

# THE PLUM LINE

March / April 2009



## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 21, 2009  
Members meeting  
Featuring Capt Bob  
Busch: Mackerel Fishing

May 19, 2009  
Members meeting  
Cal Robinson: A Guides  
Perspective

June 6, 2009  
**Annual Casting Clinic**  
**9 am to Noon**  
Newbury Upper Green  
Conventional-Fly-Spin  
All are welcome  
Instruction Available

June 16, 2009  
Members Meeting  
Speaker and Topic  
TBD

## Message from the President

Finally, we find ourselves in April and a little bit warmer weather. I've been out twice so far, skunked on a beach cod fishing trip, but two pickerel and one trout on a sweet water trip. All of which were the perfect size for striper bait.

Congratulations to Jim Waldren on a sold out showing of his movie *Reel people, Fisherman of Plum Island* down at the Firehouse. Last I heard there were 200 people on the waiting list for future showings. Rumor has it that there have been a few White perch caught in the Parker River. It would be nice to see them come back. I can remember as a kid as soon as the ice was out in the river you could start picking up fish. Some years the ice would be out but you'd still be standing in 10" of snow. If you really want to try something different go to the park over in Amesbury where the Pow Wow River dumps in the Merrimac and fish for twenty pound carp on largemouth bass gear. It is great way to learn how to fight big fish if you have never done so. Believe me a big carp doesn't take a back seat to anything in the fighting department.

Just fish,

Kevin M. Moore

May 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> 2009      Memorial Day Weekend

## Annual Plum Island Invitational

Registration: 11pm Saturday      Fishing: 12am-9am Sunday  
Target Species: Striped Bass and Bluefish  
Registration: Free for Members    \$5 for Non-Members  
Breakfast Provided

### RAFFLE AND AWARDS

See website for registration form/Info or contact Mike Hosker for further detail



## Refreshments

No time to eat before the meetings, no problem! The refreshment committee will be offering a nice home cooked meal before each meeting.

Donations of \$3.00 will be accepted.

Coffee, snacks, and desserts will continue to be offered for a small fee.

Upcoming Menu

*Sheila's Gourmet Delights*

April:  
Homemade Lasagna\*

May:  
Roast Beef Sandwiches\*

\*In addition to the featured entrées, hot dogs and rolls will be offered at each meeting.

## JR's Program

Participation at the classes has been none existent. Zero students at three straight meetings. As such the last classroom meeting of the winter "Knots, leaders and bait rigs" is cancelled. The Board will reassess the classroom instruction for the JRs Program next spring and make a determination to proceed if there is a desire from the membership

That said all fishing trips and events scheduled for the spring, summer, and fall, will still take place.

Watch the Website for updates and schedules of Fishing Trips.

Thank you,  
K. Moore

## Membership

### MEMBERSHIP DUES

Your club annual membership dues are now due. Any member not registered and paid current for the 2009 season will lose the benefits of club membership and be removed from the list to receive the Plum Line mailings.

Please see Matt Shakespeare to pay your dues, or mail your payment to:

Plum Island Surfcaster  
PO Box 1585  
Newburyport, MA 01950  
Attn.: Membership

Please make note on your application if you would like to receive your newsletter by mail. If you have supplied your e-mail address, it will be assumed that you will be getting your newsletter on-line unless otherwise requested.

## Old Business

ICE FISHING      FEBRUARY 14<sup>th</sup> 2009

It was a real treat for Valentine's Day, though a modest showing, possibly due to the date, or maybe due to the Arctic Cold and bitter wind. Held at Pentucket Pond in Georgetown, we were treated to a solid 14 to 16 inches of ice. We got out on the hard water around 9:30 and everyone had their tip-ups set by 10:00 with the exception of Mike Hosker who was heartily jigging his rod and reel. Several Bass and Pickerel were taken through the ice and subsequently released. We took a break at around 12:30 and had some Pizza for lunch with the kids. Continued fishing until around 3:00 at which point the cold and wind had finally penetrated our inner layers. Everyone had a great time and we will be looking forward to doing it again next year.

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER      FEBRUARY 22<sup>nd</sup> 2009

It was another successful fundraiser this year, and unlike the previous 2 years the weather cooperated and the snowstorms gave us a reprieve. I want to thank everyone that took part in the show, from preparation to setup to volunteering to cleanup, it was shown again that many hands make light work.

The raffle table was huge and continues to get larger every year with many solid donations from local business and supporters. The kitchen did a great job as they do every year keeping us fed and the coffee hot, The vendors did well and helped many of us re-stock for the upcoming season.

Our speakers were a large draw and gave us some insight into their successful methods.

Zeno Hromin made the long trek from his home waters of Long Island to give us an enthusiastic presentation on fishing with Plugs. Zeno's unique style and entertaining wit were great delivery tools to share his own techniques for bringing fish to the shoreline. The bulk of his experience is a little further south of us on the rocky shores of Montauk; he touched on many points that would be beneficial to our local waters.

Gene Bourqe opened our speaker portion of the fundraiser by showing a DVD and then he told us about Hoky Products.

This is our only fundraiser for the 2009 season. Through the efforts of our volunteers and our membership the club will benefit with another great year of programs and tournaments.

## MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING RECAP

We had a genuine treat at our March meeting when we heard from Dave "Pops" Masch. Many of you have been following his cooking column in *On The Water* for years.

We were surprised at the number of club members who already had his book "Cooking the Catch". One point that Dave made, that surprised many of us, was that Bass are better if they are at least a day old and obviously have been kept refrigerated. Bluefish need to be killed, gutted and bled immediately. As most of us know, leaving them in the hot sun on the deck or sunny beach for hours is real bad news. Get them on ice as soon as possible. They are fine that day.

I've purchased a copy of Pops book and can't wait to try it, it's simple and easy to follow.

We'll add a section to the May/June edition of the Plum Line to include some of "Pops" recipes for the benefit of those who bring a Bass or Blue home for the table.

## Upcoming Speakers and Events

### April

Captain Bob Busch,

He is one of our own best kept secrets. Bob will be covering Mackerel fishing (Jigging & Chumming) and how to catch Striped Bass at the same time. During the last few years his largest Bass approaching 40 pounds have always come from using Mackerel. One always leaves Bob's talks with some usable ideas.

### May

Captain Cal Robinson (Former owner of Saco Bait and Tackle)

Cal will be covering a number of topics from a guide's point of view. He's going to start with Striper fishing, and also present some techniques for Clamming, Tuna fishing, and Grouse & Quail hunting along with some hints on Bird Dog training. We may get a bit of insight into what Cal does as he guides during the winter out West. Cal always makes things interesting and useful.

### JUNE

#### 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CASTING CLINIC

June 6, 2009

9am to 12noon

The Newbury Upper Green

Route 1A, Newbury, MA

Across from the Town Hall

**FREE & NO LICENSE REQUIRED**

It's a great opportunity to try your hand at something new or work out the cobwebs. Children of all ages are welcome.

For more information contact: Kevin Moore @ 978-255-1028

## Tournaments

### Year Long Club Tournament

May 1st through Oct. 31  
Multiple Categories Stripers and Bluefish  
Adult and Junior Divisions  
Awards

May 1<sup>st</sup> sees the opening of our Year Long Club Tournament for 2009. Trophies awarded and bragging rights earned for Striped Bass and Bluefish, kept and catch and release in both shore and boat category. We're putting special emphasis on the fly division for 2009 as in years past we had zero slips submitted for the fly category. Dust off those 'magic wands'.

### Annual Plum Island Invitational

Memorial Day Weekend  
May 23-24, 2009, 12am - 9am  
Plum Island/Newburyport Area  
12:00am Sat. to 9:00am Sun. morning  
Free for members  
\$5.00 for non-members  
Breakfast is provided  
Raffle and Prizes

Memorial Day weekend is once again scheduled for our Annual Invitational Tournament. The Plum Island Airport has been reserved as our Rally Point and breakfast spot. Kevin Moore will be in contact with the Police Chiefs of Newbury and the Port to clear us for parking on the Ocean side of Northern Blvd on the Island. Last year's tide schedule proved to be a challenge and the numbers caught were smaller than previous years though we did have a 40" taken at an undisclosed location.

This year should prove interesting with a New Moon coming on the 24<sup>th</sup> and an outgoing tide for almost the first 6 hours of the 9 hour tournament. Additionally Low Tide at the River Entrance coincides with Sunrise on Sunday Morning, both occurring at approximately 5:45 am.

Conditions look right!

Information, Rules, Affidavits and Entry Forms are available on the website for download or by contacting Tournament Chair Mike Hosker.

## Editors Note

The Board has voted as of January 2009, that the Plum Line Newsletter will shift from a monthly mailing to a bi-monthly mailing. Newsletter postings including archives and club updates will continue to be posted on the clubs website [www.plumislandsurfcasters.org](http://www.plumislandsurfcasters.org)

We are considering accepting content submissions from club members for inclusion in upcoming editions of the Plum Line. Content submission for consideration can include: newsworthy notes, articles of fiction, non-fiction, notices of upcoming tournaments or events of interest to the club, etc.

If you are interested in contributing to the newsletter content please contact the Newsletter Editor.

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