



Martha's Vineyard Surfcasters Association

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March 2023 Newsletter

Hello Surfcasters,

It's spring! I'm so so happy that winter is over (minus a few more cold days) and we are about to enter fishing season. Who will catch the first schoolie? Or the first bluefish? Or the first keeper bass? I can't wait to hear all the fishing reports and antics.

We had a great March meeting. The Prez and the new VP, Kevin Seger, updated us on all the club must-know information. Paul Schultz spoke on his service in Vietnam. If you missed Paul's talk and would like to watch the Zoom recording, please email Dr. Dave for the video link.

Be sure to check out our calendar of events for the upcoming boat raffle, annual Father's Day BBQ and our annual July picnic.

I hope to see you at the next club meeting on **Monday, April 3 at 7 pm** for pizza and conversation, with the meeting starting at 7:30 pm. Our guest speaker for May is Shelley Edmundson of the Martha's Vineyard Fishermen's Preservation Trust. If you're not familiar with the great work the Fishermen's Trust is doing, check out their website and come hear Shelley talk.

<https://www.mvfishermenspreservationtrust.org/>

See you on Monday,

Lisa

The poster is for a beach grass planting event. It features a background image of a sandy beach with tall grasses. At the top left is the Wampanoag Tribe of Aquinnas logo, and at the top right is a small logo of a person fishing. The main text is in bold green and black. It says "BEACH GRASS PLANTING 2023" at the top. Below that, in a large black font, is "JOIN US!". The text continues: "Spring 2023 is just around the corner and we have another 20,000 stems of grass to plant along Lobsterville." Then it lists the date and time: "WHEN: April 15, 2023 - 9 am to 12 pm" and the location: "WHERE: Lobsterville Rd." The RSVP information is "RSVP: envcoord@wampanoagtribe-nsn.gov". There is a paragraph encouraging volunteers to be stewards of the land. Below that, it says "**STUDENTS - volunteer hour certificates available upon request**". At the bottom, it provides a website for more information: "For more information, please visit: wampanoagtribe-nsn.gov/beachgrass" and states "Breakfast and Beverages Provided by Quitsa Cuisine!".

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We ask and encourage our previous volunteers to join us once more to be stewards of this wonderful land, enjoy each other's company, and to enjoy another wonderful day on the beach!

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Club Meeting Notes

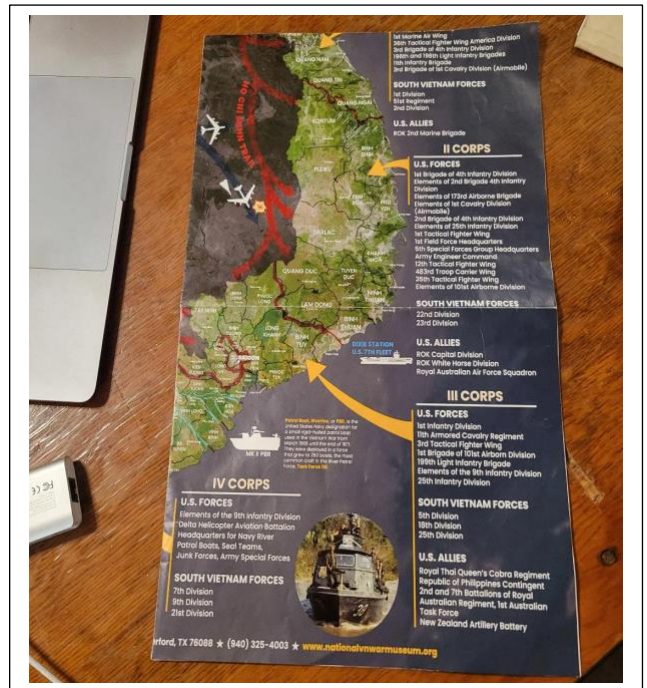
1. The Club had **seven new** members join at the Banquet.
2. This year the Club is running a **special promotion** for anyone who brings in a new member. First, you receive a fabulous MVSA bag when your friend joins. And, you receive a ticket for a yearend raffle for a \$100 gift card to a local tackle store. Time to invite your fishing friends to join the Club!
3. All **membership dues** need to be paid by our April 3rd meeting. Send a check, send Venmo, or bring money to the April meeting. If you hadn't paid by April 3rd, you will be removed from all mailings. ☹
4. Our **Annual July Beach Picnic** will be held on Saturday, July 8 at 4:30 pm. We will gather at Bend-in-the-Road Beach. The Club will supply the hamburgers, hot dogs, shellfish, and chips. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Bring your own beverage of choice. Rain date will be July 9th.
5. The local **Boy Scout troop** asked The Prez for volunteers to take the scouts fishing one day. The Prez will be looking for Club volunteers.
6. The **Annual Kid's Trout Tournament** is April 8. Coop is looking for volunteers. Give him a call at the tackle shop. You'll even get a prime parking spot if you volunteer.
7. The Prez urged everyone to go through our tackle and get him as much gear as we could for the upcoming **tackle sale**. The Prez has already sold about \$1,200 in merchandise in various Facebook groups. We raised \$13,500 last year. The Prez wants to beat that. Donate now. Donate often!
8. The Club is **auctioning off a boat!** Okay, maybe not a boat, But we are auctioning off a fishing trip with Scott on his 23-foot Steincraft. The winner will launch out of Vineyard Haven and head out for Black Sea Bass or Bluefish. The trip will be in June. Raffle will begin April 4th. More details will be announced at the April meeting. You will be able to purchase tickets by cash, check, or Venmo. Members only! raffle drawing will be at our May meeting.
9. Our annual **Father's Day BBQ** on Chappy will be over the June 16-18 weekend on the best day (sun, wind, weather - fish optional). The guys from CT will be serving up a fish fry, among other delectable goodies. More information to follow.
10. We need a **new poster for our Lure Donation** collection during the Derby. Any suggestions? Any artists in the Club? Lisa suggested a children's coloring contest to pick the winner. Could also be an adult coloring contest.
11. Shelley Edmundson of the **Martha's Vineyard Fishermen's Preservation Trust** will speak at our April meeting. Come find out what the MVFPT is doing for our local fisherman.
12. Paul Schultz spoke to the Club about his service in Vietnam. See pictures below.



Proud to Serve with Paul Schultz



Paul shows us where he served during his tour of duty in Vietnam in Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 6th Artillery.



Map where Paul “Dutch” Schultz served. Paul was nicknamed after the fierce gangster, Dutch Schultz.

WAR TROPHY REGISTRATION/AUTHORIZATION	
INSTRUCTIONS: This form will be prepared for all types of war trophies. Original to owner; 1 copy with trophy; 1 copy retained by issuing command. If war trophy is a firearm, DD Form 603 will also be prepared.	
Theater and inclusive period of service in overseas command SEA 4 Feb 65 - 12 Apr 70	
Name of Owner (Last, First, MI) Schultz, Paul B.	Service Number 03336963
Organization 3rd Battery, 3/6th Arty	Grade/Rank E-4
Permanent Home Address Cleveland Town Rd Beverly, Mass	
DESCRIPTION OF WAR TROPHY	
Describe item (if firearms, indicate make, type - rifle/pistol) Knife, 7 1/2 inch blade, wooden handle (fractured)	
Serial Number or Identifying Mark (if firearm, include country of manufacture) N/A	
Date 21 Jan 70	Typed Name, Grade, Org of Authenticating Officer James N. Reel, LTC, USAF
Station Phan Rang AB, RVN	Signature <i>James N. Reel</i>

DD Form 603-1, 1 Jul 65

Certificate to bring home a “souvenir” knife. Paul also brought home a Vietnamese rifle.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY	
Headquarters 5th Battalion 27th Artillery APO San Francisco 96321	
AVG-AB-00	8 February 1970
SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation	
TO: Officers and Men of Battery B, 3d Battalion, 6th Artillery APO 96321	
<p>1. I wish to take this opportunity, now as your attachment to the 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery is about to terminate, to extend my appreciation and commend each of you for the outstanding performance of your unit while conducting combat support operations in AO Dan An/Sheridan.</p> <p>2. Battery B, 3d Battalion, 6th Artillery was attached to the 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery on 20 July 1969. Almost immediately, it was assigned to Tay Phong with the mission of Direct Support of A Troop, 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry in northern Binh Thuan Province. Since the initial move to Tay Phong, B Battery, has been involved in 28 tactical moves and operations to include a three month operation in support of land clearing in the Tay Hong Phong Forest and several operations in the Song Hao and mountainous areas north and west of Tay Phong. B Battery, 3d Battalion, 6th Artillery fired in excess of 30,000 rounds to support these operations.</p> <p>3. The performance of B Battery, 3d Battalion, 6th Artillery, while attached to the 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery, was truly outstanding. The battery and its personnel have earned the right to be known as “The Professionals”.</p> <p>4. It was a distinct pleasure having B Battery, 3d Battalion, 6th Artillery as a member of this command.</p>	
<p><i>James N. Reel</i> JAMES N. REEL LTC, FA Commanding</p>	

Paul’s Letter of Commendation
“The Professionals”
Thank you, Paul!

MVSA Upcoming Calendar

1. **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.

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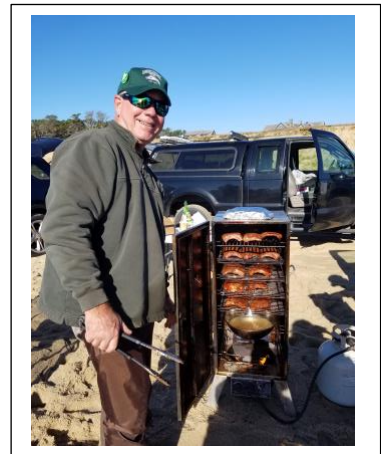


2. **May 1 – Club Meeting** at 7 pm at the Rod and Gun Club. Pizza is served at 7 pm and the meeting starts at 7:30 pm.



3. **Father's Day Weekend Fish Fry on the Beach** - June 16, 17, 18 -

The annual Father's Day BBQ on Chappy will be a bit different this year. The guys will be serving up a fish fry, among other delectable goodies. The picnic will be held on the best weather day of the weekend. More information to follow.



4. **July 8 - Annual MVSA Beach Picnic** - Bend in the Road Beach

The club will supply the meats and chips. Everyone brings a side dish to share. Stay tuned for more information.

Rain date: July 9. B.Y.O.B.



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. 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 (Then go to the Club tab, 2018 In-House Derby) The Official Weigh-In Slip link is under the MVSA Derby Info section.