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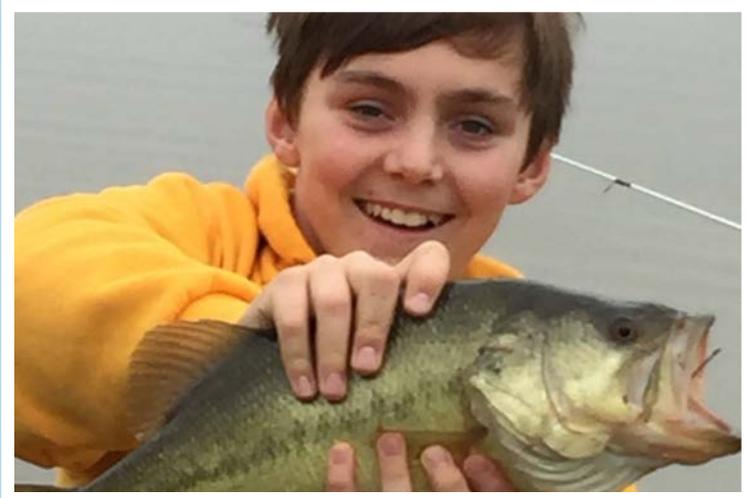
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**NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING –
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2016 7:00 pm**
(Scale Certification)

VDGIF NEW HEADQUARTERS BUILDING
7870 Villa Park Drive
Henrico County

(Enter Thru the Door to the Left of the Main Entrance)



BACKLASH

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

**2016 DUES ARE NOW DUE –
PLEASE PAY BY FEBRUARY 29TH**

The prompt payment to date by 86 % of the dues paying members is greatly appreciated by the VAC Leadership Team. Thanks to all who have paid.

Dues not paid by midnight, February 29, 2016 (by PayPal or post marked) will be considered in arrears.

If you want to confirm your dues payment, please hit “reply” when

you have this Angler open on your monitor and ask for confirmation. Your request will be answered promptly.

You can pay your dues by credit card by as follows:

Click on <http://tinyurl.com/vacdues> for In-State Dues (\$60)

Click on <http://tinyurl.com/vacdues-nl> for Out-of-State Dues Payment (\$40)

To pay dues by check, send a check made out to “Virginia Anglers Club and send to:

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

**CATCH ENTRIES DISQUALIFIED
IF DUES ARE IN ARREARS**

All catch entries submitted by paper or Electronic E-Card will be automatically disqualified for Members not paying their 2016 dues by February 29, 2016.

Once dues are no longer in arrears, catch entries will start again to be honored as of the date the dues are received.



2015 ANGLING YEAR AWARDS BANQUET NEWS

Thirty-three VAC members and their guests spent an enjoyable evening on February 6th at Sam Miller's Restaurant in the Shockoe Slip. Rob Choi's annual slide show of pictures submitted by VAC Members during the past year formed a suitable background for the pre-meeting social hour-an-a-half as well as for the dinner. The smoked rock fish donated by Stuart Lee was mostly skin and bones by the end of the meeting.

Danny and Buddy Noland again presented the Annual Awards and Andrew Campbell presented the Tournament Champion Awards. A complete list of award recipients appears on page 6 of this issue of The Angler.

FOUR LUCKY MEMBERS OR GUESTS WIN AWESOME RAFFLE PRIZES

Four raffles were available for those who wanted to try their luck. The raffle ticket receipts of \$480 are going into the General Fund of the VAC. The four lucky winners are as follows:

- \$100 Green Top Gift Certificate – Member Glenn Carter
- Bill Gallasch Fly Shadow Box – Art Wolz (guest of Bob Brown)
- Framed Gyotaku Striper Fish Print by Rob Choi – Angie Doughty (wife of Member Jeff Doughty)
- Axiom 6 Wt Fly Rod Combo – Member Max Moran (first < 18 Member)

Thanks to Banquet Chairman Gary Green and those noted above for their contributions to the enjoyable evening.

(1) Awards that were not picked up personally or by others for those absent at the Banquet will be available for pick-up at the February Membership Meeting (no presentations will be made at that meeting).

FEBRUARY 23, 2016 MEMBERSHIP MEETING PROGRAM

HOW TO EARN ANGLER RATINGS, YELLOW PERCH TIPS AND MORE

Program Co-Chairmen Art Conway and Mike Ostrander have arranged a very appropriate program for the first meeting of the 2016 Angling Year.

Glenn Carter will present information about the Individual VAC Angling Rating Program and a suggested way to advance from the entry rating of Novice on up thru the Division Experts and beyond. This information is a very logical extension of the information briefly covered in our Orientations. This will be a good refresher for Members of long standing as well as Members who have recently joined the VAC.

Member Mike Cline, an experienced Yellow Perch angler, has stepped forward and will give an illustrated presentation about Yellow Perch angling techniques and tips. This presentation is a very timely lead in for our second Tournament of the Angling year, the 16-day long February Yellow Perch Tournament (see below).

Art Conway will wrap up the program by sharing some of his personal knowledge about yellow perch angling and possibly some locations to try on or around the Chickahominy Lake.



MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING – FLY FISHING SEMINAR

The March Membership Meeting (March 22, 2016) is a program by Blane Chocklett of the New Angle Fishing Company, a guiding and fly fishing equipment supplier located in Roanoke, VA. Blane will give a fly tying demonstration starting about 3:00 PM, followed by a break for dinner (on your own) and then a program about fly fishing during the Membership Meeting. More details in the March edition of The Angler. For those who want to check out more about the New Angle Fishing Company can do so at <http://www.blanechocklettfishing.com/>.

APRIL MEETING – FISH FRY – APRIL 26, 2016

Details coming in the March issue of The Angler. Chilled, unfrozen fillets of all species of fish are needed for the Fish Fry. Please keep this in mind when boating your catches or making plans to clean out the freezer.

APRIL TOURNAMENT – KELLY STAFFORD MEMORIAL SHAD AND WHITE PERCH – APRIL 16 AND 17, 2016

(Details in the March issue of The Angler)

NEXT EXPEDITION – SOUTH RIVER FLY FISHING – SATURDAY, APRIL 30

Eric Webster will lead the first of five VAC Expeditions on Saturday, April 30th. He will lead a trip for a day of fly fishing on the South River. Details will come out in the March issue of The Angler.

TOURNAMENT CATCH ENTRIES – THE SAFEST WAY TO ENTER

Catch entries for a tournament can be entered in three ways:

Phone Call or E-Mail to the Tournament Chairman
E-Card with tournament entry box checked

All tournament entries carry the requirement, from Angling Rule 14, that “Tournament entries must be communicated to the tournament chairman within 24 hours of the conclusion of the tournament and angler must specify if entry is for weight or points”.

The use of the electronic E-Card is encouraged as the most accurate (data that is not correct will automatically be rejected) and fastest (entry is made when “submit” is hit) way to enter a tournament catch.

The use of paper entry cards is discouraged because getting them to the Tournament Chairman within 24 hours of the end of a tournament is not realistic.

TOURNAMENT – EXPEDITION SCHEDULE – 1ST SIX MONTHS OF 2016

There are two VAC Tournaments and three VAC Expeditions by the end of June. Please turn to page 5 and see the entire combined schedule thru June 30, 2016.

“SMALL” CATCHES DO COUNT IN TOURNAMENT FISHING

At the end of the 2015 Angling Year, a three-way tie was recognized for the Tournament Angler of the Year Award. If one of the winners had caught, weighted and submitted a “runt” catch that might have won a lowly third place, that Member would have been the sole winner of this Award.

A portion of Angling Rule 14 – “Tournaments”, perhaps overlooked by those fishing in a Tournament, states that: “There is no minimum weight or minimum points restriction for winning fish.”

In all tournaments, any catch of the specified species caught with qualifying tackle and entered as a points or weight entry will count in that tournament. When you are fishing a tournament, submit a few small fish as well as spectacular catches. You might just be that year’s winner of the Tournament Angler of the Year Award. That 6 oz. catch might just be worth \$40 by the end of the Angling Year.

SCALE CERTIFICATION OFFERED AT THE FEBRUARY 23RD MEETING

The Annual Scale Certification required for Members wishing to weigh for submission catch entries during the 2016 Angling Year will be made at the February 23RD VAC Membership Meeting. Weighmasters Ryan and Danny Noland and Larry Allen will be doing certifications during the meeting. A similar session will be held during the March Membership Meeting also.

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 DGIF building).

ONE LIST FOR ALL VAC ANGLING ACTIVITIES

The full schedule is now posted in the Member’s Area of the VAC website.

COUNTRY STORE REOPENING AT THE FEB 23RD MEETING

First Country Store opening in 2016 will be at the February Membership Meeting, February 23, 2016. Need any new hats, etc.? See Joe Lovasz, Jr.

Remember, the catalog of the current items in the Country Store inventory is in the Member’s Area of the VAC website. Pick your items from the catalog to buy at the Membership Meeting. Mail order service available with shipping added to the catalog cost of the item shipped.

SOUTH RIVER FLY FISHING EXPO WAYNESBORO, VA - APRIL 23RD AND 24TH OF 2016

The South River Fly Shop will be sponsoring the new South River Fly Fishing Expo on April 23rd and 24th of 2016. See details on page 7 of this issue of The Angler. It’s worth a look!

WISDOM FROM THE TACKLE BOX

“People who fish for food, and sport be damned, are called pot-fishermen. The more expert ones are called crack pot-fishermen. All other fishermen are called crackpot fishermen. This is confusing.” ~Ed Zern, 1947

For The Leadership Team,

John Wetlaufer, Sr.
Membership Chairman



“Catchy Comments”

By *Stuart Lee*

About twenty years ago, I was asked to do a presentation on jigging for rockfish to a fishing group in Chester. This was during the time when both the ocean and Bay fishing for big rockfish were very good. This group included some good rock fishermen, but most were either trollers or live-baiters.

Toward the end of my talk, I showed the group a rigged plug rod and explained the set up; a member asked me why I had monofilament on my reel and not braid (This was long before the VAC adopted a braid category). I said I really did not know much about this new braid line but felt sure that it would be better than monofilament for this application, but the club to which I belonged did not allow the use of braid line. He then asked the name of the club, and when I told him, he said, “Oh, you are in that group of trick fishermen.” I responded that while we had some members that caught some very nice fish on very light line that I did not consider these catches trick fishing and further said that I abhorred trick fishing. For those of you not familiar with the term, trick fishing involves catching a fish when the fish never knew it was hooked or never had a sporting chance. An example would be the hooking of a big marlin on very light line where the boat backs down very fast and a mate grabs the heavy leader and another mate sinks a gaff while the angler does nothing. Another example is when the angler has a live bait very close to a drifting boat, and the captain or mate has another live bait tethered to a short leader on a gaff, which is also in the water. The angler lets the fish eat his bait; when it comes for the second bait, it is gaffed without ever knowing it was hooked. I hope all of us would condemn this type of fishing and hope we all agree that light tackle, or, in some cases, extreme light tackle, is very different from trick fishing.

Light tackle is a very relative term which is greatly overused. We have all seen TV shows where the angler is catching 6-8 pound redfish and saying he is using light tackle, 25 pound braid. We all may giggle at this, but to that fisherman it could be light tackle fishing.

Being in the VAC for a long time has influenced the tackle that I use on a regular basis and has forced me to become more proficient with that tackle. Like most things, this proficiency is learned by experience. I was lucky enough to be around during the peak of the big bluefish cycle. There is no better fish to hone your skills using light line than a big bluefish. At that time, there were so many fish available that if you failed, you just rigged up and tried again. This repetition taught you how much pressure you could apply, how to handle the fish boat side, and how to rig your gear to not fail. This made you a better angler, and if you could catch a big bluefish using 4 pound line, when you switched to a 6 or 8 pound rig, you felt like you were using rope.

My friend Mickey Kodroff says most of us gravitate to suitable gear for our intended target. I absolutely agree with him. I also think that our experience with the light line allows us to choose our suitable gear which would be on the light side for a majority of anglers.

Finally, I want to report that at the February Board meeting, a recently retired Bob Brown, gave me his submission for his Angler Rating. Bob’s submission was most impressive, and I am sure he could have gotten this rating about 300 carburetor rebuild jobs ago, but he decided to do it now. His ten fish averaged 405 points and included both fresh and saltwater species, caught on spin, plug, fly and general- a truly remarkable list of catches. Congratulations Bob.

Stuart





VAC YELLOW PERCH CATCH HISTORY? – CHECK IT OUT

Now is a good time to search thru the Catch Data Base to see what the historical catch has been. Suggestion: Select Month = February (March) and then select Species = Perch, Yellow and see what comes up. Club Records will be noted with the little golden trophy cup icon. You can also search by tackle type, records only, etc. by selecting the appropriate boxes.

TOURNAMENT – EXPEDITION SCHEDULE – 1ST SIX MONTHS OF 2016

February -- Tournament
Yellow Perch Tournament

Friday February 26 to Sunday March 13

April -- Tournament
Shad Tournament

Sat/Sun April 16/17. Blow Date: April 23/24

April – Expedition
Trout Fishing on the South River

Saturday, April 30
(Lead by Eric Webster)

May -- Expedition
Chickahominy Lake Fishing & Lunch

Saturday, May 28
(Lead by Art Conway)

June -- Expedition
Flathead Catfish Wade Fishing Trip

Saturday June 25
(Lead by Billy Nicar)

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



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2015 ANGLING YEAR AWARD WINNERS

President's Award Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	F COUSINS	51b-10oz	2	SPIN	375	6/5/2015	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		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	51b-10oz	2	SPIN	375	6/5/2015	Elly's Pond, VA	Art. Worm
PERCH, YELLOW	R CHOI	11b-2oz	2	GEN	239	3/8/2015	Piscataway creek, VA	Minnow
SHAD, HICKORY	J DOUGHTY	11b-3oz	2	PLUG	134	4/11/15	Nottoway River, VA	dart
TROUT, BROWN	A CAMPBELL	71b-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
BASS, STRIPED	B BROUGHTON	8lb-0oz	4	PLUG	160	11/15/15	James River, VA	Bucktail
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		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	51b-10oz	2	SPIN	375	6/5/2015	Elly's Pond, VA	Art. Worm
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	C MORRISON	11b-12oz	2	SPIN	175	5/30/15	Petersburg, VA	Artificial worm
BOWFIN	A CAMPBELL	51b-0oz	12	FLY	121	5/25/15	James river fall line, VA	Cone head bugger fly
CATFISH, CHANNEL	W MOSLEY	51b-12oz	4	SPIN	171	11/8/15	Little Creek Reservoir, VA	Z-Man TRD
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	A CAMPBELL	171b-0oz	20	FLY	144	3/19/15	James river, VA	Chartreuse Clouser
CRAPPIE, ALL	C MORRISON	11b-0oz	2	SPIN	158	4/11/15	Petersburg, VA	Artificial Worm
PERCH, WHITE	B BROUGHTON	01b-9oz	8	FLY	110	4/11/15	James River, VA	Fly
PERCH, YELLOW	R ROBINSON	11b-4oz	2	SPIN	328	3/23/15	Mattaponi River, VA	Jig / Grub
PICKEREL, CHAIN	A CONWAY	31b-6oz	4	SPIN	248	11/18/15	Chickahominy Lake, VA	Strike King swimbait
SHAD, AMERICAN	MB KODROFF	31b-4oz	4	SPIN	194	4/8/2015	Tar river nc, NC	Dart
SHAD, HICKORY	J BLANKENSHIP	21b-4oz	4	FLY	267	4/11/15	James River, VA	Fly
SUNFISH	SC LEE	01b-14oz	4	SPIN	190	9/22/15	Private Pond, VA	Jig-n-minnow
SUNFISH, REDEAR	W SHANDS	11b-0oz	2	SPIN	158	11/7/15	Wyndham Lake, VA	Grub 1/32 jig
TROUT, BROWN	A CAMPBELL	71b-0oz	6	FLY	312	7/26/15	Bull Pasture River, VA	Prince Nymph
TROUT, RAINBOW	A CAMPBELL	51b-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	191b-8oz	16	PLUG	108	7/3/2015	Nags Head, NC	Bucktail
BASS, STRIPED	B SHEPHERD	231b-0oz		SURF	230	5/15/15	Barrier Islands, VA	Peeler crab
BLUEFISH	F COUSINS	51b-8oz	2	SPIN	183	4/27/15	Rudee Inlet, VA	Grub
COBIA	W MOSLEY	421b-0oz	12	SPIN	280	5/30/15	York Spit, VA	Bucktail
DOLPHIN	DN NOLAND	311b-0oz	30	GEN	103	6/5/15	Hatteras, NC	ballyhoo
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	461b-0oz		SURF	328	5/23/15	Virginia Barrier Islands, VA	peeler crab
TUNNY, LITTLE	J BLANKENSHIP	111b-0oz	16	FLY	157	11/16/15	Cape Lookout shoals, NC	anchovy fly

"Heaviest" Species Awards Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	F COUSINS	51b-10oz	2	SPIN	375	6/5/15	Elly's Pond, VA	Art. Worm
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	C MORRISON	11b-12oz	2	SPIN	175	5/30/15	Petersburg, VA	Artificial worm
BOWFIN	A CAMPBELL	51b-0oz	12	FLY	121	5/25/15	James river fall line, VA	Cone head bugger fly
CATFISH, CHANNEL	W MOSLEY	51b-12oz	4	SPIN	171	11/8/15	Little Creek Reservoir, VA	Z-Man TRD

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CATFISH, FLATHEAD	A CAMPBELL	17lb-0oz	20	FLY	144	3/19/15	James river, VA	Chartreuse Clouser
CRAPPIE, ALL	W MOSLEY	11b-2oz	4	SPIN	140	11/8/15	Little Creek Reservoir, VA	Z-Man TRD
PERCH, WHITE	SC LEE	01b-12oz	12	PLUG	91	11/27/15	James River, VA	Bucktail
PERCH, YELLOW	R ROBINSON	11b-4oz	2	SPIN	328	3/23/15	Mattaponi River, VA	Jig / Grub
PICKEREL, CHAIN	A CONWAY	31b-6oz	4	SPIN	248	11/18/15	Chickahominy Lake, VA	Strike King swimbait
SHAD, AMERICAN	MB KODROFF	31b-4oz	4	SPIN	194	4/8/2015	Tar river nc, NC	Dart
SHAD, HICKORY	SC LEE	21b-5oz	8	FLY	204	3/30/15	James River, VA	Murray Shad Fly
SUNFISH	SC LEE	01b-14oz	4	SPIN	190	9/22/15	Private Pond, VA	Jig-n-minnow
SUNFISH, REDEAR	W SHANDS	11b-0oz	2	SPIN	158	11/7/15	Wyndham Lake, VA	Grub 1/32 jig
TROUT, BROWN	A CAMPBELL	71b-0oz	6	FLY	312	7/26/15	Bull Pasture River, VA	Prince Nymph
TROUT, RAINBOW	A CAMPBELL	51b-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	191b-8oz	16	PLUG	108	7/3/15	Nags Head, NC	Bucktail
BASS, STRIPED	B SHEPHERD	231b-0oz		SURF	230	5/15/15	Barrier Islands, VA	Peeler crab
BLUEFISH	F COUSINS	51b-8oz	2	SPIN	183	4/27/15	Rudee Inlet, VA	Grub
COBIA	W MOSLEY	481b-0oz	50BR	GEN	117	5/30/15	York Spit, VA	Eel
DOLPHIN	DN NOLAND	311b-0oz	30	GEN	103	6/5/15	Hatteras, NC	ballyhoo
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	461b-0oz		SURF	328	5/23/15	Virginia Barrier Islands, VA	peeler crab
TUNNY, LITTLE	J BLANKENSHIP	111b-0oz	16	FLY	157	11/16/2015	Cape Lookout shoals, NC	anchovy fly

New Club Records Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	A CAMPBELL	51b-0oz	6	FLY	357	8/22/15	St. Lawrence River Canada	Chart. & white deceiver
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	A CAMPBELL	41b-8oz	12	FLY	195	8/23/15	St. Lawrence River Canada,	Small Chart. Deceiver
BOWFIN	A CAMPBELL	51b-0oz	12	FLY	121	5/25/15	James river fall line, VA	Cone head bugger fly
CATFISH, CHANNEL	W MOSLEY	51b-12oz	4	SPIN	171	11/8/15	Little Creek Reservoir, VA	Z-Man TRD
SUNFISH	A CONWAY	01b-7oz	2	SPIN	115	9/19/15	Chickahominy Lake, VA	Nikko stonefly
SUNFISH	SC LEE	01b-14oz	4	SPIN	190	9/22/15	Private Pond, VA	Jig-n-minnow
SUNFISH, REDEAR	W SHANDS	11b-0oz	2	SPIN	158	11/7/15	Wyndham Lake, VA	Yamamoto grub 1/32 jig
TROUT, RAINBOW	RL WHITE	171b-8oz	16	FLY	377	12/12/14	Jurassic Lake, Patagonia	Prince Nymph
TROUT, RAINBOW	RL WHITE	161b-0oz	20	FLY	285	12/12/14	Jurassic Lake, Patagonia	Prince Nymph

New Club Records Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
COBIA	W MOSLEY	481b-0oz	50BR	GEN	117	5/30/15	York Spit, VA	Eel
SNOOK	WETLAUFER, JR	41b-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	01b-0oz	30	GEN	148	7/19/15	Norfolk Canyon, VA	Live Mackerel
MARLIN, WHITE	BL NOLAND	01b-0oz	30	GEN	148	7/19/15	Norfolk Canyon, VA	Live Mackerel
MARLIN, WHITE	BL NOLAND	01b-0oz	30	GEN	148	7/19/15	Norfolk Canyon, VA	Live Mackerel
MARLIN, WHITE	BL NOLAND	01b-0oz	30	GEN	148	8/21/15	Washington Canyon, VA	Ballyhoo
MARLIN, WHITE	BL NOLAND	01b-0oz	30	GEN	148	8/1/15	East of Cigar, Va. Beach,	Ballyhoo

Youth Saltwater (13 - 17 Years)

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
DRUM, RED	Anna Maria Brink	411b-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	01b-0oz	20	FLY	500	3/10/15	Iztapa, Guatemala	Cam Siegler Popper

New Member Award

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
SHAD, HICKORY	J BLANKENSHIP	21b-4oz	4	FLY	267	4/11/15	James River, Richmond, VA	Fly
TUNNY, LITTLE	J BLANKENSHIP	111b-0oz	16	FLY	157	11/16/15	Cape Lookout shoals, NC	anchovy fly
Total					424			



VDGIF CELEBRATES 100TH ANNIVERSARY



This year is the Centennial Year of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. The anniversary patch is shown above at the right. This patch as well as a tumbler and a lighter emblazoned with this patch are available by clicking on the three links below. The Virginia Anglers Club salutes this achievement of service to the outdoor enthusiasts of the Commonwealth. The VAC is also proud to have shared fifty-five of these years as an active angling club.

100th Anniversary Collectors Patch

<http://www.shopdgif.com/product.cfm?uid=2030257&context=category&showInactive=N>

100th Anniversary Collectors Tumbler

<http://www.shopdgif.com/product.cfm?uid=2026102&context=category&showInactive=N>

100th Anniversary Collectors Lighter

<http://www.shopdgif.com/product.cfm?uid=2026100&context=category&showInactive=N>

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**



SOUTH RIVER FLY FISHING EXPO ON APRIL 23RD AND 24TH OF 2016

This year's event will feature: Stu Apte, Pat Dorsey, Greg Senyo, Will Turek, Chuck Kraft, Captain Matt Miles and many more great speakers. Project Healing Waters and Shenandoah Valley TU will be offering free beginner fly casting and introductory fly tying, a Kids Trout Fishing Tank, lots of vendors with fly fishing goods and services for sale, and great local foods and beverages.

In preparation for the event SVTU and the South River Fly Shop will also be stocking hundreds of pounds of hard fighting Rainbow Trout in the South river for all to enjoy.

Keep this Expo in mind. It might be a good event to break out your fly rod and gear for the 2016 Angling Year.

DIRECTORY OF FLY FISHING GUIDES IN VIRGINIA – WORTH A LOOK

Did you know there is an on-line directory of fly fishing guides located in the Commonwealth of Virginia? For a complete listing, check out: <http://www.flyfishingguidedirectory.com/Virginia.html>

There are over forty (40) providers of fly fishing guide services listed.

(FROM THE FEBRUARY 10TH EDITION OF THE OUTDOOR REPORT)

NEW 2016 VIRGINIA FORECASTS, OUTLOOKS AND RANKINGS



Biologists with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries spend a great deal of time managing large impoundments in Virginia. The species diversity and size of these large systems provide ample opportunities for Virginia anglers to enjoy a day spent fishing. The fish species most often targeted by Virginians is the largemouth bass. We spend a great amount of effort trying to provide the best quality fishery we possibly can by monitoring population health and setting regulations to both protect the fish population and to provide the best angling experience that we can. The following reports provide information on what anglers can expect from various fisheries in Virginia reservoirs and also provide information on largemouth bass population statistics in various large and small impoundments throughout the state.

- [Virginia Reservoirs Ranked for Largemouth Bass Fishing](#)
- [Annual Virginia Rivers and Smallmouth Bass Fishing Outlook](#)
- [2016 Impoundment Forecast](#)

WESTERN VIRGINIA SPORTSMAN SHOW

AUGUSTA EXPO FEBRUARY 26-28

The 29th Annual Western Virginia Sport Show will be held February 26-28, 2016, at Augusta Expoland in Fishersville, Virginia (I-64, exit #91). Known as “The Show Where the Pro’s Go”, whatever you enjoy in the great outdoors, this annual time-tested event is sure to meet that need. It continues to be a unique world-class event for the entire family and any serious outdoor enthusiasts. This show consistently continues to feature more big names and attractions than any other show in the region and this year is no exception! Although primarily a hunting show, there is plenty of outdoor gear, a trout pond for the kids and celebrities to make a fun day for the whole family. Visit the website for details: www.westernvasportshow.com

12TH ANNUAL ORANGE COUNTY ANGLERS SPORTSMAN’S EXPO **MARCH 12-13 – HORNET’S SPORTS CENTER – ORANGE, VIRGINIA**

The 12th Annual Orange County Anglers Sportsman’s Expo will be held March 12-13 at the Hornet Sports Center in Orange. This unique show is sponsored by the “Nation’s Outstanding Junior B.A.S.S. Federation Nation Chapter”, the Orange County High School 4-H and B.A.S.S. Angler’s Club. There will be exhibits featuring hunting and fishing guides, gear, artwork, taxidermy, boats and more. Read more about this show and this outstanding teen anglers club on the OCHS website: www.ochsanglers.com



TOURNAMENT NEWS



BY DREW CAMPBELL

FEBRUARY TOURNAMENT – YELLOW PERCH FRIDAY FEBRUARY 26TH THRU SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH (BLOW DATES WILL BE ANNOUNCED AS NEEDED BY E-CAST)

You may notice that our tournament is longer then in the past In an effort to increased participation we have given our tournament a wide window of opportunity and a wide selection of waters in which to fish ~ Get out there have fun and get fishing!

This tournament is open to all Resident and Non-Resident Members of the Virginia Anglers Club. Popular spots in Virginia include the Chickahominy and Mattaponi Rivers. But don't overlook Little Creek or Western branch reservoir's both are citation producers 1.4 pounds or 12 inches! Non-Resident Members have to rely on their local knowledge of the best waters in which to fish.

Fishing is usually dependable if weather conditions co-operate. Please contact Chairman to confirm event if weather is questionable.

We will recognize three places for heaviest weight fish and three places for highest point fish. 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 cannot qualify in both categories. Only two fish of each specified tournament species can be entered in any tournament.

Note: 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 Andy at campbellx2@verizon.net or phoned in at (804) 658-8297.



Largemouth Bass - John Wetlaufer's Grandson



Fred Cousins - 5lbs. 8oz. caught on 2# spin



ANNUAL AWARDS 2016

President's Award Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	F COUSINS	5lb-8oz	2	SPIN	366	1/15/16	Private Lake New Kent Co., VA	Art. Lizzard

President's Award Saltwater

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Division Awards Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, STRIPED	R CHOI	42lb-0oz	50BR	GEN	140	12/19/15	York River, VA	Live Eel
BASS, STRIPED	SC LEE	11lb-12oz	12	FLY	146	12/4/15	Chesapeake Bay, VA	Half and Half
BASS, STRIPED	BL NOLAND	9lb-4oz	4	PLUG	185	12/26/15	off Gwynn's Island, VA	Bucktail Jig

"Highest Point" Species Awards Freshwater

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BASS, SMALLMOUTH	GN CARTER	2lb-14oz	4	PLUG	208	12/16/15	Pamunkey River, VA	Bomber Model A
CRAPPIE, ALL	A CONWAY	1lb-0oz	2	SPIN	158	12/5/15	Chickahominy Lake, VA	Bobby Garland swimbait
PERCH, YELLOW	SC LEE	1lb-1oz	4	PLUG	230	12/21/15	Pamunkey River, VA	Crankbait
SUNFISH, REDEAR	W SHANDS	1lb-5oz	2	SPIN	208	12/5/15	Wyndym Lake, VA	1/32 jig w/ a Jilt Grub

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New Club Records Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
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New Club Records Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
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Non-Local Award Fresh or Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
TARPON	W MOSLEY	0lb-0oz	50BR	GEN	86	12/24/15	Marathon, FL	Pilchard

New Member Award

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	W SHANDS	2lb-12oz	2	SPIN	183	12/27/15	Wyndym Lake, VA	Crack Jack 38 DR
SUNFISH, REDEAR	W SHANDS	1lb-5oz	2	SPIN	208	12/5/15	Wyndym Lake, VA	1/32 jig w/ a Jilt Grub
Total					391			

Robert Thomas

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Fly Tying Materials & Tools
Hosted Trips

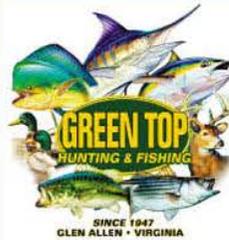
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NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at New DGI Headquarters

