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The wind whips the snow around. Ice floats down the river. The rods have been stowed in the basement. The stripers of 2005 are a distant memory. Yes, it's winter in New England once again.

Last year was my first year as a PISC member. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and met a lot of colorful and interesting people, not too mention quite a few good fishermen. I attended my first Tri-State tournament (the Rhode Island leg) and loved the experience. I plan on making all three legs of the tournament this year I had such a good experience.

As your new newsletter editor I will strive to continue providing an entertaining and informative newsletter. See you all on the water. Tight lines

Aaron Quinlan

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

First and foremost I would like to thank the membership for my appointment. I promise to do the best job I can while trying to make the Plum Island surfcaster the finest club in New England and respected in the community.

The month of January is upon us which means we have about a month and a half to prepare for the February fundraiser. I cannot stress how important it is for each and everyone of our members to get out and solicit items for our raffle table. This is how we pay the bills guys. If each member went out and picked up one item we would have more money for the year than ever before.

I have already received many good suggestions from the membership and some changes will be made. Better quality awards, renewing the boat tournament ect. It all takes money. We need stronger support from our membership than we have received in the past. Its your club, lets all make it the best it can be.

There're still a number of trophies, about twenty at last count, that haven't been picked up yet. Please contact Kevin McGrath.

Thank you
Kevin M. Moore

PLUM ISLAND SURFCASTERS
JR'S. PROGRAM

Here is this season's schedule of events.

At the Parker river wildlife refuge headquarters (classes will be held from 3-5 PM)

Saturday January 28th: Lure selection and an intro to reading the water

Saturday February 18th: Plug making

Saturday March 25th: Bait rigs

Saturday April 29th: Fly tying

At the Newbury upper green

Saturday May 13th: Annual casting clinic (8:30 AM -12 PM)

At Plum island point

Saturday June 10th: Mackerel fishing trip

Sites to be determined by fish

Friday June 23rd: Fishing trip

Friday July 28th: Fishing trip

Friday August 25th: Fishing trip/ possible overnigher

Friday September 29th: Plum island overnigher

Friday October 13th: Plum island overnigher

Date to be determined

September beach blast

Kevin M. Moore

MEMBERSHIP DUES

It's that time of year again when the club is facing the annual membership dues, only \$30 per family due January 1. The board has been able to hold the dues for another year. Please mail in your membership form taken from the club Web site, or give it to Don Jalbert, membership chairman.

ADVERTISING

We would like to thank all of our returning advertisers and supporters and we would like to welcome our new advertisers for 2006. Our own Charlie Crue , Channel Edge Charters, offering inshore sport fishing; Rodney Ratcliffe Rod's Delight Charters offering fishing inshore and out; Plum Island Kayak, Inc. offering guided tours, lessons and rentals; and a fantastic Italian restaurant here in Newburyport, Giuseppe's with authentic Italian food made daily from scratch. Welcome to you all and please feel free to come join us at our monthly meetings.

REFRESHMENTS

NO TIME TO EAT BEFORE THE MEETING, NO WORRIES. We will be providing a meal before each meeting. The refreshment committee will be offering a nice home cooked meal before each meeting for the donation of \$3.00. Below you will find the menu for the next three months.

January: Beans & Hot dogs

February: Turkey Dinner w/mash potatoes

March: Boiled Dinner

Coffee and snack will continued to be offered for a donation.

The results for this years Die Hard Tournament are in:

1st Place - Kevin Moore - 9 lb 7 oz Bluefish

2nd place - Mark Fulton - 8 lb Bluefish

3rd place - Tim Brooks - 8 lb Bluefish

February 25th Annual Fundraiser featuring angler and artist Tony Stetzko.

Since the fish finally left the cape, Striperman (Tony Stetzko) has been painting up a storm. Some of you may not know that he is not only one of the Cape's most famous surf fishermen and proprietor of Cape Copy Shop, but a professional artist, noted for his surf, seascapes and fishing scenes in watercolor.

A 1972 graduate of the DuCret School of Art, Tony, an avid fisherman and Salt Water Fly Fishing guide (holds the World's Record for catching the largest Striped Bass, 73 pounds, from the surf) paints to capture the peace and serenity of the woods, water, sand and surf.

Fishing with **Tony Stetzko, Orleans, MA (508) 255-2357 - www.flyfishsaltwaters.com** consists of a day of fishing in the surf in the Nauset area of the Lower Cape and will cost about \$225 for one or two people for five hours. Tony also offers a shorter service for about \$150.

Club meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Newbury Fireman's Hall. Doors open at 6:30pm for setup. A short business meeting will start a 7:30pm, followed by a quick raffle drawing, and then our speaker will follow. We try to be done by 9:30pm. The hall is located off Route 1A@Morgan Ave, behind the Newbury Town Hall and Fire Dept.

2006 SCHEDULE:

Jan 17 - Ron Powers – “Rock Hopping for Stripers”

Feb 21 - How To Meeting

Feb 25- SPECIAL SPRING FISHING SHOW with Tony Stetzko

Mar 21- Al Montello “Lake Ontario Fishing for Salmonoids (salmon, steelheads and browns)”

Apr 18- Roger Aziz, Jr., “Shad Fishing in the Merrimac”

May 16- Captain Charlie Crue, “Light Tackle and Fly Fishing in the Merrimac”

June 20- Dave Hadden, Editor for Fly Fishing America, “Fishing from Kayaks”

July 18- Don Jalbert, “Late Summer Stripers in NH”

Aug 15- Kevin Moore, “Surf Fishing the Island from the River to the Refuge”

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