

Published Articles
of the
Point Senasqua
Rod & Reel Club
at
Ossining, NY

The Democratic Republican
2.24.1894

Point Senasqua Rod and Reel Club. This organization was formed on Saturday evening of last week, at the residence of Mr. A Fred. Carpenter. Among the members we notice the names of such lucky anglers as A B Murray, B F Kipp, Robert Smith, G M Todd, Winfield S Smith and others. As an incentive to make the sport interesting, the club is having a handsome gold badge made with suitable inscription, which will be awarded to the member landing the heaviest fish during the season beginning April 1st and ending Dec 1st. The fish to win the prize must be either a striped bass, weak fish, or salmon, and must be caught in the Hudson River between Tarrytown and Verplank. "Senasqua" is the old Indian name for what is now called Croton Point. Competition among the members will be sharp, in order to secure the beautiful badge at the end of the season. A Fred Carpenter is President and George W Kipp Secretary of this new organization.

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2.22.1896

The Senasqua's Banquet. Last Monday evening the members of the Point Senasqua Rod and Reel Club assembled at the Casino, on the property of Mr. Azariah Carpenter, Main street, to hold the second annual meeting and banquet of the Association.

The aims and purposes of the club are too well known in this vicinity to need any explanation at our hands. The members are fishermen for the sport of

the thing, and hunt the finny tribe at all seasons of the year. In the spring the gamey trout is sought in sequestered brooks and streams, in the summer, weakfish; and in the fall, striped bass are found in the waters of the Hudson at our doors, while even in the winter the pursuit of the inhabitants of the deep is continued in occasional trips after cod, down on the fishing banks.

At the meeting last Monday evening there were twenty-five members present besides the guests of the club.

Upon the principle of "business before pleasure", the first matter attended to was the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

- President* – A Fred Carpenter
- Vice-President*-A B Murray
- Secretary*-George W Kipp
- Treasurer*- W M Carpenter.
- Weigher*- B Frank Kipp
- Committee on Admission* – A Fred. Carpenter, chairman; Gilbert Todd and A B Murray.

After the election came the banquet, at which the following members sat down: President Carpenter, Vice-President Murray, Secretary G W Kipp, Weigher B F Kipp, G M Todd, Edgar Storms, W A Duke, T Henry Calam, L P Kipp, H M Carpenter, William Mattocks, Robert Smith, S W Smith, G H Davis J H Carpenter, Edwin T James, Paul M Pierson, B C Acker, Dr. Ralph L Parsons, G H Tompkins, John V Cockcroft, associate member; and guests Charles S Gowen, George F Secor and Town Clerk Robert T Dennis.

Letters of regret were received from President Cleveland and Messers. Thomas E Hapgood, Geo. W Lyon, W M Carpenter, Ralph Baker, John Purdy and the editor of THE REGISTER. The letter from President Cleveland read as follows:

EXECUTIVE MANSION
WASHINGTON

THE PRESIDENT
REGRETS HIS INABILITY TO ACCEPT
THE COURTEOUS INVITATION OF
THE POINT SENASQUA ROD AND REEL CLUB
FOR MONDAY EVENING
FEBRUARY THE SEVENTEENTH
FRIDAY,

FEBRUARY THE FOURTEENTH,
1896

During the banquet Prof. H J Rall's string orchestra discoursed delightful music that at once added to the interest of the occasion and lent inspiration to the speakers.

Of the addresses that were made and the songs that were sung it is sufficient to say that they were all excellent and greatly appreciated by the listeners. As to the stories that were told – well, it was a meeting of fisherman on pleasure bent, and whenever there was a slight exaggeration of facts in the matter of plain avoirdupois, by special arrangement, the Recording Angel has disconnected the telephone for that occasion, so there were no entries made and consequently no harm done.

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10.10.1896

--J Herbert Carpenter with his friend, Mr. Childs, went fishing on Wednesday. The river was rough, so they walked down by Mt Murray and fished from the railroad wall. Mr. Carpenter caught a striped bass that weighted 12 pounds, 9 ounces. He has great sport in landing this prize, which is the largest fish caught by any member of the Point Senasqua Rod and Reel Club this season.

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Democratic Register
12.19.1896

Awarding Fishing Prizes. The Point Senasqua Rod and Reel Club held a meeting last (Friday) evening, and awarded the prizes that had been won during the fishing season.

The club medal will be worn the ensuing year by J Herbert Carpenter, for catching the largest striped bass, which tipped the scales at 12 pounds 9 ounces. He also thereby won the jointed fishing rod.

Benj. C Acker came next in preferment, having caught one weighing 5 pounds 4 ounces. His prize is a reel, which is still in course of construction by E Van Hoff, the favorite maker.

The third prize fell to George T Lyon, whose catch weighed just 5 pounds, and his prize was a fine line.

After the prizes were awarded, congratulations were exchanged all around. There were some true fish stories told and an evening of genuine pleasure passed.

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Democratic Register
9.26.1897

Point Senasqua Rod and Reel Club. William M Carpenter entertained the Point Senasqua Rod and Reel Club at this comfortable home in Linden avenue last Monday evening, which was the time for its regular monthly meeting.

He had his spacious veranda enclosed with greens so as to make it look like a room, and as the evening was a little chilly, he had a canvas stretched outside of that, which made it entirely secure from cold breezes.

About the walls were hung trophies of the sportsman, big fish, deer heads, &c. and about the sides were comfortable chairs and lounges with blankets tossed over them, the whole designed, and very successfully, to give the idea of a forest sportsman's retreat.

There were also displayed conspicuously the six prizes to be given to the winners of them when the season is up on Dec. 1st. They are purchased in advance and exhibited so as to stimulate the members to ambition while yet there is a chance to win them. These prizes are, in order, as follows: First, handsome fourteen-dollar reel; second, a rod; third, another reel; fourth, another rod; fifth, a fine line; and sixth, a basket. They were all very much admired.

This club is limited in its membership to twenty-five. There were present at this meeting twenty-one, the others were sick or out of town. This large attendance was a great compliment to Mr. Carpenter, for there are usually only about a dozen or fifteen present at monthly meetings.

After the routine business had been transacted, the members were

entertained by Mr. Carpenter with his phonograph, which was a birthday present to him, and it told a number of funny stories and sang humorous songs, and then came a surprise in the shape of a record which had been made by Mr. Carpenter himself and was very funny, relating local incidents in the club.

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10.23.1897

Annual Meeting. The Point Senasqua Rod and Reel Club will have its annual meeting next Monday evening in the Casino, on Azariah Carpenter's place. After the transacting of business and election of officers, they will have a novel fishing match for prizes. A tank, about 15x20 feet in dimensions, has been provided, filled with water and stocked with fish. It is covered with something to resemble ice with holes in it to fish through. All will have a chance to exhibit their skill. The one catching the largest number and largest fish will receive prizes. They expect great sport.

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10.23.1897

Great Fishing Contest. The Point Senasqua Rod and Reel Club had a meeting last Monday evening in the Casino, on the Azariah Carpenter Property, in Main street.

After the transaction of the routine business, there was a notable fishing contest for a prize in the shape of a landing net. Supervisor B M Todd, who is a notoriously skillful fisherman, was chosen referee, from whose judgment there is no appeal.

The contestants took their places in a boat on the stage and cast their well baited hooks into a hole cut in imaginary ice on the floor and the prize was to go to the one who exhibited the most excellence on all points. It is not possible to describe all the mishaps that took place, as reporters were religiously barred out, truthful reports of anything in the fish-catching line being probably considered a breach of tradition, so our reporter had to get his information from the truthful disciples of Isaak Walton

and gives it for what it is worth, but it should be swallowed *cum grano salis*.

After all had had their cast with more or less luck, seven of the members were elected by the Referee to contest for the prize. They were B Frank Kipp, George Lyon, W H Barlow, A Fred Carpenter, Robert Smith, Anthony B Murray and Benjamin C Acker. They took their places in the boat and began business. Some of the antics described were so improbable that we have not the effrontery to impose upon the credulity of our innocent readers.

All, however, vouch for the back somersault of William H Barlow, through an umbrella, which was shielding him from the hot sun's rays.

Some caught turtles, others lobsters, and still others crabs, eels, pickerel, suckers, and bass. Of the latter, there was one described as a forty pounder, about four feet long, having sole leather fins and great saucer eyes. Our reporter was informed with all the semblance of truth, that it was made at the Prison and was considered a "Rich" joke, but the reader can form his opinion on any such story, even if it is a fish story. Finally the prize was awarded B Frank Kipp.

It was told the reporter, in a semi-confidential way, that all insisted on the Referee trying his luck and that he brought up a little brown jug which was labeled "Toddy". Be that as it may, we are not responsible for it, and did not help him sample it.

By way of explanation, our reporter wishes to clear his conscience by stating his belief, from all he could learn, that the described hole in the ice—though why there should be ice when it was so hot as to require an umbrella for a shade was not cleared up – was only an opening into the cellar, where some mischievously inclined members were hidden and gave the necessary jerks on the lines and then secured the fish, dummies, jugs, &c. to the hooks, all of which, however, requires verification, as the information was only obtained from members of the fish club.

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4.13.1912

The Point Senasqua Rod and Reel Club held a regular meeting Friday night of last week and transacted routine business.

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