

Berkeley Striper Club Newsletter

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April 2017



President's Corner

Hi Folks:

At the end of February I had high hopes of an early start this Spring. Temperatures were in the high 60's, bunker and bass were spotted in Raritan Bay, things were looking good. Then March came roaring in like a lion snow, unseasonably cold temps, you know the story, so here I sit waiting to make that first cast.

As always, there's a lot going on in the BSC during the next few months. If you can lend a hand with any of the events, please talk to the committee chairman, I know they can use all the volunteers that are willing to help.

Here's a recap of some past events and what's coming up:

BSC Flea Market – WOW.....Another great event this year. **Thank you** Steve George and the army of gals and guys that helped with this year's flea market. This year was not without its challenges, especially parking the day of the event, but you folks pulled together and made it happen. Everything we did was successful: Set-up/take down, front door, baked goods, food sales, Berkeley table, and youth education fund raiser.

Raritan Bay Fishing Trips - Raritan Bay officially opened on March 1st for striped bass fishing. I'll be hosting Raritan Bay fishing trips April – May for bass and blues, so if you're interested in joining me, be sure to provide your contact information on the sign-up sheet I'll have at the meeting.

14th Annual BSC Striped Bass Catch & Release Tournament – Scheduled for May 25 – May 29, 2017. Early registration is \$20 by May 3rd, \$25 after that date. See Steve Perna for details.

Montauk Fishing Trip – The dates for the 22nd Annual BSC Montauk trip are October 1 – October 3rd, 2017. Please provide John Budish with your contact information if you plan to attend this trip.

May Presentation – We are scheduled to have a guest speaker for our May meeting. Nick Honachefsky, local fisherman, TV Host of Hookin' Up with Nick & Mariko, and writer who's been published in various publications; Outdoor Life, On The Water, Salt Water Sportsman, just to name a few. Nick will be presenting a seminar on Shark Fishing.

Monthly Meeting Date/Time - Our meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 5th. We will not have a guest speakers this month. The meeting will start promptly at 7:30pm.

Something to ponder – Nothing makes a fish bigger than almost being caught.

Here's hoping that those you catch, and land, exceed your dreams and expectations this yearand may hook that "ONE" that makes you smile every time you retell the story!!!

Tight Lines Everyone!!!

John

2017 Calendar

Meeting, Wed.1/4, 7:30PM

Meeting, Wed.2/1, 7:30PM

Meeting, Sat 3/4, 7:30PM
Toms Rv.Int. North School

[Flea Market](#), Sun 3/5, 6:00AM

Meeting ,Wed.4/5,7:30PM

[Banquet](#)

Meeting, Wed.5/3, 7:30PM

**Meeting, Sat.6/3, 7:30PM

[Picnic](#), Sun.7/23 10AM

**Meeting, Sat.9/9,7:30P

Meeting, Wed.10/4,7:30PM

Meeting, Wed.11/1,7:30PM

**Meeting,Sat.12/2,7:30PM

** **Saturday meetings, please bring a covered dish**

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BSC Booster Club

Note : All 2017 20 year Lifetime Member's Dues of \$1. A Month Will Be Covered By The BSC Booster Club

GOLD - \$30. > Pat Leahy

SILVER - \$20. >

BRONZE - \$10. >

Montauk Trip 2017

Montauk dates have been set. Mark your calendars for Sunday October 1st through Tuesday October 3rd. There will be a sign up sheet at the next meeting. I am still working on what the cost will be this year. I need to get the room rate from the hotel and then do some math. Based on last year's costs, I don't foresee the cost going up this year.

BSC Fishing Donation Table at the Flea Mkt.

I wanted to let everyone know what a great success it was once again to have a couple Club tables at Sunday's fishing flea market. Many members came through once again and donated items to be sold for the club's benefit, thank you so much. A big thank you goes out to a few members that worked that table by organizing-pricing everything- and selling all day long. [Don Worth](#) [Rich Schultz](#) [Ellen Bloking](#) [Jim Puha](#) (sorry if I left out anybody else who worked it) RAISED \$778.00 >> WOW !!!! " Thank You"

The 2017 - 22nd Annual BSC Fishermen's Flea Market was again another great success and fund raiser for our club. A lot of work went into this year's show and we had some challenges but with the help of our wonderful members that donated their time and energy during the day I could not ask for a better result. We once again came very close to achieving a record high profit (that we set last year) as all of the tables for the show sold-out with some of the best Vendors and Plug Builders in NJ and the entire Striper Coast. Front Door Admission was close to 1000 people and I saw a lot of happy faces from all those vendors and attendees through-out the day. The Food & Refreshment stand generated record high sales this year selling out just about everything we had to offer including some new items that did very well. Big Thanks goes out to Pat Leahy and his crew of John Walters, Ed Eckert, Rob Svenningsen and Cory Rellstab. Outstanding Job All Day Long Guys. Thanks...

Another new Big # was the job that Kenny Hollins did running the Vendor 50/50 that made the club \$450.00 and the winner of the other half a very happy vendor. Great Job as usual Kenny, Thank You.

What really makes the show a winner is the help we receive the entire weekend and the day of the flea market from our club members, without them we just could not pull this off each year. Setting up and breaking down all the tables and chairs, helping the vendors unload their inventory, working the admission and club tables all day long, crowd control and any issues that pop up through the day that needs attention. I can't thank everyone enough and truly appreciate what everybody does. Here are some of the key names that make our Fishermen's Flea Market the best out there. (I apologized if I leave anybody out)

Steven Perna , Mark Yocum, Ed Mullen, Tom Basile, Staci Kravchak, John Kravchak, Emily Martines, Joe & Eleanor Chrzanowski, Robert Conover, Bill Dawson, Bruce Caporale, Mike Herrmann, Don & Lisa Worth, Shell E Caris, Fred & Sara Bogue, George Browne, Cory Rellstab, Kyren Dooley, Ken Ekelund Marc Boucher, Lou DeFontony, Scott Hoffman, Pat Sullivan, John Gillis, Wes Darcy, Ryan Sherwood, Phil Juhring, Anthonig Abagnalo, Andy Bidlingmaier, Jon Brunetti, Russ Iuculano, Tony Senatore Sr. & Jr. , Kevin Malone, John Anderson, John Sanchez, Andy Ciok, Brent Reese, Bob Anderson , Brian Arling, Tyler Bennett, Gary Solantai, John Budish Sr.

So to wrap things up, thanks again everyone for making this past weekend such a wonderful event and supporting our great club and I'm looking forward to the 2018-23rd Annual show but not until I catch a few Striped Bass **between now and then ;-)** Everybody have a great fishing season.