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### Next Membership Meeting

Tuesday, February 28, 2012 - 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.

### “Virginia’s Fish Passage and Shad Restoration Programs.”

Even though the fish are a number of weeks away from Ancarrow’s Landing, talk of fishing for shad “downtown” on the James River has already started. Program Chairman Mike Ostrander has a two month series of programs that focus on this popular species.

Alan Weaver, VDGIF Fish Passage Coordinator, will be the speaker at the February Membership Meeting.

Alan will speak on the Boshers Dam fishway shad passage, the shad and herring passage upstream of Embrey Dam on the Rappahannock since removal, electrofishing monitoring results, some recently completed dam removals and some that are in the works, the river herring moratorium, etc. Alan should be able to speak in generalities about spring striper fishing at Ancarrow’s and Fredericksburg as well. This program will be an interactive one during which those in attendance will be encouraged to actively discuss shad restoration with Alan.

### MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING FEATURES VAC SHAD-O-RAMA

As the second part of Mike’s two month series of shad programs, a Shad-O-Rama program will be held during which shad fly tying and “how to” demos will be presented and fly casting secrets of successful James River fly casting experts will be revealed. Members taking advantage of this two part opportunity should need no excuses for catching shad and their legal kin on the “James at Ancarrow’s”.

BACKLASH continued on Page 2...



## AWARDS BANQUET HONORS 2011 ANGLING ACHIEVEMENTS

The angling achievements of many members of the Virginia Anglers Club Members were recognized on Saturday Evening, January 28, 2012 at Sam Miller's Restaurant in Richmond's famous Shockoe Slip. Fifty (50) anglers and their wives and invited guests Vance and Susan Hopkins representing Green Top Sporting Goods and Claire Watkinson (Youth Award Winner and Granddaughter of Member Parks Rountrey) enjoyed a sit-down meal and related festivities. Member Stuart Lee brought along a superbly smoked Rockfish that was rapidly consumed during the cocktail time. Banquet Chairman Eddy Johnston did his normal masterful job of banquet arrangements, including bringing the expectations of the VAC to the attention of a new restaurant manager who came on the job just weeks before the night of the banquet.

For a complete listing of the Angling Awards Winners, please page 5 of this issue of The Angler. A complete listing of the raffle winners is found on page 8.

## 2012 VAC LEADERSHIP TEAM SWORN IN AT AWARDS BANQUET

Outgoing VAC President Fred Murray swore in incoming President Glenn Carter, the three (3) new Directors and the other six (6) Members of the Executive Committee. Glenn presented Fred with a plaque of appreciation for his service during the 2011 business year of the VAC. A complete list of the 2012 Leadership Team is available in the Member's Area of the VAC Web Site ([www.virginiaanglersclub.org](http://www.virginiaanglersclub.org)). All candidates for the Leadership Team listed on both the electronic and hard copy voting ballots that went to every voting member in early January were elected. A list of the 2012 Leadership Team appears on page 10 of this Angler.

## ANNUAL SCALE CERTIFICATION STARTS AT THE FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Co-Weigh Masters Larry Allen and Ryan Noland will have their scale certification equipment up and ready to certify the scales of VAC Members. A properly certified scale (yours or one certified by a government agency) is needed to weigh any catch submitted for points or weight credit. Special scale certification is available by special request that will qualify your scales for IGFA World Record submissions. The special IGFA certification is a more time consuming procedure for the Weigh Masters than the normal VAC certification. Please request this special certification only if you are actually going after IGFA World Records.

Having your scale maintenance completed before the meeting is strongly recommended. Here are the standard, time tested steps to complete ready your scales for certification.

- Clean the outside of the barrel so certification stickers will adhere
- Gather your scales together in one or two Zip Lock type bags.
- Write your name on the outside of the bag(s).
- Leave your bagged scales on the certification team's table
- Your scales will be delivered to you when the certification process is complete)

## ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE RIGHT NOW

Membership Dues for 2011 are due right now. Annual dues for Members residing in Virginia are \$60.00 and are \$40.00 for members residing outside of Virginia. No dues are collected from complimentary, honorary or life members. Dues may be paid by check by making the check out to "Virginia Anglers Club" and making the notation 2011 Dues on the memo line of the check. Send the dues to the

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Dues are also payable on line via Pay Pal by connecting to the VAC Web Site. Go to ([www.virginiaanglersclub.org](http://www.virginiaanglersclub.org)) and click on "member's area". Then just click on the bar for in-state or out-of-state dues and provide the information requested. Anyone may make a donation to the club in the "member's area" also.

A Reminder: Entry Cards submitted by members whose dues are not current on or after March 1, 2012 will be disqualified and will not be honored after dues are caught up. Entry Cards are accepted only if the Member submitting the Card is current in their membership.

## SPECIAL "TWOFRER" DEAL AT THE FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Country Store Keeper Eddy Johnston is showing the strain of carrying the huge inventory of the VAC Country Store to and from each Membership Meeting. He is embarking on an inventory reduction program that features never before heard of prices of some Country Store items. February's special is a combo of one VAC drink Coozie that folds flat and one eye glass Croakie for any size head or glasses for the amazing price of one dollar (US \$1.00). Already have a Coozie and need two (2) Croakies....same deal... one buck. Got two Croakies and need two Coozies...yep, a buck closes this deal too.

## VAC SPONSORED BOATING EDUCATION SAFETY WELL ATTENDED

The DGIF Boating Education Safety Course that VAC Member Mike Ostrander arranged for the Virginia Anglers to sponsor was completely "sold out". Fifty (50) VAC Members and Fly Fishers of Virginia Members and their invited guests took the course on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> in the Green Top Sporting Goods conference room. All in attendance received their Safe Boating "ticket" and now are in compliance with the Virginia boat operator's license program that starts with personal water craft in July, 2012 and covers all boat operators in the Commonwealth by 2016. Local fishing guide and VGDF Volunteer Boating Safety Instructor, Russ Cress, was the instructor. The course was presented at no cost to the participants.



### BOARD OF DIRECTORS SUPPORTS ONE OPTION OF THE ASMFC FLOUNDER REGS

Conservation and Legislation Chairman will advise the VMRC of the vote of the Board of Directors of the Virginia Anglers Club to support the ASMFC recreational flounder regulation proposal that specifies a minimum weight of 17 lbs., a daily creel limit of 5 qualifying fish and no closed season on taking flounder.

The Board of Directors discussed all four options proposed and voted to accept the option mentioned at the February 15, BOD Meeting.

### ALL 2011 CATCHES SUBMITTED FOR CREDIT ARE NOW IN THE RECORD SHEETS

The revised Freshwater and Saltwater Basic Weights are now posted in the Member's Area of the VAC Website, [www.virginiaanglersclub.org](http://www.virginiaanglersclub.org). Enter the Member's Area and click on "Basic Weights, Freshwater or Basic Weights, Saltwater. If you want to print down the Basic Weight Sheets, use the print icon that is at the bottom of the screen.

### LINKS HELPFUL IN TRACKING LEGISLATION THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

With the Virginia General Assembly still in session, the links which allow Senate and House Bill tracking, provide a way to determine who your Senator or Delegate is and track bills of interest to the mission of the VDGIF are repeated on page 11 of this issue of The Angler.

### SIGN UP FOR THE ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THE VDGIF OUTDOOR REPORT

The VDGIF's electronic Outdoor Report is an excellent way to keep up with new hunting and fishing regulations, the latest fishing news, happenings at the Division, coming outdoor/hunting/fishing shows of interest and all matter of other information about how to safely enjoy the outdoor opportunities in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Here is the link to more information about receiving the Outdoor Report.

<http://enews.vi.virginia.gov/dgif/eoptinform.cfm>



### CATCHY COMMENTS

by Buddy Noland

Life is good! The moderate water temperatures remain off Virginia Beach and the Stripers are still cooperating within the 3-mile limit. The Bluefin Tuna are stretched all the way from Virginia to Hatteras. Freshwater fishing is also picking up with the majority of the recent entries from the local rivers and lakes.

The lone saltwater entry is for a 2 pound, 12 ounce Black Seabass from **Jim Sheffield**. **Jim** and **Mickey Kodroff** were jigging the 65 degree tower off Oregon Inlet with a Hopkins lure to land the 203 point fish. The Seabass will lead the "species" and "heaviest" categories.

Near the end of January, **Mickey Kodroff** returned to South Lake, NC, and caught a 1 pound, 2 ounce Yellow Perch worth 244 points. **Mickey** was using 4# spinning tackle and a jig. The Yellow Perch leads both the "species" and "heaviest" categories.

**Rob Choi** and **Bob Shepherd** were fishing the James River on January 7<sup>th</sup> with cut Shad for Blue Catfish. **Rob** landed a 51 pound fish on 8# general for 429 points. A little shy of the current record of 52 pounds held by former member **Scott Davis**. The catfish is worth 429 points and is the current "general division", "species", and "heaviest" leader.

**Fred Cousins** was also fishing the James River on January 7<sup>th</sup> but for Gar. **Fred** landed a 9 pound, 14 ounce, fish on 2# plug for 359 points. The Gar leads the "plug division" as well as the "species" and "heaviest" categories.

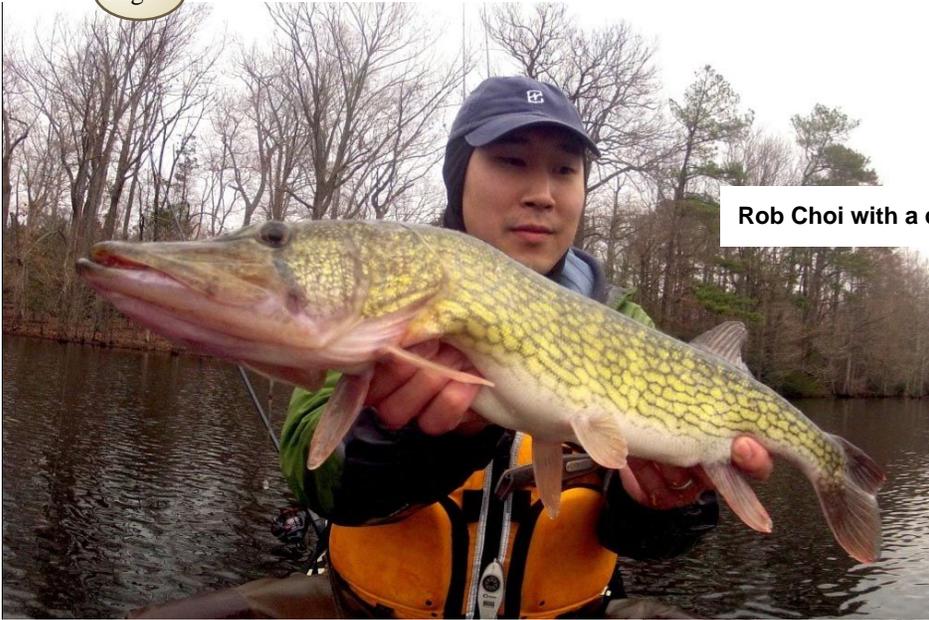
**Capt. Art Conway** has been pounding the Chickahominy Lake for the past month for Crappie and has been rewarded with nine entries. **Art** caught six Crappies, most weighing over a pound with his highest point fish weighing 1 pound, 9 ounces, and scoring 107 points. Live minnows were the bait of choice except for the Largemouth Bass he caught on a "crappie jig". Go figure, that's fishing! **Art** was fishing with 4# spin when he landed the 1 pound, 7 ounce fish.

Remember to bring your "scales" to the February membership meeting to get certified!

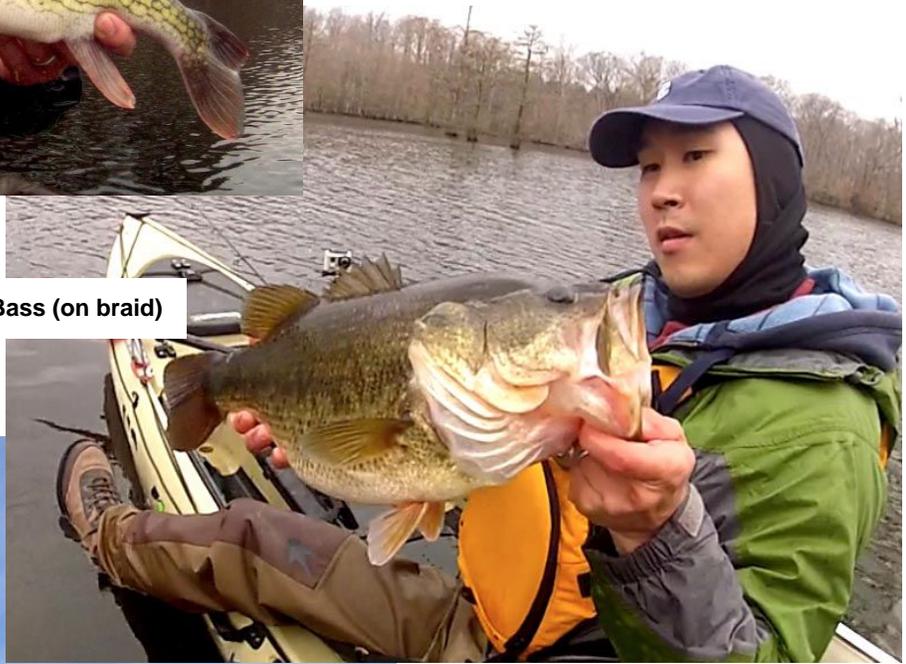
**Keeping it reel,  
Buddy**

**For The Leadership Team**

**John Wetlaufer, Sr., Secretary**



Rob Choi with a chubby 23" Chain Pickerel (on braid)



6.5lb Largemouth Bass (on braid)



51lb Blue Catfish on 8 General

Tired of seeing  
a page full of Rob's  
photos?

**SEND IN MORE  
PICTURES!!!**

## VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB 2011 "Banquet Awards"

							1/1/2012		
SPECIES	NAME	WEIGHT	LINE CLASS	DIVISION	POINTS	DATE	LOCATION	BAIT TYPE	
<b>"PRESIDENT'S AWARD" (15A) - Freshwater</b>									
SUNFISH, ALL	W Nicar	2-9	2	Gen	545	6/9/11	Western Branch Rev., Va.	Nightcrawler	
<b>"PRESIDENT'S AWARD" (15A) - Saltwater</b>									
DRUM, RED	M Cline	47-0	8	Plug	587	9/4/11	CBBT, VA	Bucktail/Gulp	
<b>"DIVISION AWARDS" (15A) - Freshwater</b>									
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	
<b>"DIVISION AWARDS" (15A) - Saltwater</b>									
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	
<b>"Highest Point" SPECIES AWARDS (15A) - Freshwater (Certificate)</b>									
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	
BASS, STRIPED LL	C Fasano	16-9	12	Gen	165	4/25/11	Boone Lake, TN	Live Bait	
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	F Cousins	2-13	2	Spin	281	11/15/11	Lee Hall Reservoir, VA	Grub	
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. Wooley Bugger	
<b>"Highest Point" SPECIES AWARDS (15A) - Saltwater (Certificate)</b>									
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 Crab	
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	
<b>"Heaviest" SPECIE AWARDS (15A) - Freshwater (Certificate)</b>									
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	W Nicar	8-0	8	Plug	266	3/8/11	Raintree Lake, Va.	Jig	
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	M Ostrander	4-4	6	Gen	194	7/3/11	James River, VA	Minnow	
BASS, STRIPED LL	C Fasano	16-9	12	Gen	165	4/25/11	Boone Lake, TN	Live Bait	
BOWFIN	J Doughty	10-8	4	Gen	258	2/16/11	James River, VA	Minnow	
CARP	W Nicar	21-8	12	Gen	238	8/9/11	James River, VA	Dough Bait	
CATFISH, BLUE	L. Houser	76-8	12	Gen	531	2/27/11	James River, VA	Cut Shad	
CATFISH, CHANNEL	F Cousins	8-2	2	Gen	259	6/15/11	Western Branch, VA	Live Worm	
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	RJ Brown	28-0	4	Plug	474	6/12/11	James River, VA	Grub Tail	
CRAPPIE, ALL	W Nicar	2-0	2	Spin	317	5/19/11	Private Pond, VA	Jig/grub	
GAR, ALL	F Cousins	12-4	2	Gen	356	4/25/11	Chickahominy River, VA	Monnow	
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL	F Cousins	17-4	6	Spin	359	9/9/11	Lake Shenandoah, VA	Crank Bait	
PERCH, WHITE	F Cousins	1-4	2	Spin	328	12/18/10	Elizabeth River, VA	Grub	
PERCH, YELLOW	M Cline	1-4	2	Spin	328	3/12/11	Chickahominy River, VA	Blade Bait	
PICKERAL, CHAIN	F Cousins	2-13	2	Spin	281	11/15/11	Lee Hall Reservoir, VA	Grub	
SHAD, AMERICAN	JH Sheffield	5-0	2	Spin	400	3/18/11	Rocky Mount, NC	Shad Darts (2)	
SHAD, HICKORY	JH Sheffield	2-0	2	Spin	227	3/17/11	Weldon, NC	Shad Dart/Spoon	
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. Wooley Bugger	
<b>"Heaviest" Species AWARDS (15A) - Saltwater (Certificate)</b>									
BASS, STRIPED	F Cousins	5-0	2	Fly	166	12/18/10	Elizabeth River, VA	Clouser	
COBIA	H Wells	68-0	20	Gen	261	8/19/11	Chesapeake Bay, VA	Live Spot	
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 Crab	
DRUM, RED	M Cline	47-0	8	Plug	587	9/4/11	CBBT, VA	Bucktail/Gulp	
FLOUNDER, SUMMER	B Schepker	8-12	20	Gen	145	7/16/11	CBBT, VA	Live Spot	
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	

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<b>"PAJCHAK AWARD"</b>								
<b>Robbie Robinson</b>								
SAILFISH, ATLANTIC	Robbie Robinson	50 (Rel)	20	Gen	185	6/15/11	Hatteras, NC	Ballyhoo
<b>"TOP YOUTH AWARD" (15B)- Freshwater</b>								
<b>Claire Watkinson</b>								
<b>0 THRU 6 AGE GROUP</b>								
CRAPPIE, ALL	Claire Watkinson (age 5)	1-1	2	Spin	168	5/30/11	Private Pond, VA	Plastic Jig
<b>7-12 AGE GROUP</b>								
<b>no entry</b>								
<b>13-17 AGE GROUP</b>								
<b>no entry</b>								
<b>"TOP YOUTH AWARD" (15B) - Saltwater</b>								
<b>0 THRU 6 AGE GROUP</b>								
<b>no entry</b>								
<b>7-12 AGE GROUP</b>								
<b>no entry</b>								
<b>13-17 AGE GROUP</b>								
<b>no entry</b>								
<b>NON-LOCAL AWARD (15B) - Freshwater or Saltwater</b>								
<b>Steve Luterek</b>								
CATFISH, CHANNEL	S Luterek	14-8	4	Gen	345	7/1/11	Lake Erie, NY	Nightcraw ler
<b>C.V.KINNARD ANNUAL AWARD (15C)</b>								
<b>ANGLER</b>	<b>FIRSTS</b>	<b>SECONDS</b>	<b>THIRDS</b>	<b>PLACES</b>	<b>POINTS</b>	<b>AVERAGE</b>		
Fred Cousins	1	3	3	7	2497	356	Winner for 2011	*See Attached Document
<b>"ANGLER of the YEAR AWARD" (15D) - Freshwater</b>								
<b>Fred Cousins - "See Below"</b>								
<b>"ANGLER of the YEAR AWARD" (15D) - 'Saltwater</b>								
<b>Fred Cousins - "See Below"</b>								
<b>OVERALL "ANGLER of the YEAR" (15D)</b>								
<b>Fred Cousins</b>								
<b>FRESHWATER-AOY</b>								
<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>WEIGHT</b>	<b>LINE CLASS</b>	<b>DIVISION</b>	<b>POINTS</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>BAIT TYPE</b>
PERCH, WHITE	F Cousins	1-2	2	Fly	375	12/18/10	Elizabeth River, VA	Clouser
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL	F Cousins	17-4	6	Spin	359	9/9/11	Lake Shenandoah, VA	Crank Bait
CATFISH, BLUE	F Cousins	30-0	2	Plug	461	2/6/11	James River, VA	Silver Buddy
GAR, ALL	F Cousins	12-4	2	Gen	356	4/25/11	Chickahominy River, VA	Monnow
SUNFISH, ALL	F Cousins	1-10	2	Gen	345	6/15/11	Western Branch , VA	Nightcraw ler
				Total	1896			
<b>SALTWATER-AOY</b>								
BASS, STRIPED	F Cousins	5-0	2	Fly	166	12/18/10	Elizabeth River, VA	Clouser
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F Cousins	6-12	2	Spin	450	1/16/11	Jig w/Grub	Elizabeth River, VA
COBIA	F Cousins	15-4	6	Plug	217	9/12/11	Ocean Beach, VA	Bucktail
SPOT	F Cousins	0-10	2	Gen	189	10/13/11	Lynnhaven Inlet, VA	Bloodworm
DRUM, RED	F Cousins	29-0	17	Surf	207	5/14/11	Eastern Shore, VA	Peeler Crab
				Total	1229			
					<b>Total 3125 points</b>			
<b>"Angler Tournament Champion Award" (15E)</b>								
<b>(to be determined by Tournament Chairman)</b>								
<b>Gift Certs. in lieu of awards per Parks</b>								
<b>"NEW MEMBER AWARD" ( 15F )</b>								
<b>Charlie Fasano</b>								
SUNFISH, ALL	C Fasano	0-9	6	Spin	102	6/6/11	Briery Creek, VA	Bettle Spin
BASS, STRIPED LL	C Fasano	16-9	12	Gen	165	4/25/11	Boone Lake, TN	Live Bait
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	C Fasano	Rel	12	Gen	50	4/25/11	Boone Lake, TN	Live Bait
BASS, STRIPED HY	C Fasano	Rel	12	Gen	50	4/25/11	Boone Lake, TN	Live Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	C Fasano	Rel	12	Gen	50	4/25/11	Boone Lake, TN	Live Bait
CROAKER	C Fasano	Rel	6	Gen	50	5/10/11	York River, VA	Cut Bait

**"Angler Rating Award" for Johnny Wetlaufer (Certificate)**

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>LINE CLASS</u>	<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>DATE</u>
<i>Saltwater</i>						
DRUM, RED	Johnny Wetlaufer	35-0	8	Plug	389	6/25/89
AMBERJACK	Johnny Wetlaufer	42-0	12	Spin	280	8/20/94
BARRACUDA	Johnny Wetlaufer	23-0	6	Spin	383	8/16/97
TRIGGERFISH	Johnny Wetlaufer	2-6	2	Gen	118	7/17/99
SHEEPSHEAD	Johnny Wetlaufer	8-0	6	Gen	200	8/26/00
LADYFISH	Johnny Wetlaufer	3-11	6	Spin	295	9/6/01
TARPON	Johnny Wetlaufer	109	16	Plug	436	4/6/83
<i>Freshwater</i>						
CATFISH, BLUE	Johnny Wetlaufer	44-8	16	Gen	263	11/21/09
SHAD, HICKORY	Johnny Wetlaufer	1-13	2	Spin	205	4/10/10
GAR, ALL	Johnny Wetlaufer	6-4	4	Gen	136	11/5/11
					<b>Total</b>	<b>2705</b>
					<b>Avg.</b>	<b>270</b>

**"Angler Rating Award" for Billy Nicar (Certificate)**

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>LINE CLASS</u>	<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>DATE</u>
<i>Saltwater</i>						
DOLPHIN	W Nicar	22-0	30	Gen	73	6/4/09
<i>Freshwater</i>						
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	W Nicar	6-8	8	Plug	216	3/11/09
PERCH, YELLOW	W Nicar	0-12	2	Fly	250	3/11/09
SHAD, HICKORY	W Nicar	1-15	2	Fly	276	4/9/09
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	W Nicar	29-14	8	Fly	478	8/4/09
CATFISH, BLUE	W Nicar	35-8	12	Plug	308	4/19/10
SUNFISH, ALL	W Nicar	2-1	2	Gen	438	5/20/10
BOWFIN	W Nicar	7-14	2	Gen	315	5/27/10
TROUT, RAINBOW	W Nicar	6-2	2	Fly	478	6/26/10
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	W Nicar	3-3	6	Spin	182	7/15/10
					<b>Total</b>	<b>3014</b>
					<b>Avg.</b>	<b>301</b>

**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**

## BANQUET RAFFLE WINNERS BENEFIT BY THE “NOLAND LEGACY”

The winning “legacy” of anyone with the last name Noland is well known to those members who witness the drawings for the monthly gift certificate from Green Top Sporting Goods. More often than not, Buddy, Danny or Ryan wins the gift certificate or special raffle item. This “legacy” was alive and well at the VAC Awards Banquet. All you needed to be was seated at or near “The Noland Table” and a raffle item was yours.

The first raffle, a very fine fishing rod donated by Green Top Sporting Goods, was won by lame shad President Fred Murray. Although he was not seated at “The Noland Table”, Fred was seated at the next table over. Obviously the down-wind plume of the “Noland Legacy” was sweeping over the President’s table. Then the raffle action for the rest of the evening centered on ground zero of the “Legacy”, “The Noland Table”.

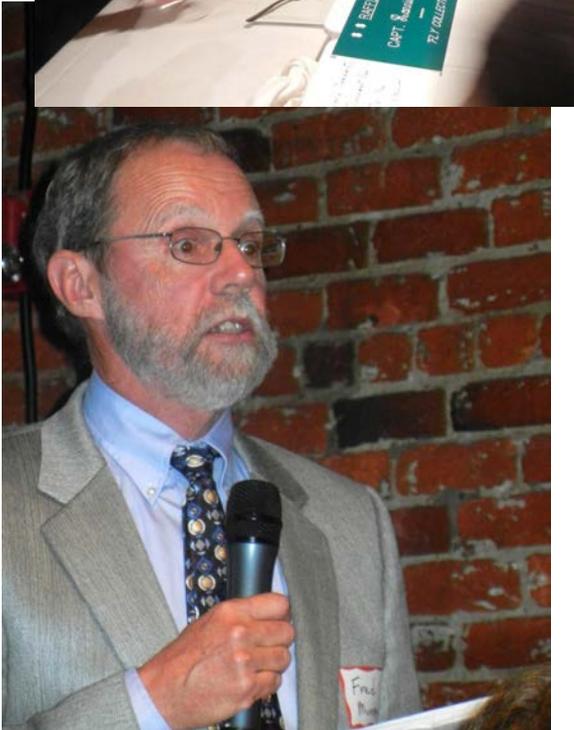
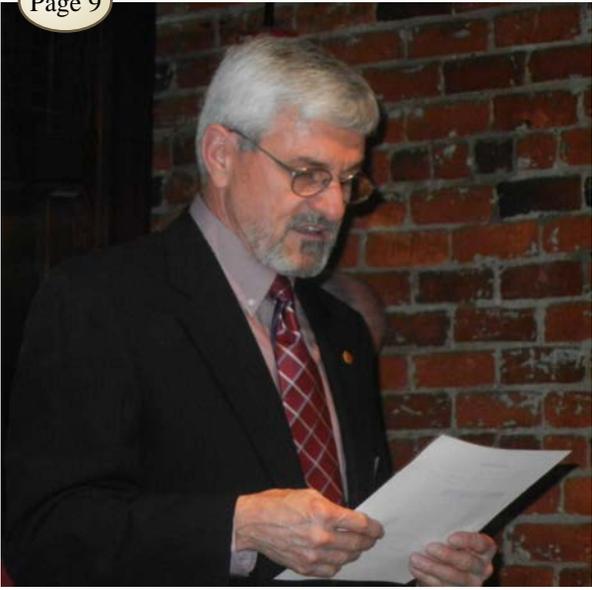
The winning ticket for the Capt. Ronnie Sides Fly Box was held by whom else but a Noland. Buddy’s wife Anna won this first fly box raffled. Raffle number three’s winning ticket for the Bill Gallasch Fly Box was held by guest Susan Hopkins who was seated in the third seat to Anna’s right. No riot yet.

By now, most remaining raffle ticket holders felt they at least had an even chance to win the original Gyotaku style flounder painting crafted by talented artist and Member Rob Choi. It was not to be.

As the final raffle ticket was drawn, you could cut the tension in the air with a fillet knife. The winning ticket for the original Gyotaku painting was held by John Wetlaufer, Sr. who was seated at Susan’s left. Four seats, three winners among those seated there-on.

After the winner of the number four raffle, the room erupted into catfish calls, Bronx cheers, and all other standard expressions of displeasure. President Murray was able to restore order in about ten minutes and receive the retiring president’s plaque with thanks for a year of leadership from incoming president Glenn Carter. Banquet Chairman Eddy Johnston is already looking for a venue for next year’s Awards Banquet that can seat at least 50 patrons at a single table.





## THE 2012 LEADERSHIP TEAM OF THE VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB

### 2012 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President:	Glenn Carter
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Lynn Spurlin	Mike Ostrander	Hunter Wells

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Special Activities Chairman	Don West
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Thanks to these Members for giving extra personal time to keep the VAC a smoothly functioning and enjoyable club of which to be a member.

## **LINKS HELPFUL IN TRACKING LEGISLATION THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

<http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/legislation/> - track bills passing thru the General Assembly of interest to outdoorsmen.

<http://conview.state.va.us/whosmy.nsf/main?openform>– find you Delegate or Senator in the General Assembly

<http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/legislation/> - View bills related to the DGIF's mission or that may affect the DGIF's operations and be of interest to anglers.

## **SETTING A VAC CATCH RECORD HAS NEVER BEEN EASIER (SO FAR)**

Approval of the new Fresh Water species SUNFISH AND SUNFISH RED EAR and their basic weights has opened forty-two new opportunities for VAC Members to become club record holders. As you plan your angling activities for 2012, you may want to do a little tactical angling and become the "Owner" of one of these club records. Ownership of one of these records is not guaranteed to be permanent. The equipment needed is not complicated and the related angling techniques are not to master.

## **FEBRUARY WEB SITE "HOW" – CATCH STATISTICS**

Have you ever wondered what line class was the most popular used in catch submissions in 2011 or thru the history of the VAC? How about the ten most popular species submitted? Maybe even which members are the top ten entry card submitters? This information is available in the "Member's Section" of the VAC under "Catch Entries" section.

Log into [www.virginiaanglersclub.org](http://www.virginiaanglersclub.org) and enter the "Member's Section". Under the section "Catch Entries", click on "Catch Statistics". You will find information divided into four time periods; (1) Stats for This Year 2012 (not much showing so far this early in the year), (2) Stats for Last Year 2011, (3) Stats for All Time (Currently Active Members) and (4) Stats for All Time (All Members Active or Not).

The most popular line class in all of the above mentioned four categories has been two (2) pound. Some suggest the VAC is a light tackle club. In terms of catch entries made, yep, it is true. How do the Top Ten Species compare in each of these four (4) time periods and have the top ten submitters changed? Take a look. You might find something interesting. All data is presented in actual numbers in either pie chart or tabular form.

# Tournament News

## VAC 2012 Tournament Season Begins

**Yellow Perch Tournament: March 3-4** (blow date following weekend) (note - full moon is on Mar. 8)

Back by popular demand – Don't let cabin fever spoil your winter - its perch time! Tournament is open to all Virginia waters. Popular spots include the Chickahominy and Mattaponi Rivers. You are likely to see some of your fellow club members grouped in a few popular spots on the Chick. This was traditionally was one of our largest participation tournaments. It's always a fun event and fishing is usually fairly dependable if weather conditions co-operate. Contact Chairman to confirm event if weather is questionable.

We will recognize three places for heaviest weight fish and three places for highest point fish. First = 3 pts. Second = 2 pts. Third = 1 pt. These points will apply towards the annual Tournament Angler of the Year competition. A fish can be entered by weight or points (angler must declare which category) but not both ways for 1 fish.

One angler can win both weight and points divisions by entering 2 different fish.

Call in entries within 1 day from end of tournament to Angling Activities Chairman Parks Rountrey 804-349-6001. You cannot change the entry category once you have registered it with the Chairman.

Tournament First Place Awards for weight and points = Anglers Choice: Traditional cup, \$40 Green Top gift certificate or a VAC Banquet ticket.



**VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 2/16/12**

<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>
<b>2012 SPECIES LEADERS - SALTWATER</b>								
BASS, BLACK SEA	JH Sheffield	2-12	6	Spin	203	1/6/12	65 Deg. Tower, NC	Hopkins
BASS, STRIPED	JH Sheffield	42-0	6	Gen	560	12/31/11	Eastern Shore, VA	Eel
BLUEFISH	M Kodroff	11-0	12	Plug	122	12/15/11	Oregon Inlet, NC	Jig
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F Cousins	8-6	2	Spin	558	12/27/11	Elizabeth River, VA	Mirrolure

<b>2012 SPECIES LEADERS - FRESHWATER</b>								
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	F Cousins	3-6	2	Spin	225	12/9/11	Lake Cohoon, VA	Spinner Bait
CATFISH, BLUE	R Choi	51-0	8	Gen	429	1/7/12	James River, VA	Cut Shad
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	RJ Brown	27-0	4	Gen	365	12/2/11	James River, VA	Cut Bait
CRAPPIE, ALL	M Kodroff	0-12	2	Spin	119	12/3/11	South Lake, NC	Jig
GAR, ALL	F Cousins	9-14	2	Plug	359	1/7/12	James River, VA	Grub
PERCH, WHITE	M Kodroff	1-4	2	Spin	328	1/2/12	South Lake, NC	Jig
PERCH, YELLOW	M Kodroff	1-2	4	Spin	244	1/26/12	South Lake, NC	Jig
PICKERAL, CHAIN	F Cousins	3-1	2	Gen	306	12/9/11	Lake Cohoon, VA	Art. Worm

<b>2012 DIVISION LEADERS - SALTWATER</b>								
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F Cousins	8-6	2	Spin	558	12/27/11	Elizabeth River, VA	Mirrolure
BLUEFISH	M Kodroff	11-0	12	Plug	122	12/15/11	Oregon Inlet, NC	Jig
BASS, STRIPED	A Campbell	26-8	12	Fly	331	12/29/11	York River, VA	Half & Half Fly
BASS, STRIPED	JH Sheffield	42-0	6	Gen	560	12/31/11	Eastern Shore, VA	Eel

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BASS, BLACK SEA	JH Sheffield	2-12
BASS, STRIPED	L Houser	45-0
BLUEFISH	M Kodroff	11-0
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F Cousins	8-6

**2012 SPECIES LEADERS LARGEST - FRESHWATER**

BASS, LARGEMOUTH	F Cousins	3-6
CATFISH, BLUE	R Choi	51-0
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	RJ Brown	27-0
CRAPPIE, ALL	A Conway	1-9
GAR, ALL	F Cousins	9-14
PERCH, WHITE	M Kodroff	1-4
PERCH, YELLOW	M Kodroff	1-2
PICKERAL, CHAIN	F Cousins	3-1

**NEW CLUB RECORDS - SALTWATER**

SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F Cousins	8-6	2	Spin	558	12/27/11	Elizabeth River, VA	Mirrolure
BASS, STRIPED	L Houser	45-0	16	Gen	281	12/23/11	Chesapeake Bay, VA	Eel
BASS, STRIPED	A Campbell	26-8	12	Fly	331	12/29/11	York River, VA	Half & Half Fly
BASS, STRIPED	JH Sheffield	42-0	6	Gen	560	12/31/11	Eastern Shore, VA	Eel

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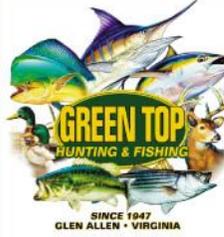
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