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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 marilynjd@comcast.net.

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 all,

I hope everyone enjoyed Christmas and Hannukah. 2022 has come and gone, and with the help of our wonderful Officers, Board of Directors, and Committee chairpersons, I'm looking forward to our coming events, Flea Market, Fishing trips on party boats, contests and tournaments, banquet, Children's seminar, picnic, and many other things that come up. All our important dates will be published in our yearly calendar that you will get with the membership roster sent to you. Also, Bill Browne is working hard to bring you exciting and informative guest speakers during the year. Give him a call if you know of any or want to book someone. As of right now, 2023 is going to be as successful as ever. We look forward to your continued support and attendance! Start the new year off right by making sure you register for the 2023 NJ saltwater anglers' registration.

<http://www.nj.gov/dep/saltwaterregistry/> If that doesn't work, Dave made it easy by adding a link on our web page for you, in fact it's so easy even I did it!!! Go to our web page, look for the drop-down box, "MORE" click it, and open the link to the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife. And follow their directions, Simple! Birthdays for January and February are, Jan. 1st, Sandi Roy, 3rd Trevor Martinsen, 5th Gloria Caswell, 5th Gary Eadie, 6th Mary Dunlap, 9th Joseph Wallace, 12th Charles Kaul, 14th, John Kratsch, 17th Joseph Romano, 25th Bob Mauro, 27th Pat Bye, 29th Sal Anderson, and 31st Jim Schiller. Feb. 12th Jack Arumhammer, 17th Arthur Hyslop, 17th Paul Starnes, 23rd Dale Raven, and 28th Austin Murphy. Happy Birthday all. Due to the sad passing of Maurice, Rich Leahy has stepped in to handle the flea market this year and has been doing a fine job. As of this writing Rich has already filled 55 tables out of 64, Let's give him our support and help any way you can. Remember the flea market is coming up fast, March 4. at the Elks club. If you need a table to get rid of your **junk**, or I mean older stuff, know someone who might want one, or just want to tell him you'll help, call Rich, and let him know. Looks like April 18 is going to be our first fishing trip for blackfish on the Mimi 6. Call Whitey for more info or get on the list. We will be holding our annual awards banquet May 21, at the Captain's Inn. I am looking forward to our Aug and Sept Bay blowfish tournament, a simple fish to catch and makes a great time for the entire family. And of course, it's fun with the tournament days and fishing contest during the year. As I've said, 2023 looks like it will be another fun year for we Fish hawks, so start cleaning up your rods and lubing your reels for the winter will be over soon and we will all be out on the water "looking for that BIG one....and remember when you do meet up with that BIG one, you have to "Hook Em to Cook Em!" See you all at our meeting on Feb. 2

Karl

FISH HAWKS TOURNAMENT DAY BOAT TRIP

Our next fishing trip aboard the MIMI VI on Tuesday April 18th for Blackfish. **Flash!!** There are 4 more Fishing trips scheduled with 2 out of Belmar. We'll keep you posted at the meetings.

TRADERS CORNER:

Notice: All ads run for three (3) months and will be deleted for 4th month's issue unless you renew them. To place a new ad or renewal of a current ad(s) No later than the 2nd Thursday of the month to advertise. Call Bob Merkle 609-902-7394 or send an Email UBFishing@comcast.net

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“THE HAWK”
(JAN & FEB 2023)

THE BIRD: As is usual, we didn't have a January meeting.
We are looking forward to our Thursday February 2nd meeting.

Another year & another Beer & Pizza meeting is behind us. Members enjoyed a few cold beers & HOT pizzas (had a bit of a delivery problem) but when the pizzas showed up, they were HOT!!!! Other than the pizza glitch we had a GREAT night with plenty of auction items & a new “BLACK BOX” sell out. The big winners that night was KARL DAHL who won the BAZZILLION \$\$\$\$ TREASURE CHEST & ROBERT MAURO won the YEARLY CUSTOM ROD & REEL. A whole bunch of items were won in the auction & “BIG BUCKS” in the 50/50. “Your participation in the 50/50s, Rod N Reel & Auctions help us to keep all our activities First Class! Thanks to all of you who helped to make our last meeting of the year a joyous & memorable event.

MONTHLY CONTESTS

There were 5 first place monthly contest winners in November.

DENNY JOYCE took the \$25 Bonus with a 1.25 lb. Porgy.

Blackfish: 7.4 lbs. DOUG ITJEN

Winter Flounder: 1.28 lbs. JIM SCHILLER

Seabass: 2.46 lbs. DOUG ITJEN

Striped Bass: 12.75 lbs. PAUL SCHELL

November tournament day winners & Largest fish of the Year through November have been posted on our website.

TWO IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR 2023:

THE BUY IN FOR THE 16 TOURNAMENT DAYS IS INCREASED FROM TO \$20 TO \$30

CODFISH WILL NO LONGER BE CONSIDERED IN THE LARGEST FISH OF THE YEAR

(CODFISH WILL STILL BE IN THE MONTHLY CONTESTS & ALL TOURNAMENT DAYS).

REASONS FOR THESE CHANGES: Only one Codfish was caught last year & 2 the year before, (not a fish that our members fish for or catch). We increased the buy-in for the 16 tournament days & largest fish of the year due to cost. The expense for this activity is 2 to 3 times our income. We will still have a deficit so we will have to look at it again in 2024.

The Monthly Contest forms have been updated for these changes

they will be available at the February, March & April meetings as well as our website.

FISH BITES: Our 2023 Calendar of Events is below. All dues were due by December 31st, you still have till January 31st to maintain your membership \$40 dues + \$10 late fee are necessary (renewal form attached) The monthly contest & tournament day forms are due **no later than Thursday April 6th** at our members meeting. Our contest year starts the next day **Friday the 7th, the first tournament day is Saturday April 22nd**, All forms must be mailed to Kenn Seefert's Home address on the form. Forms will be available (see note about Contest forms above)

TWO THINGS TO MAKE YOUR DAY BETTER: “DON'T WATCH THE NEWS”
& “STAY OFF THE BATHROOM SCALE “STAY SAFE OUT THERE”

“THE HAWK”

FISH HAWKS 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January	XXX	Thursday	NO MEETING *BOD Mtg. Thurs. 1/26
February	2nd	Thursday	GENERAL MEETING **BOD Mtg. Thurs. 2/23
March	2nd	Thursday	General Meeting **BOD Mtg. Thurs. 3/30
	4th	Saturday	FISH HAWKS FLEA MARKET @ LACEY ELKS CLUB
April	6th	Thursday	General Meeting **BOD Mtg. Thurs. 4/27
	22nd	Saturday	Tournament Day #1
May	4th	Thursday	General Meeting **BOD Mtg. Thurs. 5/25
	12th	Friday	Tournament Day #2
	21st	Sunday	ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET (Captain's Inn)
	27th	Saturday	Tournament Day #3
June	1st	Thursday	General Meeting **BOD Mtg. Thurs. 6/29
	9th 10th	Fri & Sat.	LADIES 2 DAY FLUKE TOURNAMENT
	16th	Friday	Tournament Day #4
	24th	Saturday	FISH HAWKS YOUTH SEMINAR
	26th	Monday	Tournament Day #5
July	6th	Thursday	General Meeting **BOD Mtg. Thurs. 7/27
	7th	Friday	Tournament Day #6
	22nd	Saturday	Tournament Day #7 and the J. MATUSKA BI-CLUB FLUKE TOURNAMENT
	23rd	Sunday	Bi-CLUB AWARDS PICNIC Host: FISH HAWKS
August	3rd	Thursday	General Meeting **BOD Mtg. Thurs. 8/31
	7th	Monday	Tournament Day #8
	19th	Saturday	MA 22 VETS FISHING TRIP (rain day- Sun 20th)
	25th	Friday	Tournament Day #9
September	2nd	Saturday	Tournament Day #10
	7th	Thursday	General Meeting **BOD Mtg. Thurs. 9/28
	9th	Saturday	ANNUAL PICNIC (Gille Park) 1 PM TO ????
	15th	Friday	Tournament Day #11
October	5th	Thursday	General Meeting **BOD Mtg. Thurs.10/26
	7th	Saturday	Tournament Day #12
	16th	Monday	Tournament Day #13
November	2nd	Thursday	General Meeting and NOMINATION OF OFFICERS **BOD Mtg. Thurs. 11/30
	4th	Saturday	Tournament Day #14
	17th	Friday	Tournament Day #15
December	4th	Monday	Tournament Day #16
	7th	Thursday	PIZZA & BEER Night and ELECTION OF OFFICERS

NOTE: ** BOD meets the Thursday Prior to the General Meeting

*NO BOD MEETING IN DECEMBER 2023 / *** BOD MEETING THURSDAY JAN. 25, 2024

Revised 1/1/23, Tony G. / 1/9/23 RMM

2023 FISHING CONTEST RULES: AND CHANGES

1-Monthly Fishing Contest:

You must enter the contest by submitting this form and paying the entrance fee of **\$2.00 per fish per month** or you can go all-in for all species for all months that are denoted by an X (100 Mos.) for a \$100 buy-in. The Monthly Contest Form must be submitted no later than our April Members Club meeting. The Monthly Contest begins on the Friday after the April Club Meeting. Phone-ins are no longer accepted, (Hard Copy Only). Example: \$20.00 is received for a specific fish ie. Bluefish, 3 blues were caught and entered (weighed in). The total money in this category is \$20.00. 1st place 50% or \$10.00, 2nd place 30% or \$6.00, 3rd place 20% or \$4.00. **NOTE: For the Monthly Fishing Contest and Tournament Days, Bluefish MUST WEIGH a minimum of 2 lbs.**

NOW: If only one fish is weighed in, ALL the money collected (100%) goes to the 1st place fish. If there is only a 1st and 2nd place fish entered, the split is 60-40. Winners for both the Monthly Fishing contest and Tournament Days can only win one place in each category.

2-Each month our chairperson or designee for the Fishing Contest will inform the club members of the winners for the monthly contest and tournament days.

3-Bonus Money: For the 9 contest months (April-December), an additional \$25.00 (cash bonus) will be awarded each month to just **ONE** of the 1st place monthly contest winners for that month. **All 12 species are eligible.** The 1st place winner that is drawn at the meeting will receive \$25.00 (cash). **NOTE: All fish species listed on the front side of this form that are entered in the monthly contest for that month are eligible for a chance to win the \$25 cash bonus.**

4-Tournament Days have a \$30 ENTRY FEE: This fee enters you into 1 - 16 Tournament days and makes you eligible for the **LARGEST FISH OF THE YEAR** for the six species listed on front with an asterisk (*****). **The Contest Days Form for Tournament Days must be submitted no later than our April Members Club Meeting.** Cash payouts are as follows 1st (\$25), 2nd (\$15), and 3rd (\$10) **NOTE: For Tournament Days and the Monthly Fishing Contest, Bluefish MUST WEIGH a minimum of 2 lbs.**

5 – Club Fishing Trips Tournament Days:

All club organized Fishing Trips held on a Head Boat for club Members will be considered a **FREE TOURNAMENT DAY.** Only members who participate in these club trips will be eligible for the **FREE TOURNAMENT DAY PAYOUTS.** There are 6 species eligible for tournament day payouts, as noted on the front side by an asterisk (*****). All fish will be weighed while on board the boat and the tournament winners will be announced at that time. **Note: If you are also entered in the monthly contest and want your fish to qualify for the monthly contest, you must weigh in your fish at one of the club's official weigh stations.**

6-THE LARGEST FISH OF THE YEAR for the following six species, **WEAKFISH, BLUEFISH, STRIPED BASS, FLUKE, SEA BASS and BLACKFISH,** winners will be presented with a customized bronze name plate plus \$75 (cash) at our annual AWARDS BANQUET. **Note: You must be entered in the Tournament Days contest to be eligible for the largest fish of the year.**

Weigh-in Station Procedures The official club weigh-in stations are *Creek Side Outfitters, Grizz's Forked River Bait, & Tackle, Grumpy's, Fisherman's Den & Lacey Marine.* It is the Angler's responsibility, when weighing in a fish, to verify that all the information on the weigh-in sheet is accurate i.e., NAME, DATE, SPECIES and WEIGHT. The angler will initial the weigh-in sheet verifying that all the information is correct. If you are weighing a fish in for another angler, the same rules apply. **ONCE INITIALED, THE WEIGH-IN IS FINAL!** **All fish caught from Ports & Beaches in New Jersey must be weighed in at one of the above stations.** **NOTE! ONLY FISH CAUGHT IN WATERS ADJACENT TO NEW JERSEY ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE MONTHLY CONTEST, TOURNAMENT DAYS AND LARGEST FISH OF THE YEAR.**

Club Record

A fish submitted for a club record may be taken from any location, there are no geographical limitations. For fish caught out of state you must submit a weigh-in slip including species name, length and weight on letterhead, or business card or invoice from that station signed by the weigh master, tournament chairman, or Captain of the vessel. A Club Record Form must be submitted to Ken Rylak and attached to the weigh-in slip from one of our official stations or other documentation as described above. The BOD shall approve all records before becoming official. Here are the guidelines for all "Catch & Release" Club Record submissions. Measurement formula for (ALL SPECIES) as follows: Length X Girth squared divided by 800. Example: Length 60" X 25" Girth squared = 37,500 Divided by 800 = 46.875 Lbs. Please Note: LENGTH is measured from the tip of the lower jaw to the fork of the tail and GIRTH is measured (circumference) at the widest part of the fish, usually behind the gill plate.

One final note: Perhaps this rule has not been properly communicated in the past, but **you personally** must catch the fish you enter in all these contests/tournaments and not enter a fish caught by someone else on your boat. This is an **individual** contest and besides we are all friends and family, and we expect **GOOD SPORTSMENSHIP.** Thank you, Good Fishing and be Safe out there.



Fish Hawks Saltwater Anglers Club

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ANNUAL RENEWAL FORM

Renewal Amounts Due by December 31, of each year

\$40.00 – Monthly Newsletter electronic version

\$50 – Monthly Newsletter printed hard copy mailed to your address

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MEMBER NAME: (First, M, Last) _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

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EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ DOB: _____

Applicant's Signature : _____ Date _____

Check One:

- Electronic Newsletter:** By selecting the electronic version of the monthly newsletter YOU **WILL NOT RECEIVE A PRINTED HARD COPY IN THE MAIL.** You will have the ability to print attached forms i.e., Banquet, Picnic, etc. Plus, you must sign up for the entire year and include your email address above.

- Printed Newsletter:** By selecting printed hard copy YOU WILL PAY AN ADDITIONAL \$10 IN YOUR ANNUAL DUES ($\$40 + \$10 = \50) to receive the monthly newsletter in the mail, and you must sign up for the entire year.

*Grace period for late renewals ends on January 31,

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