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**NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING –
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2015 7:00 pm**

-----NEW LOCATION!!!-----

**VDGIF NEW HEADQUARTERS BUILDING
7870 Villa Park Drive**

(Enter thru the door to the left of the main entrance)



BACKLASH

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

AUGUST MEMBERSHIP MEETING PROGRAM

“ART’S SUMMER ARSENAL FOR THE CHICKAHOMINY LAKE”

The program at the August VAC membership meeting will be presented by VAC Member Capt. Art Conway from Conway’s River Rat Guide Service. The program will cover techniques that have been effective for the summer season at Chickahominy Lake. Techniques covered include a stickworm plus spinner rig for bass, a mini swimbait for crappies and bass, several mini tube rigs for crappies and bluegills, and an easily tied beetle fly for bluegills that also works for trout.

JUNE PROGRAM – A CATALOG OF WALK UP FISHING SPOTS

The Membership of the VAC want to thank VDGIF Director of Outreach, Lee Walker for sharing a catalog of fishing spots that are easily accessible by foot or a small water craft like a kayak. Using views of these angling spots taken from Google Maps, Lee walked those in attendance thru a detailed discussion of accessing these “low impact” spots and where the structure was just off the bank. Lee recommended that anglers who are planning to fish a specific angling spot, review the spot from above using Google Maps to get a feel on where to set up to fish.

AUGUST 29TH EXPEDITION – WADE FISHING THE JAMES FROM THE PONY PASTURE

Meet At The Poly Pasture Parking Lot – 7:00 AM

Leader – Mike Ostrander

Meet at the Pony Pasture parking lot at 7:00 AM for a morning of wade fishing. Light tackle fishing for sunfish and bass, or fly fishing, or cat fishing. Whatever your passion is. Bring a change of clothes as we could potentially go out for lunch afterwards. Closed toes shoes are best for wading ... (old tennis shoes are best). Don’t bring anything that can’t get wet. Pony Pasture offers pretty good fishing early in the morning, but as it gets into the late morning, people start to show up in droves. We’ll get in, get out and possibly to grab a bite to eat afterwards.

Questions: Contact Mike Ostrander, 938-2350 or Mike@DiscovertheJames.com



**SEPTEMBER TOURNAMENT - CATFISH TOURNAMENT –
FLATHEADS & BLUES**

September 12 & 13, 2015 (No Blow Dates)

Here is another tournament right in our own back yard. The favorite fishing area of James River for this catfish tournament is local waters just like the Kelly Stafford Memorial Shad Tournament.

Those Anglers who like to up the odds of making some scoring catches in this tournament have plenty of time to “pre-fish” the tournament and find those special “honey holes” that are loaded with Flatheads and Blues. Hey, the Pros do it; why not Virginia Anglers Club members?

This tournament is an excellent opportunity to add a youngster in your fishing party. The Youth in Youth Awards can be any kid who is not a member of the VAC and is less than 18 years old. Besides having the “kid’s” tackle complying with the VAC requirements, a VAC member must witness the catch for a catch to qualify.

Please see page (AA) of this issue of The Angler for complete James River Catfish Tournament details.

**NEXT FUTURE TOURNAMENT – FIRST ANNUAL VAC OPEN
SALT AND FRESH WATER**

October 17 & 18, 2015

(No Blow Dates)

The VAC OPEN is a points only tournament with winners decided by the three highest point catches. Any species recognized by the Angling Rules of the VAC is eligible for entry. More details will be forthcoming in the September issue of The Angler and in future E-Casts.

**2016 DGIF OUTDOOR CALENDARS AVAILABLE AT AUGUST
MEETING**

Special Activities Chairman Don West will have 2016 DGIF Outdoor Calendars for our annual calendar sale at the August Membership Meeting. The selling price remains the same as last year.... \$8.00 each. Please have your customers lined up and see Don for however many calendars you need. Generous terms are available for multiple copy “orders”. Pay by cash, check or word of honor.

HOME CALENDAR DELIVERY AVAILABLE!

Don West will personally deliver to you any number of 2016 DGIF Outdoor Calendars you will need for your sales. Contact Don at 897-8723 (H), (804) - 572-8268(C) or donaldleewest@gmail.com, and let him know how many copies of the calendars you will need. Don will gladly deliver the number of calendars you need to your home, your business or where ever else it will be convenient for you to pick calendars up from Don.

WISDOM FROM THE TACKLE BOX

“A trout that doesn’t think two jumps and several runs ahead of the average fisherman is mighty apt to get fried.” ~Beatrice Cook, Till Fish Do Us Part, 1949

For The Leadership Team

John Wetlaufer, Sr.
Membership Chairman



“Catchy Comments”

By Stuart Lee

Fishing since our last membership meeting has been very slow based on the lack of entry cards. Larry Allen and Buddy Noland (one of the famous Hopewell raffle Nolands) were the exceptions. Larry had a successful cobia outing on Windmill Bar in the mouth of the Rappahannock River on August 1, catching a 47 pound 12 ounce cobia on Braid and releasing another on 20 general.

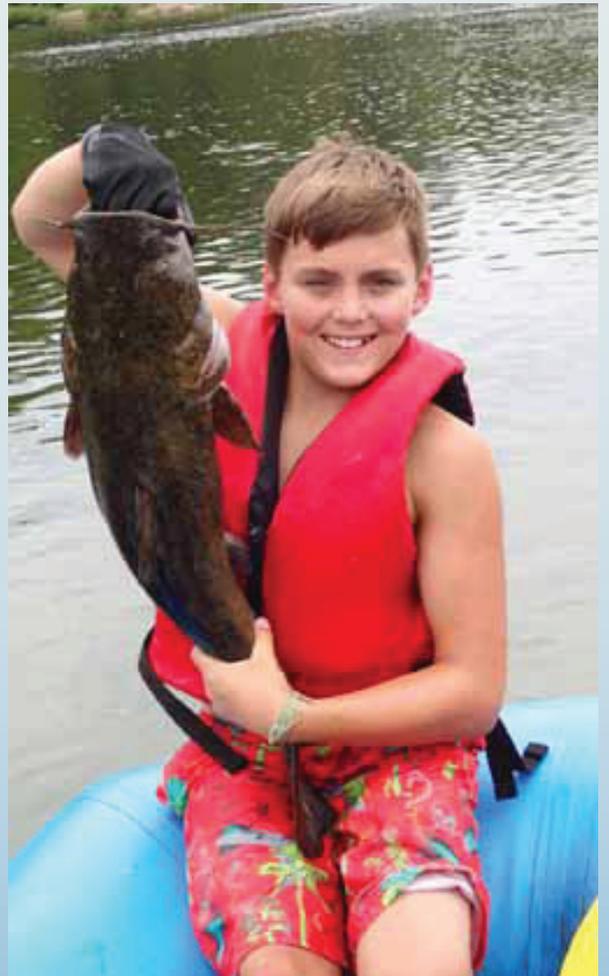
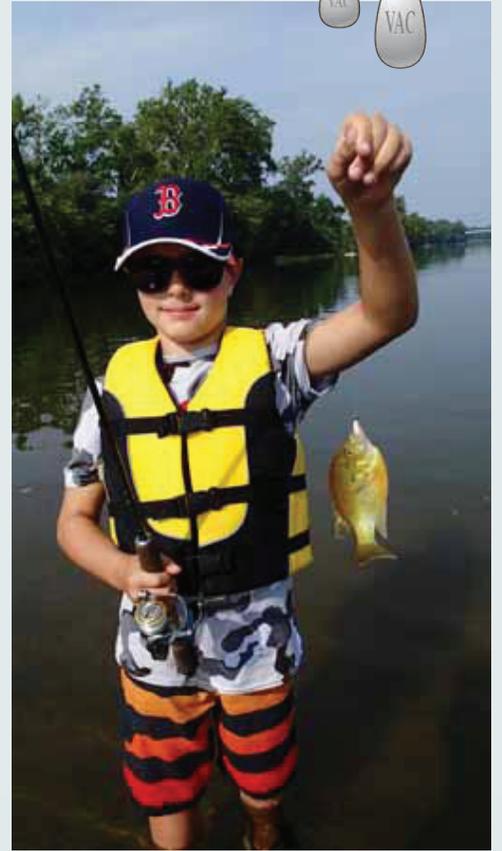
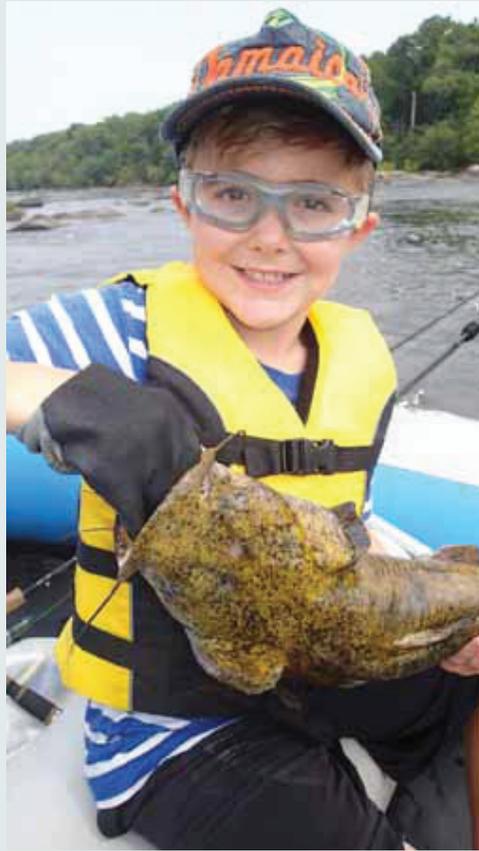
Buddy Noland had good success on red drum and white marlin. The drum were caught at Hatteras where Buddy took a 40 and a 35 pound drum on 20 general and a 42 pound fish on Braid. I am sure the drum he is the proudest of is the one his granddaughter, Anna Maria Brink, caught while fishing with him. The 41 pound fish, caught on 20 general, takes the Youth Award lead in the 13-17 year age category.

Buddy also had a fine day fishing offshore of Virginia Beach on July 19 where he caught 3 white marlin in Norfolk Canyon, all on 30 general. I hope Buddy will come to the August meeting and tell us about this new technique they used, which sounds very exciting. They jigged up small mackerel in 400 feet of water and used them live on a circle hook to catch the billfish. The boat accounted for 5 white marlin and one blue marlin (250-300 pounds) and lost 4 other white marlin. Sounds like a very memorable day to me.

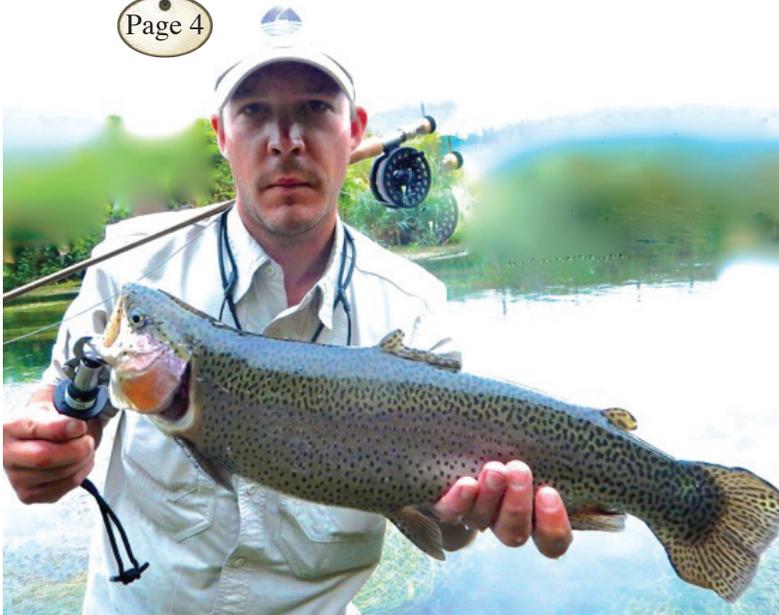
For those of you who were not at our June meeting, I want pass along a comment that was made that I thought was very good. We were having a discussion on the decline of the Blue Catfish population and size in the James River, and Fred Murray said we should all keep in mind that when a good fishery presents itself, take advantage of the opportunity because it is highly likely that it will not continue. I thought that was good advice and worth repeating.

Hopefully, the catching will improve in the coming weeks. I am off with some of my fly fishing buddies to the Innoko Wildlife Refuge in Alaska to fish for northern pike in the Yukon River Drainage. I hope to have a story (and far fewer pike flies) when I return.

Stuart



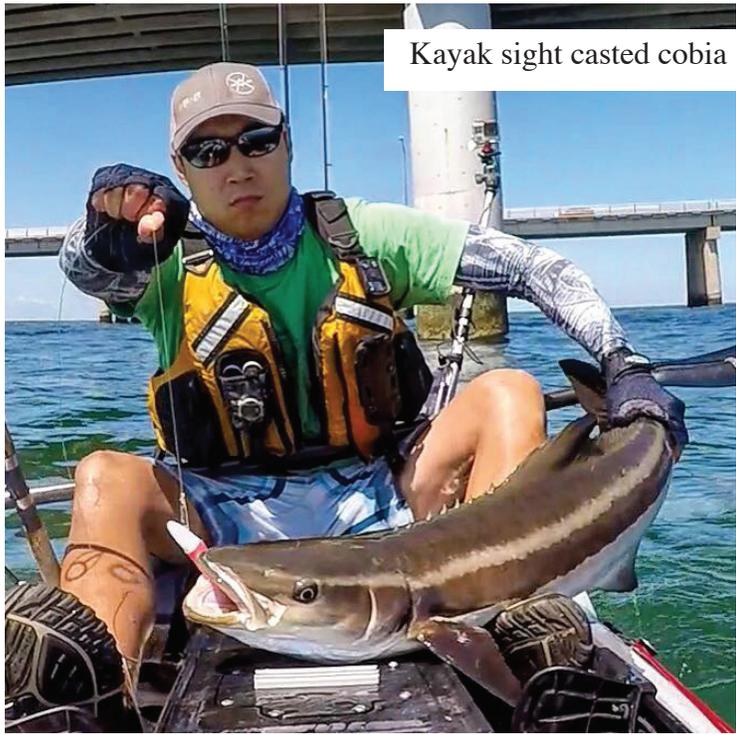
The Fox brothers, Charlie, Jack and Sam fishing the James with Capt. Mike Ostrander



Jay Blankenship and Andrew Campbell enjoying some trout fishing



Rob Choi with a 25" Sheepshead



Kayak sight casted cobia



CONVENIENT PRE-MEETING MEAL LOCATION SUGGESTION

Some VAC members find it convenient to have a meal before the Membership Meeting at a restaurant vs. rushing home from work, grabbing a bite and rushing back to the Membership Meeting. One suggested restaurant not all that far from the new DGIF Headquarters is the Brookside Bar and Grille located at 7527 Brook Road. The Brookside Bar and Grille is about two blocks south of the intersection of Brook Road and Villa Drive. The owner and chef of this restaurant was the chef at the Skilligalee before it closed. Don West tried the Brookside Bar and Grille before the June Membership Meeting and gave the meal and service high marks.

TOURNAMENT NEWS



BY DREW CAMPBELL - ANGLING ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN

**NEXT TOURNAMENT - JAMES RIVER CATFISH
(SEPTEMBER 6TH AND 7TH)**

This is the second year for this tournament with prizes for two species of fish. The species for this September 12th and 13th tournament are Flathead Catfish and Blue Catfish. Fish must be caught on the James River. An individual fish can be entered by weight or points (angler must declare which category) but not both ways for a single catch. 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).

Blue cats will hit cut bait with Gizzard Shad producing great results on the lower James if you fish out of the Jordan Point area and Bluegills work well in the upper James/Pony Pasture area. The Flatheads tend to go for live bait with a healthy Bluegill getting good results. Goldfish will work in a pinch if you have no time for bait fishing.

Times: All day Saturday and Sunday, sunup to sundown.

Additional Tournament Details:

- Tournament First Place Awards for both weight and points = Anglers Choice: Traditional pewter cup, \$40 Green Top gift certificate or a VAC Banquet ticket.
- We will recognize three places for heaviest weight fish caught and three places for highest point fish caught.
First = 3 pts. Second = 2 pts. Third = 1 pt. These points will apply towards the annual Tournament Angler of the Year competition.
- Each fish entered must be specified as a points entry or a weight entry, but can not qualify in both categories.
Only two fish of each specified tournament species can be entered in any tournament.
- The 2015 Tournament Chairman is Andrew (“Drew”) Campbell. To qualify, tournament entries must be sent to Drew 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.
Andrew will automatically get your tournament entry E-Card if the Tournament box is checked.
- Tournament entries can be submitted to any via E-Mail to Andrew at campbellx2@verizon.net or phoned in at (804) 658-8297.

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**



FROM RECENT EDITIONS OF THE VDGIF OUTDOOR REPORT

The recent editions of the electronic The Outdoor Report have contained a number of articles of likely interest to Members of the Virginia Anglers Club. Here is a collection of such articles from the editions of The Outdoor Report that came out during the last couple of months. Take note of the assistance provided by DGIF volunteers in the below article titled "HATCHERY HELPERS RESCUE WALLEYE". If you are a Member of the VAC who has retired or is still working and would like to become a DGIF Volunteer, you will have an excellent chance to assist this Department whose work is vitally important to the recreational angling community and take an active part in the behind the scenes work that that DGIF carries on daily. There is a lot of experience and knowledge within the VAC that will be helpful to the DGIF. Check the following website for details.

<http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/volunteer/cwf/opportunities/>

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD BEGINS ON DRAFT STOCKED TROUT MANAGEMENT PLAN



The Draft Virginia Stocked Trout Management Plan is open for public comment till September 15. What does the future hold for trout fishing in Virginia? Who decides which rivers will be stocked and how much? How will Virginia's trout program be funded in the future? There's a new plan which will explain all this and more.

The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) invites public input on the Draft Virginia Stocked Trout Management Plan, which will be available for review until September 15th, 2015, on the agency's website. The Virginia Stocked Trout Management Plan will provide a blueprint for future directions of the stocked trout management program for the next 10 years.

To construct the draft plan, Fisheries staff collaborated with researchers from the Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation at Virginia Tech. The planning process focused on balancing stakeholder values and sound biological information to produce a plan that is technically sound and publicly supported. Ten public meetings were held across the state from October, 2013, to February, 2014, and hundreds of comments were received through the agency's website to gather public input regarding DGIF's stocked trout program.

Additionally, a mail survey was sent to 5,400 trout license buyers. Angler creel surveys were conducted on 17 different stocked trout waters to learn more about Virginia's stocked trout anglers. A stakeholder advisory committee, composed of 11 individuals representing the diverse interests of Virginians in management of stocked trout, worked closely with a technical committee that included DGIF fisheries biologists, hatchery personnel, and conservation police officers, to develop a framework.

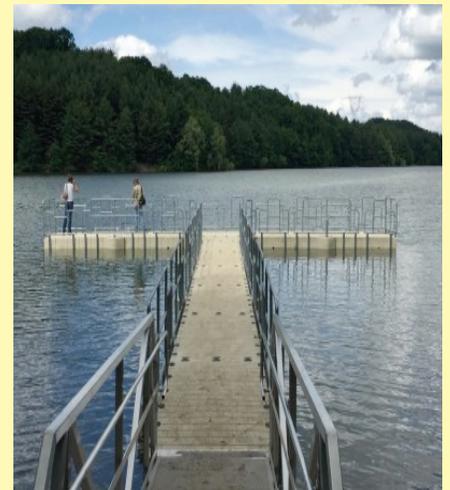
The result is the Virginia Stocked Trout Management Plan. The Plan includes values and goals as defined by diverse stakeholders, to determine what Virginians want the stocked trout program to achieve. It also lays out objectives and strategies, primarily developed by DGIF technical staff, to meet those challenges and goals.

DGIF encourages anyone with an interest in the stocked trout program to comment on this draft management plan. Interested individuals can read the plan and submit comments through a link on the DGIF web site at <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/fishing/trout/management-plan/> or mail comments to:

Stocked Trout Management Plan c/o Vic DiCenzo Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Conservation (MC 0321) Virginia Tech, 310 West Campus Drive
email: vicd91@vt.edu

NEW FISHING PIER ON RURAL RETREAT LAKE

The new universal access floating pier on Rural Retreat Lake in Wythe County is 'T' shaped extending 75 feet from shore with a fishing area nearly 50 feet wide at the end. The new pier is already popular with local anglers. Photo by VDGIF Aquatics Manager Bill Kittrell. VDGIF Region 3 Bureau staff completed construction of a new "universally accessible" fishing pier located on Rural Retreat Lake in Wythe County on June 4th. The two day construction project consisted of assembling the floating pier at the boat ramp and towing it to the final destination for permanent installation. A large work crew from across the Bureau was necessary in order to accomplish all the tasks involved. In addition, several volunteers from the Complimentary Work Force assisted as well as a summer intern and a few VDGIF employees outside the Bureau. A special thanks goes to the efforts of the Lands and Facilities and Aquatics staff for their combined efforts. The floating pier extends approximately 75 feet from shore with a fishing area nearly 50 feet wide at the end. It is anchored in approximately 13 feet of water. A universally accessible trail had been previously constructed to access the fishing pier. Rural Retreat Lake receives an extraordinary amount of fishing pressure, and Wythe County operates a campground during the summer adjacent to the pier site. As soon as the DGIF staff completed the project, the pier was already being used by anglers.





HATCHERY HELPERS RESCUE WALLEYE



CWF volunteer Matt Yonkers removes unwanted debris from the tail end of the raceway at the Front Royal Hatchery in preparation to drain ponds to recover walleye fingerlings for stocking in nearby rivers. Photo by Allen Easterly, CWF Volunteer.

Editor's Note... VDGIF Complementary Work Force Volunteer Allen Easterly, from Shenandoah County recently assisted with stocking walleye fingerlings from the Front Royal Hatchery and provided this report for our readers to describe the 'behind the scenes' activities by our staff and volunteers to provide great fisheries throughout the state. DC

It's that time of year again when the ponds at Front Royal Hatchery are drained and the fish within stocked in Commonwealth waters in hopes of establishing great fisheries for us all. Recently a couple of Complementary Work Force volunteers (me included) spent several days of their valuable time assisting hatchery personnel drain several of the Front Royal Hatchery ponds that were loaded with small walleye. The little fishes were only about an inch long, but there were thousands of them. They have to be removed from the ponds at this small size and stocked in larger waters because at this stage of growth they change their diet from plankton to eating each other.

The process begins by installing screens in the front of the pond raceway with thick boards about a foot behind the screens to control pond level. The screens keep the small fish from escaping the pond as it drains. It's a bit of a waiting game but eventually the pond is lowered to near empty as the boards are gradually removed. Another screen is then installed at the end of the raceway to keep the small walleye from going down the drain. Then the front screen is

removed allowing thousands of fish, tadpoles, water bugs and crayfish to enter the raceway as the last trickles of water leave the pond. Volunteers work a seine from one end of the raceway to the other collecting nets full of pond life. The contents are then emptied into buckets and raced to the hatchery holding tanks. Once the pond is empty and the holding tanks full, it's time for the volunteers to net the hundreds of tadpoles, crayfish and any other water critters and remove them from the tank. Once there is nothing but fish left, a pound of fish is removed. A volunteer then counts each fish in the pound. This step helps determine the total number of fish as many more nets full of fish are weighted. On one particular day the haul from one pond amounted to approximately 870 fish per pound. Total fish removed from the pond? Over 16,000! Later in the afternoon the fish are moved from the hatchery holding tanks to a stocking truck and rushed long distances for immediate stocking. Most of the young fish probably end up as meals for larger fish but hundreds should survive to provide a decent day or two of fishing for many Virginia anglers.

Interesting jobs always await willing volunteers. There is so much to learn and explore as such tasks are completed. VDGIF personnel are well educated in their field of expertise and can answer lots of questions as the day goes on. There isn't anything better than spending a beautiful day playing in the water and woods close to nature!





FISH REEF DEVELOPMENT COMPLETED AT CLAYTOR LAKE

A cooperative effort by VDGIF with Friends of Claytor Lake, Appalachian Power, Pulaski County and area Boy Scouts established new deep water fish reefs to enhance habitat and fishing success. Discarded concrete slabs from a nearby dam removal were 're-purposed' for the reefs along with rock and tree branches. Photos courtesy John Copeland, VDGIF Aquatic Biologist.

On June 8 and 9, VDGIF Region 3 Bureau aquatic staff completed their oversight of the development of 4 additional deepwater fish reef site areas in 12 to 15 feet deep water on Claytor Lake. On May 20 and 21, fish reef sites were developed in 2 areas using rock, concrete slabs, and bundled trees. VDGIF aquatic biologist John Copeland reported that the reef development project was facilitated by a successful partnership between VDGIF, Appalachian Power Company, Friends of Claytor Lake (FOCL), Pulaski County, and the Blue Ridge Boy Scout Reservation. FOCL brought together a committee of Claytor Lake anglers to work with a Department aquatic biologist to select appropriate sites. Local bass anglers provided donated rock riprap. The Blue Ridge Boy Scout Reservation provided concrete slabs from removal of a dam on their property near Claytor Lake and Appalachian Power Company paid to haul the slabs to Claytor Lake. Fish reef materials were installed using FOCL's debris cleanup barge and thumb excavator to transport concrete slabs, rock riprap, and brush bundles and place them in the lake. This reef development project was done under the auspices of Appalachian Power Company's Annual Fish Habitat Management Plan under their Federal Energy Regulatory Commission hydropower operating license. The new deepwater reef sites will create fish habitat in bottom areas of Claytor Lake lacking habitat, providing opportunities to catch multiple fish species for many years. A YouTube video about the project is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rKxuQikQgIo&feature=youtu.be>. The location coordinates for these fish reef sites are listed below with local information names.

Area 1 – Adjacent to Harry DeHaven Park (Pulaski County Park) – Rock riprap and broken pieces of a deconstructed concrete dam

1. 37°03.451'N 80°39.954'W
2. 37°03.361'N 80°39.922'W
3. 37°03.320'N 80°39.947'W
4. 37°03.288'N 80°39.936'W
5. 37°03.271'N 80°39.937'W

Area 2 – South of Big Hole Hollow – Bundled trees

1. 37°03.301'N 80°38.414'W
2. 37°03.321'N 80°38.432'W

Area 3 – Baptist Camp Point (near the mouth of Peak Creek) Broken pieces of a deconstructed concrete dam

1. 37°03.071'N 80°40.459'W
2. 37°03.074'N 80°40.460'W

Area 4 – Channel side of island next to Claytor Lake State Park boat ramp – Broken pieces of a deconstructed concrete dam

1. 37°03.319'N 80°37.150'W

Area 5 – Flat off Mallard Point Condominiums – Broken pieces of a deconstructed concrete dam

1. 37°03.735'N 80°36.866'W
2. 37°03.730'N 80°36.870'W

Area 6 – Off Old Island between Mallard Point Condominiums and Roseberry Hollow – Broken pieces of a deconstructed concrete dam

1. 37°03.877'N 80°36.697'W



For more information on the reef project visit the Friends of Claytor Lake website: <http://www.focl.org/programs/claytor-lake-fish-habitat-projects/>



FISH REEF DEVELOPMENT COMPLETED AT CLAYTOR LAKE



Recent surveys at Lake Moomaw show the brown trout populations are improving in the 12inch range. Steve Reeser, VDGIF District Fisheries Biologist notes that in August and September the amount of cold-water habitat with sufficient oxygen levels that trout need to survive in Lake Moomaw becomes very limited. Trout are “squeezed” into a narrow band of water and may become stressed and lose weight. Please minimize any handling time when releasing trout. Keeping them in the water at all times is best.

Attention Lake Moomaw Trout Anglers... VDGIF Fisheries Biologists recently conducted their annual monitoring of the trout fishery at Lake Moomaw and populations of the 12-13 inch class brown trout have increased from last year along with 20+ inch sizes. Last year (2014) trout anglers experienced a decline in catch rates. Biologists attributed the poor fishing last year to extremely low survival of the cohort of brown trout stocked in 2014. The cause of this low survival remains

unknown. Lake Moomaw is annually stocked with both fingerling brown and rainbow trout. Brown trout have historically been the more successful of the two species at the lake. The brown trout fishery in Lake Moomaw is largely comprised of three cohorts. Fish from these three different yearly stockings usually fall in these distinct size ranges in mid-summer (12-13” ; 16-18” ; 18-24”). Due to the poor survival of the 2014 stocking browns in the 16-18” range are almost non-existent. However, there are exceptional numbers of 12-13” browns currently out there that should also provide excellent catch rates in 2016 as they grow to the 16+” range. VDGIF also encountered robust numbers of brown trout in the 20+” range.

VDGIF began stocking steelhead rainbow trout in 2009 as a replacement for the McConaughy strain rainbow trout that were stocked for many years. Biologists have experimented with stocking the steelhead fingerlings upstream of Lake Moomaw in the Jackson River system. Few steelheads have out-migrated downstream to Lake Moomaw over the past few years. In April 2015 steelhead fingerlings were stocked directly in Lake Moomaw. It appears that this “lake” stocking has been much more successful than river stocking. Biologists recently collected good numbers of steelhead in the lake and they are currently averaging 12” in length. Steelhead that were stocked in the Jackson River (March 2015) and in Lake Moomaw (April 2015) were each given a separate chemical mark so biologists could determine where these fish were stocked. Those results will not be available for a few months. Steelhead are known to be similar to brown trout taking advantage of the alewife in Moomaw and growing large. Biologists are excited to follow the steelhead fishery over the next few years and hope to see some movement upstream during the spawn.

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ENTER THE KIDS ‘N FISHING PHOTO CONTEST DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 5

It certainly isn’t hard to “picture it,” kids ‘n fishing that is — smiles, laughs, looks of anticipation and excitement. So, join in on the fun, catch the excitement of your child on film while fishing and enter his or her picture in the annual Kids ‘n Fishing Photo Contest sponsored by Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, Green Top Sporting Goods, and Shakespeare Tackle Company! The winning pictures are those that best capture the theme “kids enjoying fishing.” Children in the first through third place photographs of each category will receive a variety of fishing-related prizes. Winning pictures will also be posted on the VDGIF website and may be used in a variety of VDGIF publications. There is no need to be a professional photographer. Any snapshot will do. For Contest Rules visit:
<http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/kidsnfishing/>

Virginia Anglers Club



ANNUAL AWARDS 2015

President's Award Freshwater

| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
|------------------|-----------|----------|------|----------|--------|--------|-----------------|-----------|
| BASS, LARGEMOUTH | F COUSINS | 5lb-10oz | 2 | SPIN | 375 | 6/5/15 | Elly's Pond, VA | Art. Worm |

President's Award Saltwater

| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
|-----------|------------|----------|------|----------|--------|---------|------------------------------|-------------|
| DRUM, RED | B SHEPHERD | 46lb-0oz | 30 | SURF | 328 | 5/23/15 | Virginia Barrier Islands, VA | peeler crab |

Division Awards Freshwater

| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
|------------------|------------|----------|------|----------|--------|---------|------------------------|--------------|
| BASS, LARGEMOUTH | F COUSINS | 5lb-10oz | 2 | SPIN | 375 | 6/5/15 | Elly's Pond, VA | Art. Worm |
| PERCH, YELLOW | R CHOI | 1lb-2oz | 2 | GEN | 239 | 3/8/15 | Piscataway creek, VA | Minnow |
| SHAD, HICKORY | J DOUGHTY | 1lb-3oz | 2 | PLUG | 134 | 4/11/15 | Nottoway River, VA | dart |
| TROUT, BROWN | A CAMPBELL | 7lb-0oz | 6 | FLY | 312 | 7/26/15 | Bull Pasture River, VA | Prince Nymph |

Division Awards Saltwater

| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
|---------------|------------|----------|------|----------|--------|----------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| BASS, STRIPED | A CAMPBELL | 12lb-6oz | 8 | FLY | 206 | 12/28/14 | Chesapeake Bay, VA | half and half Clouser |
| COBIA | W MOSLEY | 42lb-0oz | 12 | SPIN | 280 | 5/30/15 | York Spit, VA | Bucktail |
| COBIA | MB KODROFF | 27lb-0oz | 16 | PLUG | 150 | 5/31/15 | 102 tower, NC | Jig |
| DRUM, RED | BL NOLAND | 42lb-0oz | 50 | BRAID | 140 | 6/30/15 | Hatteras Inlet, NC | Menhaden |
| DRUM, RED | B SHEPHERD | 46lb-0oz | 30 | SURF | 328 | 5/23/15 | Virginia Barrier Islands, VA | peeler crab |
| DRUM, RED | BL NOLAND | 40lb-0oz | 20 | GEN | 210 | 6/30/15 | Hatteras Inlet, NC | Menhaden |

"Highest Point" Species Awards Freshwater

| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
|-------------------|---------------|----------|------|----------|--------|---------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| BASS, LARGEMOUTH | F COUSINS | 5lb-10oz | 2 | SPIN | 375 | 6/5/15 | Elly's Pond, VA | Art. Worm |
| BASS, SMALLMOUTH | C MORRISON | 1lb-12oz | 2 | SPIN | 175 | 5/30/15 | Petersburg, VA | Artificial worm |
| BOWFIN | A CAMPBELL | 5lb-0oz | 12 | FLY | 121 | 5/25/15 | James river fall line, VA | Cone head bugger fly |
| CATFISH, FLATHEAD | A CAMPBELL | 17lb-0oz | 20 | FLY | 144 | 3/19/15 | James river, VA | small Chartruese Clouser |
| CRAPPIE, ALL | C MORRISON | 1lb-0oz | 2 | SPIN | 158 | 4/11/15 | Petersburg, VA | Artificial Worm |
| PERCH, WHITE | B BROUGHTON | 0lb-9oz | 8 | FLY | 110 | 4/11/15 | James River, VA | Fly |
| PERCH, YELLOW | ROB ROBINSON | 1lb-4oz | 2 | SPIN | 328 | 3/23/15 | Mattaponi River, VA | Jig / Grub |
| PICKEREL, CHAIN | W MOSLEY | 1lb-4oz | 4 | SPIN | 91 | 6/5/15 | Little Creek Reservoir, VA | Popper |
| SHAD, AMERICAN | MB KODROFF | 3lb-4oz | 4 | SPIN | 194 | 4/8/15 | Tar river nc, NC | Dart |
| SHAD, HICKORY | J BLANKENSHIP | 2lb-4oz | 4 | FLY | 267 | 4/11/15 | James River, Richmond, VA | Fly |
| TROUT, BROWN | A CAMPBELL | 7lb-0oz | 6 | FLY | 312 | 7/26/15 | Bull Pasture River, VA | Prince Nymph |
| TROUT, RAINBOW | A CAMPBELL | 5lb-0oz | 6 | FLY | 223 | 7/25/15 | Bull Pasture river, VA | Bottle fly (dry) |

"Highest Point" Species Awards Saltwater

| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
|--------------------|-------------|----------|------|----------|--------|---------|------------------------------|-------------|
| AMBERJACK, GREATER | B BROUGHTON | 19lb-8oz | 16 | PLUG | 108 | 7/3/15 | Nags Head, NC | Bucktail |
| BASS, STRIPED | B SHEPHERD | 23lb-0oz | 30 | SURF | 230 | 5/15/15 | Barrier Islands, VA | Peeler crab |
| BLUEFISH | F COUSINS | 5lb-8oz | 2 | SPIN | 183 | 4/27/15 | Rudee Inlet, VA | Grub |
| COBIA | W MOSLEY | 42lb-0oz | 12 | SPIN | 280 | 5/30/15 | York Spit, VA | Bucktail |
| DOLPHIN | DN NOLAND | 31lb-0oz | 30 | GEN | 103 | 6/5/15 | Hatteras, NC | ballyhoo |
| DRUM, RED | B SHEPHERD | 46lb-0oz | 30 | SURF | 328 | 5/23/15 | Virginia Barrier Islands, VA | peeler crab |

"Heaviest" Species Awards Freshwater

| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
|-------------------|--------------|----------|------|----------|--------|---------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| BASS, LARGEMOUTH | F COUSINS | 5lb-10oz | 2 | SPIN | 375 | 6/5/15 | Elly's Pond, VA | Art. Worm |
| BASS, SMALLMOUTH | C MORRISON | 1lb-12oz | 2 | SPIN | 175 | 5/30/15 | Petersburg, VA | Artificial worm |
| BOWFIN | A CAMPBELL | 5lb-0oz | 12 | FLY | 121 | 5/25/15 | James river fall line, VA | Cone head bugger fly |
| CATFISH, FLATHEAD | A CAMPBELL | 17lb-0oz | 20 | FLY | 144 | 3/19/15 | James river, VA | small Chartruese Clouser |
| CRAPPIE, ALL | C MORRISON | 1lb-0oz | 2 | SPIN | 158 | 4/11/15 | Petersburg, VA | Artificial Worm |
| PERCH, WHITE | B BROUGHTON | 0lb-9oz | 8 | FLY | 110 | 4/11/15 | James River, VA | Fly |
| PERCH, YELLOW | ROB ROBINSON | 1lb-4oz | 2 | SPIN | 328 | 3/23/15 | Mattaponi River, VA | Jig / Grub |
| PICKEREL, CHAIN | W MOSLEY | 1lb-4oz | 4 | SPIN | 91 | 6/5/15 | Little Creek Reservoir, VA | Popper |
| SHAD, AMERICAN | MB KODROFF | 3lb-4oz | 4 | SPIN | 194 | 4/8/15 | Tar river nc, NC | Dart |
| SHAD, HICKORY | SC LEE | 2lb-5oz | 8 | FLY | 204 | 3/30/15 | James River, VA | Murray Shad Fly |
| TROUT, BROWN | A CAMPBELL | 7lb-0oz | 6 | FLY | 312 | 7/26/15 | Bull Pasture River, VA | Prince Nymph |
| TROUT, RAINBOW | A CAMPBELL | 5lb-0oz | 6 | FLY | 223 | 7/25/15 | Bull Pasture river, VA | Bottle fly (dry) |

"Heaviest" Species Awards Saltwater

| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
|--------------------|-------------|----------|------|----------|--------|---------|------------------------------|-------------|
| AMBERJACK, GREATER | B BROUGHTON | 19lb-8oz | 16 | PLUG | 108 | 7/3/15 | Nags Head, NC | Bucktail |
| BASS, STRIPED | B SHEPHERD | 23lb-0oz | 30 | SURF | 230 | 5/15/15 | Barrier Islands, VA | Peeler crab |
| BLUEFISH | F COUSINS | 5lb-8oz | 2 | SPIN | 183 | 4/27/15 | Rudee Inlet, VA | Grub |
| COBIA | W MOSLEY | 48lb-0oz | 50 | BRAID | 117 | 5/30/15 | York Spit, VA | Eel |
| DOLPHIN | DN NOLAND | 31lb-0oz | 30 | GEN | 103 | 6/5/15 | Hatteras, NC | ballyhoo |
| DRUM, RED | B SHEPHERD | 46lb-0oz | 30 | SURF | 328 | 5/23/15 | Virginia Barrier Islands, VA | peeler crab |



New Club Records Freshwater

| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
|----------------|------------|----------|------|----------|--------|----------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| BOWFIN | A CAMPBELL | 5lb-0oz | 12 | FLY | 121 | 5/25/15 | James river fall line, VA | Cone head bugger fly |
| TROUT, RAINBOW | RL WHITE | 17lb-8oz | 16 | FLY | 377 | 12/12/14 | Jurassic Lake, Patagonia, OTHER | Prince Nymph |
| TROUT, RAINBOW | RL WHITE | 16lb-0oz | 20 | FLY | 285 | 12/12/14 | Jurassic Lake Patagonia, OTHER | Prince Nymph |

New Club Records Saltwater

| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
|---------|------------------|----------|------|----------|--------|---------|-----------------|-------------|
| COBIA | W MOSLEY | 48lb-0oz | 50 | BRAID | 117 | 5/30/15 | York Spit, VA | Eel |
| SNOOK | JL WETLAUFER, JR | 4lb-1oz | 2 | SPIN | 135 | 4/5/15 | Punta Gorda, FL | Beetle Spin |

Pajchak Award

| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
|---------------|-----------|---------|------|----------|--------|---------|---------------------------|---------------|
| MARLIN, WHITE | BL NOLAND | 0lb-0oz | 30 | GEN | 148 | 7/19/15 | Norfolk Caynon, VA | Live Mackerel |
| MARLIN, WHITE | BL NOLAND | 0lb-0oz | 30 | GEN | 148 | 7/19/15 | Norfolk Caynon, VA | Live Mackerel |
| MARLIN, WHITE | BL NOLAND | 0lb-0oz | 30 | GEN | 148 | 7/19/15 | Norfolk Caynon Caynon, VA | Live Mackerel |

Youth Saltwater

| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
|-----------|------------------------|----------|------|----------|--------|---------|--------------------|----------|
| DRUM, RED | Anna Maria Brink 13_17 | 41lb-0oz | 20 | GEN | 215 | 6/29/15 | Hatteras Inlet, NC | Menhaden |

Non-Local Award Fresh or Saltwater

| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
|-------------------|--------|---------|------|----------|--------|---------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| SAILFISH, PACIFIC | SC LEE | 0lb-0oz | 20 | FLY | 500 | 3/10/15 | Iztapa, Guatemala, OTHER | Cam Siegler Popper |

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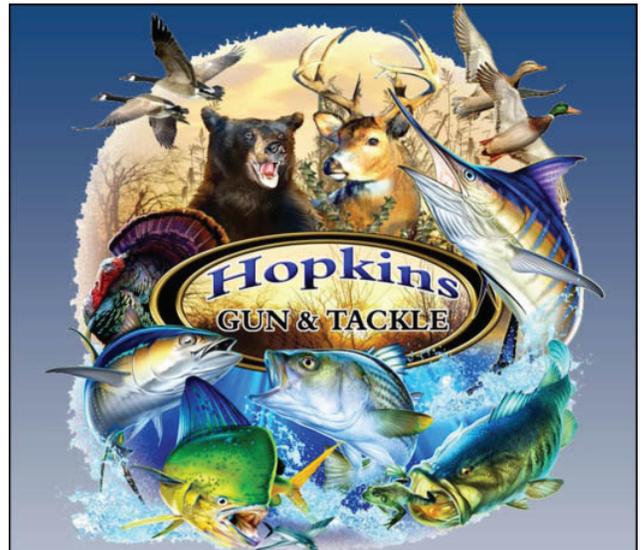
| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
|---------------|---------------|---------|------|----------|------------|---------|---------------------------|------|
| SHAD, HICKORY | J BLANKENSHIP | 2lb-4oz | 4 | FLY | 267 | 4/11/15 | James River, Richmond, VA | Fly |
| Total | | | | | 267 | | | |

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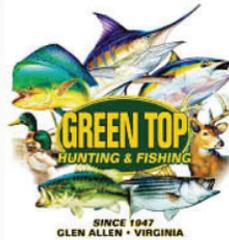
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