The River News

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Last Chance For Tackle Bag Raffle; First Shot At Shad Pointers And AOTY Points!

As we preapare to transition from the winter offseason to the tournament season schedule, DRFA members are reminded of three key activities happeing in the next two weeks.

First, the drawing for our Tackle Bag fundraiser is scheduled for our monthly meeting on March 27. This year, in addition to a bag full of lures and a \$50 cash bonus, the prize includes a custom-built fishing rod courtesy of Club member Tim Lang. The 7-foot fiberglass/carbon-fiber spinning rod is a heavy-power, moderate-fast-action model with Fuji guides and tip, rated for casting lures up to 1.5-oz.

All tickets and proceeds must be returned by the March meeting when the winning ticket will be drawn at the end of the business meeting after a presentation by our guest speaker.

If you can sell just \$20 in raffle tickets, we will earn a tidy sum to help fund our Club operations, our AOTY competition, and the youth events we support.

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Our March meeting sill feature a new shad fishing presentation from Kevin Ingram, who will also offer shad lures and tackle just in time for the April 20 DRFA Shad Tournament.

And don't forget the first DRFA tournament event of the year – the April 7 Bass Tournament launching out of Neshaminy Marina at 7 am. This is your first chance to earn points in the 2024 Angler of the Year competition.

President's Message

(Insert relevant message here.)

We have no President to write a timely message for this edition of *The River News*, but we do have a need for someone to serve as a central contact for Club activities.

If you can help by filling that role or assuming the duties of another officer to give them time to fill that role, please speak up at an upcoming meeting or contact an existing Club Officer. (Phone numbers are listed on last page.)

Minutes From The January Meeting

Club Secretary Pete Antoniewicz called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm with 20 members in attendance.

Important Dates

Wednesday, March 27, 7 pm. Monthly meeting at Silver Lake Nature Center. Guest speaker Kevin Ingram will cover shad fishing. The Tackle Bag Raffle drawing will also take place then.

Sunday, April 7, 7 am to 1 pm. Club Bass Tournament at Neshaminy Marina.

Saturday, April 20, 2pm weigh-in for Club Shad Tournament at Yardley Park and Ride Lot.

Wednesday, April 24, 7 pm. Monthly Meeting at Silver Lake Nature Center. (See DRFA website in April for guest speaker information.)

Sunday, May 5, 9 am. Need DRFA members to work at Silver Lake Nature Center Family Fishing Day. (See info in February meeting minutes.)

Saturday, May 18, 6 am to 12:00 pm. Club Catfish Tournament at Neshaminy Marina.

Before the business meeting started, Waterways Conservation Officer Mike Blair updated Club members on some news from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. (See separate story on page 4.) Once the business meeting started, the minutes from the November meeting were read and approved.

Treasury Report: In the absence of Treasurer Eileen Kicinski, the financial report was read by Rick Mawson and accepted. The January 2024 balance was \$7,940.98. In comparison, the end-of-January balance in 2023 was \$7,865.36 – an improvement of \$75.62 in 2024. The motion to accept the report was seconded and approved.

John Pedrick reported for Pete Marcolina on the progress of the Tackle Bag Raffle as of late January. To date, we had collected \$232 in ticket sales and donations, while our costs were \$172.64. All additional ticket sales will go toward making the effort that much more profitable. John said that Pete asked for each member to try to sell \$20 worth of tickets to make this year's effort a success.

Membership Report:

Membership Secretary Rick
Mawson reported that only 19
people had paid dues for 2024
(not counting those memberships
turned in on the day of the
meeting). In 2023, we had 32
members as of the January
meeting. Members were
reminded that the March
newsletter will not be sent to
anyone who has not renewed their
dues by that point in time and
member website access will be
closed to them as well.

Tournament Report:

Tournament Director Scott McDonough reported that he had received the approval of our tournament dates for Neshaminy Marina and that the tournament schedule was final as listed on the website and in the newsletter.

Scott asked for weighmaster volunteers for the first five tournaments, and the following members stepped up:

April 7 Bass Tournament – Scott and Casey McDonough.

April 20 Shad Tournament – Pete Antoniewicz and Bryan Malkiewicz.

May 19 Catfish Tournament – Gregg Southrey and Chick Bay.

June 29 Bass Tournament – Rick Gasper and Harry Wirebach.

July 20 Catfish Tournament – John Pedrick and Pete Marcolina.

Youth Activities: The Club will assist at the Silver Lake Family Fishing Day on Sunday May 5. Volunteers will be needed to help manage the event and use those service hours to defer the cost of our meeting space.

A potential date of July 13 was set for the Youth Fishing Derby to help members set their schedules and to promote the event as an enticement toward attracting potential new members.

Old Business: Members were reminded of the few remaining opportunities to sell raffle tickets. All cash and ticket stubs need to be returned by the beginning of the March meeting in order for us to prepare for the drawing at the end of the meeting.

As of the January meeting, we had not heard a final answer on the 2023 service hours needed for the Silver Lake Nature Center meeting room rental. Rick will follow up with SLNC.

Rick Mawson confirmed that the Club was registered to attend the Palmyra NJ Fishermen's Flea Market on Sunday February 11. Joe Newton said that he already had the few volunteers needed to man that table.

New Business: Once again, the Club finds itself without a president to serve as a central point of communication and coordination for various Club activities and contacts. Even if you don't volunteer to be president, you can take over the role of another board member to free them to move into the president's roll.

Members were asked about potential guest speaker ideas for future meetings. We have openings for April, May, and June at this point. Scott will be the point of contact for slotting the guest speakers month by month.

The annual DRFA raft trip might be run as an ad hoc event when water levels permit, this year. Trying to schedule in advance has been a problem coordinating between rain and water levels.

Environmental Report: John Pedrick addressed the "dead zone" for dissolved oxygen (DO) in the lower river. The prior mandated DO level since the inception of the Clean Water Act was 3.5 parts per million between March and October. The EPA has raised it to between 5.4 and 7.0 ppm. John noted that the Philadelphia Water Department reports a level around 7.0 during the cold-water season. However, in the summer, especially during low-water conditions, those levels can fall below 3.5 ppm.

New warehouse construction on the Morrisville shoreline just above Biles Island continues as the contractor is building up the elevation of the land before construction. Scott reported that

there is still boat access into the lake on Biles Island.

Frank Beck reported that bridge construction on the New Hope/Lambertville free bridge could potentially have some impact on boat traffic as work moves from one span to another.

Fishing Reports: Tim Lang reported that his son had been catching walleye below the Lambertville Wing Dam since early January.

Scott McDonough reported going to Tullytown Cove the week before the meeting with Dan Lang and catching 20+ bass between two and two-and-a-half pounds, plus a three or four-pound walleye and a pickerel, on swimbaits, jerkbaits and scented Ned Rigs.

The 50/50 drawing for \$40.00 was won by Gregg Southrey. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Minutes From The February Meeting

Membership Secretary Rick Mawson called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm with 26 members and guests in attendance. Before the business portion of the meeting, fishing guide Chris Gorsuch gave a presentation on springtime

Remember: New members cannot sign up on the day of the Club Shad Tournament.

Memberships must be obtained by April 19 in order to be eligible.

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smallmouth fishing. (See separate article.)

The business portion of the meeting continued at 8:25 pm with the minutes from the January meeting being read and approved.

Treasury Report: The Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$8,027.21 was read and accepted. By contrast the balance in January 2023 was \$7,429.70. That puts us \$597.61 ahead of where we were at the same time last year.

Membership Report:

Membership Secretary Rick Mawson reported 34 dues-paying members as of the February meeting.

Tournament Report: Scott introduced the Club, Club tournament scenarios, and the Angler of the Year competition to the guests in attendance.

Youth Activities: Chick Bay will contact the Pennsylvania Yacht Club to confirm the July 13 date for the Youth Fishing Derby.

Old Business: Pete Marcolina reported on the status of the Tackle Bag Raffle. We sold an additional \$71 worth of tickets at the Palmyra Fishing Flea Market

2024 Tournament Schedule

All DRFA Club tournaments are free and open to dues-paying DRFA members, with Club-funded payouts of \$50, \$30, and \$20 awarded to the top three places. Participants also accrue points for the Angler of the Year competition based on their top six finishes among the nine regular Club events. (There are no tournament entry fees, however, ramp, launch, and/or parking fees may apply.)

Except for the Shad Tournament, there is also a voluntary \$10.00 lunker pool with a 100% payout to pool participants for the three heaviest pool fish – 60%, 30%, and 10% – at tournament's end.

Except for the Shad Tournament, new members may register on the morning of an event before check-in time. All participants should check in at least 10 minutes before scheduled starting time. Weigh-in is at the time specified. Late entries will not count.

Always check the DRFA website or the Tournament Hotline (215-809-4098) the night before the event to learn about potential rescheduling or relocation due to weather or water conditions.

Day	Date	Event	Time	Location
Sun	4/7	Bass	7 am - 1 pm	Neshaminy Marina
Sat	4/20	Shad	2 pm weigh-in.	Yardley Park & Ride Lot
Sun	5/19	Catfish	6 am - 12 pm	Gloucester City Ramp
Sat	6/29	Bass	6 am - 12 pm	Neshaminy Marina
Sat	7/20	Catfish	6 am - 12pm	Neshaminy Marina
Sun	8/18	Bass	6 am - 12 pm	Gloucester City Ramp
Sat	9/7	Catfish	6 am - 12 pm	Neshaminy Marina
Sat	9/28	Bass	7 am - 1 pm	Byram, NJ Ramp
Sat	10/26	Bass	7 am - 1 pm	Bulls Island, NJ Ramp

and an additional \$60 at the February meeting.

Members were reminded that the Silver Lake Nature Center Family Fishing Day will be held on May 5 from 10 am until 2 pm.

Members are scheduled to arrive early to set up the fishing rods.

A flea market in Kingwood, NJ is scheduled for March 17 from 9 am until 2 pm. The Club has not yet committed to attending, but Rick Mawson will determine the actual cost and if the cost is low enough, Rick will book it.

New Business: Rick made an appeal for someone to step into the president's roll or to step into another board member's position so that person can assume the president's role.

Rick announced potential speakers for upcoming meetings. In March, Kevin Ingram will be speaking about shad fishing.

Rick opened the floor to questions and there was a brief discussion and vote of approval for raising the age of child participants for the Youth Fishing Derby to 18 years old. (Those over 16 will need to have their own fishing license.)

Environmental Report: There were no environmental reports.

Fishing Reports: Joe Newton reported catching over 30 bass on two trips taken a couple weeks before the meeting. He and Frank Beck caught 23 on one trip and he and Rick Mawson caught 11 on another trip while fishing the coves, particularly Tullytown Cove. Most action was on TRDs and Hula Sticks.

Pete Antoniewicz reported catching 31 bass (but only five keepers) and a pickerel while fishing Tullytown Cove with Jim Pocetti. Water temps were around 42 degrees in the main river and

between 43 and 48 degrees within the cove.

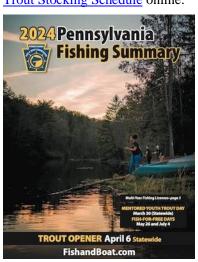
The week before the meeting, Rick Mawson and Frank Beck had 17 bass, a pickerel, and four yellow perch in Tullytown Cove.

Someone reported that the canal bridge access to the Fireman's Eddy boat ramp was closed for construction work.

The 50/50 drawing for \$53 was won by Frank Beck. The meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.

January Speaker Updates Members On Stocking Schedules And Boating Changes

PFBC Waterways Conservation Officer (WCO) Mike Blair was the guest speaker at our January meeting. He noted that due to the loss of the Northern Bucks WCO he would be covering the entire Bucks County territory, so make sure your fishing license, boat registration, and understanding of the fishing rules are all up to snuff. Members can get a complete copy of the 2024 Pennsylvania Fishing Summary and the 2024 Pennsylvania Boating Handbook online. Anglers can also access the full Trout Stocking Schedule online.



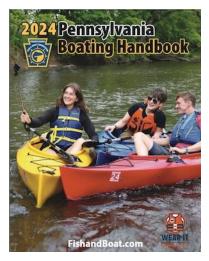
(Source: PFBC website)

WCO Blair also provided an early look at the local trout stocking schedule and noted that the Mentored Youth Trout Day is on March 30th and the regular season opening on April 6th – both statewide. The Free Fishing Days for all species this year are May 26th and July 4th.



(Source: PFBC Boating Handbook)

One new item that WCO Blair mentioned was the Boat and Gear Cleaning Requirements to stop aquatic invasive species (AIS). The regulations are effective as of January 1, 2024, and can be found on page 25 of the Pennsylvania Boating Handbook. For example, be sure to drain your bilge and live well before leaving the ramp, remove all mud and visible weeds, etc.



(Source: PFBC website)

Last year's striped bass regulations are being extended into 2024. Anglers are reminded of the need to use inline circle hooks with live bait or cut bait while fishing in the Delaware River.

Beginning this year, boat registrations will be by calendar year instead of mid-year registrations. All powered boats – gas or electric – must be registered.

One interesting note made by WCO Blair is the fact that with the enforcement of mandatory PFD-wearing between November and April, since 2012 the number of boating fatalities has been cut in half even though the number or boating accidents has remained the same.

He also noted that he would be hosting an 8-hour boater's safety course at D&S Marina in Tullytown on Saturday April 27.

February Speaker Talks About Changing Face Of Springtime Smallmouth Fishing

Before beginning his talk on springtime smallmouth transitions, noted fishing guide Chris Gorsuch commented how there hasn't really been much of a "winter" fishing season the past few years due to warmer than average temperatures. And to prove his point, he showed a number of fat and healthy smallmouth bass he and his associates caught in the early weeks of February.

That is but one example of how Chris' views of smallmouth fishing have changed over the years, to the point that he wishes he never wrote some of the things he published years ago. Before he delved into the heart of his talk on fishing the springtime transition period for smallmouth bass, Chris provided an overview of some key differences about the Susquehanna and Delaware Rivers – things he would later differentiate during his talk on fish behavior and fishing patterns.

Relative to Spring migrations of smallmouth bass from their wintering holes to their Spring spawning grounds, Chris drew an analogy to the springtime migration of American shad. He believes that, from year to year, each species follows a somewhat predictable line relative to the strength of the river current at the time – typically closer to the shoreline in higher flows and closer to the channel edges in lower flows. Take that into consideration when scouting out specific fishing locations and make notes relative to specific flows year after year.

Water Temperatures. One of the big factors Chris looks for in the Spring is water temperatures. Unlike in the Fall when water temperatures falling into the mid to upper 30s are stifling the bite, Spring water temperatures rising to the upper 30s will trigger fish who notice the improvement from the low-to-mid-30s temperatures they have faced all winter — even to the point of repositioning out into faster flowing water.

Another springtime factor to consider is the more rapid impact on water temperatures relative to river flow rates, (i.e., the water will cool and warm up more quickly at lower flow rates). So be a bit more patient when searching for fish in low water that has cooled rapidly overnight or for several days. Higher flows don't seem to fluctuate as rapidly in a cooling trend or warming trend.

By the same token, don't expect to catch fish at the mouth of a shallow creek early on a cold morning, since that smaller waterway has probably given up much more of its heat over the course of a cold night. Take advantage of those spots later in the day. Also take into account that stained water can be a degree or two warmer as the sun hits the darker mass.

Whatever the actual water temperature, consider the most recent trend of those temperatures and experiment with a variety of retrieval speeds and actions imparted to your bait.

Chris says that in addition to finesse plastics, you can fish hard baits and even spinnerbaits or crankbaits in colder water...as long as you slow down your retrieve. For example, if you see multiple fish chasing a retrieved tube on the way back to the boat, try a more aggressive bait to see if the fish are more willing to chase. Another example he cites is that he used to set 50 degrees as the starting point for using spinnerbaits, but now will go as much as 10 degrees colder than that as long as the temperature is relatively higher to where it was yesterday or even this morning. He emphasizes that on a shallow river like the Susquehanna, you can experience as much as a fivedegree warmup on a single sunny Spring day.

Migration Paths. Chris believes that smallies can migrate from 1 to 7 miles from their wintering holes to their spawning grounds. The fish can move in waves, and they can stage for a few days at protected structures along the way. With enough experience he has learned to map their travel routes and to target clusters of fish as they move upstream from

structure to structure along the path to their spawning grounds.

As Chris spoke about migration paths, he described current seams - whether along shorelines or midriver – and said to keep track of where you catch fish at various water levels to map those paths. He also said to look for potential resting stations along those migration paths – protected areas where fish might rest and feed up for a day or two or up to a week. In the Susquehanna, that can be a spot like a mid-river ledge or even the tailout of an island. And once the fish move on, you can follow that school to the next resting spot upstream or come back to revisit the mid-river spot again as part of your "milk run" in a few days as another batch of migrating fish moves in.

Other Spring Tips. Chris described how to fish swimbaits as a primary springtime lure that can be utilized in a variety of ways – from finesse presentations to power fishing to using it as a Ned Rig. He suggests experimenting with motion, size, and color, even including crayfish and bullfrog colored swimbaits.

Hard suspending jerkbaits are another cold-water option that can be fished with a variety of cadences, pauses, and twitches. Also, don't discount the option of fishing the pillow of water above ledges as well as fishing below the ledges.

Also, if you can tolerate the slow pace, don't discount fishing soft jerkbaits in cold water either.

Look for fish to be tighter to structure (e.g. shoreline, ledge) in the morning. But when the bite falls off, pull out a bit away from the structure to see if the fish have positioned out in slightly deeper water as the sun rises higher in the sky.

Look For New Endangered Species Guidelines At A Boat Ramp Near You

This water is home to Endangered shortnose sturgeon and Atlantic sturgeon. It is unlawful to angle for, take, or possess any sturgeon from New Jersey waters. All sturgeon accidentally caught must be released immediately and uninjured. Keep fish in the water, remove the hook or cut the line if hooked deeply, support the fish in the water until it can swim away on its own. Please help us protect these rare wild native fish.

Native sturgeon on the Delaware River will be receiving a little bit of help from the Native Fish Coalition in support of that endangered species' comeback efforts.

New signage warning anglers to take care when handling shortnose sturgeon and Atlantic sturgeon is expected to be installed soon at Delaware River boat launch ramps in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

From A to Z:

Seven Simple Things You Can Do To Make The DRFA More Productive For You And Your Friends

As time has gone by, DRFA membership has dwindled for one reason or another – aging anglers, kids growing up and moving on to other activities, retirees moving to sunnier climates, lack of perceived benefits of joining, etc.

The truth is that we need to consider some new opportunities for improving the value and vitality of our group in order to retain existing members, to reattract recently lapsed members, to attract new individual members and family members, and to encourage new supporting business members.

Here is a list of seven simple things that can be done in the short term and long term to improve our experience and enjoyment, and to strengthen our base for the future. If you have any ideas to add to this list, please send them to petea2z@mac.com.

- 1. Help make our fundraising Tackle Bag Raffle a greater success. Our raffle drawing will take place at the end of the March 27 meeting. *Please* make sure that all ticket stubs and money collected are returned to Pete Marcolina by the beginning of the meeting! Or give them to one of our Board members or another member who will be attending the meeting. If you have not yet sold or purchased at least \$20 worth of tickets, consider doing so before Wednesday night.
- 2. Help us attract and promote more and better guest **speakers.** Publicizing guest speakers who address topics of interest to Delaware River anglers is a great way of getting new people to attend our meetings to expose them to the benefits of Club membership. If you know of an environmental, fishing, or boating influencer who might be willing to share their expertise with our group, please share their contact information with Scott McDonough (215-989-0153).

- 3. Keep our meeting space cost-free. Consider spending a few hours to help us defray the costs of our meeting space by working at the Silver Lake Nature Center (SLNC) on the first Saturday morning of any month. Contact Rick Mawson for more information. Or sign up to participate in the Family Fishing event at SLNC on Sunday May 5, or in another DRFA work project dedicated to offsetting the cost of our meeting space.
- 4. Recruit youth anglers for our Youth Fishing Derby. Every DRFA member is eligible to host a couple young anglers their own children, grandchildren, family friends, or neighbors for the tentatively scheduled July 13 event. The person you invite today could become a future member or could convince their parents to join as part of a family membership this year.
- 5. Incentivize other river anglers to give the Club a look. Consider carrying a couple of DRFA membership forms in your tow vehicle to offer to fellow anglers you meet at local launch ramps. Doing so after offering a newbie some fishing insights or after offering a helping hand to a fellow boater in need could be a great way to make a good impression for the Club and give them a reason to visit our website.
- 6. Step up to fill an important Club leadership role. We desperately need an individual to step up to fill the role as a central contact for various aspects of Club business and to coordinate the efforts of our existing Board members. But you don't need to be the

- president. You could relieve an existing Board member of their duties enabling that person to fulfill the role of Club President as the central contact person.
- 7. Contribute ideas to our meetings, newsletter, and website. You don't have to be a writer or a polished public speaker to add value for other DRFA members. If you come across an interesting bit of news, an environmental item, fishing tackle sale, or other river-related topic, contact Newsletter Editor Pete Antoniewicz (609-751-7545) or Webmaster Rick Mawson, (215-809-4098) so they can get the info out to all.

And don't forget to submit your 'lessons-learned' experiences for a future *From A to Z* column. That could include anything from discovering new baits, new techniques, or new fishing strategies from other anglers to sharing how you learned to avoid boating or fishing pitfalls through college-of-hard-knocks experiences. If you want, we can even post those stories 'anonymously'.

There's no writing to be done. Simply tell Pete Antoniewicz your story and he'll make it appear in the newsletter.

Check the Tourney Hotline 215-809-4098 for potential changes the day before each DRFA Tournament.

Meet Our Newest Sponsoring Business Member

Reel River Adventures, owned by well-known Pennsylvania fishing guide Chris Gorsuch, is our latest sponsoring business member. The guide service serves smallmouth and walleye anglers on the Delaware and Susquehanna Rivers.

Chris is a familiar face to many DRFA member as he has given multiple presentation at DRFA meetings and has hosted multiple DRFA members on his boat.

You can learn more at the <u>Reel</u> <u>River Adventures</u> website and can track Chris's daily fishing success on his <u>Facebook</u> page.

Take A Kid Fishing

That age-old saying is as important today as it was when we were youngsters. And with fewer young people fishing, the task of introducing youngsters to the excitement of seeing a bobber disappear or feeling a tug on their line, falls to us.

The DRFA offers many opportunities to do just that. We can invite a young neighbor to join us for our Youth Fishing Derby, or we can be a part of the Family Fishing Day at Silver Lake Nature Center, or help with the SLNC summer program, or even partner with a neighborhood youngster at our regular Club fishing tournaments if his or her non-fishing parents are willing to grant permission and buy a family membership.

The rewards can be much more than just seeing a smile on a youngster's face. They could lead to having a future fishing partner when we need one as we approach our sunset years. Give it a try.



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Remember our supporting business members who provide added financial support, share their fishing knowledge with our Club members, or support our Club and youth fishing efforts with their facilities or products.

When we return that financial support by patronizing their businesses, be sure to make specific mention of our appreciation for them helping to fund our guest speakers and our tournament cash prizes. Without their support we would not be able to provide the same opportunities to our current members or to attract potential new members.

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