



RISAA Events & Meetings

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be found online at
www.risaa.org/calendar.html

June 7 • 3:00 PM Fly Fishing Committee
fishing Chepiwanoxet Point, East
Greenwich

June 8-10 • 15th Annual Spring Surf
Fishing Club Challenge

June 13 • 6:00 PM Fly Fishing Committee
fishing at Kings Park, Newport

June 19 • 6:30 RISAA Board of Directors

June 20 • 6:00 PM Fly Fishing Committee
fishing at Kings Park, Newport

June 23 • Take-A-Kid Fishing Day

June 25 • 7:00 PM RISAA Monthly
Seminar

June 26-28 • 3rd Annual Youth Fishing
Camp, Rocky Point Park, Warwick

July 6 • 3:00 PM Fly Fishing Committee
fishing at Narrow River

July 18 • 5:00 PM Fly Fishing Committee
fishing at Quonny Breachway

July 22 • 7:00 AM RISAA Party Boat Fluke
Fishing Trip- members only

July 30 • 7:00 PM RISAA Monthly
Seminar

Aug 11 • RISAA's Annual Adult/Junior
Party Boat Fishing Trip

Aug 13 • 4:00 PM Fly Fishing Committee
fishing at Quoony Breachway

Aug 27 • 7:00 PM RISAA Monthly
Seminar

Sept 24 • 7:00 PM RISAA Monthly
Seminar

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Notes from the

President's Desk

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Surprise Attendance Created SRO and Overflow

I missed the April 30 monthly meeting. That was only the fifth meeting I missed in twenty years. It looks like I missed a doozy!

We don't know how it happened, perhaps it was the "perfect storm" situation.... the famous **Charley Soares** doing the seminar, the topic was fluke fishing (always popular), nice weather, members getting the itch to talk about fishing, etc.

Whatever the reason, an unexpected crowd descended on the West Warwick Elks for the RISAA April meeting.

The meeting officially started at 7:00 PM, but by 6:00 the room was nearly full.

The sign-in line was almost non-stop and extended out the door.

The cook who provides the monthly meals, ran out of food very early, leaving a long line of unhappy members when told they ran out of food.

It didn't take long for the 125 seats to fill. RISAA Board members scrambled to get more chairs from the back room and put out all they could find. Still people had to stand along the sides and back.

The sign-in computer at the door showed an official **attendance of 255**, but some members near the door said that some people just walked in without waiting in line and a few others turned and left when they saw the crowd.

For those who like statistics (I do!), the 255 was the highest, monthly meeting attendance since RISAA started 20 years ago, beating the previous record of 220 set in April, 2012.

Everyone I spoke to said that Charley Soares gave an excellent fluke fishing seminar, giving plenty of tips on how to improve your catch.

Charley always did do a super presentation. Every time he has come

out to do a RISAA seminar he said it's an honor to be here, but to the contrary, we are honored that he continues to do presentations for us, and he always manages to do a better job than the previous time. The man has so much knowledge!

RESIDUAL EFFECTS IN MAY?

The attendance at the May 21 seminar turned out to be unusually low. Why did that happen?

A few suggested that it was because of the huge crowd at the April meeting, that may have kept some people away, especially those who had not attended a meeting prior to April 30. They may have assumed the attendance was always that high and the meeting overcrowded.

If you were one of those who thought all meetings are that crowded, just know that they are not. Our average attendance at monthly seminars is usually in the 125-160 range with plenty of room and plenty of seats.

We have some terrific seminars coming up in the next few months. Don't let the fear of a crowded room keep you away.

IT WAS A GREAT TRIP!

I've been surprised at how many members have asked how my trip was. I mentioned it in the April newsletter, but I didn't think that many of you read it.

But the trip was terrific. Lynn and I drove through 21 states, 6,079 miles. We made it to the Grand Canyon, the Alamo, and lots in between. We loved every minute of it.

For those who take trips to Mexico and other countries, you need to first see what you're missing here! We live in a beautiful country!