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# **APRIL 2022 FISH HAWKS NEWSLETTER**

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If you have changed your mailing address, phone number, e-mail address, or you do not receive or miss and issue of the newsletter, please contact Membership Chairwoman, Sandi Roy. Sandi's cell phone is 609-618-6211 or an email can be sent to robandsandi@yahoo.com. Please do not leave a message on her home phone.

Please call Good & Welfare Chairwoman Marilyn Dahl if you know of any member who is ill or has been hospitalized. Marilyn can be reached on her cell phone at 201-232-6896 or home phone at 609-693-4674. You may also email her at be <u>marilynjd@comcast.net</u>.

Yearly membership cards for those current in dues are available at the meeting. If you have paid your dues and have not received a current dues card, please see Gail Matuska, Treasurer, at the meeting. If you have or want a speaker on a specific subject, please contact our Guest Speaker Chairman Bill Browne at 732-504-9344

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# **Presidents Message**

## Hello Everyone,

Another great job by Maurice coordinating our annual flea market. Between constant phone calls, recruiting venders, shanghaiing some of his family members to set out 30 signs two weeks before, breaking records from the past, it was a great success. Of course, he did get some help from some of our members who set up the tables the night before, Tony G., Doug Itjen, Joe Romano, Joe Regatts, Ken Rylak, Kenn Seefelt, Alan Bodak and Susan G. Not only did Susan set up on Fri. night, but she was also there at 6 Sat. morning to help some of the older venders carry in and set up their goods, then came back in the afternoon to help them take their unsold goods back to their vehicles! Great job Sue! Welcoming everyone at the admission door, while freezing their (you know what's off) were Paul Shell and Denny Joice. Bob Gay and Bob Merkle handled the vender 50/50's, and finally, Val Seefelt and Dave Bye at the Fish Hawks recruiting table. I guess I blew it by deciding not to have a rod and reel raffle this year, thinking we wouldn't get the attendance... Boy was I wrong, we had more people than in the past, in fact this year we had the most paid attending we ever had, 529! Thank you everyone, Great Job! And hats off to you Maurice! Make sure you fill out and bring you're fishing contest forms, (included in this newsletter), to the April meeting, which is the deadline for entry fees to the fishing contest, and tournament days! Upcoming birthday's this month are Kevin O'Rourke 2<sup>nd</sup>, Rich Leahy 3<sup>rd</sup>, Ed Karwecki 5<sup>th</sup>, Dave Bye 13<sup>th</sup>, Walt Bohn 15<sup>th</sup>, George Royston 16<sup>th</sup>, Cy Guadagnino 19<sup>th</sup>, Bob Merkle 19<sup>th</sup>, and Robert Sebecke 26<sup>th</sup>! Happy Birthday Everyone. Quite a few items for the ASMFC members to vote on this year regarding the different regulations. I can only hope they use their heads instead of (the southern end of a northbound mule) to make their decisions. Check out the "Hawk" for more detailed information. I am working to get our "year-end raffle rod" and bring it to this month's meeting. From what Dave and I ordered from Kevin Brogan's Custom Rods, it's going to be a beauty, so throw an extra \$10 down for a chance to win it. Our guest speaker this month is Brett Taylor who is going to let us know some of the secrets he uses for his fishing success. Now remember when you learn these secrets and apply what you learn on your next trip. You Have to Hook em to Cook em! See you all on the 7<sup>th.</sup> KARL

# "THE HAWK"APRIL 2022

**THE BIRD:** Spring has finally arrived & with that we kick-off our clubs contests & tournaments. April 7<sup>th</sup> is our monthly meeting & that's the <u>final</u> day that your entry form & entry fee are due. Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> is the start of our monthly contests & Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup> is our first tournament day. <u>new members</u> who join in 2022 can enter at any time.

Val & Kenn Seefelt our new chairs of our Monthly Contests and Tournaments will be collecting your entry forms & checks at the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you have any questions please contact Val, Kenn or Tony G. (up-dated forms & rules are available on our website), Forms will be in this month's newsletter & will be available at the April meeting.

#### <u>FLEA MARKET</u>

Our March Flea Market was a HUGE SUCCESS! A lot of people chucked the fear of Covid & participated in our event. We had 529 PAID attendees & with Vendors & Club Member Volunteers, the number was closer to 600 !!!!

Every vendor we spoke to said they did <u>extremely well</u>. Our hats are off to MAURICE SCHNACKENBERG our committee chairman. It's hard to find the words to express our appreciation for a job so very well done. Those that come to mind is his DEDICATION, LEADERSHIP, ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS & DOWN RIGHT TENACITY. "THANK-YOU" MAURICE !!!!

Maurice expressed his appreciation to all the volunteers that supported him & the club. Special thanks to our 2 newest members, Joe Romano & Susan Guadagnino who jumped right in & helped us at this important fund raising event."IMPRESSIVE"

**FISH BITES**: Our first Club Fishing Trip is scheduled for Tuesday April 19<sup>th</sup> targeting Blackfish. Any questions contact Whitey @ (609)276-1899.

Our club ROSTER for 2022 will be mailed out in the month of April. A whole lot of thanks to SANDI ROY who puts a lot of EFFORT & TIME in putting the roster together. Sandi, we appreciate ALL that you do.

**NOTE:** Our roster is for ONLY your personal use to contact club members

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# **REGULATIONS:**

**BLACKFISH:** Opens April 1<sup>st</sup> 4 fish @ 15" & closes April 30 (closed from May 1<sup>st</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>). Re-opens Aug.1- Nov.15 1 fish @15" and opens again on Nov.16 - Dec. 31 5 fish @15" **STRIPED BASS:** IS OPEN, 1 fish at 28" but less than 38". You can sign up for the Striper Bonus Tag Program allows 1 fish @ 24" but less than 28". Go online to N.J. FISH & WILDLIFE **FLUKE:** 5 options will be considered by the ASMFC (Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Comm.) All but two options increases the number of days the fishery will be open. Status Quo (our current regs) is open from May 22<sup>nd</sup> to Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> (121 days). **Opt.#1** has the most days 154, that would take us well into October, with 3 fish @ 18". **Opt.#2** has 4 fish @18" & 137 days. Here are the high lights of the Proposed 5 options.

**Opt. #1**: 3 fish @18" 154 days **Opt. #2**: 4 fish @18" 137 days **Opt. #3**: 3 fish @17 1/2" 126 days **Opt. #4**: 3 fish @17" 112 days **Opt. #5**: 2 fish @17" & 1 fish @18" 130 days

**SEABASS:** Although the BIOMASS is STRONG & HEALTHY, Fishery Regulators intend to cut previous allocation by upwards of 16%. The <u>proposed 4 options</u> that will be voted on by April 7<sup>th</sup>. **STATUS QUO: IS NOT AN OPTION;** waves 3,4,5, & 6 (wave 1&2 is not open to recreational fishing) we continue with the ridiculous openings & closings of this fishery & with the constant changes in bag limits. One would think that there would be a few <u>intelligent</u> Fishery Managers who would come up with a way to smooth it out. Wave #3, Wave #4, Wave #5, Wave #6

<b>STATUS QUO:</b>	(5/15-6/22)	(7/1-8/31)	(10/8-10/31)	(11/1-12/31)	
BAG	10	2	10	15	37 fish
SIZE	12.5"	12.5"	12.5"	13"	
DAYS	5 39	62	24	61	186 days
OPT #1	10/12.5/32	1/12.5/62	10/12.5/21	10/13/33 31 f	148 days
OPT #2	8/12.5/35	1/12.5/62	8/12.5/21	8/13/48 25 f	166 days
OPT #3	8/12.5/31	2/12.5/62	8/12.5/21	8/13/38 26 f	152 days
OPT #4	10/13/34	2/13/62	10/13/20	15/13/61 37 f	` 177 days

It seems the only way we maximize the number of days we can fish for Seabass & the amount we can retain is option #4 @ 13"

#### **"BE SAFE OUT THERE" "THE HAWK"**

# <u>"FISH HAWKS"</u> "LADIES 2 DAY FLUKE TOURNMENT"

# "ALL FEMALE MEMBERS & FEMALE FAMILY MEMBERS ONLY"

DATE: FRIDAY & SATURDAY JUNE 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>t</sup> ENTRY FEE: Its FREE; O cost, NADDA!!!! PAYOUT: 1st PLACE \$75 2nd PLACE \$50 3rd PLACE \$25 NOTE: CAN WIN ONLY ONE PLACE!!!! RULES: + MINIMUM AGE 12 + Fish must be hooked & fought to boat side by the Lady fishing + No Sign-Up; Just Fish, Catch & Weigh-In

+ You Can Fish One or Both Days, "Your Choice"

Weigh-Ins: Any of Our 4 Club Sponsored Weigh Stations Creekside Outfitters, Grizz's Bait & Tackle, Grumpy's and Lacey Marine

GOOD LUCK TO ALL!!!!!!!

REVISED: 4-1-2022 TONY. G.

#### \*\*\*\*\*LACEY FOOD BANK\*\*\*\*\* LFB Kids 2021 Children's Christmas Campaign RECAP

Fish Hawks Membership,

Once again, the Fish Hawks have exceeded expectations and gone beyond with our response to providing gifts for the Lacey Food Bank Children's XMAS drive. The XMAS drive utilized the distribution of gifts using volunteers standing outside of the Community Center to distribute the Children's gifts which was well received by the parents/caregivers. As the parents and caregivers pulled up outside the Community Center, gift bags and other Christmas goodies were loaded into their cars and trucks.

In total 87 Client Children received a \$50 gift certificate and 2 extra-large shopping bags overflowing with toys, games, sports equipment, puzzles, candy, socks, hats, gloves, scarves, personal care items etc. In addition, this year they included an additional "Night Before Christmas" 3rd gift bag that held cocoa, cookies, storybook, Christmas themed slipper socks, easy crafts, candy canes, a covered hot cup, marshmallows, reindeer food, popcorn, a notepad and more.

The Fish Hawks generosity is not to be over-looked in our community, especially by the members of the Lacey Food Bank and their volunteers. It is with our unselfish support that we were able to make the Lacey Food Bank Client's 2021 Children Christmas a special one this year. On a personal note, I want to thank our membership for their generosity and support of the Lacey Food Bank Kids 2021 Christmas Campaign and for making is a huge success.

Sincerely, Ken Rylak

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# FISH HAWKS SALTWATER ANGLER'S CLUB 26<sup>th</sup>ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET SUNDAY May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 6:00 PM

Location: CAPTAIN'S INN, 304 East Lacey Rd. Forked River, N.J. 08731

#### AGENDA

The annual awards banquet is a casual evening of socializing, dining, telling fish stories, and extended truths. The

purpose of this event is to present trophies, gift cards and monetary awards to the winners of our monthly fishing

contest and tournament days. We will have a "Gift Auction", and 50/50 raffle. Tickets will be available throughout

the event.

This is always a fun evening! We hope to see many members and guests in attendance.

Doors Open: 6:00 PM Program Start: 6:30 PM **EVENT** 

Please Use Rear Entrance for Check-In purposes

Chicken Marsala

#### **Our Buffet Dinner Includes:**

Carved Prime Rib Shrimp and Scallop Scampi Red Roasted Potatoes and vegetables

**Dessert:** Mini-Pastries and Tartufo Coffee, Tea, and Soda are included Cheese Tortellini Alfredo Asian and Caesar salads

#### Cash Bar Available

*The club will subsidize the fee for each member; therefore, the cost to members in good standing will be* \$30.00. *Cost for guests will be* \$40.00. *Awards will be presented after dinner.* 

TABLES OF EIGHT (8) WILL BE SET UP. IF YOU HAVE EIGHT IN YOUR PARTY, PLEASE ARRIVE BY 6:00 PM TO RESERVE A TABLE. <u>MAKE SURE YOU HAVE EIGHT (8) PEOPLE IN YOUR PARTY TO FILL THE ENTIRE TABLE.</u>

Detach and Return This Section

Make checks payable to Fish Hawks and mail to: David Bye, 42 Capstan Rd. Waretown, N.J. 08758. Deadline is May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Dave will also take money or checks, along with form, at meetings.

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