



Plunging to the Depths of Fishing News
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone, after a long directors meeting we have decided to change the club contest rules back to the way things used to be. Rules will be published in the March newsletter, and there will be some discussion about the change back at the next meeting. We are hosting the new commissioner Ed Mascharka this month. We hope to have a big turnout for the meeting; please try to attend and bring a friend. Now is the time to ask the questions about Walnut Creek and the stamp monies. The Pittsburgh Sport Show is this week; I will try to find out what happened between the County League and the promoter, and fill you in at the meeting. See you at the meeting.

-Captain President Dan Kelly

Board Meeting location:

Rocky's II Restaurant & Lounge

1562 Island Avenue, McKees Rocks, PA 15136-2441
(412) 771-7191

Guest Speaker:

Edward P. Mascharka III, Pennsylvania Fish Commissioner

Edward P. Mascharka III was sworn in as Commissioner of the 1st District on June 29, 2010.

A lifelong outdoor, hunting and fishing enthusiast, Commissioner Mascharka is the President and CEO of Janitors Supply Company, Inc., a family business spanning all of Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio, Western New York, Northern West Virginia, and Western Maryland. He is a graduate of Mercyhurst College in Erie with Bachelor of Science degrees in Business Administration and Computer Science.



Commissioner Mascharka is currently a member of the Presque Isle Advisory Board, and a committee member for Ducks Unlimited. Additionally, he is a team coach for the youth shooting squad at the Erie Skeet Club. He has served as a board member of the Erie Yacht Club, Bayfront East Side Task Force, and as a member of the Governor's Advisory Council for Hunting, Fishing and Conservation. He is also a member of the PA Land Owners Associations, S.O.N.'s of Lake Erie, NW PA Duck Hunter Association, Erie Skeet Club, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and several other conservation organizations.

Commissioner Mascharka and his wife Jane reside in Erie and have four children, five grandchildren and a black Labrador retriever.

Note from your program director- For the last 10 or 15 years, I and several others have been going down to the Chesapeake Bay to fish for Stripe Bass - mostly in April. We have been going to a little town near Baltimore, MD. called Havre-De-Grace. It's about a five hour drive from Pgh. We first started by taking our own boats and getting info from the local bait shops and some local people we would see fishing, we would try our luck catching these stripers. Our luck was about 50% or less. The last several years, we've been using a local Capt. we met down there. He has been guiding us for the last several years and our success has been much better. If you are interested in catching big Stripers (20 to 40 lb.) on light tackle-surface casting---please look into the following website: <http://community.icontact.com/p/walleyepete> ---- You will not regret it!!!

-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.

Hatteras Fishing Trip: The trip is being planned for April 2 & 3. If you plan to go you will have to make a \$300 payment to reserve a spot. The estimated cost of the fishing is \$1600 per day for a 6 man charter. See me at the meeting for more information. Bill Pridemore, 412-882-5932

The Table: The table is worth over \$250.00

Chances are \$1.00 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.

SPORT SHOWS OF INTEREST: By Bill Pridemore

Erie Sport Show: March 4-6, Bayfront convention center
Buffalo Sport Show, March 10-13, Hamburg Fairgrounds
Cleveland Sport Show, IX Center: March 17-20
Sons Ice Out Party and Raffle: April 10, held at the Perry Highway Hose Co.: 8281 Oliver Rd., Erie, Pa: time 1 PM to 5 PM.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Board Meetings: 3/8/11, 4/12/11, 5/10/11

Monthly Meetings: 2/22/11, 3/22/11, 4/26/11

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

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Anyone interested in renewing or becoming a BOATUS member see me at the meetings.

2011 OUTINGS AND CONTESTS: By Bill Pridemore

DATE	LOCATION	LEADER
JUNE 25	Erie Community Park C.G.	TBD
JULY 9	Erie Community Park C.G.	MARK BOCH
JULY 30	Erie Community Park C.G.	BILL PRIDEMORE, ALLAN KURUCZ
AUGUST 13	Erie Community Picnic Area	WAYNE CHECHAK
AUGUST 27	Olcott, NY	BILL PRIDEMORE, ALLAN KURUCZ
SEPT. 10	Erie Community Park C.G.	JOHN BROGLEY

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