



Narragansett Surfcasters Newsletter

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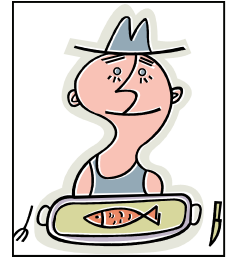
Tom Clune

Next Meeting: 3/20/07 7:00 p.m. 1st Annual Narragansett Surfcasters Banquet

Join us for the 1st Annual Narragansett Surfcasters Banquet which will be held at the Narragansett Community Center on March 20th. This is a great way for you to meet your fellow club members and have some great food. We will be distributing awards and will have many great raffle items from our sponsors.

Tickets are still available for \$10, but must be purchased by March 15th so that we can get a final headcount to the caterer. Unfortunately, we will not be selling tickets at the door, so make sure that you get your tickets before March 15th. You must have a ticket in order to attend the banquet.

If you would like to purchase tickets or have questions, contact Mark Hudzin at 401-475-0987



Club Merchandise

There are still some old style club shirts in XXL at the amazing blowout price of \$7.99! See Cliff at the next meeting to get yours. Don't forget about the new club t-shirts, sweatshirts and hooded sweatshirts that are available at the next meeting. Show your pride today!

Thank You Sponsors!

The Narragansett Surfcasters would like to thank the following businesses who have generously supported our club. Please stop by and pay them a visit!

Snug Harbor Marina
Quaker Lane Bait & Tackle
West Marine of Narragansett
Boondock's
Wildwood Outfitters

Dunes Club Passes

There are a limited number of Dunes Club Passes available free to club members. These passes will allow you to park your vehicle at the Dunes Club and walk down to the mouth of the river to do a little fishing.

Nelson Valles and Little Fox will be distributing passes at the April meeting. You must be at the April meeting and complete the paperwork that night to receive your pass. This is a great privilege that is offered by the club, but please only ask for a pass if you are truly going to use it.

Once you receive your pass, please use it wisely. If you see trash, pick it up. If you see suspicious activity let the Dunes Club security know. You will be out there representing the Narragansett Surfcasters, so be sure to make the best impression so that we may be offered this opportunity again.

A special thanks to Nelson and Little Fox for putting this together!

Thanks Wildwood Outfitters!

A very special thanks to Bob Nielson from Wildwood Outfitters. Wildwood has generously agreed to donate \$40 in Gift Certificates each month to be raffled off at our meetings. Wildwood also held a club member only sale at their store on Main Street in Wakefield. See inside to learn more about the event!



A Night With Al Gags

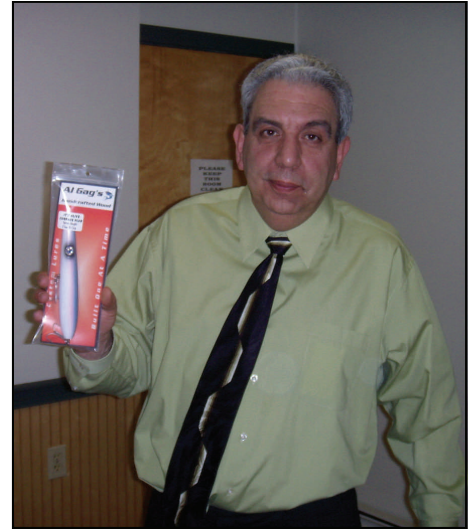
Thanks to everyone who attended our last club meeting. We were again fortunate enough to have Al Gags of Al Gags Custom Lures as a presenter. As usual, Al did a great job sharing his unique stories and fishing techniques.

Al is involved in an upcoming fishing show with Captain Lynn Smith, "For The Love of Fishing." Lynn is a charter boat captain who along with her husband are the proprietors of the Lil' Devil guide service and C-Devil II Sportfishing. The show features Al and Lynn fishing throughout the South Eastern New England surf. It is titled For the Love of Fishing and will begin airing the second week of May on Fox Sports Net/ESPN2.

Al also showed the club the latest version of his needlefish lure. Look for it in your local tackle shop.

Some of the other topics that Al discussed were several issues facing our sport including PETA and a the discussion of a national salt-water license.

Al also raffled off several plugs the proceeds of which were to be donated to benefit Alzheimer's research. Always generous with his time and resources, he also donated a half-dozen plugs for the club to raffle off at a future event.



Al Gags proudly displays one of his lures.

What's Going On In Matunuck?

Narragansett Surfcaster member and URI geologist Bryan Oakley gave an excellent presentation to the club about his role in mapping out the southern Rhode Island coast line to help determine where to place the sand being dredged from the Point Judith Harbor of Refuge. Bryan showed us slides of how he and his colleagues scanned and mapped the shoreline, locating

areas off of the Matunuck beaches where the dredged material will be most beneficial for shoreline replenishment.

Thanks to Bryan for presenting and telling us more about our ocean.



Club Member Bryan Oakley Presenting.

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

If you have something fishing related 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.



As space permits, your classified may even make it in the monthly newsletters like this one:

Help Wanted

New Bait and Tackle shop, Wickford RI, experience preferred, must have knowledge of fishing local waters. Contact Bob at 401-667-7363.

A Night At Wildwood Outfitters

Special thanks to Wildwood Outfitters who were kind enough to keep their doors open a little later and provide club members with a big discount! Club members who attended were rewarded with 20% off fishing items and 10% off reels. There was plenty of food and drinks and lots of good stories. I for one took advantage of the sale and picked up a new Shimano reel and a couple of plugs. Coho minnows were buy one get one free, so I couldn't pass that up. Now that I have this new gear, I have no excuse for letting that big one get away!



Cliff Richer & Woody Woodard at the Wildwood Outfitters Club Event

Visit www.wildwoodoutfittersri.com for upcoming events!

Presenters Wanted: No Experience Necessary!

If you attended last month's meeting, I'm sure you enjoyed the presentation by our own Bryan Oakley. Bryan's presentation was a great example of giving back to the club by contributing your time and knowledge. The Narragansett Surfcasters club is looking for club members to present at our upcoming meetings.

This is a great way for you to share your knowledge with your fellow club members. Do you have a special technique for needlefish? An easy way to clean your reel? A talent for making lures or rods? Are you good at rigging and tying knots?

Whatever it is, club members would like to learn more!

There are slots available for 2007, so if you are interested in presenting at an upcoming meeting, contact Woody Woodard at maduke@cox.net or see him at the next meeting for details.

Club News & Upcoming Events

At our last meeting, Vice President Dave Peterson presented the budget proposal for 2007. The budget was agreed upon and passed by the club.

Also addressing February's discussion of Polo at Canochet Farm, the club has decided to draft a letter to present to the Town Council stating our position against this proposal. Dave presented us a draft of the letter. Club members generally liked the draft, but a motion was passed to sharpen the language stating our position as being firmly against the issue.

Club member Bruce Kindseth updated us on the status of our request for adopting the Conant Avenue access point. This is an issue that is still in the works. Adopting access spots is a difficult task that involves requires the cooperation of the club, neighbors and government agencies. Bruce will update us in the future as things develop.

As Spring approaches, we want to remind you of some upcoming annual events. Nelson Valles will be organizing our annual Take a Kid Fishing Day in May. This is always a

great event and a great way to get kids involved in fishing.

We'll also be organizing an annual beach cleanup in April. This is a great way for you to give back to the club and clean up the environment at the same time.

Additional information will be coming in the next newsletter and at future club meetings.

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*Next Meeting: Tuesday March 20, 2007 7:00 p.m.
1st Annual Narragansett Surfcasters Banquet!*

Thank you for the feedback from the last newsletter. If you have any ideas for the newsletter, send me an email or see me at the next meeting.

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