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THE PLUM LINE

The Official Newsletter of The Plum Island Surfcasters

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FEBRUARY 2007

Presidents Message

Well, winter finally arrived with February, but it still feels like we stole a month back from old man winter this year. This is usually the month that gets the spring fever going pretty good. I'll immerse myself at the fly tying bench or maybe build a rod or two. I'll strip off all that old line on my reels that I should have done 2 months ago. And I'll go to fishing shows, all of them. Before you know it the first open water on the local trout ponds will take place. To be honest its more about the fishing than it is about the sparkling little jewels I'm releasing back to the still frigid water. I don't get as jacked about trout like I used to. Especially when they're smaller than the pogies the striped bass I'm after in a couple of months eats. Give me that surface attack on a swimmer like someone throwing a concrete block in the ocean, over the subtle rise and sip of a mayfly any day.

The clubs own fundraiser show is coming up in a couple of weeks and we really need to get out there and pound the pavement. We've got a lot of great stuff for the raffle table and silent auction, but we can always use more.

I'd like to thank our own Peter Graves for donating his time to build the 50th anniversary custom made 9 ft. St. Croix graphite surf rod to raise money for the JRS. Program. Peter is a true craftsman. Whether its his beautiful hand made knives or anything else he chooses to build. The results are always a thing of beauty.

I'd like to thank Kay Moulton and Surfland for donating the rod blank and the Penn reel for the rod raffle. As always Kay has always gone out of her way to help out the club and the kids program whenever she can.

That's why I'm not only the president of the Plum Island Surfcasters but I'm also a KAY CUSTOMER.

See you at the show,
K. Moore

JR's Program

At the last meeting the kids and adults leaned about improving lures out of the package. Then we set up the vises and dressed some tail hooks which will be used on the wooden plugs we will be assembling at our next meeting.

Our next meeting will be February 10th. It will be on wooden plug assembly conducted by our own Joe Camillere, from Skunky Joe's Plug Company, and Kevin McGrath. Kev and Skunk were kind enough to turn and paint a number of plug bodies for the kids and their generosity is always greatly appreciated.

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"

On a sad note, I regret to inform the club, that on January 22, 2007, Ralph H. Dubey passed away. Ralph was 85 years old, a resident of Lowell for the past 60 years, died Monday evening, January 22nd, at Saints Medical Center, after a battle with cancer. He was the husband of the late Lucille C. (Green) Dubey, who died in May of 2001.

He was born in Westford, on September 5, 1921, one of "18" children of the late Peter and Clara Dubey of New Brunswick, Canada, and was educated in the Westford school system.

Ralph was a Technical Sergeant in the Army Air Force/ Corps during WWII, and flew 33 missions over Germany between Fall 1944 and Spring 1945 as a member of the 564th Bomb Squadron, 389th Bomb Group, 8th Air Force. He was awarded the Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, WWII Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal and other awards. He was also chosen to participate in The Veterans History Project and recorded a narrative of his service years for the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress in Washington, DC. Upon his discharge he worked for many years as a Millwright for Educator Biscuit, in Lowell, and Crown Cork and Seal, in Lawrence.

Ralph was an avid sportsman, and the last surviving charter member of the Westford Sportsmen's Club. He also held membership in the Westford American Legion, Post#159; and the Plum Island Surfcasters Club.

Surviving him are a daughter and son-in-law: Karen and Stephen Sachs, of High Ridge, MO; a son and daughter-in-law: Kenneth D. and Debra Dudley Dubey, of Lowell; two grandchildren and their spouses : Eric and Heather Sachs, of Fenton, MO; and Katherine and Shawn Scovill, of Farmington, MN; three great-grandchildren: Douglas Sachs, Bryana Brower, and Aiden Scovill; two sisters: Evelyn Maurice, of Lawrence, MA; and Agnes(Irene) Hileman, of Mt. Union, PA; also many nieces and nephews, including Roger Dubey (and his wife Pauline) of Lowell.

He was the grandfather of the late Jessica Sachs, who died on September 11, 2001.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the American Cancer Society; 30 Speen St.; Framingham, MA. 01701-9376.

A donation was made in Ralph's memory by the Plum Island Surfcasters



Please wear your 2007 membership button
to February's meeting

YOUR 2007 MEMBERSHIP IS DUE

New Members 2007

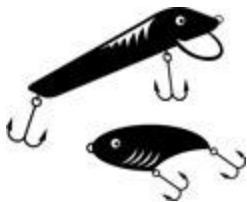
Steven Baia
Alan Gonsalves
Bonnie Day
Michael Moore
Michael Graninger
Dennis Graninger
Chris Belknap
Mark Luedke
Peter Piskorowski
Catherine Stepinski

If I've missed anyone, I'm sorry please see us at the February meeting.

*This will be your last newsletter, if you have not renewed
your membership by the end of February.*

A big **Thank You**, goes out to Mike Cash for volunteering to serve on the Refreshment Committee with Linda LeRoy, your help is greatly appreciated. Refreshments are available at all meetings for a donation.

The Board is pleased announce that, June Amirault has volunteered to serve the club on Membership, please see her at the meeting to renew your membership or conform your membership number, Thank You June!



PLUM ISLAND SURFCASTERS
11th ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Featuring
Steve Mckenna
“Big Bass Tactics in the Surf”
Best Known for modification of the 9 inch Sluggo
&
“Crazy” Alberto Knie
“Trophy Bass Fishing Patterns and Tactics”
WORLD RECORD holder Striped Bass 8lbs. Line class
(IGFA)

Saturday
February 24, 2007
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

Memberships available
Extensive raffle table
door prizes/ local exhibitors/plug making
fly tying demonstrations

For more information please call Kevin Moore at 978-255-1028



PISC KID'S PROGRAM BENEFIT

Drawing for Rod & Reel

February 24, 2007

**1 PC custom surf rod, Fuji guides
with Penn 650 spin fisher reel**

Tickets: \$2.00 each or ...

**SPECIAL
RAFFLE**

Mail Check & This Half Of Ticket To:

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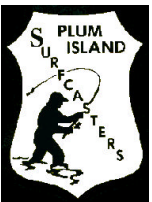
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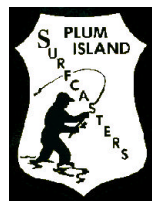
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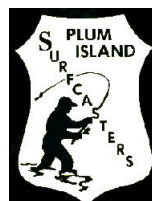
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PLUM ISLAND SURFCASTERS
General Meeting Notes
January 17, 2007

The President called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.

Attendance
30_ members
7 board members
2 guests
0 jr.

Treasures Report :Treasures report made and carried.

Report of Committees

Membership: As of immediately Don Jalbert has resigned as membership chairperson. No other information is available. Are there any members interested in filling the position. There were no members interested in filling the position.

Ways & Mean: The 50TH anniversary decal was presented and is on order. The 50th anniversary color patch is still getting bids. .

Junior's Program: Outline for the year was given. First meeting is Jan. 27th on tail hook dressing and lure improvements. Hooks dressed by the kids will be used at the Feb. 10th meeting on assembling wooden plugs.

Programs: 2007 outline for the year was given. Feb. meeting will be a how to night, along with Jim Waldron conducting interviews with members for his documentary.

Internet Coordinator: No report

Tournaments: A recommendation was made by the membership to add football bluefin tuna to the club tournament. After a brief discussion, a vote was taken and passed. The tournament chairman will add football bluefin tuna to the clubs year long tournament.

Legislation : Chuck Cassela gave an outline to the environmental laws for the up coming season and the battles which we can expect in the coming year.

Old business

Ralph Dube is home and is no longer at the nursing home

Don Henrich / update/ not available

Raffle Table letter available
Solicitation for raffle items
Volunteers for set up and breakdown of the fundraiser

New Business

Striper Cup
50th anniversary dinner November 17th. See Ruth Temperino to volunteer
Entries for the club scholarship