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THE PLUM LINE

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A Surfcasters Thoughts

Some say it's a hobby
Some say it's for sport
Some say it's a religion
Some say it's an escape

I say it's not a hobby
I say it's not a sport
I say it's not a religion
I say it's not an escape

I say it's just me

Tangled in the web of the
moon, tide, and the wind

Pulling at my soul

K. Moore



Presidents Message

Well know one said it was going to be easy. May was a wash and June seems to be starting the same. The rain is hard and the wind is blowing it sideways. But, the fish are there. You might have to sort through fifty fish right now before one actually takes drag, but there out there. The mackerel have shown up and the bigger fish along with them. The river doesn't smell anymore but there has been a lot of damage to our local marinas, my thoughts go out to them. To the best of my knowledge nobody's boat got damaged from the club. So we do what we do. We're fisherman. We'll suck it up, put on our rain gear, have a cup of hot Joe, and head out. Stripers don't mind the wind or the rain and neither should you.

K. Moore

JR's Program

The casting clinic in May was canceled due to the great flood. It has been rescheduled for June 17th. The kids mackerel fishing trip on the 10th of June has been rescheduled for Fathers day June 18th. Please be at the Captains fishing party boat area by 12:30 P.M. so we can get a head count and everybody on the boat. If you have fishing gear for mackerel please bring it.

There has been a lot of interest in participating in the Yankee Homecoming parade again this year and I will be contacting them to let them know we will be doing so. There has also been some interest in doing a float so if anyone is interested in being on the float/parade committee please see myself or Jean Moore.

K. Moore

Jr's. Program Schedule

Sites to be determined by fish:

Friday July 28th: Fishing trip

Friday August 25th: Fishing trip/ possible overnighter

Friday September 29th: Plum island overnighter

Friday October 13th: Plum island overnighter

Saturday September 16th: Beach Blast

The Plum Island Surfcasters are offering a presentation by
Dave Hadden
"Fishing from Kayaks"

June 20, 2006

At the Newbury Fire Hall, Newbury Ma.

David Hadden has worked in the kayak industry and kayak fished for the last 15 years working for such companies as Current Designs Kayaks, Dagger, Heritage Kayaks, and Walden Paddlers. The talk will focus on how to make your next kayak fishing adventure easier and safer.

The doors will open at 7pm for coffee and conversation; a short general meeting will take place prior to the start of the presentation.

A \$ 5.00 donation will be excepted at the door, for non-members
A light dinner will be offered prior to the meeting for a donation of \$3.00.
For more information please contact: Larry Craig at 978-828-4441

REFRESHMENTS

NO TIME TO EAT BEFORE THE MEETING, NO WORRIES.

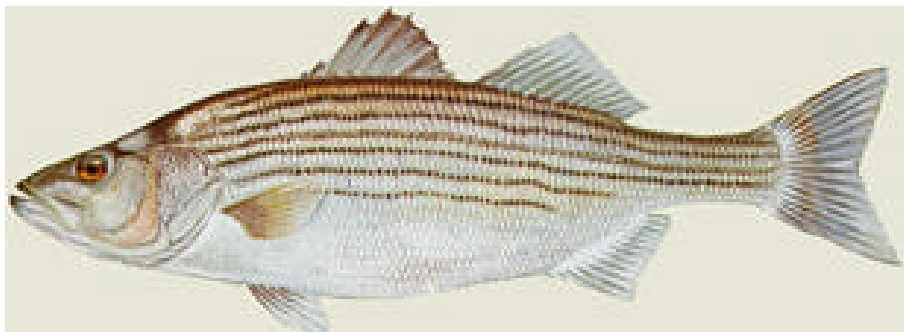
The refreshment committee will be offering a nice home cooked meal before each meeting for a donation of \$3.00. Below you will find the menu for the next three months. So come **HUNGRY!**

June: Chop Suey

July: Hamburgers & Hot Dog on the grill

Coffee and snacks will continue to be offered for a small donation.

The refreshments committee, and the JR. Surfcasters Thank You for your continued support.



TOURNAMENTS

Plum Island Year Long – May 1st – October 31st
Plum Island Invitational – Saturday May 27th - 28th
Tri-State Tournament – Cape Cod Leg - June 2nd, 3rd, 4th
Plum Island Boat Tournament – Saturday June 24th noon – June 25th noon. BBQ to follow
Tri-State Tournament – Maine Leg – September 8th, 9th, 10th
Exotics – October 1st – November 1st
Tri-State Tournament – Rhode Island Leg – October 27th, 28th, 29th
Die Hard – November 1st – November 30th

2006 SCHEDULE:

**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”**
**Sept 19 – Steve McKenna, “Techniques for Big Bass After
Dark”**
Oct 17 – TBA
Nov 18 – Saturday Awards Banquet/Photo Contest/Fish Stories
Dec 19 – Yankee Swap – Gifts and Desserts

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.

There is a flea market coming up in August for those who would like to participate by paying \$10.00 for a table. The benefits from the flea market will go to help one of our local **National Guard groups fighting in the war**. It will be held at the National Guard Armory in Newburyport on August 5th. Anyone can participate by donating the \$10.00 for a table or donate any unwanted items for them to sell. This will benefit the CO-101 ENG. Family Readiness Group. For more information or to reserve a table please contact Laurie @ 603-601-0331 or 603-394-5076 or you can contact Julie @ 978-521-2348.

Rivers Edge North Shore Scholarship Fund, Catch and Release Striper Tournament

There are two divisions:

1. Fly Fishing
2. Spin Fishing

The tournament is open to both wade fishing and boat fishing.

Boundaries: You may register fish caught in MA, ME, NH, RI.

To enter a fish for the awards, a picture must be taken with tape measure clearly visible measuring the fish. Fish should be measured from the tip of the snout to tip in the tail. You should also measure the girth for a tie breaker. Should there be a tie, we will have a drawing to determine the winner. You may enter as many fish as you want, but only your single largest catch in each division is eligible for an award.

TOURNAMENT AWARDS

FLY FISHING DIVISION

1. Largest Fish: Sage FLI Fly Rod
2. First Runner Up: Orvis TLS Power Matrix Fly Rod
3. Second Runner Up: Boga Grip

SPIN DIVISION

1. Largest Fish: Lamiglass Surf Rod
2. First Runner Up: Simms L2 Wader
3. Second Runner Up: Custom Plug Selection from Salty's

In addition to the awards we will be raffling items from PATAGONIA, EXOFFICIO, ACTION OPTICS, ORVIS and others which will take place at Rivers Edge Trading Co. on Saturday October 7, at 10:00 am

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

David Griskevich

Paul Bell

Kalil Boghdan

Proceeds from this fishing tournament will be used to fund a scholarship for a graduating senior at Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School in the spring of 2007.

Contact David or Paul for more details
978 921-8008

Plum Island Surfcasters General Meeting Notes
May 16, 2006

The President called the meeting to order at 7:38pm
33 Members
6 Board Members
2 guest
1 JR
3 NEW Members

Minutes for last meeting
Motion to except Aprils general meeting notes as printed in the newsletter.
Aprils Board meeting note read, motion made to except, placed on file

Treasures Report: Report given and placed on file

Report of Committees

Membership:

Don reported the total membership at the time of this meeting to be 140 paid members.

Ways & Mean:

Kevin Henrich reported that the hat order had not as of yet arrived.

Juniors Program: No meeting in May, Casting Clinic to replace meeting.

Programs:

Larry Craig reported on next month's speaker, the speaker will be Dave Hadden, writer of Fly Fishing America, presentation will be on "Fishing from Kayaks"

Internet Coordinator: No report given

Tournaments:

Kevin McGrath reported on the upcoming tournaments, the tri-state is coming up and an outline was given on the team selection. JP Gregoire spoke about the tri-state and how it was a great way to meet other fishermen.

Legislation:

Chuck Casella thanked the club for the support with the letter campaign. An update was given to the club on status of the bill.

Old business

The Casting Clinic was postponed because of flooding, a letter was sent to the Newbury Selectmen requesting a reschedule date of June 17, 2006 was requested.

Mackerel trip will be the afternoon of June 10, 2006 the time is still pending.

Volunteers for the Piping Plover Festival are still needed May 20, 2006

An invitation was extended to Stripers Forever to speak tonight at the end of our business meeting as voted upon and approved at the last general meeting. Dave Rimmer from Stripers Forever was introduced.

New Business

The Beach Blast Event is scheduled for September 16, 2006. The PI Surfcasters will be sponsoring this along with the MBBA and the PI Refuge.

A motion was made to adjourn, the president closed the business meeting at 8:03, the floor was given to Dave Rimmer from Stripers Forever and he spoke of their mission and club membership, the raffle was had and the evening speaker, Charlie Crue was introduced