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THE 12TH ANNUAL FLUKE TOURNAMENT: A SUCCESS STORY

First Place Winner, William Zebrowski fishing on the “Seascape” with his 8 lb.4 oz fluke

Rick Rutyna presenting the youth prize to Connor Birch for his catch of 4 lb.9oz fish

by Ingrid Ross

For approximately eight of the past twelve years Arnie VanDuyn has chaired our annual Fluke Tournament. This year we honored him (and his faithful sidekick, Linda) by naming the event “The VanDuyn Invitational” ably chaired by John Veprek. The committee has been meeting all year long, and once again pulled off a smooth, efficiently run, fun time for the anglers and their families and guests. There were so many Elk heroes that weekend, it would be impossible to mention them all; the yard crew who worked long hours in some extreme weather to see that the grills, lighting, sound system, tent areas, etc. were all up and working; the kitchen crew who kept the food tables supplied with every-

thing from sausages to baked beans, those who handled the immense amount of paperwork involved; the great publicity we received; the work that went into the auction and the securing of sponsors; the crews at weigh-in stations, the money handlers and ticket sellers – all so very important to the success of the Tournament. Let’s not forget the old-faithfuls who appear the morning after for clean-up. Last but NEVER least are all of you wonderful volunteers who just show up (rain or shine), don your staff shirts and pitch in wherever needed – be it shucking corn, opening clams, flipping burgers, slicing onions or serving drinks. YOU are the “heart” of a great

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LODGE OFFICERS 2005-2006

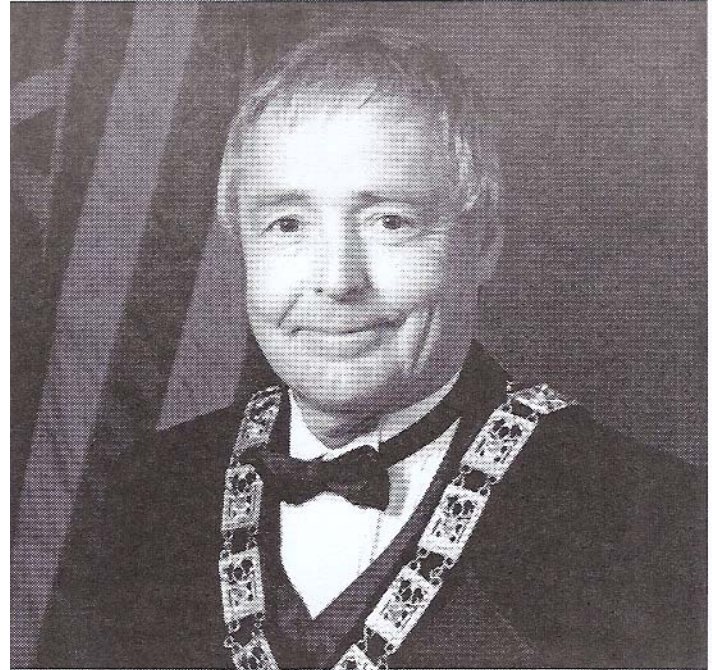
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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

by Ted Holmgren

Having returned from the National Convention in Orlando, my perspective on Elkdom is somewhat changed. I have had a parochial view of things, not really thinking about the world outside of our Lodge. There is a whole National organization out there dealing with the same problems that we are, feeling the same frustrations that we sometimes do and the same elation of accomplishment when we are able to help someone. It is nice to know that you are not alone in the universe.

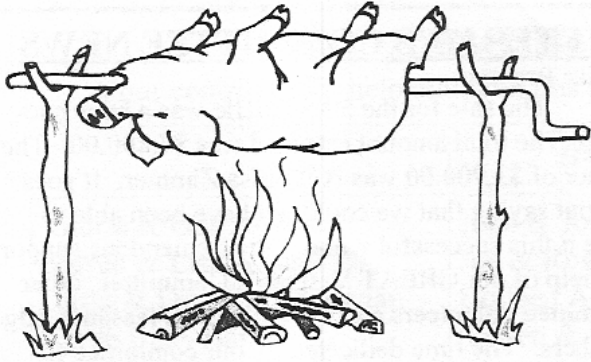
Congratulations to the Veteran's Committee upon receiving their award from Grand Lodge. It appears that they have figured out what everyone in Pt. Pleasant already knows; we are blessed with the finest Veteran's Committee anywhere.

The Fluke Tournament will have transpired by the time you read this. At this moment we have close to 300 boats registered. I know you will join me in my appreciation of all the hard work and planning that has gone into this most important fundraiser for our Lodge.

Congratulations to our new members: Edward Zeidel, Dina Peturcci, Cathy DePaoli, Michael Wright, Lori Holmgren, John Eckhart, Rory Potter and Cassandra Holmgren – hereafter known as the nepotism class.

Upcoming activities include the golf outing,

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LODGE PIG ROAST

Tentatively scheduled for Saturday

OCTOBER 7, 2006

All benefits go to YOUR Lodge!!

MUSIC BY ED AUSTIN

COMMITTEE PEOPLE NEEDED

Planning meeting on:

Monday August 7, 2006 in the Grill Room at 7
PM

Call Colleen at 732/295-0989 for any info

LADIES AUXILIARY "300" CLUB

Don't forget the Ladies Auxiliary's 12 month drawing. Buy a number from 001 to 300 for \$5.00/month and the winner could receive \$1,000 if all numbers are sold. If all numbers are not sold the winner will receive 2/3 of the money taken in that month. It is a 12 month drawing and you keep the same number for each month.

For more info or to purchase a number call Katy Berrios at 732-840-0239. In order to win you must be paid up for that month. The drawings will start in September and end in August 2007. The number will be drawn at the Auxiliary meeting which is the second Tuesday of each month.

UNFORTUNATELY, DUE TO LACK OF SUFFICIENT PARTICIPATION, SUNDAY BREAKFASTS HAVE BEEN DISCONTINUED.

DISTRICT DEPUTY CUS DALIK

Our own Cus Dalik was elected District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler at the Grand Lodge convention which was held in Orlando, Florida July 9-13, 2006.

Cus will serve as the new leader of the Southeast District of the New Jersey State Elks Association. PER Cus will play a vital role in advising Lodges in the District on important internal business matters, helping to implement Grand Lodge national policy and assisting in the coordination and supervision of Elks activities on many levels.

In the past Cus has served in many capacities including Vice President of the Southeast District; District Chairman of the Veteran's Committee; Co-chairman of Region I Elks National Foundation and Chairman of the State Veteran's Committee.

CONGRATULATIONS, CUS

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

by Mary Skidmore

.I hope everyone is having a great summer. A big thank you to Nancy Carley & her committee for running our "Bunco" night. The few in attendance had a wonderful time and we had lots of delicious desserts.

September is around the corner and we will be back to our monthly meetings. Let's all try to come out for the September 12th meeting.

Refreshment Committee for September: Pat Flynn & Mary Skidmore

Upcoming Date: October 27th is our Psychic Fair. Dawn Cherry is chairing this event again this year. Please sign up to make finger foods and/or help that night.

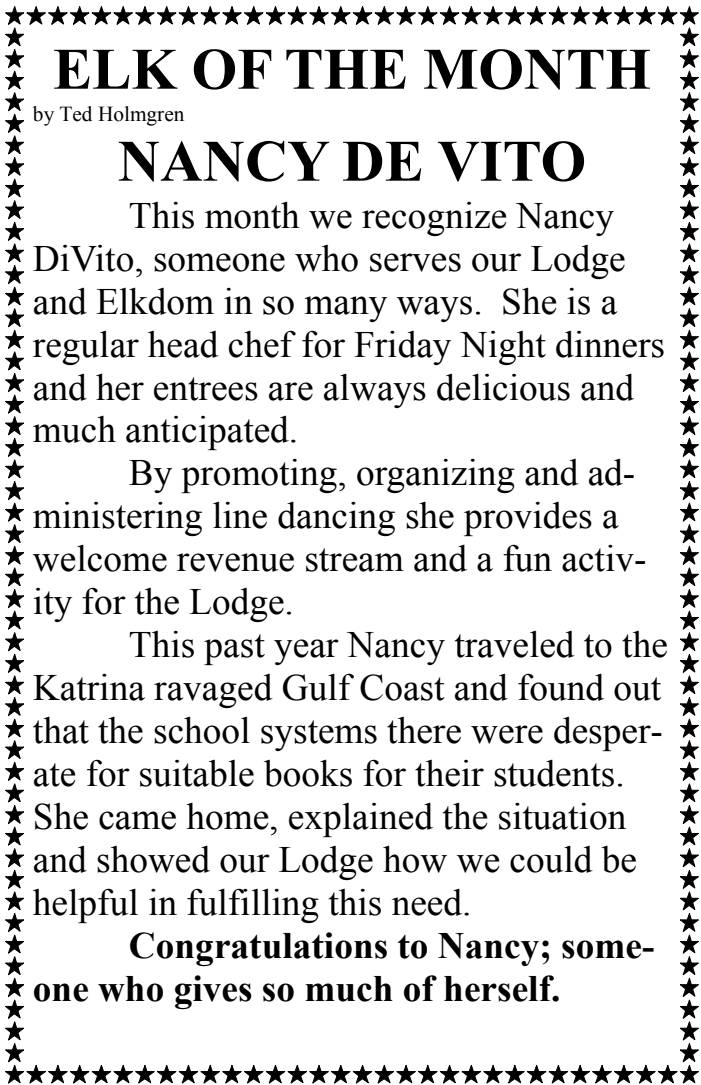
See you in September.

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The Octoberfest and a new event: a Pig roast. Anyone who can help out at any of these please contact me or Carol McMenamy.

Enjoy your summer,! For you malingerers out there: get your dues in, support your Lodge activities and

REMEMBER THAT NFL SUNDAYS KICK OFF IN SIX WEEKS.



ELK OF THE MONTH

by Ted Holmgren

NANCY DE VITO

This month we recognize Nancy DiVito, someone who serves our Lodge and Elkdom in so many ways. She is a regular head chef for Friday Night dinners and her entrees are always delicious and much anticipated.

By promoting, organizing and administering line dancing she provides a welcome revenue stream and a fun activity for the Lodge.

This past year Nancy traveled to the Katrina ravaged Gulf Coast and found out that the school systems there were desperate for suitable books for their students. She came home, explained the situation and showed our Lodge how we could be helpful in fulfilling this need.

Congratulations to Nancy; someone who gives so much of herself.

VETERAN'S COMMITTEE NEWS

by Mike Travisano

The sale for the 50-50 raffle was a huge success!! The total amount received was \$7,800.00. The winner of \$3,900.00 was A. Louisa Zimmer. It goes without saying that we could not have been able to make it this successful without the tremendous support and help of our GREAT Veteran's Committee, other committee volunteers and the entire Pt. Pleasant Lodge members. The time dedicated by our committee to mail out the raffle tickets to Lodge members, sell tickets on the boardwalk and on the day of the Fluke Tournament was well appreciated.

Our Friday Night dinner on July 7th was again successful.

It is taking a long time but we are continually working on the Veteran's Memorial Park. We have planted flowers, repainted all the Lodge entrance signs and had a general clean-up/beautification of the park. We are continuing to do more by installing new benches, new lighting and plan to add a stone border around the flag pole area.

The first two Vet's fishing trips were most enjoyable. On the 1st trip on June 21st our guests were from Vets Haven. Members of the Dept. of Veteran Affairs joined us on the 2nd trip on July 19th. All these Veteran's returned to the Lodge for a special fish dinner. A prize for the 1st "keeper" fish caught and the largest caught were given out. The next fishing trip is planned for August 16th.

In the past few months I have been reporting that a SED NVSC Golf outing was being planned for September '06; however, the SED has postponed this outing until the spring of 2007. Anyone interested in attending the Flag Retirement Ceremony at Lacey Lodge on August 6th please sign up on the list in the Grill Room.

An award was presented to the Veteran's Committee by our Exalted Ruler and Past Exalted Ruler for achieving 1st place in the Elks National Veteran's Service Commission in Division IV, Veteran's Remembrance Report Contest. This report demonstrates the effort and amount of hours provided by our committee helping America's Veterans. A great deal of thank goes to John Kaufman for without his efforts this award would not have occurred.

The SED NVSC District Meeting will be held on August 7th.

The National Veteran's Service Committee meeting for #1698 will be held on August 9, 2006.



If your birthday is this month, the Lodge would like to buy you a drink. Please sign this coupon and present it to the bartender for your free drink. This coupon is good on any day this month.

Happy Birthday Clip Out Coupon
August, 2006
(Pt. Pleasant #1698 Members Only)

Name _____
Member # _____

Date of Birth _____

Verification of DOB may be required by bartender. Limit (1) coupon per member per month.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 MEETINGS: House Comm. Mtg. 7:30 pm VETS: 7 PM HCC 8 PM	3 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	4 Elks Crew: Cajun Catfish Chicken Cor- don Bleu	5 Rental
6	7 Boy Scouts	8	9	10 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	11 Nancy's Crew: Beef Burgundy/ Tilapia Fish	12 Rental
13	14 Boy Scouts	15 Lodge Meeting 8 pm Officer's Mtg. 7:45	16 House Comm. Mtg. 7:30 pm Vets Fishing trip	17 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	18	19 Atlantic City Bus Trip Trump Plaza Rental
20 Trustee's Mtg. 11AM	21 Boy Scouts	22	23	24 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	25 Officers: Meat Loaf/ Catch of the Day	26
27	28 Boy Scouts	29	30	31 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	10/7 PIG ROAST	10/16 GOLF OUTING

DINO'S FAMOUS SAUSAGE SALE

**ORDER BY SAT. SEPTEMBER 23, PICKUP ON WED. SEPTEMBER 27
\$5.00 PER POUND, CHECKS ONLY**

_____ # SWEET _____ # MILD _____ # HOT _____ THERMONUCLEAR

PLEASE PLACE IN ENVELOPE WITH CHECK IN PER MAILBOX

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

by Joe Rager

Point Pleasant Elks Lodge once again participated in the Elks Most Valuable Student Contest and Legacy Scholarship Awards. We actively work with the Guidance Offices at both Pt. Pleasant Beach and Boro High Schools. Our own Laura Petrus of Pt. Pleasant Boro won a \$1,000 scholarship this year from Grand Lodge.

I attended both Awards ceremonies at our two high schools, where I'm also privileged to present our Lodge scholarships. We present four \$500 scholarships each year in the name of Robert Messerole, PER and Timothy Rex for a total of \$2,000. Our Lodge Special Needs Children's committee also awards two \$1,000 scholarships each year.

The Golden Elks Pop Warner program also awards \$4,000 each year to former participants headed to college. Four \$500 scholarships were awarded at the Beach High School and three \$500 scholarships were awarded at the Boro High School. In addition, one scholarship of \$750 is awarded in the name of former Coach Richard Neilsen.

The following students were awarded scholarships at Pt. Pleasant Boro High School"
Laura Petrus, Elks Legacy Scholarship
Laura Petrus, Special Needs Children's Scholarship
Billy Williams, Rick Neilsen Memorial
Caitlyn Sullivan, Robert Messerole Memorial
Shawn Lennon, Timothy Rex Memorial
Kaitlyn Springer, Special Needs Children's Committee
Dan Lokerson, Golden Elks
Matt Nickerson, Golden Elks
Shawn Lennon, Golden Elks
Kristen Kearns, Golden Elks

The following students from Pt. Pleasant Beach High School received the following awards:
Robert Fowler, Timothy Rex Memorial
Chris Dempsey, Robert Messerole Memorial
Casey Mauro, Golden Elks
Kevin Stockhoff, Golden Elks

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

**DON'T FORGET TO PATRONIZE
FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS 6-8 PM**

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event, and the Lodge is ever grateful to you all.

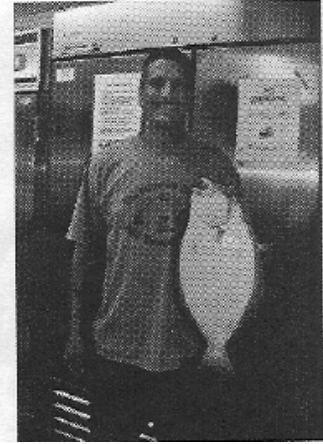
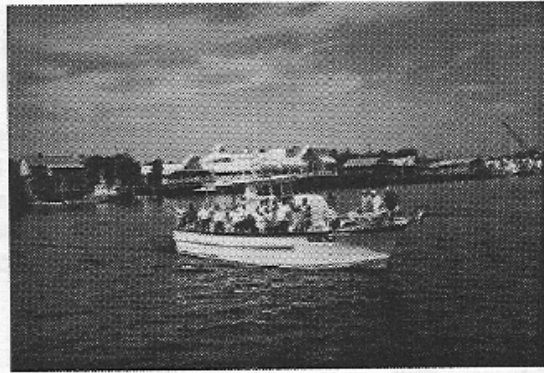
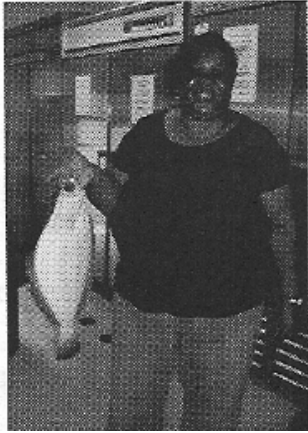
Mother Nature really tested us this year as close to 300 boats holding about 1500 anglers headed out of the Inlet at 6 am when the GO flare soared into the air. They knew there were small craft warnings, high seas and threats of lightening but there was adventure ahead and the dream of winning a part of the great \$10,000 in prize money. William Zebrowski, aboard the "Seascape" came in with the 1st place fish, an 8.4 fluke. Second place went to Chris Cvecz aboard "PigPen" (7.9); #3 was John Van Decker on "Wait & Sea" (7.4); #4 Harry Gorsky aboard "Shin Dig" (7.2); #5 Mark Baker on "Ono-Mahi-Ahi" (7.1); #6 John Moskov aboard the "Bahia Moon" (7/0) and #7 Stan Yocius on "Alyssa" (6.9). The special Elk prize went to our winner William Zebrowski. The Youth prize donated in honor of "Budweiser Eddie" was awarded to Conner Birch by Eddie's son, Ricky Rutyna.

John Veprek and his committee really gave their ALL to make this Tournament a financial and social success for our Lodge. Without our wonderful sponsors and those who gave us the use of their docks as our weigh-in stations (Dale's, Brielle Yacht Club and Fisherman's Supply) the job would have been almost impossible. Let's all show our appreciation to our Sponsors by frequenting their shops and restaurants, buying our supplies at their stores, gassing up at their marine pumps, and, of course, buying our new yachts at their showrooms.

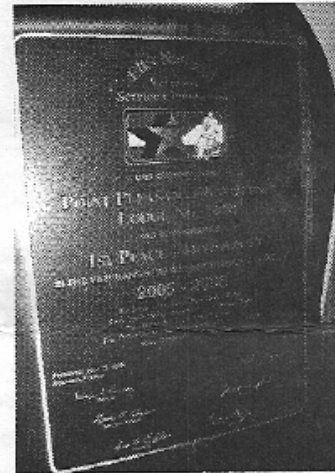
If anyone was overlooked in this article, please know that you ALL were important to the Tournament's success and your help was sincerely appreciated.

**"The Fluke Tournament
ELKDOM AT ITS BEST**

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT
ANTLER IS:
AUGUST 25TH**



VET'S FISHING TRIP: TWO WINNERS AND THE "IDEAL"



Arnie VanDuyn & Mike Travisano with the 50/50 winner: A.Louisa Zimmer
The Remembrance Award given at the Grand Lodge Convention in Orlando, Florida

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