

MVSA Newsletter

January 2014

Time to think MVSA Banquet and Annual Meeting on January 25, Saturday. Appetizers start at around 1 PM. Followed by the usual program of way too much to eat, a short but very important business meeting, the MVSA In-house Derby prize drawing, and of course the silent auction, 50/50 and mega raffle!

Same place, the downstairs room in the Edgartown Old Whaling Church, graciously provided by Chris Scott of the MV Preservation Trust.

Bring a plate to pass, side-dishes and desserts are very popular!

Club Business:

Our by-laws require that we vote on any significant issues at the Annual Meeting. This year there is the usual election, with a new Board of Director Vice President and a new President who has been recommended by the Nomination Committee headed up by Janet Messineo.

Treasurer	Phil Horton	second term
Secretary	George Moran	third term
Vice President	Peter Johnson	fourth term
Vice President	to be announced	first term
President	Don Scarpone	first term

This is a great selection of officers and they will make us look good. As you may remember from the last newsletter, I'll be retiring after my third term as President and 10 continuous years on the Board of Directors. I'll continue as the club tradition has been to offer help to the new board members as long as they want to hear my two cents.

The second item on the agenda is the subject of dues. We've all heard about how the baby boomers are supposedly cleaning out the social security trust fund as they retire. Well, I hate to say it, but our treasury is suffering as many have reached that Senior Member \$10 dues status.

Let me explain, We have two sources of funding in the club, dues and the raffle. The raffle funds our good deeds; the high school senior scholarship, the MVRHS Science fair prize and support, the MV Warrior Project, Food Bank, big brothers and sisters, the kids trout derby and others. Our business friends generously support our club activities knowing that our raffle supports many fine local projects and charities.

Our dues support our member activities; the banquet, MVSA In-House Derby prizes, Summer Picnic/fishing contest, winter meeting expenses, speaker and entertainment expenses, newsletter expenses, website expenses and a biggie-insurance. We've sliced and diced the budget and tried to come up with a fair way to accomplish our task of keeping the club healthy financially.

Our proposal for a motion is; **One simple dues that will cover everyone living in a family or under the same roof. \$30 year. No senior, junior, individual or family categories. Just a simple annual MVSA membership at \$30.**

If we can get the 140 or so of us who say they want to be members to ante up \$30, our treasury will be able to continue supporting member activities. If not, our financial buffer will continue to disappear and the club will face some serious decisions.

We have about 140 memberships on the books now. Of that only about 100 paid up in 2013. We hope that it's not too late for you to square up for 2013.

The Raffle

If you can't come to the Banquet but want to participate in the Raffle, we can make that happen. Just send a check for your tickets to the club mailbox;

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PO Box 3053

Edgartown, MA 02539

Schoolies	\$5 for 3 tickets
Keepers	\$5 for 2 tickets
Lunkers	\$10 for 2 tickets

Or if you want to participate in the 50/50 drawing the tickets are:

5 tickets/\$5

15 tickets/\$10

or 45 tickets/\$20

We'll have your tickets filled out and deposited, if you win we'll get the prize to you, so be sure to enclose your address and telephone number so that UPS can deliver. MAKE SURE YOU MAIL THIS SOON, AS YOU KNOW ISLAND MAIL IS NOTORIOUSLY SLOW TO EDGARTOWN.

Don't forget about the silent auction either. Get a friend to bid for you. Some really good items come up for that one and often are a real bargain.

It ALL goes to good causes. Please be generous in your support.

Club Hats

We'll be taking pre-orders for MVSA club hats at the Banquet. We'll order a few extra but the club treasury won't support a big over-supply. Right now I'm guessing that we'll try to duplicate the old light green club hat from 10 years ago if the demand is there.

Other News

I encourage all of you to go to the club website. Check out the progress on the new fishing pier, awesome. It's a reality!

The December meeting was a nice diversion at the MV Rod and Gun Clubhouse. About 40 members heard Nelson Sigelman tell us some tall tales from his files of fishing articles from the MV Times. *Hawkeye, the Albie and the Pied Piper* saga came up of course.

There is a persistent report that there were "fish" breaking and birds working them at the Big Bridge the other day. Go figure. Better yet, go fishing and see if you can catch the first MV fish in 2014. Have a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Keep tuned for more winter meetings and activities. Check the web site for details. Submit photos of your winter fishing trips for other members to see.

See you at the Banquet.

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