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NEWSLETTER OF THE MILFORD STRIPED BASS CLUB



MARCH 2017

General Meeting

This month's general meeting will be held at 7:30 PM, March 29th, 2017 at the American Legion Hall, Merwin Ave., Woodmont, CT.

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It's Your Newsletter!

Remember to give Harry Novak a call if you have something to put in the "Tite-Lines".

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I am trying to get the news letter out via e-mail and would like to get your current e-mail addresses.

Upcoming Events

1. General Meeting, March 29th, 2017, 7:30 PM, at the American Legion Hall, Merwin Av. Woodmont, CT

2. MSBC Tackle Auction, April 1st, 2017.
10:00 AM until 3:00 PM



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President's Letter

As I sit here working on the newsletter I have the urge to get the boat ready and do some fishing. I attended the Rhode Island fishing show yesterday and saw some great items there. And usually this is the last show of the season, and the lead up, to the beginning of the fishing season. But just when you thought it was time to gear up, the weather report is not looking good. The forecasters are predicting a major storm for the middle of this week. Really? Well I guess it's never over until it's over so we will just have to ride this out. But off in the very near future is our annual tackle auction. Please get your items ready for April first, and let's make this one a great one. We have a banner to put up outside the VFW and have been advertising and spreading the word. So, get your items together and let's all attend and make it a huge success! Our NEW website should be up and running any day now. We will be reviewing and previewing it at our monthly meeting. Please attend as we need your input and want to show you some of the new features.

I think it's great and hope you all feel the same. Also, coming in the very near future is the Milford children's trout derby. This is the 49th year for this event and we want to keep it going strong. We will need members to attend and help with the operation that morning. It's a GREAT time and we NEED to keep the kids interested and involved in fishing. After all they are the future of our club.

Our fishing schedule is also complete and we will have all the info at the meeting. This month's meeting is an important one as we head into the season. I ask that you all please attend. We have many things to review and talk about. I really believe that this year is going to be one of the best. We have some new members and are expecting some more to come aboard. We plan on growing and moving in a forward direction. Thank you ALL again for your membership and participation. It's ALL of you that keep this club successful and fun!

FISH ON!

Jim

JOKE

Take The Bait

A gentleman strolling alongside a canal observed an old man and a boy fishing. A moment later, a splash was heard. The boy had fallen into the water. The old man, however, jumped in after the lad, and succeeded in getting him safely to the bank.

There he stood the victim on his head to let the water drain out, and it was at this moment that the gentleman arrived on the scene with profuse expressions of admiration for the prompt rescue.

"It was noble of you," the gentleman declared rather rhetorically, "to plunge into the water in that way at the risk of your life to save the boy. I congratulate you on your brave display of heroic magnanimity."

The old man answered with an amiable grin:

"All right, boss. Ah don't know nuffin' 'bout magn'imity. But I just had to git dat boy out a de water. He had de bait in his pocket."



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Bad Fishing Days

By Earl Golding

One day on Lake Belton, I certainly wouldn't have fished if Martha and I hadn't driven down the night before and rented a cabin at Frank's. But since we were there, we went fishing anyway. We nearly froze. Finally it got so bad we pulled up on the shoreline, gathered up some dead limbs, and built a warming fire.

That was the day I pushed the boat into the water with the plug out. The boat had a back end full of water before I saw it. I had to wade out in near-freezing water and muscle the boat ashore. It was an experience which didn't do a great deal for my usual sweet disposition.

We had two big bass on that day. The first one came in like a floating log, too cold to fight. When I hooked the second one, I was too cold to fight. The fish came out of the water and spit the lure back at me. By then my hands were so cold they were numb, but my mouth was still in good working order and I used some uncensored words on that fish.

As is the case with all fishermen that have spent a lot of time chasing bass, I can remember many other occasions when I went fishing on days in which the elements were very challenging.

The first time I fished with Sam Steussey I'll never forget. I'd stayed awake most of the night with a bad cold and sore throat. But Sam was the biggest name on the lake that winter and I didn't want to miss fishing with him. So I stuffed down some aspirin and managed to make the day while taking a lesson in Bushwhacker fishing from Sam.

I didn't have any trouble sleeping that night and woke up the next morning to see the ground covered with snow and big flakes still falling. I felt a little bad asking Martha to feed the beagles, but I explained to her I had to take care of myself because of that cold. Besides, I wanted to call Ralph Nichols down at Alcoa and make sure the "white blanket" on the ground wouldn't postpone a trip we had planned. It probably should have, but it didn't.

Bass fishermen are like this. We are so caught up in this thing of chasing bass we often use bad judgement and go fishing when we'd probably catch just as many fish if we stayed home.

Looking back, I fished a bunch of cold, windy, nasty days with Louey Headrick in the other end of the boat. Louey loved fishing as much as anybody, and more than most. When he had a fishing trip planned, he was going regardless. If the temperature was 18 degrees and the wind was blowing 30, he was still going.

He always had the same reason why we should go ahead with our plans. "You never can tell," he'd say, "this might be the day we catch that great big ol' bass."

So we always went regardless. When Louey and Edna bought a place at Toledo Bend, Martha and I went down for a visit and some fishing one winter. Our timing wasn't good. It was near freezing when we got there and never did get above 30 degrees during our entire stay. But Louey and I fished every day, all day long hoping to catch one of those big ol' bass.

We didn't catch a fish the first day. And that streak continued for the week. That was one of the coldest winters we'd had in years and during that time on the lake we didn't talk to a single fisherman who had caught a single bass. It was a winter to forget.

I'll never forget a match between our Waco Bass Club and the Temple Bass Club. My cousin Billy Rucker belonged to the Temple club and he and I decided we'd have a team tournament the next weekend with both clubs represented by three teams.

It was so cold the line would freeze on our reels. Temple won, and Louey and I saw the winning catch. One of the Temple teams were fishing from a houseboat. They were fishing the same brushy area we were fishing. They would make a few casts and run back into the houseboat to warm up.

The winning catch came when one of them came out of the house, walked up to the stem made a cast, and landed a fish that went about five pounds.

Just as unpleasantly memorable as cold and freezing days were the trips that were made when the wind was blowing like crazy. I'll never forget the trip Tommy George and I almost enjoyed at Lake Belton. That was before bass boats appeared on the scene. We were fishing in a flat-bottomed metal boat. The swells were so bad we actually dented the metal seats.

Louey and I made a trip to Stillhouse that was probably the roughest I ever had. Waves would come over the bow and we had to pull the plug in between waves so the water would run out before the next wave. I was concerned that day. When we got back to shore, I told him I wanted to be the first one to get out.

MSBC Fishing Schedule 2017

Date	Type	Weigh-in
March 15 (Wednesday)	Icecube Begins: Striped Bass	All open club weigh stations
May 6 (Saturday)	Trout Derby	ALL MEMBERS SHOULD ATTEND
MAY 21 (Sunday)	Striped Bass Shootout Open to public	Paradise bait and tackle
June 3 (Saturday)	Fluke Open to public	Milford Landing; picnic after 6:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m
July ?	Boat Trip	Schedule pending release of current regulations
August 6 (Sunday)	Bluefish Warm-up	Bobby J's Bait and Tackle 6:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
August 13 (Sunday)	Interclub Tournament	Captain's Cove, Bridgeport
August 19 ?	Picnic	
September 24 (Sunday)	Striped Bass Open to public	Milford Landing; Picnic after 12:01 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
October 29 (Sunday)	Blackfish Open to the public	Milford Landing 6:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
November 15 (Wednesday)	Season Closed	

Monthly Calcutta

All Calcuttas are \$10 per person. One winner takes all! In the event of a tie the person who weighs in first is winner by default. **All money must be in by 9:30 p.m. the day of the monthly meeting.** (If you cannot make the meeting, be sure to send your money in with someone else or contact the Fishing Committee.) Calcuttas run from 12:01 a.m. the day after the meeting to the day before the next regularly scheduled meeting. Weigh-in slips must say 'Calcutta'.

May	Striped Bass	April 27-May 30
June	Fluke	June 1- June 27
July	Sea Bass	June 29 - July 25
August	Bluefish	July 27 - August 29
September	Bluefish	August 31 - September 26
October	Blackfish	September 28 - November 15th

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2. East on Ferry Blvd - go 0.3 mi
3. Bear right at US-1 - go 0.6 mi
4. Turn right at Naugatuck Ave - go 0.3 mi

195-South:

1. Take Bridgeport Avenue exit 34 to (US-1)/Devon (CT-110) - go 0.3 mi
2. Turn right at Bridgeport Ave - go 0.5 mi
3. Turn left at Naugatuck Ave - go 0.3 mi

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Application and Annual Membership Renewal Form For the period of March 1, 2017 through February 28, 2018

(Circle one Fee)

Individual Membership: Age 18 and over _____ \$55.00
Family Membership, self, spouse, children & grandchildren age 17 & under _____ \$60.00
Senior Citizen Membership: Age 65 and over _____ \$25.00
Senior Citizen Family Membership, self, spouse, children & grandchildren age 17 & under _____ \$35.00
Couple Membership, self, significant other, children and grandchildren 17 & under _____ \$60.00

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*****Must Be Completed For Family Membership*****

Spouse's Name _____

Children's Name _____ Age _____

_____ Age _____

_____ Age _____

Member's Signature _____ Date _____

Sponsor Signature _____ Date _____

This form must be returned with fee. Please return this form with your check payable to MSBC. Annual dues are due and payable on February 1, 2017 and may be returned no later than February 28, 2017.

Memberships are not final until approved by the Board. Pro-rated after June 1st. Members who join after October will be carried through the following year.

Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of the month at 7:30, PM with the exception of November when we will not have a meeting. December's meeting is election night and is held the second Wednesday of December. Meetings are held at:

American Legion Hall Post 196
25 Merwin Avenue
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