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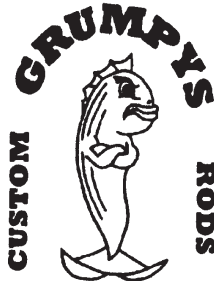
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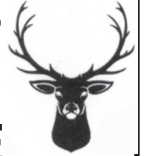
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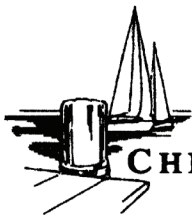
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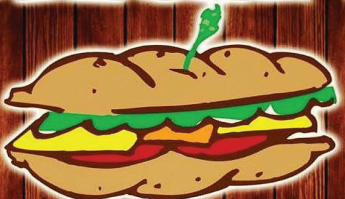
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**Our Club radio channel is 19. We ask our members to please monitor it at all times.**

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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](mailto: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

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## *Presidents Message*

### **Fellow Fish Hawks,**

March is here, and with it comes the promise of a new season on the water. The days are getting longer, boats are being prepped, reels are being re-spooled, and the anticipation is building for that first solid bite of the year.

Preparation is the name of the game right now. Take the time to check your gear, inspect your safety equipment, and make sure everything is ready to go. A little effort now prevents missed opportunities later.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Fish Hawks Flea Market (March 7th):** We're especially excited to bring this back after a one-year layoff. Chairman Rich Leahy has been working hard to get everything ready. Whether you're looking to buy, sell, trade, or just talk fishing, this is a great way to kick off the season and strengthen our club's camaraderie. We are looking forward to a great turnout and a successful day!
- **Monthly Membership Meeting:** At our next meeting, we are pleased to welcome members of the **New Jersey State Police Cyber Crimes Unit**. They will provide valuable information on online safety, current cybercrime trends, and how to protect yourself from digital threats. I encourage everyone to attend.

### **CLUB UPDATES & VOLUNTEERS**

I am incredibly grateful to the members who recently stepped up to fill our vacancies:

- **Kevin O'Rourke** has graciously joined our **Board of Directors**.
- **Joe Regatts** has volunteered as our **Lacey Food Bank Liaison**.
- **Ruth Fizzarotti** has stepped forward to lead our **Membership Committee**.
- **Larry Hannawacker** for taking over the Vets. **Donation box AKA "GEEN BOX"**

I am proud to lead an organization where members step up so readily for the greater good. If you are interested in assisting any of these committees, please reach out to them directly.

Spring is almost here Fish Hawks. Let's get ready for a great season. As a reminder our May 17, Banquet at the Captains Inn is also fast approaching, Hope to see you there! See attached form.

**Fair winds and following seas – see you out on the water,**

**Dave**

**“THE HAWK”**  
**MARCH 2026**

**THE BIRD:** Here we are at the end of February with some cold & rainy weather, as March arrives so does many of our club activities.

Our Annual **FISH HAWKS FLEA MARKET** is this coming **Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>**. On Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> our monthly members meeting & **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME** March 8<sup>th</sup> & the first day of **SPRING**, March 21<sup>s</sup> & soon the beginning of our fishing season starts.

**MONTHLY FISHING CONTESTS & BONUS:**

We didn't draw the \$25 bonus in February, but we will in March.

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**REMINDER:** Up-dated Monthly Contest & Tournament forms with entry fees are due **NO LATTER THAN OUR MEETING ON THURSDAY APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>**

**OUR MONTHLY CONTESTS BEGIN THE NEXT DAY, FRIDAY APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>**

You can buy-in 100 X contest days for \$100 or circle X individual species by the month at \$2 a circled X. A special \$30 buy-in for 20 Calendar Tournament Days for the \*\*\*6\*\*\* species. There are cash prizes and you could be eligible for THE LARGEST FISH OF THE YEAR prize. Entry forms & rules available at our monthly meetings & also on our website. **“NEW MEMBERS CAN ENTER BOTH SOON AFTER SIGNING UP”**. Valerie & Kenn Seefelt will be collecting the forms & full payment or use mail address on form. **REMINDER:** Members, when weighing in your catch make sure the fish meets any length or weight rules. Also, when you fill in the “weigh-in sheet”, make sure that the information is correct before you initial it. The **CLUB RULE:** of weighing- in the fish **“ONLY YOUR CATCH”!** we are a club of friends & family and expect all to abide by this rule. As a suggestion, you can use color zip-tie's or cut off a fin to mark the fish you catch, if you fish with others. (it's what I do with my grandchildren).

**FISH BITES:** It's time to register for fishing in 2026 at:

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# FISH HAWKS CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026

MONTH	DATE	DAY	NO GENERAL MTG **BOD Mtg. Thurs. 1/29 (Ops Rev)
February	5th	Thursday	General Meeting **BOD Mtg. Thurs. 2/26
March	5th	Thursday	General Meeting ** BOD Mtg. Thurs. 3/26
	7th	Saturday	F.H. FLEA MARKET LACEY ELKS CLUB
April	2nd	Thursday	General Meeting **BOD Mtg. Thurs. 4/30
	18th /27th	Sat/Mon	Tournament Days #1 & #2
May	7th	Thursday	General Meeting **BOD Mtg. Thurs. 5/28
	8th	Friday	Tournament Day #3
	17th	Sunday	ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET (Captain's Inn)
	24th	Sunday	Tournament Day #4
June	4th	Thursday	General Meeting **BOD Mtg. Thurs. 6/25
	6th	Saturday	Tournament Day #5
	12th /13th	Fri/Sat	Gail Matuska - Ladies Day Fluke Tournament
	19th	Friday	Tournament Day #6
	29th	Monday	Tournament Day #7
July	2nd	Thursday	General Meeting **BOD Mtg. Thurs. 7/30 (Ops Rev)
	10th	Friday	Tournament Day #8
	11th	Saturday	FISH HAWKS YOUTH SEMINAR
	25th/26th	Sat/Sun	Sat TD #9 /Tri Club Tourn/Sun Awards Picnic Tuna Club
August	6th	Thursday	General Meeting **BOD Mtg. Thurs.8/27
	8th	Saturday	Tournament Day #10
	22nd	Saturday	MA 22 VETS FISHING TRIP (Rain Date Sun. 23rd)
	17th/30th	Mon/Sun	Tournament Days #11 & #12
September	3rd	Thursday	General Meeting **BOD Mtg Thurs. 9/24
	7th	Monday	Tournament Day #13
	12th	Saturday	ANNUAL PICNIC (Gille Park) 1 PM TO ????
	20th	Sunday	Tournament Day #14
October	1st	Thursday	General Meeting **BOD Mtg. Thurs. 10/29
	4/16/26th	Sun/Fri/Mon	Tournament Days #15, #16 & #17
November	5th	Thursday	General Mtg/Nom. Of Off. **BOD Mtg. Thurs. 11/19
	6th/21st	Fri/Sat	Tournament Day #18 & #19
December	3rd	Thursday	PIZZA & BEER Night / Election of Officers
	6th	Sunday	Tournament Day #20

**NOTE:** BOD meets the Thursday PRIOR to General Meeting, NO BOD Mtg. in Dec,  
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Thursday Oct. 15, Sea Bass & ? Miss Michelle III - Point Pleasant

\*A reminder every club boat trip has its own Tournament Day Prizes w/no buy-in's,  
There is a cash prize for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> size fish. see rule #5 below.

#### **Rule # 5 - CLUB (BOAT) 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 judged while on board the boat and the boat 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.**

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**March 2026**

I was thinking about how amazing our Fish Hawk Membership and the Lacey township community truly has been providing food items for over 220 plus families. We often forget those less fortunate who need grocery items during the months of March and April. As I have said in the past newsletters striving for 100% participation from our members each month had been my goal. I am stepping down as the liaison for the Lacey Food bank as of this message, However, **Joe Regatts** is stepping up to keep this wonderful program going. So, like in the past here is a list that are always needed at the food bank.

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Cereals,	Chicken noodle soup
Spaghetti O's,	Applesauce
Snacks i.e. Pretzels,	Peanut butter crackers
Goldfish crackers,	Fruit snacks, cookies, etc

Should you forget to bring some food items to our March meeting, there will be a bin & a jar where you can place both cash or checks made out to the Lacey Food Bank.

Thanks again for your support in the past.

Sincerely **Ken Rylak** RMM



# HOOK IT

We are starting a new era of members stepping up, **Larry Hannawacker** is now the liaison for that “**Green Box**” that’s at all our meetings. It’s a reminder of those who stepped up to keep us safe from harm. Now it’s our time to keep them safe from harm. We Fish Hawks are planning another one-day fishing trip for those veterans on Saturday August 22<sup>nd</sup> rain date August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Your donations can offset our costs and the costs of the Gold Star Mothers that provide Food & Refreshments.

**PLEASE DONATE WHAT YOU CAN, EVEN A SMALL AMOUNT HELPS TO TAKE A VET FISHING.**

**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT. Larry Hannawacker**



# ***Saltwater Angler's Club's 22nd Annual Fisherman's Indoor Fishing Flea Market***

Sponsored in part by **Fisherman**

**Saturday, March 7, 2026**

**8:30am to 1:30pm**

Lacey Elk's Lodge #2518

900 Beach Blvd. Forked River, NJ 08731

**8' TABLES \$30 - ADMISSION \$5**

Children under 12 FREE with paid adult.

Food and refreshments available.

For more info and directions,  
call Richard 201-206-8317 or  
richardleahy5@gmail.com or visit our website,  
[www.fishhawksnj.com](http://www.fishhawksnj.com)

# Monthly Contest and Tournament Day Entry Form

PLEASE NOTE: MONTHLY CONTEST BEGINS THE  
FRIDAY AFTER APRIL'S MEMBERSHIP MEETING.  
**\*\*\*NEW FOR 2026: MONTHLY CONTEST ENDS DEC 15**



Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	# Of Months	Totals Dollars
<b>Blackfish*****</b>	X				X	X	X	X	X		
<b>Bluefish*****</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
<b>Fluke*****</b>		X	X	X	X	X					
<b>Sea Bass*****</b>		X	X	X	X		X	X	X		
<b>Striped Bass*****</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
<b>Weakfish*****</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		

<b>Blowfish</b>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
<b>Kingfish</b>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
<b>COD</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
<b>Flounder</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
<b>Ling</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
<b>Porgy</b>	X	X	X			X	X	X	X		
<b>Triggerfish</b>		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			

Place a circle around the X in the box for the species and months that you wish to enter the monthly contest for a cost of \$2 per month.  
Or you can ***go all in*** for all species denoted by an X (100 months) for \$100.

Additionally the cost for up to 20 scheduled tournament days is \$30  
Entries and all money must be received by the first Thursday in April at our monthly meeting.

Monthly Contest Total at \$2 per Circled X Box

Make Checks payable to the Fish Hawks.

OR  
Buy All X Boxes For \$100

Give the completed form to Kenn or Val Seefelt at our monthly meeting or mail it to address below.

\$ 30 Tournament Day Buy In

Mail: Fish Hawks P. O. Box 700  
Forked River 08731

Total Amount

Contest Chairman Signature

\*\*\*\*\* Only 6 Species eligible for Tournament Days and Largest Fish of The Year \*\*\*\*\*

Only fish caught in New Jersey waters are eligible for Tournament Days and Largest Fish of The Year.

Entry into Tournament day also enters you into "Largest Fish of Year" contest.

New Members can participate at any time once after becoming a new member.

Note: To view all contest rules please go to <http://www.fishhawksnj.com> and select contest form and rules.



# FISH HAWKS SALTWATER ANGLER'S CLUB

## 30<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Sunday May 17, 2026 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**

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

#### Our Buffet Dinner Includes:

- Carved Prime Rib
- Shrimp and Scallop Scampi
- Chicken Parmesan
- Cheese Tortellini Alfredo
- Garlic Mashed Potatoes
- Mixed Vegetables
- Asian and Caesar salads
- Dessert: Tartufo
- Coffee, Tea and Soda are included

Cash Bar

**Cost is \$75.00 per person. The Club will subsidize \$10.00 for members making the member cost \$65.00 and the guest cost \$75.00 per person, Tax and Gratuity included.**

Seating will be set up with tables for ten (10).

### Detach and Return This Section

Make checks payable to "Fish Hawks" and mail to: **Paul Schell, 102 Clifton Road, Barnegat, NJ 08005**  
**Deadline is May 10, 2026.** Paul will also take money or checks, along with the form at meetings.

Member Name _____	Fee _____	
Member Name _____	Fee _____	
Guest Name _____	Fee _____	
Guest Name _____	Fee _____	
Guest Name _____	Fee _____	TOTAL _____