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### **IMPORTANT DATES**

October 14<sup>th</sup> JCAA Board Meeting October 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> ASMFC Meeting Week October 26<sup>th</sup> JCAA General Meeting November 11<sup>th</sup> JCAA Board Meeting November 14<sup>th</sup> JCAA Dinner November 30<sup>th</sup> JCAA General Meeting

## Sportsperson-of-the-Year

### By Paul Turi

This year we will be having our Sportsperson of the Year dinner at Yesterday's Family Restaurant located at 938 Rt. 9 South, Bayville, NJ. The dinner will be held on Sunday, November 14th from 4-8 PM. The price of meat and demand for banquet facilities has increased tremendously which has put some of the fancier waterfront places out of our desired price range. The price of our dinner will be \$85 per person or \$750 for a table of ten. The good news is that we are going to get a lot for our money. We will start with hand-passed Hors D'oeuvres followed by soup, salad and rigatoni with Vodka sauce. The main course will be your choice of Chicken Franchese, Stuffed Flounder or Prime Rib. There will also be unlimited soda, coffee, tea, BEER and WINE! Desert will consist of an ice cream sundae bar with three flavors of ice cream.

To reserve your tickets, call Don Marantz at 908-347-1434. You can also send him an email at <u>donmarantz@optonline.net</u>. At this time we are not sure who the guest speaker is going to be. And, as usual, we will be having a tricky tray auction, silent auction and plenty of door prizes.

We are also in need of door prizes and tricky tray Auction and silent Auction prizes. If you or your club have something to donate, please contact Paul Haertel at (973) 943-8201 or email him at <u>AnglerPMH@aol.com</u>. It would help if each of our

member clubs donated a prize or solicited the bait and tackle shops that its members support.

**Remember**, bring your significant other. We always have prizes for the ladies too!

## **President's Report**

By John Toth

Where has the summer gone? Time is moving so fast and we are moving toward the fall season already. A lot has happened during the summer and I hope you enjoyed the fluke season which will be finished before you see this newsletter.

Unfortunately, COVID – 19 and the resulting Delta variant is wreaking havoc in our country and around the world. It has hurt our economy so much and everybody is affected by it. It even affected our September 4th Fluke Tournament that had low entries due to the fear of anglers catching the new Delta virus. With deep disappointment, we were forced to cancel our fluke tournament. We did not reach this decision lightly, but this was a business decision that had to made due to a lower than expected angler turnout. We do not know where this virus is headed and I don't think anybody does at this point in time.

Paul Haertel ran our Heavy Hitters Fluke Tournament on August 5th to 8th and while participating anglers enjoyed it, the response for angler turnout was also lower than anticipated for it due to the virus. However, this did not stop Paul from having a nice Awards Ceremony at the Forked River Tuna Club on August 28th that had good food and even had a band playing music that we all enjoyed! A big Thanks to all who helped to make this event successful that included JCAA members and especially Paul Haertel and his lovely wife, Linda, who helps so much at our JCAA - sponsored events.

In our earlier JCAA newsletter, I announced that we were going to have our September 28th General Membership meeting at the Jersey Coast Shark Anglers Building in Herbertsville. Again, due to spreading of this new Delta strain, we will NOT hold this meeting in the Shark Anglers Building and it will be done by ZOOM. With the emergence of this Delta strain our JCAA Board did not feel comfortable with a public gathering like this and did not want to be held responsible for the spreading of this virus to our members. During November, we usually hold our Sportsperson of the Year event and it is scheduled for November 14th at Yesterday's Family Restaurant in Bayville. During our General membership meeting on September 28th by ZOOM, we will ask our club membership if they will attend it and based on the information we receive a decision will be made if we should have it.

Finally, 20 years has passed since the World Trade Centers were destroyed on 9/11. I worked for the Port Authority of NY & NJ and my office was located on the 65th floor of the North Tower. On that fateful day, the jet that struck the North Tower flew directly over my office that began my day in hell. I wrote a column about my experience (in another section of this newsletter) to not only give you some idea of what it was like when this event occurred, but more importantly that it will never be forgotten by us.

## Remembering the Destruction of the World Trade Center on 9/11/2001

By John Toth

It is hard to believe that 20 years have gone by since the Trade Centers were brought down by terrorists who wanted to destroy America. However, that day will never be forgotten by me. I worked for the Port Authority of NY & NJ and my office was located on the 65<sup>th</sup> floor of the North Tower (Tower #1). My office faced in a northern direction and the Empire State building and all of Manhattan was in front of me. It was a crystal-clear day and the Hudson had a dark blue tint to it. The morning sun cast a reddish/brown tint on the office buildings in front of me. I thanked God for giving us such a beautiful day!

At 8:46 a.m, a jet flew directly over my office and crashed around the 85<sup>th</sup> floor. I heard it come in since it flew right over me. What was strange about it is that I heard the engines speed up before it hit the building. So I knew from the start that something was not right. Also, the day was very clear so visibility was not a problem.

The Trade Center was designed to withstand a jet hitting it with the biggest jet in the air at that time of its construction in the 1970s. The jet that hit us was much bigger and actually it was a bomb since it was

full of fuel coming a short distance from Boston Logan. The Trade Center (at 110 stories) was also designed to normally sway about 3 feet. Upon jet impact, I think the building swayed 8 to 9 feet in a southern direction and then about the same footage when it bounced back in a northern direction with all of the building's weight moving it forward. I thought that the building was going to collapse. Finally, the Trade Center bounced back and wobbled with the aluminum cladding on its outer surface cracking and falling down like icicles falling from a roof on a winter day. When I heard that sound, I knew that the Trade Center was going to fall down and it was just a matter of time.

People on my floor were shell shocked and said "What Happened" and initially did not move. I yelled out to everybody to get out. A colleague of mine (Sheryl) could not move from her desk and I shook her hard and told her to get out! We slowly moved down the stairs and while people were scared, nobody lost it although some came close. Unbeknown to us, the jet fuel went down the building's elevator shafts and blew out some of the floors below us. This caused us to not go straight down the stairway but to circulate to floors that were intact to get out. We saw firemen moving up stairs to rescue people but I knew that they were never going to be coming back down again and were doomed. I can still see them.

We were around the 27<sup>th</sup> floor when the South Tower collapsed and its debris struck the North Tower while we were still inside in it. The North Tower swayed upon this impact and the ceiling above me was moving and I was waiting with others to be crushed to death, but the North Tower still held.

I eventually made it out of the building and was shocked to see the empty space that the South Tower once occupied. It was like a war zone with debris everywhere. It is hard to describe, but it was like a scene from World War I with broken trees, pieces of twisted steel and a gravish light because of the dust in the air and on the ground. There was a big tree branch blocking egress and I picked it up to clear a path. I was knocked down by somebody running to get away causing my fall on a nail sticking out from some piece of wood and piercing my knee cap. I thought that I would never get up, but a cop nearby yelled at me to get up and get away before people jumping out from the towers would hit me. A colleague of mine witnessed a woman crushed to death from someone leaping from the tower. People

who could not escape had the hard choice of either burning to death or jumping to achieve a quick death.

I was completely covered with dust and went to a nearby street and then saw the North Tower fall almost in front of me. With the TV antenna on top of it, it looked like a big dagger pushing down the building with debris exploding from it. The force of the building coming down turned the building's concrete in to dust. I moved as fast as I could to get away from the collapsing tower so that I would not be hit with falling debris.

My knee was bleeding and I used my tie to bandage it. I slowly walked up Church Street on my way to the PA Bus Terminal. I passed St. Vincent hospital and the staff were waiting outside for casualties but few if any came since most people were crushed to death. All that was found of a friend of mine was his wedding ring. From the Port Authority Bus Terminal, I eventually made it home and then to a hospital for wound treatment and to wash the dust from my body.

At the end of the day, 2,977 Americans were murdered! Approximately 1,200 of them have not been identified with efforts still being made to identify their body parts.

I belong to World Trade Center Tribute, an association formed by people who lost love ones with the goal of not letting this tragedy be forgotten. Tours by this association are conducted at the Trade Center site by docents to tell visitors what happened on that fateful day. I am one of those docents and I have given over 50 tours to visitors from the USA and many visitors from around the world.

Keeping the memory alive of what happened on 9/11 is the reason I have written this column.

By the way, Sheryl, the colleague I mentioned earlier that I shook hard to get out of the building invited me to her retirement party and thanked me in front of her family for saving her life.

## **Amazon Smile**

By Paul Turi, Office Manager

Amazon Smile is a program where Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization selected by its customers. JCAA is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and is registered with Amazon Smile to receive these donations

from Amazon. If you would like to support JCAA in this manner, whenever you buy something on Amazon, simply go to smile.amazon.com whenever you make a purchase from Amazon and when asked indicate the Jersey Coast Anglers Association as the charitable organization you would like the donation to go to. You will still get the same price you would normally get but Amazon makes the 0.5% of the purchase price donation to JCAA. It's that simple and it is a great way to support JCAA.

# Fisheries Management Legislative Report

By Tom Fote

Since March of 2020 we have all faced many challenges and have had to learn new ways to conduct meetings. This has also given me some time to think about where we are going with JCAA. The pandemic has only exaggerated already existing problems.

When I first went on the board in 1987, I was the  $6^{th}$  youngest board member. Most of the board members were in their 50s. Thirty-five years later, I am still the 6<sup>th</sup> youngest board member at 74. Some of the board members are in their 80s and still working hard for the environment and recreation fishing. We have a big youth education and wounded warrior program. We really need young blood to continue this into the future. We need people to get involved in fisheries management. We need people to get involved in JCAA. We still have only one woman on the board and most of the board members have been around since JCAA started. Young blood and new blood bring new ideas and new energy into the organization. I still use a flip phone, I'm not on Facebook, I don't text or Instagram. We need tech savvy people to help us reach out to the younger generation. JCAA is an organization of clubs, and we need these participants to come from the clubs.

We thought it would be easier to get a quorum at online meetings since no travel is involved. Just the opposite has happened. It has become difficult for us to take positions since without a quorum we can't take a vote. We are thinking of changing the bylaws and some position we need take but we don't have enough members at the meeting to take a vote. Please check with your JCAA club representative and offer to help by attending meetings. The other concern I have is JCAA has not been able to do a fundraiser for almost two years. Our raffles have barely covered the cost of prizes and tickets. We canceled our dinner last year and the Fluke Tournament two years in a row. These are our major fundraisers. We have been operating at a large deficit for the last two years. Most of our expenses are fixed: insurance to cover the board, rent on the office, mailing and printing costs. Our labor costs are the smallest part of our budget, just our part time office manager. The clubs have not been paying their dues and donations have been limited.

I have been trying not to discuss this in the newspaper but the lack of attendance at meetings has made this necessary. JCAA has been a strong voice in the management of fisheries for many years. JCAA led the drive to make striped bass a gamefish. This battle had been going on since 1939. Once we voted to make striped bass a gamefish, it took us almost 3 years to reach that goal over 50 years after it first began. Working with other groups, we pushed the menhaden reduction boats out of state waters. JCAA, Clean Ocean Action, American Littoral Society and other organizations finally stopped the dumping of Agent Orange into the ocean. Every fisheries or environmental decision that concerns clean water and the health of the ocean has been impacted by the work of JCAA. We had members testify before Congress on many issues including striped bass and the environment. Our board members also sit on other boards for environmental and recreational organizations. We have worked continuously with ASA since it came into existence.

Some people thought I helped start JCAA. I did not. I started going to JCAA meetings representing Berkeley Striper Club two years after JCAA was formed. The most important thing is for you to get your clubs more actively involved in JCAA and your club representatives to attend the monthly meetings. That may mean taking a leadership role and offering to be club representative or serving on a committee. We haven't had an HMS committee since John Koegler passed away. If you have any questions, you can email or call me or any of the board members. We are all listed on the webpage.

I am hoping next year we will be back to normal. As you can see we are having a dinner November 14<sup>th</sup>. I know some of you still have concerns about the virus but if you can't attend, please send a donation. JCAA is your organization.

### **ASA Policy Report**

by Mike Waine

### *Opposing an Experimental Fishing Permit Application to Harvest Atlantic Thread Herring*

Lund's fisheries, a NJ Commercial Fishing Company, has submitted an Experimental Fishing Permit (EFP) application to the MAFMC to explore a commercial purse seine fishery for Atlantic thread herring. Atlantic thread herring are an important forage species for many sportfish throughout the Atlantic and are currently managed under the Forage Amendment as an ecosystem component species. The goal of the Forage Amendment is to prohibit the development of new commercial fisheries until the Council has had an adequate opportunity to assess the scientific information relating to any new fisheries and consider potential impacts to existing fisheries, fishing communities, and the marine ecosystem. ASA and a coalition of conservation groups are opposing the EFP because there is not adequate scientific data or any proposed data collection programs associated with the EFP that would evaluate impacts to the ecosystem and sportfish that rely on Atlantic thread herring as forage. We will continue to track and engage on this EFP as it moves through the review process.

## **ASMFC Annual Meeting Goes Virtual**

## October $18^{th} - 21^{st}$

The ASMFC Annual Meeting will not take place in New Jersey. Because of COVID 19 we had to cancel the in person meeting. This agenda was sent out before the meeting went virtual so there may be many changes. There are no changes posted on the webpage right now but check in for the updated agenda and the meeting materials. You can see this is a busy agenda and there are many important topics being covered. It amazes me how few recreational participants are attending the virtual meeting or making comments. Except for Mike Waine from ASA, the recreational community has been absent. The commercial community has been in attendance. I assume there will be discussion about increasing the commercial quota during the striped bass meeting. People complained that they could not attend meetings. Now with virtual meetings you can be at home or in your office, listen to the meeting and ask questions. We can have more participation from the public on the virtual meetings since no travel is required. If you can't be on during the day due to work hours, you can access the meetings online and listen to what transpired. This might help you write written comments for the upcoming public hearings on striped bass. Don't complain about getting the short end of the stick if you don't take the time to attend.

Here is <u>link</u> to general information about the meeting. It includes information on how to join the live stream and guidelines for public comments. Here is the <u>link</u> for the preliminary agenda.

## **High Roller Raffle Results**

By Paul Turi

On August 12th, tickets for the Annual JCAA High Roller Raffle were drawn at the JCAA office. Prize winners are listed below:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place ticket: Chris Hoyer won the Jersey Nutz six-man charter, donated by Captains Robert & Cody Melton.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place ticket: Bill Brown won a Star 6' Handcrafted conventional rod and Canyon reel, donated by JCAA & Star Rods
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place ticket: Jim Minorics, a \$500 certificate from Fisherman's Headquarters, donated by Fisherman's Headquarters.
- 4<sup>th</sup> place ticket: David Bye, a Fenwick 7' conventional rod & Shimano reel, donated by Grumpy's Tackle & Shimano.
- 5<sup>th</sup> place ticket: Jason Rawa, a Tica 12' spinning rod and reel, donated by Tica.
- 6<sup>th</sup> place: Ron Zastocki, a collection of custom plugs, donated by various plug builders.
- 7<sup>th</sup> ticket drawn, Jay Corino, a Penn Battle 7' spinning rod and reel, donated by Pure Fishing.

# **Youth Education Report**

By Greg Kucharewski

#### NJDEP DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE VETERAN FISHING

The NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife will partner with Vietnam Veterans of America Shore Area Chapter 12 (VVA 12) to increase freshwater and saltwater fishing opportunities for veterans. Under the direction of Karen Byrne, May 5, 2021, NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife held their first Veteran's Surf Fishing workshop. I met with Karen to expand the veteran fishing program. We are currently completing a grant proposal for veteran fishing to include other veteran organizations. The proposal will contain segments of our 2011 Play HOOK-e mission statement to help veterans and their families learn to fish.

### NJ HOFNOD FISHING CHALLENGE

The Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs Program's Youth Fishing Challenge statewide event will take place on the state's second Free Fishing Day, Saturday, October 23rd, when no license is required to fish regardless of age.

This fall, think about becoming a HOFNOD instructor. NJ HOFNOD facilitator workshops are hosted by the DEP Division of Fish and Wildlife. It is well worth the time to learn creative aquatic activities to teach youngsters the importance of becoming environmental stewards. This workshop is a great learning experience. If you are interested in attending a NJ HOFNOD workshop, please phone or email Liz Jackson, NJ HOFNOD Coordinator. Phone: 908-637-4125 x-122, email: liz.jackson@dep.state.nj.us.

#### **BRICK HIGH SCHOOL HOFNOD**

Tim Brennan, Brick High School Health and Physical Education teacher has students learning to collect growth data on Blackfish in their classroom saltwater tank. Three days during the week, students are bussed to fishing locations and learn about saltwater and freshwater fishing. This is the 4th year NJ HOFNOD fishing program is in the Brick Memorial High School curriculum and it is very popular among the students. Students are also encouraged to continue learning about aquatic education and practice fishing skills outside of school activities. Visit the <u>NJ</u><u>HOFNOD website</u> for program updates.

#### LAKE JULIANNA A GREAT SUCCESS



On August 21, 2021, veterans, active-duty military personnel and youngsters along with their families enjoyed a fun day at Ponderosa Estates Farm in Millstone NJ to catch and release fish at Lake Julianna. The goal of the fishing day was to offer special needs children and disabled veterans a day to fish and feel the health benefits of getting in touch with nature while making good memories.

Don Marantz, Event Chairman, Vito Cardinale, Cardinale Enterprises LLC, and Randy Johnson, Laurita Winery provided a fun-filled day for all in attendance. Over 400 attendees enjoyed the festivities at Lake Julianna.

As children and veterans arrived at the event, they were greeted by the Play HOOK-e welcome team volunteers that provided instructions for the day, temperature checks, welcome bags, loaner rods/reels, toys for children, KWTGF youth tee shirts, and goodie bags. Corporal Philip A. Reynolds Detachment Marine Corps League, Freehold, NJ helped set the tone for a patriotic fishing event by providing a Color Guard and music. Members of the 514 Mobility Wing helped gather families for the opening ceremony.

More than 40 fishing volunteers were available to assist children and veterans that came to fish. Veterans attending the event also helped youngsters cast a line. Participants had the use of loaner fishing rods and reels, rigs, and Spring Lake Freezer Bait Company made sure there were plenty of worms for catching fish. "NJ Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs" certified instructors Mike and Debbie Bennett of Boating Education and Rescue provided fishing tips and bait rod/reel trailer. Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Heroes On The Water, Jersey Shore Surfcasters, Newark Bait and Fly-Casting Club, New Jersey Beach Buggy Association, Hudson River Fishermen's Association, Berkeley Striper Club, NJ State Federation of Sportsmen Clubs, MA22, Trout Unlimited, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 12 all helped children and disabled veterans fish.

Youngsters enjoyed pony rides, and friends and family of Mr. Cardinale served food to everyone in attendance at the BBQ area, Red Express Pizza, and Helping Hands of Jackson hotdog cart. We thank our gracious host and all the volunteers that assisted to make the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Play HOOK-e KWTGF and Take a Veteran Fishing Day a great success.

Many organizations/businesses contributed and came out to volunteer their time, NJ DEP Fish and Wildlife, New Jersey State Federation of Sportsmen Clubs, Pro Tapes C.O.R.E., Big Brother Big Sister, BEAR Environmental Educators, NJ State Police, Hamilton Station, Millstone Fire Department, Boy Scouts, Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, The Fisherman Magazine, Bogan's Brielle Bait & Tackle, Gabriel CO., Jersey Hooker Outfitters, Betty & Nicks B&T, The Tin Man Lures, Grumpy's B&T, Reel Seat B&T, Pell's Sport and Fish, Boating Education and Rescue, Central Jersey Rifle and Pistol Club Warrior Program, MA 22, Recalibrate, Jersey Shore Surfcasters, New Jersey Elks, Trout Unlimited, Shore Surf Club, Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club, Hudson River Fisherman's Association, New Jersey Beach Buggy Association, and several other volunteers/veterans organizations.

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Bear Day Camp , Jersey Coast Anglers Association, Marine Corps League, Vietnam Veterans of America Shore Area Chapter 12.

#### SUPPORT LOCAL TACKLE DEALERS

We recently visited local tackle dealers to setup our Play HOOK-e display and inform veterans and their families about our "Play HOOK-e from PTSD" programs. All our Play HOOK-e veterans are encouraged to shop at local tackle dealers. Most tackle dealers offer discounts to veterans. Here is <u>link</u> to tackle dealer list.

Veterans that stopped by our table received a welcome gift bag supplied by Vietnam Veterans of America Shore Area Chapter 12 and Jersey Coast Anglers Association. We informed veterans about our JCAA newspaper and Play HOOK-e by-monthly newsletter. Many thanks to participating tackle dealers for supporting our magnet campaign and allowing us space to speak to veterans at their business. If your business would like us to setup a Play HOOK-e Go Fishing display, please contact Greg at 732-785-9278.

During October, we are offering veterans with PTSD an opportunity to relax for a few hours by the water and visit natural calming areas. If you would like to experience saltwater and freshwater fishing, we have a short one-to-one fishing program to get you outdoors to fish and boat. Connect with nature at Lake Julianna, LZ- 64, Island Beach State Park, and other open spaces. To schedule a day and time, please email Greg @ gkucharews@jcaa.org.

#### FISHING PROGRAMS AT PEQUEST

Pequest Trout Hatchery and Natural Resource Education Center is offering FREE fishing programs this fall. For more information and to register visit the links below.

- <u>Senior Fishing Rodeo</u> September 29
- Women's Fishing for Beginners October 13
- Family Fishing Basics October 23
  - o <u>10a.m. 12p.m.</u>
  - o <u>1p.m. 3p.m.</u>