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**THE PLUM LINE**

**The Official Newsletter of The Plum Island Surfcasters**

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**“The two best times to fish is when it’s rainin’  
and when it ain’t” – Patrick F. McManus**

### **Presidents Message**

Well December has shown up the first snow has fallen and my fishing rods have finally come in the house. Fishing trips to R. I. have been replaced by Christmas shopping. The season as a whole was tough but rewarding. Heavy rains and high water made fishing difficult but not impossible in the early season. Then when things finally dried up a little the fishing got hot and lasted till the beginning of November. We saw the return of large bait in the area and with it the return of large bass. Across the board in our year long club tournament we had bigger fish in all categories. The season just ended and I’m already looking forward to 2007. I have no idea how I’m going to make it through the winter. The kids program starts back up on January 27th and we have the fundraiser, membership appreciation day, and our 50th anniversary to plan for. If anyone has an interest in helping out with any of these projects please contact me or a member of the board.

Congratulations again to Larry Craig, this year’s recipient of the John Walden Memorial Award. Larry has already been hitting the phones for the fundraiser and it looks like we have secured Steve McKenna and "Crazy" Alberto Kine. Now that should be an interesting show.

I want to wish everyone a safe and happy holidays, may you get everything you wished for.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

K. Moore



## **John Walden Memorial**

John Walden was a member of the Plum Island Surfcasters, who was born, raised and lived in Reading Ma. his whole life. He worked for the Reading school system as a janitor and was loved by the children who attended the Reading Schools.

John was a well published author, writing many articles on fishing and conservation. He served on the Executive Board of the Surfcasters, until his untimely death of a brain aneurysm at the early age of 36. Those who knew John knew him as a loyal and dedicated club member who worked hard to make the club a place where people could learn about fishing. It is in his name that the John Walden Memorial Award is dedicated.

Contributed by his close friend and fellow club member, Lou Bacigalupo

Every year the club awards a member, who over the course of the year or in some cases years, who goes the extra mile for the benefit of the Plum Island Surfcasters. One of the reasons we've been able to expand our membership and see all the new names in our club year long fishing tournament is because of the interesting and informative speakers we are able to give our members each month. This is often a very difficult task when you think that names are often just thrown out there without addresses or phone numbers. Case in point, our successful spring fundraiser with Tony Stetzko. All we had was the address on the back of a needlefish lure package. We didn't even know if he could do a show. We just dropped it in our program directors lap and said "see what you can do."

And it is with that in mind that we announce this year's recipient of the John Walden Memorial Award, is Larry Craig.

Congratulations Larry, job well done. Kevin Moore

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**Plum Island Surfcasters**

**Christmas Yankee Swap  
gifts \$10/\$15**

**December 19, 2006  
Newbury Fire Hall**

**Doors Open at 7pm  
Desserts & Coffee will be served**

## JR's Program

The JR'S program is starting up again Jan. 27th and I look forward to seeing you all again. This year's itinerary is as follows:

Jan. 27 2007 (Sat.)	3-5 p.m.	"Tail hook dressing and lure improvements"
Feb. 17	(Sat.) 3-5 p.m.	"Wooden plug building "
March 31	(Sat.)3-5 p.m.	"Fly tying"
April 28	(Sat.)3-5 p.m.	"Leaders and bait rigs"
May 19	(Sat.)5-9 p.m.	"Fishing trip P.I."
June 9	(Sat.) 9-12 a.m.	"Annual casting clinic"
June 22	(Fri.) 6- whenever	"Fishing trip"
July 27	(Fri.) 6- whenever	"Fishing trip"
Aug. 4	(Sat.)	"Yankee Homecoming parade/ cook out at my house"
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"

Happy Holidays,  
Kevin



### Plum Island Surf Caster Board openings

The club is looking for a Secretary, this person would take notes at each general and board meeting as a matter of permanent record, if you are interested, please see a board member.

Ralph Dube is at  
Willow Manor Nursing Home  
30 Princeton Blvd  
Lowell, MA 01851

Room 208, 2nd Floor  
Visiting Hours - no Restrictions 24 hrs any day...  
Diagnosed with Lung cancer, He is doing fairly well for now but gets real winded.

Joe Karolides is back in his home at 30 riverside St. Danvers Mass. If you don't know Joe's house was in the blast zone of that factory explosion. Everybody made it out O. K. but the house suffered some serious damage. If you get a chance give him a buzz or swing by.

## 2007 MEMBERSHIP

It's that time of year again, your 2007 membership dues is due. Please see Don Jalbert for your 2007 membership button.



## TOURNAMENTS

### **Striper from Surf Kept - Senior**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Aaron Quinlan - 31 lbs 8 oz.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Kevin McGrath - 27 lbs 8 oz.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Joe Camilliere - 25 lbs 12 oz.

### **Striper from Surf Released - Senior**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Dan Quinlan – 44”
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – John Noonan – 42.5”
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Mark Fulton - 41.5”

### **Striper from Boat Kept - Senior**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Norm Tabor - 43 lbs. 12 oz
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – John Noonan - 23 lbs 8 oz.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Mark Nelson – 21 lbs. 11 oz.

### **Striper from Boat Released - Senior**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Sean King - 45”
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – John Noonan - 43”
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Rodney Ratcliffe - 39”

### **Bluefish from Surf Kept – Senior**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – J.P. Gregoire – 9 Lbs. 7 oz.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Chuck Casella - 8 lbs. 11 oz.

### **Bluefish from Surf Released - Senior**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – J.P. Gregoire - 34”
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Pete Hofstetter - 27”
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Danielle Jalbert – 26.5”

## **Bluefish from Boat Released - Senior**

1<sup>st</sup> Place - John Noonan - 34"

## **Striper from Surf Released – Junior**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Emily Noonan – 34"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Colleen Noonan – 21.5"

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Jacob Gregoire – 19"

## **Exotics**

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Rocco Deteso - 32" Spanish Mackerel

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Richard Ameral - 23" False Albacore

## **Die Hard**

### **Bluefish from Surf**

1<sup>st</sup> Place -Kevin Moore -11lbs.

General Meeting Agenda

November 18, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:25pm

Minutes for last meeting were read and placed on file.

Treasures Report: Outline expense

No committees reporting due to the award banquet

Old business

New Business

In accordance with the bi-laws a motion was made and put to the vote of the membership to elect the following members to the board.

President Kevin Moore

V-President Tim Brooks

Secretary open

Treasurer Dean Wills

Membership Don Jalbert

Programs Larry Craig

Corresponding Secretary Jean Moore

Ways & Means Kevin Henrich

Sergeant at Arms John Liss

Tournaments Kevin McGrath

Newsletter Editor Aaron Quinlan

Legislation Chuck Casella

Internet Coordinator Bonnie Radke

Refreshments Linda LeRoy

The motion was passed with all in favor.

A motion was made to adjourn, the president closed the business meeting at 7:45p and the awards ceremony commenced.

# The Federation Of Fly Fishers

## North Eastern Council



### *FFF to Offer Special Classes at the Marlboro and Somerset Fly Fishing Shows Designed for the Beginning Fly Fisherman*

FFF is pleased to present classroom instruction for those who would like to get started in fly fishing. These courses cover a basic introduction to different aspects of fly fishing and are presented by highly qualified FFF instructors.

Fee is \$25.00 for each of The 90 minute courses

- Fly Casting
- Fly Tying
- Knots
- Saltwater Fly Fishing

**SHOW SPECIAL**  
Your \$25.00 registration fee includes a **ONE YEAR MEMBERSHIP** in the Federation of Fly Fishers

Marlboro, MA Jan 19-21			Somerset, NJ Jan 26-28				
Jan 19	1:00-2:30	Knots	Rodney Priddle	Jan 26	1:00-2:30	Knots	Rodney Priddle
	3:00-4:30	Fly Casting	Dave Benoit		3:00-4:30	Fly Casting	Dave Benoit
Jan 20	1:00-2:30	Fly Tying	Mike Stewart	Jan 27	1:00-2:30	TBA	
	3:00-4:30	Saltwater Fly Fishing	Stan Fudala		3:00-4:30	Fly Tying	Mike Stewart
Jan 21	1:00-2:30	Fly Casting	Dave Benoit	Jan 28	1:00-2:30	Saltwater Fly Fishing	Stan Fudala

### FFF Class Instructors

Dave Benoit	Mike Stewart	Stan Fudala	Rodney Priddle
FFF Certified Master Fly Casting Instructor	FFF Board Member and Treasurer	FFF Certified Fly Casting Instructor	Certified NYS Sport Fishing Education Program Instructor
New Hampshire Fish and Game Fly Fishing Instructor	Member CT Fly Fishermen, Catskill Fly Tyers Guild, and Catskill Fly Fishing Museum	Developed salt water fly fishing education program for NH Fish and Game	4-H Fly Fishing Instructor
Owner of Dave's School of Fly Fishing	25 Years fly fishing and tying experience	Past President of United Fly Tyers	18 years of Fly Fishing and Tying experience

To make a reservation for a class send a \$25.00 check payable to **FFF** to Robert Ford, President, North Eastern Council FFF, 233 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, MA 02116. For additional information send an e-mail to [fordrr@hotmail.com](mailto:fordrr@hotmail.com)