



May 2007

May Membership Meeting
“FISH FRY at MAYMONT”
 Tuesday, May 22, 2007
 Maymont Nature Center – Lower Level Tent
 Tent opens at 5:30 pm,
 Food served at 6:00 pm
 [June Membership Meeting -- Returns to
 the Skilligalee Restaurant]

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BACKLASH
(Commentary from the Board of Directors)

May Membership Meeting – Fish Fry at the Maymont Nature Center

Check elsewhere in this *Angler* for details of the fish fry that will be held at the May 22nd VAC Membership Meeting. A similar fish fry held a few years ago at Maymont was a roaring success and one of the most popular meetings of the club in recent history. If you are going to attend the fish fry, please contact Buddy or Danny Noland via e-mail or a phone call to make your attendance plans known. We need an accurate head count so enough food is on hand. We hope Greg South will be able to come to speak to us.

April Meeting – Speaker Had Family Medical Emergency

Jeff Decker, president of American Boat Operator, our speaker for April, had a family medical problem that prevented him from coming to our membership meeting. He offered his apologies thru Bob Brown.

“T” Shirt Orders Finalized – Printing Work to Commence

Bob and Leah Shepherd are now working with the company producing our new VAC “T” Shirts to start actual application of artwork to the new shirts. Orders for the new shirts were taken at the March and April Membership meetings. The order book is now closed.

Membership Renewal Has Been Officially Closed

The Board of Directors has declared the extended membership renewal period closed. Four Members whose renewal dues had not been by May 8, 2007 have been

dropped from the membership roster. The official renewal period cut off is the last day of February. A generous extension of over two months of the renewal period was made. Members whose dues were not paid received individual reminder contacts from various members of the Leadership Team. Unless a member submits a resignation in writing, former members rejoining the club are subject to payment of the initiation fee plus the normal annual dues, prorated to the time of actual rejoining of the club.

For the Leadership Team
 John Wetlaufer, Sr.,
 President



CATCHY COMMENTS
 By Elly Robinson



Apparently fishing and or catching has slowed up since mid April. Maybe the weather and heavy rains that messed up the James River and other tidal rivers are to blame? If it were not for the brothers plus son Noland and the twins (Jeff and Dean) hitting the Nottoway River for the VAC tournament and also taking a trip to Lake Moomaw this column would be real short this month.

Danny Noland, Buddy Noland and Ryan Noland turned the entry cards associated with their assault on the Nottoway River too late for last months Catchy Comments column. Either they weren’t too proud of them or they wanted **Dean Winstead** to get all the glory in last month’s column. Anyway **Danny** had hickory shad of 1-2, 1-4, 1-6 and 1-7 as well as an American shad of 1-4. **Ryan Noland**, Danny’s son, had a hickory shad of 1-6. **Buddy Noland**,

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yes Buddy does fish, had hickory shad of 0-14 and a white perch of 0-13. Now before you think, “why did they bother to turn in cards for such small fish”, they claimed that they were fishing the tournament and were going for the various cups. Tournament results proved that excuse to be true as they swept 3 of the 4 cups.

Dean Winstead and Jeff Doughty made their annual trip to Lake Moomaw and enjoyed some success. Each turned in 4 cards and each had a club record. Dean’s highest point fish was a 1-0 yellow perch on 2 general for 212 points. He had a 3-0 smallmouth bass on 4 general for 174 points and a 1-6 smallie on 2 spin for 137 points. Dean’s club record was a 3-1 brown trout on 2 general for 153 points. Jeff’s highest point entry was a 2-9 smallie on 2 spin for 256 points. Jeff also had a 0-9 yellow perch on 2 general for 119 points and a 2-2 smallie on 2 spin for 212 points. Jeff’s club record was for a 3-1 brown trout on 4 general for 111 points. Jeff caught his big brown before Dean did so Jeff gets the lunger award. Now rumor has it that **Danny Noland** heard about the hot fishing the twins were into so he drove all night to get to Moomaw and fished the last day with the twins and only caught one tiny yellow perch for the effort. Then he had to drive all the way back to Richmond alone. So you tell me who won that 2 day unofficial big man on the mountain fishing contest? Well at least we know for sure who didn’t win!

Talking about beginning to make some noise, new member **Will Mosley** journeyed to Rudee Inlet and managed to catch some red drum during late March. Will had a 24½ inch puppy on 4 spin weighing 5-12 for 102 points and a 25” 6-0 puppy on 2 spin for 150 points and the new species lead. Showing that he isn’t one dimensional, Will got in on the shad fishing on the James and landed a 1-10 hickory on 6 fly for 164 points. Before you know it Will will be our next member to achieve Angler rating.

Bill Duval probably had the most impressive catches recently with 3 mutton snapper club records in Florida. Bill landed a 16-4 on 12 general for 220 points, 16-0 on 6 general for 323 points and a 15-8 on 20 general for 145 points. If that wasn’t enough, Bill caught a 10-4 bonefish on 12 general for 153 points.

Robbie Robinson hit a hot stretch in mid April and finished up a morning of turkey hunting by stopping by the Nottoway River and catching a 4-2 American shad on 2 plug for 330 points. He then went down to my pond and landed a 1-0 shell cracker on 2 spin for 263 points. Both fish took over the species leads.

Eddy Johnston and I fished the James and Eddy had a 1-10 hickory on 2 plug and I had an 8-8 flathead catfish on 2 plug for the species lead.

Scott Johnston and Eddy Johnston, no they are not brothers or father and son even though they look and act alike, fished the James on the day of our last membership meeting and Scott had a 0-12 white perch on 2 fly and Eddy had a 1-14 hickory on 2 fly. Eddy won the points battle 267 to 250 on that trip.

Lynn Spurlin landed a 1-0 white perch on 4 spin in the James on 4/25 which proves that all the big ones aren’t caught early in April. Lynn’s fish was worth 217 points.

Roy Jones continued his fishing spree of late and caught an 11-0 gar in the Chick on 6 spin and entered it in 12 spin for 150 points and a new club record.

Interestingly as good as the gar fishing has been this angling year; no member has been able to achieve a club record in the line class division that he caught the fish in. All new gar club records have been achieved by up lining to higher line classes. So maybe the gar fishing was better in the good old days!

Hopefully the weather will improve and saltwater fishing will get going in late May and June.



A happy man (Bill DuVal) and a 10-4 bonefish

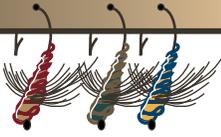
REMINDER: Headcount Needed for May 22nd Fish Fry

A head count is need for the May 22nd fish fry at Maymont / May Membership Meeting. Please contact Danny Noland or Buddy Noland and give them your reservation for the fish fry today.

Danny Noland 383-3736 (O) 458-7307 (H) 759-1222 (Pager)

Buddy Noland 383-3736 (O) 458-7307 (H) 759-1231 (Pager)

An accurate headcount ensures the proper amount of food will be purchase and provided. Thanks!



March & April Anglers of the Month

By Elly Robinson

In March, the most amazing thing about the Angler of the Month competition was not the entries that placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd, but rather who turned in an entry and then had it disqualified, which had to be a first in the history of the club. It seems that our beloved president Mr. John Wetlaufer went fishing with Ronnie Sides and used his VAC raffle winnings of fly rod and reel to catch a hickory shad. Apparently the size of the fish was insufficient for Ronnie to even consider weighing it so it was released. John on the other hand was so proud of his catch that he insisted that Ronnie fill out an entry card for it as well as an Angler of the Month card. John marched into the meeting and proudly handed me the cards!! I was shocked that John even went fishing, used a fly rod and actually caught a fish on 8# tippet. Upon checking the rules I discovered that John's 50 point release entry didn't meet the minimum of 100 points for club awards. And to top it all off Scott Johnston submitted a card for his 4 year old grandson, Ethan Farley, who caught a hickory shad that earned a legitimate 101 points besting President Wetlaufer's shad by quite a bit!

The actual March Angler of the Month competition was lively. Dean Winstead has come alive and is fishing quite a bit and took 4th place with a 11lb. 8oz. hickory shad on 4 spin for 142 points. Lynn Spurlin got 3rd place with a lunker list leading 11lb. 10oz. yellow perch on 4 spin for 353 points. Elly Robinson had a 12lb. gar on 2 plug worth 436 points that was good for 2nd place. And the gar king Eddy Johnston took 1st place with an impressive 13lb. 12oz. gar on 2 plug for 500 points.

With John Wetlaufer's new found angling expertise we all better catch something really good for next months competition.



GARY ANDERSON WITH HIS MASTER ANGLER REQUIRED BILLFISH ON 8# FLAT LINE

The competition for the Angler of the Month at the April membership meeting was a little on the sparse side. At first only two cards were turned in and finally Eddy Johnston woke up and remembered he caught a nice hickory shad that very day and submitted the third entry for the month.

Eddy captured 3rd place with a 11lb. 14oz. hickory shad caught on 2 fly for 267 points.

Eddy also won 2nd place with a 12lb. 4oz. gar caught on 2 plug for 445 points. These two fish moved Eddy into 2nd place for the Ken Kinnard Angler of the Year competition, 401 points out of 1st place.

I won 1st place with a 14lb. 8oz. gar on 2 spin for 527 points.

New Member Bio

Member: *Matthew "Matt" G. Anderson III*

Age: 25

Spouse: n/a

Background: *A native of Richmond, I graduated from Hampden-Sydney in 2004. I moved out to Wyoming to work on my fly fishing skills for a few years, and then traveled down to New Zealand to put them to the test. I recently started working here in Richmond with CB Richard Ellis.*

I have been fishing my whole life (everything from bass fishing on a 3-acre pond to fly fishing in Wyoming to big game fishing in waters around the world) and am thrilled about the trips yet to come.

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Boats: 27' Albemarle, 14' Lowe

Specialty: *Floating the James, drinking beer, and catching little smallmouth on my fly rod during the month of August.*

Fishing Preferences: *Fly fishing*

Membership Goals: *Do a better job of getting to know the other members so that I'll have some more fishing buddies.*



Reporting Wildlife Violations is Easy

You are encouraged to report to the DGIF any violations to any of the wildlife or boating laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Call 1-800-237-5712 or e-mail the DGIF at WildCrime@dgif.virginia.gov. Your report will be taken and appreciated. Don't worry about how trivial your information seems to you. Your information combined with other "bits" of information may form a complete picture allowing corrective action of a violation to be undertaken with sound facts to back the action taken.



VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 5/8/07

SPECIES	ANGLER	WEIGHT	LN	DIV.	PTS	DATE	LOCATION	BAIT
2007 SPECIES LEADERS - SALTWATER								
BASS, STRIPED	E. S. ROBINSON	39-0	4	GEN	650	12/29/06	CAPE CHARLES, VA	EEL
BLUEFISH	BOB BROWN	12-0	8	SPIN	200	12/17/06	CHES BAY, VA	STORM JIG
DRUM, RED	WILL MOSLEY	6-0	2	SPIN	150	3/23/07	RUDEE INLET, VA.	CALCUTTA SPLIT TAIL
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	M. KODROFF	2-4	6	SURF	112	12/13/06	KITTY HAWK, NC	GRUB

2007 SPECIES LEADERS - FRESHWATER

BASS, LARGEMOUTH	F. COUSINS	6-14	2	SPIN	458	12/28/06	PRIVATE POND, VA	WORM
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	JEFF DOUGHTY	2-9	2	SPIN	256	4/2/07	LAKE MOOMAW, VA.	GRUB
BOWFIN	E. S. ROBINSON	6-4	2	PLUG	312	3/8/07	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	SILVER BUDDY
CARP	E. S. ROBINSON	8-14	2	SPIN	277	2/24/07	YARMOUTH CREEK, VA.	JIG GRUB
CATFISH, BLUE	B. SHEPHERD	55-0	6	GEN	517	1/14/07	JAMES RIVER, VA	CUT SHAD
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	E. S. ROBINSON	8-8	2	PLUG	171	4/12/07	JAMES RIVER, VA.	SILVER BUDDY
CRAPPIE	E. S. JOHNSTON	1-8	2	SPIN	238	2/24/07	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	JIG
GAR, ALL	E. S. ROBINSON	14-8	2	SPIN	527	4/2/07	CHIPPOAKES CREEK, VA	JIG FIN S
PERCH, WHITE	ROB ROBINSON	1-0	2	SPIN	263	2/10/07	ELIZABETH RIVER, VA	GRUB
PERCH, YELLOW	E. S. ROBINSON	1-6	2	SPIN	361	2/24/07	YARMOUTH CREEK, VA.	JIG GRUB
PICKERAL, CHAIN	W. S. JOHNSTON	2-1	2	FLY	257	12/29/06	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	FLY
SHAD, AMERICAN	ROB ROBINSON	4-2	2	PLUG	330	4/14/07	NOTTOWAY RIVER, VA.	SHAD DART
SHAD, HICKORY	E. S. JOHNSTON	1-14	2	FLY	267	4/24/07	JAMES RIVER, VA	FLY
SUNFISH, ALL	ROB ROBINSON	1-0	2	SPIN	263	4/17/07	ELLY'S POND VA.	JIG N MINNOW
TROUT, BROWN	DEAN WINSTEAD	3-1	2	GEN	153	4/2/07	LAKE MOOMAW, VA.	SHAD

2007 DIVISION LEADERS - SALTWATER

BASS, STRIPED	E. S. ROBINSON	39-0	4	GEN	650	12/29/06	CAPE CHARLES, VA	EEL
BASS, STRIPED	BOB BROWN	26-0	8	SPIN	325	12/17/06	CHES BAY, VA	STORM JIG
BASS, STRIPED	S. C. LEE	26-8	16	FLY	265	12/17/06	CAPE CHARLES, VA	DECEIVER
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	M. KODROFF	2-4	6	SURF	112	12/13/06	KITTY HAWK, NC	GRUB

2007 DIVISION LEADERS - FRESHWATER

CATFISH, BLUE	B. SHEPHERD	55-0	6	GEN	517	1/14/07	JAMES RIVER, VA	CUT SHAD
GAR, ALL	E. S. JOHNSTON	13-12	2	PLUG	500	3/15/07	JAMES RIVER, VA	JIG
PERCH, YELLOW	E. S. JOHNSTON	0-14	2	FLY	291	2/24/07	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	CLOUSER FLY
GAR, ALL	E. S. ROBINSON	14-8	2	SPIN	527	4/2/07	CHIPPOAKES CREEK, VA	JIG FIN S

NEW CLUB RECORDS - SALTWATER

BASS, STRIPED	B. HENDERSON	38-0	4	GEN	633	12/18/06	OFF CONCRETE SHIPS, VA	EEL
BASS, STRIPED	E. S. ROBINSON	39-0	4	GEN	650	12/29/06	CAPE CHARLES, VA	EEL
BASS, STRIPED	E. S. ROBINSON	34-8	8	GEN	383	1/13/07	OFF SMITH ISLAND, VA	EEL
BASS, STRIPED	E. S. ROBINSON	31-0	8	GEN	344	12/18/06	CAPE CHARLES, VA	EEL
BASS, STRIPED	S. C. LEE	42-0	16	GEN	262	12/24/06	CAPE CHARLES, VA	EEL
BASS, STRIPED	S. C. LEE	26-8	16	FLY	265	12/17/06	CAPE CHARLES, VA	DECEIVER
BASS, STRIPED	T. HENDERSON	39-0	6	GEN	520	12/21/06	CHES BAY, VA	EEL
BASS, STRIPED	BOB BROWN	26-0	8	SPIN	325	12/17/06	CHES BAY, VA	EEL
BASS, STRIPED	S.C. LEE	28-0	12	SPIN	233	1/14/07	OFF QUIMBY, VA	BUCKTAIL
GROUPER, OTHER	W.B.DUVAL	7-0	16	FLY	166	1/22/07	KEY WEST, FLA	DECEIVER
WAHOO	W.B.DUVAL	65-8	16	GEN	284	12/23/06	KEY WEST, FLA	LIVE SPEEDO
MACKEREL, CERO	W. B. DUVAL	3-0	6	SPIN	120	2/17/07	KEY WEST, FLA	YOZURI PLUG
MACKEREL, CERO	W. B. DUVAL	5-0	4	SPIN	250	2/17/07	KEY WEST, FLA	YOZURI PLUG
MACKEREL, CERO	W. B. DUVAL	6-4	4	GEN	250	2/17/08	KEY WEST, FLA	BALLYHOO
GROUPER, OTHER	W. B. DUVAL	7-0	16	GEN	112	2/20/07	KEY WEST, FLA	PILCHER
MACKEREL, CERO	W. B. DUVAL	6-0	12	GEN	120	2/17/07	KEY WEST, FLA	BALLYHOO
SNAPPER, MUTTON	W. B. DUVAL	16-4	12	GEN	220	4/24/07	KEY WEST, FLA.	PIN FISH
SNAPPER, MUTTON	W. B. DUVAL	15-8	20	GEN	145	4/21/07	KEY WEST, FLA.	HERRING
SNAPPER, MUTTON	W. B. DUVAL	16-0	6	GEN	323	4/21/07	KEY WEST, FLA.	HERRING

NEW CLUB RECORDS - FRESHWATER

CATFISH, BLUE	S. LUTEREK	56-0	16	GEN	331	12/1/06	JAMES RIVER, VA	CUT SHAD
CATFISH, BLUE	S. LUTEREK	42-8	20	GEN	219	12/1/06	JAMES RIVER, VA	CUT SHAD
CATFISH, BLUE	B. SHEPHERD	55-0	6	GEN	517	1/14/07	JAMES RIVER, VA	CUT SHAD
YELLOW PERCH	E. S. ROBINSON	1-4	2	PLUG	328	3/1/07	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA.	CICADA
BOWFIN	W. S. JOHNSTON	2-11	2	FLY	167	3/7/07	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA.	BLUE FLY
PERCH, YELLOW	LYNN SPURLIN	1-8	6	SPIN	272	3/8/07	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	TWISTER TAIL
BOWFIN	W. S. JOHNSTON	4-6	4	FLY	208	3/23/07	PISCATAWAY CREEK, VA	CLOUSER FLY
GAR, ALL	E. S. ROBINSON	11-8	12	PLUG	156	3/15/07	CHIPPOAKES CREEK, VA	JIG FIN S
GAR, ALL	E. S. JOHNSTON	13-4	6	PLUG	289	3/15/07	JAMES RIVER, VA	JIG
TROUT, BROWN	DEAN WINSTEAD	3-1	2	GEN	153	4/2/07	LAKE MOOMAW, VA.	SHAD
TROUT, BROWN	JEFF DOUGHTY	3-1	4	GEN	111	4/2/07	LAKE MOOMAW, VA.	SHAD
GAR, ALL	ROY JONES	11-0	12	SPIN	150	4/21/07	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA.	SILVER BUDDY

2007 HIGHEST POINT NON-LOCAL CATCHES - FRESHWATER (no entries yet)



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<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>ANGLER</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>LN</u>	<u>DIV.</u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>BAIT</u>
2007 HIGHEST POINT NON-LOCAL CATCHES - SALTWATER								
WAHOO	W.B.DUVAL	65-8	16	GEN	284	12/23/06	KEY WEST, FLA	LIVE SPEEDO
SAILFISH, ATLANTIC	B. L. NOLAND	REL	8	GEN	500	1/26/07	ISLA MUJERES, MEXICO	BALLYHOO
SAILFISH, ATLANTIC	R. K. DALE	REL	8	GEN	500	1/26/07	ISLA MUJERES, MEXICO	BALLYHOO
SAILFISH, ATLANTIC	GARY S. ANDERSON	REL	8	GEN	500	3/21/07	MIAMI, FL.	LIVE PILCHARD
SAILFISH, PACIFIC	W.B.DUVAL	REL	20	GEN	257	1/28/07	GOLFITO, COSTA RICA	LIVE HERRING
GROUPEL, OTHER	W.B.DUVAL	7-0	16	FLY	166	1/22/07	KEY WEST, FLA	DECEIVER
DRUM, RED	BOB SHEPHERD	12-8	12	FLY	156	2/19/07	VENICE, LA	CLOUSER
MACKEREL, CERO	W. B. DUVAL	5-0	4	SPIN	250	2/17/07	KEY WEST, FLA	YOZURI PLUG
SAILFISH, PACIFIC	S. C. LEE	REL	20	FLY	500	3/5/07	GOLFITO, COSTA RICO	RAWEY POPPER
SNAPPER, MUTTON	W. B. DUVAL	16-0	6	GEN	323	4/21/07	KEY WEST, FLA.	HERRING
BONEFISH	W. B. DUVAL	10-4	12	GEN	153	4/14/07	KEY BISCAYNE, FLA.	SHRIMP

2007 TOP SPOUSE CATCHES - SALTWATER & FRESHWATER (LOCAL)

BASS, STRIPED	KATHI SHEFFIELD	40-0	4	GEN	666	12/30/06	KIPTOPEKE, VA	EEL
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2007 TOP YOUTH CATCHES - SALTWATER & FRESHWATER (LOCAL)

SHAD, HICKORY	ETHAN FARLEY (4)	1-4	6	SPIN	101	3/27/07	JAMES RIVER, VA	GOLD SPOON
PERCH, WHITE	ALISON ARBOGAST (7)	0-9	6	SPIN	102	4/2/07	JAMES RIVER, VA.	JIG
SHAD, HICKORY	HANNAH ARBOGAST (11)	1-10	6	SPIN	132	4/4/07	JAMES RIVER, VA.	SHAD FLY

C.V. KINNARD AWARD COMPETITION - 2007

<u>ANGLER</u>	<u>FIRSTS</u>	<u>SECONDS</u>	<u>THIRDS</u>	<u>PLACES</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>
ELLY ROBINSON	2	1	0	3	1613	537
EDDY JOHNSTON	1	1	1	3	1212	404
BRUCE HENDERSON	0	1	0	1	633	633
BOB SHEPHERD	0	0	1	1	517	517
LYNN SPURLIN	0	0	1	1	353	353
TOTALS	3	3	3	9	4328	481

*May 22nd Meeting:
Fish Fry at Maymont Nature Center*

The May Membership of the VAC will be held at the Maymont Nature Center and feature a FISH FRY featuring the famous culinary arts of Danny and Bud Noland and their crusty gang of fryers. The fish fry will be held under the tent on the lower level of the Center. The tent will be open at 5:30 PM and food will be served starting at 6:00 PM. The Maymont Nature Center open to all (without charge) courtesy of the good work of VAC member Fred Murray. Fred caught a lot of the fish now on display in the aquarium.

The cooks will need a head count of who will be coming, so please call Buddy or Danny Noland to make a reservation. Buddy or Danny should also be called if you have any THAWED fish to donate for the meal. The Nolands need to know about how much fish will be donated to be sure enough fish will be on hand for all. Slaw, baked beans and hush puppies plus a variety of appropriate beverages will accompany the fish. A non-fish entree will be available for those who do not care to eat fish.

A minimum donation of \$5.00 per person is suggested to help defray the costs of the food and drink. This fish fry is a wonderful opportunity to bring along that fishing buddy who you have been meaning to introduce to the club. The VAC will stand the meal cost of any guest who is a potential club member.

Greg South has been asked to speak at the meeting. Greg is giving comfort to his sick mother, so he cannot commit at the moment to speaking. We will keep you advised of Greg's being available to be our guest speaker.

DGIF Shad Cam – Think North Side When Viewing

An interesting website available to those interested in checking what is going on with the fish passing thru the fish passage bypassing Boshers's Dam is the Shad Cam maintained by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries: <http://www.dgif.state.va.us/fishing/shadcam>

Think "north side" as your vantage point when you are looking at the Shad Cam's images. Upstream is to the right, just as it would be if you were sitting on the north bank of the James River and looking out over the river.

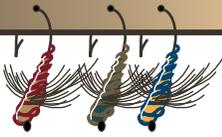
The viewing glass has some stripes on it. The predominant black stripes are 12 inches apart. If the water is clear and you have a monitor presenting a good image, take a look for some faint red lines. These red lines are 6 inches apart. Remember that lateral position in the viewing port is important when trying to use the reference lines to measure a fish. A fish near the viewing glass will appear larger than a fish swimming along on the far (south) side of the viewing glass.

The Lunker Club

(heaviest fish)

Species	VAC 2007 Angling Year			Club Historical Record			Species	VAC 2007 Angling Year			Club Historical Record		
	Angler	Weight	Angler	Weight	Angler	Weight		Angler	Weight	Angler	Weight	Angler	Weight
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	Fred Cousins	6-14	Dr. Mickey Kodroff	10-12	FLOUNDER, SUMMER	Pat Dudley	10-5	FLUNDER, SUMMER	Pat Dudley	10-5	FLUNDER, SUMMER	Pat Dudley	10-5
BASS, ROCK & ROANOKE			Eric McDuffie	1-7	GROUPEL, GAG	Ely Robinson	9-12	GROUPEL, GAG	Ely Robinson	9-12	GROUPEL, GAG	Ely Robinson	9-12
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	Dean Winstead	3-0	Bob Shepherd	5-8	GROUPEL, HISTORIC	Bill DuVal	63-8	GROUPEL, HISTORIC	Bill DuVal	63-8	GROUPEL, HISTORIC	Bill DuVal	63-8
BASS, STRIPED HY			Bill Ross	6-10	GROUPEL, OTHER		21-8	GROUPEL, OTHER	Bruce Henderson	21-8	GROUPEL, OTHER	Bruce Henderson	21-8
BASS, STRIPED LL			Gary Anderson	23-6	JACK, CRAVELLE		34-0	JACK, CRAVELLE	Ronnie Sides	34-0	JACK, CRAVELLE	Ronnie Sides	34-0
BASS, WHITE			John Wycoff	2-12	LADYFISH		3-12	LADYFISH	Tom Barnett	3-12	LADYFISH	Tom Barnett	3-12
BOWFIN			W.H. McCarthy	12-11	MACKEREL, CREO		8-0	MACKEREL, CREO	Bill DuVal	8-0	MACKEREL, CREO	Bill DuVal	8-0
CARP	Ely Robinson	6-4	Fred Cousins	25-8	MACKEREL, KING		62-0	MACKEREL, KING	Bill DuVal	62-0	MACKEREL, KING	Bill DuVal	62-0
CATFISH, BLUE	Ely Robinson	8-14	Steve Luterek	56-0	MACKEREL, SPANISH		4-0	MACKEREL, SPANISH	Bill DuVal	4-0	MACKEREL, SPANISH	Bill DuVal	4-0
CATFISH, CHANNEL	Steve Luterek	56-0	Fred Murray	12-4	MACKEREL, SPANISH (HIST.)*		18-3*	MACKEREL, SPANISH (HIST.)*	C.O. Mather	18-3*	MACKEREL, SPANISH (HIST.)*	C.O. Mather	18-3*
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	Ely Robinson	8-8	Lynn Spurlin	27-8	MARLIN, BLACK		1075-0	MARLIN, BLACK	F.D. Gottwald	1075-0	MARLIN, BLACK	F.D. Gottwald	1075-0
CATFISH, HISTORIC			D.N. Jones	22-12	MARLIN, BLUE ATL & PAC		691-5	MARLIN, BLUE ATL & PAC	Steve Hutchins	691-5	MARLIN, BLUE ATL & PAC	Steve Hutchins	691-5
CRAPPIE, ALL	Eddy Johnston	1-8	Gary Donahue	2-14	MARLIN, STRIPED		266-0	MARLIN, STRIPED	C.O. Mather	266-0	MARLIN, STRIPED	C.O. Mather	266-0
GAR, ALL	Ely Robinson	14-8	Dick Goode	17-8	MARLIN, WHITE		113-7	MARLIN, WHITE	C.O. Mather	113-7	MARLIN, WHITE	C.O. Mather	113-7
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL			Bob Shepherd	28-7	PERMIT		42-0	PERMIT	Bill DuVal	42-0	PERMIT	Bill DuVal	42-0
PERCH, WHITE	Rob Robinson	1-0	Eric McDuffie	1-7	POMPANO, AFRICAN		33-0	POMPANO, AFRICAN	Ely Robinson	33-0	POMPANO, AFRICAN	Ely Robinson	33-0
PERCH, YELLOW	Lynn Spurlin	1-10	Robbie Robinson	1-13	POMPANO, COMMON		1-8	POMPANO, COMMON	Parks Rountrey	1-8	POMPANO, COMMON	Parks Rountrey	1-8
PICKEREL, CHAIN	Scott Johnston	2-1	Reggie White	7-10	ROOSTERFISH		50-8	ROOSTERFISH	W.C. Askew	50-8	ROOSTERFISH	W.C. Askew	50-8
PIKE, NORTHERN			L. Kesteloo	17-8	RUNNER, RAINBOW		20-5	RUNNER, RAINBOW	Pat Quisenberry	20-5	RUNNER, RAINBOW	Pat Quisenberry	20-5
SALMON, ATLANTIC			H.A. Claiborne	19-0	SAILFISH, ATLANTIC		86-3	SAILFISH, ATLANTIC	C.O. Mather	86-3	SAILFISH, ATLANTIC	C.O. Mather	86-3
SALMON, CHINOOK			Scott Johnston	34-0	SAILFISH, PACIFIC		140-0	SAILFISH, PACIFIC	J.F. McNeace	140-0	SAILFISH, PACIFIC	J.F. McNeace	140-0
SALMON, COHO			P.W. Hughes	16-8	SEATROUT, SPOTTED		11-14	SEATROUT, SPOTTED	Virgil Hughes	11-14	SEATROUT, SPOTTED	Virgil Hughes	11-14
SHAD, AMERICAN	Rob Robinson	4-2	P. Dasher	7-4	SHARK, MAKO		486-0	SHARK, MAKO	C.O. Mather	486-0	SHARK, MAKO	C.O. Mather	486-0
SHAD, HICKORY	Stuart Lee	2-2	Dr. Mickey Kodroff	3-4	SHARK, OTHER		500-0	SHARK, OTHER	L. Kesteloo	500-0	SHARK, OTHER	L. Kesteloo	500-0
SUNFISH, ALL	Rob Robinson	1-0	Roy Jones	2-4	SHEEPSHEAD		14-0	SHEEPSHEAD	Dr. Jim Wright	14-0	SHEEPSHEAD	Dr. Jim Wright	14-0
TROUT, BROOK	Jeff Doughty	3-1	Joe Brooks	8-0	SNAPPER, CUBERA		48-8	SNAPPER, CUBERA	Bill DuVal	48-8	SNAPPER, CUBERA	Bill DuVal	48-8
TROUT, BROWN			Bill Barnett	28-0	SNAPPER, MUTTON		17-8	SNAPPER, MUTTON	Bill DuVal	17-8	SNAPPER, MUTTON	Bill DuVal	17-8
TROUT, CUTTHROAT			C.O. Mather	3-12	SNAPPER, OTHER		32-0	SNAPPER, OTHER	Bill DuVal	32-0	SNAPPER, OTHER	Bill DuVal	32-0
TROUT, LAKE			Mark Sosin	30-0	SNAPPER, RED		5-0	SNAPPER, RED	Bill DuVal	5-0	SNAPPER, RED	Bill DuVal	5-0
TROUT, RAINBOW			Fred Cousins	9-4	SNOOK		18-0	SNOOK	Dick Stephenson	18-0	SNOOK	Dick Stephenson	18-0
TROUT, STEELHEAD			Stamford Niou	15-0	SPADEFISH		11-15	SPADEFISH	Ely Robinson	11-15	SPADEFISH	Ely Robinson	11-15
WALLEYE			Steve Luterek	9-0	SPOT		1-2	SPOT	Dr. Jim Wright	1-2	SPOT	Dr. Jim Wright	1-2
WARMOUTH			Lynn Spurlin	0-14	SWORDFISH		363-0	SWORDFISH	Stuart Lee	363-0	SWORDFISH	Stuart Lee	363-0
AMBERJACK, GREATER			Bill Rewalt	91-2	TARPON		120-0	TARPON	E. Dunham	120-0	TARPON	E. Dunham	120-0
BARRACUDA, GREAT			Reggie White	48-0	TAUTOG		15-8	TAUTOG	Dr. Jim Wright	15-8	TAUTOG	Dr. Jim Wright	15-8
BASS, BLACK SEA			Jim Sheffield	7-4	TRIGGERFISH		10-0	TRIGGERFISH	Bill DuVal	10-0	TRIGGERFISH	Bill DuVal	10-0
BASS, STRIPED			C.V. Kinnard	48-0	TUNA, BIGEYE ATL		215-0	TUNA, BIGEYE ATL	F.C. Willson	215-0	TUNA, BIGEYE ATL	F.C. Willson	215-0
BLUEFISH	Stuart Lee	42-0	Paul Richie	22-0	TUNA, BLACKFIN		38-0	TUNA, BLACKFIN	Ronnie Hogge	38-0	TUNA, BLACKFIN	Ronnie Hogge	38-0
BONEFISH	Bob Brown	12-0	F.W. Lawrence	13-14	TUNA, BLUEFIN		1080-0	TUNA, BLUEFIN	R.L. Gilliam	1080-0	TUNA, BLUEFIN	R.L. Gilliam	1080-0
COBIA	Bill Duval	10-4	Bill DuVal	77-0	TUNA, SKIPJACK		18-0	TUNA, SKIPJACK	Bill DuVal	18-0	TUNA, SKIPJACK	Bill DuVal	18-0
CROAKER			Dr. Jim Wright	4-0	TUNA, YELLOWFIN		231-0	TUNA, YELLOWFIN	Bill Rewalt	231-0	TUNA, YELLOWFIN	Bill Rewalt	231-0
DOLPHIN			A.M. McCarthy	60-0	TUNNY, LITTLE		19-8	TUNNY, LITTLE	Buddy Noland	19-8	TUNNY, LITTLE	Buddy Noland	19-8
DRUM, BLACK			Robbie Robinson	82-8	WAHOO		98-0	WAHOO	Bill DuVal	98-0	WAHOO	Bill DuVal	98-0
DRUM, RED	Bob Shepherd	12-8	Dennis Cline	62-0	WEAKFISH		15-6	WEAKFISH	Bill Gallasch	15-6	WEAKFISH	Bill Gallasch	15-6

* Includes Cero and Narrow Barred Mackerels



Upcoming Angling Events

Virginia Waters and Ocean Super Species

Sat-Sun, June 9 & 10, 2007 and Sat-Sun, June 16 & 17, 2007

Location: Virginia surf, tidal rivers, bay or ocean

Awards: 1 cup highest point Black Drum
 1 cup highest point Red Drum
 1 cup highest point Atlantic Spadefish
 1 cup highest point Grey Trout or Spotted Sea Trout
 1 cup highest point Flounder or Bluefish
 1 cup highest point cumulative points from 7 eligible species, 1 entry per species

Report in: Call Bruce Henderson within 5 days: 266-3910

Chairman: Elly Robinson (590-3043)

Lucerne - Gossman Memorial Backcountry Fishing Competition

Tony Horsley recently returned from Islamorada, Florida where he fished in the Lucerne-Gossman Memorial Backcountry Fishing Tournament. After two days of incredible fishing against over 100 anglers, Tony defended his Championship Title with trophies for General Division Grand Champion and Largest Bonefish. This is Tony's fifth consecutive year fishing this April Tournament with one of his best friends, Captain Mark Gilman. Horsley and Gilman achieved the objective of the tournament by catching and releasing all seven of the desired species.

Captain Gilman has lived in Islamorada for ten years and has established him self as one of the Florida Keys' top fishing guides. Mark's vast knowledge of the Florida Keys Flats put them right on the spots that lead to catching a bonefish, tarpon, snook, red

drum, speckled trout, black drum and snapper. Tony considers himself lucky to get to fish with Mark four or five times a year and their hard work and dedication proved to have paid off once again.

Even though Tony gets much pleasure out of fishing in the Florida Keys, he is also proud of the fact that this tournament is to benefit the Children's Services at the Homestead Hospital. Lucerne and Gossman were two avid supporters of Homestead Hospital so after both were killed in the aftermath of Hurricanes Andrew and Wilma a group of avid fisherman established this tournament to honor their devotion to community, friends and families.

Fishing Competition Trophy Winners



Tony Horsley and Wade Boggs with his 2006 Grand Champion Trophy



Tony Horsley and partner Mark with their 2007 2nd Place trophy.

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