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February 2019

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## NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019  
VDGIF HEADQUARTERS BUILDING  
7870 Villa Park Drive  
Henrico County  
(DGIF Board of Directors Room)

Doors open at 6:30 PM  
Meeting Starts ~ 7:00 PM

## DEEP DROP FISHING – FIRST PROGRAM FOR 2019

During the first Membership Meeting of 2019 (Feb. 26th), Stan Simmerman, President of the Peninsula Salt Water Sport Fisherman's Association, will present a program on how to talk about Deep Drop Fishing off Virginia Beach. Avid deep drop angler, Stan Simmerman, expressed interest in coming to the VAC to give a presentation on Deep Drop Fishing at our February Membership Meeting. We have not had a program on Deep Drop Fishing in quite some time, and there have been many changes to this fishery. When you greet Stan at the February Meeting, please express our thanks for him coming to join us.

For information about the PSWSFA, please open:  
pswsfa\_chumline@cox.net

## YOUR 2019 ANGLING YEAR DUES ARE DUE NOW

Annual Dues for the Virginia Anglers Club are now due. Payment can be made by PayPal as follows:

To pay Resident Member Dues (\$60) now, click here:  
<http://tinyurl.com/vacdues>

To pay non-Resident Dues (\$40) dues now, click here:  
<http://tinyurl.com/vacdues-nl>

(Why not pay now while these links are now open in front of you??)

Cash and Checks made out to The Virginia Anglers Club will also be accepted. Mail to: Virginia Anglers Club POB 70520  
Richmond, Virginia 23255

## UPCOMING VAC ANGLING ACTIVITY

- February 26, 2019 - Stan Zimmerman, President of the Peninsula Salt Water Sport Fisherman's Association. Deep Drop Fishing off Virginia Beach.  
Scale Certification Available At Meeting
- March 26 - George Daniel 10 Trout Tips that Work Anywhere and Fly-Tying Demo  
Central PA Fly Fishing Guide  
(Fly-Tying Demo is 4:00 – 5:00 PM on meeting date)

**INTRODUCING THE VAC 2019 LEADERSHIP TEAM**



**Officers**

President  
1st VP (Programs)  
2nd VP (Angling Activities)  
3rd VP (Conservation & Legislation.)  
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Recording Secretary  
News Letter Secretary

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Mike Ostrander  
Eric Webster  
(Open)  
Bill Butler  
Karen Anderson  
Carter Clevinger

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**Class of 2019**

Art Conway  
Buddy Noland  
Eric Webster

**Class of 2020**

Carter Clevinger  
Fred Cousins  
Fred Murray

**Class of 2021**

Gary Green  
Jacob Nixon  
Don West

**Committee Chair Persons**

Angling Rules  
Angling Rules Record Sheets  
Angling Activities  
Banquet  
Conservation and Legislation  
Membership  
Orientation  
Scale Certification Co-Chairs  
Special Activities  
Surf Team Captain

Fred Cousins  
Danny Noland  
Eric Webster  
Suzanne Lucas  
Jerry Davis  
Frank Hart  
Glenn Carter  
Larry Allen and Ryan Noland  
Don West  
Danny Noland

**FOR SCALE CERTIFICATION, PLEASE CONTACT:**

Larry Allen at: (804)781-0907 (H), (804)241-3706 (C) or allenhouse75@comcast.net

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

Please remember to be sure your scales are in working order, the barrels are oil free and are placed in a Zip-Loc type re-sealable plastic bag with your name written on the outside.

**FEBRUARY BOD HIGHLIGHTS**

- Budget approved new awards for Anglers of the Month with increased amounts for gift cards -1st \$100, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25. Must be present at monthly meeting and turn in copy of your e-card.
- Jerry Davis has accepted Conservation and Legislation position any communication can be directed to Conservation@virginiaanglersclub.org.
- Bylaws amendments coming for your approval including revised meeting schedule for Membership meetings: Feb, March, April, May (fish fry), Aug., Sept., and October.
- Deadline for dues is March 1 - if not paid, you are no longer a current member, and will not have access to enter catches, and will not be eligible for above awards. Pay now so you don't miss out!
- Board of Director's meeting schedule revised as well - if you would like to attend a meeting, we will be happy to share upcoming meeting times with you. We still have one vacancy!



## **What's New in 2019**

The following regulation changes are new for 2019. More details can be found in sections that follow this summary.

### **General Information**

- Lake Merriweather, a 450-acre impoundment owned by the Boy Scouts and located in Goshen, VA, is now open for public fishing on a seasonal basis. In addition to an appropriate fishing license, a Public Access Lands for Sportsmen (PALS) permit is needed to fish this lake.
- There are additional streams where anglers are restricted from using fish as bait. These include Big Stony Creek in Giles County, Dismal Creek in Bland and Giles counties, Laurel Creek in Bland County (Wolf Creek drainage) and Cripple Creek in Smyth and Wythe counties.
- Goldfish are now legal to take with bow and arrow or crossbow.

### **Creel (Harvest) and Length Limits**

- There are new largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass length and creel limits on Claytor Lake as well as new length and creel limits for striped bass and striped bass X white bass hybrids.
- A new trophy fish regulation has been established for small mouth bass on the Levisa Fork River in Buchanan County.
- New length limits for crappie on Buggs Island Lake/Kerr Reservoir, Briery Creek and Sandy River reservoirs.
- Creel and length limit changes for striped bass.
- There are new creel and length limit changes for white bass on Buggs Island Lake/Kerr Reservoir.
- There are new creel and length limits for blue catfish on Lake Gaston.
- Rock bass and Roanoke bass regulations have been revised statewide for simplification purposes and to protect rare Roanoke bass populations.
- Moratorium on possession of American shad. Anglers on the Meherrin River below Emporia Dam, Nottaway River, Blackwater River (Chowan Drainage), North Landing, Northwest rivers, and their tributaries plus Back Bay are no longer allowed to harvest American shad. Possession of American shad while on public waters is prohibited statewide.

### **Nets and Seines**

- Use of cast nets in the Staunton and Dan Rivers – It is now legal to use cast (throw) nets in the Staunton and Dan Rivers to collect bait fish. The use of other types of nets (other than hand landing nets and cast nets) is still prohibited in these rivers.

### **Trout**

- A trout license is not required to fish designated stocked trout waters during Free Fishing Days, June 7-9, 2019.
- Hearthstone Lake (Augusta Co.) and North Fork Moorman's River (Albemarle Co.) will not be stocked in 2019.
- Two new special regulation (catch and release) waters established, Beaver Creek (Bristol) and Wolf Creek (Abingdon).

### **American Shad Possession**

As of January 1st, 2019, there is a statewide moratorium on the possession of American shad. However, catch and immediate release is permitted.

For more detail information visit: <https://www.dgif.virginia.gov/>



## **ANGLING AND REGULATORY INFORMATION** **OF INTEREST TO THE ANGLER**

(The following items have been copied from the Chesapeake Bay Magazine's electronic newsletter, Bay Bulletin, February issue)

Note: For information about signing up for a free subscription for the Bay Bulletin, open [www.chesapeakebaymagazine.com](http://www.chesapeakebaymagazine.com), The Bay Bulletin and then click on the "sign Up" box. The Bay Bulletin will keep you informed about what's new in angling action in the Chesapeake Bay and new regulations of which anglers need to be aware.

### **Menhaden Fishery Managers Won't Pursue Punishment for Virginia**



Virginia's menhaden fishery gets a major victory, as Atlantic fisheries managers decide not to hold the Commonwealth out of compliance with its most recent catch limits.

Back in fall of 2017, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) voted to reduce the maximum allowable harvest on the Chesapeake Bay from 87,216 metric tons to 51,000 metric tons a year.

Virginia's legislature failed to adopt the reduced catch limits, after the East Coast menhaden fishery's biggest player,

Omega Protein, argued the reduction was unnecessary. Under law, the U.S. Department of Commerce can put an immediate moratorium on a state that doesn't comply with catch limits.

ASMFC won't seek a moratorium from the Department of Commerce, announcing it has "indefinitely postponed" action to find Virginia out of compliance. ASMFC explains, the Virginia fishery has stayed within the limits of a precautionary "Bay Cap" that was imposed to protect the small, oily fish as an important link in the Chesapeake Bay food chain.

In a statement, ASMFC writes, "This action is contingent upon the Chesapeake Bay reduction fishery not exceeding the cap. If the cap is exceeded, the Board can reconsider the issue of compliance. In making its decision, the Board took into account the fact that reduction fishery harvest within the Chesapeake Bay has been below the cap level since 2012, including 2018 harvest."

Unsurprisingly, Omega Protein applauded the decision not to pursue a noncompliant finding.

"The Commission made the right decision today because the Bay Cap is not 'necessary for the conservation of the fishery,' as is required in a non-compliance finding," said Ben Landry, Director of Public Affairs for Omega Protein. "The Commission's decision to press pause on this motion signals their acknowledgement that the basis for the reduced Bay Cap was not going to meet federal standards."

Texas-based Omega Protein operates out of a Reedville factory employing about 200 people.  
-Meg Walburn Viviano



**REMINDER - THE VAC HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE NOW – GO TAKE A LOOK**

You can visit the VAC Facebook page for a look by clicking on: <https://www.facebook.com/vaanglers/>

**PROGRAMS AND EXPEDITIONS SCHEDULE FOR 2019**

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- January: No Meeting
- Feb 26: Stan Simmerman - Deep Drop Fishing off Virginia Beach  
President of the Peninsula Salt Water Sport Fisherman's Association
- March 26: George Daniel - 10 Trout Tips that Work Anywhere and Fly-Tying Demo  
Central PA Fly Fishing Guide  
(Fly-Tying Demo is 4:00 – 5:00 PM on meeting date)
- April 23: Mark Lozier - Inshore Fishing Virginia Waters  
Avid Inshore kayak angler and tackle shop manager (Ocean's East)
- May 21: Fish Fry at Maymont (Please Save Your Fish for this Event)
- June 25: No meeting
- July: No meeting
- August 27: OPEN
- September 24: OPEN
- October 22: Glenn Carter and Stuart Lee – Achieving VAC Master Angler Status  
Long-time members present stories and how to's on earning Master Angler
- November: No meeting
- December: No meeting

**EXPEDITIONS**

February 16	Yellow Perch Trip	Mike Cline	Chickahominy River
April 6	Shad Trip	Glenn Carter	James River
May 18	Chickahominy Lake & Lunch at Lakeside Restaurant	Art Conway	Chickahominy Lake
June	Kids Fishing Day	Bobby Broughton	Private pond - Powhatan Co.
June 29	Small River Wade Trip	Mike Ostrander	
October 19	Trout Fishing Trip	Eric Webster	South River - Waynesboro, VA



# From Hook to Table

## SMOKED TROUT DIP

*Don't worry if you don't have a smoker! Just read the ingredients for what you'll need. If you don't have the smoking oil, this recipe still tastes great without it. It's the perfect appetizer or party side dish. It's light and refreshing. This dip requires more than 2-3 filets if you're making it for a larger crowd. Just keep adding ingredients as necessary to fulfill consistency and flavor. It's simple and less stressful than trying to prevent the fish from flaking when it gets stuck to the bottom of the pan since we want it flakey*

### **Ingredients:**

Amount	Ingredient
2	Large Trout Filets
1 package	Cream cheese, softened
1 package	Goat cheese, softened
3 tablespoon	Dill
1 cup	Chives
2 tablespoon	Garlic Powder
2	Lemons
	Smoke-flavored Infused oil
1 package	Crackers



### **Directions:**

1. Set cheeses out to melt to room temperature or pop in microwave for a few seconds before mixing to soften.
2. In a skillet with butter, cook trout and shred. Season the trout with salt and pepper and smoked oil.
3. Remove and put in a large bowl aside and allow to completely cool.
4. Once cooled, add the cheeses and spices.
5. Mix all ingredients until incorporated well. Place in fridge and allow to slightly cool.
6. Serve with crackers.

Recipe curtesy of DGIF

## ANNUAL BANQUET



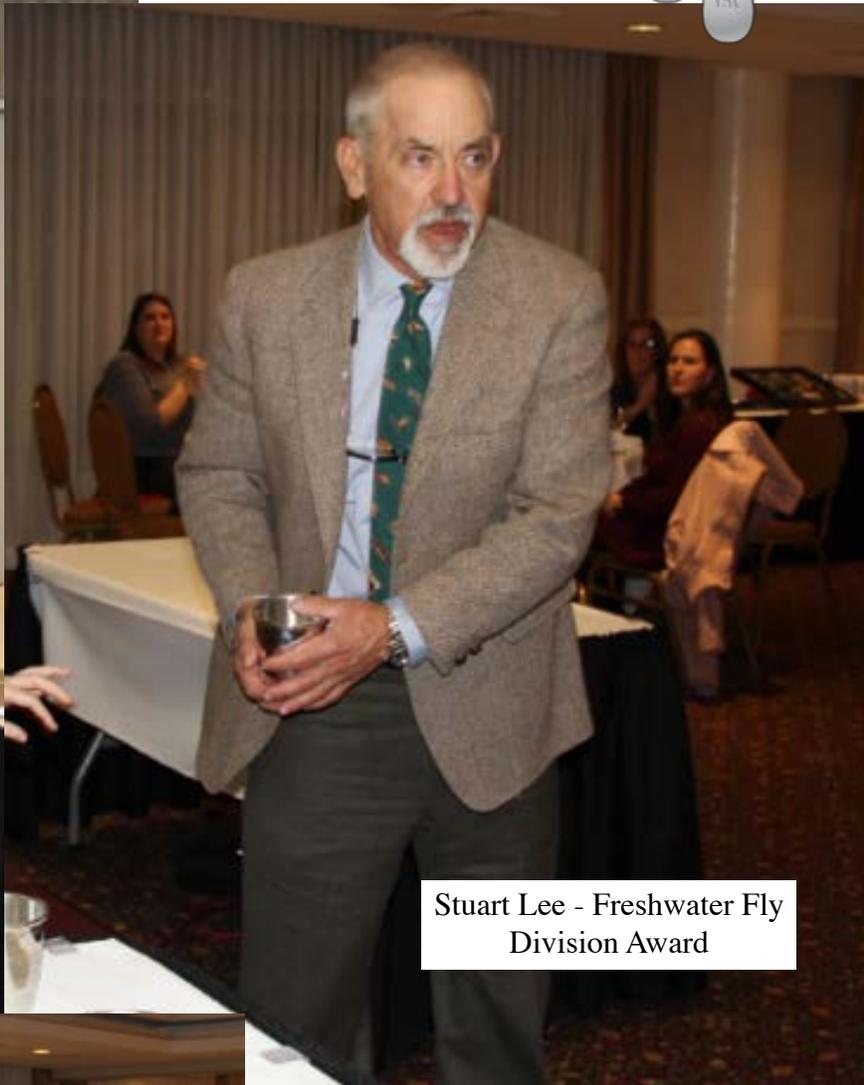
The annual banquet was held on February 2nd at “The Place at Innsbrook” a new venue for the Anglers club. We had a total of 48 members and guests attend the banquet with rave reviews. The smoked Rockfish donated by Stuart Lee was a delicacy that everyone enjoyed. The buffet style dinner was abundant leaving everyone pleased.

The evening continued with the very sought after raffle items, and applauding everyone on their 2018 angling accomplishments. Special thanks to banquet chair Suzanne Lucas and Gary Green on their hard work to put together a great banquet.





Glenn Townsend - Youth Division Award



Stuart Lee - Freshwater Fly Division Award



Andy Bagwell - Freshwater Spin Division Award



Carter Clevinger - Saltwater Spin Division Award



Karen Anderson- Angler Rating Award



Jacob Nixon- New Member Award



Fred Cousins- C.V. Kinnard Award



Rob Choi - Saltwater President's Award



Stuart Lee One of Two 4lb 3oz Pickerel

Buddy Noland caught 13 Sailfish with 11 to qualify per IGFA/VAC rules in Casa Vieja Guatemala







## ANNUAL AWARDS 2019

## President's Award Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
GAR, ALL	F COUSINS	14lb-12oz	2	PLUG	536	2018-12-27	JAMES RIVER, VA	grub

## President's Award Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
SHARK, OTHER	BL NOLAND	50lb-0oz		SURF	125	2018-12-17	BUXTON, NC	Tuna belly

## Division Awards Freshwater

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BASS, LARGEMOUTH	G GREEN	2lb-3oz	2	FLY	182	2019-01-25	PRIVATE POND, VA	Nymph
CATFISH, BLUE	BL NOLAND	37lb-0oz	6	GEN	348	2018-12-06	JAMES RIVER, VA	Shad
GAR, ALL	BL NOLAND	8lb-8oz	2	SPIN	309	2019-01-06	CHIPPOKES CREEK, VA	Jig
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CRAPPIE, ALL	BL NOLAND	1lb-3oz	2	PLUG	188	2019-01-16	CHIPPOKES CREEK, VA	Jig
GAR, ALL	F COUSINS	14lb-12oz	2	PLUG	536	2018-12-27	JAMES RIVER, VA	grub
PERCH, WHITE	C CLEVINGER	0lb-12oz	2	GEN	159	2019-01-06	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	Live Minnow
PICKEREL, CHAIN	SC LEE	4lb-3oz	4	SPIN	307	2019-01-16	PISCATAWAY CREEK, VA	1/8 oz. Hair Jig
SUNFISH	G GREEN	0lb-7oz	2	FLY	145	2019-01-25	PRIVATE POND, VA	Fly
TROUT, BROWN	A BAGWELL	4lb-0oz	4	SPIN	181	2019-02-14	BATH COUNTY, VA	Spinner
TROUT, RAINBOW	C CLEVINGER	1lb-12oz	2	SPIN	109	2018-12-13	ROSE RIVER, VA	Joe's fly

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New Club Records Freshwater								
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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
SAILFISH, PACIFIC	BL NOLAND	0lb-0oz	30	GEN	191	2019-02-05	CASA VIEJA GUATEMALA, OTHER	Bally

### Top Ten 2019 Submitters

1.	BL NOLAND	14
2.	G GREEN	3
3.	C CLEVINGER	3
4.	LJ SPURLIN	2
5.	DN NOLAND	2
6.	F COUSINS	1
7.	A BAGWELL	1
8.	SC LEE	1

### Top Ten 2019 Species

1.	SAILFISH, PACIFIC	8
2.	GAR, ALL	5
3.	CRAPPIE, ALL	3
4.	CATFISH, BLUE	2
5.	TROUT, RAINBOW	1
6.	TROUT, BROWN	1
7.	BASS, LARGEMOUTH	1
8.	SHARK, OTHER	1
9.	SUNFISH	1
10.	BONEFISH	1



### 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

# Robert Thomas

## Fishing Adventures

Fly Casting & Fly Tying Instruction  
Equipment: Rods, Reels, Lines, etc.

Fly Tying Materials & Tools  
Hosted Trips

**MattyJ Saltwater Flies**

(804) 266-5458

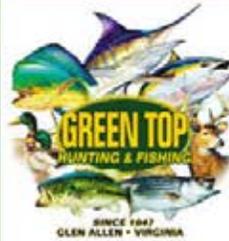
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