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MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, March 23rd, 2021

Meeting starts at 7:00pm

This will be a virtual (Zoom) meeting link listed below:

[ZOOM LINK CLICK HERE](#)

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/>

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

IMPORTANT!

2021 VAC Scale Certification

Due to the pandemic, the following is in effect for the upcoming year:

All scales certified in 2020 are valid through 2021.

If you have an electronic scale, please change your batteries before weighing fish this year. If you have new scales, or scales that need certifying (not certified in 2020) it is your responsibility to get your scales to a weigh master.

Please contact the following to arrange for your scales to be certified.

Larry Allen: allenhouse75@comcast.net
Ryan Noland: ryan.n.noland@usa.dupont.com
Danny Noland: danny6749@aol.com



President's Message - March 2021

I have to ask a question. Who wants to go trout fishing on April 24 on the South River? In Waynesboro, the South offers great catch and release wade fishing for both fly and spin anglers and has some shore fishing opportunities. A location on the South River in Grottoes, VA offers excellent shore fishing for trout and this area is a "catch and keep" area. You can also wade fish this area. If you want to go, shoot me an email: mike@discoverthejames.com.

Keep those cards coming in!! One of the goals this angling year is to "up our game" on card submissions and build on the VAC catch data base. As of March 13, we have 51 cards submitted. December 1 is the beginning of our angling year, so we are about three and a half months in. We have a great shot at over 200 and an outside shot at 300. With solid fishing seasons coming up in the spring, summer and fall all it takes is bringing your VAC certified scales with you, weighing your fish, knowing what pound line you are using, and entering your catch into the VAC Catch Database. We have a great core of new members who will hopefully embrace this part of our club, and if anyone has questions about how to submit an eCard online or needs to get their scale certified, please ask. We have plenty of folks willing to help.

On March 9 we had our second brainstorming session of the year. The topic this time was to take a deep look at our current means of communications and discuss them individually, and also collectively. The goal was to better understand each and find ways to streamline some, fix some and appreciate how well others are working. The E-casts, Newsletter and the VAC Facebook page are doing what they are supposed to be doing. Informing, sharing and promoting. The work being done on these is truly appreciated.

The two that are under appreciated and in need of ideas and work are the VAC Website and Zoom.

The VAC website, as I've stated many times, is phenomenal on the member's side. Our public side needs some work, and two ideas came up that have excellent possibilities. The first idea combines two modes of communication. Our newsletter and our website. The idea of taking our current newsletter and adding it to the website as a whole image came up. If you go to virginiaanglersclub.org right now, you can see our new homepage. If this works, the second idea is a moot point, so please check it out and share your comments on this new approach to our homepage.

Zoom is the other outlet we use for communications now, and given its newness, Zoom is still under appreciated and perhaps underutilized. Once we get back to in person meetings, will we still need it? I can't help but think yes, we will. Perhaps for members who can't make meetings or don't feel comfortable meeting face to face yet and want to see the program, Zoom could be their avenue into the meeting. Perhaps a combination of "in-person" and "zoom" will make for even greater meeting participation. Something we have done is use Zoom to have out of town speakers present and is more than likely something we will continue to utilize. It has also forged a stronger bond between the Virginia Anglers Club and the Fly Fishers of Virginia, as we are continuing to invite each other to our meetings and enjoy each other's speakers. On a side note: the ultimate goal for our meeting space, when we do meet face to face is to once again be able to enjoy a cold beverage and food. With all the changes in the restaurant industry, perhaps there will be a new meeting location in the future for us. Keep your eyes and ears open.

VAC Master Angler (and master storyteller) Glenn Carter teamed up with new member Lynda Richardson to record Glenn giving a new member orientation. Once completed, the video will be available on our website for new (and old) members to view and learn the angling rules of the VAC. The next step is to organize the digital files and create a timeline, offering the timestamp of the subjects Glenn talks about in each segment. Not only did the two of them capture a much-needed video and educational tool, but they captured the Virginia Anglers Club's most recent Master Angler, Glenn Carter, sharing some of his stories mixed in with the angling education. Perhaps this could be the beginning of a new project for the club ... to record our most deep-rooted members and some of their favorite fishing stories. While it could be as easy as a taped Zoom talk, perhaps taking the time, and getting proper video is the way to go. Like everything, this will take time, but let's not take too much time to begin this.

Lastly, condolences to the family of long time VAC member, Wilson Nobles. Wilson walked on, to his favorite speckled trout hole, to fish on forever. His brother, member David Nobles, will fish on too, in Wilson's memory and continue to share stories about the sport they love. Perhaps this makes the idea of capturing our storied members all that more important. I think Joe Brooks would agree. Until we meet again...happy fishing.

Mike Ostrander

Virginia Anglers Club President



PROGRAMS

March General Meeting Speaker – Our March 23 speaker via Zoom will be Jeff Currier coming to us from his home in Victor, Idaho. Jeff spoke to the club in January. Then he gave a general overview of fly fishing for warm water freshwater species. That talk was very well received, and several members seemed interested to learn more about his coverage of fly fishing for carp. That's going to be Jeff's subject for the March meeting. He is a long-time global fly fisherman (in both salt and fresh water) where he has pursued many domestic and exotic fish species. Even so, he says the common carp has become one of the most challenging and fun fish he likes to fool on a fly. Jeff has a wide range of experience with many types of fish himself, as a guide, as a book author, as a fish-painting artist and as a speaker to fishing clubs. Check out his website, www.jeffcurrier.com that includes many info filled present and past blog entries. **Be there for your VAC March 23 meeting to learn more about the growing popularity of catching carp on a fly rod!**

PREVIOUS PROGRAMS

The ZOOM video links from previous membership meetings are located on web page under the Videos tab (Speaker and Educational Videos).

EXPEDITIONS

The expedition team will be identifying and planning a number of expeditions for 2021. All expeditions are open to all VAC club members. Please note that for some special case expeditions, space for participants may be limited. Spots will be filled with those who express interest first. Please contact Frank Hart for questions or to express interest, 859-808-0431.

Upcoming expeditions:

- Sunday March 28th Trout fishing expedition to Sugar Grove WVA.
- Sunday May 23rd Barrier Island Trip with Bob Shepard for Surf fishing.

Additional information will be distributed through e-cast and the Facebook group page.

Regards,
Frank Hart (membership chair)



CONSERVATION & LEGISLATION

Captain's Collective #042 Flip Pallot: Reflections from the Front Porch

In this episode, we sit down with Flip Pallot on his front porch and discuss Florida values, outdoor innovation, the early days of his childhood exploring the Everglades, and how a chance meeting on an airplane led to the legendary show, Walker's Cay Chronicles.

<https://captainscollective.com/tag/flip-pallot/>

Enjoy!
Joe

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.

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 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**



VAC New Members

The Virginia Anglers Club would like to welcome two new members, Karen Richardson and Dan Gibbs.



Karen, a native of Virginia, grew up fishing freshwater with her family and friends. Recently, she took interest in a new technique, fly fishing. Besides her fishing interest, Karen is currently working on a Botanical Illustration certification at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden. She also studies native insects and plants and their uses in the home garden.

Dan has a passion for catching smallmouth bass and loves to pursue them from his canoe. Membership goals for Dan included meeting like-minded individuals who want to team up and fish long stretches of the James/Maury/and New River.

Please join me in welcoming both Karen and Dan to the Virginia Anglers Club.

Frank Hart
VAC Membership Chair



VAC Yellow Perch Tournament

The VAC Yellow Perch tournament was held February 26 – 28th. The weather forecast called for a washout, although we were lucky just experiencing some scattered showers. The VAC members participating in the tournament turned in ten e-cards. The largest Yellow Perch of the tournament was 11lb 5oz by Frank Hart, the highest point non yellow perch caught was a Bowfin 7lb 4oz by Eddie Johnston.

Thanks to everyone that participated in the tournament, hopefully we can have more VAC tournament events in the future.



Fish of the Month (February)

Freshwater (points)

E.S Johnston
Bowfin 7lbs 4oz
2 spin 362pts

Saltwater (points)

None Recorded

Freshwater (weight)

E.S Johnston
Bowfin
7lbs 4oz

Saltwater (weight)

None Recorded



Lines Out - Wilson Nobles

By John Wetlaufer, Sr.



Longtime member of the Virginia Anglers Club, Wilson Nobles, unexpectedly pulled lines for the last time on Wednesday, March, 3 2021. Wilson was a member of the VAC, for forty-five years and is likely best remembered by Club members of long standing.

Wilson's saltwater angling time was spent mostly out of and near Oregon Inlet, NC, and the Chesapeake Bay. His freshwater time on the water mostly in Virginia and Lake Anna, Buggs Island Lake, and the Chickahominy River. Wilson's favorite specie to pursue was the speckled trout and, from the picture above, he did it well. Wilson retired to Hallieford, VA and lived less than a mile from the Chesapeake Bay.

Wilson's brother, David Nobles, is a twenty-two-year member of the Virginia Anglers Club. The brothers hunted and fished together. However, Wilson favored angling as he grew older. David related that his best memory was of their last time fishing together two years ago when Wilson landed a 6.5-pound largemouth bass while fishing in a pond in King William County.

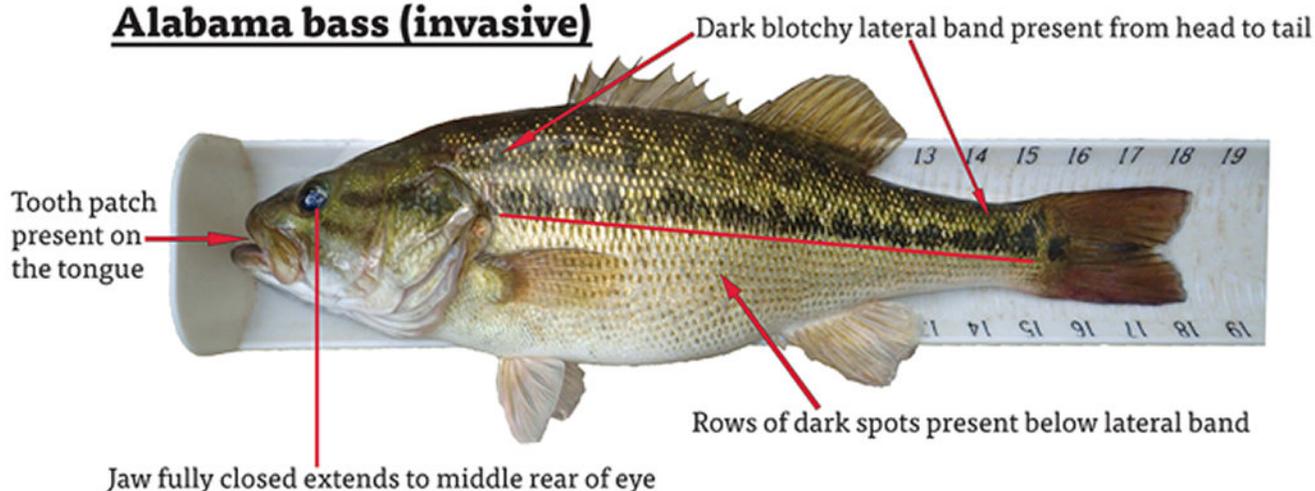
One other incident David also related happened during the return ride at dusk to Brushy Creek after the Wilson and David spent the day together fishing for rockfish in the Chesapeake Bay. Piloting his Albemarle in the fading light, Wilson missed seeing a pound net that snared the lower unit of the boat and brought the Albemarle to an abrupt halt. While leaning far over the stern to free the pound net, Wilson started a slow head-first slide into the Rappahannock River. David grabbed Wilson just before he completed his header into the cold river and pulled him back into the boat. The downside was that Wilson lost a valued hat, a fact that he did not let David forget. The upside was that there was wild turkey in the vicinity that helped restore Wilson's normal good nature for the rest of the ride home.

Wilson was a very active and supportive member of the VAC. He was always cheerful and made many friends as a Member of the Virginia Anglers Club. Lines out, Wilson, for the last time. You have left us with many good memories.

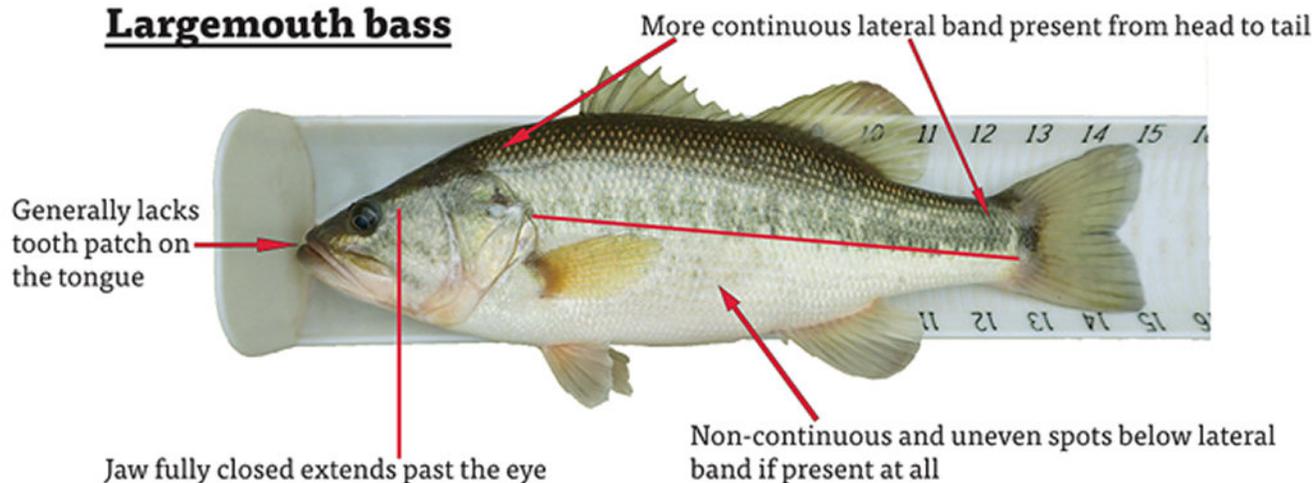


DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE?

Alabama bass (invasive)



Largemouth bass



- Anglers are reminded that the introduction of novel predators can have unforeseen impacts on native or established ecosystems.
- The introduction of Alabama bass is illegal in Virginia. Alabama bass have been scientifically shown to out-compete established populations of largemouth bass and hybridize with small-mouth bass.
- Invasive species cause negative ecological and/or economic harm.
- Anglers who suspect they have captured an Alabama bass should take a picture of the fish, clip off a thumbnail-sized portion of one of the pelvic fins, and store the fin clip dry in an envelope. The pelvic fins are located on the bottom of the fish, just under the head. They should then either contact the Department of Wildlife Resources at: fisheries@dwr.virginia.gov or 804-367-1293.

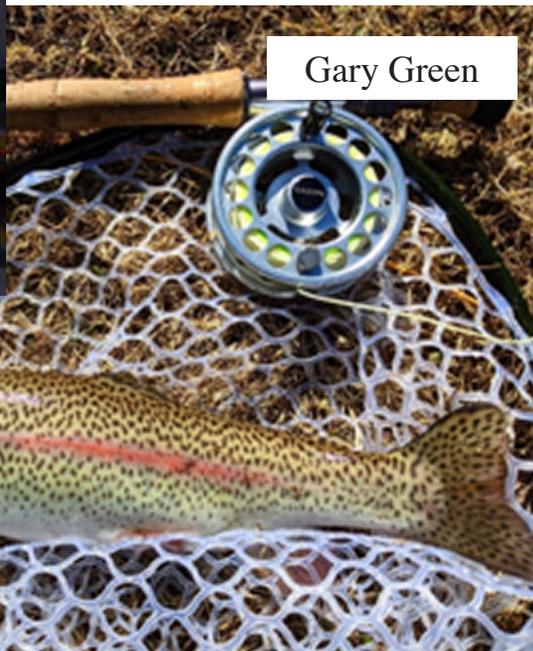




VAC MEMBER PHOTOS



Mark Horner



Gary Green



Steve Knox





Brent Bosher





Dinkus Deane &
Frank Hart





Tom Franco





Glen Carter

FOR SALE

2006 Sea Pro Bay boat, 19' 8", 2006 Yamaha 115 hp 4-stroke engine, bow mounted 24 volt electric trolling motor, Garmin GPS/depth finder on console, VHF radio, trolling motor mounted depth finder, galvanized trailer. \$9,995.00 Contact Fred Cousins (804) 687-4172 or cousinsf1@verizon.net

WANTED

IN SEARCH OF A BOAT TRAILER FOR A BOAT 16' LONG AND 7.5' WIDE.

IT NEED NOT BE IN PERFECT CONDITION.

IF ANYONE HAS ONE FOR SALE, PLEASE CONTACT CHUCK KOCH AT:

RVAKOVCHX3@VERIZON.NET



PRESIDENT'S AWARD FRESHWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	R HART	6-15	2	SPIN	462	2021-01-24	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Blade Bait

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
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	R HART	6-15	2	SPIN	462	2021-01-24	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Blade Bait
CARP	R HART	25-4	8	PLUG	450	2021-01-29	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Blade Bait
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	S KNOX	31-0	20BR	GEN	183	2020-12-04	JAMES RIVER, RICHMOND, VA	Cut Shad
TROUT, RAINBOW	G GREEN	2-9	2	FLY	200	2021-02-24	PRIVATE POND, VA	Fly

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	R HART	6-15	2	SPIN	462	2021-01-24	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Blade Bait
BOWFIN	ES JOHNSTON	7-4	2	SPIN	362	2021-02-26	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	1/16 Oz. Jig
CARP	R HART	25-4	8	PLUG	450	2021-01-29	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Blade Bait
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	S KNOX	31-0	20BR	GEN	183	2020-12-04	JAMES RIVER, RICHMOND, VA	Cut Shad
CRAPPIE, ALL	R HART	1-11	2	SPIN	267	2021-03-06	BUGGS ISLAND, VA	Bobby Garland Crappie Jig
PERCH, WHITE	M OSTRANDER	0-15	2	SPIN	246	2021-03-09	COHOKE POND, VA	White Grub
PERCH, YELLOW	R HART	1-5	2	SPIN	345	2021-02-26	COHOKE CREEK, VA	2 Inch Grub
PICKEREL, CHAIN	R HART	2-12	2	SPIN	275	2021-02-14	PAMUNKEY RIVER, VA	Yellow Grub
SUNFISH	C CLEVINGER	0-8	2	SPIN	131	2021-02-27	PAMUNKEY, VA	Grub
SUNFISH, REDEAR	DL NOBLES	0-11	4	FLY	107	2021-03-10	PRIVATE POND, VA	Black Leech Streamer
TROUT, BROWN	B BOSHER	4-15	8	GEN	116	2021-02-20	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	Bucktail
TROUT, RAINBOW	A BAGWELL	5-12	4	SPIN	261	2020-12-13	PRIVATE POND, VA	2" Tube

"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	R HART	6-15	2	SPIN	462	2021-01-24	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Blade Bait
BOWFIN	ES JOHNSTON	7-4	2	SPIN	362	2021-02-26	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	1/16 Oz. Jig
CARP	R HART	25-4	8	PLUG	450	2021-01-29	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Blade Bait
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	S KNOX	31-0	20BR	GEN	183	2020-12-04	JAMES RIVER, RICHMOND, VA	Cut Shad
CRAPPIE, ALL	T MIDKIFF	1-13	4	GEN	181	2021-02-26	CHICKAHOMY, VA	Minnow
PERCH, WHITE	M OSTRANDER	0-15	2	SPIN	246	2021-03-09	COHOKE POND, VA	White Grub
PERCH, YELLOW	GN CARTER	1-7	4	PLUG	312	2021-03-08	MATTAPONI RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
PICKEREL, CHAIN	R HART	3-10	4	SPIN	266	2021-01-16	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Blade Bait
SUNFISH	C CLEVINGER	0-8	2	SPIN	131	2021-02-27	PAMUNKEY, VA	Grub
SUNFISH, REDEAR	DL NOBLES	0-11	4	FLY	107	2021-03-10	PRIVATE POND, VA	Black Leech Streamer
TROUT, BROWN	B BOSHER	4-15	8	GEN	116	2021-02-20	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	Bucktail
TROUT, RAINBOW	A BAGWELL	5-12	4	SPIN	261	2020-12-13	PRIVATE POND, VA	2" Tube



"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
CARP	R HART	25-4	8	PLUG	450	2021-01-29	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Blade Bait
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	S KNOX	31-0	20BR	GEN	183	2020-12-04	JAMES RIVER, RICHMOND, VA	Cut Shad
PERCH, YELLOW	GN CARTER	1-2	8	PLUG	175	2021-03-06	MATTAPONI RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
PERCH, YELLOW	GN CARTER	1-7	4	PLUG	312	2021-03-08	MATTAPONI RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
TROUT, RAINBOW	A BAGWELL	5-12	4	SPIN	261	2020-12-13	PRIVATE POND, VA	2" Tube

NEW CLUB RECORDS SALTWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
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PAJCHAK AWARD

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
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YOUTH FRESHWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
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YOUTH 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
SNAPPER, OTHER	M MASON	2-1	8	SPIN	52	2021-01-07	MARATHON, FL	Jig

NEW MEMBER AWARD

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	C DEANE	4-9	4	SPIN	228	2021-01-29	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	3/16 Ounce Blade Bait
CARP	C DEANE	19-4	8	PLUG	343	2021-01-29	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	1/2 Ounce Blade Bait
CRAPPIE, ALL	C DEANE	1-5	2	SPIN	208	2021-03-06	BUGGS ISLAND, VA, VA	Bobby Garland Jig
TROUT, RAINBOW	C DEANE	5-3	4	SPIN	235	2020-12-19	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	Panther Martin
Total					1014			