



## Martha's Vineyard Surfcasters Association

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### March 2022 Newsletter

**From The Prez: "You must be vaccinated to attend all indoor MVSA events, including meetings. Thanks"**

Hello Surfcasters,

Anyone else counting the days until summer with mornings, Afternoons, and evenings and fishing?

We had a fantastic club meeting on March 3. Paul Schultz honored us with a talk about his years of service in Vietnam. You can read about his talk further down in the newsletter.

The Club raised \$1,175 in our first online **silent auction**. If you won something, please call The Prez to arrange payment and pick up. Thank you to everyone who bid. A portion of the monies raised will be donated to one or more Island charities this spring.

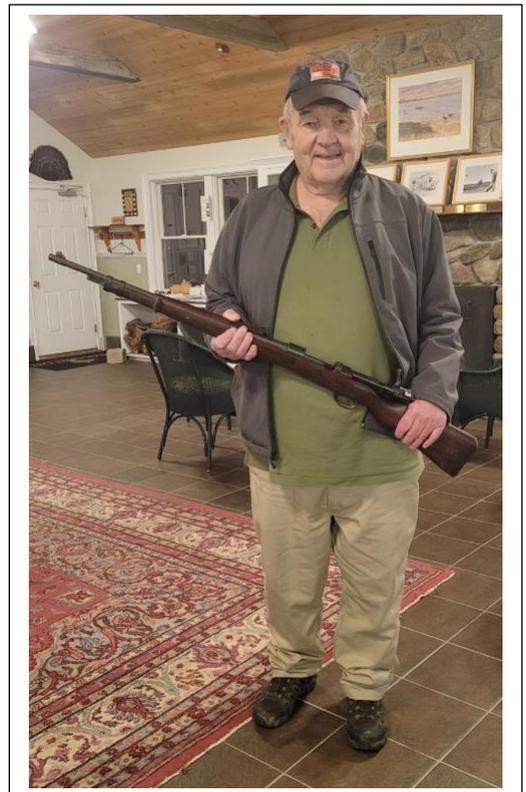
**News flash:** April meeting is Monday, April 11.

**Scott Maccaferri of On Island Lures** will be speaking. Don't miss it!

May meeting will be held Monday, May 23 at 7 pm.

Hope to see you on the beach, rod in hand, in April!

Lisa



**Save the Date:**  
**July 10 – 5 pm**  
**Annual Club Picnic**  
**Bend in the Road Beach**

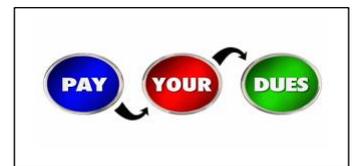
# Club News and Meeting Notes

1. **SAVE THE DATE: July 10 – Annual Club Picnic** at Bend in the Road Beach at 5 pm. This year we are planning a huge party since our banquet was canceled. We will not only have the traditional burgers and meats, but we're also having a clambake with clams and oysters. If you live off-Island, be sure to get here. The Prez promises you won't be disappointed.

2. Our **MVSA Club Auction** raised \$1,175. Thank you to everyone who bid and supported our club!

3. The Prez announced that 2022 will be his last year as president. He will stay on as VP, but we need a member to **step up and be our new president**. Is that you?

4. **It's time to pay your Club Dues**. You can bring \$30 to the April 11 meeting or mail your check to: MVSA, PO Box 3053, Edgartown, MA 02539. If you don't pay your dues by April 30, you won't receive this awesome newsletter anymore. ☹️



5. The club has **T-shirts, bags, hats, pins, and stickers**. Call the Prez if you want any.

6. We need **donations for our tag sale!** Over the last three years, our tag sales have brought in over \$30,000. Let's keep the momentum going! If you're not going to the April meeting, call the Prez to drop off.



7. The annual **Shark Tournament** will be held in July/August when the sharks show up. We will have a club beach barbeque the last night of the tournament. We voted to give a \$200 Chappy Ferry book to the winner.

8. The Prez is going to order **long sleeve t-shirts and sweatshirts**. Brenda suggested long-sleeve tech shirts.

9. Years ago MVSA had a book club. Now we have **lots of books**. We voted to donate the books to our tag sale.

10. **April meeting speaker will be:** Scott Maccaferri of On Island Lures. Come hear about making wood plugs and resin lures.

11. **Calling all vets**. If you are a member of MVSA and have served in the US Armed Forces, please send me a picture of you in uniform with a description by April 30 for our May newsletter issues. [mom1runner@aol.com](mailto:mom1runner@aol.com)

# Paul Schultz: Service in Vietnam

Paul left the island on January 1, 1969. He didn't see the Island again until June 1970. In those eighteen months, Paul's life changed in ways he could have never imagined.

He left Martha's Vineyard, headed to Fort Jackson, S.C., then went to Fort Gordon, GA for Boot Camp. "I spent eight weeks there," Paul said, adding, "Eight weeks of Hell."

After Boot Camp, Paul flew to Japan, spent two hours there, then flew on to Vietnam.

Paul remembers clearly to this day the first two things he noticed in Vietnam: 1) Heat – "it was 106 degrees the day I landed." 2) Smell – "the fumes from the planes, trucks, and garbage were an incredibly horrible smell."

Only hours after landing in 'Nam, Paul got his first assignment: Guard duty at the air post. "I could hear gunfire all night long. Didn't close my eyes. Stayed up all night."

Paul moved 25 times during his tour of duty in the Battery B, 3d Battalion, 6<sup>th</sup> Artillery. "I got ESP. I could sense incoming fire before it happened.

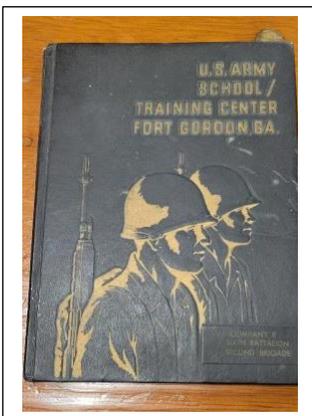
"I was 21 years old when I left the Island. I was 35 when I returned," Paul said, adding with a chuckle, "LOL. I was twenty-three and a half."

If you're over fourteen years old, you've had some history lessons and learned about the horrors of war. Paul summed up Vietnam simply: "There were only two kinds of guys in Vietnam, scared or a liar."

Sadly, like many Vietnam vets, Paul faced hatred when he returned. He landed in Boston on his return and was punched, spit on, and got in a fist fight. Five or six years after Paul was out of the Army, he was at a cookout where a lady asked him how many babies he killed.

Undeterred by the idiots who mocked soldiers, Paul served an additional four years in the Army Reserves.

From all of us at MVSA: Thank you, Paul, for your courageous service to our country!



Left: Paul's Army Manual

Right: Knives from Vietnam.



## Have you ordered your Striped Bass Conservation Plate yet?



The Baker-Polito Administration announced Massachusetts is now offering a new specialty license plate available through the Registry of Motor Vehicles to promote conservation of striped bass, which are an important and iconic fish synonymous with the Massachusetts coastline.

The plate was custom designed by Cape Cod artist, Janet Biondi, and depicts a striped bass in pursuit of alewives, one of its favorite forage species. The striped bass license plate is now available to all motorists who are registering a vehicle in the Commonwealth. For motorists who already have a vehicle registered and want this new plate, they can visit [Mass.Gov/myRMV](https://www.mass.gov/myRMV) to order one.

“Striped bass is the premier game fish in Massachusetts marine waters and an important component of our commercial fishery,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides. “The purchase of these specialty license plates will enhance efforts to conserve and restore striped bass, river herring, and other marine fisheries that are vital to the Commonwealth’s coastal ecology, economy, and culture.”

I’ve got mine and love it!

To order your Striped Bass plate, click on the link below:

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-stripped-bass-conservation-license-plate>

## 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.