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## THE PLUM LINE

The Official Newsletter of The Plum Island Surfcasters

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**“If people concentrated on the really important things in life, there'd be a shortage of fishing poles.”**

**~Doug Larson**

### DAYDREAMING IN FEBRUARY....

The line floats off my spool until my lure hits the water. I start my retrieve, bringing the lure to the proper speed. As it comes in and hits the edge of the white water, there's a subtle splash. My rod doubles over, and the sweet sound of drag washers hard at work begins to radiate from the reel. Straight out and headed for the sun, which has not yet appeared but fills the sky with the brilliant colors of a false dawn, until only half a spool of line remains. I've played this game before and resist the urge to apply more pressure, slowly gaining line. After a couple of minutes and two short runs later the striper hits the sand. With a last ditch head shake the hook pops free. The striper looks me right in the eye and smiles, as the next wave crashes in and the fish disappears in an instant. I look down the beach to see if my fishing partner has witnessed the battle, and judging by the size of his grin and the large striper he holds up briefly before releasing, mine will definitely be, the one that got away.

Aaron Quinlan



## **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

When I was in the Air Force, my drill instructor used to have a favorite statement besides "Moore what the hell are you doing?", and that was "you are only as strong as your weakest link". Judging by the participation the membership has displayed in the fundraiser, whether it is soliciting goods for the raffle table or volunteering for food, set up detail, to collecting tickets. The activity by the membership has been outstanding and you all deserve a pat on the back. These types of activities don't pull themselves off and take months of planning to go on without a hitch. So what was started under Andy Dear and continues with this administration, it has been a united effort by many individuals and I say thank you to all.

Kevin M. Moore

## **PLUM ISLAND SURFCASTERS JR'S. PROGRAM**

January's program was an introduction to reading the water, and lure selection. Although focused mainly on reading the various structures found on the beach we also went into some of the local hot spots and defined why these areas can be so hot. I then went into the various types of lures, jigs, metal, and soft plastics available and under what conditions and situations they were best suited for. I was pleased with the turnout and especially all the new faces. 2006 looks to be an exceptional year with many activities planned. This month on the 18th the topic will be custom wooden plug making, conducted by the surfcasters own Joe Camilliere, Kevin McGrath, and Tim Brooks. This always a very popular class and extremely informative anyone interested in turning some of their own plugs.

Kevin M. Moore

### **Jr's. Program Schedule**

At the Parker river wildlife refuge headquarters (classes will be held from 3-5 PM)

Saturday February 18th: Plug making

Saturday March 25th: Bait rigs

Saturday April 29th: Fly tying

At the Newbury upper green

Saturday May 13th: Annual casting clinic (8:30 AM -12 PM)

At Plum island point

Saturday June 10th: Mackerel fishing trip

Sites to be determined by fish

Friday June 23rd: Fishing trip

Friday July 28th: Fishing trip

Friday August 25th: Fishing trip/ possible overnighiter

Friday September 29th: Plum island overnighiter

Friday October 13th: Plum island overnighiter

Date to be determined

September beach blast

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### REFRESHMENTS

NO TIME TO EAT BEFORE THE MEETING, NO WORRIES. We will be providing a meal before each meeting. The refreshment committee will be offering a nice home cooked meal before each meeting for the donation of \$3.00. Below you will find the menu for the next three months.

February: Fresh turkey, potatoes, carrots with cranberry sauce

March: Corn Beef Dinner

Coffee and snack will continued to be offered for a donation.

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### **February 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser featuring angler and artist Tony Stetzko.**

Since the fish finally left the cape, Striperman (Tony Stetzko) has been painting up a storm. Some of you may not know that he is not only one of the Cape's most famous surf fishermen and proprietor of Cape Copy Shop, but a professional artist, noted for his surf, seascapes and fishing scenes in watercolor.

A 1972 graduate of the DuCret School of Art, Tony, an avid fisherman and Salt Water Fly Fishing guide (holds the World's Record for catching the largest Striped Bass, 73 pounds, from the surf) paints to capture the peace and serenity of the woods, water, sand and surf.

Fishing with **Tony Stetzko, Orleans, MA (508) 255-2357 - [www.flyfishsaltwaters.com](http://www.flyfishsaltwaters.com)** consists of a day of fishing in the surf in the Nauset area of the Lower Cape and will cost about \$225 for one or two people for five hours. Tony also offers a shorter service for about \$150.

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**IF YOU ARE WAITING TO BE ASKED, CONSIDER YOURSELF ASKED.**

If you are able to help with the set up or clean up of this year fundraiser, your help would be greatly appreciated. We will be at the hall on Friday night at 6pm to set up the hall, helpers are also needed to help clean up the hall after the show, if you can help we would love to have your help, please see a member of the board for details. Thank you.

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**Club meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Newbury Fireman's Hall. Doors open at 6:30pm for setup. A short business meeting will start a 7:30pm, 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 Dept.**

**2006 SCHEDULE:**

**Feb 21 - How To Meeting**

**Feb 25- SPECIAL SPRING FISHING SHOW with Tony Stetzko**

**Mar 21- Al Montello "Lake Ontario Fishing for Salmonoids (salmon, steelheads and browns)"**

**Apr 18- Roger Aziz, Jr., "Shad Fishing in the Merrimac"**

**May 16- Captain Charlie Crue, "Light Tackle and Fly Fishing in the Merrimac"**

**June 20- Dave Hadden, Editor for Fly Fishing America, "Fishing from Kayaks"**

**July 18- Don Jalbert, "Late Summer Stripers in NH"**

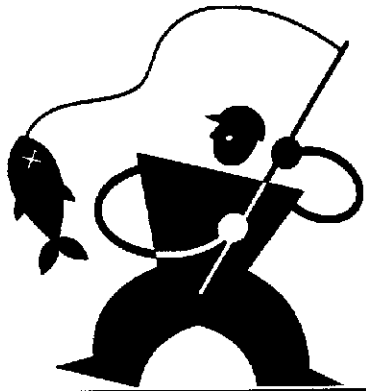
**Aug 15- Kevin Moore, "Surf Fishing the Island from the River to the Refuge"**

**Sept 19- TBA**

**Oct 17- TBA**

**Nov 19- Awards Banquet/Photo Contest/Fish Stories**

**Dec 20- Yankee Swap - Gifts & Desserts**



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**PLUM ISLAND SURFCASTERS  
ANNUAL FUNDRAISER**

Featuring Angler & Artist

# Tony Stetzko

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**Saturday  
February 25, 2006  
8am-3pm**

Newbury Fire Hall  
Morgan Ave, behind the Newbury Town Hall

**Breakfast & Lunch will be available**

\$7.00 club members \$12.00 non-members

Extensive raffle table  
door prizes/ local exhibitors



**SPECIAL  
RAFFLE**

**PISC KID'S PROGRAM BENEFIT**

Drawing for Rod & Reel

FEBRUARY 25, 2006

**1 PC custom surf rod, Fuji guides**

**with Penn 650 spin fisher reel**

Tickets: \$2.00 each or ...

Mail Check & This Half Of Ticket To:  
Surfcaster, P.O.Box 364  
Newburyport, MA 01950

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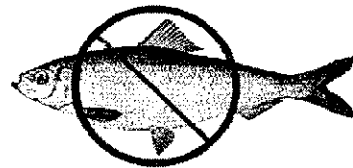
MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Massachusetts Sport Fish Clubs & Organizations  
**FROM:** Paul Diodati, Director  
**DATE:** December 9, 2005  
**SUBJECT:** River Herring Moratorium

The Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (*Marine Fisheries*) is providing this mailing to inform you and your organization's members of recent action taken by the Division of Marine Fisheries and the Massachusetts Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission to prohibit possession, harvest and sale of river herring (322 CMR 6.17). These actions were taken in response to recent drastic declines of many river herring spawning runs. This moratorium is effective January 1, 2006 and will remain in place through December 31, 2008.

*Marine Fisheries* asks that you inform your organization's members of this moratorium. Your cooperation and assistance will greatly assist towards recovery of a sustainable and healthy river herring resource in Massachusetts and New England. To the right is a copy of signs that will be posted along the state's many river herring runs.

DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES  
DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME  
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS



**CLOSED**

**TO THE HARVEST OF  
RIVER HERRING**

*(Alosa pseudoharengus and Alosa aestivalis)*

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, IT IS ILLEGAL TO  
HARVEST, POSSESS OR SELL RIVER HERRING  
IN THE COMMONWEALTH OR FROM WATERS  
UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE  
COMMONWEALTH  
(322 CMR 6.17)



Paul J. Diodati  
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Director

