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NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING – TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2016 ANNUAL FISH FRY AT MAYMONT NATURE CENTER

2201 Shields Lake Drive

Gates Open at 5:30PM

Dinner served around 6:30-7:00 PM



BACKLASH

Commentary from the
Board of Directors

-By John Wetlaufer, Sr.

The highly skilled and widely acclaimed VAC Fry Team will be cooking member donated fish (thawed, chilled, ready to cook, please), French fries, slaw, and hush puppies (from Jeff Doughty's secret, down-home Dinwiddie recipe) accompanied by soft drinks, water and beer at the Maymont Nature Center under the tent. Fry Team for 2017 will be Buddy, Ryan, and Danny Noland, Jeff Doughty, Billy Nicar, and Fred Cousins.

Casting Contests will be held prior to the serving of food. See Art Conway down on "the lower field" where the skills course will be set up.

Guests are welcome and encouraged. A donation of \$10 per member or guest is suggested to help defray the cost of this traditional event.

* PLEASE NOTE – PEANUT OIL IS USED FOR ALL FRYING *

NEXT-UP ANGLING ACTIVITY ALERT

Tournament: June 17-25 – NC & VA Saltwater Open
(Details in the May Angler)

Expedition: May 6th (Sat) – Trout Fishing the South River in
Waynesboro, VA (Details Below)

SPECIAL RAFFLE – GUIDED TRIP BY COLBY TROW

Fishing Guide Colby Trow Mossy Creek Fly Fishing), our speaker for September, has donated a guided trip to the Virginia Anglers Club to be raffled off in conjunction with his September visit. Special Activities Chairman Don West is running this trip raffle and will be selling tickets at Membership Meeting up to the time of Colby's visit. Details of this Special Auction appear on page 5 of this issue of The Angler.

CATCHING FOR SCIENCE – COBIA BOWL – JUNE 23RD AND 24TH

Our cobia fishery is in a state of turmoil. There are many questions as to how to manage the fishery, the health of the cobia stock, just what is the cobia stock (one big group, two big groups, or multiple cobia stocks?), how many fish can be caught while maintaining a healthy stock, and the accuracy of estimates of how many cobia anglers are actually catching?

To help find answers to some of these questions, the "Flounder Bowl" has become the "Cobia Bowl" to raise funds for cobia research at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science. To find more about this opportunity to catch these energetic species, please turn to page 6 of this issue of The Angler.



MARCH PROGRAM – WOO DAVES – “HOW I GOT INTO PRO FISHING”

Woo Daves presented a program at the March Membership Meeting about bass fishing. The presentation was laid back, entertaining and informative. Woo emphasized the importance of casting first into a promising spot and then making subsequent casts of lesser distance.....” kitchen on the first cast and then the living room front porch and front yard”. Forty-five Members and guests attended the presentation.



Member Stuart Lee Offers His Glasses to Woo Who Is Having Problems Tying A Knot in Some Light Weight Line

(Can You Relate to Woo’s Challenge of the Moment?)

NEXT EXPEDITION - TROUT FISHING THE SOUTH RIVER IN WAYNESBORO, VA

Saturday, May 6, 2017
(By Eric Webster)

Eric Webster will lead the first fishing expedition of 2017. He’ll be taking the group to the Catch & Release section of the South River in Waynesboro, VA for a day of trout fishing on Saturday, May 6. The expedition will leave from the Parham Road Park & Ride lot at 8:00 AM. The lot is at the intersection of N. Parham Road and Fordson Road, just south of I-64. The trip to Waynesboro takes ~ 90 minutes. The group will park in the temporary lot just south of Constitution Park (the park is closed while the Main St bridge is being replaced), gear up and fish from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM. After fishing, the group will head two blocks up W. Main Street to the Heritage on Main Street restaurant for a bite to eat.

JUNE 3RD EXPEDITION – KIDS’ FISHING DAY

When is the last time you took a kid fishing? Can’t remember when? Then you better consider our June 3rd expedition. Bobby Broughton will lead a Kids’ Fishing Day expedition for some good old pond fishing and a picnic lunch. Better “pencil” June 3rd in on your appointment calendar and start looking for one or more kids to be along. Read on to learn more details provided by Bobby.

Point of contact: Bobby Broughton (brbroughton@gmail.com)

Location: Private pond in Powhatan County (address will be provided closer to the date)

Date: Saturday, June 3, 2017 Time: Meet at 10 a.m.

This is not your usual VAC Expedition. This expedition is geared specifically for the young anglers, and I’m not talking about the young at heart. This is an opportunity for our members (and their spouses) with young kids or grandkids to get together and enjoy fishing in a 15-acre private farm pond in Powhatan. Since this is for the little guys and gals, the plan is fairly simple. We will meet at the property around 10 a.m., and the kids can fish as long they want. We will have the pond to ourselves, with a covered pavilion and a place to grill hotdogs for lunch. Please let Bobby Broughton know if you plan to attend by May 31 so that we can plan accordingly and also provide an official head count to the property owner.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

KELLY STAFFORD ANNUAL SHAD AND WHITE PERCH (April 1 & 2, 2017)

Eight (8) individual Anglers turned in fourteen (14) Tournament E-Cards resulting in the following winners for species and entry type noted.

Virginia Anglers Club Tournament Report - 2017							
Kelly Stafford Memorial Shad and White Perch - April 1 & 2, 2017							
Shad Points Results							
	Angler	Species	Tackle Class	Line Weight (#)	Weight Lbs.	Oz.	Points
1st. Place	Grant Alvis	Shad, Hickory	Fly	2	1	10	232
2nd Place	Jay Blankenship	Shad, Hickory	Fly	2	1	8	214
3rd Place	Andy Campbell	Shad, Hickory	Fly	4	1	2	208
Shad Weight Results							
	Angler	Species	Tackle Class	Line Weight (#)	Weight Lbs.	Oz.	
1st. Place	Glenn Carter	Shad, Hickory	Fly	8	1	14	
2nd Place	Josh Dolin	Shad, Hickory	Braid	20	1	12	
3rd Place	John Wetlauffer, Sr	Shad, Hickory	Spin	4	1	10	
White Perch Points Results							
	Angler	Species	Tackle Class	Line Weight (#)	Weight Lbs.	Oz.	Points
1st. Place	Glenn Carter	Perch, White	Plug	2	0	14	230
2nd Place	Andy Campbell	Perch, White	Fly	2	0	8	166
3rd Place	No Entry						
White Perch Weight Results							
	Angler	Species	Tackle Class	Line Weight (#)	Weight Lbs.	Oz.	
1st. Place	Stuart Lee	Perch, White	Plug	4	0	9	
2nd Place	Glenn Carter	Perch, White	Plug	2	0	9	
3rd Place	No Entry						



SCALE CERTIFICATION IS AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

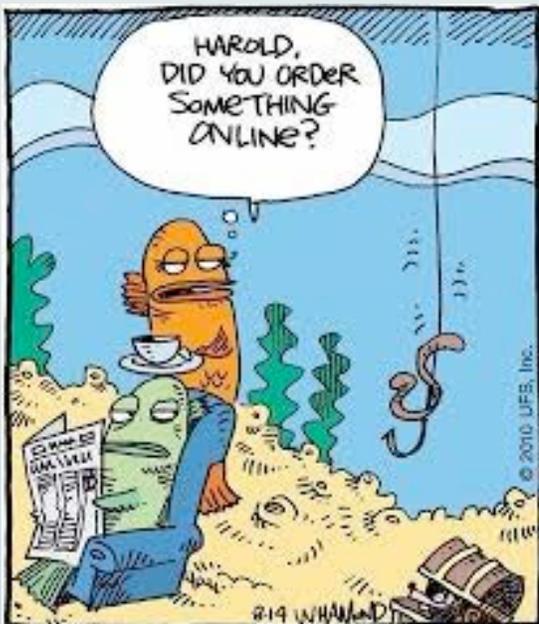
Weighmasters Ryan Noland and Larry Allen will be willing to do certifications of scales by appointment after the March 28th Membership Meeting, the last Membership Meeting in 2017 at which scale certification will be available. Ryan and Larry will work with Members to set a convenient place and time for certifications requested. Grouping of needed scale certifications are appreciated.

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

Contact Danny at: (804) 514-0650 (C) or danny6749@aol.com

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

HUMOR FROM THE TACKLE BOX



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

“Catchy Comments”

By Stuart Lee



No matter what fish you target, it seems that each new season differs from those in the past. In many cases, these differences are subtle, but, in some, they can be significant. In most cases, the differences require some adjustments and will add to that body of knowledge that is acquired over the years.

As an example, I will use the current Shad run in the James River. Some would say that Shad fishing is the easiest of all fishing. Others say it is not even fishing but rather catching. However, the start to this current season was different than any in recent memory. When the calendar said it was time to go Shad fishing, conditions looked great. After the relatively mild weather after Christmas, the water temperature was perfect; the lack of big rains had the river clear and somewhat low and things looked ideal. The only problem was early- on the shad were nowhere to be found. Fred Murray made an early trip and was shut out, which speaks volumes. Ronnie Sides said he made four trips before he caught a Shad. Tabb, the guy who has been a Shad fishing fixture on the river for years and who fly-fishes in a white Skeeter bass boat, said he started in February and continued to scout. When we talked to him in late March, he had not caught a fish. Some of you may remember Tabb’s Dachshund dog that accompanied him for years and barked at every fish he saw.

During the last week of March, we had a frontal passage that brought some rain; I got about an inch at my house and suspect there was more than that to the west. The river rose, and the water went from very clear to almost dirty. The impact was almost immediate. It was like a flood gate was opened downriver somewhere and the fish showed up overnight. The question is why did the fish remain downriver waiting for this push of water? Was it because they feel vulnerable to the birds (Ospreys, Eagles, Cormorants, and Herons) in the clear water; is it because they know they cannot get to the area where they plan to spawn, or is it because they know that a certain amount of flow is required for a successful spawn? I sure do not know the answer, and I am not really sure if anyone else actually knows the reason.

In future years, when the calendar says it is time to go Shad fishing, I am going to pay more attention to the river level and clarity, in addition to the water temperature, as I learned a valuable lesson in 2017.

Stuart

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



David Nobles - Nice Bluefish on FLY - Cape Canaveral

David's friend Tom Stocks of Cape Canaveral



Steve Fetrow - Sheepshead - Sanibel Island, FL



Steve Fetrow - Bullnose Shark - Sanibel Island, FL



SPECIAL RAFFLE – GUIDED TRIP BY COLBY TROW

This Special Raffle is a rare opportunity to fish guided by a very famous Fly Fishing Guide. Here are some details about the trip being raffled:

Date of Trip	Winner arranges with Colby
Number of Anglers Included	Two
Travel, Board, Food, Etc.	By Participating Angler(s)
Cost of Guided Trip	Donated by Colby Trow
Guide's Tip	By Participating Angler(s)
Tackle, Bait, Etc.	Winner Discusses with Colby

Mossy Creek Fly Fishing

If you want to want to learn more about Mossy Creek Fly Fishing, the link to their informative website is: <http://mossycreekyflyfishing.com/>.

Here is a sampling of their rates for guided fishing trips:

Trout hike & wade fishing:

Single person full day	\$295.00
Double Angler full day	\$425.00

Single angler 1/2 day	\$185.00
Double angler 1/2 day	\$275.00

Musky & Small Mouth bass float trips:

Full day trips only

Single angler	\$325.00
Double angler	\$425.00

All full day trips include food and drinks

All half day trip include drinks only



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To help find answers to some of these questions, the “Flounder Bowl” has become the “Cobia Bowl” to raise funds for cobia research at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (www.vims.edu). In addition to being a fund raiser, the entire tournament is designed to provide cobia information. All boats and anglers will be registered providing angler hours/days. Each cobia checked in will be measured and weighed. Genetic samples will be collected, internal examinations conducted. The fish will be cleaned to provide to a local food bank and the carcasses will be further examined as part of VMRC’s Marine Sportfish Collection Project. To collect data on released cobia, Costa Sunglasses (www.costadelmar.com) is sponsoring a release division.

The Cobia Bowl will be held out of Dare Marina and Yacht Sales (www.daremarina.com). The captains meeting will be June 22. Fishing days will be June 23 and 24. Teams can register to fish one or both days. Boats will be allowed to fish from any port but all fish will be brought to Dare Marina for weigh-in. For convenience of anglers fishing from distant ports, there will be satellite check-in stations set up for the first day of fishing, where anglers can bring their fish. The fish will be transported to Dare Marina for them to be weighed. On the second fish day, all competitors will have to come to the weigh-in at Dare Marina. The satellite stations will be locations on the Eastern Shore, Virginia Beach and the Northern Neck.

This is a team tournament with an entry fee of \$200 per boat early entry per fishing day. Teams with professional crew (charter boat captains, commercial hook and line anglers) will fish on a sponsored boat or have an entry fee of \$400 per boat early entry per fishing day. Winners will be determined by the weight of the team’s top fish. Cash prizes will be paid through six places.

To give everyone a chance to win, teams not placing in the top six will be entered in a “Lucky Dog” drawing. The team drawn will win an additional cash prize.

There will be a prize for the heaviest cobia caught by a child and a prize for the heaviest cobia caught by a woman in the tournament. There will also be a prize for the heaviest cobia weighed in by a member of the Peninsula Salt Water Sport Fisherman’s Association.

Teams will be given the option of entering three levels of daily calcuttas for additional cash winnings.

There is a special Sponsors’ Challenge Division where teams entered by the tournament sponsors will compete with each other for the special Sponsors’ cash prize.

You can find the Cobia Bowl on Facebook and visit www.pswsfa.com and www.cobiabowl.com (live soon).

2017 MEMBERSHIP MEETING PRESENTATION SCHEDULE



(Revised: 4-14-17)

April 25	Fish Fry ... Maymont
May 23	Andrew Campbell and Jay Blankenship - Fly fishing for Spinner Sharks
June 27	Mike Cline – Wreck Fishing
July	No meeting
August 22	Lee Huss - DIY Fishing in Canada
September 26	Colby Trow – (trout or muskies?)
October 24	Andrew Stiles – Joe Brooks in the history of fly-fishing
November 28	TBD
December	No meeting



Photo: Rob Choi



(Revised: 4-14-17)

May 6

**Trout Fishing the South River in Waynesboro, VA
(Eric Webster)**

Jun 10

**Chickahominy Lake & Lunch at Lakeside Restaurant
(Art Conway)**

June 3

**Kids Fishing Day
(Bobby Broughton)**

Jun 17-25

**VA & NC Saltwater Open
(Glenn Carter)**

Fish any VA and NC Saltwater. Highest point for any two VAC recognized species (non-cumulative)

Jun 24

**Pamunkey River Float
(Art Conway)**

TBD (summer)

**Pony Pasture Wade Fishing for Flathead Catfish
(Billy Nicar)**

Jul 22

**Small River Wade Trip
(Mike Ostrander)**

Aug. 19-20

**James River Flathead Catfish
(Glenn Carter)**

Fish the James River. Highest point and Heaviest Flathead Catfish

Oct. 21-29

**VA & NC Spot and Specs
(Glenn Carter)**

Fish any VA and NC waters. Highest point and heaviest Spot and Speckle Trout

TBD (late fall)

**Guided Muskie Trip
(TBD)**

Virginia Anglers Club



ANNUAL AWARDS 2017

President's Award Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
GAR, ALL	F COUSINS	15lb-4oz	2	PLUG	554	12/26/16	JAMES RIVER, VA	Grub

President's Award Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, STRIPED	R CHOI	41lb-0oz	50BR	GEN	136	12/20/16	YORK RIVER, VA	Eel

Division Awards Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
CATFISH, BLUE	S KNOX	39lb-0oz	20BR	GEN	201	2/7/17	JAMES RIVER RICHMOND VA, VA	Cut shad
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	SC LEE	17lb-0oz	4	FLY	297	1/19/17	JAMES RIVER, VA	Clouser
GAR, ALL	BL NOLAND	14lb-8oz	2	SPIN	527	12/27/16	CHIPPOKES CREEK, VA	Jig
GAR, ALL	F COUSINS	15lb-4oz	2	PLUG	554	12/26/16	JAMES RIVER, VA	Grub

Division Awards Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, STRIPED	R CHOI	41lb-0oz	50BR	GEN	136	12/20/16	YORK RIVER, VA	Eel

"Highest Point" Species Awards Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	F COUSINS	4lb-4oz	2	SPIN	283	1/25/17	CHICKAHOMONY RIVER, VA	Grub
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	GN CARTER	4lb-1oz	4	PLUG	294	2/13/17	PAMUNKEY RIVER, VA	Bomber Model A
BOWFIN	RL WHITE	2lb-15oz	4	SPIN	111	3/30/17	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	crappie jig
CATFISH, BLUE	S KNOX	39lb-0oz	20BR	GEN	201	2/7/17	JAMES RIVER RICHMOND VA, VA	Cut shad
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	SC LEE	17lb-0oz	4	FLY	297	1/19/17	JAMES RIVER, VA	Clouser
CRAPPIE, ALL	W MOSLEY	1lb-8oz	2	SPIN	238	3/19/17	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR, VA	TRD
GAR, ALL	F COUSINS	15lb-4oz	2	PLUG	554	12/26/16	JAMES RIVER, VA	Grub
PERCH, WHITE	GN CARTER	0lb-14oz	2	PLUG	230	4/1/17	JAMES RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
PERCH, YELLOW	ROB ROBINSON	1lb-1oz	2	PLUG	279	2/17/17	MATTAPONI RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
PICKEREL, CHAIN	A CONWAY	2lb-12oz	4	SPIN	202	2/3/17	CHICKAHOMINY LAKE, VA	Bobby Garland Baby Shad Swimr
SHAD, AMERICAN	F COUSINS	3lb-13oz	2	SPIN	305	3/9/17	ROANOKE RIVER, NC	shad dart
SHAD, HICKORY	G ALVIS	1lb-14oz	2	FLY	267	4/3/17	JAMES RIVER, VA	Shad Fly
SUNFISH	SC LEE	1lb-0oz	4	SPIN	217	3/28/17	POND, VA	Z Man
TROUT, RAINBOW	DL NOBLES	3lb-4oz	2	FLY	253	3/9/17	SPRING CREEK, VA	nymph
WARMOUTH	B BROUGHTON	0lb-5oz	4	SPIN	67	3/4/17	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	Blade Bait

"Highest Point" Species Awards Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, STRIPED	R CHOI	41lb-0oz	50BR	GEN	136	12/20/16	YORK RIVER, VA	Eel

"Heaviest" Species Awards Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	G ALVIS	8lb-4oz	12	PLUG	206	1/27/17	KENT LAKE, VA	Suspending Jerkbait
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	GN CARTER	4lb-1oz	4	PLUG	294	2/13/17	PAMUNKEY RIVER, VA	Bomber Model A
BOWFIN	RL WHITE	2lb-15oz	4	SPIN	111	3/30/17	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	crappie jig
CATFISH, BLUE	S KNOX	39lb-0oz	20BR	GEN	201	2/7/17	JAMES RIVER RICHMOND VA, VA	Cut shad
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	SC LEE	17lb-0oz	4	FLY	297	1/19/17	JAMES RIVER, VA	Clouser
CRAPPIE, ALL	SC LEE	1lb-8oz	4	SPIN	187	2/13/17	PAMUNKEY RIVER, VA	Tube
GAR, ALL	F COUSINS	15lb-4oz	2	PLUG	554	12/26/16	JAMES RIVER, VA	Grub
PERCH, WHITE	GN CARTER	0lb-14oz	2	PLUG	230	4/1/17	JAMES RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
PERCH, YELLOW	ROB ROBINSON	1lb-1oz	2	PLUG	279	2/17/17	MATTAPONI RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
PICKEREL, CHAIN	A CONWAY	2lb-12oz	4	SPIN	202	2/3/17	CHICKAHOMINY LAKE, VA	Bobby Garland Baby Shad Swimr
SHAD, AMERICAN	F COUSINS	3lb-13oz	2	SPIN	305	3/9/17	ROANOKE RIVER, NC	shad dart
SHAD, HICKORY	SC LEE	2lb-3oz	8	FLY	193	4/3/17	JAMES RIVER, VA	Fred's Shad Fly
SUNFISH	SC LEE	1lb-0oz	4	SPIN	217	3/28/17	POND, VA	Z Man
TROUT, RAINBOW	DL NOBLES	3lb-4oz	2	FLY	253	3/9/17	SPRING CREEK, VA	nymph
WARMOUTH	B BROUGHTON	0lb-5oz	4	SPIN	67	3/4/17	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	Blade Bait

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New Club Records Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	G ALVIS	8lb-4oz	12	PLUG	206	1/27/17	KENT LAKE, VA	Suspending Jerkbait

New Club Records Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait

Non-Local Award Fresh or Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BLUEFISH	DL NOBLES	9lb-3oz	16	FLY	102	3/29/17	ATLANTIC OCEAN, FL	Sea Ducer Streamer

New Member Award

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	G ALVIS	8lb-4oz	12	PLUG	206	1/27/17	KENT LAKE, VA	Suspending Jerkbait
SHAD, HICKORY	G ALVIS	1lb-14oz	2	FLY	267	4/3/17	JAMES RIVER, VA	Shad Fly
Total					473			

Robert Thomas

Fishing Adventures

Fly Casting & Fly Tying Instruction
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Fly Tying Materials & Tools
Hosted Trips

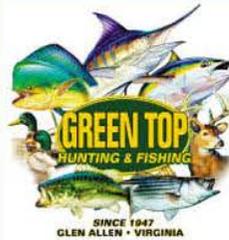
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**NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at Maymont (Fish Fry)**

