

## **SFEC Surf Fishing Tournament – Fri 5/13 to Sat 5/14/2016**

The Strathmere Fishing and Environmental Club (SFEC) held the Annual Surf Fishing Tournament over the weekend of May 13/14. When the Fishing began at noon on Friday May 13<sup>th</sup>, we were a little unlucky with some rainy weather. Fortunately by late afternoon on the 13<sup>th</sup>, the rain cleared out and the remainder of the tournament had good weather - Saturday was a great day for fishing on the beach.

Overall, we had a great turnout with 33 Adults and 5 youngsters casting into the waves. The boundaries of the tournament extended from Corson Inlet south to Townsends Inlet. A few Striped Bass were caught, but the real highlight were some very large Bluefish being landed – what a great fight in surf! Congratulations to the follow anglers who were award winners:

Largest Striped Bass: **Dave Kupec** – 40 ½” Striped Bass. Dave received the First Place Trophy along with a Penn Surf Rod and Reel. Also the first Striper caught in 2016.

1<sup>st</sup> Place: **Paul Zwolak** – 17 ½ lb. Bluefish. Trophy and Gift Certificate to a local tackle shop.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: **Wyatt Jordan** – 10 lb. Bluefish. Trophy and Gift Certificate to a local tackle shop.

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: **Sallie Callahan** – 10 lb. Bluefish. Trophy and Gift Certificate to a local tackle shop.

Kids Division: Cameron Kier – Striped Bass & Bluefish. Trophy

After the tournament, all those who fished and other club members gathered at the Strathmere Firehouse for an SFEC Meeting, awards, and a good dinner of assorted hoagies from the Old Shack. We would like to thank Steph at the Old Shack for preparing us a well-deserved dinner after a day of fishing. Thanks also to Herb Hollinger for ensuring that we had an assortment of cold drinks (especially those adult beverages). We would also like to thank our local bait and tackle shops and other establishments for advertising the SFEC Surf Fishing Tournament and supporting our club. Thanks goes out to: Whale Creek Marina, Sea Isle Bait & Tackle, Boulevard Bait & Tackle, Two Chums, and La Costa.

Randy and I would like to extend our thanks to everyone who fished and all SFEC members who attended our awards dinner.