



# THE CANNONBALL

*Plunging to the Depths of Fishing News*  
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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:** Hello I am pleased to report that Terry Feeney is out of the hospital and looks great he even made the directors meeting. We look forward to seeing him in the back of the club very soon. The board voted to change the stop fishing time for the outings to 3:00. this decision was made to prevent some of the issues at the outings like running out of food etc. bill Pridemore will elaborate on the changes at the general meeting. The PFBC has approved the 3 rod rule for 2012. It is time to buy some more rod holders. I am also asking for suggestions from the general membership on how to make the club grow we need some new blood to keep this organization going. As most of us are eager to get out on the water remember to check all safety equipment and the bearings on your trailer. Fishing in Port Clinton is good when they can get out. The brown trout fishing on Lake Ontario is almost in full swing. For those of you that check the website Captain Ken Nulph will be posting detailed reports from the charters that we run on our boats this year. See you at the meeting. -Captain Dan Kelly.

### **Board Meeting location:**

Rocky's II Restaurant & Lounge  
1562 Island Avenue, McKees Rocks, PA 15136  
(412) 771-7191

### **Guest Speaker:**

**April-** Capt. Steve Small of "Small Program Charters". He will have a demonstration on the new Fish Hawk TD unit (poor man's probe) for 2011. A must have for any deep water angler! PDC members are eligible for 10% discount on online purchases from Fish Hawk.

**May-** Pa Fish Biologist Chuck Murray will provide an outlook for this year's fishing expectations and state of the lake.  
-Bob Miller

### **Craig Rod Holders Raffle:** Tickets \$10.00

(Only 100 will be sold) One pair of Craig rod holders (quad tree), Winning ticket will be drawn at the monthly meeting following the sale of the final ticket.

### **The Table:** The table is worth over \$600.00

Chances are now \$2.00 each and for members only. Members can purchase up to 20 chances at each meeting. 100% of the monies collected are added each month in prizes.

**Charter Raffle:** Pittsburgh Downriggers charter raffle with Capt. Dan Kelly of Buckets Charters. Two day, four man, Lake Erie walleye fishing trip on July 9 & 10, 2011, plus \$500 cash. Donation \$10 each ticket, 2 numbers per ticket. Winner is based on the official Pennsylvania lottery daily number at 7 pm on June 27, 2011. Winner will be notified. Unsold tickets become the property of the Pittsburgh Downriggers Inc.

I still have about 170 tickets to get out and sell for the BUCKETS CHARTER fishing trip. See me at the meeting or call me to take a book of 10. The tickets are \$10 each. We need to sell all of the tickets by the end of May. – Bill Pridemore

**Gun Raffle:** Glock model 27 subcompact. 100 tickets to sell, no time limit till drawing. \$10.00ea

**Flea Market:** April monthly meeting will hold a flea market for a member's swap meet. Bring your items!

### **Outings for 2011:**

6/25/11 Erie Community Park Campground (Dave Holderny)  
7/09/11 Erie Community Park Campground (Mark Boch)  
7/30/11 Erie Community Park Campground (Bill Pridemore and Allan Kurucz)  
8/13/11 Erie Community Picnic Area (Dave Holderny)  
8/27/11 Olcott Beach, NY (Bill Pridemore and Allan Kurucz)  
9/10/11 Erie Community Park Campground (John Brogley)

On June 25th, 2011 we will be holding our first outing of the year. Dave Holderny will be the contact for this outing which will be held at the Erie Community Campground. More information will be given at the membership meeting and in the June newsletter. Any questions, give me a call.....Dave H.

New times for all contest this Year: Start fishing time 6 AM, Lines out of the Water at 3 PM, Picnic times are: Drinks and setup 4 PM, Food 5 PM, Weigh in 6 PM. You must be signed in by 6 PM to weigh in fish for any of the contests for that day. Please try to be at the picnic site by 5 PM to get the best selection of food. – Bill Pridemore

**Classifieds:** Selling something? Post it free of charge on our website Message Boards. Registration is free and easy. You may login using your Boat name or any user name of your choice. Jump into the discussions, post fishing reports and more!!!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Club Meetings:** Monthly Meetings are held at the Coraopolis Sportsman Club the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm and board meetings are held at Rocky's II in McKees Rocks on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm

**Board Meetings:** 5/10/11, 6/7/11

**Monthly Meetings:** 4/26/11, 5/24/11

**2011 Outings and Contests:** 6/25/11, 7/9/11, 7/30/11, 8/13/11, 8/27/11, 9/10/11

**Website:** [pittsburghdownriggersclub.com](http://pittsburghdownriggersclub.com)

Please visit the website and register on the forums...it's a great way for us all to communicate, share fishing reports and much more!

**Boat Safety Tips:** Check safety equipment, life preservers (one for each person on the boat), Flares, fire extinguisher, radio, navigation equipment, anchor, dock lines, boat hooks, first aid kit, **DRAIN PLUG**, and fishing license. For fishing: landing net, hook removal tools, ice in the fish box, rods and reels, leader line, lures, planer boards and mask, downriggers, releases, terminal tackle, tape to measure length of fish, dippy divers or equivalent and copy of rules and regulations for the state you are fishing in. Check the trailer: Brakes, tie downs, trailer hitch and draw bar, plug for the lights, and pressure in tires. –Bill Pridemore

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Anyone interested in renewing or becoming a BOAT US member see me at the meeting.

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**IMPORTANT!!!!!!**

All dues are \$50. You can send your membership dues to "Bill Pridemore, 1259 Earlford Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15227" or renew at the monthly membership meetings.

<b>MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION</b> <b>Dues: \$50.00</b>	
New Member <input type="checkbox"/>	Renewal <input type="checkbox"/>
Name: _____	
Address: _____	
City: _____	State: ____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____	Email: _____
Boat Name: _____	Length: _____
After completing the above application form, mail it along with your check made payable to:	
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