

# Berkeley Striper Club Newsletter

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## President's Corner

Hi Folks:

The BSC's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year is behind us, and I must say, we made the most of it. I hope you were able to take advantage of some of the events we hosted. If you were not able to purchase some of the 50<sup>th</sup> clothing, fret not, Ray will have some 50<sup>th</sup> t-shirts for sale at the March meeting.

Here's what's going to take place at the March meeting:

- Club meeting will start promptly at 7:30pm.
- Very Short regular club meeting (Hoping to break the 25 min mark. ☺)
- 2016 Committee Chairman awards distributed.
- 2016 Intra Club fishing awards distributed.
- Pizza ☺☺
- Sale of 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary t-shirts.

### 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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### Upcoming Events:

**BSC Flea Market** – Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. This is the biggest fund raiser of the year for the club. There's a lot involved over the course of the weekend to ensure the flea market is successful; set-up, take down, man the Berkeley table, front door ticket sales, food sales, man the Youth Education table, ect. If you're able, please consider helping with some of these activities. Also, consider donating some of your seldom used fishing tackle to the BSC table for sale at the flea market. If you can bring it to the club meeting on Saturday, that would be great.

**Annual Dues** – 2017 dues are due by the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. This is the date of our Saturday meeting prior to the BSC Flea Market on 3/5. Dues is \$36 per year for adult members and \$12 per year for youth membership.

**Raritan Bay Fishing Trips** - Raritan Bay officially opens on March 1<sup>st</sup> for striped bass fishing. I plan to continue hosting Raritan Bay fishing trips March – 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. This year there's a good chance we'll be catching bass by mid March, so mark your calendars and join us for some early season fishing.

**Montauk Fishing Trip** – The dates for the 22nd Annual BSC Montauk trip will be selected as soon as the tables for the flea market have been set-up. John Budish will announce a short meeting to discuss the date selection. If you'd like to have some input in this process, be sure to join John for the discussion.

**Monthly Meeting Date/ Location/Time** - Our meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, at the Toms River Intermediate School North, 150 Intermediate North Way, Toms River, NJ, 08753. (This is the location where we host the BSC Flea Market.) There are no guests speakers this month so the meeting will start promptly at 7:30pm.

**Something to ponder** – "My biggest worry is that my wife (when I'm dead) will try to sell my fishing gear for what I said I paid for it."

Koos Brandt

I'm thinking we'll just keep this one between us Boy's..... Does she really need to know how much we paid? ☺

**Tight Lines Everyone!!!**

John

**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. >**

## The BSC 2017 Sedge Island Trip / Sedge Island Natural Resource Education Center Workshops

Our club has been invited to participate in this program May 5-7, 2017. 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 has been briefly discussed at our monthly meeting and we will be finalizing those club members who have an interest in attending at our Feb/March 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> . Those interested in attending need to sign up at our Feb 1st or March 4th meetings (I plan to have a brief informational session at the conclusion of the April 5th 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 Feb or March meetings and have an interest in attending this trip please contact Steven Perna ( [sperna@aol.com](mailto:sperna@aol.com) / 732-221-0540).

**BSC bakers**

The flea market is your day to shine

We have the annual bake sale at the flea market to help fund our annual Youth Education events

Your baked donations are gratefully appreciated. You can bring them to **Saturday's** meeting or the morning of the flea market.

As always we need people to man the bake sale during the flea market , Thanks Fred Bogue

**2017 Intra Club Changes and Additions**

Members, The following are proposed changes to the current Intra Club Awards Program:

- There will be a 1st and 2nd place award for all Boat caught fish. Previously there was only a 1st place Boat award for Blues, Weaks, and Fluke.
- 1st and 2nd place monetary awards, if you choose a gift card, will be the same for Shore or Boat. Boat awards have been less in the past.
- Surfcaster of the Year Award will only count the two largest bass. Previously two spring and two fall bass counted.
- Tautog/Blackfish will be added as a new Division with 1st and 2nd place awards for both Shore and Boat.
- For Boat Angler and Surfcaster of the Year Awards, Tog will be worth 3 points per pound with a 8 lb. minimum for Boat and a 4 lb. minimum for Shore
- There will be separate Tog awards for women and youth like all other species.
- For 2017 there will be a Pilot program using length measurements in order to determine awards. This is in addition to the current weight based awards. Our Catch & Release rules will be adapted to this effort. I hope to have this worked out in order to present at the April BSC meeting. Whether the club goes forward with this program will be based on member participation.

Any questions prior to the March meeting, please email me at [bscintraclub@optimum.net](mailto:bscintraclub@optimum.net)

Thanks for carefully reading. Craig