



Narragansett Surfcasters Newsletter

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December

Who's Who

Officers

President: Mark Hudzin
1st Vice President: Bill Ladd
2nd Vice President: Mike Lapisky
Secretary: Bob Neilson
Treasurer: Alan Schmied

Board Members

Jim Gallagher
Bob Barlas
Jamail Ajaj

*Board meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month and are open to all club members. See an officer or board member for more information.

Newsletter Editor

Open

Committee Chairpersons

- ◆ Activities: Open
- ◆ Banquet: Bob Barlas
- ◆ By-Laws: Mark Hudzin
- ◆ Communications: Open
- ◆ Fundraising: Open
- ◆ Historian: Open
- ◆ Junior Activities: Bill Ladd
- ◆ Membership: Bill Ladd
- ◆ Merchandise: Paul McAdam
- ◆ Public Access: Little Fox
- ◆ Sunshine: Open
- ◆ Tournament: Bob Neilson
- ◆ Webmaster: Open
- ◆ RISSA Delegate: Dave Giuliano

Want to get involved and make your club even better? Contact a Committee Chairperson for more information

Annual Meeting

Thanks to everyone who attended the Annual Meeting on November 17th. We had a really good turnout of about 55 or so members and guests. The Annual Meeting is an important night when the club takes care of a lot of business for the year..."for the purpose of electing officers and directors, proposing the annual dues rate, proposing the annual budget, voting on honorary life memberships, and for any other business that may arise".

You'll find all the information about the meeting scattered about in this newsletter.

Club Elections

Congratulations to everyone elected! Our Board members for 2010 are:

President
Mark Hudzin

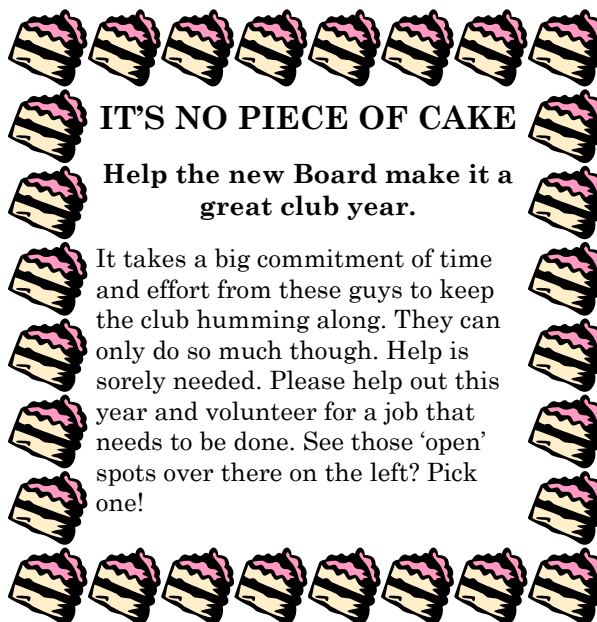
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Mike Lapisky

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Treasurer
Alan Schmied

Board of Directors
Jim Gallagher
Bob Barlas
Jamail Ajaj



Business Directory: Support Your Club Members

Bait & Tackle

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

Middlebridge Country Store
10% off for club member
95 Middlebridge Road
Narragansett, RI
401-465-4345

Quonny Bait & Tackle
10% off for club member
Intersection of Routes 216 and 1
Charlestown, RI
401-315-2330

Surfhog Lure Company
P.O. Box 1452
North Kingstown, RI 02852
www.surfhoglureco.com
surfhoglureco@yahoo.com

Wickford Rodworks
Tournament Weigh-In Station
10% off for club member
7 Weaver Rd
North Kingstown, RI 02852

401-667-7363
www.wickfordrodworks.com

Fishdoc Wooden Plugs
"Custom Plugs built for the fish"
Builder: Dick Mandeville
www.fish.doc.1@tripod.com
401-829-2967

Graphic Design

Richer Graphics
Custom signs, Vehicle & Boat
Lettering, Magnetic Signs, Logo &
Graphic Design
401-742-4361
richergraphics@gmail.com

Painting

Sun Coat Painting
Larry McPhillips
401-782-4744

Dunphy Painting
Michael Dunphy
401-284-0888
20 Years Experience
Interior - Exterior
Commercial - Residential
Power Washing, Gutter Cleaning

Photography

Tom Clune Photography
Fine Art Prints, Gifts
10% off for club member
Tom Clune
401-450-9400
tom@tomclune.com
www.tomclune.com

Reel Service

Snug Harbor Marine Center
410 Gooseberry Road
Wakefield, RI 02879
401-783-8220
snugharborserv@aol.com

Get Listed Here

Do you have a business or provide a services? Now is the time more than ever to network. Get listed in the directory for free!

All you need to do is provide a business card or give your information to a Board member.

Merchandise & Club News

Club Decals



These are high quality clear vinyl decals that are 6.5" wide and go on your vehicle very easy.

Decals are available for \$7 each.

Shirts and Hats

T-Shirts: \$10
Hats: \$15
Sweatshirts: \$35



All items are available at the merchandise stand at the meetings.

Check out the new club merchandise at the next meeting!

Club Website

Our club's website got a little behind the times but thanks to John Redmond it's now up to snuff. Check it out and please let a Board member know if you ever find something that needs updating.

Club Dues Are Due

Just a reminder that club dues are now due.



For convenience a membership renewal form is included with this newsletter.

Other Things

Bylaw Revision Update

The Board discussed at its meeting on Dec 7 when and how to proceed with adopting the revised bylaw articles. It was decided to begin at the January meeting and proceed in order beginning with Article I. This will be announced at the December meeting to give everyone time to review the articles beforehand. How many we expect to cover in a meeting has not yet been determined, but it's expected to span several meetings.

Merchandise Committee Formed

Paul McAdam has volunteered to lead the merchandise committee. Paul will handle the vendors and ordering and will work with

2010 Budget and Dues Approved

The proposed budget for 2010 was approved by the membership at the Annual Meeting. Dues is unchanged at \$35 for adult membership and \$52.50 for family memberships.

Please remember any member may request a copy of the club's itemized income and expense summary for 2009 which the Treasurer prepared for the Annual Meeting. If you would like a copy please see a Board member.

the club on what to get. Paul's job will keep him from attending many meetings on Tuesday nights, so Mike Lapisky is helping out and will handle the sales at the meetings. Thanks to Paul and Mike for taking on this job!

Attending Board meetings

As a reminder a member may attend a Board meeting to listen to the proceedings. You may also present a matter for discussion. In either case the Board requests that you let us know beforehand that you will be attending, if possible. This is especially so if you would like to discuss something. We work to an agenda that's already been prepared and unless we know early enough there might not be time to discuss your topic until the following meeting.

Member Satisfaction Survey

At the January meeting we are going to conduct a survey to get feedback from the members about how the club

is doing—activities, meetings, seminars, and the like. Please think about it and come to the meeting with good, constructive ideas about how we could make it a better club! We'll go over the results at the February meeting.

Seminar Speakers Scrutinized

A suggestion was made at the November meeting that we don't hire seminar speakers who burn spots for pay in publications or on websites. The members present decided to think about it for awhile and discuss it at the December meeting. Please mull it over and make your voice heard.

Flyfishing Group ?

A couple of months ago the Board discussed the possibility of forming a flyfishing group within the club. It came about when a prospective member expressed interest and volunteered to do

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Yearlong Tournament Standings

Bass

1st: Brendan Richards

37.3 lbs

Blue

1st: Brendan Richards

14.64 lbs

2nd: Marty Wencek

13 lbs

3rd: Rick Boyd

10.83 lbs

The deadline for submittals for the year-long tournament is December 31st

Report Violations

If you see a violation you want to report call the RI Environmental Police Hotline:

401-222-3070

Honorary Lifetime Membership Awarded to Nelson Valles

Congratulations to Nelson Valles! Nelson was honored by the membership for all the work he's done for the club over the years by being declared an Honorary Lifetime Member at our Annual Meeting.

Thank You Tom Clune!

Many, many thanks to Tom for dutifully publishing the club's newsletter for the past 3 years. What a big contribution he made, and what a great job he did! Unfortunately Tom had to hang up the spikes with the close of the club year. He's got a new addition to the family, full time graduate school starting and a full time job to boot. And he probably wasn't getting any fishing in. If you see Tom please thank him for all the hard work he's done for us. We'll miss you Tom!

Banquet Committee Volunteers

Planning for this year's awards night and banquet is just about to start. Anyone interested in helping to produce this special evening for our club is invited to join the banquet committee. Please contact committee chairman Bob Barlas or any Board member at an upcoming meeting.

Flyfishing Group, cont.

the work to get it going and keep it running.

The possibilities ranged from a simple interest group to a formal division with a category in our yearlong tournament. Interest was mixed at the time and the idea was tabled for

now. If you have an opinion about it please let it be known at an upcoming meeting.

The Fisherman Magazine

Our club's meetings and events are now listed in The Fisherman magazine's event section. We expect to be in On The Water soon.

Take-A-Kid-Fishing

The October TAKF was scheduled for Saturday the 24th but was rained out. We tried again on Sunday and were rained out again. The diehards rescheduled for the next weekend and it finally went off on the 31st (Halloween). We had about a dozen or so kids. There were several nice trout caught by the kids and a

largemouth bass too. For the trout special thanks goes to member Al Williams. Al works for the DEM and made sure the pond was well stocked for the kids beforehand. How about that for a trick or treat?

Thanks to all the guys who helped out and thanks to Bill Ladd, our Junior Activities Chairman. The crew in-

cluded Ray Skurka, Nick Schmaruk, Dick Durand, George Fountaine, Al Williams, and Alan Schmied. I'm sorry if I missed anyone.

*The pleasantest angling is to see the fish
Cut with her golden oars the silver
stream
And greedily devour the treacherous bait
- William Shakespeare*



Warning! Club Benefits to Disappear!

I regret to inform the club that we've had such a poor showing from most members in the area of volunteering for jobs that some things are going away. Until now the Board of Directors has carried more than their share by doing much of the committee work in addition to their Board duties. You'll note the following committees and jobs in the past have been run and largely staffed by Board members: Activities, Membership, Merchandise, Tournaments, Sunshine, Refreshments, newsletter printing and mailing, Junior Activities.

This year we have several new openings but everyone is maxed out. As a result, unfortunately there are no plans to provide the following things on a regular basis beginning this month unless we can staff them.

Newsletter: We need someone to publish our newsletter. If you are computer savvy and have email, please consider doing this for the club. This issue was prepared by the club President. There won't be another one anytime soon.

Printing and Mailing: We need a volunteer to take the club's printer and print and mail the newsletter each month and to print things like membership cards and meeting handouts.

Meeting Refreshments: Many thanks to Alan Schmied for bringing refreshments to every meeting this past year, and to Buzz Vickers the year before. These guys are both in sunny Florida now. So, no more pizza, meatball subs, or veggie platters until someone else can do it. For those guys who got tired of pepperoni, we have bigger problems now.

Sunshine: Again thanks to Alan Schmied for handling this for us in the past. It's a nice thing for the club to send get well cards to a member who is ill, and it's proper for us to send condolences when needed. Won't someone please do this for the club?

Seminar Ideas Wanted

Is there someone you'd like to see or something you'd like us to do at a meeting? Planning for this year's meetings is underway. Please let us know about your ideas. We still have on the list—if I remember right—ideas from Paul McAdam (Kelly Bates and the weather, Coast Guard and safety) and Don Wilcox (DEM). I know we didn't get to them, but at least we didn't forget! Maybe this year? We'll try, we'll try.