

June 2007

## June Membership Meeting "FISHING BELOW THE EQUATOR"

Tuesday, June 26, 2007 at 7:00 PM

Skilligalee Restaurant  
(Glenside Ave, just north of Broad Street).  
[Come early (5:30 PM) and enjoy good  
fellowship over dinner from the menu]

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## BACKLASH

*(Commentary from the Board of Directors)*

### June Membership Meeting – Fishing Below the Equator

Harry Robertson will present a slide show about some fishing he has done below the Equator. Harry is well known to the Richmond Area angling community and was owner of Fly Fish The World. An accomplished angler, Harry has fished extensively in South America and will share some of his adventures with us on the silver screen.

### July Membership Meeting – "Farewell Visit" of Claude Baine

Long time friend of the Virginia Anglers Club will make a "farewell visit" to our Membership Meeting on July 24, 2007. Claude has announced his retirement as Executive Director of the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament, effective August 31, 2007, after 20 years in that capacity. Claude has spoken many times to our Club. Details of his subject will appear in the July copy of the Angler.

### New Member Matt Anderson Assumes the Duties of Publicity Chairman

Matt Anderson has stepped forward and assumed the duties of the Publicity Chairman. Matt wants to hear about any significant catches, angling activity or other happenings that are worth getting out into the local press. If you have any such items to report, please call Matt on his cell phone (804-240-8833). We need to get the club name out into the press and through Matt's good work we can do this.

### 1st Vice President / Program Chairman Needed

Bob Brown has had to resign from this position on the VAC Leadership Team due to increased family responsibility looking after his ill in-laws and additional work related responsibilities. If you are interested in information about or assuming this position for the remainder of the year, please contact President John Wetlaufer, Sr. (513-4677 or 779-7770). Three (3) of the remaining 6 programs are on the hook, so the amount of work to get the remaining three speakers is minimal. Plenty of potential speakers are known and a little telephone follow-up is all that is needed to carry out the duties of this chairmanship.

### Country Store Closed for June 26th Membership Meeting

Due to a conflict related to his day job, Storekeeper Eddy Johnston advised that the Country Store would be closed on June 26<sup>th</sup>. If you have a need for an item from the store, please contact Storekeeper Eddy Johnston and he can arrange special purchases. The Store will resume business at the July Membership Meeting.

### New "T" Shirts Expected to be Available at the June Meeting

Eddy Johnston advises he has made special arrangements to deliver the New Virginia Anglers Club "T" Shirts at the June membership meeting. If

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you have not paid for your special order shirt, please have cash in hand at this meeting. These "T" shirts feature new artwork created by Director Bob Shepherd. This artwork has been shown at the last few meetings and at the Fish Fry at Maymont. Delivery at the June Membership Meeting is predicated on the first printing of the artwork coming out with the desired shading, etc. Timing is tight. If problems are encountered with the first printing and a second printing is needed to correct the problems, the shirts may not be available as scheduled.

### The Virginia Anglers Club Review Committee Starts Challenging Task

A committee comprised of eight (8) members of the Virginia Anglers Club has been formed to review the structure and operation of the Club. The Committee members are Glenn Carter, Bill DuVal, Jim Farrell, Tony Horsley, Fred Murray, Mike Ostrander, Vic Skakandy and John Wetlaufer, Sr. (Chairman). The Committee will meet weekly and report back to the Board of Directors at the August 2007 BOD meeting. The committee's work will focus on changes needed to increase the viability of Club. The Committee will make recommend changes in the Club that will attract and retain new members while still respecting and retaining the interests of members of longer standing. The Club's commitment to support conservation will be retained. The committee met on May 29<sup>th</sup> to develop a mission statement. The statement was discussed, strengthened and approved by the Board of Directors at the June 12<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. Now the tough work starts.

### For the Leadership Team

John Wetlaufer, Sr.,  
President

## CATCHY COMMENTS

By Elly Robinson



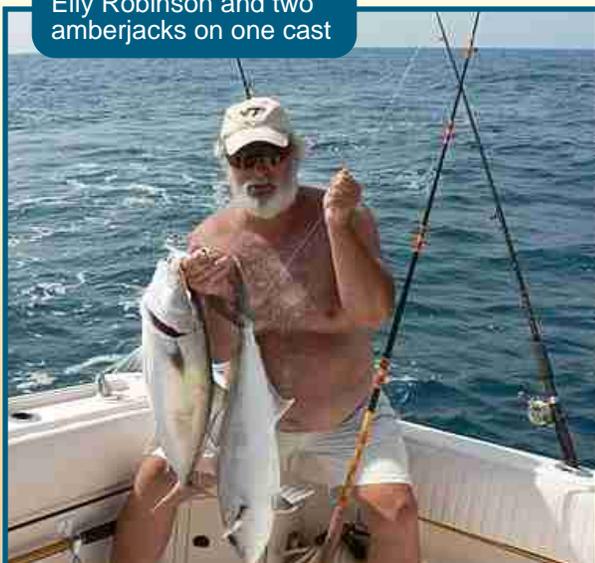
Things sure must be slow, slow, slow on the fishing front or either our club members have stopped being able to fill out entry cards. As I write this column very few cards were turned in at the May club meeting or have been mailed to me or the club.

As mentioned in the Angler of the Month column **Fred Cousins** entered a largemouth bass and a gar to take 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the monthly competition. Fred caught those fish in a private pond and on the Chickahominy River.

On May 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Captain **Bruce Henderson** invited **David English, Glenn Carter** and I to Hatteras for several days of dolphin fishing. Bruce and Glenn were trying to catch a dolphin on spin for their Master Angler ratings. The dolphin bite was fairly good both days but they were scattered and we were only able to land one fish on spin, a 9-8 that I caught on 8 spin for 158 points. However **David English** landed the heavy weight of the trip with a 26-0 on 30 general for 86 points. David also had a 10-12 on 8 general for 134 points. David earned the lunger award with his 26-0 and said to tell the **Noland brothers and Ricky Dale** that he is the man!!!!!! Glenn who cast his arms off trying to get the Master Angler dolphin had to settle for the species leader with a real nice 15-8 on 6 general for 258 points. Each day Bruce stopped at several wrecks as we came in and we caught AJ's, triggers, cobia and saw lots of spade fish. Bruce had the honor of wrenching his back when a 38-8 cobia took a sting silver that Bruce dropped on braid trying to catch a grouper. The cobia didn't want to come in and Bruce didn't want to give him any drag. The fight was tough and go but Bruce prevailed even if the cobia took Bruce to his knees several times. That cobia was one unlucky fish as Glenn was the gaff man and took 5 stabs at gaffing the cobia with the first one bouncing off the cobia's head and ticking him off. Bruce paid the price and was heard saying a few choice words about Glenn's gaffing abilities. I had the honor of catching two amberjacks on one drop on my 12 lb. plug rod. One

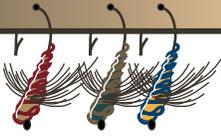
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Elly Robinson and two amberjacks on one cast



Glenn Carter and Bruce Henderson with Hatteras dolphin and cobia





jack was hooked on the jig and one tail wrapped himself and tied a knot. The fight was strange with me trying to pull one fish in head first and one in backwards. Smallish amberjacks are thick on all the wrecks so there must have been a great spawn. Then Glenn caught a 13-4 amberjack on 8 plug to take the species and plug division leads. So Glenn made out real well except for the failure to get the dolphin on spin.

**Scott Johnston** continues to be simply amazing. I believe Scott now qualifies as the angler who has turned in the smallest fish that scored at least 100 points in the club's history. Scott fishing with his twin brother **Eddy Johnston** scored on a 4 ounce spot on 2 fly for 119 points. Eddy told me Scott was so proud of that fish he was going to have it mounted! The spot takes the species lead – for now. Scott also landed a species leading 15 ounce croaker on 2 fly for 156 points. Strangely Eddy didn't submit any cards from that trip. Maybe his fish were even smaller or Scott hogged all the fish?

Scott's wife **Joan Johnston** caught a 2-2 speckled trout on 4 spin for 106 points and entered it in the spouse award competition. Let's see, Joan's fish was more than 8 times heavier than Scott's spot! You go girl!

And finally on the non-local saltwater front, **Rucker McDonald** took a trip to Apalachicola Bay, Florida and caught 2 ladyfish. One was 1-5 on 2 spin for 175 points and the other was a club record 1-13 on 4 plug for 181 points. Rucker, would you consider giving Glenn some ladyfish lessons?

Well that's it. I sure hope fishing and catching get better real soon.

Fish Fry at Maymont: Bob Brown and Scott Johnston enjoying the event...



... and the cooks

## Remembering Kelly Stafford

Memories that members and friends of Virginia Anglers Club Life have about Life Member Kelly Stafford are now valued treasures. Good friend and talented angler Kelly Stafford pulled lines for the last time in Texas on Thursday Morning, June 14, 2007. Kelly and wife Mae moved down to Texas to be near their daughter, Martha Herman, in Arlington Texas. Members of the VAC will surely miss his angling competence, wonderful good nature, ever present smile, and his total devotion to the Virginia Anglers Club. Kelly and Ronnie Sides' father were long time friends and, through this friendship and Ronnie's urging, Kelly joined the VAC in 1981 becoming one of the most loved members of our club. Kelly submitted entry cards but never kept up with what angling awards he could earn. A check of Kelly's entry cards on file turned up the fact that he had qualified for the VAC ratings of General Expert, Fly Expert, Plug Expert and Spin Expert! Your memories are in good hands, Kelly. Peace to all who knew you and loved you.

## "For What It's Worth" from Kelly Stafford

A column that was titled "For What It's Worth" once appeared in the Angler. Kelly Stafford contributed one of the first pieces. To celebrate his memory, here is Kelly's "For What It's Worth".

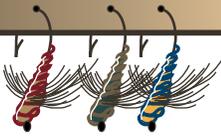
"For what it's worth ... a great angling opportunity I have experienced in February is fishing for yellow perch. In particular, yellow perch on the Chickahominy River. It's my favorite month of the year to catch them. The perch are very aggressive this time of year and they are packed with roe. I've fished fly and spin, both with two-pound line, but I prefer fly. One of my most memorable catches is when I caught two yellow perch on one fly. One hook, one fly ... two fish. It was a Mickey Fin Fly (yellow and red with a black head) and I was fishing in the Chickahominy River. One fish was apparently aggressive enough to try and take the fly away from another fish and in the process ended up hooking itself on the barb exposed from the other's mouth! I will be fishing for yellow perch on February 19, 2005 on the Chickahominy River, either below the dam or possibly the Brickyard landing a little further below. The 'Chickahominy Grab Bag' club tournament is scheduled for that day. The weather (wind) will be the determining factor for me as far as my launching point. If you are interested in fishing that day ... let's go get 'em. Call me if you'd like to go. We'll discuss time and meeting place as the date approaches.

Kelly Stafford"



## VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 6/13/07

SPECIES	ANGLER	WEIGHT	LN	DIV.	PTS	DATE	LOCATION	BAIT
<b><u>2007 SPECIES LEADERS - SALTWATER</u></b>								
<b>AMBERJACK, GREATER</b>	<b>GLENN CARTER</b>	<b>13-4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>PLUG</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>5/27/07</b>	<b>HATTERAS, NC.</b>	<b>JIG</b>
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
<b>CROAKER</b>	<b>W. S. JOHNSTON</b>	<b>0-15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>FLY</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>5/29/07</b>	<b>PIANKATAK RIVER, VA</b>	<b>BLUE FLY</b>
<b>DOLPHIN</b>	<b>GLENN CARTER</b>	<b>15-8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>GEN</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>5/27/07</b>	<b>HATTERAS, NC.</b>	<b>TONIC</b>
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
<b>SPOT</b>	<b>W. S. JOHNSTON</b>	<b>0-4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>FLY</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>5/29/07</b>	<b>PIANKATAK RIVER, VA</b>	<b>CLOUSER FLY</b>
<b><u>2007 SPECIES LEADERS - FRESHWATER</u></b>								
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
<b><u>2007 DIVISION LEADERS - SALTWATER</u></b>								
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
<b>AMBERJACK, GREATER</b>	<b>GLENN CARTER</b>	<b>13-4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>PLUG</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>5/27/07</b>	<b>HATTERAS, NC.</b>	<b>JIG</b>
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
<b><u>2007 DIVISION LEADERS - FRESHWATER</u></b>								
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
<b><u>NEW CLUB RECORDS - SALTWATER</u></b>								
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
GROUPEL, 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
GROUPEL, 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
<b>LADYFISH</b>	<b>RUCKER MCDONALD</b>	<b>1-13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>PLUG</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>5/16/07</b>	<b>APAACLACHICOLA BAY, FL.</b>	<b>MIRROW LURE</b>
<b><u>NEW CLUB RECORDS - FRESHWATER</u></b>								
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



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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)

**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
GROUPE, 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
LADYFISH	RUCKER MCDONALD	1-13	4	PLUG	181	5/16/07	APACLACHICOLA BAY, FL.	MIRROW LURE

**2007 TOP SPOUSE CATCHES - SALTWATER & FRESHWATER (LOCAL)**

BASS, STRIPED	KATHI SHEFFIELD	40-0	4	GEN	666	12/30/06	KIPTOPEKE, VA	EEL
SPOTTED SEATROUT	JOAN JOHNSTON	2-2	4	SPIN	106	5/14/07	YORK RIVER, VA.	JIG TWISTER TAIL

**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	1	4	1863	465
EDDY JOHNSTON	1	1	1	3	1212	404
BRUCE HENDERSON	0	1	0	1	633	633
FRED COUSINS	1	1	0	2	526	263
BOB SHEPHERD	0	0	1	1	517	517
LYNN SPURLIN	0	0	1	1	353	353
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5104</b>	<b>425</b>

### Angler of the Month for May 2007

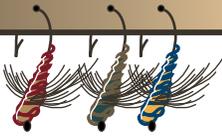
By Elly Robinson

Apparently the fishing and catching got very slow in the club during April and May as the Angler of the Month competition resulted in the lowest point entries of the year. Since I hadn't heard of any outstanding catches during the month I decided to try to steal the 3 places for the month only to have Fred Cousins pull an unexpected rabbit out of the hat. When all the cards were counted I had 5<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places and only one in the money so to speak. A 2-12 largemouth bass on 2

fly for 229 points and a 6-8 gar on 2 plug for 236 points came up short. My 0-12 sunfish on 2 fly for 250 points got 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Glenn Carter said he caught a 0-12 sunfish on 2 fly also but talk is cheap and you have to turn in a card to compete.

The hero of the month was Fred with a 3-14 largemouth bass on 2 spin for 258 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> place and his 9-6 gar on 2 general for 268 points that won top honors.





## Tournament Results Report

### JAMES RIVER GAR TOURNAMENT (May)

Winners were:

<b>Fred Cousins</b>	<b>9lbs 4oz.</b>	<b>2 General</b>	<b>268 Points</b>
<b>Eddy Johnston</b>	<b>141 1/2 total inches Gar</b>		
<b>Parks Rountrey</b>	<b>9lbs 4oz.</b>	<b>Heaviest Gar</b>	

## Upcoming Angling Events

### Virginia Waters and Ocean Super Species (Extended Dates)

Sat-Sun, June 23 & 24, 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)

### James River Flathead Catfish

Sat-Sun, July 28 & 29 and August 4 & 5, 2007

Location: James River

Awards: 1 cup highest point Flathead (100 pt. min.)  
 1 cup highest point Other (100 pt. min.)  
 1 cup highest point Smallmouth (100 pt. min.)  
 1 cup heaviest Flathead (100 pt. min.)

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Chairman: Mike Ostrander (938-2350)

## A Bit of Flathead Info ....

By Mike Ostrander

Flathead catfish are fun to catch on all tackle, and the James River in Richmond offers an incredible daytime fishery for these catfish. The biggest fish I've ever seen taken on light line was Robbie Robinson's 28 lb flattie on 4 lb line, but that took an hour and a half to land. Fishing with 14 or 17 lb line in that same time, with the right bait and fishing in the right areas, you could have caught eight or nine flatheads, with at least one or two over twenty pounds! The choice is yours.

The right bait, means fresh, active baits. The best bait to use for flathead catfish are live redbreasted sunfish caught from the James River. I like using small 1" grubs on 1/64 oz jig heads and a 2 lb outfit. Using slightly bigger lures for the sunfish with dramatically cut down on the number of strikes you will get. Small white Roostertail spinners also work well for catching sunfish.

The right place means deeper water with structure. That's an ideal location for daytime flatheads. Deep water might be 14 feet or five feet, depending on the depth of the water in the general area where you are fishing. I like fishing near boulders, or below a line of boulders, where the water rushes through a shallow area into deeper water. Tossing a bait out in the middle of a deep hole is good too. There are hundreds, if not thousands of places for flatheads to hide during the day.

Lastly, I hook the sunfish onto an 8/0 Gamakatsu Octopus Circle hook. I use about a foot of 50 lb fluorocarbon leader and attach an ounce or two of weight onto a fish finder rig. When the fish hits, let it run about three feet, let the line tighten and pull back, with your rod moving from the nine o'clock position, up over your head and back to the two o'clock position. Then the fight is on. Good luck and happy fishing.

# Robert Thomas

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