



July 2007

July Membership Meeting: CLAUDE BAIN FAREWELL

Tuesday, July 24, 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)

July Membership Meeting – “Farewell Visit” of Claude Bain

Long time friend of the Virginia Anglers Club, Claude Bain, 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 special e-mail at a later date.

Jonathan MacDonald - New 1st Vice President Program Chairman

Jonathan MacDonald was confirmed unanimously by the Board of Directors as the new 1st Vice President/Program Chairman and will finish out the 2006 term of Bob Brown, whose family situation made it necessary for him to resign as 1st VP. Jonathan will be running the monthly raffle. With the help of others, Jonathan has secured speakers for June, July, August and September Membership Meetings. The position of Program Chairman is likely the most important office in the club. Interesting programs are vitally important in maintaining interest in the VAC. Jonathan will be glad to have suggestions for speakers and programs passed along to him.

Don West to Coordinate VAC Sale of DGIF Calendars

World-class calendar salesman Don West has generously agreed to coordinate sales of the 2008 DGIF calendars for the VAC. Don has sold the lion’s share of calendars for the VAC over the past few years (200 in 2007!). Don will distribute the calendars to Club Members at Membership Meetings when the calendars become

available, currently scheduled for late July or early August. The current DGIF calendars have pages that run through the end of 2007. The new 2008 DGIF calendars will cover the calendar year 2008. Please let Don know of any bulk needs you will have for calendars this year. Don can be reached at 804-897-8723 (H) or 804-371-6748 (O). The VAC thanks Don for offering to coordinate calendar sales this year.

New “T” Shirts Have Arrived and Initial Distribution is Complete

Director Bob Shepherd has completed the initial distribution of the new VAC “T” shirts. A slight delay was encountered in the production of the final few shirts. There will be a few extra shirts available at the July Membership Meeting. Check Storekeeper Eddy Johnston of the Country Store for availability.

Leadership Team Hears Update on CCA-VA From David Nobles

At the July Board of Directors Meeting, David Nobles brought the Leadership Team of the Virginia Anglers Club up to date on the status of the CCA-VA. The CCA-VA is seeking a new Executive Director to manage the fund raising and membership recruitment activities of the association. Current membership is about 1600 and growing. The Leadership Team requested David’s informative presentation so the Team could make an educated decision on the next item.

VAC to Affiliate With a New Confederation of Anglers Club...BUT

Some of you all may have been following the postings and inter-club e-mail exchange concerning the formation of a “loose confederation of Angling clubs to more truly reflect the interest of recreational anglers” being

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championed by Robert Allen of the Peninsula Salt Water Sport Fishing Association. Robert is the editor of *Chumline*, the newsletter of the PSWSFA. Robert wrote me a letter asking if the Virginia Anglers Club would like to become part of this confederation, a confederation similar to the old Virginia Council of Angling Clubs. The BOD was presented the letter in the June BOD Meeting and was asked to provide direction in how to answer Robert's letter.

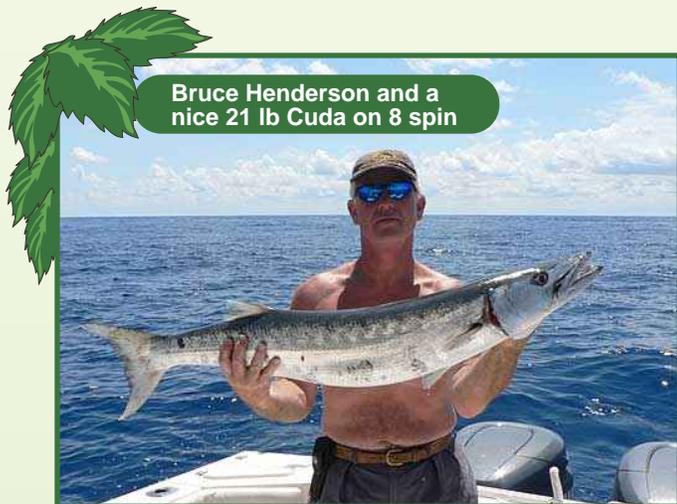
The BOD requested David Nobles presentation noted above so that an educated reply could be made, based on all information that was available. The VAC will answer in the affirmative with the condition that the "confederation" will work with the CCA-VA to pursue common goals. Lynn Spurlin, VAC 3rd Vice President – Conservation and Legislation, volunteered to represent the VAC in contacts and activities of the proposed confederation. Lynn will likely have the most current information if you have questions. I will reply to Robert Allen.

The Virginia Anglers Club Review Committee Continues Its Work

Glenn Carter, Bill DuVal, Jim Farrell, Tony Horsley, Fred Murray, Mike Ostrander, Vic Skakandy and John Wetlaufer, Sr. (Chairman) are meeting every Monday night as the VAC Review Committee. The committee is charged to develop a set of recommendations to submit to the Directors of the VAC that will enhance the vitality of the VAC and move the VAC to become more attractive to new members while respecting the interests of members of long standing. The recommendations will be presented to the BOD for consideration and approval/rejection at the August Meeting. This column will present information on recommendations as they are voted up or down. The standing committees of the Club will implement approved recommendations for the 2008.

For the Leadership Team

John Wetlaufer, Sr.,
President



Bruce Henderson and a nice 21 lb Cuda on 8 spin

CATCHY COMMENTS

By Elly Robinson



Well things sure have changed on the fishing front. Significantly more entry cards have been received and the lunker, species and division leaders have really changed. It's summer and the fish are biting and our club's members are finally fishing and catching in a big way, especially in saltwater.

The catches and this column do not reflect entry cards that have been mailed in since late June as the club's mail box checker is on vacation and the box wasn't checked before the VAC board meeting. If you have questions about an entry please call me.

The most impressive saltwater fish caught in local waters this summer has to be the 11-13 Atlantic spadefish that **Quentin Corbett** caught on June 9th while fishing Wolftrap Light. Quentin set a new club record in 16 general with his spade that scored 189 points and took the species and lunker lead. Way to go Quentin!

New member **Will Mosley** is still burning the fish up and entered a 1-8 croaker caught on 2 spin for 200 points. Will was fishing Poquoson flats when he made the catch. See it doesn't take long for new members to get the hang of light tackle fishing and even using 2 lb. test. Will is being tutored by Master Angler **Stuart Lee** and **Scott Johnston**.

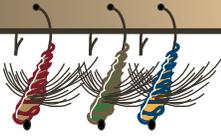
Scott Johnston and **Fred Cousins** have been fishing together recently and Scott had a 1-6 croaker on 4 fly for 185 points while Fred had a 1-5 croaker on 2 spin for 175 points. The guys were fishing in the Piankatank River.

Robbie Robinson, **Mike Cline** and I fished the East and North Rivers during the recent saltwater tournament and Robbie caught two new species leaders. Robbie had a 2-5 spotted seatrout on 2 spin for 154 points and a 2-0 croaker that weighed 2-2 when caught and weighed on the boat but shrunk when weighed officially the next day before cleaning and frying. The croaker was caught on 2 spin and a gulp shrimp and scored 266 points. We couldn't get the croakers to eat anything except a gulp shrimp in either 2" or 3". If you have never fished the west end of Mobjack Bay you are really missing out on fishing a beautiful place. Only problem it is wide open to the southeast and south so on an out going tide with moderate winds it can get rough. The grass flats are beautiful at Ware Point also. Think speckles in the spring and fall as several over 9lbs have been caught there this spring.

Bruce Henderson, **Mickey Kodroff** and **Jim Sheffield** fished out of Oregon Inlet at the 102 degree tower and at the point in the 3rd week of June and enjoyed good fishing. Bruce was the man with the club's first tilefish entry. Bruce caught a 4-4 blue line on 8 general for 141 points and a club record and species lead. Bruce had the hot rod and also landed and released 7 amberjacks on 8 plug and then weighed and released a 21-8 amberjack on 8 plug for 238 points. I understand that Mickey had an exceptional day catching and releasing amberjacks on fly and didn't want to quit at the end of the day.

Bruce, Jim and I fished together over the 4th of July holidays out of Hatteras with good success. Jim had an 18-0 amberjack on 6 plug for 257 points and the club's first official almaco jack entry

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with a 9-0 on 8 plug for 128 points and a club record and new species lead. Previously almacos had been lumped together with amberjacks. Bruce took over the barracuda species lead with a 21-0 cuda on 8 spin for 233 points. I had a 26-0 amberjack on 8 plug for 288 points. I also got lucky and caught a 32-0 cobia on 8 plug for 355 points and the species and plug division lead. I say lucky because Bruce has been taking lessons from **Glenn Carter** on gaffing technique. At about 45 minutes into the fight I presented the cobia to Bruce for the gaff and Bruce hit the cobia and was hoisting it aboard when his long handle gaff got hung up in the overhead rods sticking out of the rocket launchers. Well the gaff stopped moving and the cobia took full advantage by hitting his tail on the gunnel and jumping off the gaff hook and back into the water. The cobia stayed hooked up and it took me an hour to get him back to the boat for Bruce to take two more missed gaff whacks before sinking the hook for good into the fish. I was one thankful and spent puppy when that was over. The next day I had a 24-0 amberjack on 6 spin for 342 points and the new species and spin division leads. That fish took over 2 hours to land and made me wish I was about 20 years younger. Bruce landed that fish with no problems thank goodness! During this trip Jim caught a spectacular fish in 150 feet of water on the bottom at the Manuela wreck. It was bright red and had a vivid yellow tail and was about 12 inches long. When I showed the pic of the fish to my 5 year old grandson he said it was a clown fish like on Nemo. Maybe he is going to grow up and be a fisherman also! One sad thing to report, Bruce fought a cuda on 8 spin for over an hour and the fish looked to be well over 30 pounds when it came up close to the boat but during a subsequent run the tube lure must have come across the cuda's mouth and the mono leader above the tube wire was cut we guess by the cuda's teeth. The good news about this was that I didn't have to screw up a gaffing attempt and be writing about myself in this column!

As I write this column on July 12th the weather at Hatteras has been terrible for several days and is expected to continue to blow for the rest of the week. Why do I share this with you? Well **Buddy and Danny Noland, Ricky Dale and Eddie Johnston** are all on vacation in Hatteras this week and **Glenn Carter** is in Corolla. So the next time you want to schedule a fishing vacation on the Outer Banks you might want to check and be sure these guys are no where near eastern North Carolina. Definitely they are the bad news weather bears!

On the freshwater front I fished with **Mike Ostrander** on the James and caught a 19-4 flathead catfish on 4 general for 260 points and the new species lead. If you want a close by, very enjoyable fishing trip Mike is the man to see. The James above Richmond is beautiful and the fishing is very good for big flatheads. The trip would be great for a child and your bride or significant other also.

It's about time for **Tony Horsley** and friends to start fishing the Eastern Shore for tarpon and for the wreck fishing for cudas and Africans to really heat up so we might just see some great catches in next months Catch Comments also.

New DGIF Program Seeks Volunteers

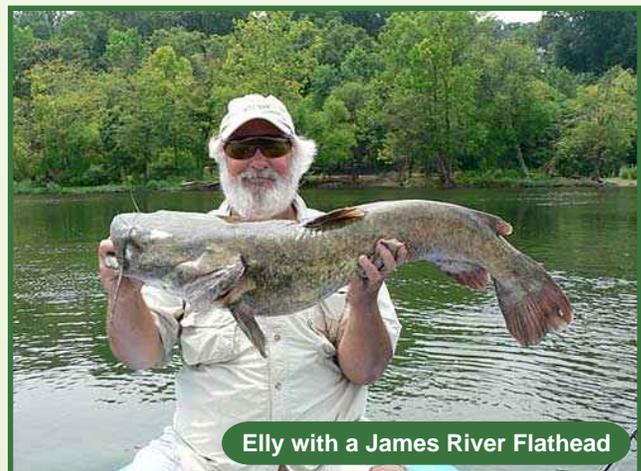
VDGIF has started a new volunteer initiative called the Complementary Work Force program. This program will provide citizens with an opportunity to work alongside our dedicated law enforcement officers, biologists, technicians and staff to conserve and protect this state's valuable natural resources, and provide safe recreational opportunities for those engaged in hunting, fishing, boating and other outdoor pursuits. If you like the idea of being a part of what we (the DGIF) do, consider joining VDGIF as a volunteer. There are lots of great for individuals and groups to help. The link to the website is:

<http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/volunteer/>

Source: VADGIF Outdoor Report – July 11, 2007



Jim Sheffield's "mystery fish"



Elly with a James River Flathead



Line Up Your DGIF Calendar Customers

The new Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries 2008 Wildlife calendars will be coming out soon. It's time to remind your "customers" that you will have calendars for them by August. This is an important fund raising activity for the VAC. Don West will coordinate calendar distribution to and sales money return for the Club this year. Don can be reached at 804-371-6748 (O) or 804-897-6748 (O). Calendars will be sold at \$8.00 per copy.

US Fish & Wildlife Service Considering Closing Significant Fishing Areas of the Cape Hatteras National Seashores

In recently held public hearing in Buxton, NC Mr. Pete Benjamin of the Southeastern office of the US Fish & Wildlife Service announced the consideration of closing significant areas of the Cape Hatteras National Seashores to any public usage due to Piping Plover critical habitat. This action could potentially stop any usage of significant beach areas including the south end of Oregon Inlet, Cape Point around to the beach entrance near Billy Mitchell airfield near Frisco, the south end of Hatteras inlet and the south end of Ocracoke Island. In essence most of the top surf fishing areas in the Cape Hatteras National Seashores!

If we wish to protect our ability to use our national parks and continue to surf fish in these areas, we need to tell the appropriate USFWS officials what we think of their proposal. These closures could become permanent!

If you wish to read further information about this impending decision, I suggest you go to the internet sites of the North Carolina Beach Buggy Association at <http://www.ncbba.org> to read their more detailed information.

Letters can be sent to the following address. The subject should be: Wintering Piping Plover Critical Habitat.

Pete Benjamin
US Fish & Wildlife Service
Raleigh Fish & Wildlife Office
PO Box 33726
Raleigh, NC 27636-3726

E-mails can be sent to: ncplovercomments@fws.gov

Tell these officials how much you use these areas, especially the economic impact you have in the area, ie., bait, tackle, gas, rent, food, etc. you spend in Dare County and Hyde county.

This is IMPORTANT for all VAC members to defend our ability to use these areas!

Angler of the Month

By Elly Robinson

What a difference a month makes. Same winning point structure but far more participation and a little controversy! It seemed that everybody I ran into at the meeting said the same thing. "I didn't catch much of a fish points wise so should I turn it in for the Angler of the Month contest". And I told each person yes because at the time they had the third best entry and with each successive person they had a better catch. So the moral to the story is turn in your cards because you never know what will win, place or show and I don't know either.

As for the controversy, **Bruce Henderson** caught a 21-8 amberjack on 8 plug but turned in his official entry card and duplicate card for Angler of the Month as 12-8. **Jim Sheffield** signed both cards as weight and catch witness! Under our new angling rules in a case like this the Angling Rules Committee has to weigh in on the changing of a card after official submission and agreed to change Bruce's card to the correct weight. After all that it didn't make any difference as Bruce's catch scored 238 points and came in 4th place and out of the money.

Fred Cousins took 6th place with a 1-5 croaker on 2 spin for 175 points.

Quentin Corbett's outstanding 11-13 Atlantic spadefish took 5th place only because it was caught on 16 general for 189 points.

I had a 3-0 largemouth bass on 2 fly for 250 points good for 3rd.

Glenn Carter took 2nd place with a real nice 15-8 dolphin on 6 general for 258 points.

I won the competition with a 19-4 flathead catfish on 4 general for 260 points.

I have a fearless prediction. The winning fish in the July competition will have to score more than 350 points as some nicer fish have been taken by members wreck fishing out of Hatteras but they have to be at the meeting to participate so maybe everybody ought to go ahead and submit their catches as you just never know what will win.



Matt Anderson and friends with a 54" Cobia



VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 7/6/07

<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>
<u>2007 SPECIES LEADERS - SALTWATER</u>								
AMBERJACK, GREATER	E. S. ROBINSON	24-0	6	SPIN	342	7/4/07	MANUELA WRECK, NC	JIG TWISTER TAIL
BARRACUDA, GREAT	BRUCE HENDERSON	21-0	8	SPIN	233	7/4/07	PROTEUS WRECK, NC	TUBE
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
COBIA	E. S. ROBINSON	32-0	8	PLUG	355	7/3/07	MANUELA WRECK, NC	JIG TWISTER TAIL
CROAKER	ROB ROBINSON	2-0	2	SPIN	266	6/16/07	NORTH RIVER, VA	JIG GULP
DOLPHIN	GLENN CARTER	15-8	6	GEN	258	5/27/07	HATTERAS, NC.	TONIC
DRUM, RED	WILL MOSLEY	6-0	2	SPIN	150	3/23/07	RUDEE INLET, VA.	CALCUTTA SPLIT TAIL
JACK, ALMACO	JIM SHEFFIELD	9-0	8	PLUG	128	7/3/07	MANUELA WRECK, NC.	JIG
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	ROB ROBINSON	2-5	2	SPIN	154	6/16/07	EAST RIVER, VA.	JIG FIN S
SPADEFISH	QUENTIN CORBETT	11-13	16	GEN	189	6/9/07	WOLFTRAP LIGHT, VA	CLAM
SPOT	W. S. JOHNSTON	0-4	2	FLY	119	5/29/07	PIANKATAK RIVER, VA	CLOUSER FLY
TILEFISH, BLUELINE	BRUCE HENDERSON	4-4	8	GEN	141	6/23/07	OREGON INLET, NC	SQUID
<u>2007 SPECIES LEADERS - FRESHWATER</u>								
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	19-4	4	GEN	260	6/25/07	JAMES RIVER, VA	LIVE SUNFISH
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
<u>2007 DIVISION LEADERS - SALTWATER</u>								
BASS, STRIPED	S. C. LEE	26-8	16	FLY	265	12/17/06	CAPE CHARLES, VA	DECEIVER
AMBERJACK, GREATER	E. S. ROBINSON	24-0	6	SPIN	342	7/4/07	MANUELA WRECK, NC	JIG TWISTER TAIL
COBIA	E. S. ROBINSON	32-0	8	PLUG	355	7/3/07	MANUELA WRECK, NC	JIG TWISTER TAIL
BASS, STRIPED	E. S. ROBINSON	39-0	4	GEN	650	12/29/06	CAPE CHARLES, VA	EEL
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	M. KODROFF	2-4	6	SURF	112	12/13/06	KITTY HAWK, NC	GRUB
<u>2007 DIVISION LEADERS - FRESHWATER</u>								
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
GAR, ALL	E. S. JOHNSTON	13-12	2	PLUG	500	3/15/07	JAMES RIVER, VA	JIG
CATFISH, BLUE	B. SHEPHERD	55-0	6	GEN	517	1/14/07	JAMES RIVER, VA	CUT SHAD
<u>NEW CLUB RECORDS - SALTWATER</u>								
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
GROUPE, 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
GROUPE, 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
LADYFISH	RUCKER MCDONALD	1-13	4	PLUG	181	5/16/07	APAACLACHICOLA BAY, FL.	MIRROW LURE
JACK, ALAMCO	JIM SHEFFIELD	9-0	8	PLUG	128	7/3/07	MANUELA WRECK, NC.	JIG
TILEFISH, BLUELINE	BRUCE HENDERSON	4-4	8	GEN	141	6/23/07	OREGON INLET, NC	SQUID
SPADEFISH	QUENTIN CORBETT	11-13	16	GEN	189	6/9/07	WOLFTRAP LIGHT, VA	CLAM



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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
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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	3	1	2	6	2373	395
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
GLENN CARTER	0	1	0	1	258	258
TOTALS	5	5	5	15	5872	391

Matt Anderson - Publicity Chairman - Needs Your Catch Information

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.

The Lunker Club

(heaviest fish)

Species	VAC 2007 Angling Year			Club Historical Record			VAC 2007 Angling Year			Club Historical Record		
	Angler	Weight	Weight	Angler	Weight	Weight	Angler	Weight	Weight	Angler	Weight	Weight
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	Fred Cousins	6-14	10-12	Dr. Mickey Kodroff	10-12	GROUPER, GAG				Eily Robinson	9-12	
BASS, ROCK & ROANOKE			1-7	Eric McDuffie	1-7	GROUPER, HISTORIC				Bill DuVal	63-8	
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	Dean Winstead	3-0	5-8	Bob Shepherd	5-8	GROUPER, OTHER				Bruce Henderson	21-8	
BASS, STRIPED HY			6-10	Bill Ross	6-10	JACK, CRAVELLE				Ronnie Sides	34-0	
BASS, STRIPED LL			23-6	Gary Anderson	23-6	JACK, ALMACO				Jim Sheffield	9-0	
BASS, WHITE			2-12	John Wycoff	2-12	LADYFISH				Tom Barnett	3-12	
BOWFIN	Eily Robinson	6-4	12-11	W.H. McCarthy	12-11	MACKEREL, CREO				Bill DuVal	8-0	
CARP	Eily Robinson	8-14	25-8	Fred Cousins	25-8	MACKEREL, KING				Bill DuVal	62-0	
CATFISH, BLUE	Steve Luterek	56-0	56-0	Steve Luterek	56-0	MACKEREL, SPANISH				Bill DuVal	4-0	
CATFISH, CHANNEL			19-4	Fred Murray	12-4	MACKEREL, SPANISH (HIST.)*				C.O. Mather	18-3*	
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	Eily Robinson		27-8	Lynn Spurlin	27-8	MARLIN, BLACK				F.D. Gottwald	1075-0	
CATFISH, HISTORIC			22-12	D.N. Jones	22-12	MARLIN, BLUE ATL & PAC				Steve Hutchins	691-5	
CRAPPIE, ALL	Eddy Johnston	1-8	2-14	Gary Donahue	2-14	MARLIN, STRIPED				C.O. Mather	266-0	
GAR, ALL	Eily Robinson	14-8	17-8	Dick Goode	17-8	MARLIN, WHITE				C.O. Mather	113-7	
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL			28-7	Bob Shepherd	28-7	PERMIT				Bill DuVal	42-0	
PERCH, WHITE	Rob Robinson	1-0	1-7	Eric McDuffie	1-7	POMPANO, AFRICAN				Eily Robinson	33-0	
PERCH, YELLOW	Lynn Spurlin	1-10	1-13	Robbie Robinson	1-13	POMPANO, COMMON				Parks Rountrey	1-8	
PICKEREL, CHAIN	Scott Johnston	2-1	7-10	Reggie White	7-10	ROOSTERFISH				W.C. Askew	50-8	
PIKE, NORTHERN			17-8	L. Kesteloo	17-8	RUNNER, RAINBOW				Pat Quisenberry	20-5	
SALMON, ATLANTIC			19-0	H.A. Claiborne	19-0	SAILFISH, ATLANTIC				C.O. Mather	86-3	
SALMON, CHINOOK			34-0	Scott Johnston	34-0	SAILFISH, PACIFIC				J.F. McNeace	140-0	
SALMON, COHO			16-8	P.W. Hughes	16-8	SEATROUT, SPOTTED				Virgil Hughes	11-14	
SHAD, AMERICAN	Rob Robinson	4-2	7-4	P. Dasher	7-4	SHARK, MAKO				L. Kesteloo	486-0	
SHAD, HICKORY	Stuart Lee	2-2	3-4	Dr. Mickey Kodroff	3-4	SHARK, OTHER				L. Kesteloo	500-0	
SUNFISH, ALL	Rob Robinson	1-0	2-4	Roy Jones	2-4	SHEEPSHEAD				Dr. Jim Wright	14-0	
TROUT, BROOK			8-0	Joe Brooks	8-0	SNAPPER, CUBERA				Bill DuVal	48-8	
TROUT, BROWN			28-0	Bill Barnett	28-0	SNAPPER, MUTTON				Bill DuVal	17-8	
TROUT, CUTTHROAT	Jeff Doughty	3-1	3-12	C.O. Mather	3-12	SNAPPER, OTHER				Bill DuVal	32-0	
TROUT, LAKE			30-0	Mark Sosin	30-0	SNAPPER, RED				Bill DuVal	5-0	
TROUT, LAKE			9-4	Fred Cousins	9-4	SNOOK				Dick Stephenson	18-0	
TROUT, RAINBOW			15-0	Stamford Niou	15-0	SPADEFISH				Eily Robinson	11-15	
TROUT, STEELHEAD			9-0	Steve Luterek	9-0	SPOT				Dr. Jim Wright	1-2	
WALLEYE			0-14	Lynn Spurlin	0-14	SWORDFISH				Stuart Lee	363-0	
WARMOUTH						TARPON				E. Dunham	120-0	
AMBERJACK, GREATER	Eily Robinson	26-0	91-2	Bill Rewalt	91-2	TAUTOG				Dr. Jim Wright	15-8	
BARRACUDA, GREAT	Bruce Henderson	21-0	48-0	Reggie White	48-0	TILEFISH, BLUELINE				E. Dunham	120-0	
BASS, BLACK SEA			7-4	Jim Sheffield	7-4	TRIGGERFISH				Bill DuVal	10-0	
BASS, STRIPED	Stuart Lee	42-0	48-0	C.V. Kinnard	48-0	TUNA, BIGEYE ATL				F.C. Willson	215-0	
BLUEFISH	Bob Brown	12-0	22-0	Paul Richie	22-0	TUNA, BLACKFIN				Ronnie Hogge	38-0	
BONEFISH	Bill DuVal	10-4	13-14	F.W. Lawrence	13-14	TUNA, BLUEFIN				R.L. Gilliam	1080-0	
COBIA	Eily Robinson	32-0	77-0	Bill DuVal	77-0	TUNA, SKIPJACK				Bill DuVal	18-0	
CROAKER	Rob Robinson	2-0	4-0	Dr. Jim Wright	4-0	TUNA, YELLOWFIN				Bill Rewalt	231-0	
DOLPHIN	David English	26-0	60-0	A.M. McCarthy	60-0	TUNNY, LITTLE				Buddy Noland	19-8	
DRUM, BLACK			82-8	Robbie Robinson	82-8	WAHOO				Bill DuVal	98-0	
DRUM, RED	Bob Shepherd	12-8	62-0	Dennis Cline	62-0	WEAKFISH				Bill DuVal	15-6	
FLOUNDER, SUMMER			10-5	Pat Dudley	10-5					Bill Gallasch		

* Includes Cero and Narrow Barred Mackerels



The View From Up North

By Steve Luterek

Well the snow finally melted, Lake Erie is 70 degrees, and we've finally had some opportunities for some good fishing. Today and tomorrow the BassEye Celebrity Challenge is taking place on Lake Erie, to aid Cystic Fibrosis, sponsored by Bob Rich Jr. of Rich Products and an IGFA Director. Next week, ESPN comes to town to showcase the Bassmaster Elite series, which will feature some of the best anglers in the country. The Southtowns Walleye Tournament is over and the Can-Am Walleye tournament is this weekend. The spring Lake Ontario Counties Tournament is over but the Fall LOC is yet to come. (<http://www.loc.org>)

The fishing has been nothing short of phenomenal. I had an opportunity to fish a Walleye tournament in June and the largest I boated was an 8-8 trolling on 16 general. My wife and I then went out twice for a few hours on two separate afternoons and landed 15 fish one trip and 22 the next, all a mix of Walleye and Smallmouth Bass in 23 feet of water while drifting with 3D Worm Harnesses. The largest bass being 3-9 on 2 general, and a 2-12 walleye on 2 general.

My wife also caught a 3-6 Smallmouth on 4 general that trip. Most of the bass guys catch and release between 50 and 100 fish per day in early June, and the limits of Walleye are being caught on a regular basis right now and should continue through October if you can get out there. Lake Ontario Salmon and Steelhead catches are up and I'm looking forward to a week of fishing up there in August.

If anyone is interested in our fine fishery, I would be glad to hook up with them if I am available, or help them find some excellent local guides or charters. Check out the links on <http://www.southtownswalleye.org>, <http://www.attheoak.com>, <http://www.outdoorsniagara.com>, for some good New York information.

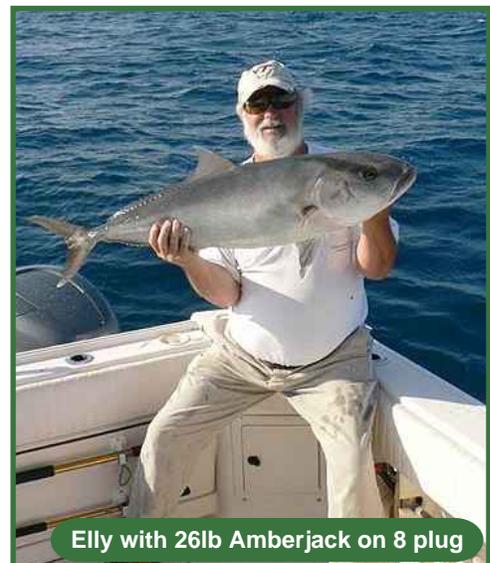
Tight lines and good catches.



Steve Luterek and 3-9 Smallie on 2#



Steve Luterek with two nice Walleye



Elly with 26lb Amberjack on 8 plug

Upcoming Angling Events

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 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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