



# Narragansett Surfcasters Newsletter



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## Who's Who

### Officers

President: Dave Peterson  
1st Vice President: Mark Hudzin  
2nd Vice President: Buzz Vickers  
Secretary: Tom Clune  
Recording Secretary: Jos Huxley  
Treasurer: Alan Schmied

### Board Members

Bill Bento  
Al Corrente  
Nelson Valles

### Newsletter Editor

Tom Clune

## Election Results

Elections were held at the November club meeting on 11/20/07. As you may know, club elections are held once per year in November, resulting in newly elected Officers and Board Members who will take on the challenges and opportunities for the next year.

This year, many of the positions ran unopposed and the focus was on the Board of Directors.

Here are the results for those positions:

### Board of Directors (3 Open Positions)

Bill Bento 20 Votes  
Al Corrente 22 Votes  
Nelson Valles 29 Votes  
Bill Ladd 18 Votes  
Bruce Kindseth 11 Votes

### Final Results

**Club President**  
Dave Peterson

**1st Vice President**  
Mark Hudzin

**2nd Vice President**  
\*Buzz Vickers

**Secretary**  
\*Tom Clune

**Record Secretary**  
\*Jos Huxley

**Treasurer**  
Alan Schmied

**Board of Directors**  
\*Bill Bento  
\*Al Corrente  
Nelson Valles



*\*Newly Elected*

## Tournament Standings



### Bass

1st: Tyler Rhoads  
37lbs .32 oz L=46" G=25"

2nd: Bryan Oakley  
35 lbs .68oz L=45" G=?

3rd: Tom McGuire  
35 lbs .56 oz L=44" G=24"

### Blue

1st: Robert Vallee  
22 lbs 8oz L=38.5 G=16"

2nd: Paul McAdam  
21 lbs 2 oz L=30" G=17"

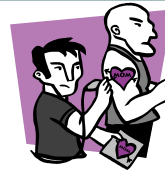
## Banquet Committee Volunteers

Planning for this year's annual banquet is just about to start. Anyone interested in helping to

produce this special evening for the club is invited to join the banquet committee.

Please contact any Board member to join or sign up at December's regular meeting.

## Tattoo You By Mark Hudzin



A member of RIMS might soon be tattooed with the club's artwork. At the awards breakfast for the Surf Challenge in October he noticed our T-shirt with the picture of the surf man holding a bass. He's wanted a tattoo for awhile, he says, and

this is now exactly what he wants. We are in the process of trying to get him the artwork. He showed his appreciation by purchasing a couple of the shirts to support the club. I wonder if we could declare this the club's official tattoo. For those times

we stumble out of the Mist after one too many thinking "gee, wouldn't it be great to go get a tattoo" but we just don't know what to get, this could be it. We might then be the only fishing club ever to have an officially sanctioned club tattoo.

## 2007 In review

As I look back on the year, I realize all of the things we did as a club.

Not to pick any favorite event, but the *Take Your Kid Fishing day* in the Spring was my absolute favorite. It was great to see club member pull together and make that such a special day for the kids.

### Here are a few of my favorite things:

- Learning from the pros on a Saturday morning: Who would have guessed all of the knowledge that is in our club.
- Fall & Spring Tournaments: Meeting new people and learning new spots.
- The Annual Banquet: Showing my wife what I do every third Tuesday of the month!
- Take Your Kid Fishing: Remembering what it is like to be a kid again.
- Annual Beach Cleanup: Braving the rain and fog to clean up our spots.
- Summer BBQs: Eating too many burgers while meeting new faces.
- Plug Building: Still in awe of Dick Durand's plugs.
- Catching Bait: Still trying to figure out how Weston Place throws that net.
- A Night With Van Stall: Dreaming that one day Santa will bring me that Van Stall I got to hold
- Lures For Sale: Checking out the selections from RI Poppers, Hogie Lures, Pt. Jude Lures and more.
- Johnnycake Center: Being reminded that there are people in our town who need help.
- 1st Annual Yard Sale: Realizing how much money we could make for the club in one day!

- RISAA Show: Going to a show with thousands of people and actually knowing somebody!



This doesn't even include all of the things I learned after midnight on the rocks.

**Not bad for 3 bucks a month!**

## Club Opportunities

During the December board meeting held on Saturday December 1, 2007, committee chairs were chosen for the following committees.

### *Communications*

Tom Clune

### *Ways & Means*

Al Corrente

### *Bylaws*

Mark Hudzin

Each chair will be responsible for organizing a team as needed to accomplish the goals of the committee and report back to the

board in January.

If you have an interest in helping out on any of the committees, feel free to reach out to the committee chair.

This is a great opportunity for you to get involved in the club. Remember, this is *our* club and it is everyone's job to make this the best club we can.

**2008, let's make it happen!**



# Fall Surf Fishing Club Challenge Roundup

## By Mark Hudzin

Congratulations to Larry McPhillips for carrying the club by putting up the only numbers we had on the board. Larry obviously braved terrible weather like the rest of us and managed to land both a bass and a blue for the club's entire 23.82 pound total. Way to go, Larry!

And I personally witnessed something deserving of a Special Forces distinction. I ran into Rich Clarke on our way out to one of the walls at the Channel on Friday night just before the rain started. Rich wasn't wearing any rain gear, just shorts and a jacket. I lost sight of him when I moved down the jetty. Then the rain came, hard driving horizontal torrential rain so thick it was like a fog. The wind was strong enough to make moving from rock to rock dicey. Needless to say it was just terrible and it lasted quite a

while. Sometime after it subsided a bit I made my way back sure that Rich had long ago quit. But to my complete amazement he was still there plugging away in the darkness. How he stuck it out in shorts and without rain gear I can't imagine. Hats off to Rich, he's one tough customer. And hats off to all the Narragansett Surfcasters who toughed it out that weekend in such terrible conditions.

And a very special thanks once again to the club's surfmasters who gave their time and shared their knowledge at the strategy meeting held the week before the tournament. **Marty Wencek and Jack Linton, Thank You!** Both Jack and Marty shared a good amount of the wealth of knowledge they possess behind their outstanding talents. These meetings are founded on the principle

that the club should be a teaching club, part of the vision the club was founded on. It wouldn't happen without the grace to share and a commitment to the club possessed by members like Marty and Jack. Jack even went fishing with one of the attendees for a personal one-on-one which I heard was just super. That's a privilege, and Jack's obviously a really nice guy.

And thanks to Nick Trotta for showing me the way. I wound up early Sunday morning wandering the avenues in a sleep-deprived stupor and stumbled upon Nick at one of his usual haunts. After a wisecrack about watching me come along lit up like a Christmas tree he somewhat dismissively sent me back in the direction I came from. Thanks Nick, I might have wound up at Stinky before I snapped out of it.

## A Note From The Editor

As I sit back and finalize this month's newsletter, I can't help to think about the upcoming year. I'm excited about my new position as Club Secretary and look forward to bringing you the latest information via the newsletter and website.

My goal is to make this newsletter the best it can be and need your input to make it happen. Feel free to send me your ideas or things you would like to see included. My email is [tom@tomclune.com](mailto:tom@tomclune.com) or come see me at the next club meeting.

As I take on additional responsibilities in the club, I wanted to send a special thanks to Howard Mahady for his hard work as Club Secretary. His work building the foundation has made my transition to Secretary very smooth!

As 2007 comes to a close and 2008 begins, we will continue to grow as a club and learn from each other.

So have a great holiday and hopefully Santa will drop a couple of new plugs in your stocking. I'm expecting coal, but those Bluefish owe me something!



*Next Meeting: Tuesday December 18, 2007 7:00 p.m.*

*Last Meeting of 2007!*

**Club Dues Reminder:** Don't forget to renew your membership. If you do not pay by 1/1/08, the club dues will be increased to \$45 and your newsletter subscription will be suspended. Send in those renewal forms or see Alan Schmied at the next club meeting!

## Business Directory

### Bait & Tackle

*Maridee Bait & Tackle*  
10% off for club member  
304 Point Judith Road  
Narragansett, RI  
401-789-5190

*Wildwood Outfitters*  
271 Main St  
Wakefield, RI  
401-789-1244



### Custom Rods Bait & Tackle

*Wickford Rodworks*  
10% off for club member  
7 Main Street  
Wickford, RI 02852  
401-667-7363  
www.wickfordrodworks.com

**Graphic Design**  
*Richer Graphics*  
401-742-4361  
richergraphics@gmail.com

**Painting**  
Sun Coat Painting  
Larry McPhillips  
401-782-4744

### Photography

Tom Clune Photography  
10% off for club member  
Tom Clune  
401-450-9400  
tom@tomclune.com  
www.tomclune.com

### Get Listed Hhere

Do you have a business  
or provide a services?

Get listed in the directory for free!

All you need to do is provide a  
business card or send your infor-  
mation to Tom Clune at  
tom@tomclune.com

## Classified Ads

Got some fishing gear to sell?

As a member of the Narragansett  
Surfcasters, you can place free  
classified ads on our website:

[www.narragansettsurfcasters.com](http://www.narragansettsurfcasters.com)

We will keep your item posted for  
thirty days or until the item sells,  
whichever comes first.

If you have something fishing re-  
lated that you would like to sell,  
email a picture, brief description  
and your phone number to Tom  
Clune, tom@tomclune.com or see  
him at the next meeting.

### Reels For Sale:

Near mint, *Penn 710 Greenie*  
Used a handful of times, probably  
40ish years old.  
Fish a classic from your youth!  
\$70.00 OBO

*Black Penn 710*  
Used but good mechanical condi-  
tion.  
\$50.00 OBO.

Above prices are for pick-up in  
Narragansett. Shipping would be  
extra.

Contact Bryan for both.

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