

2010 Bass Fishing Contest Winner CONTEST WINNER HAILS FROM PEI



Peter Lykow, Summerside, PEI has been bass fishing along the Parrsboro – Cobequid Shore for 3 years. On October 15, 2010, at 8:30 pm on the outgoing tide he landed the big one. The 41.5", 28.1 lb bass was the largest one entered in the 12th annual Dominion Char-DAB Beer Bass fishing contest. Peter (R) is pictured with Jim Grue, Dominion Chair Factory Store holding the fish he had mounted. He picked up his winning prizes on May 7th, 2011. (Rees Photo)

By Maurice Rees

Peter Lykow, Summerside has been travelling to the shores along Colchester and Cumberland counties to fulfill his desire to fish bass. During the months from May through October he ventures from the Summerside area nearly every weekend with a group of two or three buddies, or his 12 year old grandson to fish the tides along the Parrsboro – Cobequid shore.

In all those trips he has hooked many fish, but never a keeper. His luck changed at 8:30 pm on an outgoing tide on October 15th when he landed a 41.5", 28.1 pounder at Saints Rest, just off the Wharf Road, Bass River.

The next day he entered his prize catch in the 12th annual bass fishing contest sponsored by Dominion Chair Factory Store and DAB beer. This winter when he started accessing the entries, Jim Grue, Dominion Chair Factory store, chose Lykow's fish based on its overall length of 41.5", beating out the second place entry at 41.0".

In all the trips he had made to the shore, averaging 12-15 per year for the past three years, Lykow has never had a keeper. To be legally caught a fish must be 26.7". Since it was his first keeper, he had the fish mounted (see photo).

On October 15th last fall he was fishing the outgoing tide at Saint's Rest, with tinker tail (mackerel) wrapped in chicken liver and silly string, when he landed the big one. When he and his friends venture to the Bass River area, they stay with Mr. & Mrs. Fred Tobin. Tobin's provide the lodging, but Lykow provides the food.

Lykow's fishing trips start back on the Summerside wharf. His grandson, Peter Nathaniel Lykow, a young cadet, goes to the wharf with him to fish capelin, mackerel and tommy cod. The capelin is used as bait for the mackerel, which then become bait for bass. Lykow's wife, Jean loves eating bass. Since he took bass fishing serious, she has noticed a significant drop in her cholesterol level (about nine points).

Jim Grue says there were about 30 entries in the 2010 bass fishing contest sponsored by Dominion Chair Factory Store and DAB beer. The 2010 second place finisher measured 41.0", but weighed only 13 pounds, while Lykow's 41.5" catch weighed 28.1 pounds.

Lykow says there are many bass fishing enthusiasts who travel from PEI on a regular basis to fish along the shore. He used to travel in a group of six, but has downsized to 2-3 additional regulars, and occasionally includes his 12 year old grandson, when he is available. He estimated there are approximately 23-30 from PEI who visit the area regularly, as much as 10-12 times a year. Although he loves coming to Nova Scotia to fish bass, Lykow does have one regret. A good friend from PEI, who is an amputee, and uses a wheel chair at all times was asked to leave the fishing area, because he used a personal electric ATV-type vehicle, with soft inflatable tires to get from the vehicle parking area to the fishing zone on the wharf.

His friend used to come nearly every weekend, and needed his inflatable wheeled vehicle to get over the rocks and rugged coastline. He says all those who were fishing in the area, we upset with fishery wardens, because just down the shore in plain sight, there were young adults, racing ATV's up and down the beach. No, they didn't go chase them, but rather they picked on an amputee, who came from another province, because bass fishing is one of the few things he could do, and he really enjoyed it. Apparently the fishery officer, told him that up near Parrsboro, there was a site, which had wheeled access. Since that instance, his friend and the group of people who travelled with him have not been back.



Peter Nathaniel Lykow, Peter Lykow's 12 year old grandson, is the grass root cog to success in catching the bait, silversides/capelin, in order to catch the mackerel for the striped bait. Peter says, "Without him we would be spending more time catching bait and less time traveling to Nova Scotia and trying our luck at the Stripe Bass". (Submitted)

PHOTO FEATURE Veterans Memorial Park – Holocaust Remembrance Service



Rabbi Ellis was one of speakers at the Holocaust Remembrance Day Service in Bass River on May 1st. He read The Kaddish, a prayer of mourning for the millions who did not received this Jewish burial rite. (Harrington Photo)



Mariah Martin-Shein and her mother Elizabeth Shein presented a memorial plaque at the Veteran's Garden during the Holocaust Remembrance Day Service on May 1st. They visited a memorial site in Novaya Ushitsa last year and took along an identical plaque, which they presented to the site's 85-year-old keeper Isaac Itken. Three of their family members were part of 3,222 people who were stripped naked, shot and buried in mass graves outside of Novaya Ushitsa. The plaque was carved by Wanda Bennett and the base for the Bass River display was made by Heather Lawson. (Harrington Photo)



A large crowd gathered for the emotional Holocaust Remembrance Day Service on May 1st at the Veteran's Memorial Park in Bass River. (Harrington Photo)



MLA Karen Casey, joins others, as they place a lit candle on the Star of David in remembrance of Holocaust victims following the Holocaust Remembrance Day Service on May 1st at the Veteran's Memorial Park in Bass River. (Harrington Photo)



Jemma Lambert lights one of the "Six Candles for the Six Million" during a Holocaust Remembrance Day Service on May 1st at the Veteran's Memorial Park in Bass River. (Harrington Photo)



Candles flickering into the darkness, each printed with the name of Holocaust victim, outline the Star of David. Over 100 people attended an hour long service in Bass River to honour the memory of six million Jews killed during the Holocaust. (Harrington Photo)



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