

Happy
New Year!



January 2015

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**NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING –
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2015 7:00 pm**
(Scale Certification)

No Membership Meeting in January.



BACKLASH

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

DUES FOR THE 2015 ANGLING YEAR ARE NOW DUE
IF YOU HAVE NOT RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP,
PLEASE DO IT NOW.

Your annual dues are due as of December 1, 2013. Members living in Virginia owe \$60 and all other paying Members owe \$40. No dues are collected from Life, Honorary and Complimentary Members (receive The Angler but are not VAC members). Dues can be paid by cash or check presented to Treasurer Bobby Broughton. Payment by PayPal can be made in the Member's Area of the VAC website. Payment by mail can be made at:

Virginia Anglers Club
P. O. Box 31494
Richmond, VA 23294-1494

AWARDS BANQUET – SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2015

Be sure your reservations made for the Annual Awards Banquet. Family Members and Guests are welcome.

Only the major 2014 VAC Awards (cups and plaques) will be presented at the Banquet. Species Award Certificates will be presented at the February 24th Membership Meeting.

All details, how to pay, the menu and raffle items are all on page 6 of this issue of The Angler. Please note that a 4th raffle award has been added.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVES 2015 ANGLING YEAR

The Director's present at the January 13, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting approved the below tournament schedule for the 2015 Angling Year. The schedule will be posted on the VAC website.



VIRGINIA / NORTH CAROLINA STRIPED BASS TOURNAMENT
WON BY ANDREW CAMPBELL

Andrew Campbell won the 17 day-long December Striper Tournament with a 12-6 striper on 8 # fly as a points entry worth 206 points. Andrew's entry was the only entry received and the first tournament entry made on an E-Card (electronic entry card). Andrew spent four skunk-accompanied days in the lower bay looking for stripers. Finally, he got word that the fish were further up in the bay and that is where he caught his winning entry.

~ VAC 2015 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE* ~

VIRGINIA / NORTH CAROLINA STRIPED BASS
December 13 thru 31, 2014

VIRGINIA YELLOW PERCH
February 28 and March 1, 2015
(Blow Dates: March 7 & 8, 2015)

KELLY STAFFORD MEMORIAL HICKORY SHAD & WHITE PERCH
April 11 & 12, 2015
(Blow Dates: April 18 & 19, 2015)

BERNIE SKYDANEK MEMORIAL EASTERN SHORE VA SURE
May 16, 2015 – (One Day Only)

CATFISH TOURNAMENT – FLATHEADS & BLUES
September 12 & 13, 2015
(No Blow Dates)

OPEN TOURNAMENT – SALT AND FRESH WATER
October 17 & 18, 2015
(No Blow Dates – Highest Point VAC Recognized Fish)

* Tournament Details Will Appear in the issue of The Angler preceding the tournaments.

Note: The 2015 Tournament Chairman is Andrew Campbell. Tournament entries will qualify if sent to Andy within 24 hours of the end of each tournament. The preferred method of notification is the E-Card (electronic entry card) with the Tournament box checked. Paper entry cards or phoned in entries are also accepted if post marked or made within the 24 hour time limit.

BY-LAW AMENDMENT VOTE POSTPONED UNTIL FEBRUARY 24TH MEETING

Due to a lack of a quorum (20) of Members present at the November Membership Meeting, the vote by the membership on the two proposed amendments to the By-Laws of the Virginia Anglers Club will be held at the February 24, 2015 Membership Meeting. For details of the proposed amendments, please see the November 2014 edition of The Angler. All changes bring the By-Laws into agreement with current practice.

DIRECTORS APPROVE 2015 VAC BUDGET

The Director's present at the January 13, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting approved the VAC for the coming year. Anticipated income and expenses are about \$12,000.



ELECTION RESULTS FOR THE 2015 LEADERSHIP TEAM

Thirty-six Members voted by electronic ballot (37% of the eligible voting membership) and one Member voted by paper ballot in the 2015 Leadership Team Election. All Members appearing on the Ballot were voted into office.

- President – Bob Brown
- 1st. VP – Programs – Art Conway
- 2nd. VP – Angling Activities – Andrew Campbell*
- 3rd. VP – Conservation and Legislation – Lynn Spurlin
- Treasurer – Bobby Broughton
- News Letter/Website Secretary – Johnny Wetlaufer
- Recording Secretary – Karen Anderson

Directors – Class of 2017 – Billy Butler*, Stuart Lee*, Johnny Wetlaufer*

* New in office for 2015.

Note: The complete Leadership Team Directory showing all Directors, Officers and Committee Chairmen will be communicated in an E-Cast in early February and will also be posted on the VAC website at the same time. The above Members will be sworn into their offices at the Annual Awards Banquet.

APPRECIATION EXTENDED TO DEPARTING MEMBERS OF THE 2014 LEADERSHIP TEAM

Appreciation is extended to the following Members who will complete their service on the VAC Leadership Team as of January 31, 2015.

- Directors - Eddy Johnston and Hunter Wells
- Co-1st. Vice President / Programs - Steve Knox
- 2nd. Vice President Angling Activities - Lee Rothgeb
- Orientation Chairman - Lee Huss
- Surf Team Chairman – Quent Corbett

FOUR NEW HAT STYLES ADDED TO THE COUNTRY STORE

Co-Store Keepers Joe Lovasz, Sr. and Joe Lovasz, Jr. have added four new styles of hats to the inventory of the Country Store. An E-Cast will be issued when pictures of the four new hats have been added to the on-line catalog in the Members Area of the website. These new hats will be for sale at the February Membership Meeting and will be available by mail order when the E-mail comes out.

EARLY SCALE CERTIFICATION AVAILABLE

VAC Weighmasters Ryan Noland and Larry Allen want to reduce the number of scales they have to certify at the February Membership Meeting. They are willing to do special certifications for multiple scales early.

If you and a couple of fellow Anglers can gather your scales together and come up with a group of scales for early certification, then please contact Ryan. Ryan will work with you to set up a convenient place and time for your early certifications.

Please remember to be sure your scales are in working order and the barrels are oil free so the certification stickers will adhere.

Contact Ryan at: (804)-658-1955 (H) (894)-896-4178) or ryan.n.noland@usa.dupont.com

REMINDER - SHOP-BY-MAIL OFFERED BY THE COUNTRY STORE

Country Co-Storekeeper Joe Lovasz, Sr. is offering shop-by-mail service for in stock items in the Country Store. An illustrated catalog of all the items carried in the VAC Country Store has been added to the Members Area of the VAC Web-Site as part of this new convenient shopping program. Please see page 8 of this issue of The Angler to learn the details of how to Shop-By-Mail.

SURF TEAM SEEKS MEMBERS – PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING

The Virginia Anglers Club Surf Fishing Team is seeking to fish the 2015 Cape Hatteras Anglers Club Invitational Surf Tournament being held on November 5 and 6, 2015 (individual CHAC surf tournament on the 7th).

The Virginia Anglers Club has had a team in the tournament every year since 1961. One hundred twenty 6 member teams fish the two day tournament. This is the largest surf fishing tournament in the world and the waiting list is 70 teams long. Quent Corbett will discuss the team and their activities at the February 24th Membership Meeting.

WISDOM FROM THE TACKLE BOX

“Somebody just back of you while you are fishing is as bad as someone looking over your shoulder while you write a letter to your girl.” ~Ernest Hemingway

For The Leadership Team,
John Wetlaufer, Sr.
Membership Chairman



“Catchy Comments”

By Stuart Lee

I really do not have much club fishing news to report. This time of year offers the fewest fishing opportunities in local waters. Knowing this, Reggie White ventured to Patagonia in Argentina to fish Jurassic Lake. This location is the hottest new spot in the world for mega-size rainbow trout. Judging from his two club entries, he had a successful trip. He entered a 17 ½ lb fish on 16 fly and a 16 lb fish on 20 fly, both of which are club records and both are larger than any rainbow trout caught in the club’s 50+ year history; two life-time fish on one trip.

The Chesapeake Bay and tributaries rockfish season is behind us, and I think most of us would conclude that it was not what it has been in the recent past. As I write this, the big push of migratory fish remains north of the Virginia Capes. The club’s 17-day rockfish tournament yielded two entries, and the winner was Andy Campbell’s 12 lb 6 oz fish on 8 fly.

Largely to the good work of Johnny Wetlaufer, the club has introduced a new electronic entry card, which can be accessed in the members’ area of the club website. This will allow the almost immediate update of the club catch database, which in the past was updated annually after the end of the angling year, thus, enabling members to review catch information without the previous time lag and greatly improving and streamlining the monthly catch reporting.

While we face more cold and ugly weather, warmer weather is right around the corner. Perch, crappie and shad opportunities will be here soon. Happy New Year to all, and I hope to see you at the banquet.

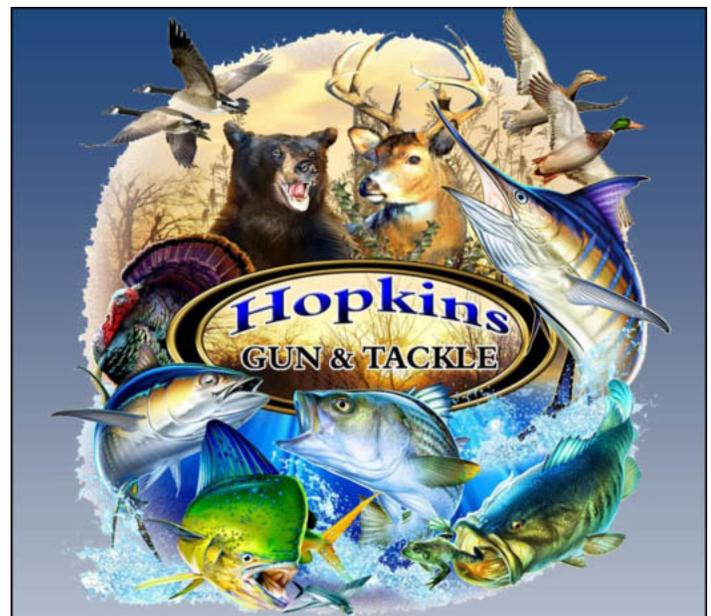
Stuart



Reggie White’s trip of a lifetime in Patagonia, Argentina



Andrew Campbell with the tournament winning 12lb 6oz striper on 8#fly



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**VAC ANNUAL BANQUET TO BE HELD AT
SAM MILLER'S RESTAURANT**

**1210 East Cary Street, Richmond, VA 23219-4116
(804) 644-5465**

Date: Saturday, January 31, 2015
Times: Cash Bar Opens at 5:30 PM
Sit Down Dinner by 7:00 PM
Cost: Thirty-five dollars per person (\$35.00)
(See "How to Pay" below)_Reservation Cut-off: Wednesday, January 29, 2015
[Call Gary Green, 804-955-9290, for last-minute reservation help]

BANQUET MENU

Salad: Mixed green garden salad with house made Dijon dill vinaigrette.
Entrée: Grilled Chicken Caprice
Sundried Tomato Crusted Salmon
Lemongrass and Rosemary marinated London broil finished a balsamic reduction.*
* Above served with wild rice and green beans
Vegetable: Grilled Zucchini in marinara over ziti with feta cheese.
Desert: Cheesecake

Note: Entrée selection is made by picking up a card at the raffle table.

TWO WAYS TO PAY

For payment by check, please make checks payable to The Virginia Anglers Club and send the check, along with the names of those attending to:

Gary Green
159 Erins Way
Mineral, VA 23117

(Please do not include dues payments with your check to Gary)

For payment by PayPal, please log onto the Virginia Anglers Club website at www.virginiaanglersclub.com, log into the Member's Area and click on the "SELECT" bar in the "Annual Banquet - \$35" box. Follow the on-screen instructions.

BANQUET RAFFLE ITEMS

-
Bill Gallasch Fly Shadow Box
Tommy Matioli Fly Shadow Box
Framed Gyotaku Print by Rob Choi
Green Top Gift Certificate = \$25.00

Raffle tickets priced at \$1.00 each
or six (6) for \$5.00.



Make Your Banquet Reservations Now!

THE E-CARD – EASY TO USE, AUTOMATIC DATABASE ENTRY

The new E-Card (electronic entry card) is now available (and preferred) for use in the Members Area of the VAC Website www.virginiaangersclub.org

The E-Card is user friendly with a combination of user entered data and user selected data from drop down menus. Catch entries via E-Card insure immediate delivery to the Angling Rules Statistician (ARS) vs. depending on delivery to and forwarding manually to the ARS via the Clubs P.O. Box. Your E-Card automatically is registered as “Pending” until the ARS makes the official entry of the data on the card into the catch database. The “Pending” notation is removed upon official entry.

To access a blank E-Card, enter the Member’s Area and select “submit an E-Card entry”.

The blank E-Card comes up on the screen with the angler’s name as it appears in the catch database, assuring prompt and accurate credit for the catch. You will need to enter items like weight (lbs. and oz., please), date and time of catch and scale number.

The rest of the data is selected and entered from drop down menus. The contents of the drop down menus are linked to the Angling Rules and recognized species in the catch database. The use of drop down menus minimizes errors in data entry.

For consideration for the Angler of The Month Award, a printed down hard copy of the E-Card or a hand written copy of the entry card is required and still must be presented in person at that month’s Membership Meeting.

The E-Card can be accessed by iPhone or similar device as well as any lap top or PC. The iPhone access is handy because catches can be entered just after the catch is released or goes on ice for later consumption.

With the activation of the E-Card on December 1 (start of the 2015 Angling Year), the E-Card is the preferred way to enter a catch for credit.

If you have questions with the E-Card system, please contact Angling Rules Chairman Stuart Lee (stulee37@gmail.com) or Webmaster Johnny Wetlaufer (Johnny@wetlaufer.com) who both collaborated to bring this new E-Card system to the VAC website.

**THE POINTS CALCULATOR –
CALCULATE WHILE YOU FISH**

Webmaster Johnny Wetlaufer has posted a new points calculator in the “Members Area” of the VAC Website. Some Members have already found this new piece of handy software. The points calculator allows members to calculate the points for any actual catch or any made-up data entered. If any of the data does not comply with the VAC Angling Rules or cover a species the VAC recognizes, the calculator will so note.

The points calculator is easy to use. Species, line weight and division into which the entry is to be made are selected from drop down menus. Only the catch weight in pounds and ounces needs to be typed in. Hit “CALCULATE” and the points are automatically presented; an erroneous entry is also noted.

If you carry an iPhone or similar device that allows you to connect to the internet and hence to the VAC Website, you can calculate the points for a fish just caught and weighed, even before it is released or consigned to the frying pan. While you have the VAC Website in the palm of your hand, why not check to see if you have caught a New Club Record or a new leader in the Lunker Club.

HELP SUPPORT

The Virginia Wildlife Crime Line has become a valuable tool in the enforcement of the Commonwealth’s game, fish and boat laws. Reward payments are approved and funded through the Virginia Sportsman Reward Fund, Inc. The Virginia Sportsman Reward Fund’s mission is to promote the enforcement of hunting, fishing, and boating laws in Virginia by supporting the Wildlife Crime Line in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

Tax-deductible donations can be made to:
Virginia Sportsman Reward Fund, Inc.
P.O. Box 11104, Richmond, VA 23230-1104
or by calling (804) 367-1242



VAC COUNTRY STORE OFFERS MAIL ORDER SERVICE

Co-Country Storekeeper Joe Lovasz, Sr. is offering mail order service from the current inventory of the VAC Country Store as well as for special order merchandise coming up on 2015 as these items are announced in The Angler. This new feature of the Country Store should be of special interest to Non-Resident VAC Members and Resident Members who do not attend Membership Meeting on a regular basis. The procedure is simple and, once your payment and postage are received, your order will be sent promptly.

How To Order By Mail

1. Go to the On-Line Country Store catalog in the Members Area of the VAC web site: www.virginiaanglersclub.org. and select your merchandise.
2. Sent an E-mail to Joe Lovasz, Sr. at lovaszjv@aol.com and let him know the item(s) you want and the price of each item noted in the catalog. Please include your mailing address in this E-mail.
3. Joe will return an E-Mail confirmation of your order and will confirm the price of the merchandise and the shipping costs.
4. Send a check written for the price of the purchases and the shipping cost made out to the Virginia Anglers Club to Joe, Sr. at:

Joseph V Lovasz, Sr
6501 Buglers Trail Lane
Moseley, VA 23120

5. Upon receipt of the check, Joe will pick the item(s) from inventory and pack and send them to the ordering member via the USPS.

If you have any questions about this order-by-mail option, Joe will be glad to answer them for you.

A NOTABLE CATFISH CATCH IN THE JAMES RELEASED



On December 13, Stephen Miklandric had an "epic" day on the James River in search of Blue Catfish. Twenty minutes after a "powerfully hard hit." it took all three men in the boat to net the monster cat and drag it aboard. Exhausted, the crew measured the giant Blue Cat at 54 inches and weighing 102 pounds. They took a few photos and then the cat was released back to fight another day.



FROM RECENT EDITIONS OF DGIF'S THE OUTDOOR REPORT

(click on the [blue text](#) for additional information)

VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENIENS JANUARY 14, 2015 KEEP CURRENT WITH LEGISLATION OF INTEREST TO YOU

The Virginia General Assembly will convene January 14, 2015. To keep you informed after the session convenes, you can view the status of bills related to the VDGIF's mission that may be of interest to you at: www.dgif.virginia.gov/legislation

SHOWS OF INTEREST TO ANGLERS COMING IN JANUARY & FEBRUARY

- January 30-Feb 1 National Capital Sportsman Show - Fredericksburg Expo & Conference Center
- February 14, Rapidan Chapter Trout Unlimited Fishing Show - Fauquier County Fairgrounds Warrenton.
For info Chuck Hoysa 540-222-1728 email: choysa1@comcast.net.
- February 20-22, [28th Western Virginia Sports Show](#), Augusta Expoland, Fishersville, VA.
- February 28-March 1, [11th Annual Orange County Sportsman Expo Orange](#), County High School Hornets Sports Center, Orange, VA.

The new 2015 Freshwater Fishing in Virginia (Fishing Regulations) book is now available at the upcoming outdoor sportsmen 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 2015.

The Fishing Regulations book also includes the Watercraft Owners Guide. This guide provides helpful information on boat registration and titling, required equipment, safe operation, boating education requirements, Department boat ramps and access points and other useful boating information.

NEW PUBLIC RAMP OPENS ON SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE

The new Oak Grove Public Ramp on Smith Mountain Lake in Franklin County has been opened. Photo shows the first boat launch after the ribbon cutting! A great facility! Learn more at: https://www.facebook.com/VDGIF/timeline?ref=page_internal



The new Oak Grove Public Ramp on Smith Mountain Lake in Franklin County has been opened. Photo below shows the first boat launch after the ribbon cutting.



VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 1/21/15

| SPECIES | ANGLER | WEIGHT | LN | DIV. | PTS | DATE | LOCATION | BAIT |
|---|------------|--------|----|------|-----|----------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 2015 SPECIES LEADERS - SALTWATER | | | | | | | | |
| BASS, STRIPED | A CAMPBELL | 12-6 | 8 | FLY | 206 | 12/28/14 | Chesapeake Bay, VA | HALF & HALF CLOUSER |
| 2015 DIVISION LEADERS - SALTWATER | | | | | | | | |
| BASS, STRIPED | A CAMPBELL | 12-6 | 8 | FLY | 206 | 12/28/14 | Chesapeake Bay, VA | HALF & HALF CLOUSER |
| BASS, STRIPED | A CAMPBELL | 9-6 | 12 | SPIN | 78 | 12/28/14 | Chesapeake Bay, VA | Jig |
| 2014 SPECIES LEADERS LARGEST - SALTWATER | | | | | | | | |
| BASS, STRIPED | A CAMPBELL | 12-6 | | | | | | |

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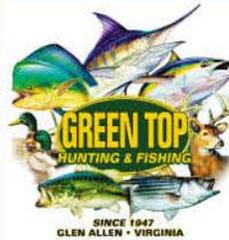
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NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at DGI Headquarters

