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Next Membership Meeting
Tuesday, May 22, 2012 - 7:00 PM
Maymont Nature Center
2201 Shields Lake Drive
Gates open 5:30pm -
Dinner served around 6:30-7:00 pm



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

MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING MOVES TO MAYMONT

The Virginia Anglers Club's May Membership Meeting will again move to The Maymont Nature Center for the Annual Fish Fry. Member-caught fish will be featured and will be lovingly prepared by Buddy, Danny and Ryan Noland, Jeff Doughty

(famous for his hush puppies) and Ricky Dale. Start lining up (or catching) some of your fish to bring along (thawed out, please). Thanks again to Fred Murray for making arrangements for us to meet at this very attractive and weather tolerant venue (the tent will be up).

Menu: Fried fish, French fries, slaw, and hush puppies (from Jeff Doughty's secret, down-home Dinwiddie recipe), soft drinks, water and beer.

***** PLEASE NOTE: PEANUT OIL IS USED FOR ALL FRYING *****

This is a great meeting to which to bring family and friends that may or may not be interested in becoming a member. The Annual Casting Contest returns for the amusement of all. We are under the tent, so rain will not be a hindrance. A donation of \$10 is suggested to cover the cost of the food, beverages and rent.



TWO IGFA WORLD RECORD MOUNT TO BE RAFFLED AT THE FISH FRY

The winning tickets for the two IGFA World Record Catch mounts and supporting framed documentation will be drawn at the Fish Fry. If you have missed buying a ticket for this special raffle, raffle tickets will be sold up to the time of the drawing. See Eddy Johnston for your raffle ticket purchases.

SECOND MAY TWO-FER TOURNAMENT - EASTERN SHORE SURF

The Croaker Tournament is history with only small fish caught. The second tournament of the May Two-fer is the Annual Bernie Skydanek Memorial Eastern Shore VA Surf - Red Drum on May 19th and 20th. Following the Saturday (May 19th) surf session, Mike Ostrander's folks have again graciously opened their home for a cook out. More information on these two tournaments is found on pages 10-11 of this Angler. Take special notice of the blow date for the Surf Tournament. Arriving and departing the barrier islands is tide dependent and the blow date is not the weekend following the surf outing.

SAFE BOATING WEEK MAY 21 – 27

Safe Boating Week is being observed Saturday, May 21st thru Friday, May 27th. This week falls just before the Memorial Day Holiday. This is a good time to check the safety gear on your boat, to review regulations for safe boating and to consider the advisability of wearing your PFD's while boating and angling. Consider using the "fanny pack" style of inflatable PFD. This PFD stays out of the way until activated and does not interfere with your angling.

COUNTRY STORE TEMPORARILY SHUTTERED

The Country Store will not be open at the Maymont Fish Fry. The Store will also not be open during the

June Membership Meeting. If you have a special need for something from the Country Store, give Eddy a call or send him an e-mail. Eddy will gladly open the store on request. The Country Store will reopen during the July 24th Membership Meeting.

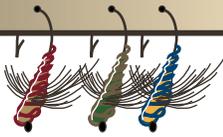
2012 VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEGISLATION STATUS OF BILLS OF INTEREST OUTDOOR ENTHEUSIASTS

The below link connects you to the part of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries web site that contains a list of all House and Senate bills introduced in the 2012 General Assembly that were related to the mission of the DGIF. The list contains information the status of each bill as of April 24, 2012. www.dgif.virginia.gov/legislation

ONE DOZEN ANNUAL DUES ARE STILL PAST DUE

There are still about one dozen Members of the VAC (~10% of the 2011 membership) who have not renewed their VAC membership for 2012. Each has received a past due notice. The volunteer members of the Leadership Team devote considerable time and effort keeping count of those whose 2012 dues have not been received. If your dues are not current, entry cards will not be accepted until dues are made current.

The 2012 VAC Budget is based on a stable membership. If you have chosen not to renew your membership, please advise Membership Chairman John Wetlaufer, Sr. of your choice not to renew so it can be noted in the VAC membership records. Payment can be by cash, check or Pay Pal (in the Members Area of the Website). For details of how to pay, please see the March edition of The Angler



**ONE STOP SHOPPING – FISHING
LICENSES & BOAT TRAILER
REGISTRATION**

The DMV and the DGIF have teamed up to offer “one stop shopping” to those needing assistance for fishing licenses and titling and registering boat trailers. Both Agencies now offer issuance of Fishing Licenses and Boat Trailer Titling and Registration. The DMV now also issues Fishing Licenses and the DGIF can now register your boat trailer (sorry, no registration for utility or other types of trailers).

**VAC SURF TEAM FULLY MANNED FOR
THE CAPE HATTERAS SURF
TOURNAMENT**

The Virginia Anglers Club will again enter a six member surf fishing team in the Annual Cape Hatteras Anglers Club Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament. Quent Corbett, the new captain of the surf team, has advised that all six slots on the team are now filled and we will be represented by a full team. Thanks to the members who are going to represent the Virginia Anglers Club in this premier East Coast surf tournament.

**THE VDGIF BETS ON THE BACK BAY LM
BASS FISHERY COMING BACK**

If you were a member of the Virginia Anglers Club back in the 70s and 80s, you may have fished in one of the annual tournaments held in the waters of the Back Bay. Largemouth bass abounded in the Bay’s weed choked waters and the location was known as one of the premier bass fishing locations in the country. The Virginia Department of Game and Inland fisheries has and will continue to spend considerable effort in restocking this former bass hot spot with the hope to bring it back to its former condition as the home of some great bass fishing. More information on the Back Bay and the stocking plans can be found of page 7 of this issue of The Angler.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS –
CLEANING UP THE “CHICK” AND ITS TRIBS**

The proposed cleanup plan for the Chickahominy River and its tributaries located in the city of Richmond and the counties of Hanover, Henrico, Charles City and New Kent will be presented and discussed at the Mechanicsville Branch Library, 7461 Sherwood Crossing Place, Mechanicsville, VA 23111 on Thursday, May 24, 2012, at 2 pm and at 6 pm. The library can be reached by driving east on Mechanicsville Turnpike (Rt. 360) from I-295 and turning north (left) at the traffic light located at the Arby’s restaurant located on the north side of the Turnpike about one mile east of I-295. The library is about 3 blocks north of this intersection.

**RON’S REEL REPAIR IS
STILL IN BUSINESS**

You may have heard that Ron Gauthier, the founder of Ron’s Reel Repair, passed away some time ago. † His son David is taking over the business at the same location. † Quite a few VAC Members have had their reel repair needs taken care of by Ron’s. Ph. # 387-5684

FISH LEGALLY – FISH INFORMED

The 2012 edition of Freshwater Fishing in Virginia (Fishing Regulations) has now been printed and is available to the public. See page 7 of this edition of The Angler for contents and where to pick up your free copy.

2012 FREE FISHING DAYS: JUNE 1-3, 2012

For The Leadership Team

John Wetlaufer, Sr., Secretary



CATCHY COMMENTS

by Buddy Noland

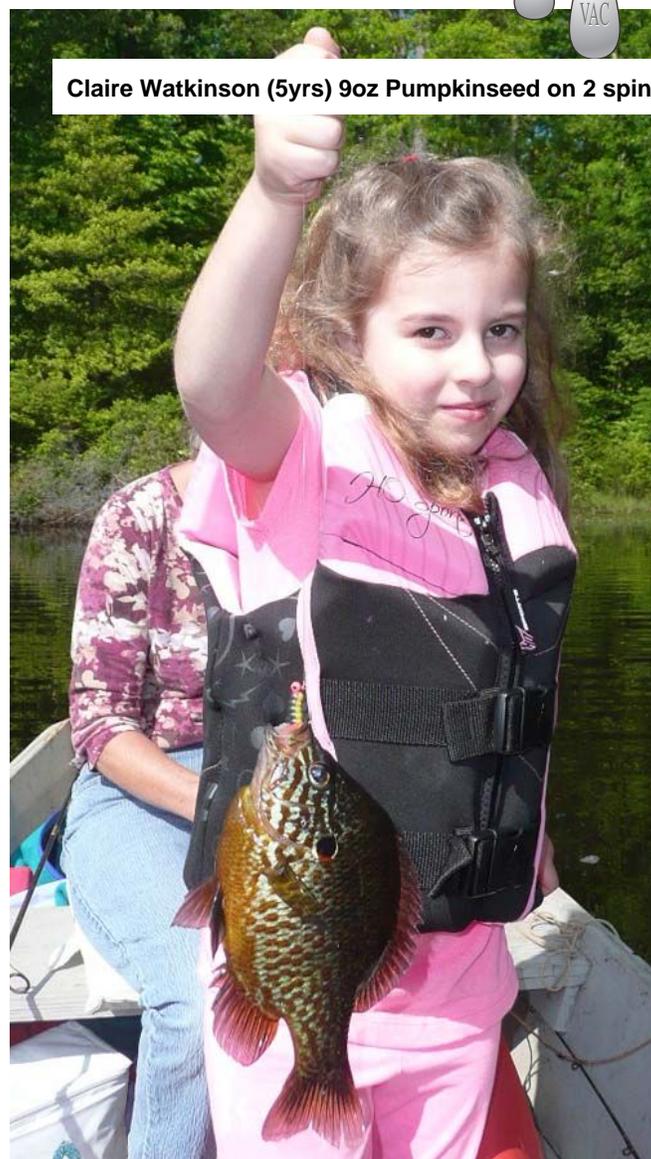
With the erratic weather and April winds behind us, the fishing chatter in May is ramping up! The freshwater ponds and rivers are popping with the Crappie, Catfish, Sunfish, etc., but most of the noise is coming from the Saltwater fishery. Off Eastern Shore, the Red Drum and Striped Bass are being caught out of the surf as well as from the boats. Off North Carolina, the Yellowfin are being landed out of Oregon Inlet and the gaffer Dolphin being limited out off Hatteras. Inshore, Red Drum, Cobia, and Bluefish to 12 pounds are being caught. Next week, the first Marlin tournament will also be fished out of Hatteras. It's time to go after them!

Highlights of this past month were the entries from the "youth cards"! **Steve Knox** took his granddaughters on the James River fishing and had several nice entries. **Sara Bartzen**, 10 years old, landed an 8 ounce White Perch on 4# spin for 108 points. Not bad for her first entry. **Lillian Crocker**, also 10 years old, had two entries. **Lillian** caught an 8 ounce White Perch, and then later landed a nice 1 pound, 4 ounce, Hickory Shad on 4# spin worth 119 points. **Lillian** leads the 7-12 age group with the Shad entry.

Again this year, representing the 0-6 age group is **Claire Watkinson**. While fishing with her granddad, **Parks Rountrey**, **Claire** landed a 9 ounce Sunfish on 2# spin for 148 points. She is a tough competitor and has won her age group for the past two years.

Since the previous newsletter, **Johnny Wetlaufer** has submitted one of a few saltwater entries. It was a 1 pound, 7 ounce, Croaker on 6# spin for 129 points. **Johnny** had taken his father, **John**, on the Rappahannock River for the day and fooled the fish on a Fin-S grub.

While fishing in Miami, **Parks Rountrey** was able to land the required "Tarpon on 12# fly" entry for the Joe Brooks Masters Anglers award. **Parks** was using a local guide, **Capt. Doug Lillard**. At the time of his release, **Parks** also saw many huge Tarpon around some bridge pilings. **Parks** was casting a shrimp-fly to trick the estimated 20 pound fish.



Claire Watkinson (5yrs) 9oz Pumpkinseed on 2 spin



Andy Martel and Eric Houser with some nice Rockfish

Once again while fishing at **Elly's** pond, **Fred Cousins** caught another Largemouth Bass for the "highest point", "heaviest", and "spin division" leads. The bass weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces, worth 458 points, which is 2 ounces more than last month's bass. I'm not sure if it's the same fish; could it be that **Elly** fed it more bread recently, or there are more than one 6-pound bass in the pond? Possibly **Robbie** will know!

Recently, **Scott Johnston** and **Parks Rountrey** were fishing a private pond when **Scott** landed a 5 pound, 5 ounce, Largemouth Bass on 12# plug worth 132 points. Something is unusual here for **Scott** not to be using a fly rod; is he aiming for the Master Angler's 150 point fish on 12# plug entry?

During the middle of April, **Gary Martel** and **Leroy Houser** were fishing the James River when **Leroy** landed a Club Record 23 pound, 8 ounce, Flathead Catfish on 8# plug tackle. **Leroy** was jigging a Silver Buddy to hook the 267 point fish.



Scott Johnston - Taylors Pond- 5-5 Largemouth on 12 plug

While fishing the James and Chickahominy rivers, **Bob Schepker** and **Victor Skakandy** caught a variety of species. **Bob** turned in Striped Bass, Yellow Perch, and Hickory Shad. His nicest catch was the Shad which was worth 172 points for the 1 pound, 13 ounce, fish on 4# spinning gear.

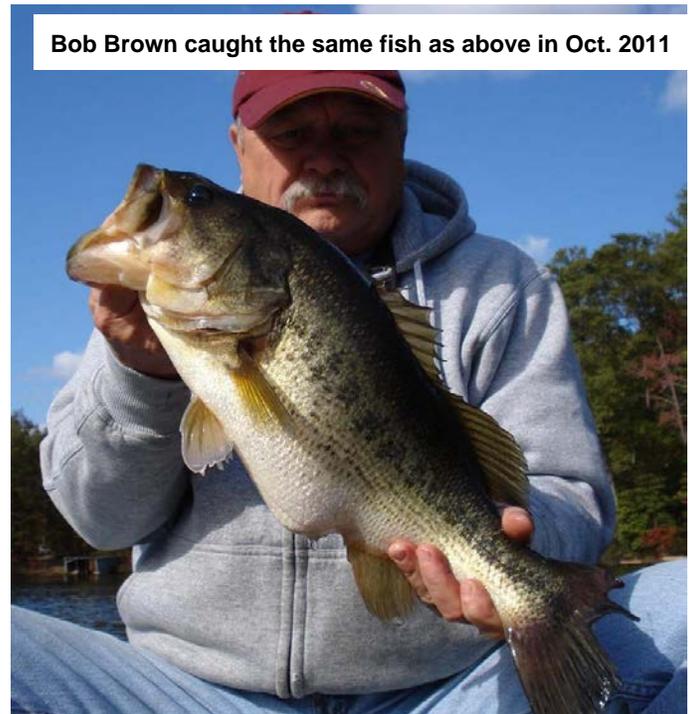
David Nobles set two new Club Records this past month for Sunfish fly fishing on a pond in King William County. **David** was using a wooly bugger on 2# tippet to land the 10 ounce Redear and 11 ounce Sunfish (all). The fish were valued at 125 and 229 points respectively.

Art Conway is still catching numerous Black Crappie and Chain Pickerel from the Chickahominy Lake. **Art's** best fish was his Pickerel that weighed 1 pound, 10 ounces, worth 119 points, and was caught on a "needlefish spoon".

New member, **Lee Rothgeb**, was fishing Chickahominy Lake with fishing guide and fellow VAC member, **Art Conway**, in early April. **Lee** had several entries which included a 7 pound, 10 ounce, Blue Catfish, and a 1 pound Crappie using live minnows for bait.

Bob Brown had a good day fishing Taylor's Pond. **Bob** landed a 13 ounce Sunfish on 2# spin for 213 points and a 4 pound, 8 ounce, Largemouth Bass worth 225 points.

Last but definitely not least, **Billy Nicar** was fishing with a friend and landed two Club Record and potential IGFA World Record Catfish on the James River on April 19th. The Blue Catfish weighed 25 pounds, 8 ounces, caught on 12# fly, is worth 277 points. The Flathead Catfish weighed 31 pounds, caught on 16# fly tippet, and is valued at 301 points. Not a bad day on the river. Best of luck on your IGFA entries!



Bob Brown caught the same fish as above in Oct. 2011

**Keeping it reel,
Buddy**



Stuart Lee with a gorgeous Roosterfish in Mexico



LeRoy Houser with a 23-8 Flathead on 8 plug



Rob Choi - 43" Red Drum



Rob Choi's Eastern Shore Striper



NEW FRESH WATER FISHING REGULATIONS BOOKS

The new **2012 Freshwater Fishing in Virginia** (Fishing Regulations) book has been published and a copy can be obtained at the upcoming fishing and hunting shows, all license agents and Department offices. This publication not only contains the fishing regulations, but an extensive 'Let's Go Fishing' section, with information about major sport fish, public fishing lakes, major fishing rivers, and the trout stocking program. Also, you can find information about fish citations, state records, angling education programs, exotic species, and more." The Freshwater Fishing Regulations section, including the complete Trout Fishing Guide, on our website have also been updated for 2012.

SMALL LARGEMOUTH BASS MAKE A SPLASH IN THE BACK BAY

For those who "The Back Bay" is not a household word, the Back Bay is a large body of water in southeastern most corner of Virginia. Back Bay is located on the west side of the finger of land starts just south of Sandbridge and runs on south into North Carolina. False Cape State Park covers the southern half of this finger and terminates at the VA-NC state line. The Back Bay and the Currituck Sound connect just south of this state line.

The following article appeared in the May 9, 2012 DGIF's Outdoor Report and details the on gong stocking work of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Given time, we may all benefit from this experimental stocking plan.

ATTENTION TROUT ANGLERS SPECIAL REGULATION PERMIT CARDS AVAILABLE ONLINE

VDGIF is pleased to announce that special regulation written landowner permit cards to fish Mossy Creek, Buffalo Creek, and Upper South River are now available online. A link to maps of each of these areas is also new function on the agency website.

NORTHERN SNAKE HEAD – NOT A CATCH AND RELEASE FISH

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.

Here's a vido about the Snakehead 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

STOCKING EFFORTS IN BACK BAY TO RESTORE LARGEMOUTH BASS FISHERY

The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) initiated a three-year largemouth bass stocking project in Back Bay with an experimental stocking of approximately 75,000 surplus largemouth bass fingerlings in 2009. It is through the post-stocking sampling, results, and ultimate success of that project that DGIF was able to justify a large-scale stocking that will attempt to improve, and ultimately aid in restoration of, the largemouth bass fishery Back Bay.

An official stocking request was made to American Sportfish Hatchery (ASH) in Alabama for approximately 125,000 fingerling (1-2 inches long) largemouth bass that were stocked in Back Bay on May 8th. These bass will be F-1 hybrids, a cross between the northern strain largemouth bass and the Florida strain largemouth bass. Both strains are the same genus and species of largemouth bass, with just a slight variation due to temperature and climate.

DGIF does not have any concerns with stocking these bass in Back Bay, primarily due to the fact that nearly 100% of the bass in the mid-Atlantic are hybrids to some degree. Pure strains of largemouth bass simply do not exist in the mid-Atlantic, east of the Mississippi River, as largemouth bass are not native fish to the mid-Atlantic or even east of the Mississippi, excluding some regions of Florida. As with the previous stockings, these fingerlings will be chemically marked to allow DGIF staff to track their movement, survival, and distribution within the bay.

Back Bay was noted in the late 1970s as one of the top trophy bass fisheries in the nation. This outstanding bass fishery peaked in 1980, when 240 citation-sized largemouth bass (bass that weighed at least eight pounds) were reported to be caught in the bay. In recent years, Back Bay has undergone a tremendous recovery in terms of water quality and the growth of submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV). The growth and coverage of SAV is near levels not seen since the early 1980's, and the fisheries populations have shown a positive response to this increased and improved habitat. The Back Bay Restoration Foundation whose mission is to preserve, protect, and improve Back Bay and its watershed through education, stewardship, and outreach was instrumental in assisting with the purchase of a portion of the fish that were stocked on May 8th. In the near future, DGIF staff will be sending out additional updates on the actual stocking timeline.

PROJECT HEALING WATERS FLY FISHING 2-FLY TOURNAMENT SURPASSES GOALS FOR 2012

Some VAC members graciously give of their time and angling talents by participating in the Project Healing Waters Program. Here is an edited summary of the 6th Annual Project Healing Waters 2-Fly Tournament take from the May 9th DGIF Outdoor Report. At the end of the article is a link to a web site at which information about Project Healing Waters is available.

The Sixth Annual Project Healing Waters 2-Fly Tournament, held April 28 and 29 at the Rose River Farm in Madison County at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains, was a resounding success with a close competition, special guest speakers, and a dinner and silent auction that far exceeded the organization's fundraising goal.

Individual and corporate donors joined forces to not only meet Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing's (PHWFF) fundraising goal but surpass it, bringing in \$230,000 to fund Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing's 127 programs in 45 states. Keynote speakers Gen. James T. Conway, USMC (ret.), 34th Commandant of the Marine Corps and US Army LTG Michael D. Barbero, Director of the Joint IED Defeat Organization, inspired all in attendance at the Saturday evening dinner.

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing presented its most prestigious honor, the Patriot Award, to Jim Lepage, The Orvis Company of Sunderland, Vermont's VP of Rod and Tackle/Sporting Traditions, and Richard Ray, President and CEO of S&K Sales Co. of Virginia Beach, VA. Two PHWFF alumni, Josh Williams and Dave Walker, were also recognized at the Saturday dinner for designing flies that are now available from the Orvis catalog.

Sunday's fishing tournament paired two PHWFF participants, either an injured service member or disabled veteran, with professional guides to form six teams. Each team had a morning and an afternoon fishing session. In the end, with many large trout brought to hand, the winners were determined by fractions of inches.

In between fishing sessions participants were treated to casting lessons by Ed Jaworowski and casting and knot tying demonstrations by fly fishing legend Lefty Kreh. There was also plenty of socializing with Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing alumni.

Since Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing was first established at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in 2005, thousands of service members and veterans have found PHWFF programs provide both a beneficial addition to their therapy and a much needed peaceful solace on the stream, away from the hospital environment.

For more information on Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing visit www.projecthealingwaters.org.

Tournament News

Virginia Croaker Tournament Results:

May 5-6

****RESULTS****

Weather Saturday afternoon ended with rain, but a few anglers gave it a try. Croaker were unusually scarce and some anglers could find none. Bob Brown & Parks had fun catching about 30 sea mullet and a few gray trout on artificials. The master croaker-chokers – Mike Cline & Rob Robinson dominated – winning both weight and points. This was just a by-product while they were having a successful speck fishing day. All in all, a weak tournament with only 7 members fishing.

Croaker Points:

Mike Cline 1-7 on 2# spin = 191 pts (wins a Green Top giftcard)

Bob Schepker 1-1 on 4# spin = 106 pts

Fred Cousins 0-10 on 2# spin = 83 pts

Croaker Weight

Rob Robinson 1-4 (wins a Green Top giftcard)

Bob Brown 1-3

Bob Schepker 0-9

Tournament News

Bernie Skydanek Memorial Eastern Shore VA Surf - Red Drum* May 19-20 (tides high @ 7:49 am) (blow date June 2-3) (2 wks.)

Back by popular demand! This was a huge hit last year. Don't miss this one! Our tourney date is near peak of the spring drum migration. You should have waders, a fairly shallow draft boat (or ride with a fellow member) and be prepared for a long hike after anchoring your boat in shallow water behind a barrier island. Contact event leader Bob Shepherd or Parks Rountrey to confirm your participation and also to check event dates if weather or surf conditions are questionable.

Times: Sun-up Saturday to Sundown Sunday

Location: Barrier Islands of Virginia Eastern Shore

For those who may be unfamiliar with the Eastern Shore, but still would like to fish, please contact Bob Shepherd. Bob will be glad to lead people to the fishing grounds (keeping in mind that different sized boats may have to take different paths to access the islands).

Tips: Peeler crabs and fresh cut bait (such as spot, croakers, whiting, bluefish, menhaden, etc.) are all good red drum baits. Black drum are frequently caught from the surf this time of year as well, so fishing with peeler crabs opens the opportunity to catch those as well. A half dozen peeler crabs can get an angler through the day when things are slow, but on a good bite, or when bait stealers are prevalent, it's not uncommon to burn through 1.5 dozen peelers per angler per day.

Bob's contact info:

email: bshepherd@medivisuals.com

cell: 804-241-0870 (sometimes inaccessible at Bob's Eastern Shore cottage) Bob's

Eastern Shore land line: 757-678-7847

Social gathering at Mike Ostrander's parent's house from 5:00 to 6:30 PM Saturday will include grilling burgers – and or fish, sides, and bring your favorite beverage. There may also be room to pitch a tent at Mike's parent's property – call Mike for details (cell 938-2350)

You can register your catches by calling or e-mail entries to Angling Activities Chairman Parks Rountrey 804-349-6001 (prountrey@comcast.net).

VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 5/10/12

<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>
2012 SPECIES LEADERS - SALTWATER								
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
CROAKER	Johnny Wetlaufer	1-7	6	Spin	129	5/3/12	Rappahannock River, VA	Fin-S Fish
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F Cousins	8-6	2	Spin	558	12/27/11	Elizabeth River, VA	Mirrolure
2012 SPECIES LEADERS - FRESHWATER								
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	F Cousins	6-14	2	Spin	458	4/20/12	Elly's Pond, VA	Artificial Worm
CATFISH, BLUE	B Shepherd	52-0	6	Gen	489	2/3/12	James River, VA	Cut Shad
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	RJ Brown	27-0	4	Gen	365	12/2/11	James River, VA	Cut Bait
CRAPPIE, ALL	Robbie Robinson	1-11	2	Plug	267	2/18/12	Chickahominy River, VA	Blade Bait
GAR, ALL	F Cousins	9-14	2	Plug	359	1/7/12	James River, VA	Grub
PERCH, WHITE	ES Johnston	1-0	2	Fly	333	4/3/12	James River, VA	Fly
PERCH, YELLOW	Robbie Robinson	1-9	2	Plug	411	3/3/12	Chickahominy River, VA	Blade Bait
PICKERAL, CHAIN	F Cousins	3-1	2	Gen	306	12/9/11	Lake Cohoon, VA	Art. Worm
SHAD, AMERICAN	M Kodroff	4-0	4	Spin	239	3/13/12	Tar River, NC	Dart
SHAD, HICKORY	F Cousins	2-4	2	Fly	321	3/13/12	Roanoke River, VA	Shad Fly
SUNFISH, ALL	B Shepherd	1-0	2	Spin	263	3/17/12	Private Pond, VA	Grub
SUNFISH, REDEAR	D Nobles	0-10	2	Fly	125	4/14/12	King William Pond, VA	Wooly Bugger

2012 DIVISION LEADERS - SALTWATER								
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
CROAKER	Johnny Wetlaufer	1-7
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F Cousins	8-6

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CRAPPIE, ALL	W Nicar	1-15
GAR, ALL	F Cousins	9-14
PERCH, WHITE	GN Carter	1-6
PERCH, YELLOW	Robbie Robinson	1-9
PICKERAL, CHAIN	F Cousins	3-1
SHAD, AMERICAN	M Kodroff	4-0
SHAD, HICKORY	A Campbell	3-0
SUNFISH, ALL	B Shepherd	1-0
SUNFISH, REDEAR	D Nobles	0-10

TOP YOUTH CATCHES - FRESHWATER (LOCAL)

SUNFISH, ALL	Claire Watkinson (5 yrs.)	0-9	2	Spin	148	4/30/12	Private Pond, VA	Plastic Grub	0-6 yo
SHAD, HICKORY	Lillian Crocker (10 yrs.)	1-4	4	Spin	119	4/6/12	James River, VA	Artificial	7-12 yo

NEW CLUB RECORDS - SALTWATER

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Robert Thomas

Fishing Adventures

Fly Casting & Fly Tying Instruction
Equipment: Rods, Reels, Lines, etc.
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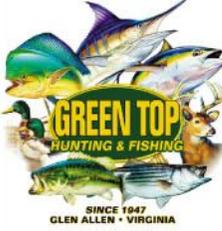
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