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**Last Meeting of the
2011 Angling Year:
November 22nd, 2011 - 7:00 PM**

**Skilligalee Restaurant
Glenside Ave, just North of Broad Street
Come ~ 5:30 PM and enjoy good
company over dinner from the menu**



BACKLASH
*Commentary from the
Board of Directors*
-By John Wetlaufer, Sr.

NOVEMBER PROGRAM – LIGHT LINE AND MILLER LITE

Colby Trow of Mossy Creek Fly Fishing will present a program on carp, musky and smallmouth fishing in the James and Shenandoah Rivers. More information on Mossy Creek Fly Fishing can be

found on page 5 of this issue of The Angler. VAC Members will receive a “chit” redeemable for a free beer. When you arrive, see Chitmeister Eddy Johnston for your free “chit”.

Note: Suggestions for speakers, programs or topics at Membership Meetings are always welcome. If you have any suggestions along these lines, please pass them along to Mike Ostrander. Mike will take it from there. Thanks.

2011 MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS END WITH THE NOVEMBER MEETING

The next membership meeting after the November Membership Meeting will be the February Membership Meeting on February 21st. There is no meeting in December. Any items needing coverage during December or January will be announced in The Angler, at the Annual Awards Banquet or via a club wide informational e-mail.



ANNUAL BANQUET RETURNS TO SAM MILLER'S

The Annual Banquet will again be held in January 2012 at Sam Miller's in Shockoe Slip. The price for members, wives and guests remains at \$30.00 per person. When you are filling in your 2012 engagement calendar, jot down the Banquet on Saturday, January 28th. More details about the menu and payment options appear on page 6 of this Angler. We will have a larger room this year and dinner will start sooner than last year.

THE 2011 ANGLING YEAR ENDS NOVEMBER 30, 2011.

The 2011 Angling Year will end at midnight, Wednesday, November 30, 2011. Entry cards must be turned in or postmarked no later than December 10th to receive credit for the 2011 Angling Year. Remember this for those entry cards for those late November catches. Note that this submission requirement is different than the normal 21 days allowed for receipt or postmarking of entry cards after a catch during most of any angling year.

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THE DGIF OUTDOOR CALENDARS ARE SOLD OUT

The next time you see Special Activities Chairman Don West, thank him for his energetic leadership of the 2011 VAC Calendar Sales Project. All calendars have been sold. Calendar sales resulted in \$750 income for the Club. Those who have not turned their money into Don are urged to do so promptly so the books can be closed for 2011. Thanks to all Members who bought individual calendars or sold multiple copies.

2012 VAC BUDGET APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 2012 Budget of the Virginia Anglers Club was approved by the Directors present at the November 8, 2011 Board of Directors Meeting. The \$13,200 budget represents about a 10% decrease from the 2011 Budget. The new Budget reflects a decrease in expenses of about 10% vs. the 2011. Major savings are more members accepting electronic copies of The Angler and a now mature website requiring only maintenance instead of design effort as was the case in 2011. Donations destined to be made to worthy conservation groups represent about 13% of the new budget.

VAC SURFISHING TEAM PLACES 60TH IN CAPE HATTERAS SURF TOURNAMENT

The VAC Surf Fishing Team placed 60th out of the 120 teams fishing in the Annual Cape Hatters Anglers Club Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament, Thursday and Friday,

November 3rd and 4th. Enduring miserable fishing conditions brought on by an off shore storm were team captain Lynn Spurlin and VAC members Ray Nuckols, Everett Spence and Jim Sheffield. The team caught only 2 scoreable fish which gives witness to what a poor showing of fish was experienced. Lynn announced his retirement from the captain's position at the November BOD Meeting.

The entire VAC Membership extends many thanks to Lynn for his leadership in gathering members for the team and liaison with the CHAC to insure that the VAC Team was promptly registered each year of his leadership of the team.

Thanks also to Ray Nuckols for opening his Rodanthe, NC home to the team members during the tournament. Check with Ray if you need current beach fishing information without any commercial slant (see the on line VAC roster for contact information).

IGFA OFFERS NEW ALL-TACKLE LENGTH WORLD RECORD RECOGNITION

You may have not caught up with the fact that the IGFA now has a program to recognize All-Tackle Length World Records. This program, now in effect since January, 2011 is based on the certified length of a catch, which must be released alive. This program is a natural in which VAC Members can compete. The program is a natural fit with the catch-and-release angling that the VAC supports. As noted in the Sept/Oct 2011 DGIF "International Angler" (page 16), "This 100% catch-and-release program requires that the angler measure the potential record fish on...

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...IGFA's specially-designed measuring device, properly document the fish's length via pictures and safely release the fish alive and in good health to swim another day.". More information about this young program with open records for the taking can be found at www.igfa.org or by contacting World Records Coordinator Jack Vitek at or 954-924-4246.

VAC NOMINATING COMMITTEE WORKS ON 2012 LEADERSHIP TEAM

The 2011 Virginia Anglers Club Nominating Committee is working on drafting the slate of directors, officers and committee chairmen for 2012. The team consists of Fred Murray (sitting president) and Vic Skakandy and Mike Ostrander (past two presidents). The slate will be presented to the BOD at the December Meeting for approval. The approved slate will be announced in the December Newsletter. Our Club's programs, tournaments and finances are managed by a dedicated group of volunteers, many of whom spend multiple hours monthly of their time to keep the club on track and interesting. Being part of this group of volunteers is enjoyable. Please advise Fred if you have interest in helping with the leadership of the VAC or want to recommend another member for the Nominating Committee's consideration.

TOURNAMENT IDEAS SOUGHT FOR THE 2012 ANGLING YEAR

Angling Activities Chairman Parks Rountrey needs ideas for new fishing tournaments for the 2012 Angling Year. He also would like input about 2011 tournaments that might best be eliminated from the 2012 schedule. Contact Parks by e-mail at prountrey@comcast.net or by phone [H (804) 789-9775, O (804) 427-6001 or C (804) 349-6001]. The Leadership Team wants to have tournaments that are of interest to and will be fished by Members in the 2012 Schedule. Let Parks know what your wishes are and be part of the tournament scheduling process.

VAC TO HOST A DGIF BOATING EDUCATION SAFETY COURSE

Mike Ostrander has arranged for a special DGIF Boating Education Safety Course for VAC Members and their guests. The course will be offered on Saturday, January 21, 2012 at Green Top Sporting Goods. Start time is 10:00 AM and will be over at 4:00 PM. Advanced registration is required to be included in this special VAC course. The class is limited to 40 and registration closes on January 15, 2012.

Contact Mike Ostrander, to register for this course [e-mail mike@jamesriverfishing.com or phone O (804) 938-2350, C (804) 938-2350].

This is the course that must be taken so you can be licensed to operate a personal water craft or a power boat with more than 10 HP in Virginia. See the DGIF website or page 8 of the October Angler for details of the licensing required by Virginia Law, including licensing deadlines based on age.

THE VAC COUNTRY STORE – YOUR SOURCE FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

The VAC Country Store is a good source for personal or business thank you Christmas presents. The 50th anniversary Swiss Army Knife makes an excellent and economical gift for friends (or business clients) to whom you want to give a very useful, pocket sized tool. Subway® has Five Dollar Foot Longs and Eddy has Five Dollar Long Sleeves (VAC" T" shirts). Check out what is available in the Country Store and start your Christmas Shopping Early. Sorry, the supply of the treasured plastic VAC hot/cold drink mugs has been exhausted and there are no current plans for restocking this popular item.

NEW E-MAIL, PHONE NUMBER, ADDRESS?? – UPDATING INFORMATION IS EASY

Please take a minute and check how your name and contact information shows up in the Members Roster in the Member's Area of the VAC Website. If any changes are needed, you can do it in less than a minute. Go to www.virginiaanglersclub.com and log into the member's area. Open the heading "Update Contact Information". You can edit the roster listing information that comes up on the screen to make it current. You will also get an amazing feeling if you see your information is complete and current. You can change your information yourself in less than a minute and, certainly, in less time that it takes to type and send an e-mail asking someone else to make the changes. If you know someone who does not have e-mail, please check out their information in the roster. Thanks for keeping your information current

For the Leadership Team
John Wetlaufer, Sr., Secretary



CATCHY COMMENTS

by Buddy Noland

Not only does November bring upon us daylight savings time and the official beginning of the holidays, but it also brings the close of our fishing season. Unfortunately, there are so many Saltwater awards still left on the table. So far this year, entries have not been received for the following species: Bluefish, Barracuda, Spadefish, Sheepshead, the Jack family, Black Sea Bass, and Weakfish.

These are the typical species that have been submitted in past fishing years. A former club member told me this year he had heard that the VAC had changed to a predominately freshwater club. Hopefully, next year will be better and we can be a more balanced club. I'm going to try to do my part!

New member and Chickahominy River guide, **Art Conway** turned in five entries. His highest point fish was a Largemouth Bass worth 125 points on 4# spinning tackle. It weighed 1 pound, 14 ounces, and Art was using a Kalin Crappie Scrub. Several Black Crappie were also mailed in by **Art** with the largest being a 1 pounder caught on a live minnow.

David Nobles was fly fishing the James River on October 11th and landed a 2 pound, 4 ounce, Smallmouth Bass. **David** was using 6# tippet and scored 160 points using a CK Baitfish imitation fly.

Fred Cousins has several more entries this month. **Fred** turned in a 10 ounce Spot worth 189 points on 2# spin. The Spot now leads the "species" and "heaviest" categories. Also, from the recent Gar Tournament, **Fred** landed a 6 pound, 12 ounce, fish on 2# spin for 245 points using a grub for bait.

Johnny Wetlaufer also turned in several nice Gar this month. His largest was on 4# general, using a minnow for bait, and valued at 136 points.

Recently, a fishing trip to Lake Shenandoah provided **Parks Rountrey** with a Muskie catch. **Parks** was using a Pop-R on 4# spin when he landed his 131 point Club Record fish. Many of us have cast our "thousand times" and still haven't caught our Muskie! **Parks** also landed a 6 pound, 8 ounce, Gar in the tournament on a minnow for 188 points.

While fishing the James River, **Bob Brown** had several more quality entries this past period. **Bob** caught a 20 pound Blue Catfish on 4# general using cut bait for 213 points and also a 9 pound, 4 ounce, Gar using a gold fish for bait. The Gar is worth 268 points.

There are just a few days left in this fishing season and most of the awards have been decided. Hopefully, many of you will support your fellow angler's efforts by attending this year's banquet in January.

Keeping it reel,
Buddy



Johnny Wetlaufer with a nice 4-12 Gar

LIGHT LINE FISHING FOR CARP, MUSKIE AND SM BASS

Colby Trow, James and Shenandoah River fly fishing guide and co-owner of Mossy Creek Fly Fishing in Harrisonburg, VA, will be our last speaker of the year at the November Membership Meeting. He will present a program about fishing with light line for Carp, Muskie and Smallmouth Bass on the above named rivers.

Colby and his brother, Brian, founded Mossy Creek Fly Fishing in 2003. Mossy Creek Fly Fishing offers fly fishing and fly tying instruction, guide service and a complete line of fly fishing gear and materials for flies. Google Mossy Creek Fly Fishing for more information about Colby the offerings of their fly fishing store.

CHECKING YOUR CATCHES FOR AN ANGLER RATING

Do you wonder if you have enough catches for one of the individual angler awards offered by the Virginia Anglers Club? The Catch Database in the Member's Area of the website offers a convenient way to check. The Annual Awards Banquet is coming up January 28, 2012. Since these awards are presented only at the Annual Awards Banquet, you might just want to check if you have the proper catches to qualify for a specific Angler Rating.

Open , click on the 'Members Area' and log in.

You will see the following places to check if you have enough catches for a particular Angler Rating. All of the information that comes up on your screen can be printed down.

“Angler Rating Requirements” – a complete listing of catch requirements for VAC Angler Ratings.

Check to see what fish are required for the Angler Ratings. You might want to print this listing down before continuing to the next item. Some members use a hard copy to keep a current listing of catches they have caught that are required for the Ratings.

“Search All Catches (Catch Database)” – a database including every catch submitted on entry cards (50 years worth!).

Get a list of all of your submitted catches by clicking on Name and select your name from the list that appears (alphabetically by first name).

Go back one screen, keep your name selected and select “Species” to get a listing of all of your catches of the species selected.

“Angler Entry Sheet” – the form on which you list the details of your catches for the particular rating you are qualify for. Submit this list to the Angling Rules Chairman. The records crew will verify your submitted catches and the actual award will be made at the Annual Awards Banquet.

You are responsible for submitting your documented request for an Angler Rating. The Angling Rules Committee certifies your submission and arranges for the presentation of your Angler Rating plaque.

VAC ANNUAL BANQUET BACK AT SAM MILLER'S RESTAURANT

The VAC 2011 Annual Awards Banquet returns to Sam Miller's Restaurant in historic Shockoe Slip on Saturday evening, January 28, 2012. The price will again be \$30.00 per person and free parking is only 1/2 a block away at the parking deck at on 12th Street (just "down the hill" from the Tobacco Company). Festivities start at 5:30 PM and end about 9 PM. The sit down dinner will start about 6:45 PM and a cash bar will be available. Mark this date on your 2012 calendar.

Four raffle items will be offered with chances selling for \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00.

Bill Gallasch Fly Shadow Box, Capt. Ronnie Sides Fly Shadow Box, a Gyotaku Print by Member Rob Choi, and a Special Item to be Announced

Complete details and menu will appear in the December issue of The Angler.

HELP A VETERAN OR A WOUNDED ACTIVE SERVICE MAN OR WOMAN

The November VADGIF electronic Outdoor Report included a list of groups that provide "outdoor adventure opportunities (including angling) for veterans and wounded servicemen and women. Some members of the VAC are active in helping these deserving people by participating in Project Healing Waters. The Angler is publishing the below list of these organizations so Members can be aware of groups that will welcome help and support with their programs.

- Project Healing Waters - <http://www.projecthealingwaters.org>
- Wounded Warrior Project - <http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org>
- Paralyzed Veterans of America Mid-Atlantic Chapter - <http://www.vamapva.com>
- Outdoor Recreation Heritage Fund - <http://www.pvaheritagefund.org>
- National Wild Turkey Federation Wheelin' Sportsmen - <http://www.wheelinsportsmen.org/wheelin>

RICHMOND FISHING EXPO RETURNING TO MEADOW EVENT PARK

The Richmond Fishing Expo is returning to the Farm Bureau Center at the new Meadow Event Park in Caroline County January 20-22, 2012. Again this year, your admission ticket will allow you to return to the Show another day. For information visit the Show Website (<http://www.ncboatshows.com/show.php/eventId/3>) or view the Show Flyer (<http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/outdoor-report/images/2011/01/12/2011-fishing-expo-flyer.jpg>).

HELP ERADICATE THE INVASIVE NORTHERN SNAKEHEAD

All anglers are reminded to acquaint themselves with a good description of the northern snakehead fish. If you should manage to catch one of these exotic imports, please kill it immediately and report the catch to either the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries or the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

View video about the snake head at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_1HmUY5EOo

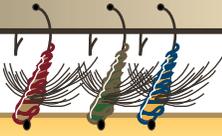
HELP KEEP ANGLING LEGAL – REPORT VIOLATIONS

Freshwater

If you suspect or witness an angling or hunting violation, report it to
VADGIF Wildlife Crimeline at 1-800-237-5712.

Saltwater

If you have a need to report to the VA Marine Resources Commission any emergency,
boating accident or other violation, call the Marine Police Dispatch Center
toll free at 1-800-541-4646



Great Menhaden News! - ASMFC Votes for 15%, 30%

BOSTON, MA - For the first time in history, there will be reductions in the harvest of Atlantic menhaden after a vote today by the Menhaden Management Board of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC). Menhaden, which serve as the primary forage base for most predatory fish, have declined to the lowest level ever recorded, sparking alarm in the recreational angling community which has long expressed concern over the impact of industrial menhaden harvest on sportfish stocks.

“This is a long-anticipated decision and it is a great relief for anglers to know that managers have finally begun the process of rebuilding this critical species,” said Charles A. Witek III, chairman of the Atlantic Fisheries Committee for Coastal Conservation Association. “The turning point was finally having science in hand that showed what many of us have been saying for a long time. We still have work to do to ensure that menhaden are properly managed to fulfill its role as a forage base, but we are finally out of the starting blocks.”

Anglers and conservationists have chafed for years under management standards that indicated the spawning stock of menhaden was perfectly healthy and the fishing mortality rate was fine or only "slightly" over the overfishing threshold. As menhaden began to disappear from parts of the coast, it became clear that something was wrong with the way menhaden were being evaluated. Ultimately, outside scientists recommended changing reference points to better reflect the status of the stock and in a landmark decision, the Board agreed. With today's vote, the reference points change from the current 8 percent Maximum Spawning Potential (MSP), which means 8 percent of an unfished stock, to 15 percent MSP as the overfishing threshold. They then adopted a target, the point for which management measures are intended, of 30 percent MSP, which will require a 37 percent reduction in harvest when implemented.

“The most critical thing that happened today is that the debate over whether or not to manage menhaden at all, is over,” said Richen Brame, CCA Atlantic Fisheries director. “Clearly these fish do indeed need to be managed, and managed conservatively. The debate now becomes about how conservatively should they be managed, and that is a much better scenario for menhaden, for sportfish and for anglers. It took a very long time and a lot of work by many, many groups, but the ASMFC did the right thing today.”

During the public comment period leading up to this vote, the ASMFC received almost 92,000 comments, the overwhelming majority of which were in favor of reductions in menhaden harvest by the greatest amount available. With today's decision, the focus will now turn to the next management action that will determine exactly how to implement those reductions.



USEFUL ITEMS FROM THE NOVEMBER 9TH VADGIF OUTDOOR REPORT

TRY A DROP SHOT RIG

It was 1998 at the Bassmaster Western Invitational in New Mexico where a rig was introduced that would take the bass fishing world by storm. Seiji Kato of Japan was paired with tournament leader Dennis Hoy and was catching fish out of the back of the boat faster than Hoy. The event was televised and the U.S. bass fishing community was introduced to a new technique that has become one of the most effective rigs for catching bass and many other species as well.

To rig a drop shot simply tie on a hook using extra line to create a longer than normal tag end. Next position the hook with the point up and thread the tag end of the line down through the eye of the hook. This will keep the hook in the upright position for better hooking and reduce snagging. Next, attach a weight to the end of the tag end, 8-14 inches of line from the hook to the weight is a common length. Finally attach a plastic worm or bait to the hook and you are ready to fish.

The big advantage to this technique is that the weight rests on the bottom and the worm is suspended above which gives it a lot of action since the weight is not directly attached to the lure. Simply allow the rig to go to the bottom and shake the worm on a semi-slack line, drag the rig and repeat, maintaining bottom contact throughout the retrieve.

The drop shot was designed as a finesse presentation for use with spinning tackle, light line and small plastic worms and baits. A good place to start is with a 6'6" medium action spinning rod and reel spooled with 6-8 pound test monofilament or fluorocarbon line. Finesse baits such as 4-5" straight tail plastic worms, 4" grubs, small plastic flukes and mini creature baits are the most effective lures for the rig.

Many hooks and weights have been created specifically for drop shotting with 2 basic hook options. First, a small #6 - #1 hook designed to nose hook a plastic bait. Simply thread the hook into the head of the worm about a "bc" before bringing the hook out. With very little of the hook in the bait it allows the worm to wiggle and undulate wildly. Secondly, if you are fishing around cover and snags, use a light wire #1-1/0 work hook and Texas rig the plastic bait. There have also been weights designed with clips especially for drop shotting, 3/16 and "bc oz, are the most popular sizes. Split shot can also be crimped on the line – just tie an overhand knot at the end of the line to prevent them from sliding off.



Drop Shot Rigs showing plastic worm nose hooked and Texas rigged and a night crawler on a weedless hook.



Drop Shot lures, weights, and hooks.

Drop shotting is not just for bass, it can be effective with a number of species and used with live bait also. For Crappie, Sunfish and Perch; forego the jig head and plastic grub combo and thread the grub on a drop shot hook instead. This will give the fish a new look, allow you to fish deeper, keep the bait near the bottom and hang up less. It is also great for live bait; use a #6 Eagle Claw 449W, barbed weedless baitholder hook for panfish and thread on a night crawler and you're in business! The hook can also be tipped with a minnow; in fact, the only limitation to the rig is your creativity.

The drop shot is a popular rig of the pros, but it is very effective for beginners. It is easy to keep on the bottom and feel the bait and because of the small hook, when a fish bites and pulls, it is already hooked and all the angler has to do is reel the fish in. Give it a try, you will not be disappointed.

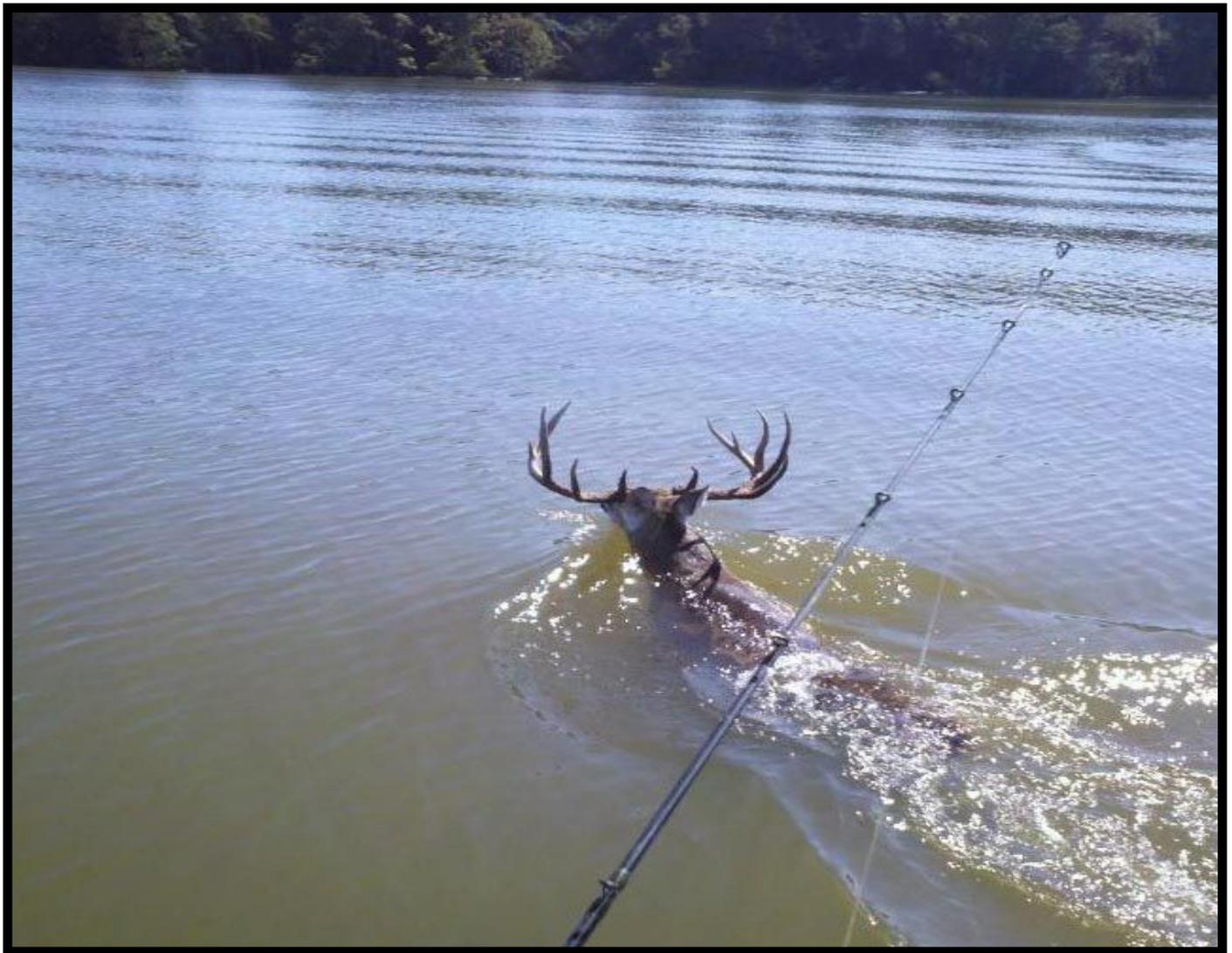


VDGIF GOES ON THE AIR

Anthony Oppermann, Director of Media for the Flying Squirrels, is hosting a sport program, "The Weekend with Anthony Oppermann.", on Sports Radio 910 – WRNL –AM in Richmond on Saturdays from 9 to 11 AM. Chris Dunnavant, the DGIF Angling Education Coordinator, will discuss fishing, hunting and wildlife and will always look to keep listeners up to date on what's biting in the area. He also plans to have expert guests come on the show. The DGIF segment of the show will air about 10:30 AM.

"The Weekend" can be heard on Sports Radio 910 – WRNL –AM, 9-11am Saturday mornings. If you are out of range for the station signal you can listen live online (<http://www.sportsradio910.com/main.html>) or find 910 AM on the "I Heart Radio" app on your smart phone. The 10-15 minute wildlife segment will broadcast about 10:30 each Saturday. If you cannot tune in live, Anthony has created a YouTube channel (<http://www.youtube.com/user/TheOpps83>) where the segment will be posted following the show. The first show aired on Saturday November 5th; go to http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bVfYTEbl2rs&feature=mfu_in_order&list=UL to listen now.

The One that Got Away!



“Sometimes they are so close, but you just can’t get them hooked up. The catfish wouldn’t bite so we tried deerly to hook up anything. Who says you have to choose between fishing and hunting?”



Captain's Corner

By Fred Murray

Two days at B and P Camp



Sometimes it's not the fishing that makes for a memorable adventure... my last trout trip to the mountains of Virginia was one of those.

It all started with our speaker at a recent VAC meeting talking about the big trout he had caught at a fee fishing operation near Harrisonburg Va. Since I did not make my annual New York trip for big brown trout I thought this might be a fun alternative. I was able to get a telephone number and in setting up the dates I asked the proprietor about where might be a good place to stay since my friend Ray and I wanted to fish two days. "I have a camp and you can stay for free" was the reply. That should have been a clue.

When we arrived in the mountains the area had just gotten an early snowfall and it promised to be cold. After seeing the pictures of catches from our speaker we were anticipating big albeit, dumb hatchery trout in a good sized stream. When we met our host he said he was glad to see that we had a four wheeled drive vehicle. As we worked our way up the mountain trail we crossed a very tiny stream and knew we were in for a true adventure.

Camp was truly five-star redneck. The old green school bus sitting on the cinder blocks with a stove pipe coming out a window was classic. Our host started a fire and more smoke seemed to be coming into the bus than was going out the rusty pipe. I am happy to report a piece of aluminum foil retrieved from a trash can sealed out enough smoke that we did not suffocate.

After the initial shock of the camp our host looked at me and said "Do you have a gun?" Not exactly knowing how to reply and what this all meant with visions of the movie "Deliverance" in my mind I said "no". He reached into his pocket and pulls out a very rusty .25 caliber pistol and said "maybe you should keep this!" I am still not sure why we needed the pistol but he did relate an incident where some of his fisherman had a bear eat their trout off of their stringer. I was still thinking about the movie!

The owner called it his Bear and P----." Camp. Apparently it is close to good bear hunting and his sons sometimes do some entertaining there. As for the fishing....it was great for small native brook and rainbow trout. Not so sure about trophies as a big pool was perhaps knee deep. The owner said he had a small pond by his rearing operation near his house several miles away and perhaps that is where the...



...big ones were caught. The few stocked trout we saw (they really showed up in the tiny stream) get stocked in what to me seemed an unusual way. At one place where he reported they stock the road is at least 100 feet above the stream. I inquired as to how they got the trout to the water. His reply "we just dump them over the side of the hill and they find their way to the creek"

All in all it was a memorable trip. We did not freeze to death, nor suffocate or fall victim to any other major problem, plus we never had to try to fire the pistol. And yes we caught lots of tiny but beautiful native trout plus some stockers that survived the flop down the hill!



Fred Murray

Tournament News

Tournament results: James River VA Gar: November 5-6

A sunny, pretty fall weekend, but conditions were a bit windy. Plenty of fish were rolling at Chippokes Creek and the smaller ones were biting OK. Everybody fishing Chippokes landed a few gar. For whatever reason the big fish just were not getting hooked up. Results were tight with all 6 fish that placed within a one pound range. Steve Knox and Johnny Wetlaufer both placed on their first ever gar fishing trip. The Tournament Angler of the Year race was decided when Parks Rountrey edged out Fred Cousins in this final Tournament event of the year.

Gar Weight:

Steve Knox - 6-12 (entry time tiebreaker) (wins a ??)

Bob Brown - 6-12

Johnny Wetlaufer - 6-4

Gar Points:

Parks Rountrey - 6-12 on 2# plug. = 245 pts (wins a Green Top gift card)

Fred Cousins - 7-2 on 2# gen = 207 pts

Eddy Johnston - 6-8 on 2# gen = 188 pts

Participants - 6 members & 2 guests

VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 11/7/11

SPECIES	ANGLER	WEIGHT	LN	DIV.	PTS	DATE	LOCATION	BAIT
2011 SPECIES LEADERS - SALTWATER								
BASS, STRIPED	F Cousins	5-0	2	Fly	166	12/18/10	Elizabeth River, Va.	Clouser
COBIA	RJ Brown	28-0	8	Spin	311	9/10/11	Chesapeake Bay, VA	Bucktail
CROAKER	ES Johnston	1-1	2	Fly	177	9/30/11	Corrotoman River, VA	Fly
DOLPHIN	GN Carter	5-8	6	Spin	122	6/11/11	Oregon Inlet, NC	Bucktail
DRUM, BLACK	B Shepherd	35-0	30	Surf	291	5/14/11	Eastern Shore, VA	Peeler Creb
DRUM, RED	M Cline	47-0	8	Plug	587	9/4/11	CBBT, VA	Bucktail/Gulp
FLOUNDER, SUMMER	M Cline	5-10	8	Plug	234	8/20/11	CBBT, VA	Bucktail/Gulp
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F Cousins	6-12	2	Spin	450	1/16/11	Elizabeth River, VA	Jig w/Grub
SPOT	F Cousins	0-10	2	gen	189	10/13/11	Lynnhaven Inlet, VA	Bloodworm
2011 SPECIES LEADERS - FRESHWATER								
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	F Cousins	4-10	2	Spin	308	9/19/11	Private Pond, VA	Art. Worm
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	B Shepherd	2-5	2	Spin	231	9/23/11	New River, VA	Wacky Worm
BOWFIN	Robbie Robinson	6-12	2	Plug	337	3/12/11	Chickahominy River, VA	Blade Bait
CARP	W Nicar	21-8	12	Gen	238	8/9/11	James River, VA	Dough Bait
CATFISH, BLUE	B Shepherd	57-0	6	Gen	536	2/12/11	James River, VA	Cut Shad
CATFISH, CHANNEL	F Cousins	8-2	2	Gen	259	6/15/11	Western Branch, VA	Live Worm
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	JP Rountrey	25-8	4	Fly	540	7/1/11	James River, VA	Catfish Fly
CRAPPIE, ALL	W Nicar	2-0	2	Spin	317	5/19/11	Private Pond, VA	Jig/grub
GAR, ALL	RL White	11-14	2	Spin	431	3/2/11	James River, VA	Grub
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL	F Cousins	17-4	6	Spin	359	9/9/11	Lake Shenandoah, VA	Crank Bait
PERCH, WHITE	F Cousins	1-2	2	Fly	375	12/18/10	Elizabeth River, VA	Clouser
PERCH, YELLOW	M Cline	1-4	2	Spin	328	3/12/11	Chickahominy River, VA	Blade Bait
PICKERAL, CHAIN	DN Noland	2-6	2	Spin	237	7/4/11	Private Pond, VA	Jig
SHAD, AMERICAN	JH Sheffield	5-0	2	Spin	400	3/18/11	Rocky Mount, NC	Shad Darts (2)
SHAD, HICKORY	ES Johnston	1-12	2	Fly	250	3/21/11	James River, VA	Fly
SUNFISH, ALL	W Nicar	2-9	2	Gen	545	6/9/11	Western Branch Rev., Va.	Nightcrawler
TROUT, BROWN	W Nicar	5-1	2	Spin	316	6/29/11	Cedar Springs, VA	Panther Martin Spinner
TROUT, RAINBOW	W Nicar	4-15	4	Fly	280	6/28/11	Cedar Springs, VA	Bl. Woolley Bugger

2011 DIVISION LEADERS - SALTWATER

CROAKER	ES Johnston	1-1	2	Fly	177	9/30/11	Corrotoman River, VA	Fly
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F Cousins	6-12	2	Spin	450	1/16/11	Elizabeth River, VA	Jig w/Grub
DRUM, RED	M Cline	47-0	8	Plug	587	9/4/11	CBBT, VA	Bucktail/Gulp
COBIA	H Wells	68-0	20	gen	261	8/19/11	Chesapeake Bay, VA	Live Spot
DRUM, BLACK	B Shepherd	35-0	30	Surf	291	5/14/11	Eastern Shore, VA	Peeler Crab

2011 DIVISION LEADERS - FRESHWATER

CATFISH, FLATHEAD	RJ Brown	22-0	2	Spin	444	7/1/11	James River, VA	Grub Tail
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	JP Rountrey	25-8	4	Fly	540	7/1/11	James River, VA	Catfish Fly
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	RJ Brown	28-0	4	Plug	474	6/12/11	James River, VA	Grub Tail
SUNFISH, ALL	W Nicar	2-9	2	Gen	545	6/9/11	Western Branch Rev., Va	.Nightcrawler

2011 SPECIES LEADERS LARGEST - SALTWATER

BASS, STRIPED	F Cousins	5-0
COBIA	H Wells	68-0
CROAKER	ES Johnston	1-1
DOLPHIN	GN Carter	5-8
DRUM, BLACK	B Shepherd	35-0
DRUM, RED	M Cline	47-0
FLOUNDER, SUMMER	B Schepker	8-12
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F Cousins	6-12
SPOT	F Cousins	0-10

2011 SPECIES LEADERS LARGEST - FRESHWATER

BASS, LARGEMOUTH	W Nicar	8-0
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	M Ostrander	4-4
BOWFIN	J Doughty	10-8
CARP	W Nicar	21-8
CATFISH, BLUE	L. Houser	76-8
CATFISH, CHANNEL	F Cousins	8-2
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	RJ Brown	28-0
CRAPPIE, ALL	W Nicar	2-0
GAR, ALL	F Cousins	12-4
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL	F Cousins	17-4
PERCH, WHITE	F Cousins	1-4
PERCH, YELLOW	M Cline	1-4
PICKERAL, CHAIN	DN Noland	2-6
SHAD, AMERICAN	JH Sheffield	5-0
SHAD, HICKORY	JH Sheffield	2-0
SUNFISH, ALL	W Nicar	2-9
TROUT, BROWN	W Nicar	5-1
TROUT, RAINBOW	W Nicar	4-15

VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 11/17/11

<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>
TOP YOUTH CATCHES - FRESHWATER (LOCAL)								
CRAPPIE, ALL	Claire Wakinson	1-1	2	Spin	168	5/30/11	Private Pond, VA	Plastic Jig
SUNFISH, ALL	Claire Wakinson	0-10	2	Gen	132	5/30/11	Private Pond, VA	Plastic Jig
NEW CLUB RECORDS - FRESHWATER								
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	J Sheffield	27-8	6	Gen	321	2/28/11	James River, VA	Minnow
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	Robbie Robinson	4-8	2	Plug	300	3/12/11	Chickahominy River, VA	Blade Bait
CATFISH, BLUE	L. Houser	76-8	12	Gen	531	2/27/11	James River, VA	Cut Shad
CATFISH, CHANNEL	S Luterek	14-8	4	Gen	345	7/1/11	Lake Erie, NY	Nightcrawler
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	M Ostrander	4-4	6	Gen	194	7/3/11	James River, VA	Minnow
CARP	W Nicar	21-8	12	Gen	238	8/9/11	James River, VA	Dough Bait
PERCH, YELLOW	S Luterek	1-10	4	Gen	280	9/2/11	Lake, Erie, NY	Emeral Shiner
NEW CLUB RECORDS - SALTWATER								
DRUM, BLACK	B Shepherd	35-0	30	Surf	291	5/14/11	Eastern Shore, VA	Peeler Crab
DRUM, RED	B Shepherd	45-0	20	Braid	150	8/20/11	The Cell, VA	Jig
HIGHEST POINT NON-LOCAL CATCHES (SALTWATER)								
PERMIT	D Nobles	24-8	20	Gen	153	5/20/11	Key West, FL	Crab
BONEFISH	L Kimbrough	3-0	8	Fly	93	6/19/11	Middle Caicas Islands	Leggy Shrimp Fly
HIGHEST POINT NON-LOCAL CATCHES (FRESHWATER)								
CATFISH, CHANNEL	S Luterek	14-8	4	Gen	345	7/1/11	Lake Erie, NY	Nightcrawler
PERCH, YELLOW	S Luterek	1-10	4	Gen	280	9/2/11	Lake, Erie, NY	Emeral Shiner

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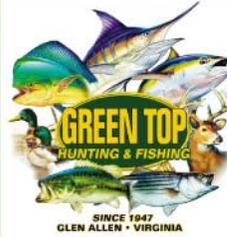
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