

Northern Neck Anglers Club

February 2019 Newsletter

(www.northernneckanglersclub.wordpress.com)

February is a month that starts members thinking about the end of winter weather and the upcoming boating and fishing season. The focus now shifts to getting tackle and lures ready for fishing Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

The club's 2018 Best of Species contest ended on December 31. Winners for each species listed below will receive a plaque from the club (* new club record):

Bluefish – Leroy Bussells (2lb 5ozs); Cobia – Andy Huang (58 lbs*);

Croaker – Stuart McKenzie (13ozs); Flounder – Tom Hedgpeth (3lbs 7ozs);

Rockfish – John Elkin (49lbs 4ozs*); Spanish – Tom Hedgpeth (2lbs 6ozs);

Spot – Stuart McKenzie (6ozs) – No entries for Puppy Drum or Speckled Trout

During January, the Board of Directors commenced planning for 2019 and took the following actions:

1. Set member meeting dates for 2019 -

Meetings (Saturdays at 7pm) - April 27, June 29, July 27 and September 28

2. Set the tournament schedule for 2019 (weather permitting) -

Trophy Rockfish (Rockfish only) May 4-5, 11-12, 18-19

Cobia Classic (Cobia and Croaker) June 1-2, 8-9, 15-16

Flounder Bash (Cobia and Flounder) July 6-7, 13-14, 20-21

Spanish Lessons (Bluefish and Spanish Mackerel) Aug 3-4, 10-11, 17-18

Grab Bag (Bluefish and Spanish Mackerel) September 7-8, 14-15, 21-22

Octoberfest (Rockfish, Puppy Drum and Speckled Trout)

October 5-6, 12-13, 19-20

Leroy Bussells Memorial Tournament (Rockfish, Puppy Drum and Speckled Trout) November 2-3, 9-10, 16-17

Bonus Rockfish (Rockfish only) December 7-8, 14-15, 21-22

3. Named the November member fishing tournament the Leroy Bussells Memorial Tournament in memory of NNAC member Leroy Bussells.
4. Approved a \$250 donation to Smith Point Sea Rescue in memory of Leroy Bussells. Smith Point Sea Rescue was actively involved, along with the Coast Guard and state and local marine police, in coordinated search and rescue efforts after Leroy was reported missing.

Membership dues for 2019 (\$30) are due by March 31. The membership renewal form was included with last month's newsletter and is available at the club's website. Now is a good time to recruit family members, friends and neighbors to join the club. The club's expenses are funded primarily through member dues. Sponsors contribute to the gift certificates awarded to the first, second and third place finishers for each species targeted in member fishing tournaments during the year. The club's success depends upon a strong membership base and the support of sponsors and participating weigh-in locations.

The NNAC has been a member of the Boat U.S. Cooperating Group Program since 2012. Under this program, NNAC members who are or become Boat U.S. members are entitled to a discount on the annual Boat U.S. membership fee – the fee is discounted to \$15 for NNAC members. To receive the discount, an NNAC member needs only to enter the club's Cooperating Group ID Number on the initial or renewal Boat U.S. membership form. The Cooperating Group ID Number can be found in the Members Only section of the club's website.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend member meetings and fish club tournaments this season.

Tight lines !!

John O'Connor

NNAC President