November 7, 2018 – Regular meeting, Speaker Bill Hurley

December 5, 2018 – Regular meeting Christmas party, Yankee swap

Sincerely,

Bob Ruzala

President

