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2nd Place Winner Charles Martino

Youth Prize: Cortine O'Malley

IS 13 UNLUCKY???

The answer to that question can only be found in the mind. For the Annual Fluke Tournament, the answer to that question is NO!!

On the weekend of the 20th & 21st the 13th Annual Tournament was held. And, after 5-6 years of questionable weather and rough seas our luck turned and the weekend was picture perfect. The weekend presented us with no rain, low humidity, nice temperatures and good seas for fishing on Saturday.

It took the Committee 7 months of planning, meeting and just plain hard physical work to get to that weekend, making arrangements with vendors, sponsors, etc...but enough of that.

Friday night was the usual Friday night BBQ

dinner open to all as the captains arrived for the Captain's meeting(s) and to pick up their packets. It was to say the least an exciting and busy time, giving out packets and signing up new entries and additional anglers. We started the evening with 258 boats entered and when the evening came to a close and the dust settled we wound up with 304 boats entered (a record) with a total of 1,261 fishermen.

Saturday, sun-up, brought the beginnings of a beautiful day. 300 boats began their parade out of the Manasquan Inlet at 6 AM when the white flare signaled the start. It was quite an impressive sight.

When the day of fishing was done and all the fish were weighed and recorded it was obvious the

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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

by Jim Byron

To all the members of our Lodge who are not PERs and have yet to experience our National Convention, I would tell you it's somewhat akin to the Republican or Democratic National Conventions without the donkeys and elephants....only better. Instead of listening to promises people can't keep and misguided intentions, you listen to BPOE members from each state who have kept their promise to our Veterans, Special Needs Children and Youth of America through scholarships, Hoop Shoot, et al. With about 3,000 Elk members and their families attending the convention, it was a special moment in my life to receive a plaque on

behalf of our Veteran's Committee for being the #1 Lodge in the country (700-1000 members category). They have won the National Award two years running and with the success of their July fishing expedition and an over-the-top 50/50 at the Fluke Tournament seem to be in hot pursuit of another trophy.

Speaking of the Fluke Tournament what can one say? The scope of this tournament and coordination of all facets of the event probably rival more of a concert than a fishing contest. We were blessed with a

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LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

by Mary Bruce

The next Ladies Auxiliary Meeting will be September 11, 2007

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT
ANTLER IS:
AUGUST 22, 2007**

DINO'S FAMOUS SAUSAGE SALE

Dino will be making sausage every 3rd or 4th week of each month and will be taking your orders by phone. (732-528-5582) The sausage is still only \$5.00 per pound and available in the following classifications:

_____ # SWEET _____ # MILD _____ # HOT _____ # THERMONUCLEAR

PLEASE PLACE IN ENVELOPE WITH CHECK IN TRUSTEE MAILBOX

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gorgeous day, Coors Light Mermaids and about a thousand Capt. Ahabs, the Van Duyn Open was a "flat" out success, thanks to all who participated. Finally, on behalf of the Lodge and our members a huge "Tip of the Antlers" to Arnie & Linda Van Duyn for their stellar work in bringing this tournament to its current level as preeminent at the Jersey Shore. Kudos to Chairman John Veprek and the rest of the committee: John Gartz, Gary Grasso, Mickey Osmundsen, Ron Panuska, Ingrid Ross, Charley Cowell, Marty Sosnowski, Bob Pursel and Pat McGoohan. Lastly, a special thanks to Kathy Ivey, PER Asbury/Wall and all Elk volunteers: Victor, Ed, Colleen, Scot & Val, Charlie, Cus, Joe & Linda, Marguerite, Terry, Kathy & Ken, Joe A, Dino, Jan, Joe & Marianne, John K, Les, Gus, Thor, Ralph, Ron & Sue, Gary L, Frank R., Al & Marybeth, Sandy and all those whose efforts contributed to our success. God Bless you All!!

SHUFFLEBOARD NEWS

by Dave McWilliam

This year's shuffleboard season will start up again on Thursday nights beginning in September. The season will kick-off with our annual banquet on Thursday evening, Sept. 6th at the Villa Vittoria Restaurant in Brick.

Despite days of practice on the Pompano Beach FL, Elks Lodge #1898 shuffleboard table, while on winter vacation Jack Cimino was unable to catch up to Hanger Champion John Seifert upon his return. So, John retains his title for another year and will receive his just rewards at our banquet. Apparently Camille Cimino worked harder on her game in Florida as she dethroned last year's women's champion Barbara Smith, who finished second this year. Camille will receive a beautiful award of some sort befitting a Champion shuffler.

As we did during the past season, the rest of us will have a few drinks and enjoy some friendly conversation before returning to the Elks to "Shuffle a few pucks" in the pleasant surroundings of the Lodge.

**SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED
TO SATURDAY'S AT THE LODGE!!!
DINO WILL BE SERVING HOME-
MADE MEATBALL & SAUSAGE
SANDWICHES FROM 12 NOON
UNTIL 4 PM. FOR ONLY \$5.00.
COME DOWN AND SUPPORT YOUR
LODGE ON SATURDAY FOR LUNCH!!**

**"THE COAST IS CLEAR" PICNIC
PLANS ARE IN THE WORKS FOR
AN END OF SEASON BBQ/PICNIC IN
THE "BACKYARD" WITH
ENTERTAINMENT!!!
TENTATIVE DATES ARE 9/22 OR
9/29
KEEP YOUR CALENDAR OPEN!!!!**

ELK OF THE MONTH

by Jim Byron

BILL SCHMIDT

Bill is July's ELK OF THE MONTH!

Subscribing to the theory of "Big Toys for Big Boys", Bill showed up with a huge Caterpillar-like front end loader in order to help complete our grounds clean-up. His early July weekends were spent moving the residual logs left by the tree service to the back property line, removing some stumps and residual overgrowth around the garage area and finally spreading top soil all over our newly reclaimed area. Lastly, he spent a couple of "Death Valley" 90 degree days with John Gartz and Ron Panuska pitch-forking a couple of truckloads of mulch to complete the job.

Many thanks to Bill for all his efforts on behalf of the Lodge and to his daughter, Faith, for her patience and her ability to bring the job in on time and under budget.

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, 2007
(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.

Is 13 Unlucky? Continued from Page 1

King Neptune was kind to the fishermen with many good-sized "keepers" recorded. More about that later.

Back at the Lodge the Awards picnic got underway with the usual selection of foods (burgers to clams). Libations were available to quench the thirst for those needing their thirst quenched. There was a bouncing cage for children along with Petals the Clown who painted their faces. There was a raffle table with over 50 fine prizes which were donated by many merchants (most local) and organizations. An ice cream truck was on site for those with a sweet tooth. The Veteran's committee marketed and sold 50/50 tickets with the winner getting \$4,300.00. Congratulations to them for making the 50/50 so successful. The shirts, hats and mug sales were brisk and well received.

Kudos to all the Lodge volunteers who came out to volunteer their time & effort schlepping food, flipping burgers and opening clams. Without them it could not have been done.

Now for the winners, weights of their fish and their prize money:

| | | | |
|--------------|------------------|-----------|--------------|
| 1st : | Phil Lidlow: | 9.9 lbs. | \$4,500.00 |
| 2nd: | Charles Martino: | 8.7 lbs. | \$2,000.00 |
| 3rd: | Rainer Bendixen | 8.5 lbs. | \$1,000.00 |
| 4th: | Nick Ward | 8.4 lbs. | \$ 750.00 |
| 5th | Fred Black | 7.8 lbs. | \$ 500.00 |
| 6th | Andris Bruveris | 7.6 lbs. | \$ 350.00 |
| 7th | Mike Montorio | 7.5 lbs.. | \$ 125.00 |
| 7th | Joe Hunter | 7.5 lbs. | \$ 125.00 |
| Elk's Prize: | Gary Wallen | 7.1 lbs. | \$ 650.00 |
| Youth Prize: | Cortine O'Malley | 5.1 lbs. | Fishing Gear |

All of this leads to the conclusion that 13 is NOT an unlucky number for our annual Fluke Tournament. Everything was great! The weather, the ocean, the activities and most of all THE PEOPLE. We hope that next year's tournament will be as well attended and successful.

Arnie Van Duyn



AUGUST, 2007

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|-----------|---|--|---|---|---|
| | | | 1 Meetings: Pop Warner | 2 Line Dancing Shuffleboard | 3 Nancy's Crew: Kay's Crab Cakes/ Southern Fried Chicken | 4 Meatball & sausage sandwiches served \$4. 12-4 pm Every Sat. |
| 5 10 AM Flag Retirement at Lacey Lodge Trustee | 6 | 7 No Lodge Meeting | 8 Meetings: Vets 7 PM SNC 8 PM | 9 Line Dancing Shuffleboard | 10 Pop Warner Crew Chicken Mandarin / Coconut Shrimp | 11 Martini Night & Dance band Every Sat. Night |
| 12 Trustee Mtg. 11 AM | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 Line Dancing Shuffleboard | 17 Vets Crew Roast Loin of Pork au Jus / Ca- jun Tilapia | 18 Meatball & sausage sandwiches served \$4. 12-4 pm |
| 19 Trustee Mtg. 11 AM Dino's Pasta Dinner 4-7 PM | 20 | 21 Lodge Meeting 8 PM | 22 Vets 7pm SNC 8 pm Vets Fishing Trip & dinner | 23 Line Dancing Shuffleboard | 24 House Comm Crew Freebird Chicken / Don't Fish Me In | 25 Martini Night & Dance band Every Sat. Night |
| 26 Trustee Mtg. 11 AM | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 Line Dancing Shuffleboard | 31 Cus' Crew Pork Chops / Shrimp Scampi | 1 Meatball & sausage sandwiches served 12-4 pm \$4.00 |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |

VETERAN'S COMMITTEE **ACTIVITIES**

by Mike Travisano

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK:

The paver project fund raiser is progressing slowly. We are planning to sell engraved bricks with the names of all Veterans and loved ones to be placed in the walkway in the Memorial park. The contractor's bid was turned over to the Trustees for review.

DONATIONS FOR IRAQ:

With the help of our committee a total of 24 care packages have been shipped to military in Iraq. Nancy DeVito and her team stand ready to ship more when the time comes. We will continue to collect & ship until they all come home. Thank you over & over again, Nancy!!! Anyone having questions or are willing to help or has an address of a military person contact Nancy or me. **Help us help our troops.**

VETERAN'S FISHING TRIPS:

Our 1st trip was July 18th. We had a tremendous turnout from Vets Haven. As always, after the trip our guests were treated to a fish dinner cooked by our chief chef, Kay Meyer. The winners of the first and the largest keeper fish caught received a prize.

FLUKE TOURNAMENT 50/50 SALES:

Thanks to all our committee members who sold raffle tickets on the boardwalk and to their friends, relatives and all our members who bought raffle tickets. We had tremendous sales results and broke all sales records. The lucky winner was Jim Byron, Jr. and he collected \$4,300.00.

MCGUIRE AIR FORCE BASE:

On July 28th thirteen members of our Veteran's committee volunteered to help cook at the Air Squadren's family picnic. This picnic is to wish departing troops good luck and to welcome home returning troops from overseas duty.

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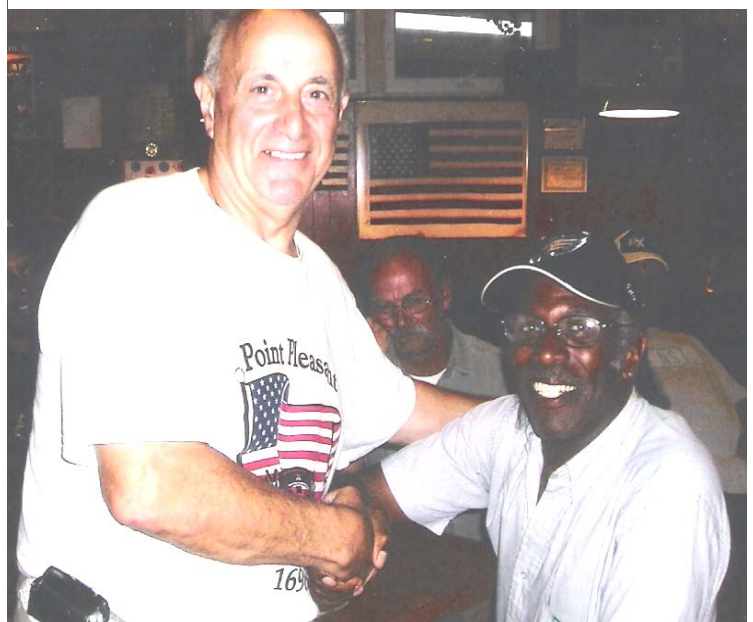
We need a Lodge "PR" person to get the word out to the public via newspapers and the Elks news magazine to let them know all we do and how we help the veterans, our Special Needs Children and other committees within the Lodge. This position should not take a lot of your time and it would be a wonderful way to keep up with the happenings of YOUR Lodge.



Linda Van Duyn pulling Jim Byron Jr.'s winning 50/50 number at the Fluke Tournament

The next NVSC SED meeting is August 6th at 8:00 p.m. hosted by Belmar/Wall Lodge.

The next NVSC #1698 meetings are August 8th and 22nd at 7 p.m.



Mike Travisano congratulating the winner of the largest fluke caught on the Vet's fishing trip

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PASTA**

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