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### **'My Rods are Like My Kids' In Memory of Bill Lynn**

By Tom Moriarty

It is a bittersweet task indeed to call to mind some forty years of memories of our friend Bill Lynn. It is also difficult to think of him without calling to mind his brother Paul, who like Bill was a member of the Plum Island Surfcaster Club but not for many years. Paul passed away last November at the age of sixty-six.

Bill started surf fishing at an early age with his dad John Lynn. They used homemade bamboo rods with reels taped to the butt. They fished the Canal and Plum Island. Bill told me how they would jump on an old Army truck at the center on Plum Island and they would drop off and pick-up the place of your choosing in what is now the Refuge. Bill would tell of his dad's luck or rather lack of it. John fished for many years and never caught a Striper. He may not have had his share of luck but he planted the seed in his son, Bill who more than made up for his dad's lack of success.

Bill introduced me to surf fishing in the early seventies. It was the days of the Great Blue Fish blitzes. Before that we were neighbors, after that day we were fast friends. Fishing will do that to people. It was about this time we come across the Plum Island Surfcaster's booth at one of the sportsman's shows. Bill was a life member and served on the Executive Board. Recently, Bill became too ill to attend the meetings. To all who asked me to pass on hellos to Bill. I want you to know how much these greetings meant to him.

Bill had a habit of keeping track of which rod he had landed a fish on. Part was through the season he would reflect "I don't think I have a fish on my ten foot conventional yet". You know Tom he would say "My rods are like my kids, they are all different but I love them all the same". He had a good reason to be proud of his rods. They are a thing of beauty. No butt wrap was just good enough. If it wasn't perfect off it came. It is a lucky man who owns one of Bill's rods.

I often think how my life changed the day Bill introduced me to surf fishing. The memories of our fishing trips will last forever. Bill and Paul were like kids at Christmas time as we prepare for our annual trips to Truro. Sometimes we got fish, sometimes we didn't, but we never had a bad trip. We met people from all walks of life and we would laugh together. When you sum up the whole thing, it's the memories and friendships we derive from fishing that are important. Some close, some we just known by first names, some who we look forward to greeting on the beach each spring. So when we hang up the rods, if we have come out of it with a couple of good friends, you have won top prize. Bill Lynn was such a friend to all who knew him.

Now, Bill's long goodbye is over. They say he is in a better place but we wish he could have been with us in, good health, a bit longer. He is with his brother Paul now and if I know those two they have something cold in hand and the sound of ice cubes in there ears.



### **Presidents Message**

August is here, the heat from July seems to have tapered down some, well at least the nights are cooler. By the time of our next meeting the 1st of the juvenile herring and alewives should be coming down the river making for some of the memorable blitzes that we get every year. Hopefully your one of the lucky ones out on the beach when it happens, and not hearing about it the next day at Surfland. I hate when that happens. There are some nice fish on the board in the clubs year long tournament but there's an awful lot of fishing left. Good luck to everybody, tight lines.

Kevin M. Moore

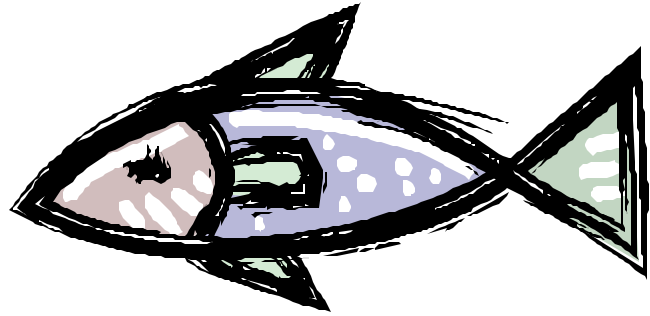
### **JR's Program**

On our last fishing trip, June Amiraults grand daughter caught her very first striped bass. A nice fat 26 incher that straightened her arms out but with a lot of encouragement she was able to prevail. Nice job Alexsa. The next trip will be Friday August 25th. Meet at Surfland at 6 P.M. As of this writing I was told that the refuge will be opening the beach to drive on's September 1st, so the trip won't be an over nighter. Many thanks to everyone who helped out with the float and or the parade. A special thanks goes out to Jeans cousin Julie who was visiting from California for Yankee homecoming and painted the setting sun mural for the float and to my wife Jean for the great job she did on the juniors program flag.

K. Moore

**Jr's. Program Schedule**

Friday August 25th: Fishing trip/ possible overnighter  
Friday September 29th: Plum island overnighter  
Friday October 13th: Plum island overnighter  
Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup>: Beach Blast



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The Plum Island Surfcasters are offering a presentation by  
**Kevin Moore**

"Fishing Plum Island from the river to the Refuge"

As president of the Plum Island Surfcasters and owner of the Salty Wader Guide Service. He will be giving a slide presentation of fishing Plum Island with an emphasis on fishing the upcoming fall blitzes and migration.

**August 15, 2006 @ 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 (non-members) will be excepted at the door.

A light dinner will be offered prior to the meeting for a donation of \$3.00.

For more information please contact: Larry Craig at 978-828-4441

For information about our JR Program, please call Kevin Moore at 978-255-1028

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**LEGISLATION**

**Ocean Legislation**

It is with great pleasure that I inform the membership that long battle to defeat the Massachusetts Ocean Legislation was successful. On July 31<sup>st</sup>, the proposed legislation died in the house Committee on Rules. This is a huge success for the recreational fishing community. Big thanks go out to the Executive Board and the membership for their continued support. More to come on this issue but for now, we can all breathe a sigh of relief.

**Herring Issues**

There have been recent reports, sightings and physical evidence obtained of herring pair trawlers dumping massive amounts of dead herring, groundfish and marine mammals. These horrendous actions have been happening most recently on Jeffreys Ledge but have been reported over the years in other areas of the Gulf of Maine, on George's Bank, the Great South Channel and also just off Nantucket Shoals. The boats on the water have been complaining to the

National Marine Fishery Service (NMFS) for years now about these dumpings without any real acknowledgement by NMFS. These most recent efforts have resulted in aerial photos along with photos from boats on the scene. By the next meeting there should be more information to pass on to you regarding what NMFS is going to do regarding the indiscriminant dumping of vital marine resources by the herring pair-trawling fleet.

**Striped Bass Fishing in the EEZ**

The most recent efforts by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to open the EEZ (federal waters) to striped bass fishing have hit a wall of opposition from most of the recreational community and from the Recreational Fishing Alliance (RFA). RFA Executive Director Jim Donofrio, has urged Congress to keep the EEZ is important for the long-term sustainability of the striped bass fishery and will protect the larger age structure of reproductive, female striped bass that inhabit the deeper waters of the EEZ. By lifting the harvest moratorium, both commercial and recreational fishing could quickly remove these larger fish, leading to a situation that initiated the near collapse in the 1980's. Mr. Donofrio testified that the Atlantic striped bass fishery supports a vast and diverse economic infrastructure including party and charter boats, guide services, bait and tackle shops, sporting goods stores, boat sales and repairs, marine supply houses, gas docks, marinas, retail food stores, restaurants and hotels, as well as local manufacturers of fishing boats, tackle and gear. Word on the street is that there was so much public comment on this issue that it will take months just to compile it. Because of the overwhelming feedback, you can imagine that the Feds will be looking at this issue with a fine-toothed comb. That means years of scientific analysis and further public moment. So as of right now you should not expect this issue to be making any substantial progress.

Chuck Casella

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**TOURNAMENTS**

**Club year long tournament standings:  
As of August 1 2006**

**Striper from Surf Kept – Senior**

**Striper from Surf Released - Senior**

1 <sup>st</sup> place – Aaron Quinlan - 30 lbs 1 oz	1 <sup>st</sup> place - Mark Fulton - 41.5"
2 <sup>nd</sup> place – Kevin McGrath - 27 lbs 8 oz	2 <sup>nd</sup> place - Kevin McGrath - 40"
3 <sup>rd</sup> place - Kevin Moore - 13 lbs 12 oz.	3 <sup>rd</sup> place - Tim Brooks - 34"

**Striper from Boat Kept – Senior**

**Striper from Boat Released - Senior**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place - Norm Tabor – 43 lbs 12 oz	1 <sup>st</sup> place - Sean King - 45"
2 <sup>nd</sup> place - Mark Nelson - 21 lbs 11 oz.	2 <sup>nd</sup> place - John Noonan - 43"
3 <sup>rd</sup> place - Robert Busch - 20 lbs 3 oz.	3 <sup>rd</sup> place - Rodney Radcliffe - 39"

**Bluefish from Surf Kept – Senior**

**Bluefish from Surf Released - Senior**

1 <sup>st</sup> place – Chuck Casella - 8 lbs 11 oz.	1 <sup>st</sup> place – J.P. Gregoire - 34".

**Bluefish from Boat Released – Senior**

**Striper from Surf Released - Junior**

1 <sup>st</sup> place - John Noonan - 34"	1 <sup>st</sup> place - Emily Noonan - 34"
	2 <sup>nd</sup> place - Colleen Noonan - 21.5"

Plum Island Year Long – May 1<sup>st</sup> – October 31<sup>st</sup>  
Tri-State Tournament – Maine Leg – September 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>  
Exotics – October 1<sup>st</sup> – November 1<sup>st</sup>  
Tri-State Tournament – Rhode Island Leg – October 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>  
Die Hard – November 1<sup>st</sup> – November 30<sup>th</sup>

**2006 SCHEDULE:**

**Aug 15- Kevin Moore, “Surf Fishing the Island from the River to the Refuge”**  
**Sept 19 – Steve McKenna, “Techniques for Big Bass After Dark”**  
**Oct 17 – TBA**  
**Nov 18 – Saturday Awards Banquet/Photo Contest/Fish Stories**  
**Dec 19 – Yankee Swap – Gifts and Desserts**

The board is taking nominations for the **John Walden Memorial**, this award is presented every year to a member of the club that has contributed above and beyond the call of duty. If you would like to nominate someone please see a member of the board.

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**REFRESHMENTS**

The refreshment committee is on vacation.  
We will not be offering a meal at this month meeting, sorry for any inconvenience.  
If anyone is able to help with the coffee, please contact Kevin Moore. THANKS

LEO ALMEIDA MEMORIAL  
NORTH SHORE  
STRIPED BASS TOURNAMENT

**For Immediate Release:** August 2, 2006  
**Subject:** Dates Set for Leo Almeida Memorial North Shore Striped Bass Tournament

Preparations are underway for the fourth annual Leo Almeida Memorial North Shore Striped Bass Tournament. This charity event will be held Labor Day Weekend, September 2<sup>nd</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006. All proceeds will benefit North Shore area food pantries.  
For an entry fee of \$10, fishermen and women can compete for cash grand prizes in one of two divisions – “From Boat” and “From Shore or Surf.” There is also a Junior Division for kids 15 and under. Entrants other than grand prize winners will be eligible for a second-chance raffle which includes over forty prizes donated by marine-related businesses, artisans and restaurants across the North Shore.

Tournament Chair Amy Almeida reports, "Because of the generosity of these local merchants, even those who don't land a winning fish will still have a shot at a great prize." A dozen North Shore bait shops and other businesses have also agreed to sell entry tickets and serve as tournament weigh stations.

This one-of-a-kind fishing event is the only contest designed especially for striped bass fishermen and women north of Boston. Last year's tournament was a huge success, with close to 350 entrants. In the past three years, the tournament has raised more than \$10,000 for area food pantries, including the Cape Ann Food Pantry in Gloucester, Our Neighbor's Table in Amesbury, and the Danvers People to People pantry.

The tournament was founded by the late Leo Almeida, an avid fisherman, community leader, and lifelong resident of the North Shore. It is now organized by his family and friends and has become an annual event held in his memory.

Entry forms and rules are available at North Shore bait and tackle shops stretching from Saugus to Salisbury or at the official tournament website, [www.northshorestriper.com](http://www.northshorestriper.com). The deadline to enter is Friday, September 1st.

For more information, contact Tournament Chair, Amy Almeida at (978) 777-0026 or [northshorestriper@msn.com](mailto:northshorestriper@msn.com).  
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**July 18, 2006**

**General Meeting Notes**

**Meeting called to order at 7:40pm**

**Sergeant at Arms report**

33 Members

10 Board Members

2 guest

1 JR

Minutes for last Board meeting read, motion to except and place on file

Motion to except General Meeting notes as printed in the newsletter

**Treasures Report:** Report read and placed on file

**Report of Committees**

**Membership:**

Don Jalbert reported 148 members

**Ways & Mean:** Hats are in

**Junior's Program:**

July 28th will be fishing, please meet at Surfland at 5:30pm. The JR will be walking in the parade. All members are welcome to join in.

**Programs:**

Next months speaker will be Kevin Moore on Fishing Plum Island, from the river to the refuge.

Internet Coordinator: No report given

**Tournaments:** Kevin McGrath reported the club standings, a report was placed on file.

**Legislation:** Chuck Casella reported to the club that the letter campaign #S2308 has been changed to #2575, it looks like it will be defeated , he offer a question and answer period after the meeting.

Old business

No reports given

New Business

On July 13, 2006 Kevin Moore and Pres. Don Filman MBBA, Vice Pres. George Carnes MBBA, met with Graham Taylor, Manager PRWR to discuss joining together to clean up the refuge once it is deemed safe for us to do so. More information to follow.

The 2nd Tuesday of August at 7pm is the Marblehead Challenge at Devereaux Beach  
Peter Graves spoke of Bill Lynn, a Life Member for the Surfcasters that passed away recently

A motion was made to adjourn, the president closed the business meeting at 8:10pm and the evening speaker, Don Jalbert was introduced .

Plum Island Surfcasters

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