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# The Fishin' Times

*All the news that's fish...we'll print*

The Newsletter Of The Martha's Vineyard Surfcasters Association

Treasurer  
Ron Domurat

Secretary  
Bob Lane

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"...to encourage the sport of surfcasting; to gather for entertainment and good fellowship; to promote and uphold sound conservation practices and laws, and to see that these laws are properly carried out by members; to further good sportsmanship; and to seek and protect public access to fishing areas on Martha's Vineyard." *A. Spofford, 1989*

## 14th Annual Awards Banquet Set For Saturday January 25

**Featuring Guest Speaker: Ed Jerome!**

### Slate Of Officers Announced For 2003

At the December meeting the following slate of officers was nominated:

President: Jeff Sayre  
Vice pres.: Walter Lison, Paul Schultz  
Treasurer: Ron Domurat  
Secretary: Bob Lane/Paula Sullivan  
Nominations will be accepted from the floor too.

### That Awesome Raffle Is Back Again!

You know, no matter how long you've been chasing fish, you can never have enough fishing stuff which is why we are having our "Awesome Raffle" again this year. Raffle chairman Arnie Ziemian, along with several of our members, has accumulated a cache of prizes that continues to grow bigger every day. Items such as a new tackle and equipment, some new lures or flies, or how about a gift certificate to one of our many fine island stores or restaurants.

This year we will be using the same format as the past several years which will allow our off island members to have a chance at all of the great prizes that are up for grabs. **To help save on printing costs, tickets are being mailed to off island members only.** Since Arnie's crew will still be collecting items after we print the tickets, and in an effort to expand the entire raffle to our off island members, we have once again divided the prizes into three groups according to their approximate monetary value. The ticket levels are as follows:

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(Awesome Raffle continued)

"Schoolie" Raffle 3 Tickets / \$5.00  
"Keeper" Raffle 2 Tickets / \$5.00  
"Lunker" Raffle 2 Tickets / \$10.00

Each level covers a range of prize value. The "Schoolie" raffle is for prizes of lesser monetary value, but still great items, such as lures & tackle, or gift certificates up to \$25; the "Keeper" raffle has prizes of moderate value like gift certificates over \$25; and the "Lunker" raffle is for the most expensive "kahuna value" prizes. Pick the level or levels you want a shot at and send your stubs in with a check for the appropriate amount to: MVSA PO Box 3053 Edgartown MA 02539. Please don't delay.

### Shuckers Wanted!

And for you shy types out there it's OK to come early and help. Doors open around 11 am for set up and shucking.

### Dues Will Be Due!

This is also the time of year when we are happy to collect your dues for the upcoming 2003 season. This is our only form of income (other than our Awesome Raffle) and is what makes all our programs and events possible. You may wish to pay at the banquet, but if you can't make it, then send dues to:

MVSA  
PO Box 3053  
Edgartown, MA, 02539

Please advise us of any changes in address or membership status.

Dues are still only:

Family: \$30 / year.  
Individual Adult (16 - 64): \$20 / year.  
Senior (65 & over ): \$10 / year.  
Junior (under 16 ): \$10 / year.

## Around The Island

### First Island Fish of 2003?

With the coming season a few months away, here's a reminder that we like to try keep track of which member caught the first fish of each species while fishing on the island. If you are fishing in island waters this spring, and think you have caught the first striper under 28", first striper over 28", first weakfish, first bluefish, first bonito or the first false albacore of our membership call or e-mail Bob Lane.

508-693-5296 or  
rlane@fc.mv.k12.ma.us

## What's On The Line?

Or: "Stuff To Do"

**MVSA Annual Awards Banquet**  
**Saturday, January 25, 1-5 pm**  
**Old Whaling Church, Edgartown**  
**Guest Speaker: Ed Jerome**  
**Bring a friend!**

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**Fly Tying With Coop & Co**  
**Mondays 7-9**  
**Now 'til about Spring**  
**At: MV Rod & Gun Club**  
**Sponsored by: MV Rod & Gun Club**

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## Charlie Barr...Flyfishing? Did Anyone Else See That Pig Fly By?

By Bob Lane

Who knows? This is the 21st century, they're cloning animals - maybe even humans, they're living in outer space and I thought I even saw a pig fly by my window the other day! It was the same day I got an e-mail from a "friend" of Charlie Barr's. The message stated: *"Charlie returned home Friday PM from his second surgery. He asked if someone would volunteer to teach him to flyfish. He is very anxious to start. Please call if will teach him."* Signed: (Name withheld so as not to cause embarrassment to George Moran) Looking out my window, I swear I saw a pig fly by! Imagine that? Charlie Barr, good ol' lure throwing, bait heaving, lunker killer Charlie, is going to downsize his fishing tactics on the doctor's orders? No problem! I figured I could help get the word out! A few clicks of the mouse and... voila, the message was instantly forwarded to everyone on my MVSA e-mail list. That was followed shortly by a couple of volunteers responding to help Charlie...obviously those who didn't know (just as I had forgotten) that the words "Charlie Barr" and "flyfishing" only appear in the same sentence when accompanied by a number of expletives to be deleted. To those kind souls not only must I offer my apologies for expecting the impossible and jumping the gun before checking my source, but I can also say that your gracious offers of time and equipment did not go unnoticed, and these offers speak volumes to your character and to your commitment to our sport. And Charlie, if the mood strikes you and you want to make the impossible happen, members Russ Lawrence and Ken Bebee are willing to help you give it a shot. Good Luck!

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