

Fall Fishing  
is here!



October 2015

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**NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING –  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2015 6:30 pm  
VDGIF NEW HEADQUARTERS BUILDING  
7870 Villa Park Drive  
(Enter thru the door to the left of the main entrance)**

### NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Capt. George Beckworth of the Down East Guide Service will join us. Captain Beckworth fishes out of Moore Head City, NC. More details on his presentation in the November issue of The Angler.

### RESIDENT MEMBER SCOTT JOHNSON VOTED INTO HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

At the October 13th Board of Directors Meeting, the Directors present unanimously voted Scott Johnson into Honorary Membership. Scott is a 23 year Resident Member of the Virginia Anglers Club and a holder of 52 club records. He is a skilled fly 29 standing freshwater fly records. In freshwater, Scott holds 3 spin records, 4 plug records and 3 general records. He also holds an impressive 13 saltwater fly records. One year, Scott was among the top ten winners of IGFA World Records on fly. Scott has had to curtail his time on the water or on the bank. If you wish get up with Scott, his E-mail address is (w.scott1@comcast.net) and his phone number is (H) 804-743-7809 and 804-240-3405 (C).



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

### OCTOBER PROGRAM – ST. MARY’S RIVER COMEBACK

Fisheries Biologist Steve Reeser from VDGIF will speak to the VAC on October 27th. He will talk about the history of the trout fishery in the St. Mary’s River and how it has changed due to acidification. He has tons of data on water quality, macro inverts and fish response to the liming that has been done to sustain the biota.

We will meet at 6:30 PM to accommodate Steve’s need to return to his home in western Virginia as early as possible for a busy day on Wednesday. Steve will present his program first, followed by the business portion of the meeting.

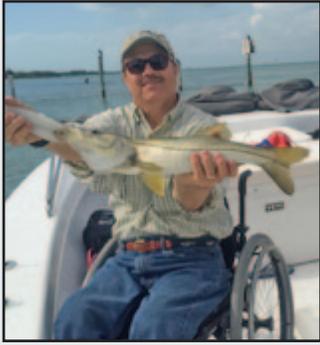
### TOURNAMENT RESULTS – FIRST ANNUAL VAC OPEN ALL SALT WATER AND FRESH WATER SPECIES

October 17 & 18, 2015  
Local Sun Up to Sun Down, Each Day  
(No Entries Received)



## MEET THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB

### Steve Fetrow



Working a summer job 43 years while pursuing a degree in Business Administration at Florida Southern College, Steve sustained a Spinal Cord Injury as the result of a three-story fall. Steve's previous love of competitive wheelchair sports has now turned toward recreational fishing. Catches reported on Steve's

membership application are three freshwater species and seven saltwater species, five of which were caught in Florida. Steve broke the one rod he brought on a fishing trip on the Jackson River. Using a borrowed rod, Steve silenced the hassle he got for bringing only one rod by catching the largest rainbow trout of the day. Steve enjoys fresh and saltwater fishing from river to pier to boat (when accessibility permits). As a member of the VAC, Steve is anxious to learn new angling techniques and locations. Steve is a dedicated CPR angler, Catch-Photograph-Release. Steve moved to Virginia from Florida 32 years ago and lives in Manakin Sabot with his wife, Donna, of 23 years. Steve retired after a long career with General Electric and was president for 6 years of the non-profit Spinal Chord Injury Association of Virginia.

## SUGGESTIONS FOR ANGLING RULES, BASIC WEIGHT, ETC. CHANGES NEEDED BY THE ANGLING RULES COMMITTEE

If you have any suggestions for changes in the VAC Angling Rules or other items such as but not limited to Basic Weights, catch reporting, tackle requirements, the catch data base, etc. please send them to Angling Rules Chairman Stuart Lee at (stulee37@gmail.com). Stuart will soon be calling the Angling Rules Committee together for their annual review of the VAC's Angling Rules. The Angling Rules Committee is made up of VAC Members who are experienced and active anglers and who have fished for many years in both freshwater and saltwater.

## FORMER VAC MEMBER JOHN ARCHER PASSES

Former Virginia Anglers Club Resident Member John Al-dwin Archer, Jr. pulled lines on Wednesday, September 30, 2015. John was an active member from the mid-80s thru the mid-90s. His entries include four freshwater species and five saltwater species; his angling activity went far beyond what he entered via Entry Card. John leaves three club records that have not been beaten in over 30 years: a 2-7 crappie on 2# spin, a 4-4 taug on 4# general and a 14-3 weakfish on 8# plug. John will be remembered by many VAC Members who worked with John at Dupont.

## INTRODUCING THE ANGLER'S EXCHANGE FOR SALE AND WANT ADS TO BE CARRIED IN THE ANGLER

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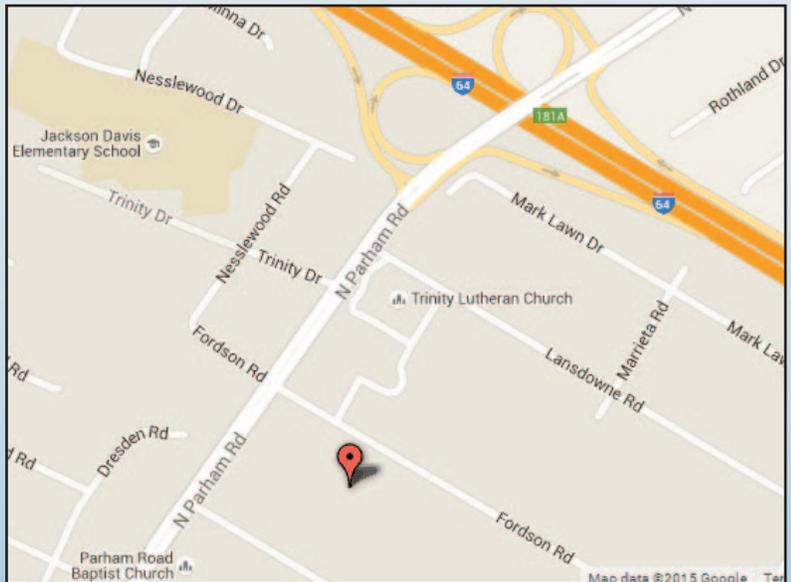
Following up on a suggestion made at the October Board of Director's Meeting, Members can begin placing for sale and wanted ads in The Angler in a new section called The Angler's Exchange. This service will improve the visibility of items for sale or wanted by Members and will replace the "For Sale" section available to Members in the Member's Area of the VAC Web Site. This service will start with the November issue of The Angler (see page 5 of this issue of The Angler for details).

## OFFICER NOMINATION TIME IS COMING

The VAC Nominating Committee for 2015 leadership positions for the Virginia Anglers would like members to start thinking about VAC Members who would be good candidates for the Committee to consider for the 2015 slate of officers. Members can nominate other members or themselves for voted positions of Directors and Officers of the VAC and/or ask to be considered for appointment as Committee Chairman. Please pass you're nominations along to President Bob Brown (mrbbrownjr@comcast.net).

## NEXT VAC EXPEDITION – TROUT FISHING THE SOUTH RIVER IN WAYNESBORO, VA

Web Assistant Eric Webster will lead a day of trout fishing on the South River in Waynesboro on Saturday, October 24th. The fishing times will be from 10:00 AM thru 3:00 PM. Eric Plans to have all participants gather at the Parham Road Park and Ride (North Parham Road and Fordson Road – Just South of Exit 181 on I-64) at 8:30 AM and car pool up to Waynesboro.





## DGIF OUTDOOR CALENDARS AVAILABLE AT OCTOBER MEETING

Special Activities Chairman Don West will have the few remaining 2016 DGIF Outdoor Calendars at the October 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.

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

## ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS - SCALE CERTIFICATION AVAILABLE

Scale certifications will be by appointment only. To request an appointment for scale certification, please contact: Ryan Noland at ryan.n.noland@usa.dupont.com or at (804)-658-1955 (Home) or at (894)-896-4178 (Cell)

Danny Noland at danny.n.noland@usa.dupont.com or at (804)-858-0650 (Home) or at (804)-383-3736 (Office)

## COUNTRY STORE TO BE OPEN AT THE OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The October Membership Meeting is the next-to-last time the Country Store will be open until February 24, 2016. Please keep this in mind if you need anything from the Store's stock at a meeting. Purchasing by mail order is available at any time. Looking ahead, there will be some special pricing for the November Membership Meeting that will be announced in the November issue of The Angler.

## VAC ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET DATE SET – SAT. FEB. 6, 2016

Banquet Chairman Gary Green has reserved a room at Sam Miller's Restaurant for the 2015 Virginia Anglers Club Awards Banquet (called 2015 because awards for the 2015 angling year will be presented). The Banquet will be held on Saturday evening, February 6, 2016. Please note this date on your activities calendar. Details will come in future issues of The Angler.

## WISDOM FROM THE TACKLE BOX

"Fishing is boring, unless you catch an actual fish, and then it is disgusting." ~Dave Barry (Best Selling New York Times columnist).

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

## **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**



## “Catchy Comments”

By Stuart Lee



Judging from entries from club members, it would seem that October has not been a particularly good month for fishing. My guess is that weather played a large role in that. Anyone that planned to fish any large body of water had to wait out a ten-day northeaster, a result of a coastal low pressure that started the last week of September. This, coupled with the higher tides around the full moon, caused flooding in many areas. Virginia was spared much of the rain that fell to our south but we got our customary State Fair deluge. Given the high water and soaked ground, I think we were all very fortunate that Hurricane Joaquin stayed well offshore because if it had come ashore or passed near our coast, we would have experienced some historic damage.

I went to Harkers Island, NC, to chase False Albacore (Little Tunny) the last week of September and watched 12 inches of rain fall the first three days of my visit. We got into the ocean for three days after the rain, but fishing was poor. There were few fish, and they were on very small, almost microscopic, bait which made for very challenging fishing.

I have heard the good fishermen there say that nothing ruins the fall run of Albacore like a hurricane, which flushes all of the bait at once out of the Core, Bogue, and Back Sounds into the ocean, and the fish never really show back up. While we avoided a named hurricane, I would say a ten-day northeaster and the tremendous amount of rain they had could have greatly affected this year's Albacore run. Fishing there should be peaking now, but it remains very spotty. I plan to go and try them again and hope that I am wrong with my weather/ bait hypothesis. As I have always said, if you really understood all of this stuff, fishing would not be near as much fun.

Stuart



*Andrew Campbell with a nice Harkers Island False Albacore.*

### **“FOR SALE” AND “WANTED” AD SUBMISSION PROCEDURE**

Members of the VAC are requested to send to John Wetlaufer, Sr. (jlwsr@rcn.com) a completely prepared for sale or wanted text and any picture by the second Friday of each month. The ad and a photo will appear in that month's issue of The Angler. There is no charge for this service.

Please follow these guidelines:

1. Please submit ad text in MS Word format (.doc), maximum length – 50 words and photos, if any, in .jpeg format.
2. John Wetlaufer, Sr. will be happy to answer ad related questions (jlwsr@rcn.com) or 804-513-4677.

Sample Ad:

For Sale: 15 foot aluminum 1917 Ripple Buster jon boat with 20 HP Electrorocket 12 VDC trolling motor, 25 HP Spankyamama V6 4-cycle outboard and an aluminum, single axle Dunkmaster trailer. All for \$1200. Please contact John Seller at jdsell1@verizon.net or 804-793-5891 for details (42 words).

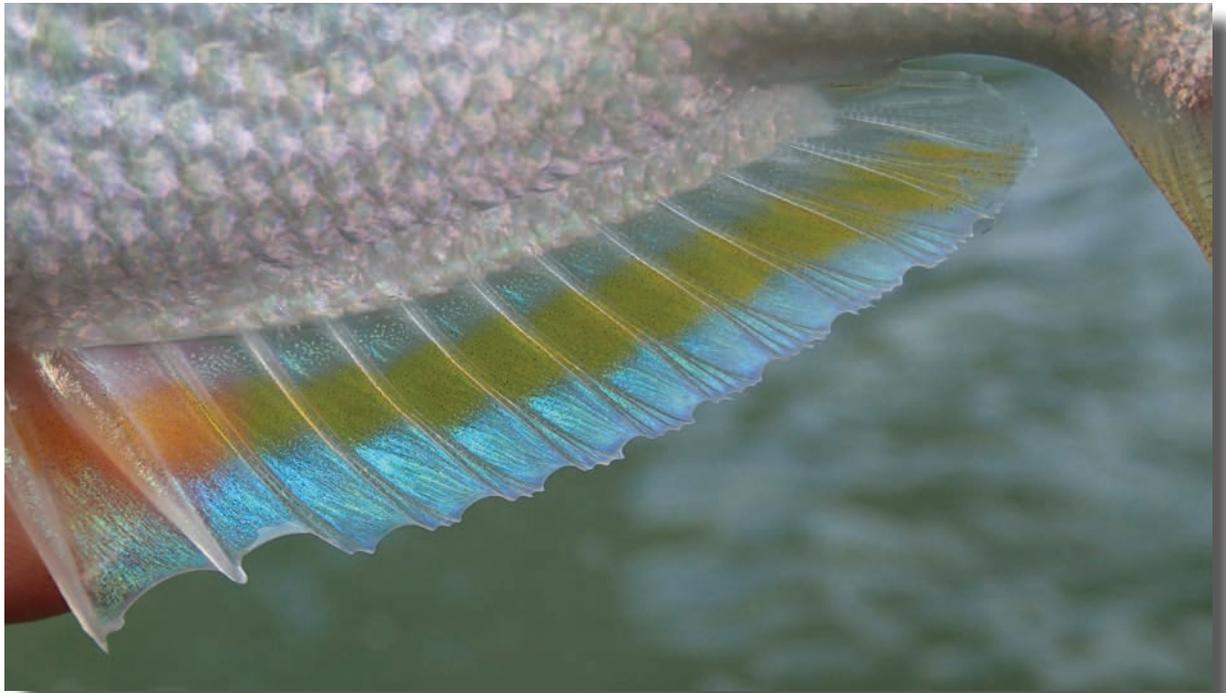


Black Sea Bass  
(top left)

Pinfish (middle)

Sea Robin  
(top right  
and bottom)

Photos  
by  
Rob Choi



# 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	MB KODROFF	27lb-0oz	16	PLUG	150	5/31/15	102 tower, NC	Jig
COBIA	W MOSLEY	42lb-0oz	12	SPIN	280	5/30/15	York Spit, VA	Bucktail
DRUM, RED	F COUSINS	45lb-0oz	12	GEN	321	8/30/15	Pamlico Sound, NC	Cut Mullet
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	46lb-0oz	30	SURF	328	5/23/15	Virginia Barrier Islands, VA	peeler crab

### "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
SUNFISH	SC LEE	0lb-14oz	4	SPIN	190	9/22/15	Private Pond, VA	Jig-n-minnow
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)

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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
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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
SUNFISH	SC LEE	0lb-14oz	4	SPIN	190	9/22/15	Private Pond, VA	Jig-n-minnow
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)

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BLUEFISH	F COUSINS	5lb-8oz	2	SPIN	183	4/27/15	Rudee Inlet, VA	Grub
COBIA	W MOSLEY	48lb-0oz	50	GEN	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 Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
COBIA	W MOSLEY	48lb-0oz	50	GEN	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
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MARLIN, WHITE	BL NOLAND	0lb-0oz	30	GEN	148	8/21/15	Washington Canyon, VA	Ballyhoo
MARLIN, WHITE	BL NOLAND	0lb-0oz	30	GEN	148	8/1/15	East of Cigar, Va. Beach, VA	Ballyhoo

### 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

### New Member Award

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

## 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.

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# Robert Thomas

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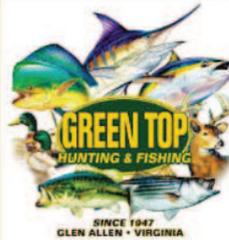
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**NEXT MEETING:**  
Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at The New VDGIFF Headquarters

