

THE PLUM LINE

Jan/Feb 2010



UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 19th, 2010
Warren Winders
Secrets of 30 Years of
Tides

Feb 6th, 2010
Ice Fishing Tournament
Veterans Park
Pentucket Pond,
Georgetown
8 AM – NOON

Feb 16th, 2010
Annual "How To" Night
Clean your reels, lure
making, fly-tying, etc.

Feb 27th, 2010
Annual Fundraiser
DJ Muller and Ron
Powers Presenting

Mar 16th, 2010
Capt Skip Montello
Sun, Suds' and Stripers

Message from the President

I trust all the members and their families had a happy holiday season. This is my first letter to the membership and I would like to start by thanking everyone for this opportunity to serve the club as the President for the 2010 season. The club has given so much to me since I joined, and I am excited at the opportunity to give back to the club.

The 2010 season will be kicking off in high gear with the Fundraiser show in February. The speakers we have lined up have a wealth of knowledge to share. The show promises to be informative as well as entertaining. It's a great time to start to shake off the winter doldrums, have a cup of coffee, a bowl of chowder, and some great conversation with fellow members.....and it's the unofficial first sign that Spring is just around the corner. The raffle table will be huge, as always, and any and all members are encouraged to try and solicit contributions if they can.

February is also the Club Ice Fishing tourney at Pentucket Pond in Georgetown. This time of year nothing beats bringing the kids or grandkids, sipping on some hot chocolate, and trying to catch a good size bass, pickerel, or trout through the ice. Even if it's just getting out of the house and enjoying some fresh air and the company of other members, it's an event that shouldn't be missed

Lastly, I would like to thank Kevin Moore for serving as President for the past four years. I hope I can do as good a job in the upcoming year as Kevin has done in the past.

Everyone take care and hope to see all at the next meeting.

Kevin McGrath

MEMBERS ANNUAL ICE FISHING TOURNAMENT

FEBRUARY 6th 2010

8 AM - NOON

PENTUCKET POND

Georgetown, MA

Meet at Veterans Park

Families Welcome



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

January:

Beef Stew and Apple Pie*

February:

Spaghetti and Ginger Bread*

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

JR's Program

Classroom Sessions for the upcoming year are in planning and review. Educational sessions will include a sign up to verify member's attendance.

The first event for the Jr's Program in 2010 will be the Ice Fishing Tournament on February 6th at Pentucket Pond in Georgetown, MA. Registration and Liability Waivers are required and can be completed on the Morning of the 6th. We will meet at Veterans Park at the Pond.

Announcements and Notices

Membership

2010 Membership Dues are now being accepted.

Membership registration is available online at

<http://www.plumislandsurfcasters.org>

Membership forms are also available by mail (form attached to letter cover) or can be submitted in person to Matt Shakespeare at any Membership Meeting.

2010 registration and dues must be submitted by the March Member meeting to remain on the Active Member List.

In Memoriam

With sadness we note the passing of Bob Pond.

Bob was a lifelong member of the Surfcasters. He passed away on the 26th of December after a long battle with Alzheimer's.

NEW COLUMN

Amateur Chef



Many of us find our significant others saying, "If you catch it or you kill it, I'll eat it, but you'll clean it and cook it."

Sound familiar?

Let's talk about the negatives of cooking fish. It stinks up the house, almost as bad as cigar smoke in the morning after the big Poker Game. I'm sure none of you know what I'm talking about. How do you solve the problem quickly and easily? You cook it on the grill, even in January, outside.

- Make a "boat" out of Aluminum foil by just folding up the edges of the foil.
 - Brush a little Virgin Olive Oil on the foil to prevent the fillet from sticking.
- Place the fillet in the foil, not to exceed one inch in thickness (Tip from Pops)
- Top the fish fillet with crushed Ritz Crackers or Saltines; you'll decide which one you like the best.
 - Crushing the crackers is simple. Put six crackers in plastic sandwich bag. Then take a can of beer, canned peas or whatever and roll it over the bag until the crackers are crushed.
- Place a few pats of butter on top of the crackers and sprinkle with parsley.
- Place the foil "boat" containing the fish on a preheated grill.
- Grill for seven minutes during warm weather. In the colder winter months increase to ten minutes. You want done to the point where the top has started to brown.
- You may want to add lemon or Tartar Sauce as a final seasoning as your tastes desire.

Let me know about your results. Any questions, call me, email or see me at the next meeting.

Do I know what I'm talking about? The answer is no, I'm learning along with you. Who are my coaches? Both Kevin's, Sheila, a friend named Jim, Executive Chef at Legal Seafood, and my son JR who has cooked at the Black Lobster, Fins and currently PF Chang's so we might get a few worthwhile ideas.

Good Luck, Larry

Upcoming Speakers and Events

JANUARY

MEMBERS MEETING January 19th

Warren Winders

Secrets of 30 Years of Tides

Warren Winders is an avid fisherman, hunter, conservationist and a longtime member of the Southeast Chapter of Trout Unlimited who has donated thousands of hours to clean-water conservation projects.

He started doing volunteer work at Red Brook in 1990 and became the Red Brook projects director for the Massachusetts/Rhode Island Council of Trout Unlimited in 1993, a position he still holds today.

Besides heading up Red Brook work days, conducting tours of the property and lecturing about conservation projects, Warren organizes a yearly Red Brook fund-raiser. He has also written several articles about Red Brook including a recent magazine feature for "On the Water."

FEBRUARY

MEMBERS MEETING February 16th

Annual "How To" Night

Demonstrations and Hands On activities

Fly Tying

Reel Cleaning and restoration (bring your own, or clean one of mine)

Lure Building

And more.....

MARCH

MEMBERS MEETING March 16th

Captain Skip Montello

Sun, Suds and Stripers

Captain Skip Montello charts and fishes from Cape Ann to the Merrimack River. Skip is a passionate fly and light tackle angling professional with a lifetime of experience fishing New England waters for stripers, blues and bluefin tuna. He has also fished the Florida Keys for tarpon, the Great Lakes for salmon and steelhead, Alaska, Newfoundland and British Columbia for salmon and trout.

Plum Island Surfcasters
Annual Fundraiser & Junior Program Support Show
Saturday February 27, 2010

DJ Muller

Surf Strategies: Sharpen Your Sword!

3 Variables that may help you elevate your production in catching stripers from the surf.

1. Wet suiting-How crazy is this?!!! "We never did it that way before!"
2. Boulder fields-Are they the best striper habitat?
3. Plug Modifications-Why mess around with what works?

Ron Powers

"Boston Harbor – the biggest fish bowl in New England!"

Door Opens at 8:00am
Newbury Fire Hall
3 Morgan Ave
Newbury, MA

**Extensive Raffle Table, local exhibitors, lure makers,
FOOD**

Junior's Program Rod & Reel
GRAPHITE One Piece 9' Custom Rod with a PENN Reel
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\$1.00 eachBook of six \$5.00

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