



## Martha's Vineyard Surfcasters Association

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### February 2023 Newsletter

Hello Surfcasters,

I hope everyone has survived and thrived through the frigid temperatures! Thank God the warmer weather is coming and we will soon be out there casting our lines and hoping for the first bite of those spring schoolies.

Did you make it to the Banquet?

Whether you enjoyed all the festivities or not, please be sure to thank Barbara Rogers and kitchen staff, Ron Domurat and Bob Yapp for all their hardwork work with auction items, Ralph Peckham and the shuckers, and The Prez and the everyone who helped set up and break down. It was a fabulous banquet and couldn't have happened without everyone's help!



I hope to see you at the next club meeting on **Monday, March 6 at 7 pm** for pizza and conversation, with the meeting starting at 7:30 pm. We have a special guest on Monday -- **Paul Schultz** has agreed to come back and talk more about his service in Vietnam, his return to the States, and a life well cast. We will air the meeting on Zoom, with technical support not provided by me!

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81231999440?pwd=S1c0a2pySG5MSnZheERMaFFQR0c5QT09>

Meeting ID: 812 3199 9440

Passcode: 995726

See you on Monday,

Lisa

# Club Meeting Notes - Banquet

1. The Prez opened the Banquet and welcomed everyone. He thanked the board members and volunteers for another great year.
2. Phil Horton gave the Treasurer's Report. We have roughly \$17,000 in the scholarship account and about \$6,000 in the operating account. The scholarship account receives all monies for the annual tackle sale, and is used to disburse scholarships and pay for the storage unit. The operating account handles everything else - income from dues, banquet and donations, and payments for all our expenses, including insurance, rent for venues, club donations, and expenses. In 2022, we had \$12,000 in expenses, including \$7,000 in scholarship and donations. We have one \$4,000 scholarship gifted last June that was deferred for one year but the winner will still use the funds next semester.
3. Bob Lane asked if the scholarship money was given directly to the students or the sent to the schools. Phil shared that all scholarship awards are sent directly to the colleges once the student is enrolled.
4. The Club voted in a new board: President - Donald, Vice President - Kevin Seger, Treasurer - Phil, and Secretary - Dr. Dave.
5. Kevin thanked everyone, introduced his wife Heather and then shared with great enthusiasm that five years ago he didn't fish. "I gave up drinking and took up fishing. Now I fish as hard as I drank," he said with lots of laughter and sincerity. Welcome, Kevin!
6. The Prez thanked Lisa for her service as VP with kind words and beautiful flowers.
7. The Prez urged everyone to go through our tackle and get him as much gear as we could for the upcoming tackle sale.
8. The Trustee staff introduced themselves and gave us updates on all areas of the Island.
9. The Prez mentioned that Club membership is down. People normally renew at the Banquet and we didn't have a Banquet for two years. **New Membership Promotion** - For every new member you bring in, you receive a ticket to a raffle at the end of the year for a \$100 gift card at a local tackle shop.
10. We had successful raffles and auctions at the Banquet. And, we had super cute helpers!



# 2022 MVSA Banquet Awards



**MVSA Angler of the Year:**  
Ralph Peckham



**First Place Bonito**  
Dave Nash  
6.78 pounds



**First Place False Albacore.**  
Zach Magid  
11.49 pounds



**First Place Bluefish**  
Ralph Peckham  
17.00 pounds

# Triple Crown Winners



## Second Place Triple Crown:

Kevin Seger  
28.54 pounds

## Third Place Triple Crown:

Dave Nash  
28.09 pounds

## Runners Up:

Ron McKee

Tyler Poole

## First Place Triple Crown

Ron Domurat  
29.46 pounds

## 2022 Reel Winners

First Place: Zach Magid  
Second Place: Dave Nash  
Third Place: Ron Domurat

*Reels from Coops Bait and Tackle*



## Shark Tournament First Place:

Lisa Belcastro



**The gang's  
all here!**

# MVSA Upcoming Calendar

1. **March 6 – Club Meeting** at 7 pm at the Rod and Gun Club. Pizza is served at 7 pm and the meeting starts at 7:30 pm.

**Paul Schultz will share more stories about his service in Vietnam.**

Zoom information:

Topic: MVSA

Time: Mar 6, 2023 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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2. **April 3 – Club Meeting** at 7 pm at the Rod and Gun Club. Pizza is served at 7 pm and the meeting starts at 7:30 pm.



Last glimpse of the last row at the 2023 Banquet. 😊

## BE A WINNER IN THE MVSA IN-HOUSE DERBY

**MVSA In-House Derby** - This is a fun and loosely run tournament based solely on the honor system and club members are eligible to win prizes by submitting entries for one or more of the eligible species (striped bass, bluefish, false albacore, bonito). Fish can be kept but catch and release is strongly encouraged. To determine the weight, the fish can be weighed or the weight can be estimated by using the following formula. (length x the girth squared, divided by 800=total weight). It's surprisingly accurate.

### HOW TO ENTER -----

You must be a paid in full member before catching and weighing in any fish.

Use the weigh-in slip on the MVSA website and make as many copies as you need.

When you catch a fish you want to enter, use the calculation above or weigh on a digital fishing scale.

To be eligible for consideration, your fish must conform to the minimum sizes below:

Bluefish 22"

Bonito 21"

False Albacore 25"

**Boundaries: To be eligible, a fish must be caught in or around the waters of Martha's Vineyard, within MVSB & BF Derby Boundaries.** *(Fish caught during the trip to Cuttyhunk are not eligible for any prizes)*

### DIVISION AND AWARDS

A monthly pin will be awarded to the member that submits an entry for the largest fish in each species. All monthly entries will participate in a "luck of the draw" raffle to win a Ron McKee custom lure. All first, second and third place monthly winners will also be entered into a year-end raffle to win new fishing reels. There will be three raffles, one each for all first, second and third place entries.

The 'Angler of the Year' will be determined by a point system based on monthly entries. Five points will be awarded for a first-place monthly winner, three for second, and one for third. The member who finishes the year with the most points will be declared the '**Angler of the Year**'.

**Entries:** Must be received within seven days after the catch and may be submitted by **email** to Dave Balon at: [WeighSlip@mvsurfcasters.org](mailto:WeighSlip@mvsurfcasters.org). If you do not have an email account, mail your entry to: MVSA In-House Derby, P.O. Box 3053, Edgartown, MA 02539

Slips must be postmarked within seven days of the date of catch. During the MV Bass & Bluefish Derby, there is no need to fill out our weigh-in slip; simply mail in the official MV Derby weigh-in slip.

In-House Derby entry forms may be obtained on the MVSA web-site [www.mvsurfcasters.org](http://www.mvsurfcasters.org) (Then go to the Club tab, 2018 In-House Derby) The Official Weigh-In Slip link is under the MVSA Derby Info section.