



THE CANNONBALL

Plunging to the Depths of Fishing News
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Hello, If anyone can sell any charter raffle tickets please get in touch with Bill Pridemore. We still have some to sell and it is a big part of our clubs annual budget. I missed the directors meeting so I don't have much to report. We fished the first annual Wilson harbor invitational salmon tournament this past weekend. Fishing was tough with 60 percent of the boats not catching a king to weigh, unfortunately we were one of the boats that did not catch one and we received our first donut. Fishing has been terrible for kings this spring. The Coho fishing and lake trout fishing was really good. The western basin walleye fishing suffered the same issues...too much wind and rain. 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:

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 went to Bob Miller last month and is now 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

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!!!

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CHEASEPEAKE FISHING TRIP: Bill Pridemore will be taking reservations for the October 8th and 9th Chesapeake Bay fishing trip. A **\$50 non refundable deposit** is required to hold a reservation. **The cost of the outing is estimated to be \$300.** When you make a reservation you will be obligated to pay the cost of the fishing trip whether you go or not unless someone can be found take your place. The actual cost can not be determined until all the costs are in but it should be about \$300. This cost includes the boats, motel room (3 fishermen per room), all tips, box lunches and breakfasts. You are

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: 6/7/11

Monthly Meetings: 5/24/11, 6/28/11

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

Fishing Reports: are now being posted on the new message boards. Login to the forums and join the action. Visit the website for details.

Chesapeake Trip: October 8-9

responsible for the costs of getting to and from Schiebles Fishing Center located in Ridge, MD and all dinners. **The number we have that are paid in full on September 1 is the number that will be going this year. If we do not get enough fishermen to fill one boat, the trip will be canceled and all fees will be refunded.**

We have two Chesapeake Bay boats reserved and normally have 12 fishermen per boat. You should bring your own fishing rod and reel. A line counter would be helpful. You may also use the rods on the boat but these rods and reels are not as good as we normally use in the great lakes. We normally leave the dock about 6:30 AM but this time will be determined by the captain. We will know what time to eat breakfast and the boats departure by Friday evening. See me before you go to bed. Additional information will be available at the membership meetings or by calling Bill Pridemore at 412-882-5932.

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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.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION Dues: \$50.00	
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:	
Pittsburgh Downriggers, Inc c/o Bill Pridemore 1259 Earlford Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15227	