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John Veprek and Tom Czekay with his BIG fluke



John Veprek with Austin O'Malley, Youth Prize

A MEMORABLE EVENT

by Arnie VanDuyn

The 14th Annual Fluke Tournament on the 25th and 26th of July has now passed into history. However, we will be reminded of this year's tournament for many years to come.. Why? You may ask. Read on....

In an effort to expand the tournament and include more anglers and their families, the Committee reached out to a new and different group-Kayak fisherman. Some committee members traveled to Long Island earlier this year to observe a kayak tour-

nement and they were impressed with the numbers and knowledge of fishing and decided to try to tap this group. Though not as many kayakers participated as we would have liked, those who did were very pleased. We are sure they will pass the word in their community to look out for next year's tournament.

For the first time in years, we were blessed with a weather report that didn't have us sitting on edge, as it was favorable for both days. It was also favorable in the days preceding to allow us to set up. We couldn't have asked for better.

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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

by Mitch Fiedler

Half the summer has passed. To me, it's going too fast. The Fluke Committee had another successful tournament and turnout. My congratulations to the whole committee and to all the volunteers who participated. A great job well done!!

August is a month that we get to take a little breather before gearing up for the Seafood Festival in September and the Special Needs/Vets Committee Golf outing on September 22, 2008.

Come on down for a Friday Night Dinner, and on August 17th have a Sunday pasta dinner with Dino and his famous sausage & meatballs on August 17th from 4 to 7 PM.

Not to get too far ahead, the Lodge is having a Halloween Dance on Friday, October 31st. Details and time will be posted in the

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LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

by Mary Bruce

Hi Ladies, As you know we are in the middle of our summer season and our meetings are over until September. I hope you are all enjoying the nice weather.

We had a flea market on the lawn of the Elks' building which didn't go as well as expected but we did make some money. I want to thank Holly Ribertone, Ruth Magley, Mary Skidmore, Lorraine Gabriel and Barbara Smith for all their help. I can't forget George for hauling a lot of our items in his pickup truck.

The winning number in the "300 Club" drawing for July was **264**.

At our September meeting Ruth Magley and Mary Skidmore will be bringing our desserts.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

THE BATTLESHIP NEW JERSEY

Our Elks National Veteran's Service Committee is sponsoring a tour of the Battleship New Jersey in Camden on **October 12, 2008**. The cost of the trip is \$30.00 per person which includes the bus, a spaghetti & meatball dinner including salad, rolls, dessert and coffee or tea upon our return to the Lodge. A 50/50 will be held onboard the bus which will leave the Elks Lodge at Noon. Soft drinks, water, juice and snacks will be on board. The trip must be paid in full by September 1, 2008. For more info call Rosemary Tassie at 732-714-9335 or mail check to:

Pt. Pleasant Elks Lodge #1698

Post Office Box 1069

Pt. Pleasant Beach, N.J. 08742

Attn: Veteran's Committee

and please include your name, address and telephone number.

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT
ANTLER IS: SEPTEMBER 1, 2008**

SPECIAL NEEDS COMMITTEE VETERAN'S COMMITTEE

Jointly, the SNC and Vets committees are sponsoring a golf outing on **September 22, 2008**. They are currently seeking sponsorships for this outing with all proceeds split between the committees.

******HOLE SPONSORSHIP:** We will display your or your company's logo on a hole sign during the golf outing and in the program for your **\$100.00** sponsorship.****

Any questions please contact:

Tom Watters: 848-992-6194

Mike Travisano: 732-899-5115

Thank you for supporting our fund raising efforts.

WANTED!! NEW ANTLER EDITOR

by Marianne Chickene

After many years and countless issues, I am finally retiring from the stewardship of the Antler Effective April 1, 2009.

Hopefully, someone will step up to the plate and take on this committee. There are 7 more issues until April and I would be more than happy to be of assistance during a transition period.

Please call me at 732-600-2244 or Mitch at 732-295-2561 for more information.

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Grill Room and in the next Antler. Tickets will be available shortly.

Our next Lodge meeting will be August 19th. Everyone, enjoy the rest of your summer and please drive carefully.

POP WARNER GOLDEN ELKS

CLAMBAKE NOON TO 6:00 PM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2008

**ROAST CLAMS, HALF SHELL, LOBSTERS,
CORN ON THE COB, SAUSAGE, BURGERS,
FRANKS, DRAFT BEER**

FREE ADMISSION

ALL ITEMS ALA CARTE

RAIN DATE AUGUST 3, 2008

PROCEEDS TO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



ELK OF THE MONTH

by Mitch Fiedler

THOR

Thor is always available to give you a hand in the kitchen or anywhere else, whether its an outside event or a Friday Night Dinner or a Sunday morning breakfast/brunch.

He also helps Pop Warner Golden Elks at their home games in the snack stand and the other events they do.

Congratulations, Thor, an honor well deserved.

PIG ROAST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2008
12 NOON TO 6 PM

ENJOY THE MUSIC OF THE
MANGO BROTHERS
BEER TRUCK, SODA/WATER
OTHER BEVERAGES AVAILABLE IN
THE GRILL ROOM

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Walter Valentine Pharmacist CVS Toms River
Sponsored by John T.Haley.

Robert Gilmarton, Line Haul Driver, Yellow
Roadway. Sponsored by George Edson

Barry Thatcher, Electrical Contractor-Conban
Electric. Sponsored by Gary Laudisi

END OF SUMMER CELEBRATION

COME JOIN US IN THE GRILL
ROOM FOR A PARTY!!!
BRING A COVERED DISH OR AN
APPETIZER; LISTEN TO
MUSIC BY ED AUSTIN
WATCH FOR FLYERS IN THE
GRILL ROOM AND CHECK OUR
WEBSITE FOR DATE AND MORE
INFORMATION

THE ANTLER

WILL BE PRINTED EVERY OTHER
MONTH AFTER THIS AUGUST ISSUE:
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER
JANUARY/FEBRUARY
MARCH/APRIL

PLEASE BE SURE TO INCLUDE
BOTH MONTHS IN YOUR
COMMITTEE'S ARTICLES

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, 2008

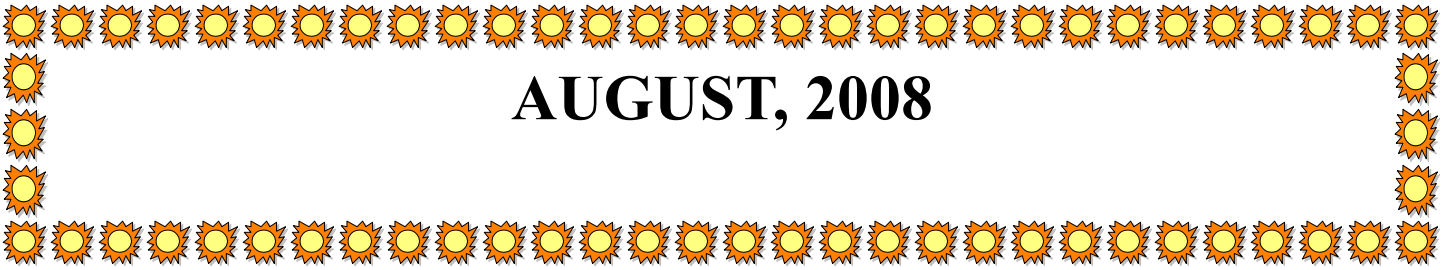
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Name _____

Member # _____

Date of Birth _____

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



AUGUST, 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <u>Vets Crew:</u> Roast loin of pork or fish	2 Pop Warner Clambake Noon to 6 PM
3	4	5 NO LODGE MEETING	6 Meetings: Vets: 7 PM SNC: 8 PM	7 Line Dancing Shuffleboard	8 <u>Alan's All Star crew:</u> Something spe- cial and fish	9
10	11	12	13	14 Line Dancing Shuffleboard	15 <u>Elks Crew:</u> Chicken Cordon Blleu/ Coconut en- crusted Tilapia	16
17 Dino's Pasta Dinner 4-7 PM	18	19 LODGE MEETING 8 PM	20 Meetings Vets: 7 PM SNC: 8 PM	21 Line Dancing Shuffleboard	22 <u>House Committee:</u> Roast Beef au jus or fish	23
24	25	26	27	28 Line Dancing Shuffleboard	29 Flounder Florentine or chicken	30
31	SEPTEMBER 1	2 LODGE MEETING 8 PM	3 Meetings: Vets: 7 PM SNC: 8 PM	4 Line Dancing Shuffleboard	5 Dinner choices to be announced	6

**PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR LUNCHESES TUESDAY THROUGH
SATURDAY, 11:30 AM TO 3:30 PM AND OUR
FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS FROM 6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM**



Vet's Fishing trip 7/16
 From left: Chairman Mike Travisano, Veteran guest Rafael Marciano and Bus Driver Hazel Jones



Nancy DeVito, Mike Travisano and Mitch Fiedler accepting the National Award for Pt. Pleasant Lodge Veteran's Committee's efforts.

NATIONAL VETERAN SERVICE NEWS

by Mike Travisano

Please remember those Americans who have served and are serving in our Armed Forces to guarantee the freedom we enjoy. The Veteran's Committee says Thank You for all your support to our programs and projects.

REMEMBRANCE REPORT: Congratulations to our Committee for finishing #1 in the Nation for time spent with and for our Veterans.

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK: For those who talked about purchasing an engraved paver and haven't yet, or know someone who wants to purchase one, we are requesting that you do it soon at \$100.00 each. It will be a lasting memory. A photo will be taken and given to each person purchasing a paver.

VETERAN'S FISHING TRIP: Our 2nd trip was held on July 16th with 21 guests from the Department of Vetean Affairs in Newark. Didn't catch fish but all had a good time and a great meal. Next trip is August 20th.

MCGUIRE AFB: On August 20th the Committee will be cooking, assisting and entertaining the military from McGuire at their annual family picnic.

DONATIONS FOR IRAQ & AFGHANISTAN: Nancy DeVito and volunteers have shipped a total of 76 care packages to military addresses provided to us. They stand ready to ship more boxes. Please help support our troops. **We will continue to collect & ship until they all come home.**

BATTLESHIP NEW JERSEY: We are attempting to

arrange a tour of the battleship. A flyer is in the Grill Room to sign up if you are interested in the tour.

FLUKE TOURNAMENT: The 50-50 raffle for the tournament was again very successful. The Pt. Pleasant boardwalk sales were booming. The return of member ticket sales was also good.

PLAYING CARDS: Dozens of playing cards have been donated from the Atlantic City casinos are are being distributed to Care Centers. If anyone is going to Atlantic City and wishing to pick up their used cards, there is a letter which has to be used on the Vets bulletin board in the lobby of the Grill Room.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Flyers announcing our combined Veteran's and Special Needs Children's committees Golf Outing will be out shortly. Come join us for a good time!!! The outing is scheduled for September 22, 2008 at Cruz Farms in Farmingdale, NJ. We are also looking for individuals to sponsor a hole at the golf course. All proceeds will go to the Special Needs Children and the Veterans supported by Pt. Pleasant Lodge.

OUR NEXT MEETING IS AUGUST 6, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M.

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MY MEMBERSHIP CARD IN THE ELKS

I hold in my hand a little scrap of paper, two by three inches in size. It is of no intrinsic worth, not a bond, check, or receipt for values, yet it is my most priceless possession. It is my membership card in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.

It tells me that I am an American citizen...the proudest title in all the world that can be conferred upon a man. It tells me that I am the peer of emperors and kings, the ruler of my own destiny, the maker of my own fortune. It tells me that I am a citizen of a land where democracy rules, where brotherhood prevails, where tolerance holds sway, where justice is enthroned.

It tells me that I have joined with 800,000* other Americans in the pledging of allegiance to our country and its laws, in placing the American flag first in our hearts as loyal Americans and first upon our altars as loyal Elks.

It tells me that I have entered into a spiritual and material kinship with my fellow Elks to practice charity in word and deed, to forgive and forget the faults of my brothers, to hush the tongue of scandal and innuendo, to care for the crippled, the hungry and the sick, and to be just to all mankind.

It tells me that in 1,500 cities under good fellowship prevails – a home among brothers and friends; a home dedicated not only to the high principles for which the Order of Elks stands, but to the needs of play, which is inherent in the heart of every man.

It tells me that my loved ones, my home, my fireside and my household are under the protection of every member of this great Order, who has sworn to protect and defend mine, as I have sworn to protect his.

It tells me that should I ever be overcome by adversity, the hand of every Elk in all the world will be stretched forth to assist me in my necessities.

It tells me that if old age should find me alone and homeless, that, as an honored guest of our Order, surrounded by my old comrades, and with every comfort and luxury, I may sit upon the veranda at Bedford in Virginia, and watch the evening sun sink behind the Peaks of Otter for the last time before my fading eyes.

And finally, it tells me, Brothers, that when my final exit from the stage of life has been made, there will be gathered in my Lodge Room friends and brothers, who, when the Eleventh hour has been struck, will recall to mind my virtues, though they be few, and will write my faults, though they be many, upon the sands.

* there are now approximately 1 million members. This was downloaded from the Elks website and originally appeared in the January, 1932 edition of Elks Magazine. It was attributed to Robert S. Barrett, then Chairman of the Good of the Order Committee of the Grand Lodge.

Friday evening saw the fishermen arrive to pick up their Captain's packages and go over the rules of the tournament. They were joined by members of their families along with those who came for food, refreshments and joyful conversation.

At 5:30 AM on Saturday morning they lay in wait in the Manasquan Inlet eagerly awaiting the starting flare at 6:00 AM. Then they were off, plowing through waters into the open sea in search of the largest fluke. If you have never witnessed this, it is a sight to behold.

When the ocean spray had cleared and settled, the anglers returned to dock and weighed in some of the largest fluke weighed in our tournament in many years. They returned to the Lodge with their families, friends and some with their fish for the awards picnic. Hundreds enjoyed the food, beer, kid's blowup jumping cage, raffle table, ice cream truck, the Vets 50-50 offering and our own **ANTSY** who was painting faces. They oohed and aahed over the boats on display by Schrader Yacht Sales and the luxurious cars on display by DeFelice Chevrolet.

It has been many years since our tournament has been won by one of our own members, but that changed this year. That's the reason why this will be a memorable event. **And the winner is:**

1st	Tom Czekay - 11.0 fluke	5th	Don Hasse	9.5 fluke
2nd	Kevin Fahey - 10.5 "	6th	Tom Wortmann	9.1 "
3rd	Bob Spinelle - 10.0 "	7th	William Zebrowski	8.4 "
4th	John Chivarini - 9.9 "	Elks Prize	Tom Czekay	11.0 "

Youth Prize – Austin O'Malley (8 years old) 4.5 lb. Fluke

Hearty congratulations to Tom. He has tried to win this tournament every year from the beginning. We brought many local sponsors to the tournament that recognize how popular it has become.

Not enough can be said for the lodge members & friends who came out of the woodwork to help on this weekend. You deserve and get **A GREAT BIG THANK YOU** from the committee. Without you it would not have been successful. After all, **IT IS YOUR TOURNAMENT.**

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