

Fishing Contest

17-lb. Cobia A Rare Entry

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The fishing action throughout South Jersey's waters has been picking up steadily, so where have all the entries for The Press Fishing Contest gone?

Last week there were only five entries, while the season had one of its best weeks to date.

A 21-lb., 10-oz., tuna was raised by Asa Dix of Linwood. Asa weighed it in at Captain Andy's of Margate. He caught it at the Avalon Shoals aboard the Mary M, captained by Ralph Larned of Linwood.

A rare entry was received from weighmaster Jack Blades of Atlantic City. Skip Endicott of Masury, Ohio, landed a 17-lb., 8-oz. cobia at the Lobster Hole. Endicott caught it aboard Captain Applegate's night chumming trip.

A 13¼-lb. flounder was registered at Scott's Dock in Margate by Gunnar Fox of Ewan. Fox caught it near the Longport Bridge.

A 6½-lb. weakfish was caught off Angler's Pier in Margate and registered by the Angler's Club of Absecon Island was hooked by Jules Rachlin of Margate.

A largemouth bass was entered in the fresh water division of the contest by Richard Baldisserro of Bridgeton. Baldisserro's catch tipped the scales at 6-lb., 5½-oz. It was caught at Parvin State Park and weighed in at Bepp's Blackwater Store in Vinland.

Word came late yesterday of the biggest bluefish to be caught in South Jersey waters.

The blue weighed 28-lb. and was caught by 12-year-old Tommy Tosti of Margate. The authority for the record was Captain Andy's record book.

The fish was one of 12 caught at the Lobster Pots of the Maria 5, captained by Jim Clearkin Jr., assisted by Jim Clearkin Sr., both of Margate.

Another real beauty was caught by nine-year-old Michael Klaiber, also of Margate. His weighed 23-lb. A real good day of fishing for all four on the Maria 5.

That 6½ lb. weakie caught by Rachlin was the biggest caught this season off Angler's Pier, according to Joe Walker.

Walker reports that Rachlin was on his first fishing venture off the pier since he joined the club. It was 30 inches long and had a girth of 13½ inches.

Walker Wins In Angler's Contest

MARGATE — Twenty-three members of the Anglers Club of Absecon Island participated in the first pier contest of the new season on the Fourth of July with Joe Walker taking first place with 21 points and Sal Todaro catching the largest fish, a three-pound weak.

Todaro's weakfish earned him 19 points and second place, while Danny Scanny was third with 16 points after catching a two-pound, six-ounce weak.

Point winners in the pier contests earn the right to fish on the club's pier team which will compete against the Ocean City and the Ventnor City fishing clubs later in the summer.

Bob Goodfriend, chairman of the club's fishing committee, announced that the next contest will take place on the pier on Sunday, July 21, from 10 a.m. until noon. Luncheons are served following these contests.

Todaro was the first sportsman to catch a fish on the pier this year, and has weighed in several large weaks. The Fishing Committee has named him the club's Fisherman of the Month for June.

Sal Todaro Is Top Caster of Fish Club

Salvatore Todaro, of the Anglers Club of Absecon Island, is the club's top pier caster of 1974.

Todaro, who was selected

the angler of the month three times, scored the most points in each of the fishoffs held by the club.

Danny Scanny finished second in the pier competition, while John Winton was third.

Other winners were Al Feldman, who caught a seven and three quarter lb. bluefish, Jules Racher, a six and two oz. weakfish, Jack Meyers, a three and one half lb. flounder and Dan Puglia with the largest kingfish.

Anglers Install Ferraro, Staff



SAMUEL FERRARO
Anglers' president

MARGATE — Samuel Ferraro, retired mechanical contractor, was installed president of the Anglers Club of Absecon Island at a dinner dance in Atlantic City Country Club.

Also installed were: Alvin Feldman, vice president;

Samuel Knox, secretary; Frank Jacobs, treasurer; Peter Bloom and Dom Casciato, directors.

Joseph Frank, Philadelphia businessman is the retiring president.

The Paul Mann Orchestra provided music for dancing.

Feldman 7th In Bluefish Slammer Club

MARGATE CITY — Al Feldman, ardent angler and vice president of the Margate Anglers Club of Absecon Island, will become the seventh man to have his name inscribed on the roster of Danny Scanny's prestigious Bluefish Slammer Club.

Feldman's name earned a place on the board (which, up to now, includes six names — all from last year) through his 14-pound blue. The minimum weight of a fish to qualify for the exclusive club is 10 pounds.

Other anglers are after the same and additional honors, since the salubrious weather and general conditions have helped extend the season — in contrast to a year ago when most of the big fish were taken in September. Several big ones have been hooked, but they're put up a big fight before being brought close enough to be steered into the big net and hauled to the deck.

But fishermen who brave the chill autumn winds have been doing well. Scanny, who instituted the club, almost made it this year again with two or three big fish hooked, but not landed. But he did catch a five-pound blue. Feldman scored first with a 5½-pound, A number from the snapper to the four-pound fish have been posted on the board the club maintains to record them.

Large weakfish also have shown up and take bait. Here Scanny has a four pounds, while Sal Todaro has reported a 4½-pound and a 3-lb. 4-oz. weak. Sam Brunstein records a 3½ pound fish, while Ed Swirsky caught a 3½ pound fish.

All were taken on fish bait, either spot or blue. A count shows that more than 100 blues and weaks have been taken during the night fishing period, with several more caught at daytime.