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MAY 2024 FISH HAWKS NEWSLETTER

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Our Club radio channel is 19. We ask our members to please monitor it at all times.

If you have changed your mailing address, phone number, e-mail address, or you do not receive or miss an 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 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 Mickey Sherry Treasurer, at the meeting. If you have or want a speaker on a specific subject, please contact our Guest Speaker Chairman Ken Kawalek at 609-575-1230

“SEA TOW offers 13 months for the price of 12 and an additional \$20.00 off for a yearly membership for Fish Hawk members!”

Boat US membership discount code is **GA83831B**. Ask for new member applications.

Presidents Message

Hello Everyone

By the time you read this it should already be May, and I guess most boats are out of winter storage and on the water. I for one couldn't wait till spring, must be that my old bones can't take the shivering anymore. A couple of more weeks and finally we can hunt the elusive doormat fluke. May 4 opens the season, and you may keep three fish of minimum 18" size. While you are waiting for fluke season to open, I heard that there are massive black drums in the bay hitting fresh clams. Crack open a clam and leave a little bit of the shell attached, put it on a circle hook, then hold on, One of the best fighting fish in the water. Of course, I'm assuming that you have already registered with the state registry. I'm sure by now you have already received the Membership Roster in the mail. A big thanks goes out to Sandi Roy and Tony G for compiling all the data and completing the Roster. It's a lot of work, and these two are spot on and always do a fantastic job! I heard from a little bird that Dave is working on a few new jokes for the banquet May 19th. Get your form filled out and make out your checks and give to Dave at the meeting or mail it to him before the deadline. I promise you will have a great meal and a fun time. You can find forms in this month's newsletter, or always on our website, fiahhawksnj.com. Just two days after, on the 21st, we have our first trip of the season on the party boat Miss Michelle out of Point Pleasant for bottom fish. We are targeting Sea Bass, but you might catch anything out there. Spots are going like hotcakes so let Bob Merkle or Whitey know you're interested. Speaking of catching anything, any fish you catch that you don't plan to eat, please gut them, freeze them, and save them for our children's seminar. We use them to teach the kids how to identify and then fillet the fish caught from in and around Barnegat Bay. I've been in contact with another club who seem to be interested in joining the Bi-club fluke tournament. Right now, it's just the Fish hawks and Tuna clubs. Village Harbour Fishing club wants to join us, and it will again be called Joe Matuska Memorial Tri-club Fishing Tournament like it used to be, see attachment below. Doug Zemeckis, who is an assistant professor at Rutgers University, will be our guest speaker. Doug is a long-time friend to the Fish hawks and is also an honorary member. His topic will be about mortality from not understanding the correct procedure of "Catch and Release". Birthdays this month, Ruth Fizzarotti 2nd, David Schroeder 2nd, Art Exner 7th, Robert Roy 7th, Gail Matuska 8th, Robert Schwartz 18th, Ken Kawalek 19th, Al Carruth 20th, Susan Guadagnino 22nd, Robert Gay 23rd, Theo Berkowicz 27th. and Bill Ridgway 31st. Happy Birthday All! Well, I hope to see you all at the meeting on the 2nd, and remember if you do target those Black Drums, "you have to hook em to cook em!" *Karl*

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 609-921-7394 or send an Email UBFishing@comcast.net

FOR SALE: 1995 Grady White 268 Islander walk around with Sea V2 hull. Great offshore fishing boat. An aluminum dual axel Boat Master float on trailer w/good tires, and new spare & matching rim. Boat needs tender loving fixits. Working electronics, plus radio & compass. Clear NJ titles on boat & trailer. There are 2 140 4 stroke Suzuki's with about 160 original hours on each. Port engine is fine, Starboard engine has blown power head. Cost for a complete ready to run complete replacement \$ 4,000. from Pompano Beach Florida. I don't have the time nor the physical energy to restore her, that's why I have priced it low. \$10,000.00 I have all the details for all the fixits. Call if you want more info. Bob 609.902.7394

“THE HAWK”

(MAY 2024)

THE BIRD: The weather has been a bit windy, but we really had some very warm days. Our first club fishing trip will be on Tuesday May 21st. Tog season comes to a close on April 30th & may be considered a good season by most club members. “May is on its way” Seabass & Fluke will be open & we’re do for some “Drop n Reel” fishing. LET THE FISHING (CATCHING) BEGIN”!!!!

AWARDS BANQUET: Sunday May 19th 6 pm. Your forms & checks are due by May 11th, but if you bring them in by our next meeting, Thursday May 2nd you can save the postage. Looking forward to a HUGE turnout.

TOURNAMENT DAYS: TD #2, Friday May 10th & TD #3 Saturday May 25th.

LADIES DAY TOURNAMENT: Friday & Saturday June 7th & 8th. (see flyer)

FISH BITES: Fluke opens Saturday May 4th thru Wednesday September 25th. 3 fish over 18”

SEABASS (Status Quo) opens Tuesday May 17th, Recreational fisheries have 4 waves;

Wave 3	5/17-6/19	(34 days)	10 fish	12 1/2”
Wave 4	7/1-8/31	(62 days)	1 fish	12 1/2”
Wave 5	10/1-10/31	(31 days)	10 fish	12 1/2”
Wave 6	11/1-12/31	(61 days)	15 fish	12 1/2” 188-day season

PORGY: 1/1 to 6/30 & 9/1 to 12/31 (30 fish) @ 10.”

CLUB ROSTER was sent out this month to all members “THANKS” SANDI ROY!!!!!!

(We are having a lot of problems with U.S. Postal Service, our Newsletters are received late or not at all, we want you to let us know when you received your printed newsletter so we can determine what steps to take to solve this issue). Our Newsletter & Roster are sent 1st Class !!!!

FISHING REGISTRATION IS DUE NOW! SALTWATERREGISTRY.NJ.GOV

You might want to get your striper bonus tag.1 fish from 24” to less than 28”

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“THE HAWK”

“HE WHO LAUGHS LAST, THINKS THE SLOWEST”

*****LACEY FOOD BANK*****

MAY 2024

Fish Hawks MAY Participation Challenge: In April we had just over 50 members in attendance at the meeting. For our May meeting, if everyone were to bring 2 items from their pantry to the meeting, the Lacey Food Bank would receive over 100 plus food items. For May’s meeting, let’s have 100% participation and make this meeting the best with donations. Your food and monetary donations are always appreciated more than you can imagine.

This list of items may change, but the need at the Food Bank remains constant.

Peanut butter, Jelly	Macaroni, and cheese
Juice boxes, Apple juice	Pasta and Spaghetti sauce
Cereals	Chicken noodle soup
Spaghetti O’s	Applesauce
Snacks like pretzels, peanut butter crackers, Goldfish crackers, fruit snacks, cookies, etc	

Should you forget to bring some food items to our May meeting, there is always a jar by the bin where you can place both checks made out to the Lacey Food Bank or money into. Thanks again for your support.

Sincerely,
Ken Rylak

FISH HAWKS

2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January	XXX	XXX	NO GENERAL MEETING **BOD Mtg. Thurs. 1/25
February	1st	Thursday	GENERAL MEETING **BOD Mtg. Thurs. 2/29
March	2nd	Saturday	F.H. FLEA MARKET LACEY ELKS CLUB
	7th	Thursday	GENERAL MEETING **BOD Mtg. Thurs. 3/28
April	4th	Thursday	General Meeting **BOD Mtg. Thurs. 4/25
	20th	Saturday	Tournament Day #1
May	2nd	Thursday	General Meeting **BOD Mtg. Thurs. 5/30
	10th	Friday	Tournament Day #2
	19th	SUNDAY	ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET (Captains Inn)
	25th	Saturday	Tournament Day #3
June	6th	Thursday	General Meeting **BOD Mtg. Thurs. 6/27
	7 & 8th	Fri & Sat.	LADIES 2 Day Fluke Tournament
	15th	Friday	Tournament Day #4
	24th	Monday	Tournament Day # 5
July	10th	Wednesday	General Meeting **BOD Mtg. Thurs. 7/25
	12th	Friday	Tournament Day #6
	20th	Saturday	FISH HAWKS YOUTH SEMINAR
	27/28th	Sat/Sun	Sat TD-7/Bi Club T. Sun Awards Picnic Tuna Club
August	1st	Thursday	General Meeting **BOD Mtg. Thurs. 8/29
	5th	Monday	Tournament Day#8
	17th	Saturday	MA 22 VETS FISHING TRIP (rain day Sun. 18th)
	30th	Friday	Tournament Day # 9
September	5th	Thursday	General Meeting **BOD Mtg. Thurs. 9/26
	7th	Saturday	Tournament Day #10
	14th	SATURDAY	ANNUAL PICNIC (Gille Park) 1 PM TO ????
	20th	Friday	Tournament Day #11
October	3rd	Thursday	General Meeting **BOD Mtg. Thurs. 10/31
	5th/14th	Sat & Mon	Tournament Days #12 & #13
November	7th	Thursday	General Mtg/Nom. Of Off. **BOD Mtg. Thurs. 11/21
	1st/18th	Fri/Mon	Tournament Day #14 & #15
December	2nd	Monday	Tournament Day #16
	5th	Thursday	PIZZA & BEER Night / Election of Officers
NOTE: BOD meets the Thursday PRIOR to General Meeting			
1/15/24	(Tony G)		NO BOD Mtg. in Dec, **BOD Mtg. Thurs. 1/30/25

"FISH HAWKS"
"LADIES 2 DAY FLUKE TOURNAMENT"

"ALL FEMALE MEMBERS & FEMALE FAMILY MEMBERS ONLY"

DATE: FRIDAY & SATURDAY JUNE 7th & 8th

ENTRY FEE: FREE; O; NADDA!!!!

PAYOUT: 1st PLACE \$75

2nd PLACE \$50

3rd PLACE \$25

NOTE: CAN WIN ONLY ONE PLACE!!!!

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GOOD LUCK TO ALL!!!!!!

REVISED: 4-15-2024 TONY. G.

Fish Hawks
July 20, 2024
Youth Fishing Seminar

The 2024 Fish Hawks Youth Fishing Seminar planning stages are well under way and here is an update on where things stand as of April 1st. Once again, we were able to plan with the Lighthouse Foundation, in Waretown, to use their facility for our event. Most importantly, we have received a check from Holtec Corporation in the amount of \$3,000 to help fund the seminar. Without Holtec's sponsorship, it would be very difficult for the Fish Hawks to fund this seminar on our own. In addition, here is a short list of items and contacts that are in the process of confirming for the seminar:

- Initial contact with Ft. Dix's Director of Youth Program made.
- Purchase of Rod & Reel Combo's and Tackle Boxes cost estimate received.
- Calls and emails going out to seminar presenters has started.

Arrangements for the purchase of Food and Supplies has started.

As the event draws closer, we may ask for additional volunteers for the seminar. If you have any questions regarding the "Youth Fishing Seminar" and how you could, assist. See me at our monthly meeting.

Sincerely,
Ken Rylak



FISH HAWKS SALTWATER ANGLER' CLUB 28th ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Sunday May 19th, 2024, at 6:00 PM

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

AGENDA

The Fish Hawks 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 various fishing events held during the year such as, Ladies Day Fluke Tournament, Bay Tournament, Largest Fish of the Year, 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.

EVENT

Doors Open: **6:00 pm**

Program Start: **6:30 pm**

Use Rear Entrance for Check-In Purposes!!!!

Our Buffet Dinner Includes:

Carved Prime Rib

Shrimp and Scallop Scampi

Grilled Tequila Lime Chicken

Mushroom Ravioli with Vodka Sauce

Scalloped Potatoes

Mixed Vegetables

Asian and Caesar salads

Dessert: Mini-Pastries and Tartufo

Coffee, Tea and Soda are included.

Cash Bar

Cost is \$50.00 per person for Members and Guests. Tax and Gratuity included!

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. MAKE SURE YOU HAVE EIGHT (8) PEOPLE IN YOUR PARTY TO FILL THE ENTIRE TABLE.

Detach and Return This Section

Make checks payable to "Fish Hawks" and mail to: David Bye, 1413 Tamiami Rd. Forked River, N.J. 08731. Deadline is May 11, 2024. Dave will also take money or checks, along with the form at meetings.

Member Name _____ Fee _____

Member Name _____ Fee _____

Guest Name _____ Fee _____

Guest Name _____ Fee _____

TOTAL _____

“JOE MATUSKA MEMORIAL TRI-CLUB FLUKE TOURNAMENT”

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& VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB**

- 1. ONLY MEMBERS FROM EACH CLUB ARE ELIGIBLE TO FISH.**
- 2. ANGLERS CAN BRING FAMILY OR FRIENDS TO THE AWARDS PICNIC AS LONG AS THEY ARE PRE-PAID & HAVE SIGNED UP FOR THE PICNIC (WE NEED AN ACCURATE HEAD COUNT FOR ORDERING FOOD)**
- 3. PICNIC IS \$5.00 PER PERSON (KIDS 12 & UNDER FREE)**
- 4. TOURNAMENT IS USUALLY THE 3rd SATURDAY IN JULY & AWARDS PICNIC SUNDAY AT 1 PM AT THE FORKED RIVER TUNA CLUB.**
- 5. RAIN DATES WILL BE UP TO THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS.**
- 6. ALL FLUKE MUST BE WEIGHED IN AT CREEKSIDE OUTFITTERS (SPONSER)**
- 7. IN WARETOWN (NO LATER THAN 5: 30 PM) SATURDAY,**
- 8. EACH CLUB CAN WEIGH IN AS MANY FLUKE AS THEY WANT, BUT ONLY THE TOTAL WEIGHT OF THE 5 HEAVIEST FLUKE WILL DETERMINE THE GRAND PRIZE WINNER AND WHO GETS THE “JOE MATUSKA” TOURNAMENT TROPHY.**
- 9. A REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH CLUB WILL MEET THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY AT 11:30 AM AT THE FORKED RIVER TUNA CLUB TO DETERMINE THE RESULTS OF THE TOURNAMENT.**
- 10. THERE WILL BE INDIVIDUAL PRIZES FOR THE LARGEST FLUKE \$100 GIFT CARD, 2nd \$50 GIFT CARD, AND 3rd TO 6th PLACES WILL EACH RECEIVE A \$25 GIFT CARD FROM CREEKSIDE OUTFITTERS.**
- 11. THERE ARE NO LIMITS ON THE NUMBER OF FLUKE AN ANGLER WEIGHS IN (MUST BE WITHIN STATE & FEDERAL REGULATIONS).**
- 12. HOSTING CLUB (every 3 years) WILL RUN THE AWARDS PICNIC, THE 50/50 & COLLECT THE \$5 PICNIC FEE.
ALL PROCEEDS WILL REMAIN WITH THE HOSTING CLUB.**
- 13. TROPHY WILL BE PRESENTED, AT THE PICNIC, TO THE WINNING CLUBS PRESIDENT.**



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