

The Virginia

Angler

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December 2006



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**NO DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP
MEETING**

**NEXT CLUB FUNCTION
ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET**

Backlash

Commentary from the Board of Directors

JANUARY 27, 2007 – ANNUAL BANQUET

**CASH BAR AVAILABLE AT 5:30 PM,
DINNER STARTS AT 7:00 PM**

The Virginia Anglers Club Annual Meeting / Awards Banquet will be held at the Virginia Crossings Conference Center and Resort on January 27, 2007. The Resort is the former Figuee's facility located just 1 mile east of US Route 1 on Virginia Center Boulevard. The VCB is 1.1 miles north on US Route 1 from Exit 43 on I-295. As in years past, the meal will be a buffet offering. A cash bar will be available. The Resort's signature clam chowder leads off a great meal. The meat choices on the buffet will be salmon, chicken breasts and Smithfield pork chops. Salads, vegetables, breads and desserts round out the meal. Additional directions appear elsewhere in this Angler.

The banquet price is \$40.00 per individual or \$75.00 for you and your significant other. Sorry, guys, but a "couple" is not defined as two VAC Club Members coming to the banquet together. Please send payment via separate check, made out to "Virginia Anglers Club" to:

**VAC c/o Eddy Johnston
3312 Stuart Avenue
Richmond, VA 23231-2329**

Phone: 355-3877 (H)

Early payment would be appreciated. (Form on page 5.)

The increase over last year's Banquet price is not a function of the change in venue. As Banquet Chairman made numerous contacts with candidate locations in the Richmond Area for this year's Banquet, he found pricing similar to or more than the \$40.00 ticket for our banquet.

Elly Robinson to be Awarded 6th Master Angler Rating Award

Elly Robinson will be honored at this year's Awards Banquet for achieving his Rating of Master Angler. Known for his angling skills and unending energy for the sport of angling, Elly already has accomplished the ratings of Fresh and Salt Water Expert. He holds or has held numerous IGFA world records. Elly is only the 6th member of the Virginia Anglers Club to achieve the Club's most respected angling rating.

Meet Billy Corbett, Newest Member of the Virginia Anglers Club

Billy Corbett, brother of VAC Member Quent Corbett, was voted into membership at the December Board of Directors Meeting. Billy lives with his Wife in Moyock, NC. He is a member of the Club's surf fishing team that won the Cape Hatteras Anglers Club Invitational Fishing Tournament. Welcome, Billy, and thanks from us all for being part of bringing the famous Light House Trophy to the Club.

Dues are Due Beginning December 1, 2006

Membership dues are due and payable on December 1, 2006. There has been no increase in dues for 2007. Active Members residing in state pay \$60.00 per year and active members residing out-of-state pay \$40.00 per year. Life and Honorary Members pay no dues. Mail dues payments as individual checks made out to "Virginia Anglers Club" to:

**Treasurer, Virginia Anglers Club
Post Office Box 31494
Richmond, VA 23294-1494**

Board Approves the 2007 Slate of Club Officer Nominees

The Board of the VAC has approved the slate of nominees presented for Director and Officers of the Club for 2007. A ballot with which to vote for this slate of nominees can be found elsewhere in this Angler. The officers elected will be sworn in at the Annual Meeting / Awards Banquet and will take over their duties at that time.

Fiscal 2007 Budget has been Approved

At the December Board Meeting, The Board of Directors unanimously approved the VAC budget for the fiscal year 2007 (12-1-06 thru 11-30-07). The \$12,500 budget was approved with one minor modification as submitted by Club Treasurer Fred Cousins. The two major adjustments to the budget over the 2006 budget were moving the anticipated banquet reservation expense to December from January and an addition of an income/expense wash of \$500 for the return of the "old style" Club "T" shirts with Bob Shepherd's artwork on the back.

Article Correction

Last month's article on the VAC's Championship Surf Fishing Team indicated Tom Johnson was not a member of the VAC. In fact, Tom is a member in good standing and has been a member of the Virginia Anglers Club since 2004. He has also been on the last three VAC surf fishing teams at the Cape Hatteras Anglers Club Invitational Fishing Tournament.

Step Up and Help Run the Virginia Anglers Club

If you are interested in helping the club as a committee chairman, please advise Bob Shepherd or John Wetlaufer, Sr. At the moment, the position of Newsletter Secretary, Angling Rules Statistician and Publicity Committee Chairman remain unfilled for the 2007 Angling Year. A desire to keep an oar in the water and move the club along is all that is needed to fill any of these assignments. The incumbent holders will train their replacements and leave only when both parties are comfortable that a transition has been made. Not only will you be working in a specific assignment, but also you will be attending the VAC Board of Director's meetings and be part of the process that sets the direction of the club.

2007 Virginia Anglers Club Tournament Program is Very Angler Friendly

The VAC "Angler Friendly" Tournament Schedule was approved as submitted by Angling Activities Chairman elect Bruce Henderson. Every tournament has a minimum of 4 eligible fishing days. With the arrangement, blow days are covered. The longest tournament has 64 continuous fishing days and offers six (6) cups! All tournaments are fishable with a powered Jon Boat. No need to own a WaveBuster 2300 powered by a pair of Fosrtoki 300's on a bracket to take part in any tournament.

Virginia Anglers Club Bids Farewell to Ukrop's Golden Awards Program

As a reminder, the VAC Board has voted to suspend participation in the Ukrop's Golden Awards Program. Participation for members and the club itself has become more complicated than the income from this program is valued.

*For the Leadership Team
John Wetlaufer, Sr., Director*



Bruce Henderson

CATCHY COMMENTS

By Danny Noland

It's short and sweet this month. The 2006 angling year has ended and I'm waiting for the last cards to come in. Interested in who the big winners were? There may have been some last minute changes as some anglers fished up until dark on November 30th to get that last winning entry. Come to the Banquet to get the final results.

The 2007 angling year started off pretty good for Steve Luterek. Steve, Buddy Noland and myself went with Mike Ostrander on the James to catch a few of the big blue catfish. Steve had the hot rod for the day, starting with a new club record 42-8# blue catfish on 20 general for 219 points and finished off the day with his second club record blue cat, a 56-0 on 16# general for 331 points. That's a pretty good start for the new year. If you want to spend a nice day on the river catching big catfish, charter Mike.

Fred Cousins picked up the new year where he left off by catching a nice 12-0# gar on 2# plug for 436 points.

I'm hoping that with the nice weather we have had, the mail box will be full of cards when it is checked. See you at the Banquet.

Tight Lines



Steve Luterek with his 56 lb blue catfish.

*45th
Anniversary
Banquet*

*January 27, 2007
5:30pm*

Virginia Crossing Conference Resort

Menu

Clam chowder

Salmon

Chicken breasts

Smithfield pork chops

Salad

Vegetables

Bread

Below please find the driving directions (provided by Virginia Crossing Conference Resort) to the Virginia Crossing Conference Resort. Included is a link to their website that has a small map.

[http://www.viriniacrossingsresort.com/About Us/aboutus_location.asp](http://www.viriniacrossingsresort.com/About%20Us/aboutus_location.asp)

Driving Directions

Virginia Crossings Conference Resort
1000 Virginia Center Parkway
Glen Allen (Richmond), Virginia, 23059
Phone: 804.727.1400
Fax: 804.262.2332

From Washington, DC

From Washington, DC Take I-95 South. Exit 86B onto Route 656, Elmont West. At second light, turn left onto Route 1 South for one mile. Turn left onto Virginia Center Parkway. Follow Virginia Center Parkway for 9/10 of a mile and turn left into the Resort entrance.

From Charlottesville, Virginia

Take I-64 East to I-295 South. Follow I-295 for 8 miles. Stay in right lane and merge "To Exits 43 D-C-B-A, US 1". Take Exit 43C US 1 North to Ashland. Exit ramp will merge onto US 1 North (Brook Road). Follow US 1 for 3/10 of a mile to first stop light at Virginia Center Parkway, turn right. Follow Virginia Center Parkway for 9/10 of a mile and turn left into the Resort entrance.

From Virginia Beach / Norfolk, Virginia

Take I-64 West to I-295 North. Follow I-295 north for 15 miles. Stay in right lane and merge "To Exit 43 B-C-D toward Richmond/ Ashland /US 1". Take Exit 43C to Ashland and US 1 North. Exit ramp will merge onto US 1 North (Brook Road). Follow US 1 to first stop light at Virginia Center Parkway, turn right. Follow Virginia Center Parkway for 9/10 of a mile and turn left into the Resort entrance.

From Richmond, Virginia & North Carolina

Take I-95 North to Exit 84 B. Exit ramp will merge on to I-295 North. Remain in right lane. Take Exit 43C to Ashland and US 1. Exit ramp will merge onto US 1 North (Brook Road). Follow US 1 to first stop light at Virginia Center Parkway, turn right. Follow Virginia Center Parkway for 9/10 of a mile and turn left into the Resort entrance.

Nominated Officers and Directors Form for 2007

OFFICE	NOMINEE	WRITE-IN
President.....	<input type="checkbox"/> John Wetlaufer.....	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
1st VP Programs	<input type="checkbox"/> Bob Brown	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
2nd VP Angling Activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Bruce Henderson	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
VP Cons. & Legislation.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Lynn Spurlin.....	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/> Fred Cousins.....	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Newsletter Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/> Mike Ostrander	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Recording Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/> Tony Horsley	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Directors (<i>Class of 2008</i>):.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Glenn Carter	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Mike Ostrander	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Bob Shepherd	<input type="checkbox"/> _____

Mail ballot to: VAC, PO BOX 31494, RICHMOND, VA 23294-1494

To save postage and additional efforts of VAC officers, please forward a copy of the below form along with your dues payment to:
VAC, PO BOX 31494, RICHMOND, VA 23294-1494

2007 Dues Payment Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Membership: Resident (\$60 Dues) Non-resident (\$40 Dues)

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

45th Anniversary Banquet
January 27, 2007
Reservation Form. Payment is expected for all reservations.

Mail form with check to VAC c/o Eddy Johnston, 3312 Stuart Ave, Richmond, VA 23221.

Member's name _____ @ \$40 single = _____

OR with spouse (spouse's name) _____ @ \$75 couple = _____

Guest's name _____ @ \$40 = _____

Guest's name _____ @ \$40 = _____

Total amount due \$ _____

Please include a check made out to VAC. Mail by Friday, January 12th. Must be received by Friday, January 19th.
For late reservations, call Eddy at 355-3877 or 586-7012. Messages may be left at either number.
Please call Eddy for clarification on prices if needed.

Virginia Anglers Club



Elly Robinson and Bruce Henderson



Happy Holidays!

Editor: Mike Ostrander

Substitute designer: Leah Shepherd

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Fifth Anniversary Banquet January 27, 2007

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