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Presidents Message

Hot enough for you. What had been a pretty easy pick of stripers for the first 3 months when I had a chance to get out for a few hours at dawn and dusk has dried up and become a nocturnal affair. There has been a lot of interest lately for the newsletter and the meetings to share some information on the fishing conditions and the updates concerning the status of the openings and closings at the wildlife refuge. I will try to address these issues this month in the newsletter and the general meeting.

The clubs condolences go out to the friends, club members, and family members of life member Don Henrich who passed away on July 16th. A donation by the club in Don's memory will be made to the American Diabetes Association.

K.Moore

JR's Program

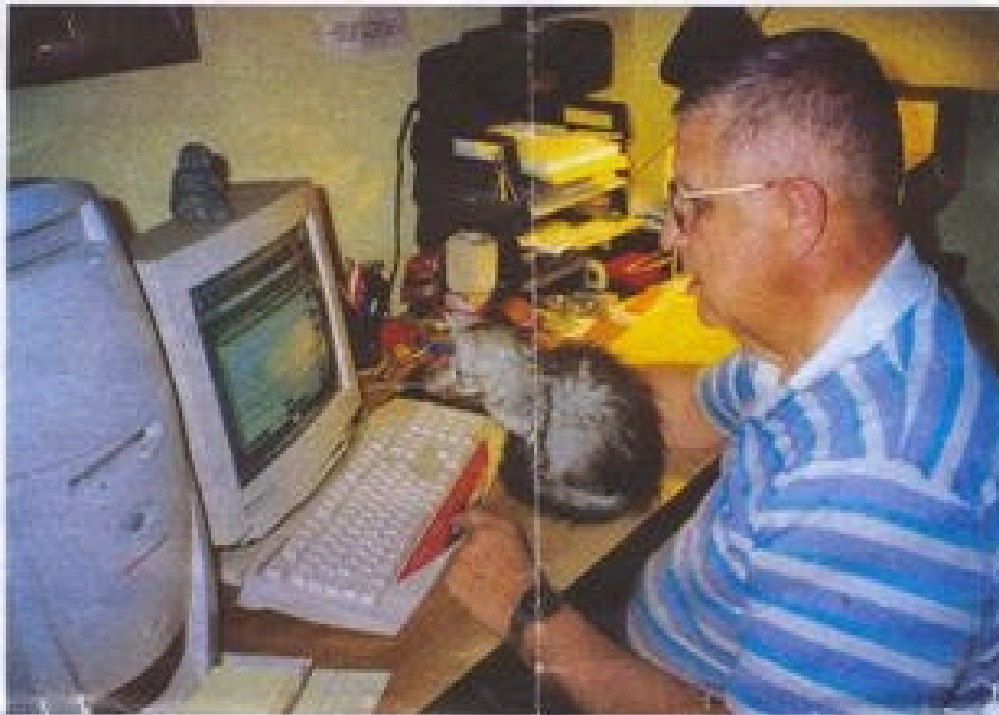
Finally, the kids fishing trip got in without a thunder storm. Got a nice story for you.

New members Bob O'Leary and his son R.J. who joined the club a few months back had been patiently waiting thru all the canceled and rescheduled trips to finally go on their first surf fishing trip.

On July 27th within the first 15 minutes R.J had his first striped bass. His 2nd fish, a twenty four incher straightened his arms out but after a nice bout came to the beach. Pictures were taken and the fish was released. An affidavit was filled out at Surfland. I wish you could have seen the smile on R.J's face, absolutely beaming. Ice cream at Haley's capped the evening. As great as that was, R.J got to take home that rod and reel that he caught his first stripers on. A brand new 10 ft. graphite rod donated by Kevin McGrath and a reel I tuned up that Captain Scott Maguire found bobbing on a rod in the Merrimack last year. And because of theirs and everyone else's generosity who has helped out the JR'S Program, isn't going to be able to wipe the smile off his face all summer.

JR's Program Schedule

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"



Don and Pebbles working on the computer

Mr. Donald Gerry Henrich, husband of Donna Foster Henrich, died Monday, July 16, 2007 at Emerson Hospital. Don and Donna were married for almost 48 years. Don was born July 7, 1937, in Newton, MA, the son of the late Paul Henrich and Muriel (Morse) Henrich currently of Auburndale. Don attended Northeastern University.

A resident of Maynard for 41 years, Don was an avid sportsman who was a life member of the National Rifle Association, was a member on a pistol shooting team, and member of the Harvard Sportsman's Club. He was also a member of the Plum Island surf-casters, the Massachusetts Wildlife Association and the Assabet Minuteman. When his children were young he volunteered as a Boy Scout Leader. Don enjoyed gardening and genealogy and his pet cat, Pebbles.

Don was an active member of the Union Congregational Church of Maynard where he was the chair of the Investment Committee. He was an associate member of the UCC Church of Bristol, Maine. Don was employed at Quadtech, previously GenRad as a manufacturing engineer.

In addition to his wife and mother, Don leaves two sons: Kevin of Dracut, MA; Dean of Spokane, WA; and a daughter, Sonya Henrich, of Columbia, TN. He leaves a sister, Beverly Caruso of Bedford, MA, one granddaughter and three grandsons.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the American Diabetes Association, PO Box 11537, Alexandria, VA 22321 or to the Union Congregational Church, 80 Main St., P. O. Box 211, Maynard, MA 01754.

BEACH REPORT

On the refuge parking lots 1, 6, and 7 are open. 24 hr. walk on permits are available. This year, instead of having to purchase two permits, one to walk on and one to drive on, you can purchase your drive on permit and use it as your walk on until they open the beach. I have not fished the refuge yet.

As far as walking the beach I have been plugging the southern N.H shoreline from N.Hampton to Rye without much luck. In the Merrimack the last two trips to the bar at the end of Sweet Apple Tree Ln. yielded a handfull of schoolies and small blues but also one small keeper each trip. Both of them falling for a small black mambo minnow. Its a pretty short window on the bar about 2 hrs. on either side of low. The area between the sand bar and the bowl on the last couple hours out going has given up some fish, mostly small, but being that close to the mouth of the river that could all change on your next cast. With the increasing heat of the day I am becoming more nocturnal. After looking at my log books for the last couple of years on August there were a couple of things that stick out. (1) There were a lot of slow nights. (2) Some of my biggest fish of the year came from August. (3) They all came on bait, eels, chunks, and worms. (4) They all came after the sun had been down for at least two hours. More specifically between 11 pm-3 am. And that is what I'm going to do. It seems that lately I have been walking a lot of miles of sand for a few schoolies. It's time to grab some worms and macks, wait till the sun goes down set up some worm and chunk rods on a piece of oceanfront real estate, sit down in a chair and wait for them to come to me from the depths.

K.Moore

Expensive Cell Phone Mistake

This past week I headed out to secure my title of King of the sixteen inchers. As a safety precaution I decided to put my cell phone in a small plastic freezer bag rather than one of those cheap thin sandwich bags. Unfortunately the freezer bag had to be folded to go in my pocket thus the seal opened. As you might suspect salt water and cell phones don't go together very well. The more I think about it, there was no one whose call couldn't have waited till I perfected the story about the 60 incher that got away.

Oh well Sprint still loves me after I bought a new phone.

Larry Craig

Helpful Solutions

Last month Steve Papows mentioned that a number of the local Charter Boat Captains were concerned their might be an accident after dark with the unlighted Kayaks. I mentioned the problem with getting ones Cell Phone wet while fishing. On a recent visit to Fernalds Marine, Howie came up with good solutions for both problems. The cost is in the \$20-25 range. Be sure to mention to Howie that you were interested in the Club discount, it maybe news to him but he'll appreciate it.

Larry Craig

Yearlong tournament standings

Striper from the Surf - Kept - Senior

1st – John Noonan - 36 pounds 9 ounces
2nd – Tim Brooks - 32 pounds
3rd -. JP Gregoire - 27 pounds 12 ounces

Striper from the Surf - Catch and Release - Senior

1st - Pete Hofstetter - 28" - Senior

Bluefish from the Surf - Catch and Release - Senior

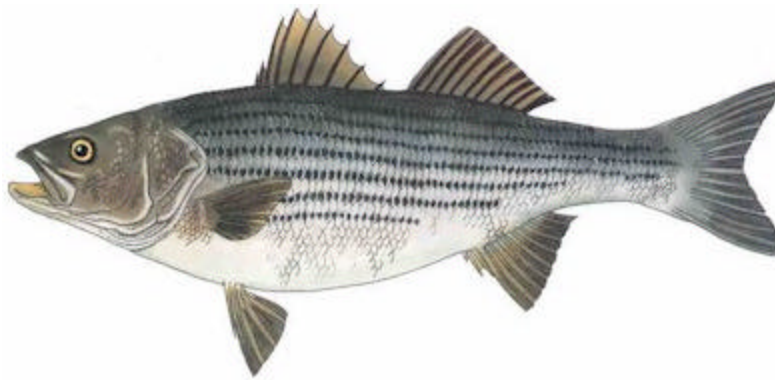
1st - Joe Camilliere - 29"

Bluefish from the Surf - Kept - Junior

1st Matt Camilliere - 5 lbs. 5 oz

Striper from a Boat- Catch and Release - Senior

1st Pete Hofftetter 40.5"



2007 Schedule

August 21st Kevin Moore-

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

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