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## Next Membership Meeting: March 25, 2014 - 7:00 PM

*(Scale Certification Available)*

### DGIF Richmond Headquarters

4010 West Broad Street -Eastern-Most Building -  
Enter at Rear - DGIF BOD Meeting Room

the Membership Meeting starts at 7:00 PM. Bring any unwanted tackle you might have and convert it into cold cash. Sell, buy or trade tackle and related accessories. No commissions paid. You get to keep all profits. Remember, someone at home is likely expecting for you not to return with what you take to the Yard Sale. Price your treasures to move quickly.



## BACKLASH

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

## MARCH PROGRAM - YARD SALE & SHAD CHAT

John Page Williams was to be our speaker in March. John has advised Art and Steve that he has had a death in the family and will not be able to speak to us. Art and Steve will try to reschedule John for later in the year.

**PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES IF YOU HAVE NOT  
PAID ALREADY**

**VAC YARD SALE BEFORE  
MARCH 25, 2014 MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
STARTS AT 6:16 PM. - RAIN DATE, APRIL 22ND**

In place of John's presentation, we will have a "Shad Chat" where members present can share their shad techniques, information on where to successfully catch shad other than the James River and favorite shad fishing tales or blunders.

A Yard Sale will precede the March Membership Meeting in the parking lot behind the DGIF building in which we meet. The sale will start at 6:15 PM and last until

FORGET THE SPECK IN NC  
North Carolina has closed the recreational and commercial speckled trout fishery from February 4th thru June 15th, 2014. The reason was the same cold weather as in Virginia and the desire for maximizing the spawn as noted above. Any known change is the reopening date will be announced in *The Angler*.

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY DGIF MISSION RELATED LEGISLATIVE ACTION

If you are interested in viewing the status of the bills which are related to the mission of the DGIF and that the Virginia General Assembly considered in the just closed session, please go to:

[www.dgif.virginia.gov/legislation](http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/legislation).

### APRIL PROGRAM - CAPT. GARY DUBIEL FISHING FOR DRUM WITH LIGHT TACKLE

Captain Gary Dubiel lives in Oriental, NC and operates the Spec Fever Guide Service, a year round light tackle and fly fishing guide service out of Oriental, New Bern and the Crystal Coast. He will speak in April on how to fish for red drum with light tackle. Complete information on his guide service is found on page 6 of this issue of *The Angler*. Please note Gary's offer of a \$50.00 discount for his red drum trips from July thru October.

### EDDY JOHNSTON RETIRES AS COUNTY STORE KEEPER AFTER 20+ YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE!

#### JOE LOVASZ AND JOE LOVASZ NOW MAN THE COUNTER

To Eddy Johnston, it seems that half an eternity has passed since Eddy advised the VAC Leadership Team that his work responsibilities have grown to the point that he can no longer take the time to manage the VAC Country Store. Joe Lovasz Sr. and Joe Lovasz, Jr. have graciously stepped forward and have offered to manage and run the Virginia Anglers Club Country Store, allowing Eddy to retire as Storekeeper. Eddy will continue to serve out the last year of his term as a Director.

The transition is occurring at the time of this writing. The Country Store will not be open at the March Membership Meeting. Eddy has established an easily transferred system of ordering the popular VAC "gear" so, popular items will likely remain available. By the way, if you forget the name of the new Storekeeper to whom you are talking, they both answer to the name "Joe".

The entire Membership of the VAC owes Eddy immeasurable thanks for lugging all of the inventory to most every Membership meeting and making many innovations in the inventory available to us all. Let's all raise our red and white plastic hot/cold mugs with the VAC logo emblazoned on the front to Eddy and thank him for his many, many hours of service to the Membership over the past 20 years. His tenure as Country Store Keeper was filled with innovative additions to the inventory and painless separation of you and your coin.





## **THREE NEW MEMBERS VOTED INTO MEMBERSHIP**

At the March Board of Directors Meeting, Jay Blankenship, Sam Hall and Bill Lipsey were voted into membership by the Directors present. All three were guests at the February Membership Meeting. These new members come as experienced anglers and will be a great addition to our knowledge base. Please turn to page 7 of this issue of The Angler and meet these “new boys on the dock”.

## **NEXT TOURNAMENT – KELLY STAFFORD MEMORIAL HICKORY SHAD AND WHITE PERCH APRIL 5-6 (JAMES RIVER (BLOW DATE FOLLOWING WEEKEND)**

The most popular tournament of any Angling Year is coming up April 5th and 6th right in downtown Richmond and other not too distant angling locations. If you need a ride for the tournament, speak up. Plenty of members fish this tournament. Please see the entire tournament write up on page 10 of this issue of The Angler. Even a half day on the James will yield plenty of memorable catches and may allow you to place in the tournament.

## **SHAD ID GUIDE AND VMRC “RIVER HERRING” MORATORIUM REMINDER**

Knowing what each shad and other species looks like that you are likely to catch in the James during the annual shad run is important with the current emphasis on boosting the stock of shad. Being in possession of the wrong species can lead to a new friendship with a Conservation Police Officer and a bite out of your fishing tackle budget. Such an encounter will guarantee that you become legendary in the annuals of the Virginia Anglers Club. To help New Members learn to identify what they might catch and to help Members of longer standing have a teaching aid if they are fishing with a New Member, this issue of The Angler published the annual Shad Identification Guide and VMRC “River Herring” Moratorium Reminder on page 9 of this Angler.

## **GOT ANY IDEAS FOR A NEW LOCATION FOR THE ANNUAL BANQUET?**

The Leadership Team is always open for any suggestion from the Membership for any change felt useful for the Virginia Anglers Club. If you have any suggestions of an alternate location for the VAC Annual Awards Banquet, please pass them along to Banquet Chairman Gary Green. Contact Gary at (804)-955-9290 [C] or ospray4950@yahoo.com. If Gary’s phone is busy, please leave a descriptive voice mail or ask for a call back.

## **SCALE CERTIFICATION AVAILABLE AT MARCH MEETING**

The Annual Scale Certification required for Members wishing to weigh for submission catch entries during the 2014 Angling Year will be made at the March 25 VAC Membership Meeting. Weighmasters Ryan and Danny Noland and Larry Allen will be doing certifications during the meeting. This is the last planned at meeting scale certification unless requested. Requests for special certifications can be made by contacting Ryan at (804)-658-1955 (H) (804)-896-4178) or ryan.n.noland@usa.dupont.com by contacting Danny at (804)-514-0650 (H) or (804)-383-3736 (O) or danny.n.noland-1@USA.dupont.com  
Ryan.n.loand

Remember the following scale preparation pointers:

- Be sure your scales are operating freely and free of rust.
- 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.
- Leave your bagged scales on the certification team’s table (just inside the entry door to the meeting room).

## **MARCH RAFFLE MADNESS STRIKES THE VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB**

Never in the history of the Virginia Anglers Club have four raffle opportunities been made available to the Members over a contiguous three month period. Between March and May, there will be four raffles in which members can participate. Some are special and some are on-going. Don’t miss an opportunity to win meaningful awards.

### **March thru May**

Ongoing Green Top Monthly \$25.00 Gift Certificate raffle – two chance for a buck, one each month.

Ongoing Hopkins Gun and Tackle Bi-monthly \$50.00 Gift Certificate raffle (new ongoing raffle; please see page 8 for details).

### **March and April**

Special South River Fly Shop Fly Assortment raffle – special donation by March Speaker Tommy Lawthorne (ticket sales March and April, 1 for \$1.00 / 6 for \$5.00, drawing at the April Membership Meeting).

### **April and May**

Special CCA Steelhead Trout Print raffle – special donation by the CCA (ticket sales April and May, 1 for \$1.00 / 6 for \$5.00, drawing at the May Membership Meeting).

The print shows anglers in a drift boat fly casting to a steelhead. The print is titled “Anticipation”, was painted in 2008 and is by artist Al Barnes. The print is 25.5” high X 31” long and suitable for framing.

See Special Raffle Chairman Don West for all but the Hopkins Gun and Tackle raffle at the Membership Meetings in the months mentioned for ticket sales. The ongoing Hopkins Gun and Tackle raffle is held at the store in Mechanicsville on Route 360 within sight of the windmill.



**ASMFC SETS SUMMER FLOUNDER REGS FOR VIRGINIA**

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission has set the lower length limit for Summer Founders in Virginia at 16” and the daily creel limit (possession) of 4 fish per angler.

**PROPOSED NEW REGULATIONS FOR SELECTED SPECIES**

Lynn Spurlin, Conservation and Legislation VP, has gone thru the list of proposed changes in existing regulations of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission’s Fin Fish Committee. Lynn has picked out the proposals for the following three species most likely of interest to members of the VAC who fish in Virginia waters.

**Speckled Trout**

A moratorium on recreational catching of Speckled Trout went into effect on March 1 and will end on July 31, 2014. The exceptionally cold winter weather in the Commonwealth has resulted in a heavy mortality of specks. Without pressure from recreational angling, the remaining stock of specks can have the best chance of a successful spawn.

When catching specks is allowed again, the proposed regulation is one fish over 24” and a creel limit of 5 specks per angler. Commercial purchase reporting would be required weekly and monthly until 80% of the commercial quota is reached.

**Cobia**

A limit of one fish per person with an additional limit of 6 fish per boat per day is being considered.

**Red Drum**

The proposal is to limit possession by an angler to 3 fish within the slot limit of 18” to 26” in length.

**DGIF WADE FISHING WORKSHOPS FOR FLATHEADS OFFERED AGAIN THIS JULY**

The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries will again hold their popular Wade Fishing For

Flathead Catfish workshops this coming July. Four of the instructors are members of the Virginia Anglers Club; Mike Ostrander, Lee Rothgeb, David “Sarge” Brayman and Billy Nicar. Please turn to page 6 of this issue of The Angler for more details. Many VAC Members attended a session of this workshop last year. Early registration is important for these popular days of instructional fishing.

**MEETING PLACE SUGGESTIONS REQUESTED**

The Leadership Team is very aware that the membership would be best served by again meeting at a venue where meal and beverage service is available to all. A search is already active to that end. Location is among the features being considered to be sure the venues discussed are located in a place reasonably accessible to Members.

Please let Director Fred Cousins know of any suggested meeting place that you know that has a sufficiently large meeting room and food and beverage service, preferably from a menu. Contact Fred at (804)-740-3238 [H] or cousinsf1@verizon.net.

**MCAULIFFE APPOINTS THREE OFFICIALS**

The McAuliffe administration has announced another round of appointments, including top posts at the Virginia Marine Resources Commission and the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

John M.R. Bull has been named commissioner of VMRC, which has oversight of key fisheries in the Chesapeake Bay, including the bay’s signature crab and oyster stocks. Bull is a former newspaper reporter who joined the commission in June 2007. He most recently was the commission’s spokesman and liaison with the General Assembly.

**WISDOM FROM THE TACKLE BOX**

May the holes in your net be no larger than the fish in it.  
~Irish Blessing

For The Leadership Team  
John Wetlaufer, Sr., Secretary



## “Catchy Comments”

By Billy Nicár

Somewhere between the snow, sleet, and freezing rain, spring is peeking at us. It has only given us brief glances, but it is undeniably knocking on our door. Not only have I noticed the daffodils sprouting in the past few days, but I have been given the most conclusive proof possible. A little four letter word... shad! It's true! I have not only spoken with state biologists who have shocked them up in the James River, but I have first hand reports accompanied with pictures of some beautiful hickory shad caught on hook and line in Richmond on the James River within the past couple of days. So, load up those reels with fresh line, grab your favorite spoons, darts, or flies and let the fun begin. Guys, spring is here. Go fishing.

I would like to make everyone aware of an emergency closure in Virginia's spotted seatrout season. Due to an unusually cold winter there has been a large number of trout found dead in the Middle Peninsula creeks, as well as, Rudee Inlet and Lynnhaven Inlet. This season closure will extend from March 1, 2014 and last through July 31, 2014. The closed season does not apply to commercial fishing or recreational catch and release.

Starting things off this month is Robbie Robinson who was fishing the Chickahominy River on the 22nd of February when quite a nice fish fell victim to the irresistible dance of his blade bait. After what I am quite sure was a great fight, a 22 pound blue catfish was boated using 2# plug tackle. This 338 point fish will earn Robbie the title of “Freshwater Plug” division leader. Great catch Robbie! Our resident “Fly Guy”, Andrew Campbell, was fishing the Chickahominy as well the very next day on February 23rd. While casting a fly on 12# tippet Andrew hooked and boated a chain pickerel weighing in at 2 pounds, 12 ounces. This 21.75” specimen earns Andrew 123 points, the “Freshwater Fly” division lead, and the “Highest Points” for the species. Nice fish Andrew! Also fishing the Chickahominy River on February 23rd was Glenn Carter. Glenn was casting a Jig-n-Minnow on 2# spinning tackle to catch one slab of a crappie. The 178 point crappie weighed 1pound, 2 ounces and will stand as the “Freshwater Spin” division leader, the “Highest Points” and “Heaviest” for the species to date, and hopefully a darn good meal. Yum!!! While Andrew and Glen were fishing the Chickahominy on February 23rd, Bob Shepherd was soaking some bait around the corner somewhere on the James River. As usual Bob pulled out a nice fish. In what I expect to be another great fight, Bob boated a 46 pound blue catfish using cut shad on only 4# tackle. This fish will earn Bob 490 points for the catch, the “Freshwater General” division title, as well as, the “Highest Points” and “Heaviest” for the species. Beautiful catch Bob! Fred Cousins found himself fishing the Chickahominy River on March 11th. Fred was jigging a blade bait on 2# plug tackle when a 1 pound, 3 ounce yellow perch worth 312 points slammed his lure. This catch will stand as the current “Highest Points” and “Heaviest” for the species. Nice job Fred!

Please let me know if you have any fun, exciting, informational, or scary fish tales from your recent trips out. I would love to include them in future newsletters. Any recent fishing reports or conditions would be greatly appreciated as well. I can be contacted via phone, email, or text. My contact info is listed below. As always, tight lines and best fishes!

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Keeping it reel,

Billy



Stuart Lee-  
1 of 10 on FLY -  
Izpatá, Guatemala



Bob Shepherd  
46lb Blue cat on 4 gen



**APRIL PROGRAM - CAPT. GARY DUBIEL**  
**FISHING FOR DRUM WITH LIGHT TACKLE**

A little background on Gary. He runs a year round light tackle and fly fishing guide service in North Carolina, fishing Oriental, New Bern and the Crystal Coast. In addition to his many other fisheries, he developed a light tackle artificial lure and fly fishery for adult red drum on the Neuse River and Pamlico Sound. He has been guiding for 15 years and has had numerous speaking engagements. Gary will be giving the VAC a presentation on his red drum techniques for both fly and light tackle. Gary is sure some of what our Members will learn can be applied to fishing in the Chesapeake Bay. He will incorporate both a Power Point and hands on presentation at the April Membership Meeting.

Gary offers VAC members a \$50 discount on bookings for his giant red drum trips for 2014 (July into October). He also can arrange a multi-boat charter for red drum out of Oriental. He currently has a very large group originating from Richmond that is returning for their 3rd season. He can accommodate 21 anglers with 6 additional guides that work with him on these types of trips. Typically, Gary would fish 4.5 hours in the morning, take a lunch break, then fish 4.5 hours in the afternoon. Day 2 can either be another full day or 5 hour half day. Trip cost per angler including tip for 1 1/2 days would be \$450 or two full days \$600 based on 3 anglers per bay boat. Fishing licenses are also covered. He can help customers with room reservations as well. Everyone should have multiple drum over 40 inches during the trip! You can contact Gary at (252)-249-1520 or [www.specfever.com](http://www.specfever.com).

**DETAILS – DGIF FLATHEAD WORKSHOP – JULY 22ND & 31ST**

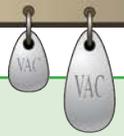
(By Lee Rothgeb)

VA DGIF will be presenting two workshops on how to fish for Flathead Catfish. These workshops teach the fundamentals of wade fishing for Flatheads. This is a great opportunity to get out and learn how to catch this species. The Virginia Anglers Club will have four of our members as guest instructors for the course; Lee Rothgeb, David “Sarge” Brayman, Billy Nicar, and Lead Instructor Mike Ostrander. The class is an all-day event at Pony Pasture park on the James River. For those interested, please visit the VA DGIF website or contact Chris Dunnivant with the Outdoor Education Program. The classes will be held on July 22 and July 31. Chris can be reached at [Chris.Dunnivant@dgif.virginia.gov](mailto:Chris.Dunnivant@dgif.virginia.gov). Several members of the VAC have attended this in the past and I can personally attest to how great this class is because it is what got me hooked on catching Flatheads. Hope to see some familiar faces there.

**OTHER CLASSES OF INTEREST**

Learn to build a Fly Rod or Fishing Rod at the Fishing Rod Building Workshop to be held April 13-16 at Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center 1267 4-H Camp Rd. Appomattox, VA. The workshop will be instructed by Ron Walters, a Rod Crafter and Custom Rod Builders Guild member who has been building rods since the early 1970's. Cost is \$315 and covers all programming fees, instruction, the rod kit, meals and lodging. Registration deadline is March 28th. To learn more and to register go to [www.holidaylake4h.com](http://www.holidaylake4h.com) or call the 4-H Center at 434-248-5444.

Fishing Camp for ages 9-13 will be held April 25-27 at Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center 1267 4-H Camp Rd. Appomattox, VA. No experience is necessary, beginners are welcome! Learn how to tie knots and casting techniques, how to ID fish and how to clean them, lake shocking and all about natural bait. Cost is \$80 and covers all programming fees, instruction, meals and lodging. Registration deadline is April 12th. To learn more and to register go to [www.holidaylake4h.com](http://www.holidaylake4h.com) or call the 4-H Center at 434-248-5444.



**MEET THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB**

The Virginia Anglers Club is pleased to welcome the first new members of 2014. All are experienced anglers and have many fine catches to their credit and each has multiple fishing platforms ready to take them fishing. Here are pictures of each new members and a brief bio so you can recognize them and can know them a little better. They all attended the February Membership Meeting. Also, each New Member has interest and experience in fishing from kayaks. Be sure to make yourself known to them all at the next opportunity.



Jay Blankenship  
(Sponsors Andrew Campbell and Ben Hebner)

Jay lives in Powhatan, VA. Jay learned fishing from his grandfather while, as he put it, “still in diapers”. His grandfather took him to Custis Mill Pond and the Pony Pasture. Jay owns and uses a clutch of kayaks and a Hyde drift boat. Jay has lived and fished in VA, WV, TN, NC and WA. He favors fishing from Kayaks with fly tackle. Jay would like to get up a multiple-day kayaking-camping-fishing trip. Jay has landed a trophy snook and a 9 lb – 2 oz largemouth bass while fly fishing from a kayak. A quick scan of the Club FW Record sheets shows only two largemouth bass over 9-2 and the largest in the fly division is 8-12. When not fly fishing, you might find Jay cooking at Mama Zu’s restaurant or installing a Dogwatch Hidden Fence. It looks like the gauntlet is down. Jay listed as one of his Membership Goals as “out-fishing Andrew Campbell”. Welcome, Jay. We will watch to see how you come out against Andrew (who is reported to say “no worries here”).



Sam Hall  
(Sponsors Bob Brown and John Wetlaufer, Sr.)

Sam Hall found the Virginia Anglers Club on the Internet. He lives in Maidens with his wife, Kathryn. He grew up in Harrisonburg, VA and mostly fished the Shenandoah River. Now Sam fishes the James and local ponds and lakes and has been casting about in the Chesapeake Bay and on occasion, in the Keys in Florida. Sam’s fleet of craft from which to fish included a 18 foot Carolina Skiff, two fishing kayaks, a canoe and a two-man “bass raider” style of boat. Sam reports a recent addiction to fishing for blue catfish in the James. From the above picture, it is obvious Sam has got the “blue cat knack” down pat. Sam wants to expand his current fishing skills into other species and styles of fishing. He is also interested in learning more about the IGFA rules and getting into the “competitive style” of fishing offered by the Virginia Anglers Club. “S. Hall” should be showing up in the club record sheets very soon.



Bill Lipcsey

(Sponsors Eric Webster and John Wetlaufer, Sr.)

Bill lives in Goochland County, VA with his wife, Debbie, several English Springer Spaniels and has two grown children living in Northern Virginia. He is an eight year veteran of the United States Marine Corps and came to Virginia in 1988. Bill's fishing preferences are fly fishing for trout (native brook trout are his favorite species) and going after large and small mouth bass with spin and fly tackle. For larger fish, Bill ventures out on Lake Anna in his 10 foot kayak to fish for striped bass. For his salt water angling time, Bill surf fishes and likes to take a couple of charters each year out into the Atlantic. Bill is a self-taught fly fisherman and fly tyer. Bill's affiliations with other well-known angling groups include membership in Trout Unlimited (former President, Treasurer and News Letter editor of the Capital Chapter of TU) and the Coastal Conservation Association. Bill will gladly share his fly tying skills with Members of the VAC.

**HOPKINS GUN AND TACKLE – MECHANICSVILLE**  
**OFFERS \$50 GIFT CERTIFICATE IN BI-MONTHLY RAFFLE**

Vance Hopkins, President of Hopkins Gun and Tackle has established a special bi-monthly raffle at his shop for members of the Virginia Anglers Club. If a Member identifies himself/herself to the cashier as a member of the VAC when he/she checks out, that Member's name is put on the bi-monthly raffle list (e.g.: six separate purchases = six entries). On the 5th of the month after the last month of specific two-month periods, a name will be drawn. The winner will be notified and receive a \$50 gift certificate good for any item in the inventory of Hopkins Gun and Tackle. The winner's name will also be announced in The Angler. The bi-monthly periods are March-April, April-May, June-July, July-August, September-August and October-November. At the Annual VAC Awards Banquet, a grand prize winner will be drawn from all entries and a Hopkins Gun and Tackle gift certificate worth \$100 will be awarded to the winner (need not be present to win).



**SHAD ID PHOTOS AND VMRC “RIVER HERRING”  
MORATORIUM REMINDER**

Remember the VMRC has established a moratorium on the possession of “River Herring”. The formal description of “River Herring” is any fish of the species *Alosa aestivalis* (Blue Back Herring) or *Alosa pseudoharengus* (Alewife) (see pictures below). Any person possessing “River Shad” shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor and a second or subsequent by the same person, within 12 months of a prior violation, is a Class 1 misdemeanor. Current VMRC “river herring” regulations are available at <http://www.mrc.state.va.us/regulations/fr1260.shtm>.

SOME COMMON SHAD AND HERRING



Alewife

Alewife Aliases

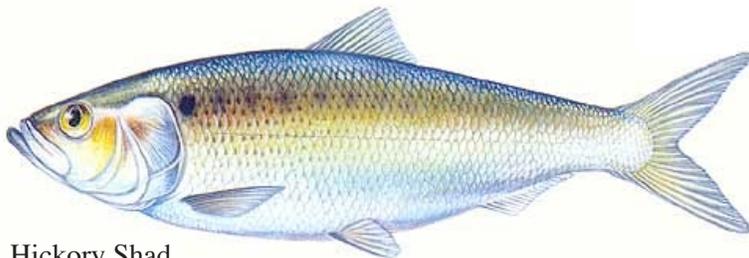
(Also: Anadromous alewives; Bigeye herring; Branch herring; Clipped roefish; Corned alewives; Freshwater herring; Gray herring; Grayback; Greyback; Kyak; River herring; Sawbelly; White herring; kyack)



Blueback Herring



Gizzard Shad



Hickory Shad



American Shad



**Good advice to all anglers**

**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**



## TOURNAMENT NEWS



BY LEE ROTHGEB

### RESULTS - VA/NC YELLOW PERCH - MARCH 8TH AND 9TH

THE ANNUAL SEARCH FOR PERCH WAS DISAPPOINTING FOR SOME AND SUCCESSFUL FOR OTHERS. ALL DAY ON THE 8TH, GARY GREEN WATCHED GLENN CARTER SIT AND CATCH NOTHING AND GLENN WATCHED GARY SIT AND CATCH ONE FISH. ROBBIE AND MIKE AGAIN MADE THEIR PRESENCE KNOWN TOO. NEXT YEAR LEE ROTHGEB PROMISES TO TELL THE PERCH TO SHOW UP IN ABUNDANCE.

#### WEIGHT:

1ST ROBBY ROBINSON 7 OUNCES.  
2ND GARY GREEN 6 OUNCES.  
3RD MIKE CLINE 5 OUNCES

#### POINTS:

1ST MIKE CLINE 9 OUNCES ON 2 PLUG 148 POINTS. (ONLY ENTRY)

### NEXT TOURNAMENT – KELLY STAFFORD MEMORIAL HICKORY SHAD AND WHITE PERCH

APRIL 5-6 - JAMES RIVER (BLOW DATE FOLLOWING WEEKEND)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! PRIME SHAD FISHING IS FROM ROCKETTS TO UP ABOVE THE 14TH STREET BRIDGE. THE ONLY POTENTIAL PROBLEM IS POTENTIAL HIGH MUDDY FLOOD WATERS THAT CAN SOMETIMES MAKE THE JAMES UN-FISHABLE FOR A FEW DAYS IN THE SPRING. SMALL SPOONS, SHAD DARTS AND CRAPPIE JIGS CAN BE EFFECTIVE ON ULTRA-LIGHT SPINNING AND PLUG GEAR. FLY FISHING IS OFTEN MORE PRODUCTIVE THAN THE SPINNING OUTFITS. VARIOUS FLIES WORK WELL, MOSTLY WITH SINKING LINES, AND JUST ENOUGH ROD TO THROW THE SINKING LINE. PERCH ARE OFTEN CAUGHT WHILE TARGETING SHAD ON THE SAME LURES. IN DEEPER WATER SILVER BUDDIES OR ANY BLADE BAITS ARE VERY EFFECTIVE ON WHITE PERCH. CONTACT CHAIRMAN TO CONFIRM EVENT DATES IF WEATHER OR RIVER CONDITIONS ARE QUESTIONABLE.

THIS IS ESSENTIALLY 2 TOURNAMENTS ON THE SAME WEEKEND. 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. ONE ANGLER CAN ONLY ENTER TWO FISH OF EACH SPECIES (4 TOTAL).

CALL IN ENTRIES WITHIN 24 HOURS FROM THE END OF TOURNAMENT TO ANGLING ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN LEE ROTHGEB AT 804-314-2990 OR BY EMAIL AT GARBAKK1021@AOL.COM. YOU CANNOT CHANGE THE ENTRY CATEGORY ONCE YOU HAVE REGISTERED IT WITH THE CHAIRMAN. YOU DO NOT NEED TO FILL OUT CARDS TO TURN IN FOR THE TOURNAMENT, BUT DO NEED A CARD IF YOU WANT IT TO BE REGISTERED AS A CLUB ENTRY.

TOURNAMENT FIRST PLACE AWARDS FOR BOTH SPECIES BY WEIGHT AND POINTS = ANGLERS CHOICE: TRADITIONAL PEWTER CUP, \$40 GREENTOP GIFT CERTIFICATE OR A VAC BANQUET TICKET.

REMINDER: PLEASE SPECIFY IF YOUR CATCH IS TO BE ENTERED AS A WEIGHT ENTRY OR A POINTS ENTRY AND USE POUNDS AND OUNCES TO DEFINE WEIGHTS.



## VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 3/14/14

SPECIES	ANGLER	WEIGHT	LN	DIV.	PTS	DATE	LOCATION	BAIT
<b>2013 SPECIES LEADERS - SALTWATER</b>								
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F. Cousins	8-4	2	SPIN	550	12/20/13	ELIZABETH RIVER, VA	FLUKE
BASS, STRIPED	A Campbell	34-7	20	FLY	286	12/18/13	YORK RIVER, VA	HALF-N-HALF
DRUM, RED	F Cousins	6-6	2	PLUG	159	02/09/14	ELIZABETH RIVER, VA	GRUB
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	L Allen	8-12	8	SPIN	291	01/25/14	ELIZABETH RIVER, VA	MIRROLURE

### 2013 SPECIES LEADERS - FRESHWATER

CATFISH, BLUE	B Shepherd	46-0	4	GEN	490	02/23/14	JAMES RIVER, VA	CUT SHAD
CRAPPIE, ALL	GN Carter	1-2	2	SPIN	178	02/23/14	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	JIG-N-MINNOW
PERCH, YELLOW	F Cousins	1-3	2	PLUG	312	03/11/14	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	BLADE BAIT
PICKERAL, CHAIN	A Campbell	2-12	12	FLY	123	02/23/14	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	FLY

### 2013 DIVISION LEADERS - SALTWATER

BASS, STRIPED	A Campbell	34-7	20	FLY	286	12/18/13	YORK RIVER, VA	HALF-N-HALF
DRUM, RED	F Cousins	6-6	2	PLUG	159	02/09/14	ELIZABETH RIVER, VA	GRUB
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F. Cousins	8-4	2	SPIN	550	12/20/13	ELIZABETH RIVER, VA	FLUKE

### 2013 DIVISION LEADERS - FRESHWATER

PICKERAL, CHAIN	A Campbell	2-12	12	FLY	123	02/23/14	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	FLY
CATFISH, BLUE	Robbie Robinson	22-0	2	PLUG	338	02/22/14	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	BLADE BAIT
CRAPPIE, ALL	GN Carter	1-2	2	SPIN	178	02/23/14	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	JIG-N-MINNOW
CATFISH, BLUE	B Shepherd	46-0	4	GEN	490	02/23/14	JAMES RIVER, VA	CUT SHAD

### 2013 SPECIES LEADERS LARGEST - SALTWATER

BASS, STRIPED	A Campbell	34-7
DRUM, RED	F Cousins	6-6
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	L Allen	8-12

### 2013 SPECIES LEADERS LARGEST - FRESHWATER

CATFISH, BLUE	B Shepherd	46-0
CRAPPIE, ALL	GN Carter	1-2
PERCH, YELLOW	F Cousins	1-3
PICKERAL, CHAIN	K Anderson	2-13

### NEW CLUB RECORDS - SALTWATER

BASS, STRIPED	A Campbell	34-7
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ANGLER	FIRSTS	SECONDS	THIRDS	PLACES	POINTS	AVERAGE
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BOB SHEPHERD		1		1	490	490
GARY GREEN			1	1	319	319

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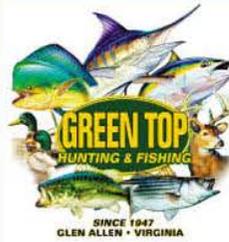
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