

TEN THOUSAND FISH WERE CAUGHT AT THE ANGLERS' CLUB PIER FROM MAY TO OCTOBER, INCLUSIVE

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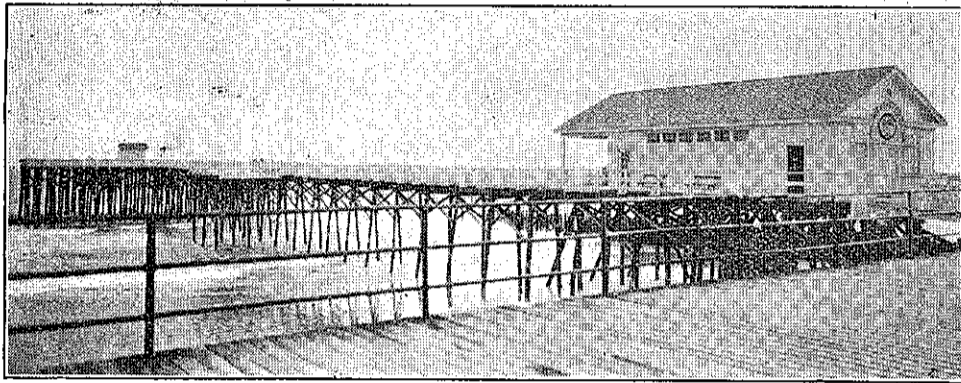
The Anglers Club of Absecon Island has closed its pier and club house in Margate City after a rather unsatisfactory season in regards to the catches of game fishes.

Mr. William B. Severn, chairman of the Medal Awards Committee, has announced the following winners of the club's gold, silver and bronze medals for record fish caught during the past season from May until November 1, 1924.

In the Channel Bass awards, Joseph H. Roberts of New York City, topped the list with a channel bass weighing 45 pounds, 3 ounces. This is the largest channel bass caught on the Jersey Coast from Asbury Park to Cape May during the past five years. Fred Weigman, Jr., of this city,

probably 75 per cent of the hatch spawned well out to sea, and the fingerlings had but little chance of making the bays through cold water and adverse winds, which greatly slowed their activities and made them an easy prey for the larger fishes.

One of the outstanding setbacks of the year was the decided falling off of the catch of croakers, which for the past five years has been the most abundant fish in these waters. In 1923 more than fifteen hundred croakers were taken with rod and reel at the Anglers' Club Pier. This past season not more than one hundred croakers were landed by fishermen from this pier. However, one of the few features of the past season was the appearance of striped bass along the Absecon Island beachfront.



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captured a channel bass weighing 43 pounds, 2 ounces, and Harry W. Hartley of Philadelphia, landed a 40 pound bass. All these anglers were awarded the club's gold medal.

In the Weakfish class, Frank Hagman won the Berman gold medal with a 9 pound, 3 ounce fish; Harry Parsons taking the silver medal with an 8 pound, 9 ounce "Weakie." Club medals for the weakfish awards were also won by Bernard Bodek, of Philadelphia; Herbert Luria, of Reading; Dr. Guerney Williams and H. W. Shaner, of this city.

Medals for catches of striped bass were awarded Harry Platt, who topped the list with a 16 pound, 3 ounce striper; John Zell, with a 14 pound striped bass; Frank Jacobs with a 11 pound, 9 ounce fish, and Louis Christensen with a 12 pound bass.

The largest bluefish of the year was caught by Henry W. Stelwagon, president of the club, Mr. Stelwagon's bluefish weighing 10 pounds. H. W. Shaner, secretary of the club, was second, with an 8 pound blue.

About ten thousand fish were caught at the Anglers' Club Pier from May until October, inclusive. The season opened in May and June with a promise of a banner year for the surf anglers, but after the first week in July, water temperatures took a decided drop, running fully 15 degrees fahrenheit lower than normal, and this unusual water condition greatly affected fishing along the Jersey Coast, particularly weakfish, which were not only more than six weeks late in spawning, but

The striped bass is a cold water fish and the catch this year exceeded any other year in the history of sport fishing along this coast.

Lean fishing was prevalent along the entire Jersey Coast from Sea Bright to Cape May, with the exception of Point Pleasant. The Point Pleasant Fishing Club did considerable "chumming" during the summer months around its pier, and unquestionably this is the reason for this fishing club having the best catches in its ten years of existence. This condition at Point Pleasant is certainly a vindication for the activity started by the Atlantic City Chamber of Commerce some years ago, which was largely instrumental in the construction of fishing banks some seven miles off shore, where tons of stone, crated in boxes, were thrown overboard. The effects of these fishing banks were immediately felt, and the following year record catches of porgies and large sea bass were made.



Dear Margot "By Jill

DEAR MARGOT:

It was delightful playing cards at the Angler's Club Friday night. . . . 'Twas the first card party they've held there, you know, and it drew quite a crowd and a very jolly one. . . . Kathryn Willard was very much surprised when the club members burst into song wishing her a happy birthday! . . . She didn't know they knew it was her birthday.

They played numerous games, including bridge and pinochle, but it was a pinochle quartette that attracted everyone's attention when Fred Osterle dealt 160 in diamonds to A. L. Glick and 150 in the same suit to himself. . . . They were partners, incidentally, and Bernard Levy and N. E. Trucksess, their opponents.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crocker, Mrs. John F. Beck, Miss Eleanor Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Robinson, Mrs. William Clarmen, Mrs. E. S. Thron, Mrs. Anna Baehr, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Knauf, Miss Joanna Fritz, Mrs. I. A. Firth, Dr. and Mrs. D. A. Boland, Mr. and Mrs. S. Trenner, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Schrier.

Mr. and Mrs. George Graver, Mrs. Patrick DeWaele, Mrs. Thomas D. McBride, Mrs. Nathan Glaymon,

Mrs. Coleman Watkins, Mrs. James F. Smythe, Mrs. Clifford MacMunn, Mrs. Charles Riegee, Mrs. P. Edward Barankoff, Mrs. H. D. Steet, Mrs. C. E. Bery, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gravenstine.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cunningham, Mrs. W. M. Rouse, Fred Osterle, Bernard Levy, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Trucksess, A. L. Glick, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Asam, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Ettelson, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Glick, Dr. C. E. Hankinson, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Brennan, Arthur A. Brennan, Jr., A. E. Hanff, Charles Berg, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jacobs, Philip Steel, Joseph Bush, Mr. and Mrs. George Graves, George Hoecker, P. Edward Barenkoff.

Mrs. A. J. Slack, Mrs. Charles Berg, Mrs. Eric Berg, Mrs. Bernadine Jones, Mrs. May MacIntyre,

Mrs. Jane Gilmartin, Miss Clara Hoge, Miss Bee Campbell, Mrs. Irene Walter, Mrs. Henry Asam, Jr., Mrs. E. F. Gottlieb.

Miss Lilly Levy, Miss Anelle Levy, Miss Minna D. Levi, Miss Adele R. Levi, Mrs. A. L. Glick, Mrs. Egan Dorf, Mrs. Elizabeth Seely, C. S. Agnew, Miss Kathryn Willard.

The week-end was rather a disappointment for those who had looked forward to sitting on the beach, surf bathing and otherwise enjoying the great outdoors.

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