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Presidents Message

The fund raiser was a great success. Thank you to everyone who helped out this year. To plan an event as this takes many hands and months of planning. Thanks again to Surfland for all their help and to Peter Graves for taking the time to build the 50th anniversary custom rod. Congratulations to club member Dave MacIntyre on winning the rod. All of the plug and lure manufacturers were very happy and expressed a desire to come back next year. I thought the speakers this year did a great job, before, during and after their presentations. They really went the extra mile to make sure everybody's questions were answered.

Thank you to everyone who solicited items for the raffle and silent auction table. Last but not least thank you to all of the sponsors who donated items. Without you all of this would not be possible. Next up, the Plum Island Invitational. Teams are being contacted as we speak and we all look forward to having another great event this year.

I received a letter from the Newbury selectmen granting us permission to use the Newbury green and pond for our casting clinic Saturday June 9th 9-12 a.m.

The weather has finally started to break, and I officially declare that winter is over. Start cleaning those reels and replacing rusted hooks, because the fishing is just around the corner.

Kevin M. Moore

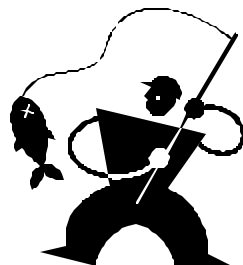
JR's Program

Last month the kids were treated to another great class given by Kevin McGrath and Skunky Joe Camilliere on wooden plug building. Each kid got to walk away with to beautiful plugs.

This months class will be on fly tying. We will be tying the Clouser minnow and I will be going over some of its popular options. So if your interested in helping out or learning to tie this great fly, come on down.

As with all of our classes, everyone is welcome young or old.

K. Moore



JR's Program Schedule

March 31	(Sat.)3-5 p.m.	"Fly tying"
April 28	(Sat.)3-5 p.m.	"Leaders and bait rigs"
May 19	(Sat.)5-9 p.m.	"Fishing trip P.I."
June 9	(Sat.) 9-12 a.m.	"Annual casting clinic"
June 22	(Fri.) 6- whenever	"Fishing trip"
July 27	(Fri.) 6- whenever	"Fishing trip"
Aug. 4	(Sat.)	"Yankee Homecoming parade/ cook out at my house"
Aug. 24	(Fri.) 6-whenever	"Fishing trip"
Sept.15 or 22	(Sat.)	"Member appreciation day/weekend and jr's. fishing tournament"
Sept. 22 or 29	(Sat.)	"Overnighter Plum Island"
Oct .6 or 13	(Sat.)	"Overnighter Plum Island"



The Plum Island Surfcasters are offering a presentation by

Ron McKee

"Stripe Bass Fishing, The Basics, How to catch the Fish"

Ron will be discussing why some people produce more then others and how to improve your fish catching abilities. Ron has landed 6 striped bass over 50 lbs to include one that was 56 lbs 11 oz. He has won the shore Grand Slam in the Martha's Vineyard Derby and has places in the top 3 a total of 5 times, however the goal of this seminar is to help people catch more fish. Please join us on:

March 20, 2007 @ 7:30 pm

at the Newbury Fire Hall, Newbury Ma.

PUBLIC IS INVITED

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 accepted at the door.



50th Anniversary Celebration

Please contact Ruth Temperino with your questions and thoughts on the up-coming celebration.

1-978-346-0123 or rhtemperino@verizon.net

Please wear your 2007 membership button to the March meeting, or bring your membership card, please be prepared to show it at the door. Thank you

New Members

Nancy & Richard Brown #105 Terence Kirby #78
David Ryny #79 Dennis Velivlis #80 Richard & Sheila Suman#107
Eric Roach #108 Mark Quinn #91 Bob McDonnell #82
David LaRoche Sr. #124 Brian O'Connor #60

2007 Schedule

March 20th Ron Mckee(The Striper Maniac) "The Basics, How to Catch Fish"
April 17th Capt. John Pirie "Bass and Blues on the North Shore"
May 15th Pam Lyons Gromen Fisheries Project Director NCMC's Forage First Campaign-
Conserving Prey Fish for Striped Bass"
Capt. Robert Busch "What the Birds Tell Us"
June 19th Steve Papows "How to Target Large Stripers on Top Water Plugs"
July 17th Dave Pickering "Striper Strategies, 2007"
August 21st TBD
September 18th Al DelDotto "Chatham,Mass.,Fishing the Elbow of Cape Cod"
October 16th Capt. Robert Zieba "Secrets to Fishing the Merrimac"
November 20th TBD

Regulation and Legislative Report
-Chuck Casella

As a reminder to those who target groundfish, the retention of cod in federal waters will continue to be closed until March 31st. Starting April 1, recreational anglers will be allowed their 10-fish daily bag limit with a minimum size length of 24 inches. Anglers can still target haddock, pollock and other groundfish. There are no closed seasons for those species (yet!). For further groundfish regulations and explanations, you can contact me directly at 978-290-0705.

NOAA Fisheries Service's Northeast Regional Office recently announced the initiation of a status review for cusk and is soliciting information on the status of, and threats to, the species. They seek information relevant to the following topics: (1) historical and current abundance and distribution of the species; (2) potential factors for the species' decline throughout its range; (3) rates of capture and release of the species from both recreational and commercial fisheries; (4) post-release mortality; (5) life history information (size/age at maturity, growth rates, fecundity, reproductive rate/success, etc.); (6) morphological and molecular information to assist in determining stock structure; and (7) threats to the species. Attached please find a copy of the Federal Register notice. For more information, please contact: Kim Damon-Randall, kimberly.damon-randall@noaa.gov or 978-281-9300 x 6535.

The Massachusetts Marine Fisheries Commission will be voting on this year's recreational fluke regulations at their meeting in Gloucester on March 15th. The Massachusetts recreational fluke fishery is required to make a 36% reduction as a result of the total annual fluke quota dropping from 23 million pounds to 17.11 million pounds for 2007. There was a

suite of management options that went out for public hearing this winter. The Mass Division of Marine Fisheries took those public hearing comments along with some fishery statistical analysis and created their proposal for the changes necessary to accomplish the 36% reduction for 2007. Those changes include the following: maintaining a 17 ½-inch minimum size, lowering the bag limit to 5 fish and shorten the season to June 10th through August 15th.

Don't forget about this weekend's sportfishing show at Gillette Stadium being sponsored by the Massachusetts Striped Bass Association. Local fishing experts will be presenting seminars throughout the weekend. For more information, visit www.msba.net.

As of this report, there are no proposed changes to the recreational or commercial striped bass fishery in Massachusetts for this year.

The League of Essex County Sportsmen awards a \$500 scholarship annually to a student working toward an Associate, Bachelors, Masters or Ph.D. program. For more information, visit their website at lecs.surfcaster.com.

The League of Essex County Sportsmen will hold their annual banquet at the Hilltop in Saugus on Saturday, March 31st. Tickets are \$35 each and include a fabulous buffet. There will also be a raffle with over \$1,500 in prizes. Contact Chuck for more info (978-290-0705)

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