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RISAA Member News



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The purpose of this column is to pass along information and milestones within the membership. Birthdays, anniversaries, events or get-well wishes are all in order. We also let members know of the passing of other members.

GET WELL GARY JOHNSON

Gary underwent surgery on his upper and lower jaw on February 11. He said that the surgery was successful, but he had to spend a week with his jaw wired shut.

Gary is a RISAA Board member and chair of our Merchandise Committee. His job with merchandise has been frustrating since COVID forced closure of the sources for RISAA clothing, caps, etc. and he has had to keep many members' orders on hold.

We wish Gary a speedy recovery.



GET WELL BRIAN PELLAND

Brian had to cancel from the RISAA Tautog Trip last fall because he had to undergo months of chemo for cancer. His dad, **Herve** (also a member), told us Brian's cancer is now in remission, but last month underwent surgery to remove the bone from his hip to knee and then reconstruct it. He now will undergo a full year of therapy to learn how to walk again. Brian said he is looking forward to going on the RISAA trips for fluke in July and tautog in October.

We all certainly hope Brian fully recovers and he can use everyone's good wishes and prayers.



GET WELL & HOORAY! JAMES DIETERLY

On November 2nd Jim notified Steve at RISAA office that he was going into the hospital the next day to have a kidney removed (cancer).

Following the 3-hour surgery he said that all went well and he was recovering.

Then, on January 15, he announced the good news, no cancer!

Jim should be ready to go when our next New England Saltwater Fishing Show comes around. He was one of the hard-working members who spent a lot of time in the Kids Casting Area.



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