

EIGHT POINT SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

March 5, 2024

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

FISH COMMITTEE

BLOCKHEAD ICE OUT 50/50-The block fell through on Sunday March 3rd. The big winner is Paul Nourse and he gets \$80 and \$75 goes to buying prizes for the Kid's Spring Derby. Thanks to all who participated and congratulations to Paul!

KID'S SPRING DERBY-This year's event will be held on April 20th and 21st, Saturday and Sunday, from 8:00AM to 4PM each day. The event is open to the general public, and we encourage families to come. Junior's registration (15 years old and younger) is \$3 each day. Senior's registration (16 year's old and older) is \$7 each day. Prizes will be awarded to Junior's each day after 4:00pm. The Snack Shack and Beer Garden will be open each day. We ask for donations of prizes for the kids in the form of gear, gift cards, and cash is always good. The Club Pond will be stocked before the event.

CLUB POND STOCKING-The Club Pond will be stocked for the Kid's Spring Derby and for ongoing member fishing into the Fall. I ask the General Membership to vote for the appropriation of up to \$3,000 for the Spring Stocking. We will again look to stock with trout as we have in the past to promote a coldwater fishery. Date of the stocking is scheduled for April 17th at 10AM. No fishing in Club Pond on April 17-19.

GUEST SPEAKER-We are planning on having a guest speaker from Mass Fish and Wildlife again this year. Adam Kautza PhD, Coldwater Fisheries Project Leader will speak at the April General Membership Meeting, beginning at 7:30pm. His topics will include a broad overview of the status and distribution of our wild trout resources across Massachusetts and discuss the overall direction we are heading with regards to wild trout management. He will also briefly cover some of the research being done on the Swift River Brook Trout and the Deerfield Brown Trout. Q & A will follow. We had a great presentation last year, and I encourage attendance.

FRESHWATER CUP-We will be introducing a new, members only, fishing contest, focusing on freshwater fishes. Contestants can enter for \$10, and can register a catch in any or all of the designated species. Your catch must be legally caught by hook and line from New England waters.

The focus species are Brook Trout, Brown Trout, Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Yellow Perch and Pickerel. We will also recognize a Wildcard catch. The wildcard catch will be from any of the Pin Fish award species as shown in the state Regs. The top wildcard prize will be determined as the largest by percentage against the minimum size of the Pin Fish species. Entries will be made by submitting a photo with a ruler measurement of each fish. You can enter a fish in each selected species, and substitute a larger catch as the year goes on. Please include your name, species, length, date and location where caught. The contest will go through the December Board of Director's meeting. All registration monies to go to prizes. Contact me at gplaflamme@comcast.net or 508-868-4060.

ANGLER OF THE MONTH/YEAR-We will be running the Angler of the Month again this year. Please submit any fish caught to me with a photo and include your name, species, length and weight, date and location. We would like to recognize fish from as many categories as possible for consideration, such as freshwater, saltwater, exotic fish, International etc. Monthly recognition to be made and to go toward consideration Angler of the Year. Contact me at gplaflamme@comcast.net or 508-868-4060.

FISH COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPLACEMENT-The Club is looking to replace the Fish Committee Chairman. Please see President Charlie Baker. I will stay on during the transition and will stay on the Fish Committee if desired.

Submitted by:

Greg LaFlamme, Fish Committee Chairman