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THE PLUM LINE

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**“ A jerk on one end of a line, waiting for a jerk
on the other end.”**

-Robert Hughes, A Jerk On One End

Makes you wonder, doesn't it! I recently inventoried my surprisingly large collection of tackle. More than a dozen rods and reels, 8 tackle boxes, 3 surfbags, 7 sandspikes, 3 pairs of waders, several pairs of boots, corkers, 24 hats, and a seemingly endless supply of lures of every type, shape, color and size. Most of which still in the original package, never opened or used. Easily several thousand dollars worth of gear. Yet 95% of the time I use only 2 rods and reels, a pack of sluggos, and surface popper and a few tin squids. I wondered how I had accumulated so much gear. Why I needed so much when I use so little. Had I been hypnotized by the great sorcerer queen of bait and tackle, or perhaps I was just the jerk at the end of the line.

Many of us think we need all this stuff to catch fish, yet if you talk to many of the more grey and salty anglers in the club you may be surprised at how successful they are with a very limited amount of gear. I was once told to pick 3 lures and master their use. This has worked well for me.

With this in mind, we will be adding a new monthly section to The Plum Line called, 'Insider Tips'. Each month will feature tips and tactics from one of our own. I hope this will help us all fish more effectively and keep the jerk on the wet end of the line.

-Joe Camilliere

UPCOMING EVENTS February 2005

Don't miss this month's Feb 15th 'How To' Meeting. Talk to some of our more crafty members while they demonstrate fly tying and plug building. And for the brave, join Martha Moulton as she has you completely take apart your reel, clean it, grease it, and put it back together with no left over parts on the bench.

Thanks to Al Del Dotto for doing a great job with his January 18th presentation on 'Fishing the Merrimac from the Chain Bridge to the Jetties'. It was a good lecture on where and how to fish the river while in a boat, but I've also fished many of those hidden creeks behind the islands out of a kyack. A few of our more savvy even knew how to get to that secret rock by foot, and gladly shared the directions. Most of the Merrimac is now locked up in ice, but an opening below the chain bridge is being frequented by bald eagles. If you've never seen them, the winter is a great time to scout for eagles along the banks of the river.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST CLUB MEMBERS

Paul Brown, Charles Novotny, Julio Silva, Chris Thomas, Christopher Williams

JUNIOR PLUM ISLAND SURFCASTERS

AT OUR LAST MEETING ON THE 29TH OF JANUARY THE KIDS CONTINUED WORKING ON THE CUSTOM MADE ROD FOR THE FUND RAISER. THIS MONTH THE KIDS WERE FINISHING THINGS UP BY WRAPPING THE GUIDES ON. THE ROD IS COMING OUT BEAUTIFUL, THEY HAVE REALLY DONE A GREAT JOB.

THIS MONTH'S MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY THE 27TH, AT 3-5 PM AT THE PARKER RIVER WILDLIFE REFUGE HEADQUARTERS ON ROLFES LANE IN NEWBURY. I WILL BE TAKING A BREATHER AND A LESSON THIS MONTH AS I JOIN THE KIDS AND LEARN ABOUT WOODEN PLUG MAKING. TIM BROOKS AND JOE CAMILLIERE WILL CONDUCT THE CLASS. THIS ALWAYS PROVES TO BE A GREAT ACTIVITY SO I HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

GO PATS
K . MOORE

2005 Junior Program Dates At The Wildlife Refuge

Feb. 27th SUN: Lure making

Mar. 26th SAT: Bait and teaser rigs

Apr. 30th SAT: Fly tying, teasers, and lure modifying

May 14th SAT: Intro to fly-fishing

May 15th SUN: Annual casting clinic at the Newbury upper green pond and field

June 11th SAT: Annual mackerel fishing trip (time to be announced)

June 24th, 25th, 26th: Camp and fish (site to be announced)

July 29th, FRI: Surf fishing Plum Island

Aug. 26th FRI: Overnighter Parker River Wildlife Refuge

Sept. 17th SAT: September beach blast

Sept. 30th, FRI: Overnighter Parker River Wildlife Refuge

FISH ON! ANDOVER 2005

February 1, Fly Fishing opportunities on Ma finest trout streams - With Marla Blair, F.F.F

February 8, Fishing the Merrimack River - With Captain Charles Crue

February 15, Game Fish Grand Slam - With Russ Viallo, Ma and N.Y. fishing guide

February 22, Salt Water Magic - With Mike Laptew.

If you need further information call Norma Gammon, Community Service Coordinator (978) 623-8401 ext.49, Elm Square, Andover, Massachusetts 01810 ● 508-623-8401 Ext. 41 ● FAX 508-623-8406

Saturday, February 26th from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

**at the Newbury Firemen's Hall, Off Rte 1A @
Morgan Ave behind the Newbury Town Hall**

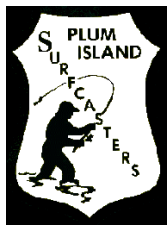
THE PLUM ISLAND SURFCASTERS PROVIDE THE "COMPLETE GUIDE TO FISHING FOR STRIPED BASS AND BLUEFISH ON BOSTON'S NORTH SHORE" with speakers Steve Papows and Kevin Moore sharing their secrets for catching striped bass and bluefish from Cape Ann up through Plum Island.

Announcement:

The Annual Fund Raiser is coming up soon, Feb. 26th, and the board of directors is asking for a little help. We could use a few more people to help set up, clean up and coordinate events. If you are willing to lend an extra hand in any way, we would appreciate it.

Also, last year's raffle table was very impressive thanks to contributions from our members and sponsors. If you can introduce a new sponsor or perhaps could donate something yourself, please let us know.

Thank you. The Executive Board



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PAPOWS & MOORE – "GUIDE TO FISHING THE NORTH SHORE"

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TEL: _____

Newbury Fire Hall off Rte 1A & Morgan Ave behind the Newbury Town Hall

\$7.00 For Paid Members and Immediate Family

\$12.00 For Non-Members

Also Please See the Inserted Raffle Tickets for the show.

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS IN 2005

Feb 26 - Annual Fund Raiser – "THE COMPLETE GUIDE TO FISHING FOR STRIPED BASS AND BLUEFISH ON BOSTON'S NORTH SHORE" presented by Kevin Moore and Stephen Papows.

Mar 15 – Capt. Riley McCue, "Fishing the Local Flats and Estuaries."

Apr 19 – Don Jalbert talking about "Big Fishing on Short Time, Time management for the serious striped bass fisherman"

May 17 – Al Gags, "Fishing the Entire Water Column." Includes pencil poppers, needle fish and surf dancer minnows.

May 28/29 - Plum Island Club Invitational Tournament

June 3, 4, & 5 - Tri-State Fishing Tournament in Cape Cod, MA

Jun 21 - Mike Spinney, "Fishing the Piscataqua River."

Club meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Newbury Firemen's Hall. Doors open at 6:30pm for set up. A short business meeting will start at 7:30pm will be 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 Department.

THIS IS YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER UNTIL YOU RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

PISC 2005 membership fees are now due! The board reviewed membership costs and has decided to remain status quo, membership fees are \$30 for family or individual. If dues are not paid by the February Spring Show, you will have to pay a non-member entry fee. And we wouldn't want that.....

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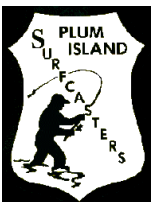
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 Drawing for Rod & Reel
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SPECIAL RAFFLE

**Custom wrapped Surf Rod
 with a Crack reel**
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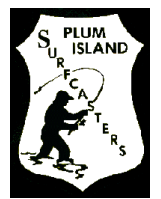
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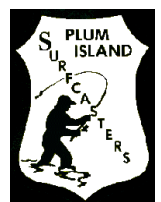
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