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NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING – JUNE 28 YARD SALE AND FISHING KNOT TYING VDGIF HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

7870 Villa park Drive, Henrico County

Doors open at 6:30pm and meeting starts at 7:00pm

JUNE MEETING MEMBERSHIP MEETING SWAP SHOP AND ANGLING KNOT TYING “HOW TO” CLASS

An Anglers Swap Shop will proceed the June Membership Meeting and will be held in the parking lot in front of the VDGIF Building. The Sale will start at 6:30 PM. Come early to get set up for the Sale.

Check the back corners of your tackle closet and tackle box. If you have not touched what you see in 5 years, price it right and bring it to the Swap Shop. Someone might just need what you bring. All items a bargain.

An angling knot tying “how to” session will follow featuring 4 experienced VAC members manning four knot demo stations. The knot tying stations should be ready to roll by 7:30 and run for about an hour. The Members manning the knot tying stations are:

Tyler Shands: Double Palomar Knot

Josh Dolin: Alberto Knot

Grant Alvis: Triple Nail Knot to Bimini

Art Conway: Uni Knot

We hope to have plenty of line flowing for those wishing to practice the knots. If you want to learn with a specific weight line, please bring your own line and a few hooks with which to practice. A screw eye in a short length of board (1” X 3”) makes a barb-free tying rig.

Thanks to all Members are participating in the demos.



BACKLASH

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

*** SPECIAL NOTICE ***

NO JULY MEMBERSHIP MEETING – NO JULY ANGLER

There will be no VAC Board of Directors or Membership Meetings in July. The next Membership Meeting will be August 23rd. If any VAC issues come up that need the attention of the BOD, they will be handled via E-Mail if possible. Country Store items will be available my mail order. There will be no July issue of The Angler. Information needing publicity will be passed along via by E-Casts.



NEED AN ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO FLY FISHING KNOT TYING?

Check out page 8 of this issue of The Angler for a comprehensive and waterproof guide to fly fishing knots. The guide will easily fit in a pocket of your fly fishing vest.

AUGUST MEMBERSHIP MEETING PROGRAM (Currently Under Construction)

COUNTRY STORE OPEN AT JUNE MEETING NEW HATS AND "T" SHIRTS ARE NOW IN STOCK

The VAC Country Store Keepers, Joe, Sr. and Joe, Jr. Lovasz report that new VAC hats and "T" shirts have been received and now are in stock and will be at the June Membership Meeting. You can pre-shop the open store in the Member's Area of the VAC website. If any New Members have not used their "Club Bucks", this is a great time to use them. Sorry, no change given but many items are priced at the redemption value of the Bucks.

MAY ANGLER OF THE MONTH WINNERS

1 Stuart Lee.	Carp.	17 lbs. 8 oz.	4 Gen.	350 Points
2 Billy Nicar.	Chain Pickerel.	3 lbs. 5 oz.	4 Spin.	243 Points
3 Stuart Lee.	Sunfish.	1 lb.	4 Gen.	172 Points

MAY MONTHLY RAFFLE WINNER

Karen Anderson – VAC Secretary

MAY 28th CHICK EXPEDITION YIELDS 7 SPECIES AND A VA CITATION (By Art Conway – Expedition Leader)

The Virginia Anglers Club's small but very enthusiastic expedition to Chickahominy Lake set out from Ed Allen's Boats and Bait at 9 AM on Saturday (5/28/2016). Water temperatures were in the mid to high 70's in the main lake in the morning, ranging into the low 80's by early afternoon. The lake level was about six inches above the top of the dam. The water was moderately brown and slightly turbid in the lower lake, which is a bit less clear than is typical for this time of year. The weather was totally clear and we had a beautiful day with relatively light winds. Bluegills were in loose clusters on the banks, interspersed with a scattering of other species, all of which hit a variety of small jigs on light spinning gear.

Karen Anderson, Carolyn Conway, and Art Conway released 65 bluegill, 1 shellcracker, 1 flier, 1 crappie, and 1 bass by 1 PM, at which point we repaired to Lakeside Restaurant for lunch. Tyler Shands joined us for lunch and reported he had caught 12 bluegill, 5 crappie, 3 ring perch, 1 pickerel, and a shell cracker from his kayak. One of the ring perch was a 14" state citation, weight 15oz. We had a really fun day and plan to reassemble the crew to do it again as soon as schedules permit.

JUNE EXPEDITION – JAMES RIVER FLATHEAD CATFISH WADE SATURDAY JUNE 25, 2017

** POSTPONED DUE TO RIVER CONDITIONS **



JULY EXPEDITION – JAMES RIVER FLOAT- JULY 30, 2016 **(By Steve Knox – Expedition Leader)**

The Club has organized a float trip for Saturday July 30 on the middle James River. Member Steve Knox is organizing the trip. The float will be from the put-in at the Hardware River WMA to Bremono Bluff, a float of about seven miles. No tournament, no race, just a fun float down a beautiful part of the James. We did this same trip last year in June.

This is a prime section of the river for smallmouth fishing, so bring your scales! Depending on your fishing speed and the river level, the float should take about eight hours. You are on your own to get your kayak/canoe/jon boat (float tube?) to the launch and arrange for a shuttle partner. If you are having difficulty arranging a shuttle partner contact Steve – sknox@knoxmarine.com or cell 840.9460. The rough plan is to meet at the Bremono ramp (the takeout) about 6:00 and launch about 7:00 AM. The drive from Richmond is an hour plus or minus, depending on where you live. Drive time from Bremono's Bluff to the launch site (i.e. the shuttle time) is ~45 minutes.

Let Steve know if are planning to make the float. If you need a shuttle partner let him know. Tell Steve what sort of vehicle and boat you have so that he can pair appropriate shuttle vehicles.

He can also probably find a loaner kayak for anyone who wants to try the float trip but doesn't have a boat.

Mark your calendar – Steve will provide additional details about the launch and takeout locations etc. to all who respond. Be sure to let him know if you plan to float.

There is a long stretch from the end of Big Island to the takeout. About half way down this stretch there's a private concrete ramp on the right. Just past that is another concrete ramp at a campground. Either place would be a good stop for lunch and a stretch. There are no other good stopping places on that stretch.

FLAT OUT CATFISH WORKSHOP TUESDAY JULY 12 IN RICHMOND

Would you like to learn the secrets of catching Flathead Catfish on the James River? Please turn to page 7 of this issue of The Angler for details. The Workshop will also be offered on Tuesday, August 2ND.

E CARD ERRORS – PLEASE READ

At the June BOD Meeting Stuart Lee, Angling Rules Chairman, reviewed some continuing errors appearing on E-Cards. The errors all relate to some apparent misunderstanding of or lack of knowledge of the VAC's Angling Rules.

The "Tournament Entry"

Check the "Tournament Entry" box only if the E-card is to be entered in one of the specifically scheduled Tournaments in the Tournament Schedule for the current angling year. If you click this box in error, just click the "Start Over" link in the upper right.

All E-Cards are automatically entered into the Annual VAC Tournament that runs all during the current angling year and for which awards are given at the Annual Awards Banquet (EG: President' cub, Division Awards, etc.).

If the entry is a "Tournament Entry", the Member must then decide if the entry is to be submitted as a points catch or a weight catch. The Member indicates his/her points or weigh entry choice by checking the "points" option or the "weight" option after the "Tournament Entry" checkbox.

None of the above should be selected for a "regular" non-tournament entry.

WISDOM FROM THE TACKLE BOX

"Carpe Diem" does not mean "fish of the day." ~Author Unknown

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



“Catchy Comments”

By *Stuart Lee*



In the past few weeks, club members have made some truly outstanding catches. Bob Shepherd ventured to the Eastern Shore around the Memorial Day holiday and caught a 27 lb. Red Drum in the Surf to take the lead in that division. He also caught a 33 lb. Red Drum on 8 lb Fly (550 points) to take the lead in that division as well and also a club record. Mike Ostrander, who lives in Richmond, caught another Richmond resident, a 5 lb. 4 oz. Smallmouth Bass on 8 Spin, a new club record and a lifetime fish for most anyone. Everett Spence caught a 61 lb. Cobia in the ocean off Avon, N.C., on a live menhaden to take over the largest Cobia category. Art Conway caught a 4 ½ lb. Largemouth Bass in Chickahominy Lake on 2 Spin. Will Mosley entered two nice Speckled Trout caught on 4 Spin June 4th in the Mobjack Bay area weighing 4 ½ and 4 ¾ pounds.

Tyler Shand’s pursuit of his Angler rating continues, and he has been relentless, entering catches for Largemouth Bass, Sunfish, Smallmouth Bass, Rainbow Trout, and Rock Bass in June so far.

I was fishing in North Carolina a couple of weeks ago and listened to a story play out over the VHF radio over a two-day period that I thought would be of interest to some. A Grady-White, or “Outboard,” as the charter captains call all of the smaller boats, became disabled while fishing in the Gulf Stream about 35 miles SE of Oregon Inlet. The boat was able to get the attention of a commercial hook and line tuna fisherman that was on his way in. The commercial boat offered to tow the disabled boat in to the dock for a fee of \$1000. The disabled boat captain declined and said the price was outrageous and that there was no way he was going to pay that. The commercial boat offered to tow the disabled boat in a couple of miles out of the current to where it was calmer, without charge. The wind was 15-18 out of the North, and it was apparently rough in the Gulf Stream.

After the boat was in calmer water, the captain called the Coast Guard for assistance. He was asked if he was a member of a towing insurance service (Tow Boat US or SeaTow), which he was not. The Coast Guard said they would call one of these firms for him and relay his need for assistance. When the Coast Guard called the disabled boat back and relayed the price that the towing service quoted, which was more than the \$1000 previously rejected, the captain declined their service also.

The disabled boat then insisted that the Coast Guard come to his aid after repeatedly answering that he was in no immediate danger and all passengers were safe. The Coast Guard dispatched a boat from Station Oregon Inlet to go out and tow the disabled boat in.

The next day I heard the charter boat guys talking that at some point during the trip in or at the dock, the Coast Guard informed the captain of the disabled boat that because it was not an emergency or life threatening situation that he would be responsible for the cost of the Coast Guard’s trip out and back, which would be calculated, but he should expect a bill for \$8000-\$10,000.

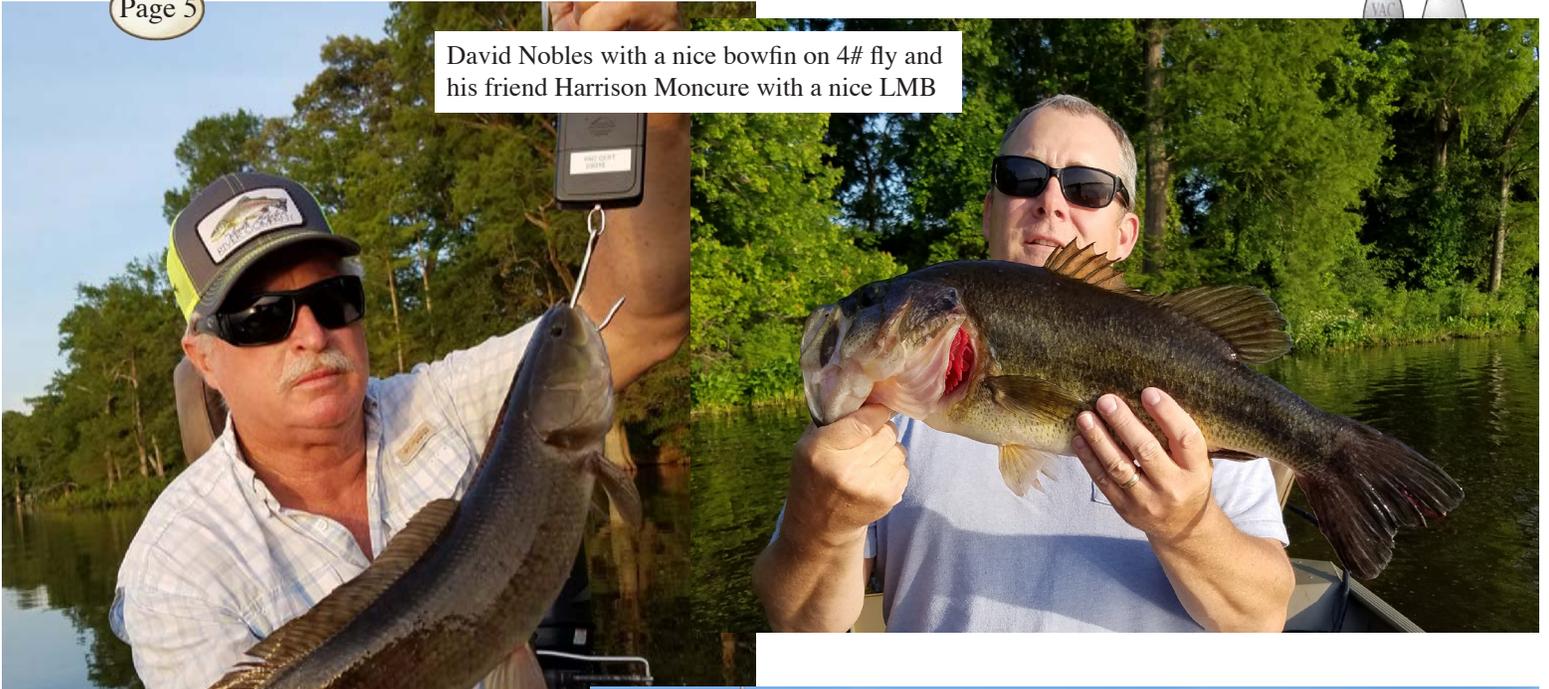
I see two morals to this story. First, if you plan to venture far from the dock without another boat to rely on, you better invest in one of the tow insurance services. Secondly, before committing to a commercial towing offer, you better understand all of the services available and costs before making a decision.

Stuart



Bob Shepherd and his new club record 33lb Red Drum on 8 Fly

David Nobles with a nice bowfin on 4# fly and his friend Harrison Moncure with a nice LMB



Rob Choi with a 50+” Red Drum

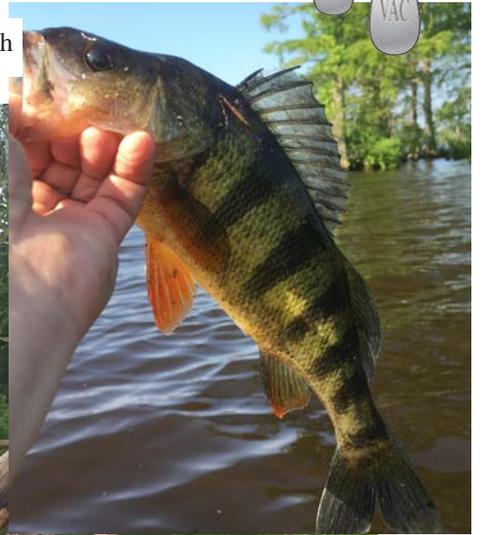
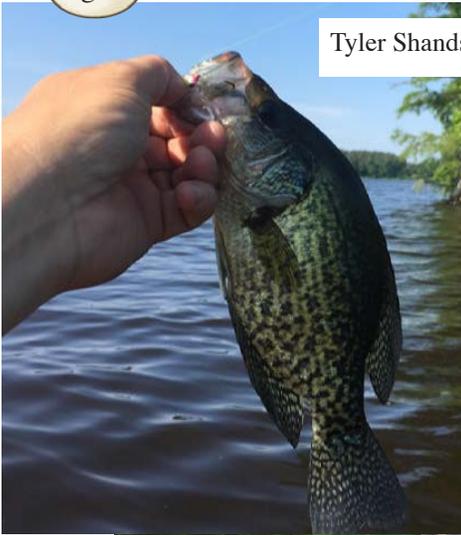


Karen Anderson with an 8.5” Bluegill





Tyler Shands' nice black crappie and 14" citation Yellow Perch



Mike Ostrander's new club record
5-4 Smallmouth bass on 8# Spin



Rob Choi with a snakehead



For up-to-the-minute information about the VDGI's 100th Anniversary Celebration please go to <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/100/>

REMINDER: BOATER SAFETY COURSE REQUIRED

Beginning July 1, 2016, all PWC operators age 14 and older and all motorboat operators regardless of age need to take a boating safety course. More info here: <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/boating/education/requirement/>

THE VAC NAME TAG BOX – HAVE YOU SEEN IT? – DO YOU HAVE IT?

Somewhere out there in the Commonwealth is the Virginia Angler's missing Name Tab Box. The VAC Leadership Team wants to restore the use of the box and would like to have it back in their possession. The box is a flat affair that is made from plywood, stained a dark brown and has brass hardware. The hinged box opens much like a pizza box and has rows of angled slots inside into which fit plastic name tag holders with pins on the back that allow the holders with a Member's name inside to be stored. This box slipped away some years ago.

If you have the box or know where it might be, please contact VAC Member Stuart Lee at stulee37@gmail.com, (804) -541-1833 (H) or (804)-467-7080.

FLAT OUT CATFISH WORKSHOP TUESDAY, JULY 12 IN RICHMOND

Would you like to learn the secrets of catching Flathead Catfish on the James River? Join DGIF Angling Education and Captain Mike Ostrander for a day of instruction and fishing on the James River at Pony Pasture in Richmond. Workshop involves wading in the river and terrain can be challenging. Tackle, bait and lunch will be provided. For ages 16 and older. Special Notice – In an effort to recruit new attendees, returning participants from previous years must bring someone new to the workshop. Registration Fee: \$40 per person. Register today, space is limited and open until filled. Note a second workshop is scheduled for August 2. For more information, contact Chris Dunnivant at 804-283-7327 or chris.dunnivant@dgif.virginia.gov.

HELP KEEP ANGLING LEGAL – REPORT VIOLATIONS

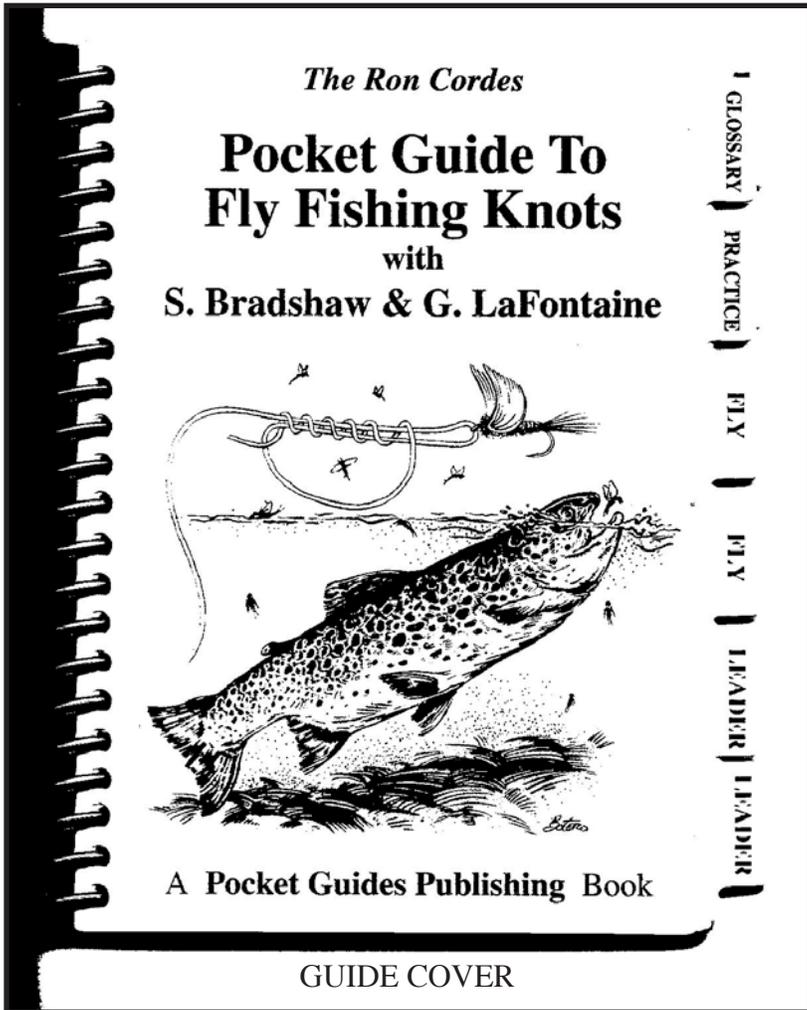
Freshwater

**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**

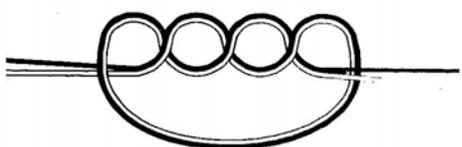
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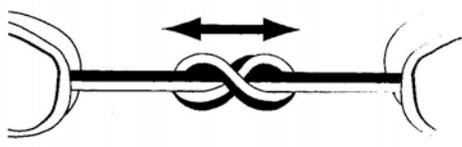
GUIDE COVER

The Pocket Guide To Fly Fishing Knots by S. Bradshaw and G. LaFontaine might be worth checking out. Just Google the title and you will find multiple sources from which to buy this 3 1/2" X 4 1/2" x 1/4" thick book with waterproof plastic pages.

Step 1. Using lots of extra leader for the tag ends, place the two leader sections parallel to each other and tie a double overhand knot by pushing the tag end of the fat leader and the standing end of the leader through the loop twice. This knot will be easy if you use a big loop to push the big ends through. **Important:** *Make sure both strands pass through the loop.*



Step 2. Moisten the knot and pull on all 4 strands at once to tighten it.

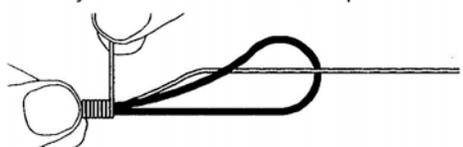


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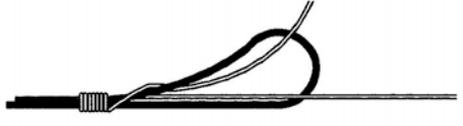
ALBRIGHT KNOT (With Lock)

Purpose — To join leader materials of greatly different diameters. This is especially valuable for saltwater fishing.

Step 1. Make a loop in the tag end of the heavy leader. Holding the loop in place with thumb and forefinger, slip the tag end of the light leader through the loop, and wrap the light leader back on itself and the two strands of heavy leader. Do 12 or more wraps.



Step 2. Push the light leader back through the loop in the same way in which it exited.



Step 3. Pull slowly on the standing part of the light leader while pushing to seat the wraps down on the loop. pull alternately on the standing and tag end of the light leader to tighten.

LEADER
SHOCK
LINE
BACKING
WIRE
LEADER



MEMBER GARY DONAHUE ELECTED HONORARY VAC MEMBER

The Directors of the Virginia Anglers Club voted Member Gary Donahue, a 29 year Member of the Club, into Honorary Membership at the May 10th, 2016 BOD Meeting. Gary's most active period of fishing was in the '90s and his catch records indicate a love of freshwater fishing. During one trip to Lake Kamuchawie in Manitoba, Canada, Gary caught two club record fish, the records for which still stand now 23 years later. The fish were an 8-12 walleye on 4-spin (437 pts.) and a 12-0 northern pike on 4-spin (400 pts.). The third club record catch of his total of six still standing club records was a 2-14 crappie on 2-fly (575 pts.). Gary is now challenged to participate in VAC activities and, as an Honorary Member, can retain his membership without paying any annual dues.

MEMBER STEVE FETROW – A GOOD DAY OF FLY FISHING

VAC Member Steve Fetrow had some good fishing Saturday, May 28th, on a gorgeous trout stream near Broadway, VA. He managed to land 9 Rainbow's - all catch & release.



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ANNUAL AWARDS 2016

President's Award Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
CARP	SC LEE	15lb-0oz		4 SPIN	375	4/18/16	Private Pond, VA	Jig-n-Minnow

President's Award Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	33lb-0oz		8 FLY	550	5/25/16	Chesapeake Bay, VA	Half & half

Division Awards Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
CARP	SC LEE	15lb-0oz		4 SPIN	375	4/18/16	Private Pond, VA	Jig-n-Minnow
CARP	SC LEE	17lb-8oz		4 GEN	350	5/16/16	Private Pond, VA	Worm
PERCH, YELLOW	J DOUGHTY	1lb-2oz		2 PLUG	296	3/11/16	mattaponi, VA	blade bait
TROUT, BROWN	A CAMPBELL	4lb-2oz		2 FLY	322	5/7/16	Spring Creek, Highland County, V	Humpy Dry Fly

Division Awards Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, STRIPED	BL NOLAND	9lb-4oz		4 PLUG	185	12/26/15	off Gwynn's Island, VA	Bucktail Jig
COBIA	EW SPENCE	61lb-0oz		50 GEN	148	6/8/16	East of Avon, NC	Live Atlantic Menhaden
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	27lb-0oz		SURF	192	5/23/16	Smith Island, VA	Peeler
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	33lb-0oz		8 FLY	550	5/25/16	Chesapeake Bay, VA	Half & half
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	W MOSLEY	4lb-12oz		4 SPIN	237	6/4/16	Ware River, VA	paddle tail

"Highest Point" Species Awards 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
BASS, ROCK & ROANOKE	W SHANDS	0lb-4oz		2 SPIN	65	6/11/16	South River, VA	Rigge
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	M OSTRANDER	5lb-4oz		8 SPIN	246	5/31/16	James River, VA	Lucky Craft Crankbait
BOWFIN	M CLINE	5lb-7oz		2 SPIN	271	2/27/16	Mattaponi River, VA	Jig
CARP	SC LEE	15lb-0oz		4 SPIN	375	4/18/16	Private Pond, VA	Jig-n-Minnow
CRAPPIE, ALL	DL NOBLES	1lb-13oz		2 SPIN	287	3/31/16	private pond, VA	Berkley 3 inch Emerald Shiner
PERCH, WHITE	J BLANKENSHIP	0lb-12oz		2 FLY	250	4/17/16	james river, VA	barbless shad fly
PERCH, YELLOW	J DOUGHTY	1lb-2oz		2 PLUG	296	3/11/16	mattaponi, VA	blade bait
PICKEREL, CHAIN	W NICAR	3lb-5oz		4 SPIN	243	5/7/16	Private Pond, VA	3" swim bait
SHAD, AMERICAN	MB KODROFF	4lb-0oz		4 SPIN	239	3/25/16	Tar River, NC	Dart
SHAD, HICKORY	J BLANKENSHIP	2lb-8oz		4 FLY	297	3/21/16	James river fall line, VA	fly
SUNFISH	J BLANKENSHIP	0lb-12oz		2 FLY	250	5/1/16	Lake Randolph, VA	Barbless Brim fly
SUNFISH, REDEAR	W SHANDS	1lb-5oz		2 SPIN	208	12/5/15	Wyndym Lake, VA	1/32 jig w/ a Jilt Grub
TROUT, BROOK	M MORAN	1lb-1oz		6 FLY	81	3/11/16	Escatawba farms, VA	Golden retriever fly
TROUT, BROWN	A CAMPBELL	4lb-2oz		2 FLY	322	5/7/16	Spring Creek, Highland County, V	Humpy Dry Fly
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FLOUNDER, SUMMER	F COUSINS	1lb-13oz		2 SPIN	151	5/11/16	Rudee Inlet, VA	Grub
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	W MOSLEY	4lb-12oz		4 SPIN	237	6/4/16	Ware River, VA	paddle tail

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PERCH, WHITE	J DOUGHTY	0lb-14oz		2 SPIN	230	3/11/16	Mattaponi River, VA	soft plastic
PERCH, YELLOW	GN CARTER	1lb-2oz		4 PLUG	244	3/10/16	Mattaponi, river, VA	Blade Bait
PICKEREL, CHAIN	W NICAR	3lb-5oz		4 SPIN	243	5/7/16	Private Pond, VA	3" swim bait
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SUNFISH	SC LEE	1lb-0oz	4	GEN	172	5/18/16	Private Pond, VA	Worm
SUNFISH	W SHANDS	0lb-14oz	2	SPIN	230	6/12/16	Duval Pond, VA	1/32 Yamamoto
SUNFISH, REDEAR	W SHANDS	1lb-5oz	2	SPIN	208	12/5/15	Wyndym Lake, VA	1/32 jig w/ a Jilt Grub

New Club Records 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
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	33lb-0oz	8	FLY	550	5/25/16	Chesapeake Bay, VA	Half & half

Youth Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
CATFISH, BLUE	LILLY CASE 13_17	30lb-0oz	12	GEN	208	3/19/16	James River, VA	Cut Bait
CRAPPIE, ALL	ADDISON NICAR 0_6	2lb-5oz	8	GEN	159	3/8/16	PRIVATE POND, VA	LIVE MINNOW
PERCH, WHITE	BETTY JANE ROWE 7_12	0lb-10oz	6	SPIN	113	4/16/16	James River, VA	Shad dart

Non-Local Award Fresh or Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
TARPON	LJ SPURLIN	0lb-0oz	12	FLY	321	5/2/16	San Felipe, Mexico, OTHER	Gurgler Shrimp

New Member Award

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	W SHANDS	3lb-10oz	2	SPIN	241	6/12/16	Duval Pond, VA	1/32 Yamamoto
BASS, ROCK & ROANOKE	W SHANDS	0lb-4oz	2	SPIN	65	6/11/16	South River, VA	Rigge
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	W SHANDS	0lb-15oz	2	SPIN	93	6/11/16	South River, VA	Rigge
CRAPPIE, ALL	W SHANDS	1lb-0oz	2	SPIN	158	2/28/16	Little Creek Reservoir, VA	1/16 Yamamoto Grub
PERCH, WHITE	W SHANDS	0lb-10oz	2	SPIN	164	4/16/16	James River, VA	1/16 Yamamoto grub
PERCH, YELLOW	W SHANDS	0lb-15oz	2	SPIN	246	5/28/16	Chickahominy Lake, VA	1/32 yamamoto grub
PICKEREL, CHAIN	W SHANDS	2lb-0oz	2	SPIN	200	2/28/16	Little Creek Reservoir, VA	1/16 Yamamoto Grub
SHAD, HICKORY	W SHANDS	1lb-9oz	6	GEN	101	4/10/16	James River, VA	Bladebaits
SUNFISH	W SHANDS	0lb-14oz	2	SPIN	230	6/12/16	Duval Pond, VA	1/32 Yamamoto
SUNFISH, REDEAR	W SHANDS	1lb-5oz	2	SPIN	208	12/5/15	Wyndym Lake, VA	1/32 jig w/ a Jilt Grub
TROUT, RAINBOW	W SHANDS	1lb-4oz	2	SPIN	78	6/11/16	South River , VA	Rigge
Total					1784			

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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FROM THE JUNE 8TH EDITION OF THE OUTDOOR REPORT

ACCESS TO TROUT STREAMS IN JEOPARDY DUE TO LITTERING



VDGIF Complementary Work Force volunteers recently worked with local stream side landowners to clean up trash and litter left by disrespectful people on Shenandoah County trout streams. Landowners may cancel public access agreements if littering becomes a problem. Anglers should always carry out their containers and spend a few minutes picking up after those who are careless.

By Complementary Work Force Volunteer Allen Easterly

Recently Commonwealth fishermen lost another long stretch of trout stream access. This is not the first time landowners have posted their land to keep fishermen out. This is a continuing situation that seems to be accelerating with

more and more access being denied to the public. Much of our trout streams run through private property and depends on landowner agreement to allow the public on their land for the purpose of fishing. Without the agreement, VDGIF will not stock those portions of stream with trout. The trout are a public resource and can only be stocked where the public have free access to the fish. So why would landowners want to keep people just out for a relaxing afternoon of fishing off their property? Quite simply in almost every case it's because of the trash left behind. Landowners are tired of cleaning up after folks that have little respect for the landowner and his property. Whether it's the fishermen leaving behind their lunch trash or someone else dumping their tires or household trash over the stream embankment, it's often the fishermen that get the blame. As a member of one of the trout stocking streams I see a lot of the land where streams flow and at almost every stocking stop along the route there is trash of one kind or another. If you would like to keep your access to your favorite trout fishing spots it's time you start cleaning up after yourself and others that thoughtlessly leave their mess behind. If you can carry your lunch and snacks to the stream, you can carry the empty wrappers and containers out with you. And if you stop to pick up other trash, it will go a long way in keeping access to your favorite fishing holes.

Recently a group of volunteers and VDGIF personnel cleaned up a section of Mill and Stony Creeks in Shenandoah County in the hopes of regaining a recently lost section of stream access. This is not something that is a normal part of the trout stocking program, so don't depend on this activity to clean up after you all the time. The hard working crew of 11 volunteers, four VDGIF personnel and a County Deputy pulled an unbelievable 2,800 pounds of trash from a short section of Mill Creek that was taken to the landfill by a dump truck provided by Cabin Hill Homes LLC. Approximately 1,500 pounds of trash was hauled away from Stony Creek by 30-40 volunteers and three VDGIF personnel and taken to the landfill by Bushong Excavating and several volunteers with their personal trucks. This time the hard work paid off and these caring people helped obtain verbal commitments from two landowners to return their properties to the Mill Creek trout stream public access. One of these landowners had their property off the access list for about 10 years. Let's keep it clean because if we lose access again, it might never be returned. The returned access is downstream from S. Middle Road and runs along the old Rt. 263 roadway (now closed and gated.) The public will be able to park at either end and walk in. Look for the diamond shaped trout stocking signs to be posted in this area beginning with the October stocking.

BARRIER-FREE FISHING AND HUNTING TRAILS CONSTRUCTED ON THE CLINCH MOUNTAIN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA



Robert Deel and brother Ricky show big smiles as Robert reels in trophy trout while fishing on Big Tumbling Creek in the Clinch Mountain WMA on the new barrier free trails. WCYB TV 5 Bristol reporter Cassandra Sweetman and Bristol Herald Courier photographer Earl Neikirk cover the catch for promoting the new barrier free trails and the special Trophy Trout Stocking coming up June 13-18. Bring the kids and catch some trout and have a great day fishing! Photo by David Coffman Editor TOR.

The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) will host a media event to showcase the newly constructed barrier-free fishing and hunting trails located on the Clinch Mountain

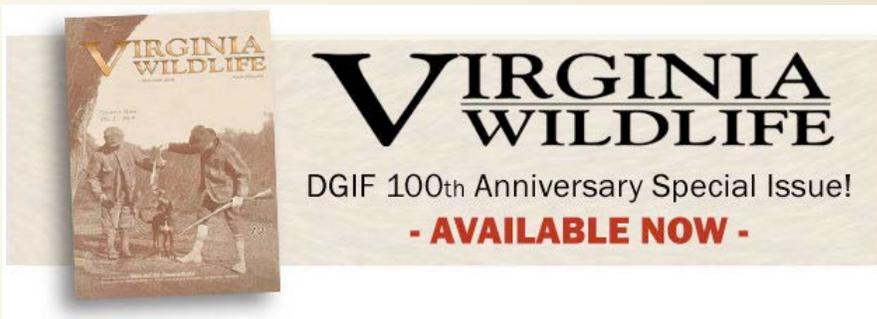
Wildlife Management Area Wednesday June 8. Tom Hampton, Lands and Facilities Manager for the Marion Regional 3 Office noted that the fishing trails located on Big Tumbling Creek allow limited mobility anglers to access the stream for trout fishing. Trout are stocked four days per week (Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday) in this fee fishing area. A special trophy brook trout stocking event is scheduled for June 13-18 with 500 trophy sized brown trout, two to four pounds each, will be stocked throughout the week leading to Father's Day weekend. A valid fishing license and a daily permit (\$8) is required of anglers; however, children 12 and under may fish without a permit as long as they are accompanied by a permitted adult and their combined creel does not exceed that of the adult (6 trout per day).

BARRIER-FREE TRAILS BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Department is committed to providing equal opportunities for every visitor to our wildlife management areas to experience wildlife through hunting, fishing, boating or wildlife viewing. The Department has developed barrier-free trails on Clinch Mountain WMA, and other WMA's, to improve access for mobility impaired users. Approximately 2,400 feet of trails leading to four hunting locations were developed on Clinch Mountain. Two separate fishing trails (500 feet and 200 feet) were developed on Clinch Mountain WMA. Mobility impaired individuals may use electric or manual mobility devices (wheelchairs or other devices) designed for indoor or outdoor use. There are no physical barriers to prevent access by wheeled device and some slopes and distances may exceed ADA requirements. Only electric-powered or manual devices are allowed and must be less than 54 inches wide.

THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES CELEBRATED 100 YEARS JUNE 17, 2016

In 1916, the remarkable occurred. A tiny state agency whose responsibilities were not to the people of the Commonwealth—but to its beleaguered fish and wildlife—was born. Though DGIF was hardly a top priority of the Virginia Legislature, and its first office was squeezed into a cloakroom in the Virginia Senate, the agency was saddled with an extraordinary mission that encompassed every square mile of Virginia. Today, after nearly 100 years of fish and wildlife restoration and management, it's time to take a look back to see how well we've done.



On March 11, 1916, legislation was passed creating the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. And on June 17th the act became law and the cloak room door of the Senate was opened for Department business. Called the most “radical event in the history of conservation in Virginia,” the landmark legislation” was passed with the support of the Virginia Division of the League of American Sportsmen, the Farmers Union, the Farmers Institute, and the Virginia Audubon Society. The newly created Department receives no financial support from the state. The conservation of Virginia's wildlife resources is to be funded exclusively by sportsmen and anglers through the sale of hunting licenses and non-resident fishing licenses. This marked the beginning of a century of fish and wildlife restoration and management and a multitude of success stories. Read more details of the remarkable accomplishments over the past Century made by the Department's staff, volunteers and the many conservation partners with a shared Mission: Working for Wildlife.

Take a look at the harvest numbers for your county in 1922 to see why the “good old days” of being a hunter in Virginia are today! Read more about the remarkable history of the Agency and the leaders in conservation that came to national prominence in the special 100th Anniversary Edition of Virginia Wildlife Magazine May- June 2016. Be sure to get your copy today!

NEWLY RENOVATED WEST POINT BOATING ACCESS SITE DEDICATED MAY 24



The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, The Virginia Marine Resources Commission, and The Town of West Point dedicated a significant renovation project of the West Point boating access site on May 24th. VDGIF invested more than a million dollars over the last six months renovating three highly-used boating access sites in eastern Virginia. The construction work was done during the off-season to lessen the impact on the public. All of the following renovation projects were partially funded by the Sport Fish Restoration Act administered by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and are an investment of fresh and saltwater fishing license dollars and boat titling and registration fees. Photo by Megan Marchetti. The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, The Virginia Marine Resources Commission, and The Town of West Point dedicated a significant renovation project of the West Point boating access site on May 24th. In addition to dedicating this facility the event recognized the completion on two other major boating access sites along the Chesapeake Bay.

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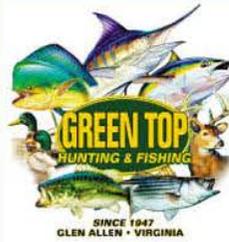
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