

Northern Neck Anglers Club

December 2019 Newsletter

(www.northernneckanglersclub.wordpress.com).

The Bonus Rockfish Tournament, the club's eighth and final member tournament of 2019, is scheduled for the first three weekends of this month, December 7-8, 14-15 and 21-22. Target species is Rockfish only, weather permitting as always. Weather and water temperatures are dropping now. Remember to dress warmly and be safe while fishing.

The club elected Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) and Directors (3) during November for the coming year. Ballots were e-mailed to those members who receive club communications electronically or attached to the November newsletter for those members who receive club communications by regular mail. The following members were elected as Officers and Directors for 2020 (as of 1/1/2020): President – Ben Ames, Vice President - Tom Hedgpeth; Secretary - Steve Cunningham; Treasurer - Tony Russo and Directors – Stuart McKenzie, Ivor Van Heerden and Mark Roy. I will remain on the Board of Directors for one year as Past President and Dave Compton will continue in his lifetime role as Director Emeritus.

Angler of the Year (AOY) points through the first seven member tournaments have been tabulated and posted on the club's website. The final results will be determined upon conclusion of the Bonus Rockfish Tournament (one species and a maximum of 5 AOY points available). Twenty-four members have recorded points so far in this year's contest, with Jam Jamrog in the lead with 33 points, followed by Ben Ames with 28, Stuart McKenzie and Steve Hedgpeth with 19 each and Tom Smith with 15. The AOY receives a plaque and the club recognizes the top four members with gift certificate awards.

Below are the final results of the Leroy Bussells Memorial Tournament, the seventh of eight scheduled member tournaments during 2019, which was held during the first three weekends of November. Three of the six scheduled days for this tournament were cancelled due to adverse weather (Small Craft Advisory/Gale Warning). Target species were Rockfish, Speckled Trout and Puppy Drum. There were no entries for Puppy Drum.

Rockfish

1	Mark Roy	11/2/2019	10lb 12oz
2	Ben Ames	11/2/2019	10lb 11oz
3	Earl Perotti	11/9/2019	6lb 11oz
4	Steve Hedgpeth	11/2/2019	5lb 3oz
5	Evan White	11/9/2019	5lb 2oz*
6	Stuart McKenzie	11/9/2019	5lb 2oz*
7	Jan Jamrog	11/2/2019	4lb 14oz
8	Tom Hedgpeth	11/2/2019	4lb 9oz
9	Tom Smith	11/2/2019	3lb 4oz

Speckled Trout

1	Ben Ames	11/9/2019	2lb 7oz
2	Jan Jamrog	11/10/2019	2lb 4oz

* tie breaker based on earliest weigh in time

Gift certificates were awarded to the top three entries (by weight) for Rockfish and Speckled Trout. The winner of each species will also receive a plaque from the club. Angler of the Year (AOY) points were awarded for the tournament as follows: 5 points for first, 4 points for second, 3 points for third, 2 points for fourth and 1 point each for all other entries.

Rockfish season this year closes in Maryland waters of Chesapeake Bay on December 15 and on December 31 in Virginia and the Potomac River.

The club's 2019 Best of Species contest concludes on December 31. Leaders are posted on the club's website. Be sure to weigh in any big rockfish caught between now and December 31. The winner of each species will receive a plaque from the club.

Remember to thank and patronize those businesses that have sponsored club tournaments and awards during 2019 and the marinas and weigh-in locations that support the club's monthly tournaments. Our success as a club is dependent upon this support.

In closing, I would like to wish each of you and your families a wonderful holiday season and a joyous and prosperous new year in 2020.

Tight lines !!

John O'Connor

NNAC President

