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The President's Message

Well, it's February - one month closer to spring fishing. Boy, am I an optimist. I guess I am getting a little ahead of myself. Anyway, it is February, and plenty to do in preparation for fishing. The New England Boat show takes place from the 11th thru the 19th in Boston. A little closer to home is the Bears Den show in Taunton which takes place on the 25th. Look for our booth where we'll be

promoting the club. As usual, Jack has a program speaker on board for the meeting on the 22nd. Eric Hess, from the Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fisherman's Association, will present an overview of their organization's work. It promises to be a good presentation. Looking ahead in early March we have the ever popular Wives' and Sweethearts' Dinner at Alberto's. That evening is gaining in popularity and is a real crowd pleaser for the

women. Lastly, I'd like to thank anyone who was involved in the Annual Awards Banquet this January. There's a complete wrap-up in this newsletter, but I just wanted to express my appreciation on the front page as well. I can't thank the guys and gals that helped make that evening a success enough. See you all at the February meeting. --Vinny

2012 Salties Meeting Dates

January 7	July 25	Meetings begin with a workshop at 6:30 pm followed by a short business meeting at 7:00 and then the featured speaker/presentation. E-mail meeting information is sent to each member prior to the meeting. If you have signed
February 22	August 22	
March 28	September 26	
April 25	October 24	
May 23	November 14	
June 27	December 12	

up for this service, please make sure your current e-mail address is correct. Regular meetings are held at the Yarmouth Senior Center, 528 Forest Rd, South Yarmouth.

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2012 Speakers Program

Jan. 7 - Annual Awards
Banquet

Feb. 22 - Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fishermen's Association, Inc. -- either John Pappalardo or Eric Hesse

March 28 - Captain Terry Nugent Riptide Charters -- speaking on fishing the Cape and the Riptide Charters/ Salties Tournament

April 25 - Tom Goodrow on Fishing Equipment Maintenance

May 23 - Dinner Night

June 27 - Meeting & Yard Sale -- New Saltie Joe Swaluk on Fishing Art

July 25 - Fisherman Roy Leyva, State Record Holder, on What He Is Catching in July

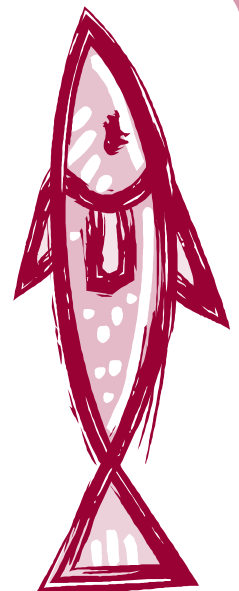
August 22 - Ron Poirier -- RONZ Engineering

September 26 - TBA

October 24 - Dinner Night

November 14 - Keith Ritchie on Steelhead Fishing the Pulaski

December 12 - TBA



Membership News

Welcome Aboard New Members

Jeffrey Chadwick, West Yarmouth and Worcester
 Winston Chiong, Dennis and Newton
 Nate and Megan Connelly, Barnstable
 John Crawford, East Orleans
 Jeffrey and Lori Granville, South Yarmouth and Harvard
 David Hill, East Harwich
 Jim and Andrea Michaels, Chatham
 Patrick and Tina Sekerak, Marstons Mills
 Joseph Swaluk, Brewster
 Scott Wagner, Middleboro

Membership Dues for 2012 were due January 1st

Almost 70 percent of the Salties have renewed their membership by January 15, 2012. To those Salties that have renewed, thanks for your continued support.

Reminder notices will be sent to those members who have not renewed their membership for 2012. The Cape Cod Salties By-Laws state that membership is forfeited if dues are not received by March 15th. Membership can be reinstated at any time by the payment of dues for the current fiscal year.



Brenda Sears of Casting for Recovery receiving a check for \$500.00 from the Salties. The money was raised through a raffle of a striped bass produced and donated by Ken Whiting, also in the picture. On hand to help present the check was Salties President, Vin Foti. Hopefully the money will be put to use to help provide a respite for women battling the effects of breast cancer. Our best wishes to this noble organization.

The Banquet Wrap-up

It's time for another post Banquet wrap up, and I'm hoping all who attended thought it was a grand affair. This year's banquet set an all time attendance record with 130 people. With a crowd like that comes the added possibilities of a glitch here and there, but all and all, we did a pretty good job for ourselves. The money we raised will help to do good for others in the coming year.

Once again I'd like to point out that it takes a coordinated team effort to pull off a party of this magnitude, and I'm fortunate to have a great group of guys on my team. The preparation begins months in advance, not to mention the work done the day and night of the affair. I won't draw up a list, but anyone in attendance knows who was running around plugging the holes in the dam as they popped up. I know I do, and I'm grateful. Finally, to all the Salties and their wives and sweethearts whose presence alone contributed to making this a successful occasion, thank you.

One further thought - in this newsletter you'll find three donor lists. Please take special note of the business donors who continue to support our club though this was a hard year for all. They deserve our patronage. When you shop there, tell them you're a Salties, and thank them from the Club.

-- Vinny



President Vin Foti and Fishing Legend Al Brewster at the banquet.

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Wives and Sweethearts

Just a quick note about the W&S dinner this March 9th at Alberto's in Hyannis. Everyone who attended last year thought it was a terrific event and this year will be even better. The cost will be \$25 per person and will include a choice of six dinner entrees, soup or salad, coffee, and dessert. We'll also have lovely gifts for the ladies to help soften the loss of your company during the impending fishing season. To help with a head count, please sign up at the next meeting or call Vinny Foti (508-398-4662) or Steve Unsworth (508-771-2950) with your intentions to attend. Festivities begin at 6:00pm, drinks in the bar for early birds.



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It's going to be a long winter, maybe this list will help us get through it, and have some fun along the way.

New England Boat Show / Boston -- Feb 11 - 19th

Bear's Den Show -- Feb. 25

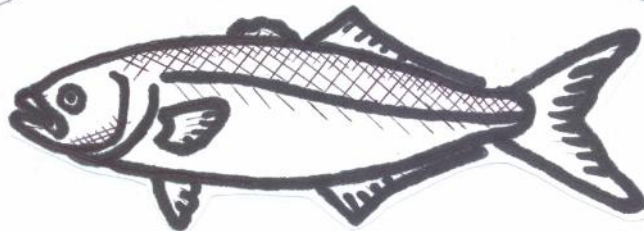
New England Fishing Show / Providence -- March 9- 11

MSBA Expo / Plymouth -- March 24, 25

Fishing the Cape will begin their annual winter fly tying demo nights starting Tuesday February 7th. Demos begin at six o'clock and all are welcome. Fishing the Cape is located on rt.28 at the Harwich - Dennis town lines.

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