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NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2020
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

VAC Happy Hour at Final Gravity Brewing

Come out and enjoy the camaraderie before our membership meetings in 2020 for a Happy Hour at Final Gravity Brewing. The Virginia Anglers Club has special pricing from 5:15pm to 6:45pm on the fourth Tuesday of the month, and Final Gravity is located within a couple of miles of our current meeting location at DGIF headquarters.

Website link – www.oggravity.com

UPCOMING VAC ANGLING ACTIVITY

YOUR 2020 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

February 25, 2020 - Special Speaker for February Meeting – Keith Ray

Keith is a North Carolina guide that works on Buggs Island Lake for most species you might want. However, he specializes in crappie and perch. He comes highly recommended by Fred Cousins and Reggie White of the VAC that have fished with him. Keith has several brush piles and raised areas (“humps”) on the lake marked on his GPS. Fred and Reggie have recently caught crappie, both types of perch and striped bass at those locations while with Keith who is also said to tell some funny stories while fishing. His February talk should be both educational and enjoyable. Plan to come out in February – check your scales, hear Keith speak and have some winter fun. Also, if you can bring along a friend or relative who might be a potential new addition to the club.

February 25, 2020 – Annual Scale Certification

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.



**INTRODUCING THE SLATE OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS
FOR 2020 LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Officers

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

Mike Ostrander
Jerry Davis
Eric Webster
John Page Williams
Chuck Koch
Karen Anderson
Carter Clevinger

Directors - Class of 2021

Class of 2020

Carter Clevinger
Fred Cousins
Fred Murray

Class of 2021

Gary Green
Clint Peters
Don West

Class of 2022

Stuart Lee
Bob Brown
Frank Hart

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Angling Rules

Fred Cousins

Conservation and Legislation

John Page Williams

Angling Rules Committee

Fred Cousins
Stuart Lee
Glen Carter
Buddy Noland
Danny Noland

Membership

Frank Hart

Orientation
Glenn Carter

Angling Activities

Eric Webster

Scale Certification Co-Chairs

Larry Allen
Ryan Noland

Banquet

Suzanne Lucas

Surf Team Captain

Danny Noland

Special Activities

Don West

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

- Membership meetings schedule for 2020: **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!
- The Board of Directors has approved to have a web master update the VAC web site.



President's Message

February 2020

I'm looking forward to working alongside the leadership team for the Virginia Anglers Club in 2020. With such a storied history, you don't have to travel too far back in time to appreciate what we have today ... and the dedication of our members and their work to keep this club alive and vibrant.

Our Fish Fry team makes the Annual VAC Fish Fry such a special event ... Buddy, Danny, Ryan, Jeff, Fred, Art and others ... stalwarts. And our Annual Banquet team who organizes the event and puts together a tight awards show ... Suzanne, Gary, Karen, Danny and Ryan. Awesome!

Our scale certification, catch data, records, and rules committee keeping the torch burning for all the Virginia Anglers who have come and gone and those fishing today. Our Board members and committee members who make everything work ... month after month.

It takes a large crew of volunteers to make it all work ... many of whom have doing their labors of love for quite some time now. And it's exciting to see new people working their way into leadership roles like Frank Hart (Membership) and John Page Williams (Conservation & Legislation). We have a full slate of committee members and board members ready to roll into 2020 and now is a great time to rally that friend you have who would be interested in the Virginia Anglers Club and what we offer as we work towards a strong class of new members.

The leadership teams over the years have done work for the club decade after decade because ... well ... perhaps we'll never know exactly why other than it just feels right. It's nature and fish, or not fish. It's doing things for others and spending time with our old friends and making new ones. It's fishing line and finesse ... it's in our souls.

A special thanks to Bob Brown Jr., for his job as President in 2019 and here's to a great year forward and thank you for being a member of the Virginia Angler's Club. Tight lines and happy fishing.

Mike Ostrander



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 2020

PROGRAMS AND SPEAKERS

February – Keith Ray is a North Carolina guide that works on Buggs Island Lake.

March – VAC members Stuart Lee and Larry Allen presenting on Speckled Trout fishing.

April – Dr. Jan McDowell and Ms. Susanna Musick from the VMSI to speak on the genic differences and similarities between NC and VA speckled trout.

May – VAC Fish Fry

EXPEDITIONS

June 6th - Chickahominy Lake fishing with Art Conway.

June 27th – Small River wade fishing trip with Mike Ostrander.

Catch Statistics 2020

Top Ten 2020 Submitters		
1.	F COUSINS	6
2.	RL WHITE	5
3.	C CLEVINGER	4
4.	R HART	4
5.	GN CARTER	3
6.	F MURRAY	2
7.	G ALVIS	1
8.		1
9.	M OSTRANDER	1

Top Ten 2020 Species		
1.	BASS, LARGEMOUTH	7
2.	PERCH, YELLOW	4
3.	CRAPPIE, ALL	3
4.	PICKEREL, CHAIN	3
5.	GAR, ALL	2
6.	CATFISH, BLUE	2
7.	CARP	2
8.	CATFISH, FLATHEAD	1
9.	MUSKELLUNGE, ALL	1
10.	BASS, WHITE	1



Annual Banquet

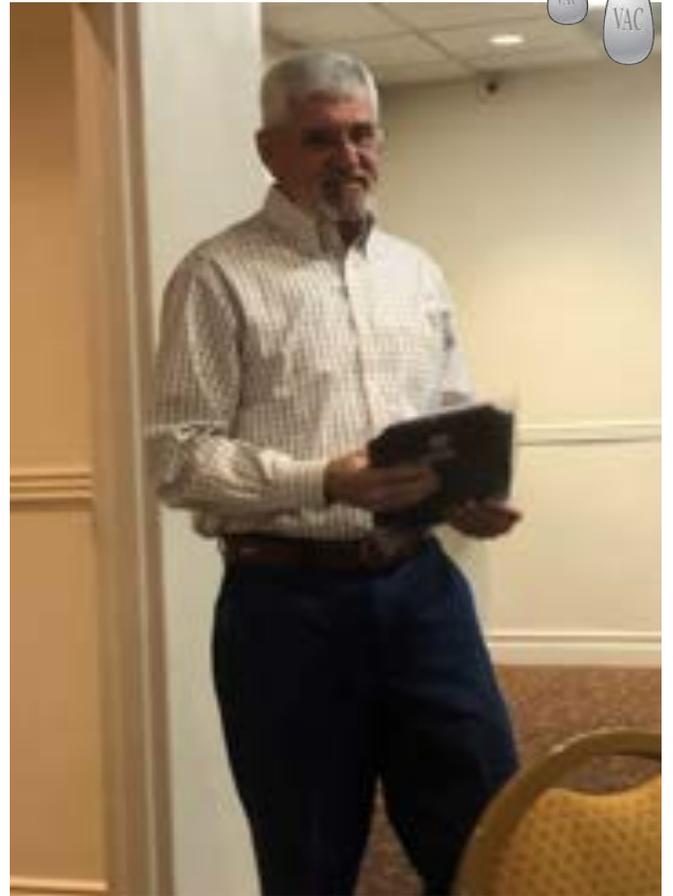
The annual banquet was held on February 2nd at “The Place at Innsbrook”. We had a total of 54 members and guests attend the banquet with rave reviews. The smoked Rockfish donated by Stuart Lee was a delicacy that everyone enjoyed. The buffet style dinner was abundant leaving everyone pleased.

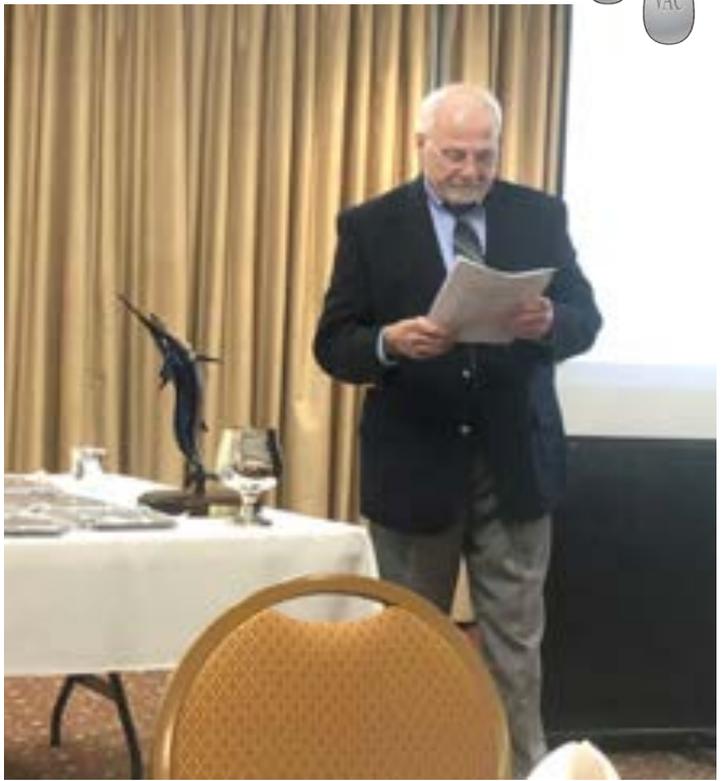
The angling accomplishments were very special this year with Glenn Carter being recognized as “Master Angler” the most sought-after angler rating with the Virginia Anglers Club. Congratulations Glen and to all the anglers that received awards. The evening continued with raffle items, fishing stories, and great memories.

Special thanks to banquet chair Suzanne Lucas and Gary Green on their hard work to put together another great banquet.









ANNUAL AWARDS 2020

President's Award Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
GAR, ALL	F COUSINS	16lb-12oz	2	PLUG	558	2019-12-27	JAMES RIVER, VA	Grub

President's Award Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
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Division Awards Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
CATFISH, BLUE	F COUSINS	33lb-0oz	4	GEN	351	2020-01-31	JAMES RIVER, VA	Cut Shad
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F MURRAY	24lb-0oz	8	FLY	331	2020-02-04	JAMES, VA	Fred fly
GAR, ALL	F COUSINS	16lb-12oz	2	PLUG	558	2019-12-27	JAMES RIVER, VA	Grub
PICKEREL, CHAIN	F COUSINS	4lb-3oz	2	SPIN	418	2020-02-04	POCOMOKE RIVER, MD	Grub

Division Awards Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
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"Highest Point" Species Awards Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	G ALVIS	9lb-4oz	8	PLUG	308	2020-02-04	KING WILLIAM, VA	Suspending Jerkbait
BASS, STRIPED (LL)	RL WHITE	4lb-2oz	4	SPIN	103	2019-12-06	BUGGS ISLAND, VA	Jig
BASS, WHITE	RL WHITE	1lb-6oz	4	SPIN	147	2019-12-06	BUGGS ISLAND, VA	Jig
CARP	F MURRAY	11lb-0oz	8	FLY	245	2020-02-04	JAMES, VA	Fred fly
CATFISH, BLUE	F COUSINS	33lb-0oz	4	GEN	351	2020-01-31	JAMES RIVER, VA	Cut Shad
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F MURRAY	24lb-0oz	8	FLY	331	2020-02-04	JAMES, VA	Fred fly
CRAPPIE, ALL	F COUSINS	1lb-4oz	2	SPIN	198	2019-12-06	BUGGS ISLAND LAKE, VA	Hair Jig
GAR, ALL	F COUSINS	16lb-12oz	2	PLUG	558	2019-12-27	JAMES RIVER, VA	Grub
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL	M OSTRANDER	15lb-0oz	8	SPIN	250	2020-01-09	JAMES RIVER, VA	6" Jointed Hard Bait
PERCH, YELLOW	F COUSINS	0lb-15oz	2	SPIN	246	2020-02-04	POCOMOKE RIVER, MD	Grub
PICKEREL, CHAIN	F COUSINS	4lb-3oz	2	SPIN	418	2020-02-04	POCOMOKE RIVER, MD	Grub

"Highest Point" Species Awards Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
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"Heaviest" Species Awards Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	G ALVIS	9lb-4oz	8	PLUG	308	2020-02-04	KING WILLIAM, VA	Suspending Jerkbait
BASS, STRIPED (LL)	RL WHITE	4lb-2oz	4	SPIN	103	2019-12-06	BUGGS ISLAND, VA	Jig
BASS, WHITE	RL WHITE	1lb-6oz	4	SPIN	147	2019-12-06	BUGGS ISLAND, VA	Jig
CARP	F MURRAY	11lb-0oz	8	FLY	245	2020-02-04	JAMES, VA	Fred fly
CATFISH, BLUE	F COUSINS	33lb-0oz	4	GEN	351	2020-01-31	JAMES RIVER, VA	Cut Shad
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F MURRAY	24lb-0oz	8	FLY	331	2020-02-04	JAMES, VA	Fred fly
CRAPPIE, ALL	RL WHITE	1lb-8oz	4	SPIN	187	2019-12-06	BUGGS ISLAND, VA	Jig
GAR, ALL	C CLEVINGER	16lb-12oz	6	SPIN	335	2019-12-27	JAMES RIVER, VA	Finesse Grub
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL	M OSTRANDER	15lb-0oz	8	SPIN	250	2020-01-09	JAMES RIVER, VA	6" Jointed Hard Bait
PERCH, YELLOW	GN CARTER	1lb-1oz	4	SPIN	230	2020-02-03	PISCATAWAY CREEK, VA	Jig
PICKEREL, CHAIN	F COUSINS	4lb-3oz	2	SPIN	418	2020-02-04	POCOMOKE RIVER, MD	Grub

"Heaviest" Species Awards Saltwater

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

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	G ALVIS	9lb-4oz	8	PLUG	308	2020-02-04	KING WILLIAM, VA	Suspending Jerkbait
GAR, ALL	C CLEVINGER	16lb-12oz	6	SPIN	335	2019-12-27	JAMES RIVER, VA	Finesse Grub
GAR, ALL	F COUSINS	16lb-12oz	2	PLUG	558	2019-12-27	JAMES RIVER, VA	Grub
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL	M OSTRANDER	15lb-0oz	8	SPIN	250	2020-01-09	JAMES RIVER, VA	6" Jointed Hard Bait

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
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New Member Award

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH		4lb-2oz	20BR	GEN	55	2020-01-25	SWIFT CREEK RESERVOIR , VA	Spinner bait
Total					55			

Robert Thomas

Fishing Adventures

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

Fly Tying Materials & Tools
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MattyJ Saltwater Flies

(804) 266-5458

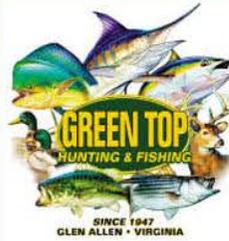
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