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## THE PLUM LINE

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**Sept 16 – Capt. Charlie Crue from Channel Edge Charters has a brand new show about Fishing the Merrimac River in 2002**

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### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members this month:

**Jim Rumore and Joseph Sciuto**

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### Sept 13th - Annual Beach Blast

Fishing from sunrise till 9:00am, followed by donuts and coffee with the Friends of the Parker River Wildlife Refuge on the beach at Parking Lot #1, casting demos with Mike and Steve and then lunch supplied again this year by the Mass Beach Buggy Assoc.

The casting demos and product displays will be supplied by two of the clubs continuing supporters. Mike Batta from Pure Fishing, who is the rep for Fenwick, Abu Garcia and Stren, will be putting on demonstrations with his products and Steve Papows is planning to come up to join us and will be working with the kids on the beach with their casting and anything else they might need some tips on.

Come join us for lots of fun and Don't forget the Special Rod and Reel Raffle.

**GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS FOR CAPE FEAR ROD AND PENN SLAMMER REEL (APPROXIMATE \$425.00 VALUE) TO BE DRAWN AT THE BEACH BLAST ALONG WITH OTHER FUN THINGS.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CURRENT AND UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

- **Plum Island Exclusive Club Fishing Event-** We would like to have an outing exclusive for fishing Plum Island in Sept....Talk to Dean Wills
- **Special Note-** We would like to plan another canoe & Kayak trip either in Newburyport, Hampton harbor or another NH harbor in Sept.... Talk to Dean Wills.
- **Meeting Announcement-** Nominations for the executive board will be opened up at the Sept 16<sup>th</sup> meeting for the upcoming fall elections.
- **Sept 5 thru Sept 7th - Tri-State Fishing Tournament in Old Orchard, ME**
- **SEPT. 20<sup>th</sup> 9:00am TOPSFIELD WORK CREW NEEDED SEE BONNIE**
- **Oct 4 thru Oct 13 TOPSFIELD FAIR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE BOOTH NEEDED FREE PARKING AND TICKETS TO THE FAIR FOR A 4 HOUR WORK SHIFT.**
- **Oct 21 - John Pirie - "Bluefin Tuna Along the Mass Bay Coast."** Featuring specific information on lures, flies, lines, rods and reels best suited to tackling this fantastic predator.
- **Oct 24th thru 26th - Tri-State Fishing Tournament in Westerly, RI**
- **Nov 18 - Awards Banquet - Pot Luck Dinner, Photo Contest and Fish Stories**
- **Dec 16 - Yankee Swap - Gifts with Coffee and Deserts**

**- JUNIOR PLUM ISLAND SURFCASTERS REPORT**

Kevin Moore

With the arrival of September and the closing of summer, I've had a chance to look back on the past year with great pride. What started as a fill in position has taken on a life of it's own. I have received an incredible amount of support from the Executive Board and members alike. Everything I have asked for in conjunction with the kids program has been granted no questions asked. From people donating rods to people donating their time. I would like to say "Thank you."

In the past year the kids have learned to tie flies, make wooden plugs (thanks Tim), rig their rods for bait and lures and learned how to cast, surfcasting, plugging and fly rods (thanks Bob Milne). They went fishing on Plum Island and Hampton Harbor beaches. They learned that you don't always catch fish, but that it's not always about catching fish, but about fishing, companionship and the love of the outdoors.

My getting involved with the juniors program is one of the most rewarding things I have ever done in my life.

**Up Coming Junior Events:**

September Beach Blast on the 13<sup>th</sup>

October 4<sup>th</sup>, Topsfield Fair Parade, please call for time and location.

October 24<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> Junior meeting. (The last Friday is Oct 31 Halloween) at the Salisbury Senior Citizen's Center

JR. MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON THE LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.



**SILENT AUCTION**

To Benefit the Junior's Program was great success. Some of the items are still available and will be put on Ebay for sale. Call Bonnie if you are interested in purchasing any of the items left over.

**Please note: Joe Buchanan**, please call me You got your fly box, but we have the wrong phone number for you. Thanks  
Bonnie – 978-462-9745

**Fly Tiers Corner – Kevin Moore**

One of the best times of the year to pick up a jumbo sized striped bass or blue fish on a fly rod is during the fall peanut bunker arrival. Great schools of juvenile menhaden will be pinned on every beach or in the back of your favorite harbor. With gamefish throwing all caution to the wind. Feeding anytime day or night. Here are a couple of flies that work well.

**Lefty's Deceiver:**

Hook: Mustad 34007 2/0

Tail: White saddle hackle tied shorter and fuller than normal, pearl crystal flash on each side.

Body: Pearl mylar tubing

Throat: White bucktail to middle of tail

Wing: Bottom to top, white buacktail, pearl crystal flash, light chartruse buck tail, peacock herl.

Cheeks: Natural mallard flank feather.

Eyes: Large prismatic black pupil

**Muddler Head Beerbelly Clouser Minnow:**

Hook: 34007A long shank 2/0

Body: Plastic adhesive pearl body material folded over shank of hook and trimmed over which is pearl mylar tubing. Fray the rear of the tubing so the ends extend 1/2" behind bend of hook. Make sure you leave room for dumbbell eyes in front which should be tied in now.

Eyes: Silver dumbbell

Wing: White bucktail, chartruse crystal bucktail and peacock herl.

Collar:and head: Green deer body hair on top, white on bottom. Hold hair in place when tying in. **STACK, DO NOT SPIN.**

Article from  
**Lowell Sun**

**Pols have done Mass. sportsmen a disservice**

By **BILL BISWANGER**

**Sunday, August 24, 2003** - Sun Outdoors Writer

The Inland Fish and Game Fund and the land acquisition fund are no more.

Thanks to Gov. Mitt Romney and a legislature that is afraid to stand up for what is the correct thing to do, the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife has had to surrender all the money it has.

This is money brought in from the sale of land stamps, fishing, hunting, trapping licenses, and on your tax return the voluntary check-off for the non-game fund. This fund had over \$9 million.

Last week John Rogers, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, took those dedicated funds and placed them in the General Fund. For those of you who do not know what the General Fund is, it means the money can be spent on anything the Governor or legislature wants to spend it on.

If the state thinks you need a washing machine that's where the money will go. If they think you need a manicure that is where the money will go. If someone has enough clout, they can get the money appropriated for a garden in Pittsfield.

According to Environmental spokesman Felix Brown, they have taken this money into the General Fund but will give some of it back to Fisheries and Wildlife as they see fit. I asked Brown if the stocking programs for pheasant, quail and the trout programs would continue, he said they would. I asked if they would be cut or level-funded and his response was, "They will get funds but we have no idea how much will be given."

When asked about the federal regulations concerning Atlantic salmon he said, "I don't know about those programs."

I asked Brown about the Land Stamp program which nets over \$2 million per year for open space protection. These funds supposedly can't be used for anything other than land acquisition. Brown said he would call me back, which he did, and he got a answer from someone who said: "No funds from this program will be distributed. There is nothing at present to make this money available."

I called Rogers's office. He did not return my phone calls but William Rennie, a press secretary, did. Rennie said that each of these dedicated funds including the Land Stamp fund has been repealed, therefore they no longer exist. He said it doesn't matter how the laws were written, they no longer exist.

Rennie also said funds absorbed include boat registration fees, FID, License to Carry, antlerless deer permit money, land stamp, sporting license, and about any money the sportsmen raise is now part of the General Fund.

I asked Rennie about several other programs which he had no answer for. He did say he would get back to me but so far I have not heard from him. Hopefully next week he will be able to shed more light on the newly-repealed laws. He did say that most of the money will now be used for the Medicaid system.

The sportsmen in this state must rally.

It is imperative that every person who loves the outdoors, every club, every club member, should call and write to their state senators and state reps and tell them just how you feel.

Folks, this could well be one of the most blatant anti-sportsman backdoor attacks ever pulled off by politicians. Let's face it, if they don't give any funds to Fish and Game to stock trout, pike, Atlantic salmon, quail, pheasants, etc. there will be nothing left for us to pursue.

## BIG FISH YEARLY FISHING TOURNAMENT TOTALS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 4 2003.

Remember only the first three places are listed, all entries have been recorded.

| <b>BASS FROM A BOAT</b> |               | <b>BASS FROM THE SURF</b> |               | <b>BLUE FISH FROM BOAT</b> |        |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|--------|
| Chuck Casella Sr.       | 34 lbs        | Kevin Moore               | 28 lbs        | Rich Mah                   | 12 lbs |
| Bob Busch               | 32 lbs. 6 oz. | Charlie Novotny           | 20 lbs 14 oz. |                            |        |
| Peter Frost             | 32 lbs 4 oz   | Mark Fulton               | 19 lbs        |                            |        |

### CATCH AND RELEASE

| <b>BASS FROM BOAT</b> |         | <b>BASS FROM SURF</b> |     | <b>BLUES FROM BOAT/FLY</b> |     |
|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------|-----|----------------------------|-----|
| John Noonan           | 42 1/2" | Charlie Novotny       | 37" | Bill Hubbard               | 30" |
| Bob Busch             | 42"     | Ken Montgomery        | 33" |                            |     |
| Scott Maguire         | 42 "    |                       |     |                            |     |

| <b>BLUES FROM BOAT</b> |     | <b>BASS FROM BOAT/FLY</b> |     | <b>BLUES FROM SURF/FLY</b> |      |
|------------------------|-----|---------------------------|-----|----------------------------|------|
| John Noonan            | 35" | Bill Hubbard              | 42" | Bill Hubbard               | 44 " |
| Duane Hubbard          | 35" |                           |     |                            |      |
| Scott Maguire          | 34" |                           |     |                            |      |

### **BLUES FROM SURF**

|             |     |
|-------------|-----|
| Kevin Moore | 31" |
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## JUNIOR DIVISION

### **KEPT BASS FROM A BOAT**

|                 |             |                 |         |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|---------|
| Kathleen Noonan | 19 lbs 4 oz | Kathleen Noonan | 39"     |
|                 |             | Emily Noonan    | 24 1/2" |

### **CATCH & RELEASE BASS FROM A BOAT**

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 SEPTEMBER 13, 2003 BEACH BLAST  
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**460 PENN SLAMMER REEL**  
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RAFFLE**

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