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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

With winter winding down and the snow beginning to melt, its time to start getting your gear and boats ready for the spring trophy season and enjoy some of the fishing activities that are showing up on our calendar of events. To name a few, I encourage you to get involved in opening day and the Boatyard Bar and Grill Tournament, the Rock On Warriors event, the 27th Annual MSSA Championship on the Chesapeake and our own intra-chapter tournaments.

The 16th Annual Saltwater Fishing EXPO, was a great success from all accounts. I would like to thank all of our chapter members who worked at the event, attended the event, or supported the raffle. In particular, I would like to thank Kevin McMenamain for his leadership and tireless work ethic to produce another great show.

I would also like the thank all of the top notch vendors who supported our show with their high quality tackle, merchandise and services. The Annapolis Chapter will continue to support the EXPO vendors on a fair and balanced basis throughout the year with all of our activities.

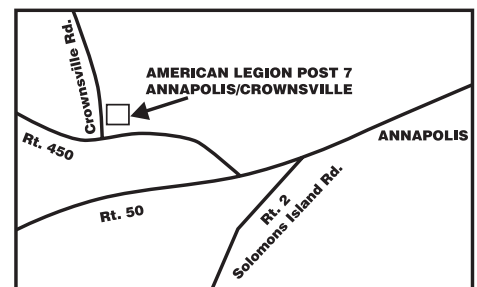
I had the privilege of spending a few days at Bueno Vista Sportfishing Lodge in Guatemala with our great friend Joe Riley. What a great experience! Although fishing was a bit slow and we only caught 15 sailfish the trip overall was incredible. Anyone interested in taking a trip should talk to Joe.

John Thibodeau
President

MARCH MEETING/SPEAKER

The Annapolis Chapter of the MSSA is pleased to announce that the speaker for the March 10th chapter meeting will be Dick Franyo, owner of the Boatyard Bar and Grill in Eastport. The Boatyard Bar and Grill sponsors the annual opening day catch and release rockfish tournament. The tournament has become an important ritual for Chesapeake Bay anglers, and for many, signifies the start of the Maryland trophy rockfish season. Dick has been at the forefront of conservation efforts in the Bay, and has shown that tournaments with a catch and release format can be fun, competitive, and meaningful. During his talk, Dick will cover:

- Information about the upcoming Boatyard Bar and Grill opening day rockfish tournament.
- His thoughts and views regarding bay conservation and good stewardship of our fisheries and natural resources.
- Fun and interesting stories about his experience as a Maryland fisherman, conservationist, and tournament sponsor.



Please join the Annapolis Chapter of the MSSA on Wednesday, March 10th at 7:30 pm at American Legion Post 7, Rt. 450 and Crownsville Road in Annapolis. Chapter meetings are normally held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM, but because Saint Patrick's Day falls on the 17th of March this year, we will be meeting on the second Wednesday, March 10 this year.

Dale Dirks
Speaker Chairman

SALTWATER FISHING EXPO REVIEW

We have just concluded our 16th Annual Saltwater Fishing EXPO, and we are pleased to say it was another great success. Based on the comments we received from all the attendees, vendors, speakers, the Elk's Lodge, The Fisherman Magazine, MSSA and our own chapter members, the results were at or above expectations. Despite this winter's snow storms and the Saturday morning snow showers, we had 600+ paid adults and scores of junior anglers attend the 2010 Expo. The Fisherman Magazine played a pivotal role once again at this year's event by providing significant advertising, speaker coordination and the donation of eight outstanding Door Prizes. Our Seminar Program included 4 outstanding speakers, Captains Walleye Pete Dahlberg, Lenny Rudow, Chris Dollar, and Wayne Morgan and their presentations were held in a newly opened room which greatly enhanced the presentations to the attendees. We expanded our Exhibit Area this year and quickly sold out all of those tables as well.

The Rod & Reel Raffle was another big success this year. Bill O'Brien at Shore Tackle was the supplier of this year's Grand Prize which consisted of 4 Bay Class Trolling Rod & Reel Combos. The Grand Prize was won by Randy Rhodes. The Fisherman magazine supplied 8 consolation prizes including a beautiful Daiwa Rod & Reel Combo along with 7 Gift Bags with products from Trilene, Berkley Gulp, Western Filament, Vision Hook & Tackle, Spot, and BioEdge. Thanks to Peter Baker and Ben Johnson from The Fisherman Magazine for their assistance with promoting the Expo again this year and staffing their popular booth and sharing their expertise with our attendees.

There were approximately 2 dozen Chapter Volunteers who staffed our event this year. Our Friday Set Up Crew was led by Bill Tongue with help from Paul Herrmann, Bob Sheehan, Art D'Amico, Jean Hoffman, Ricky Holmes, John Menocal, Kevin McMenamin and Jim McNally with Bernard from the Elks Lodge. On the front line Saturday morning was Bob Thompson and the Parking Crew consisting of Matt Brennan, Ricky Holmes, Greg Bivins and John Chacos. These guys did a tremendous job of directing traffic and staying in touch via radio to identify the closest available parking for all of our attendees. The front door was staffed by Don Price, Perry Masden and Bill Walling who collected the entrance fee from the steady flow of customers. The Rod & Reel Raffle was staffed by Jean Hoffman, Bob Sheehan and his daughter. Lots of items magically appeared on the Scholarship Table Saturday morning and Earl Macey, Craig Teuber and OB did a great job of selling out all of the donated merchandise. John Menocal and Pete Abbott staffed the MSSA Tournament and Membership Table where they handed out cases of Tournament Brochures while signing up numerous new and renewal Membership Applications and several Spring Tournament Entries. Rich Schott and his Cameraman Tommy Perry recorded the entire Expo including Vendor Interviews and all 4 of the Seminar Presentations. Look for those videos to be posted on the Mid Atlantic Outdoor Network website in the very near future. Kevin was our Speaker Coordinator and he spent most of the day in the Seminar Room as the MC as well assisting with the AV Equipment. Dale Dirks and Lee Slagle played the roles of Relief Pitchers and stepped in where ever an extra hand or two was needed and relieved other volunteers who needed a break from the action. We apologize for anyone that we missed and we offer our heartfelt THANKS and WELL DONE to everyone who helped to make this show a success.

We'd also like to extend our thanks to the Annapolis Elks Lodge, Jim McNally the Lodge Manager and their entire Staff. They have opened up this modern and spacious facility to our Expo and have worked closely with us each year as we try to make it incrementally better. This year they went out of their way to clear snow from their lots for our Expo and helped with securing overflow parking at neighboring

facilities. We are invited back again next year and we are encouraged to pick our date early. The Elks Lodge is not permitted to advertise but they do run a very efficient and professional rental hall facility. Please keep them in mind if you have an upcoming Reception, Birth Day Party or Special Event where you want to host your guests in a great facility at a very reasonable price.

Finally, we would like to thank all of the Chapter Members who attended or purchased Raffle Tickets, their Friends, MSSA Members from around the region, and everyone else who attended this year's Expo. Thanks to you, the 2010 Expo was yet another big success for our Vendors, Our Speakers, and the MSSA Annapolis Chapter. See you next year at the 2011 Expo.

Pete Abbott
Kevin McMenamin
Expo Co-Chairmen

ROCK ON WARRIORS

The Annapolis Chapter of the Maryland Saltwater Sportfishing Association (MSSA) is scheduling a Wounded Veterans Rockfish Tournament and day on the Bay for wounded veterans from Walter Reed Hospital. We are labeling the tournament "ROCK ON WARRIORS." We have ten boats scheduled to take approximately 30 Soldiers and care givers Trophy Rockfishing.

The event will be held on Sunday April 18, 2010. We are tentatively planning to have the event at the Fleet Reserve Club in Annapolis. All boats will be flying American Flags and we encourage other fishermen to swing by the boats and say thanks to the soldiers for their service.

After fishing there will be an awards reception at the Fleet Reserve Club. A trophy will be awarded to the soldier who caught the biggest fish. All other soldiers will receive a plaque for participating, tee shirt and visor with the Rock On Warriors logo and other mementoes commemorating the day.

This will be a great event for a great cause and will provide our chapter with positive reinforcement from the press and the community.

CHAPTER FISHING TRIP

We have booked two boats out of Chesapeake Beach for this years club fishing trip on July 21, 2010. We have Captain Randy Dean of Bayhunter and Captain Drew Payne on the Worm. Both Captains have lectured to our club and have great reputations.

We leave the dock at 4pm and go live lining for Rock. As it gets dark we anchor up for croaker. Return to the dock around 11:00 p.m. More details and costs will follow.

Ron Schaefer
Chairman

GOING GREEN/SAVING RESOURCES

If the chapter is going to make a realistic attempt at being a leader in conservative we need to stop printing the newsletter and distribute only via e-mail. Our March newsletter will be our last printed and mailed issue. If you do not receive the newsletter electronically now, please send your email address to Craig W. Teuber (craig.teuber@verizon.net) with a subject reference "email newsletter". Going green will also save the Chapter Hundreds of dollars each month in valuable cash resources.

UPCOMING MSSA FISHING SHOWS

The Essex-Middle River Chapter Annual Fishing Flea Market is scheduled for March 20-21 @ Commodore Hall 1909 Old Eastern Ave Essex MD 21221. Hours are 9-4 on Saturday and 9-2 on Sunday and admission is \$3. This event has a lot of individual anglers who are selling their under utilized tackle and gear along with plenty of quality new merchandise. Call Frank Holden at 410-686-2348 for more information.

The Southern MD Chapter will host the Annual Fishing Fair on March 27-28 @ Solomons Fire Hall. Hours are 8-3 both days and admission is \$2. This is the only fishing show in the Southern Maryland region and will give all the opportunity to purchase rods, reels, baits, fishing accessories, as well as other fishing related products. Visit www.mssasmc.com or president@mssasmc.com for more info.

BOATYARD BAR & GRILL TOURNAMENT

It's time to think "Spring" by signing up for the 9th Annual Boatyard Bar & Grill Opening Day Rockfish Tournament at <http://www.boatyardbarandgrill.com/>. Mark your calendars now for April 17th, 2010. This event is limited to 150 boats, so don't miss out, register online at <http://www.boatyardbarandgrill.com/> and go to "Fishing".

The chapter will conduct a Calcutta for members who elect to participate. Details, Costs, Payouts and registrations will be available at our next Chapter meeting on March 10, 2010.

SPRING INTRA-CHAPTER TOURNAMENT

The Annapolis Chapter will once again host an Intra-Chapter Spring Tournament amongst its members this spring We will recognize the 3 longest Rockfish caught by our Chapter Members. Costs and details will be discussed at the next Chapter meeting on March 10, 2010. Remember to sign up before Opening Day for your best shot at the Top Prize.

Pick up a copy of the Tournament Application at the Chapter Meetings or on our website at http://www.mssaannapolis.com/downloads_articles.php. Call Bob Thompson (410) 340-7109 with any questions.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

- 6-7 TRI-State Marine's Fishing Seminars, Capt. W. Morgan & R. Gaines. For reservations, contact Dawn at 301-261-5220. dawn@tristatemarine.com
- 8 Pasadena Sportfishing Meeting, Earliegh Heights Fire Hall, Ritchie Hwy, Severna Park, at 7:30 PM, Guest Speaker: Lenny Rudow, Bring non-perishable food for the needy.
- 10 MSSA Annapolis Sportsfishing Chapter Meeting – Speaker: Dick Franyo, sponsor of annual Boatyard Bar and Grill opening day Rockfish Tournament at 7:30 PM. American Legion Post 7, Crownsville. www.mssaannapolis.com
- 13 Fishing the Chesapeake seminar, Capt R. Gaines, Chesapeake College, Wye Mills. For reservations call 410-827-5833. mieach@chesapeake.edu
- 19-21 MSSA 20th Annual Convention at Princess Royale, Ocean City, MD, contact MSSA Main office, Sherrie at 410-255-5535. www.mssa.net

- 20 Introduction to Sea Kayaking seminar, Chesapeake Paddlers Association, www.cpakayaker.com
 - 20-21 Essex-Middle River Chapter Fishing Flea Market, contact Frank Holden at 410-686-2348 for information
 - 24, 26 & 29 Annapolis Boating Safety Course at Taylor Ave fire station. Contact Wendy Kravit, wendykravit@yahoo.com
 - 27-28 MSSA Southern Maryland Fishing Fair at Solomon's Firehouse, 8-3PM, www.mssasmc.com
- April
- 17 Opening Day and Boatyard Bar and Grill 9th annual Tournament
 - 18 Rock On Warriors Trophy fishing with Wounded Vets for Walter Reed
- 30-May 2 27th Annual MSSA Championship on the Chesapeake
29th Annual Rod n' Reel Pro Am
- July
- 21 Annapolis Chapter Fishing Trip

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