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NO JULY MEETING

**NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING
TUESDAY AUGUST 27TH, 2019
LOCATION TBD**

****SWAP TABLE****

Bring your fishing gear that you want to sell to the next membership meeting. Put a price tag on the item and let the deals begin, if the item is too large a picture will do.

ANNUAL CALENDAR SALE UNDERWAY – GET YOUR SUPPLY TO SELL

Special Activities Chairman Don West will have 2020 DGIF Outdoor Calendars for our annual calendar sale at the August Membership Meeting. The VAC selling price remains the same as last year.... \$8.00 each. Please have your customers lined up and see Don for however many calendars you need. Generous terms are available for multiple copy "orders". Pay by cash, check or word of honor when picking up your calendars.

Don West will personally deliver to you any number of 2020 DGIF Outdoor Calendars you will need for your sales. Contact Don at 897-8723 (H), (804 -572-8268(C) or by E-Mail at donaldleewest@gmail.com, and let him know how many copies of the calendars you will need and where to deliver them.

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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.

RIVER WADE FISHING EXPEDITION PICTURES





The Benefits of Being Program Chairman

For a number of years now, I've been involved with programs as Program Chairman or co-Program Chairman for the VAC. This position has brought many interesting speakers to the club and even more interesting opportunities into my life. One of the greatest benefits has been meeting wonderful anglers, biologists, fishing tackle reps and others, many of whom have become fishing friends. This has led to some incredible fishing opportunities including musky, trophy trout, tarpon, trophy flounder, red drum (from the surf) and even some beautiful grouper (the names escape me).

This is an incredible chance to expand your fishing base locally, regionally and even nationally.

Another benefit to being Program Chairman is getting to know Virginia Anglers Club members better. We have a number of members who are wonderful speakers, great story tellers and incredible anglers. Additionally, members come to you (not often, but they do!!) about a program idea. Our March program this year, with George Daniel, who also offered a fly tying demo was completely arranged and managed by Eric Webster. Last year's kickoff program with bass fishing legend, Woo Daves, was fully arranged by member Stuart Lee.

Additionally, we have many interested and gracious members who often help with the hosting duty, generally taking the speaker out for dinner before the meeting. Over the past several years, Art Conway has been more than generous with his time before the meetings, quite often hosting our speakers.

The 2019 slate of speakers and programs is set, and I'm now working towards the 2020 program list. **If you are interested in becoming the 2020 Program Chairman, please call or email and let's talk. I am happy to work with the new Program Chairman and get things rolling and set up for 2020.**

When it comes down to it, with anything, you get back what you put into something. Want to catch a musky or a tarpon? Become the Program Chairman and get those speakers in.

In closing, with almost 20 years as a member, I would love to see a handful of newer members (or older members) who are not involved with the leadership team, get involved. Step into it gently with assistance from current committee members, or jump in and take over a position.

Thanks and Happy Fishing!

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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



“Wild Chesapeake: Top Honors for Va. Reel-Maker”

(The following items have been copied from the Chesapeake Bay Magazine’s Electronic newsletter, Bay Bulletin, July 2019 issue)

Wes Seigler was a hard man to get to the day after the New Product Showcase winners were announced at the International Convention of Allied Sportfishing Trades (ICAST), the world’s largest sport fishing trade show held last week in Orlando. And understandably so, for the second year running, a Seigler reel was named best in show in the fly reel category.

Seigler, the founder of Seigler Reels based in Virginia Beach, was good enough to carve out a few minutes to chat with CBM’s Bay Bulletin. Beaming with enthusiasm, he attributed the wins to his great team and loyal customers. Later, Seigler’s post on his Instagram account (@fishseigler) reinforced this: “We can’t believe we did it again! I want to thank everyone that has believed in us and our products.” He also shared with me that when the big moment came, he and his crew were back at their hotel. So, Annapolis-based AllTackle owner Keith Frasier helped out and accepted the trophy.

For nearly a decade, Seigler and his team have sweated the details to design and build innovative and very reliable conventional and fly reels. ([See Made on the Bay: Reinventing the Reel](#), CBM April 2018) One of the keys, according to their website, is “eliminating unnecessary pieces that are often the cause of performance issues and failure and overbuilding every component to make a reel that is always up for any fight you choose to pick with it.” All Seigler reels are made in the U.S. using components also made in the U.S. Seigler and his team are customer-driven, taking suggestions on design from anglers and guides. They purposefully make a reel that’s easy to service and maintain, either back at the factory or by the customer. In fact, they encourage anglers to do just that.

Now it in its 60th year, ICAST is produced by the American Sportfishing Association (ASA). It’s the Super Bowl of the sport fishing industry with representatives from all over the recreational fishing world. I talked with folks from China, Australia, and the Netherlands who came to check out the hottest new tackle, rods and reels, gear, accessories, and apparel. ICAST sets the tone for the upcoming year in fishing product sales, a substantial economic driver. According to the ASA’s most recent survey, recreational saltwater angling generates \$18.3 billion nationwide.

In the New Product Showcase, more than one thousand products were entered by 303 companies in 29 categories.

Seigler’s #madeonthebay ICAST achievement is impressive, and it couldn’t have happened to a better bunch of people.

-Capt. Chris Dollar

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PROGRAMS AND EXPEDITIONS SCHEDULE FOR 2019

PROGRAMS AND SPEAKERS

July: No meeting

August 27: DGIF Biologist will speak on the current state of smallmouth bass in the James. Information on other rivers may also be available such as the New and Shenandoah River. More details to follow.

September 24: Former Virginia Anglers Club member, and master story teller, Lee Huss will give a “virtual” program on fishing the Nottoway River. For members with smart phones download “Google Expeditions” before the meeting. Lee will have 30 pairs of “virtual reality headsets” to share with everyone. This is an added new twist to the presentation. There will also be a normal two-dimensional program running as well for those without a smart phone/cell phone. The program will also be running on a TV or overhead projector.

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

October 19th Trout Fishing Trip with Eric Webster on the South River in Waynesboro, VA.

CATCH STATISTICS 2019

Top Ten 2019 Submitters		
1.	B MILLER	28
2.	BL NOLAND	20
3.	FD GOTTWALD	15
4.	C CLEVINGER	11
5.	G GREEN	8
6.	F COUSINS	8
7.	RL WHITE	7
8.	C KOCH	7
9.	DN NOLAND	6
10.	GN CARTER	6

Top Ten 2019 Species		
1.	BASS, LARGEMOUTH	18
2.	TROUT, RAINBOW	9
3.	SAILFISH, PACIFIC	8
4.	SHAD, HICKORY	7
5.	SUNFISH	7
6.	GAR, ALL	6
7.	BASS, STRIPED (HYB)	6
8.	CRAPPIE, ALL	6
9.	MACKEREL, KING	5
10.	PERCH, YELLOW	5

From the Editor: Rockfish Trouble

(The following items have been copied from the Chesapeake Bay Magazine's Electronic newsletter, Bay Bulletin, June 2019 issue)

By Joe Evans

Those of us who fished in the late 1970s and '80s, when the striped bass population collapsed due to overfishing and pollution, are getting a sense of déjà vu as we head into the 2019 season. We recall that the decline was so severe that the 1979 Congress enacted



the Emergency Striped Bass Act to force and fund efforts to assess the situation and develop restoration strategies. Five years later, Maryland Governor Harry Hughes declared a moratorium on commercial and recreational striped bass harvests. Eventually, the other striped-bass states followed suit. It took ten years of research, restraint, money, restoration, and angst before the scientists could say the fishery was recovered. It was painful and embarrassing that we didn't have the institutional courage and sense to act earlier. Maybe it could have been avoided. But that's not how our unique Jeffersonian democracy works, really. Those who show up at public and private meetings and shout the loudest often get their way, while those who stay home forfeit their position on the matter. Thus, those who might suffer short-term losses in the bargain win a battle, while the Bay and its denizens get lost in the shuffle. The conservation can get kicked down the road.

In 1996, the Maryland Striped Bass Young-of-the-Year Survey hit its highest point since the beginning of the study in the 1950s. The count has tumbled in fits and starts down to disturbing lows in 2006, 2008, 2012 and 2016. Between 2014 and 2017, the average annual recreational haul dropped from 25 million to 16 million pounds. Some of that is a result of modest tightening of the regulations. Note: 2015 brought an encouraging spike in the young-of-the-year number, which shores up an argument for not panicking...yet.

Signs of trouble appeared to some of us in 2013 when every angler headed to the mouth of Eastern Bay to enjoy "great fishing" where the robust 2011 class of juvenile stripers was trapped by the summer dead-zone of oxygen-depleted main-stem Chesapeake waters. The fish got hammered. I was there with everybody else, catching and releasing, and doing what I thought was the right thing. It might have been the wrong thing.

Anglers release more than 90 percent of the fish they catch due to size and creel limits and, for a fringe of thoughtful anglers, conservation concerns—roughly 12 million fish in 2017. Fisheries analysts use a nine-percent mortality rate for released fish, which in 2017 amounted to 48 percent of the total number of dead stripers, including all recreational and commercial harvests and releases. The nine-percent estimate is an average of survey results in various conditions and fish-handling techniques. What seems lost in the discussion is that, in the heat of summer, water and air temperature differentials produce very high release mortality rates. It's probable that many if not most of the fish we photographed, revived and released to swim away in Eastern Bay that summer didn't survive.

Results of a new striped bass population assessment released in February indicate that the fishery is shaky. The female spawning stock is below the safety threshold and it is "overfished." Virginia, almost immediately, took a slightly symbolic action to curtail the damage by cancelling its modest spring trophy season. Maryland's comparatively huge trophy season, which targets stripers going to and from their natal spawning rivers, kicked off as usual with no indication that the state will do anything this year. Eventually, the other states at the Atlantic States Marine Fishery Commission table may force the issue as corrective action becomes a reality.

The process for sorting this out in favor of the resource will be complicated and fraught with pressure from those with immediate stakes in the fishery.

The blame-game is heating up, as usual. There's plenty to go around, and none of it is helpful.

All we can do is stay informed, get involved, and consider the future before spouting opinions. Chesapeake Bay Magazine and the Bay Bulletin will continue to follow the issues.

Changes are coming.

Joe Evans is the Editor-in-chief of Chesapeake Bay Magazine

VAC MEMBERS PICTURES



Frank Hart with some nice Bass and Bluegill



Reggie White and Fred Cousins catching Hybrid Striped Bass and Paddle fish.

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
DRUM, RED	BL NOLAND	44lb-0oz		SURF	314	2019-04-17	BUXTON, NC	Mullet

Division Awards Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, STRIPED (HYB)	RL WHITE	6lb-10oz	2	SPIN	441	2019-04-26	HOLSTON RIVER, TN	Swimbait
CATFISH, BLUE	BL NOLAND	37lb-0oz	6	GEN	348	2018-12-06	JAMES RIVER, VA	Shad
GAR, ALL	F COUSINS	14lb-12oz	2	PLUG	536	2018-12-27	JAMES RIVER, VA	grub
SHAD, HICKORY	G ALVIS	2lb-4oz	2	FLY	321	2019-04-14	JAMES RIVER, VA	Shad Fly

Division Awards Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
DRUM, RED	BL NOLAND	44lb-0oz		SURF	314	2019-04-17	BUXTON, NC	Mullet
MACKEREL, SPANISH	C CLEVINGER	2lb-4oz	6	SPIN	118	2019-06-30	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Spoon

"Highest Point" Species Awards Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	C CLEVINGER	4lb-12oz	4	PLUG	237	2019-06-01	PRIVATE POND, VA	Slider Grub
BASS, STRIPED (HYB)	RL WHITE	6lb-10oz	2	SPIN	441	2019-04-26	HOLSTON RIVER, TN	Swimbait
BASS, STRIPED (LL)	RL WHITE	12lb-8oz	4	PLUG	312	2019-04-26	HOLSTON RIVER, TN	Swimbait
BASS, WHITE	F COUSINS	2lb-2oz	2	SPIN	283	2019-04-26	HOLSTON RIVER, TN	Grub
BOWFIN	ROB ROBINSON	10lb-8oz	2	PLUG	525	2019-02-16	CHICKHOMINY RIVER, VA	Blade bait
CARP	M CLINE	11lb-12oz	2	SPIN	367	2019-02-03	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	grub
CATFISH, BLUE	BL NOLAND	37lb-0oz	6	GEN	348	2018-12-06	JAMES RIVER, VA	Shad
CATFISH, CHANNEL	B MILLER	3lb-5oz	4	FLY	123	2019-05-06	CRUMP PARK, VA	Fly- Prototype I am working on
CRAPPIE, ALL	GN CARTER	1lb-8oz	2	SPIN	238	2019-02-28	PISCATAWAY CREEK, VA	Hair jig
GAR, ALL	F COUSINS	14lb-12oz	2	PLUG	536	2018-12-27	JAMES RIVER, VA	grub
PERCH, WHITE	DN NOLAND	1lb-0oz	2	SPIN	263	2019-04-04	JAMES RIVER, VA	silver buddy
PERCH, YELLOW	GN CARTER	1lb-0oz	4	PLUG	217	2019-02-28	PISCATAWAY CREEK, VA	Blade bait
PICKEREL, CHAIN	SC LEE	4lb-3oz	4	SPIN	307	2019-01-16	PISCATAWAY CREEK, VA	1/8 oz.Hair Jig
SHAD, HICKORY	G ALVIS	2lb-4oz	2	FLY	321	2019-04-14	JAMES RIVER, VA	Shad Fly
SUNFISH	DL NOBLES	0lb-12oz	2	SPIN	197	2019-05-14	KING WM POND, VA	jig
TROUT, BROWN	A BAGWELL	8lb-10oz	6	SPIN	308	2019-03-01	JACKSON RIVER, VA	spinnerbait
TROUT, RAINBOW	B MILLER	3lb-8oz	6	FLY	156	2019-06-28	ROSE RIVER FARM, VA	Stone fly Nymph

"Highest Point" Species Awards Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
CROAKER	C CLEVINGER	1lb-2oz	4	SPIN	112	2019-07-03	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Fish Bites
DRUM, RED	BL NOLAND	44lb-0oz		SURF	314	2019-04-17	BUXTON, NC	Mullet
MACKEREL, SPANISH	C CLEVINGER	2lb-4oz	6	SPIN	118	2019-06-30	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Spoon
POMPANO, COMMON	BL NOLAND	2lb-7oz	#	SURF	243	2019-05-29	HATTERAS - RAMP 55, NC	Sand Flea
SHARK, OTHER	BL NOLAND	50lb-0oz		SURF	125	2018-12-17	BUXTON, NC	Tuna belly

"Heaviest" Species Awards Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	R HART	6lb-5oz	20	GEN	84	2019-03-17	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Black and Blue Jig
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	B MILLER	4lb-1oz	20BR	GEN	74	2019-07-07	POTOMAC RIVER, VA	Frog
BASS, STRIPED (HYB)	RL WHITE	6lb-10oz	2	SPIN	441	2019-04-26	HOLSTON RIVER, TN	Swimbait
BASS, STRIPED (LL)	RL WHITE	12lb-8oz	4	PLUG	312	2019-04-26	HOLSTON RIVER, TN	Swimbait
BASS, WHITE	F COUSINS	2lb-2oz	2	SPIN	283	2019-04-26	HOLSTON RIVER, TN	Grub
BOWFIN	ROB ROBINSON	10lb-8oz	2	PLUG	525	2019-02-16	CHICKHOMINY RIVER, VA	Blade bait
CARP	M CLINE	11lb-12oz	2	SPIN	367	2019-02-03	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	grub
CATFISH, BLUE	S KNOX	57lb-0oz	20BR	GEN	294	2019-03-14	JAMES RIVER, VA	Cut gizzard shad
CATFISH, CHANNEL	B MILLER	3lb-5oz	4	FLY	123	2019-05-06	CRUMP PARK, VA	Fly- Prototype I am working on
CRAPPIE, ALL	C CLEVINGER	1lb-10oz	2	GEN	208	2019-03-05	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	Live Minnow
GAR, ALL	F COUSINS	14lb-12oz	2	PLUG	536	2018-12-27	JAMES RIVER, VA	grub
PERCH, WHITE	DN NOLAND	1lb-0oz	2	SPIN	263	2019-04-04	JAMES RIVER, VA	silver buddy
PERCH, YELLOW	GN CARTER	1lb-0oz	4	PLUG	217	2019-02-28	PISCATAWAY CREEK, VA	Blade bait
PICKEREL, CHAIN	SC LEE	4lb-3oz	4	SPIN	307	2019-01-16	PISCATAWAY CREEK, VA	1/8 oz.Hair Jig
SHAD, HICKORY	SC LEE	2lb-8oz	8	FLY	221	2019-03-28	JAMES RIVER, VA	Murray Shad Fly
SNAKEHEAD	B MILLER	7lb-0oz	20BR	GEN	53	2019-07-07	POTOMAC RIVER, VA	Frog
SUNFISH	A BAGWELL	0lb-13oz	4	SPIN	176	2019-04-24	PRIVATE LAKE, VA	soft plastic crayfish
TROUT, BROOK	B MILLER	1lb-0oz	6	FLY	76	2019-06-11	ROSE RIVER, VA	Stone fly Nymph
TROUT, BROWN	A BAGWELL	8lb-10oz	6	SPIN	308	2019-03-01	JACKSON RIVER, VA	spinnerbait
TROUT, RAINBOW	B MILLER	3lb-8oz	6	FLY	156	2019-06-28	ROSE RIVER FARM, VA	Stone fly Nymph



"Heaviest" Species Awards Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BLUEFISH		1lb-8oz	12	SPIN	16	2019-05-18	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	red/white Yozuri Diving Plug
DRUM, RED	BL NOLAND	44lb-0oz		SURF	314	2019-04-17	BUXTON, NC	Mullet
POMPANO, COMMON	BL NOLAND	2lb-7oz	#	SURF	243	2019-05-29	HATTERAS - RAMP 55, NC	Sand Flea
SHARK, OTHER	BL NOLAND	50lb-0oz		SURF	125	2018-12-17	BUXTON, NC	Tuna belly

New Club Records Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, STRIPED (HYB)	RL WHITE	5lb-10oz	4	PLUG	281	2019-04-26	HOLSTON RIVER, TN	Swimbait
BASS, STRIPED (HYB)	RL WHITE	5lb-8oz	6	PLUG	220	2019-04-26	HOLSTON RIVER, TN	Swimbait
BASS, STRIPED (HYB)	RL WHITE	5lb-4oz	8	PLUG	175	2019-04-26	HOLSTON RIVER, TN	Swimait
BASS, STRIPED (HYB)	RL WHITE	6lb-10oz	2	SPIN	441	2019-04-26	HOLSTON RIVER, TN	Swimbait
BASS, STRIPED (HYB)	F COUSINS	5lb-14oz	4	SPIN	293	2019-04-25	HOLSTON RIVER, TN	Swim bait
BASS, STRIPED (LL)	RL WHITE	12lb-8oz	4	PLUG	312	2019-04-26	HOLSTON RIVER, TN	Swimbait
BOWFIN	ROB ROBINSON	10lb-8oz	2	PLUG	525	2019-02-16	CHICKHOMINY RIVER, VA	Blade bait

New Club Records Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
MACKEREL, KING	FD GOTTWALD	52lb-0oz	30	GEN	192	2019-03-18	KEY WEST, FL	blue runner
POMPANO, COMMON	BL NOLAND	2lb-7oz	#	SURF	243	2019-05-29	HATTERAS - RAMP 55, NC	Sand Flea
TUNNY, LITTLE	SC LEE	19lb-8oz	8	GEN	325	2019-04-22	OFF MIAMI, FL	Live Treadfin Herring

Youth Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
SHAD, HICKORY	GLENN TOWNSEND 0_6	1lb-7oz	4	SPIN	136	2019-04-04	JAMES RIVER, VA	Gold Spoon

Non-Local Award Fresh or Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
SAILFISH, ATLANTIC	SC LEE	0lb-0oz	8	GEN	500	2019-04-22	OFF MIAMI, FL	Live Threadfin Herring

New Member Award

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	B MILLER	2lb-0oz	4	FLY	125	2019-05-06	CRUMP PARK, VA	Popper
CATFISH, CHANNEL	B MILLER	3lb-5oz	4	FLY	123	2019-05-06	CRUMP PARK, VA	Fly- Prototype I am working on
SUNFISH	B MILLER	0lb-6oz	2	FLY	125	2019-05-03	CRUMP PARK, VA	Wooly Bugger
Total					373			

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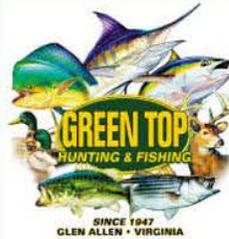
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Next Membership Meeting - August 27th

