

## Northern Neck Anglers Club

### November 2018 Newsletter

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The end of the 2018 fishing season is not far off, with only one member tournament remaining. The Angler of the Year (AOY) competition will soon be decided and the Board of Directors will be focusing on scheduling tournaments and activities for 2019.

The Octoberfest Tournament, originally scheduled for the weekend of October 13-14 was cancelled by the Board of Directors due to Hurricane Michael and, in accordance with tournament rules, was re-scheduled for the weekend of October 20-21, weather permitting. As a result of adverse weather that weekend, including gale force winds, the re-scheduled tournament was also cancelled. The tournament was not re-scheduled this season.

The Ed Taft Memorial Tournament was held the weekend of November 3-4, with rockfish, speckled trout and puppy drum as the target species. The tournament was held in memory of member Ed Taft who passed away in 2017. Small Craft Advisories (SCAs) in our tournament zones forced cancellation of Saturday as a tournament fishing day. No SCAs were in effect Sunday, therefore the tournament was held as a one day tournament on Sunday. There were no entries for speckled trout or puppy drum. Rockfish results are set forth below.

1 <sup>st</sup> place John Elkin	6lb 4oz
2 <sup>nd</sup> place Stuart McKenzie	5lb 0oz
3 <sup>rd</sup> place Tom Hedgpeth	4lb 11oz
4 <sup>th</sup> place Steve Hedgpeth	4lb 1oz
5 <sup>th</sup> place Jim Morgan	3lb 5oz

Gift certificates from J&W Seafood, Deltaville, will be awarded to the top three finishers. The winner will also receive a plaque from the club. AOY points will be awarded as follows - 5 points for first place, 4 for second, 3 for third, 2 for fourth and 1 for fifth.

The Bonus Rockfish tournament, the last of the club's seven member tournaments for 2018, is scheduled for Saturday November 24 and Sunday November 25, weather permitting. This tournament is for rockfish only. Hopefully, some big ones will have arrived in our tournament fishing areas by then. Gift cards will be

awarded for the top three fish (by weight), with the first place winner also receiving a plaque. AOY points will be awarded with 5 points for first place, 4 for second, 3 for third, 2 for fourth and 1 point each for all other entries.

The AOY competition is nearing completion this season heading into the final tournament. Tom Hedgpeth leads with 26 points, followed by Stuart McKenzie with 20, Steve Hedgpeth with 12 and Scott Gregg and Tom Smith with 10 each. Gift certificates will be awarded to the top four anglers – first place \$100, second place \$75, third place \$50 and fourth place \$50. The AOY (first place angler) will also receive a plaque from the club. With a maximum of 5 points available for the upcoming Bonus Rockfish Tournament, first (Tom Hedgpeth) and second (Stuart McKenzie) AOY places have been finalized. The third and fourth placings are yet to be determined. Twenty-one members have recorded points so far this season.

We continue to look for new members. Current members are a primary source of new member referrals. New members joining now will be eligible to fish the Bonus Rockfish tournament and their membership dues will be paid thru 2019.

Good luck fishing. Be safe out there.

Tight lines !!

John O'Connor

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