

Berkeley Striper Club Newsletter

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President's Corner

Hi Folks:

In last year's 2017 April newsletter this is what I wrote – "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."

I'm sad to report that I'm still waiting to make that first cast for 2018. Four snow storms in March, I still can't believe it.

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.

2018 Calendar

Meeting, Wed.1/3, 7:30PM

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

Meeting, Sat 3/3, 6:00PM
Toms Rv.Int. North School

Flea Market, Sun 3/4, 6:00AM

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

Meeting, Wed.5/2, 7:30PM

**Meeting, Sat.6/2, 7:30PM

Picnic, Sun 7/15 10AM

**Meeting, Sat.9/8, 7:30PM

Meeting, Wed.10/3, 7:30PM

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

**Meeting, Sat.12/1, 7:30PM

** Saturday meetings, please
bring a covered dish

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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. As you'll hear from Steve George, this year went off without a hitch, a true testament to all those who helped. Thank you, thank you, thank you, EVERYONE! Everything we did was successful: Set-up/take down, front door, baked goods, food sales, Berkeley table (New \$\$\$ record set), 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.

15th Annual BSC Striped Bass Catch & Release Tournament – Scheduled for May 24 – May 28, 2018. Early registration is \$20 by May 3rd, \$25 after that date. See Steve Perna for details.

Montauk Fishing Trip – The dates for the 23rd Annual BSC Montauk trip are October 14 – October 16, 2018. Please provide John Budish with your contact information if you plan to attend this trip.

Monthly Meeting Date/Time - Our meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 4th. We will have a guest speaker this month, Paul Edleman from Menhaden Defenders, will discuss the state of the menhaden stock, as well as fishing in our area. The meeting will start promptly at 7:30pm.

Something to Ponder – "There is certainly something in angling that tends to produce a serenity of the mind"

Washington Irving

I would have to agree that there are many times that I find fishing peaceful and serene but I also have those times when I find fishing maddening and frustrating, especially when my fishing partners are all catching fish, and well, I'm not. 😊

Tight Lines Everyone!!!

John

BSC Booster Club Note - All 2018 20 year Lifetime Member's Dues of \$1. A Month Will Be Covered By the BSC Booster Club

GOLD - \$30. > **SILVER** - \$20. > **BRONZE** - \$10. >

The BSC 2018 Sedge Island Trip / Sedge Island Natural Resource Education Center Workshops

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP.....Our club has been invited to participate in this program May 4-6, 2018. This 3 day, 2 night workshop is held on an island in the Marine Conservation Zone, a 15 minute pontoon boat ride from Island Beach State Park. We will stay in a renovated duck hunting lodge, and will live a conservation ethic. Fresh water is limited, and so is electricity. Part of the workshop includes marsh walks, birding, kayaking tours, fishing, crabbing, and clamming. The workshop explores the natural history of the Barnegat Bay, and the wise use of New Jersey's natural resources. The trip is limited to 10-12 BSC members. Last month this trip was briefly discussed at our monthly meeting and we will be finalizing those club members who have an interest in attending at our April meeting. Information pertaining to the trip can be found on the NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife web site linked here:

<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/sedge.htm> . For those interested in attending your last chance to sign up is at our April 4th meetings (I plan to have a brief informational session at the conclusion of the April 4th general meeting to discuss this program in more detail with those who will be attending). For additional information/questions or if you are unable to make our Apr meetings and have an interest in attending this trip please contact Steven Perna (sperna@aol.com / 732-221-0540).

All BSC taggers

I will have your yearly printouts along with this years tagging studies and a printout of this year's tag returns at this month's meeting

Good luck in 2018 / Fred Bogue

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