



Narragansett Surfcasters
P.O. Box 3135 Narragansett, RI 02882

May 2011 Newsletter

The Narragansett Parks & Recreation is planning their Annual Fishing Derby for Saturday, May 21, at 10:00 a.m. at Sprague Park. The derby is for children ages 6-12. They are charging a \$5 fee to provide bait. As in the past, they've requested we assist them with the derby. If you plan on volunteering let us know so we can give them a head count.

May Meeting: "Hook, Line, and Sinker Night"

Many of the members have been asking for a used equipment swap... so here it is! This is your opportunity to sell or trade your old tackle and buy some good new or used tackle at a fraction of the cost. Rumor has it that there may even be a Van Staal or two for sale. We've invited the Narragansett Pier Sport Fishing Club to join us, so there should be plenty of boat fishing tackle as well.

Important Dates & Events:

May 21: Narragansett Park & Rec Annual Fishing Derby
June 3-5: RISAA Spring Striped Bass Tourney
June 21: Monthly Meeting / Cook-Out at Snug Harbor
June 23-26: Wickford - Quonny Challenge
July 19: Monthly Meeting / Cook-Out at Snug Harbor
Aug 16: Monthly Meeting / Cook-Out at Snug Harbor
Sept 23-25: Interclub 4-Man Team Tourney

SurfCasters Journal: <http://surfcastersjournal.com/>

Plug of The Month: "Pig & Jig"

This month's plug is a spin-off from the April Meeting. A few members were asking about using the "casting egg" with a fly or teaser. In this case we're using the casting egg with a 2'-3' leader of # 50 mono or fluorocarbon material and a 3/4 oz white bucktail jig dressed with a red/white Uncle Josh pork rind (40-S). The combo is absolutely deadly when used in white water in large surf. The egg lets you cast a country mile and the short leader allows you to use the jig without fear that it will get hung up on rough rocky bottoms found at areas like Pt Judith Light or Deep Hole. Shown in the attached pic,



notice the small nail set on a 45 degree angle. The nail is used as a hook holder while casting the egg and jig. It prevents the leader and jig from the "helicopter" effect and eliminates line twists and tangles. As the egg-jig is cast, the hook slowly pulls away from the nail allowing a nice long and clean cast without issue. This set up can be used with bucktails, teasers, swim shads, Sluggo's, etc. If you've never used or seen this rig used before, you'll be pleasantly surprised at how well it works! Bass in the 15-25 lb class love this jig.



The wooden eggs can be purchased for about \$.50 cents each at any craft store like Michael's or A.C. Moore. For you guys from Northern R.I. try Craft Corner on Cumb.Hill Rd opposite Pepin Lumber. I recommend thru-wire construction with at least one heavy duty barrel swivel on one end. Also, when using bucktail jigs, the lighter the better. The 3/4 oz is the perfect weight. However you MUST find them with extra heavy hooks. The "Andrus" brand bucktail makes them with the stronger hooks. Big bass hit this jig hard and will straighten the standard hooks, so strong X-hvy hooks are a MUST.



Tip of The Month:

When using pork rind on bucktails, always attach the pork rind to the hook with the "white" side of pork rind facing down and red side facing up. The white represents the white belly of most bait fish in our area.

Just a reminder... The "Plug of the Month" column is open to any member wanting to share a tip or favorite "hot" plug.

Tight Lines,
Cliff
