

## **EIGHT POINT SPORTSMEN'S CLUB**

**May 7, 2024**

### **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

#### ***FISH COMMITTEE***

**KID'S SPRING DERBY**-This year's event was held on Saturday and Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. The winners were 1<sup>st</sup> Place-Kole Yeaw at 3.44 lbs., 21 ¼". 2<sup>nd</sup> Place-Jameson Wessell at 2.48 lbs., 17 ½". 3<sup>rd</sup> Place-William Narris at 2.44 lbs., 18 ¾". In addition to each receiving trophies, they received generous prizes of rods and tackle. The adult winner was James Gerardi at 1.27 lbs., 14". The top 10 winners from each day also received special prizes of rods and tackle. Some of the rods were customized rods built by member Victor Latek. We were able to give out a large number of prizes due to the generous donations of many members and friends. Of special note was the ongoing support of our Club from Bass Pro. They have been behind us for several years and allow us to have an extra special Derby. This year we hosted a total of 148 Junior fishers (15 years and younger), along with 85 Seniors. All Juniors received prizes at the end of each day, regardless of any catching success. We are very grateful for all these donations. Also, a special call out to Mike Gleason of Mike's Bridge Diner in Lancaster for donating \$300 toward the stocking of "large trout". We appreciate you. I ask all our members to patronize Mike, Bass Pro, and all concerns who donated to our Derby. All for the kids!

**CLUB POND STOCKING**-The Pond was stocked with trout on April 17<sup>th</sup>, just before the Derby. We took in a full truck load. We used Blue Stream Aquaculture out of Sandwich, MA. We have used them for several years now and are happy with the product they provide. On going fishing by Members is encouraged. There are still many fish in the Pond including some sizeable ones.

**POND CLEAN UP AND WORK AT THE DERBY**-I wish to thank all the members who put in so much time and care at the Club Pond. We actually had 2 clean up days, on April 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. The Shack, grounds, and road all received much attention, and came out looking great. We can all be proud of our facility. Also, a big thanks to all who worked at the Derby itself, including registration, food sales, beer sales, apparel sales, 50/50 raffles and the Rod Raffle.

**GUEST SPEAKER**-At our April General Membership Meeting we listened to a great presentation by Adam Kautza from Mass Wildlife. He is a Coldwater Fisheries Project Manager, and spoke on trout resources and management in the Commonwealth. Thank you Adam!

**FRESHWATER CUP**-Please see April newsletter for specific information. 3 entries so far for the Board. Cameron Pierce with a 25" White Sucker from Banfield Brook in Madison NH on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Dave Pineo Jr. with a 16 ½" Rainbow from Lake Winnepesaukee on April 26<sup>th</sup>. And Cameron Pierce with a 25" Brown from Lake Bomoseen, VT on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**ANGLER OF THE MONTH**-Any member caught fish can be entered into this regular ongoing contest. For information or entries for both the Freshwater Cup or Angler of the Month, contact me at [gplaflamme@comcast.net](mailto: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 can stay on during transition and can also stay on the Fish Committee if desired.

Submitted by Greg LaFlamme, Fish Committee Chairman