

Summer Fishing
is Here!!!



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JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, June 23rd, 2020

Meeting starts at 7:00pm

This will be a virtual (Zoom) link here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89167810483?pwd=VnVsTWZaZEFDdVJ4eEFR OC9QSjlQUT09>

VAC Angling Rules Questions?

Do you have a question concerning angling rules? If so, email your questions to Fred Cousins (cousinsf1@verizon.net). Fred will address questions during the next general membership meeting.

HELP WANTED

Newsletter Position – Someone to help with the “Angler” newsletter, no experience needed.

Contact Carter Clevinger (carter.clevinger@dominionenergy.com) if interested.

How to Join a Zoom Meeting

Email link:

1. You will receive an email invitation from the meeting host
2. Click on the link in the email (join via PC, Mac, iOS or Android)
3. You will be directed to the meeting

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.

MAY PROGRAM REPORT



Stuart Lee presented on his experiences of years fishing for Speckled trout. He has fished for Speckled trout since 1977 in Virginia & North Carolina. Mostly Stuart prefers North Carolina primarily between Oregon Inlet and Hatteras. The presentation provided Speckled trout data, how to, and tackle needed. These topics will be separated below:



Data:

- A Speckled trout will grow one pound a year.
- Since 1999 there have been 7 bad winter kills, followed by a poor fishing year.
- Stuart has found N.C. having more Specs and Virginia having larger fish.
- The top 3 things found in a Specs stomach:
 - o Pigfish
 - o Shrimp
 - o Crabs
- Speckled trout is Stuart’s favorite eating fish and they freeze well.

How to:

- Stuart likes to look for areas that are half grass and half sand in 4 to 5 foot of water.
- He prefers fishing from an anchored boat instead of drifting.
- For best results retrieve your lure with the current, if your boat is anchored do not forget to cast in the seam behind the boat against the current.
- The Southwest wind is ideal, and a strong Northeast could drop the water by 10 degrees. Check the previous days winds before you fish.
- Specs do not feed all the time, change locations multiple until you find the bite.

Tackle:

- Stuart prefers a stiff 6-foot rod with a popping cork and grub.
- The leader 15lb fluorocarbon 36 – 38 inches and 3/8oz jig head with a larger hook.
- He uses 4-inch grubs in different colors.
- Very important, make sure the grub body is straight on the hook shaft.
- Fly fishing a 6wt rod, with intermediate line, and a 3.5-inch clouser fly multiple colors with flash.

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/>



President's Message

June 2020

As we wade through another month, and the inability to meet face to face, it's important to remember what the Virginia Anglers Club can still offer, as people remain hidden and distant. Our online meetings are gaining momentum and offer informative programming. Last month, VAC member and Master Angler, Stuart Lee offered a wonderful presentation on how to catch speckled trout. His humble approach and effective lure presentation can't hide the fact he landed 1600 specks in one calendar year with mostly the same tactic. I'm betting most people who watched Stuart's presentation have stocked their boxes with 4" lime green curly tail grubs among other things.

This month we have long time, non-local, VAC member Rich McDaniel presenting on snakehead fishing. Rich is an incredible angler, who targets many species, and when he's hot on something, you can bet he's figured it out. This month we get his take on snakeheads, so get your questions ready as Rich will be presenting online through the Zoom platform on June 23. If you have any questions on the online VAC meeting/presentations or Zoom, please contact me.

Another membership opportunity is only a couple of computer clicks and a phone call away. As a group, we have anglers who know how to catch certain species exceptionally well. Our members have their specialties, like Stuart and specks. I immediately think of Eddy Johnston and longnose gar. Eddy is so gracious when asked about longnose gar and willing to help you understand how the fish acts and how catch them. You can get a leg up on your next trip by checking out VAC's online catch database. Johnny Wetlaufer put in long hours taking our history of catches and creating the VAC's digital catch database. He's made it very easy to find species specific catch data so the next time you are after a sunfish, or flounder check it out and you might see the same members name over and over on that specie and would be the person to reach out to. It's all about communication and members should use this tool, including new members ... don't be shy when it comes to asking questions.

Josh Dolin and Glenn Carter will be teaming up to make a series of videos on Virginia Anglers Club new member orientation. The current COVID situation has sped up this project with the inability to meet face to face. It will offer new members and current members alike an opportunity to learn or relearn the rules of the club through the incredible presentation skills (and knowledge) of Master Angler Glenn Carter, and the superb filming skills of Josh. If you have not checked out Josh's videos online, you should. [Click here](#) to see his video on his chase for the White Sturgeon ... it's darn good.

Financially speaking, the club is doing fine, but we must have another solid year of DGIF calendar sales. Don West's commitment to running the VAC's main fundraising campaign ...selling DGIF's Calendar is ramping up again and he wants you to know they will be here in August. Depending on our meeting situation, the distribution of the calendars could be a bit challenging, but we have a few members who are willing to drive calendars to members houses in order to distribute. Look for more on this next month through e-casts.

So, for now fish on, be safe and hope to see you at the June 23 Zoom meeting or on the small river wade trip expedition on June 27.

Mike Ostrander



Chickahominy Lake Expedition Report

Art Conway



The Virginia Anglers Club expedition on the Chickahominy Lake set out from Ed Allen's Boats and Bait and from Eagle's Landing on Saturday (6/6/2020). Water temperatures were in the high 70's in the main lake in the morning, ranging into the middle to high 80's in the shallows by mid-afternoon. The lake level was a few inches above the top of the dam, and the water was medium brown

and slightly turbid in the lower lake. The weather was sunny with scattered clouds and relatively light winds, a beautiful day but a bit on the warm side. Bluegills were recovering from a series of heavy thunderstorms the night before, but some larger bluegills and a few shellcrackers were in loose spawning clusters near the banks into 1 to 4 feet of water, while smaller bluegills interspersed with a scattering of other species were randomly scattered along shorelines. Jerry Davis and Art Conway released 43 bluegills, 3 shellcrackers, and 2 bass, almost all on flyrods. Mike Ostrander and Lynda Richardson caught 7 nice bass plus a mix of other species. Jarad Mitchell and his Dad caught a nice yellow perch. The kayak contingent of Carter Clevinger, Terry Midkiff, and his son caught Bass, Gar, and bluegills. Most of the participants assembled in the Lakeside Restaurant for lunch after a really fun day.





Chickahominy Lake Expedition Report
Art Conway





Fish of the Month (May)

Freshwater (points)

M. Ostrander
Sunfish 1pound-3oz.
2-spin 312pts.

Saltwater (points)

B. Shepherd
Red Drum 33 pounds
8 fly 550pts.

Freshwater (weight)

R. Hart
Bowfin
7 pounds

Saltwater (weight)

B. Shepherd
Shark
100pounds

PROGRAMS

June 23rd – Rich McDaniel, a member of VAC who lives in Fredericksburg, will be our club’s speaker on Zoom at the general meeting on Tuesday, June 23 at 7 PM. He will speak on his experience with fishing for snakeheads in the Rappahannock River area. Members will be sent Zoom sign-in information prior to the 6/23 meeting date. “See” you there.

EXPEDITIONS

Small River Wade Fishing Trip: June 27, 2020 at 7am

The last few years, this has been a great trip with lots of fish caught, but since the COVID situation, we are forced to drive separately and depending on how many people sign up for this trip will determine the location we fish. This is a wade fishing trip, so wear appropriate clothing/shoes and bring a change of clothes for the ride back. We’ll probably be fishing within 30 minutes of downtown Richmond.

Since the need to drive separately (COVID) the number of people and cars will determine where we can park and the stream/river we will fish. Parking is difficult for certain streams.

We’ll meet on Saturday, June 27 at 7am.

To sign up and receive further details, contact Mike Ostrander at 804-938-2350 or email: discoverthejames@gmail.com

Deadline to sign up is end of day on June 24, the day after the membership meeting.

We’ll fish until noon-1pm and then break for the day, and if enough folks want to grab lunch, and it seems appropriate, we can grab lunch.

VAC MEMBERS PICTURES

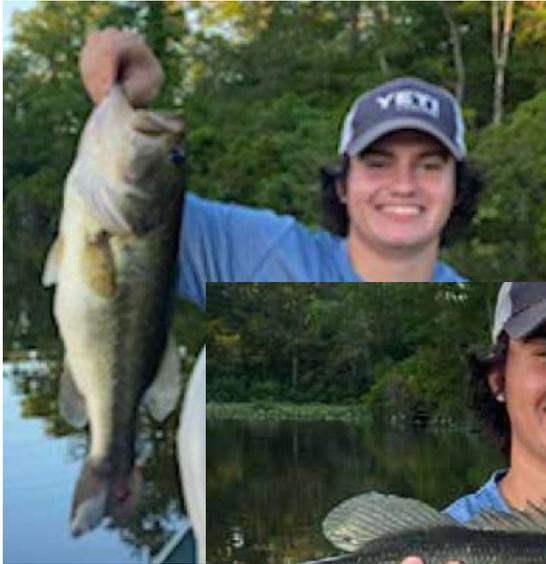




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FOR SALE



I have a 10wt Sage fly rod with reel and line that I bought new in 2009, and I will never use them. I test/practiced casted with them on the lawn a few times when new, but I never used them. They have never been on/in water. This, they are in absolutely new condition. They have been stored in a closet this entire time, and have no mold, dirt, or any such. In the following paragraphs I will describe the individual items.

The rod is a Sage Xi 2, 1090-4, #10 line, 9'0", 4 1/2 oz. I bought it from Cabela's for \$532.50.

The reel is a Ross Momentum GLD 6. I bought it from Cabela's for \$275. I have the original brand-new condition box with warranty card, etc.

The line is Scientific Anglers Mastery Series Quad Tip Saltwater, WF-10-F/S Green. The tips are as follows. 15' AST Floating. 15' Type I clear tip (1.5 - 2 ips). 15' Type III Wet Tip (3-5 ips). 15' Type V Wet Tip (6-8 ips). The line to tip connections are built in loop to loop. It has a "breathable mesh quad compartment wallet." I have the original box with spool in it. I bought the line, tips, and wallet as a one item set, from Cabela's for \$139.95.

Contact Fred Cousins for more information.



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
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	33lb-0oz	8	FLY	550	2020-05-13	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Clauser

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
PERCH, YELLOW	G ALVIS	1lb-12oz	2	SPIN	460	2020-02-29	MATTAPONI RIVER, VA	Grub

Division Awards Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	33lb-0oz	8	FLY	550	2020-05-13	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Clauser
DRUM, RED	C CLEVINGER	44lb-0oz	12	SPIN	366	2020-06-04	CBBT, VA	Bucktail
POMPANO, COMMON	BL NOLAND	4lb-5oz		SURF	431	2020-06-06	RAMP 55 - HATTERAS, NC	Sand flea

"Highest Point" Species Awards Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	DN NOLAND	4lb-11oz	2	PLUG	312	2020-03-26	WEST POINT, , VA	Jig
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	R HART	3lb-0oz	4	GEN	174	2020-06-10	JAMES RIVER, VA	Minnow
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
BOWFIN	R HART	7lb-0oz	4	SPIN	266	2020-05-30	CHICKAHOMINY LAKE , VA	Senko
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	RJ BROWN	1lb-10oz	2	SPIN	257	2020-04-29	MATTAPONI RIVER, VA	gub
GAR, ALL	F COUSINS	16lb-12oz	2	PLUG	558	2019-12-27	JAMES RIVER, VA	Grub
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL	M OSTRANDER	16lb-8oz	8	SPIN	275	2020-02-29	JAMES RIVER, VA	6" Jointed Hard Bait
PERCH, WHITE	GN CARTER	0lb-14oz	2	PLUG	203	2020-03-31	JAMES RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
PERCH, YELLOW	G ALVIS	1lb-12oz	2	SPIN	460	2020-02-29	MATTAPONI RIVER, VA	Grub
PICKEREL, CHAIN	F COUSINS	4lb-3oz	2	SPIN	418	2020-02-04	POCOMOKE RIVER, MD	Grub
SHAD, HICKORY	F COUSINS	1lb-10oz	2	FLY	232	2020-03-27	JAMES RIVER, VA	Shad Fly
SUNFISH	M OSTRANDER	1lb-3oz	2	SPIN	312	2020-05-13	COHOKE POND, VA	White Grub
SUNFISH, REDEAR	DL NOBLES	1lb-3oz	2	FLY	237	2020-04-29	PRIVATE POND, VA	black leech streamer
TROUT, BROOK	C CLEVINGER	3lb-0oz	2	SPIN	340	2020-04-11	SOUTH BRANCH POTOMAC RIVER, WV	Joe's Fly
TROUT, BROWN	C CLEVINGER	2lb-4oz	2	SPIN	140	2020-04-11	SOUTH BRANCH POTOMAC RIVER, WV	Joe's Fly
TROUT, RAINBOW	C CLEVINGER	5lb-10oz	4	SPIN	255	2020-04-11	SOUTH BRANCH POTOMAC RIVER, WV	Joe's Fly



"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, SMALLMOUTH	R HART	3lb-0oz	4	GEN	174	2020-06-10	JAMES RIVER, VA	Minnow
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
BOWFIN	T MIDKIFF	8lb-6oz	4	GEN	255	2020-03-14	CHICKAHOMINY, VA	Minnow
CARP	M OSTRANDER	13lb-6oz	6	GEN	222	2020-03-09	JAMES RIVER, VA	Part of a Ham sandwich
CATFISH, BLUE	S KNOX	42lb-0oz	20BR	GEN	216	2020-04-22	JAMES RIVER, RICHMOND, VA	Cut shad
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F MURRAY	24lb-0oz	8	FLY	331	2020-02-04	JAMES, VA	Fred fly
CRAPPIE, ALL	DL NOBLES	1lb-10oz	2	GEN	208	2020-04-11	PRIVATE POND, VA	curly tail grub, trolled
GAR, ALL	C CLEVINGER	16lb-12oz	6	SPIN	335	2019-12-27	JAMES RIVER, VA	Finesse Grub
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL	R HART	19lb-4oz	16	PLUG	178	2020-02-29	UPPER JAMES RIVER, VA	Glide bait
PERCH, WHITE	SC LEE	0lb-15oz	8	FLY	183	2020-03-31	JAMES RIVER, RICHMOND, VA	Murray Shad Fly
PERCH, YELLOW	G ALVIS	1lb-12oz	2	SPIN	460	2020-02-29	MATTAPONI RIVER, VA	Grub
PICKEREL, CHAIN	F COUSINS	4lb-3oz	2	SPIN	418	2020-02-04	POCOMOKE RIVER, MD	Grub
SHAD, HICKORY	GN CARTER	2lb-5oz	8	FLY	204	2020-03-26	JAMES RIVER, VA	Fred's Shad Fly
SNAKEHEAD	F COUSINS	7lb-1oz	20BR	GEN	54	2020-06-10	RAPPAHANOCK RIVER, VA	topwater frog
SUNFISH	M OSTRANDER	1lb-4oz	4	SPIN	271	2020-05-01	COHOKE POND, VA	White Grub
SUNFISH, REDEAR	C CLEVINGER	1lb-4oz	2	SPIN	198	2020-05-09	PRIVATE LAKE, VA	White Grub
TROUT, BROOK	C CLEVINGER	3lb-0oz	2	SPIN	340	2020-04-11	SOUTH BRANCH POTOMAC RIVER, WV	Joe's Fly
TROUT, BROWN	C CLEVINGER	2lb-4oz	2	SPIN	140	2020-04-11	SOUTH BRANCH POTOMAC RIVER, WV	Joe's Fly
TROUT, RAINBOW	C CLEVINGER	5lb-10oz	4	SPIN	255	2020-04-11	SOUTH BRANCH POTOMAC RIVER, WV	Joe's Fly

"Heaviest" Species Awards Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	50lb-0oz		SURF	357	2020-05-16	SMITH ISLAND, VA	Peeler
POMPANO, COMMON	BL NOLAND	4lb-5oz		SURF	431	2020-06-06	RAMP 55 - HATTERAS, NC	Sand flea
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	SC LEE	5lb-0oz	6	SPIN	200	2020-06-05	PAMLICO SOUND, NC	Gotcha grub
SHARK, OTHER	B SHEPHERD	100lb-0oz		SURF	250	2020-05-23	SMITH ISLAND, VA	Cut bait

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
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	DN NOLAND	4lb-11oz	2	PLUG	312	2020-03-26	WEST POINT, VA	Jig
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	R HART	19lb-4oz	16	PLUG	178	2020-02-29	UPPER JAMES RIVER, VA	Glide bait
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL	M OSTRANDER	16lb-8oz	8	SPIN	275	2020-02-29	JAMES RIVER, VA	6" Jointed Hard Bait
SUNFISH	M OSTRANDER	1lb-3oz	2	SPIN	312	2020-05-13	COHOKE POND, VA	White Grub
SUNFISH	M OSTRANDER	1lb-4oz	4	SPIN	271	2020-05-01	COHOKE POND, VA	White Grub
SUNFISH	R HART	1lb-4oz	4	GEN	215	2020-05-16	WEST POINT, VA	Popeye and wax worm
SUNFISH, REDEAR	DL NOBLES	1lb-3oz	2	FLY	237	2020-04-29	PRIVATE POND, VA	black leech streamer
TROUT, BROOK	C CLEVINGER	3lb-0oz	2	SPIN	340	2020-04-11	SOUTH BRANCH POTOMAC RIVER, WV	Joe's Fly
TROUT, RAINBOW	C CLEVINGER	5lb-10oz	4	SPIN	255	2020-04-11	SOUTH BRANCH POTOMAC RIVER, WV	Joe's Fly

New Club Records Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
DRUM, RED	C CLEVINGER	44lb-0oz	12	SPIN	366	2020-06-04	CBBT, VA	Bucktail
POMPANO, COMMON	BL NOLAND	4lb-5oz		SURF	431	2020-06-06	RAMP 55 - HATTERAS, NC	Sand flea

Youth Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	JARAD MITCHELL 13_17	3lb-3oz	4	SPIN	159	2020-06-07	COHOKE, VA	Whopper Plopper
PICKEREL, CHAIN	MASON HELQUIST 7_12	2lb-6oz	4	SPIN	174	2020-04-28	TAYLORS POND, VA	Road Runner
SUNFISH	WINDSOR BROUGHTON 0_6	0lb-9oz	4	SPIN	122	2020-04-25	PRIVATE POND, VA	Squirt

Non-Local Award Fresh or Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
SAILFISH, ATLANTIC	BW STRUM	0lb-0oz	30	GEN	151	2020-02-04	ISLA MUJERES, MEXICO, OTHER	Ballyhoo

New Member Award

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	M MASON	4lb-4oz	4	SPIN	212	2020-03-21	JAMES RIVER, VA	small crankbait
CRAPPIE, ALL	M MASON	1lb-8oz	8	SPIN	129	2020-06-05	SC RESERVOIR, VA	crankbait
PICKEREL, CHAIN	M MASON	2lb-8oz	4	PLUG	183	2020-03-23	PRIVATE POND, VA	grub

Total **524**

Robert Thomas

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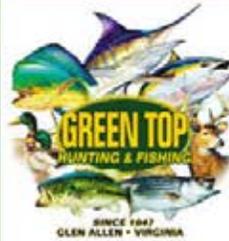
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