

East Bay Anglers

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Our 38th year

New ideas needed for next year's show

Fans expected Pats to be beyond a 'playoff' game — team humiliated

President's Message:

Come to the February meeting. We need and value your opinion on the direction the club takes in 2010. We are passed our seminar and probably due to the state of the economy, plus having the Pats game and the boat show on the same day as our show we didn't so that well.

As many of you know, I am a self-employed business man which makes me look closely at the bottom line-- which is that we only made \$1000 on the show to pay for next year's activities, and that only pays the rent. Anything else we pay for will come out of our reserve account. We try to clear about \$3000 to run the club for a year,

In conclusion, it is important to come up with a plan for running the club for the coming year. We want your opinion to be included. So, come to the meeting.

John Mazurak, Skipper

February speaker:

Ron Poirier pioneers soft biodegradable lures



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Meeting: February 10
Place: Riverside Sportsman's
Meal: 6:45 - Skipper's surprise
Business: 7:15
Program: Ron Poirier from Cape Cod who displayed his line of RONZ soft lures at the show.
He is an inventor who had great success with lures that have odor and which dissolve so that fish who eat them don't die.



Audience loved Alberto

The fact that Alberto Knie's talk ran at least an hour longer than his allotted time did not affect the praise he drew from the audience. "He teaches well!" exclaimed a member of the audience who had seen him two years in a row. When audience people from far off towns in Mass. NH and CT were asked why they came to the show. . .one oft-heard comment was "to hear Alberto — his talks are well-known in the striper circuit." So, the question now before us is: can he draw a third time?"

Should show be moved to week after Superbowl?

By Will Barbeau

Although show visitors were universal in their praise for the success of the 25th Anniversary East Bay Angler Expo, the numbers speak for themselves: last year more than 500; this year just under 300.

The results of that are simple: the club's sinking fund has been called in to make up the difference. Next year, we have to recover the loss.

When plans were made for this event, the Patriot's were flying high. It was "reasonable" to suppose that they would not need a playoff game on the 10th. That would be for lesser groups. Not only did they need it, they blew it. So how to recover next year?

Club meets to plan 2011 show

The January 13th club meeting was a highly creative analysis of the event which made clear that a multi-mind group has to be involved in making such an event successful. Key points made included:

- 1) Get more people involved in the decision process
- 2) Move the show to the week before or after Superbowl
- 3) Exploit High School Resources more effectively especially the extra cameras.
- 4) Promote the show more actively on the Internet
- 5) Run off the raffle after the intermission and before the second speaker.

PayPal and web site big assets

Among the proven assets this year are the Internet web site and PayPal systems. Some 87 tickets were sold via the electronic system, and they were easy to run through the process. So, next year's work will involve building up the club's connections through the electronic world.

Bob and Avis Pond died within days ---



Club members built a memorial for Bob and Avis Pond for display at the show to teach new anglers history.

Gary Severa wins Jimmy White Charter



*Gary Severa (left) of Little Compton is shown with his son Arthur and Alberto Knie after the show. Gary sent an e-mail expression his fondness for the show which he has attended several years. He says: **What a great time we had at the show. As usual every one of your team did a super job. And, of course, Mike Laptew was sensational. And Alberto? I could listen to him all night. I'm so glad you let him run on longer. I can't wait to go fishing with Captain Jim White. What a wonderful surprise to win that trip. Thanks for everything wish you all good things.***

It came as a shock to members of the striped bass community who visited the church in South Attleboro to remember Bob Pond to then learn that a few days after his passage, his long time companion and wife Avis had also passed away. Avis' daughter Leslie supervised the memorial service which followed. A number of people spoke of their experiences with Bob and Avis. Some were former employees of Atom Plug Company; others were striper people who worked with Bob in Strippers Unlimited. Will Barbeau told the story of how he recorded Bob's speech before the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council on October 18, 1977. "That testimony" he explained, "led to the big Sunday feature on November 6 1977 which was the spark that alerted the East Coast that stripers were in trouble."

Bob kept working throughout his life studying striper egg success as a possible reason for the fish's decline. Bob and his work will forever be remembered.

Speaker Ron Poirier (cont. from page 1 story)

Ron Poirier is a pioneer several times over. He has invented new ways to rig soft baits; he has developed ways for his baits to exude odors, and he is currently pioneering soft baits that are biodegradable. On Monday, Jan 18, Tom Meade did a story on Ron's biodegradable baits. A number of states are now taking action against soft lures that do not dissolve. Ron's baits will melt away. Biologists are finding that fish who consume soft lures are made sick and often die from them

The story of how Ron got his business started is amazing. He started making lures for himself. He then shared some with commercial friends who began to call them "The secret baits" or "The Holy Grail." When Ron decided to go to market, his commercial 'pals' were very put out.

Ron's talk at the next meeting will give us a lot of background on how to use these great baits.

Nahum Mitnik has new ideas for better shows

Matt Newell's ideas for helping the club grow (with an assist from Mike Gillis)

As a new member of the club Both Mike Gillis and myself see a future in this club. Both Mike and I fish several times a week and enjoy the fact that we can meet with other members who have the same love for the sport. We have put our minds together and have come up with several ideas that we feel can help the club grow and raise money.

1. We could put on a Kid's Fishing Derby with a dinner; raffle and prizes open to all that want to attend. We could charge a small fee that would cover food and prizes.
2. We could put on a clam broil at the club open to all that would like to come. Members could come up with most of the food without buying much. We could catch our own fish, rake our own clams and if possible catch our own crabs and maybe some lobsters. We can all get together and prepare the food, invite friends and possible new members. We can charge a small fee for this event.
3. Members that have the know how can get together with other members a couple times a month and make lures, rigs, weights, and anything else we can come up with. We can then put them on E-bay and other websites and have all proceeds benefit the club. We will need to come up with ideas that can make a profit after we are all said and done with what we decide to make. This would open up many doors for both the club and its members.
4. We could put on more tournaments that could be open to the public. Charge a fee, which would cover a small dinner and prizes for non-members.
5. A topic that came up last meeting was to hold a meeting about on How to. This could be open to non-members for a fee and a chance to recruit new members. We would need to plan in advance for the event with advertising and word of mouth. Topics should include knot tying, lures and how and when to use them, bait how and when to us, rods, reels, line, hooks, snagging, throw nets, where to fish for what you want to catch and legal sizes and # of fish you can keep.
6. Brochures that can be placed in bait shops and other stores with info on the club and how to join.
7. Host a kid's day with rides and prizes.
8. All members can keep an eye out on the web and other places for ways to advertise for free. The web has many sites that our info can be placed for free. Most supermarkets have an info board that we can place a brochure.
9. We can sell different products with the logo on it.

Well I hope this is a start to many ways we can make sure we are around next year and years to come. If we all put our minds together we can see to it that we all can enjoy many more years together as a great club. Will and all the other members have taken it this far and with a little effort we can grow and bring this club to the next level.

By Nahum Mitnik

During a normal school year I run as many as 7 to 10 shows a year in the auditorium. It's part of my job as a member of the school's musical faculty. Here are some of the ideas I'm sharing with the club:

- 1) The club has long operated on the basis that 500 people "sells out" the house. This is based on the idea that delay's in finding seats hold up show starting time. I think you can forget that. We find that houses over 650 and 700 cause no delays.
- 2) This year we pioneered two new things for the EBA show: sending the show to a giant TV in the cafeteria; and use of a tabletop light/camera to show close-ups of rigs. The club has not learned yet how to exploit these new ideas. We've seen how they can be improved. Speakers need to depend on them for close-up views.
- 3) We now have the ability to use class rooms for showing the stage events. If crowds get bigger, expansion room is available.
- 4) More show content needs be directed towards "learners or "beginners". This can be done with breakout sessions in the caff, where rigging can be demonstrated -- as they do in the sportsmen's shows.
- 5) The club should consider running its raffle at the end of intermission, rather than at the end of the show.

Shallow Water Striper University

Here is a reminder on the show host on March 12th, 13th and 14th 2010 at the Sheraton Airport Motor Inn, in Warwick, RI.

This event is the first of its kind in our area. The focus is on striped bass fishing. Fourteen (14) professional anglers will discuss and teach you how to catch more stripers.

Topics for this event include: How to fish live eels from boat and shore; tube and worming; fly fishing; kayak fishing; fishing with live menhaden, scup and shad; using tins effectively, (presented by tin expert Joe Martin, owner of Point Jude Lures); shore fishing, metal lipped swimmers. There is high definition underwater footage of striper habitat. And for the first time, a Live-Pool demonstration on rigging and working soft plastic lures. This will be presented by myself and Herb Reed of Luncker City Lures. In a crystal clear pool, watch how soft plastics were meant to be fish and worked.

Regardless of how you fish, from boat, shore, casting, trolling, etc, there is something to learn from each professional if you pay attention as he discusses his expertise in his chosen area.

There will be a raffle, one at the end of each day, worth over \$8,000 in prizes. Twenty-one (21) lucky anglers will also win a fishing spot on a top notch charter boat. Fishing trips are only for those in attendance at this event. Each person has about a 1 in 6 chance of winning a fishing trip. Friday night features Free Hot Dogs and Pitchers of Beer!! And there will be a silent auction of Sports Memorabilia of framed, numbered and signed photographs of New England Patriots, Boston Red Sox's and Boston Celtics.

Monies raised will go to benefit Rhode Island Kids Special Olympics and their projects, so its a very good cause.

The speakers who are lined up to present and teach you are one of finest ever put together in one place for one weekend ever. Capt. Jim White, Capt. Blaine Anderson, Capt. Ed Hughes, Capt. Pat Rena, Capt. Jack Springel, Capt. Jerry Sparks, Mike Laptew, Alberto, "Crazy Al" Knie, Dave Pickering, Billy "Eel-Man" Nolan, Joe Martin, Herb Reed, Capt. Joe Pagano, and Steve McKenna. All told, over 300 years of fishing experience available to you in one place and at one time.

The cost is only \$89 per angler and you will receive a gift bag as well.

For reservations contact Debbie Wood at Wood Boat & Motor, 401-739-4040 or Capt. Jim White at 401-828-94654, or you can go to our web site, www.shallowwaterstripers.com and sign-up on line via Pay Pal's secure system.

Happy New Year to everyone. Captain Jim White

EBA members came through with hard work at the show

By Will Barbeau

Like all clubs, East Bay Anglers has a varied membership with attitudes that run from ho-hum to almost religious dedication. Somehow when it comes time to put on the annual show, the thing comes together with many surprises. For instance there's a whole segment that works the hallways and back room who never even see the show! And never complain!

And there are others - some of whom actually bought tickets -- who see a gap that needs filling. . .and step right up to fill it. There are the events that deter me from the constant question of "when do I retire from this?" When I see such output, I am overcome with the thought "I'll not quit on these guys."

And then there's the High School crew. They came up with new tech-

nology that makes possible the projection of close-up scenes on a second screen. We have yet to work out how to best use that. So, if there's any wondering about how a club can last for 38 years and keep on thriving...that's it: good; people with unselfish hearts who are willing to put in the extra efforts called for by these challenging events. Many thanks to all of you!



Oscar Stone's (left) raffle crew sold 2000 tickets -- then ran prizes out to winners. Jimmy Patterson (with rod) Audience reaction was great.



High school tech crew had a new way to show close-ups with a table-top tv system Alberto is using.