

Fall fishing
is the BEST!



October 2021

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OCTOBER HYBRID MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, October 26th, 2021

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Hybrid (ZOOM & In Person)
Membership meeting
Doors open at 6:30pm

Bass Pro Shops
11550 Lakeridge Pkwy, Ashland, VA 23005

The virtual (Zoom) meeting link listed below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85890831410?pwd=NmUxdzRubWlhZmZJeWhCZzI5aEtoUT09>

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



PROGRAMS

October 26, 2021. 7:00PM (Bass Pro Shops)

Pat Geer, Chief of Fisheries at the Virginia Marine Resources Commission

As Virginia's marine fisheries chief, Pat has a seat on ASMFC's Menhaden and Striped Bass Management Boards. He will update us on the VMRC, menhaden management, and commercial electrofishing of blue catfish. He will also answer questions about your favorite saltwater species, such as cobia, speckled trout, and rockfish. Pat will speak from the point of view of state government management of marine fisheries.

November 23, 2021. 7:00PM (Location TBD)

John Bello, Government Affairs Chair, Virginia Saltwater Sportfishing Association (VSSA)

John Bello, a retired businessman and dedicated surf angler from Ashburn, Virginia, has been involved with Chesapeake Bay fisheries management since he helped co-found the Coastal Conservation Association's Northern Virginia Chapter in the late 1990s. He was one of the founders of VSSA in 2015 as an umbrella group that serves as a voice for private citizens who are members of Virginia's historic independent fishing clubs (including ours). John has been especially active in the past several years representing Virginia's anglers in menhaden and rockfish management at VMRC and ASMFC.

PREVIOUS PROGRAMS

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

UPCOMING EXPEDITIONS

Dec. 20th and 21st – Trout trip to Cedar Springs Trout farm. You can sign up for either day or both, but space is limited. Contact Frank Hart (teach2hart@aol.com) for details and to sign up.



President's Message

October 2021

What is a “Hybrid Membership Meeting”? It’s like a hybrid striped bass, or wiper. It’s taking two things, like a striped bass and a white bass and creating a new ‘hybrid’ specie. The Virginia Anglers Club is going to offer its first “Hybrid Membership Meeting” on October 26 at 7pm by adding a Zoom component to the In-Person meeting.

Zoom is not meant to deter VAC members from attending the meeting. There is nothing like the synergy generated from being face-to-face. Zoom is being added for VAC members who are out of town, or otherwise could not attend in person as well as our friends at the Fly Fishers of VA, the Trinity High School Fishing Club, and other friends of the club.

Maintaining a bond throughout an entire membership is perhaps the finest goal of any organization could achieve. With busy lives continually changing, and the occasional fishing trip that takes one out of town on the fourth Tuesday of the month, we are hoping this additional way of attending a meeting will help get closer to that goal.

Please join the October 26, 7pm, “Hybrid” membership meeting in-person (ideally) or Zoom. Pat Geer, the Chief of Fisheries at VMRC will be presenting on a number of hot topics in saltwater, and a report on the new, first of its kind, Commercial Electrofishing for blue catfish.

If you join by Zoom, you can expect to hear the speaker over anyone else in the room. You may hear some questions, but not all. Our camera will be placed so you can see the speaker and any visual presentation. There will be someone monitoring a computer, so you can ask questions through Zoom chat. That person will ask your questions. All Zoom attendees will be muted. There is a learning curve coming with this, and your feedback is important.

If you have moved recently, or changed your email address, please take a moment, and check your contact info on the VAC’s database. Log into the member’s side of the website, and make sure you’re mailing and email addresses are up to date. I’m guessing if you don’t get emails from the club due to a changed email address, you are probably not reading this.

Look for the return of the Country Store at the membership meeting next week, and the new VAC T-shirts featuring a gyotaku print by Rob Choi. Thanks to Rob, Stuart Lee and new member Scott Anderson for bringing back the Country Store. Don West will have about two dozen calendars available (they are our last ones) and will be selling them for \$8 each. Be sure to get in on the great deal. I hope to see you at the membership meeting next Tuesday, October 26. Take care 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/>

VAC ANGLING RULES QUESTIONS?

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

*****VIRGINIA WILDLIFE CALENDERS FUNDRAISER****

The Virginia Wildlife Calendars are here! **There are only a couple dozen calendars left! The cost remains \$8 each**, Don West will have calendars at the next membership meeting.

Contact Don West with your order at (804-897-8723).

Fish of the Month (September)

Freshwater (points)

D Howard
Crappie, All 11lbs 3oz
8 Gen 81pts

Freshwater (weight)

D Howard
Crappie, All
11lbs 3oz

Saltwater (points)

C Clevinger
Drum, Red 9lbs 10oz
4 Gen 160pts

Saltwater (weight)

C Clevinger
Drum, Red
9lbs 10oz



VAC Members Pictures



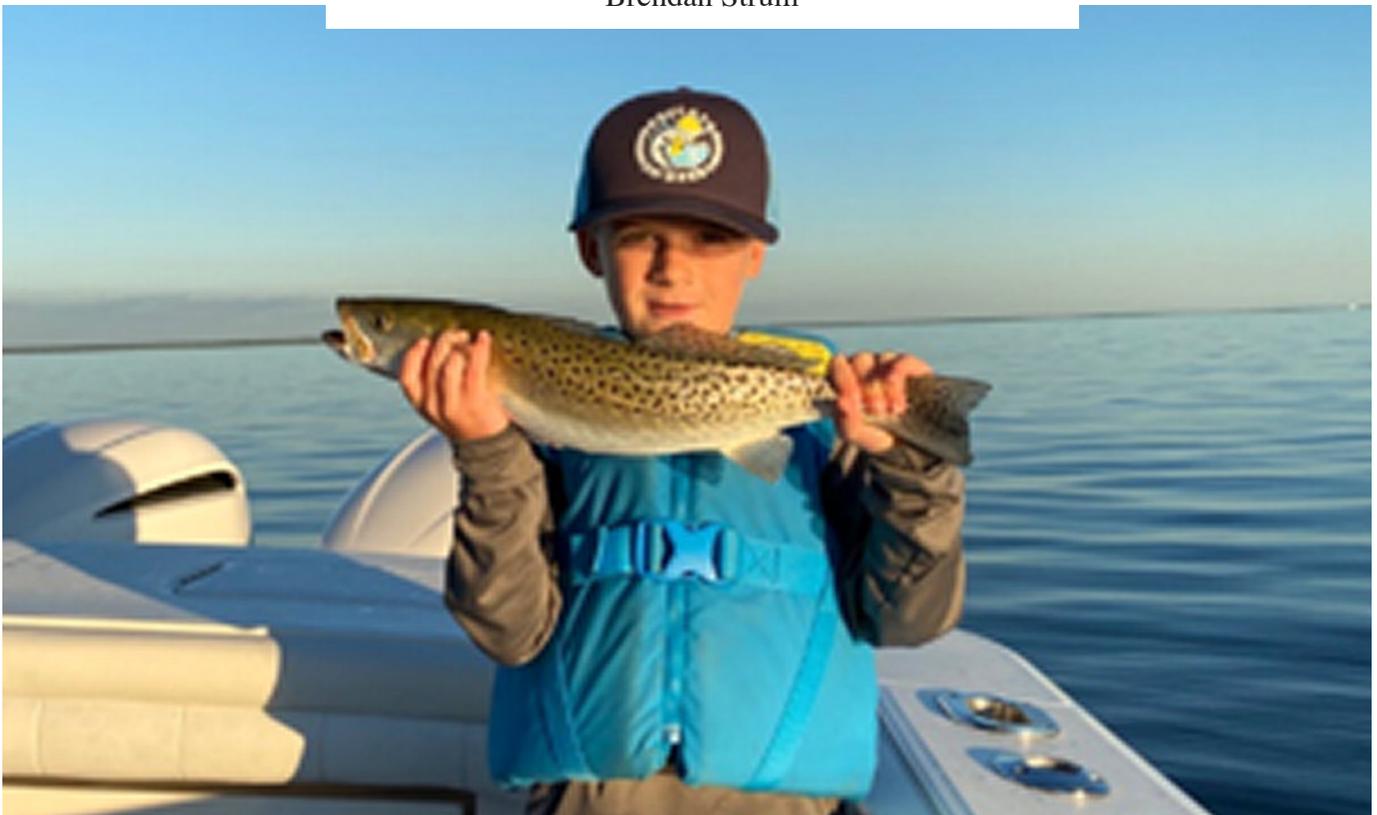
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Scott Anderson



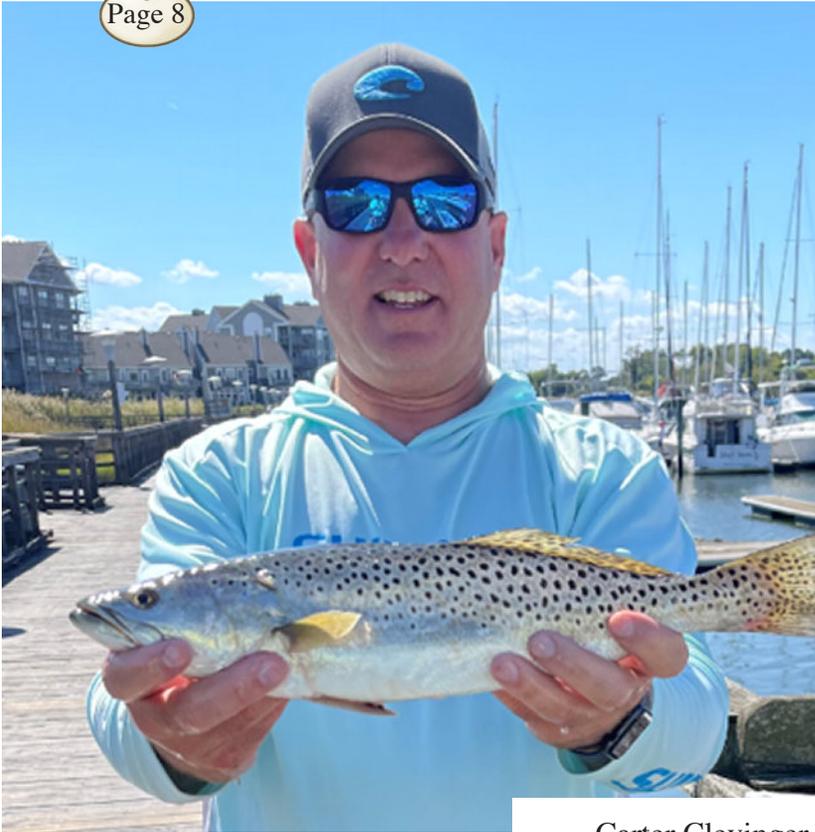
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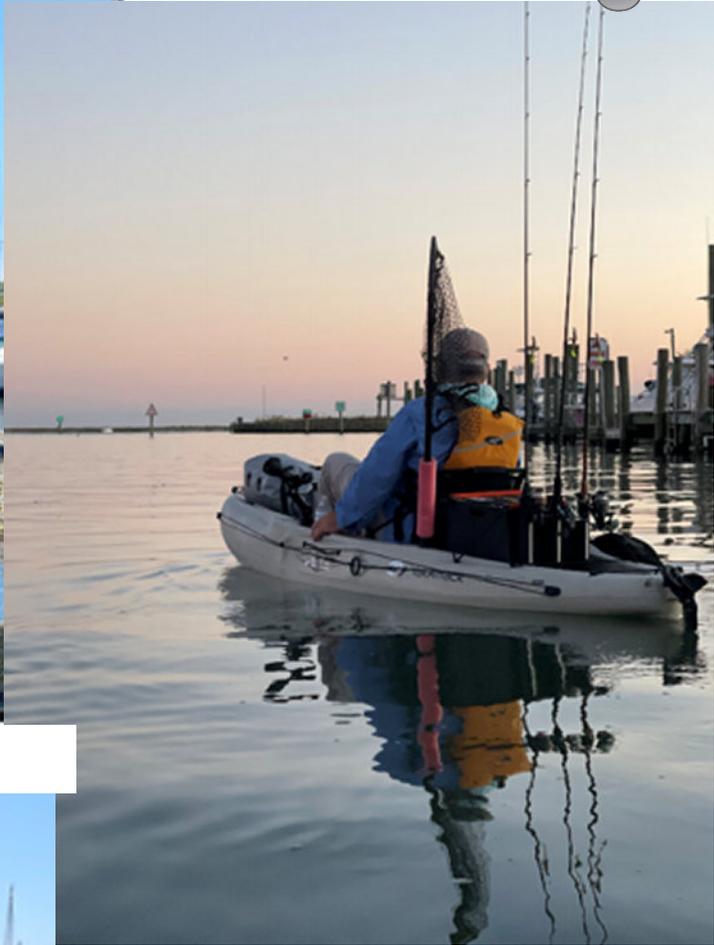


Tom Franco





Carter Clevinger





Frank Hart



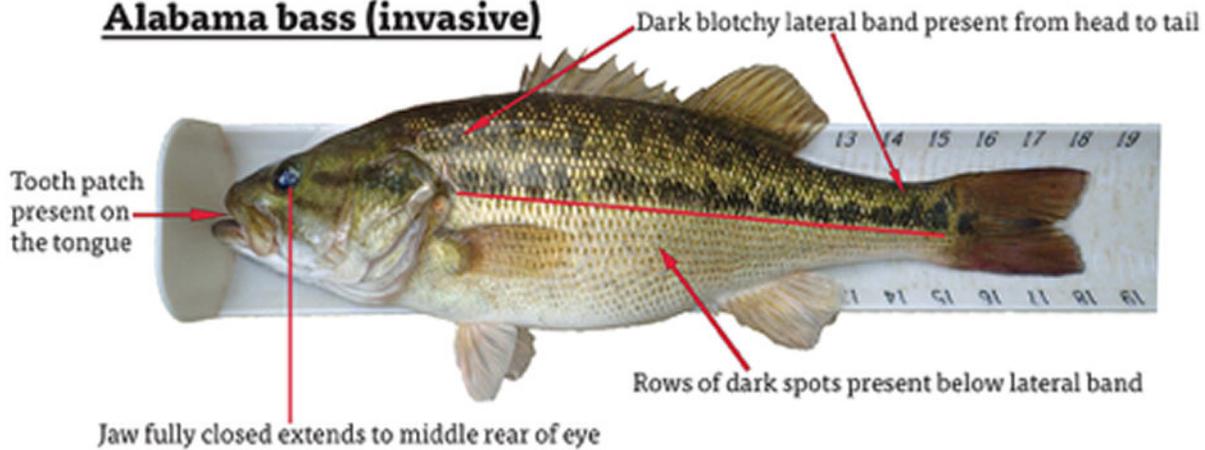
Lee Huss



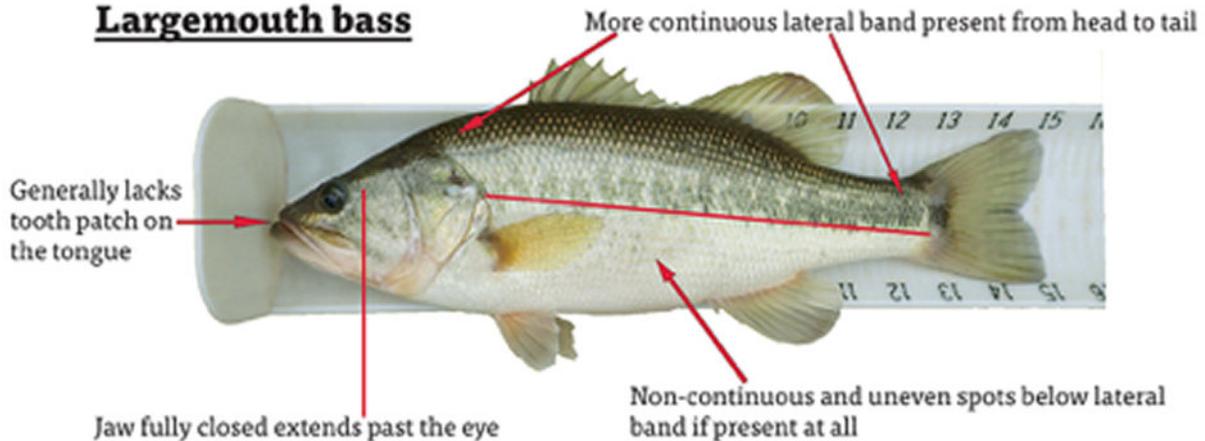


DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE?

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.



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ANNUAL AWARDS 2021



PRESIDENT'S AWARD FRESHWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
GAR, ALL	ES JOHNSTON	15-10	2	SPIN	520	2021-05-11	CHIPOKES CREEK, VA	Jig

PRESIDENT'S AWARD SALTWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	SC LEE	6-4	6	SPIN	416	2021-06-25	PAMLICO SOUND, NC	ZMan

DIVISION AWARDS 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
GAR, ALL	ES JOHNSTON	15-10	2	SPIN	520	2021-05-11	CHIPOKES CREEK, VA	Jig
SHAD, HICKORY	GN CARTER	2-2	6	FLY	214	2021-04-09	JAMES RIVER, VA	Freds Dart Fly
SUNFISH	R HART	1-9	2	GEN	332	2021-07-11	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Popeye And Wax Worm

DIVISION AWARDS SALTWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	49-0		SURF	350	2021-05-16	WRECK ISLAND, VA	Peeler
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	C CLEVINGER	3-8	4	GEN	233	2021-10-01	FT. MONROE, VA	Shrimp
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	SC LEE	6-4	6	SPIN	416	2021-06-25	PAMLICO SOUND, NC	ZMan
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	SC LEE	1-12	6	FLY	140	2021-10-02	PAMLICO SOUND, NC	Clouser

"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
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	M OSTRANDER	4-4	6	GEN	194	2021-06-09	JAMES RIVER, VA	Minnow
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	34-0	20	GEN	201	2021-07-29	JAMES RIVER, VA	Live
CRAPPIE, ALL	R HART	1-11	2	SPIN	267	2021-03-06	BUGGS ISLAND, VA	Bobby Garland Crappie Jig
GAR, ALL	ES JOHNSTON	15-10	2	SPIN	520	2021-05-11	CHIPOKES CREEK, VA	Jig
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL	R HART	19-14	8	GEN	265	2021-08-14	JAMES RIVER, VA	Rock Bass
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
SHAD, HICKORY	GN CARTER	2-2	6	FLY	214	2021-04-09	JAMES RIVER, VA	Freds Dart Fly
SUNFISH	R HART	1-9	2	GEN	332	2021-07-11	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Popeye And Wax Worm
SUNFISH, REDEAR	DL NOBLES	0-11	4	FLY	107	2021-03-10	PRIVATE POND, VA	Black Leech Streamer
TROUT, BROOK	R HART	2-10	4	SPIN	210	2021-03-28	SUGAR GROVE, WV	Joies Fly
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
BLUEFISH	SC LEE	5-12	6	SPIN	115	2021-09-16	PAMLICO SOUND, NC	Grub
COBIA	W MOSLEY	11-0	6	SPIN	157	2021-08-06	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Bucktail
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	49-0		SURF	350	2021-05-16	WRECK ISLAND, VA	Peeler
FLOUNDER, SUMMER	C CLEVINGER	2-4	2	SPIN	187	2021-07-23	BACK RIVER, VA	Gulp
KINGFISH (SEA MULLET)(ROUNDHEAD)	C CLEVINGER	0-14	2	GEN	194	2021-06-05	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Shrimp
MACKEREL, SPANISH	C CLEVINGER	3-0	6	SPIN	157	2021-06-25	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Plug
POMPANO, COMMON	BL NOLAND	2-9		SURF	256	2021-07-17	HATTERAS, NC	Sand Flea
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	SC LEE	6-4	6	SPIN	416	2021-06-25	PAMLICO SOUND, NC	ZMan
SHEEPSHEAD	SC LEE	4-12	6	SPIN	162	2021-08-12	PAMLICO SOUND, NC	Grub

"HEAVIEST" SPECIES AWARDS FRESHWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	C PHIPPS	8-0	12	PLUG	200	2021-08-26	PRIVATE POND , VA	Bladed Jig
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	M OSTRANDER	4-4	6	GEN	194	2021-06-09	JAMES RIVER, VA	Minnow
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	34-0	20	GEN	201	2021-07-29	JAMES RIVER, VA	Live
CRAPPIE, ALL	T MIDKIFF	1-13	4	GEN	181	2021-02-26	CHICKAHOMY, VA	Minnow
GAR, ALL	ES JOHNSTON	15-10	2	SPIN	520	2021-05-11	CHIPOKES CREEK, VA	Jig
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL	R HART	19-14	8	GEN	265	2021-08-14	JAMES RIVER, VA	Rock Bass
PERCH, WHITE	L RICHARDSON	1-0	6	SPIN	181	2021-04-10	JAMES RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
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
SHAD, HICKORY	GN CARTER	2-4	8	FLY	199	2021-03-30	JAMES RIVER, VA	Freds Dart Fly
SUNFISH	R HART	1-9	2	GEN	332	2021-07-11	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Popeye And Wax Worm
SUNFISH, REDEAR	JH SHEFFIELD	1-0	4	GEN	100	2021-05-25	WESTERN BRANCH, VA	Worm
TROUT, BROOK	R HART	2-10	4	SPIN	210	2021-03-28	SUGAR GROVE , WV	Joes Fly
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

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BLUEFISH	SC LEE	5-12	6	SPIN	115	2021-09-16	PAMLICO SOUND, NC	Grub
COBIA	W MOSLEY	11-0	6	SPIN	157	2021-08-06	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Bucktail
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	49-0		SURF	350	2021-05-16	WRECK ISLAND, VA	Peeler
FLOUNDER, SUMMER	C CLEVINGER	2-8	2	GEN	166	2021-07-30	BACK RIVER, VA	Squid & Minnow
KINGFISH (SEA MULLET)(ROUNDHEAD)	BL NOLAND	1-10		SURF	162	2021-07-25	HATTERAS, NC	Sand Flea
MACKEREL, SPANISH	C CLEVINGER	3-0	6	SPIN	157	2021-06-25	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Plug
POMPANO, COMMON	BL NOLAND	2-9		SURF	256	2021-07-17	HATTERAS, NC	Sand Flea
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	SC LEE	6-4	6	SPIN	416	2021-06-25	PAMLICO SOUND, NC	ZMan
SHEEPSHEAD	SC LEE	4-12	6	SPIN	162	2021-08-12	PAMLICO SOUND, NC	Grub



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
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	S KNOX	34-0	20	GEN	201	2021-07-29	JAMES RIVER, VA	Live
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL	R HART	19-14	8	GEN	265	2021-08-14	JAMES RIVER, VA	Rock Bass
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
SUNFISH	R HART	1-9	2	GEN	332	2021-07-11	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Popeye And Wax Worm
TROUT, BROOK	R HART	2-10	4	SPIN	210	2021-03-28	SUGAR GROVE , WV	Joes Fly
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
KINGFISH (SEA MULLET)(ROUNDHEAD)	C CLEVINGER	0-14	2	GEN	194	2021-06-05	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Shrimp
KINGFISH (SEA MULLET)(ROUNDHEAD)	BL NOLAND	1-10		SURF	162	2021-07-25	HATTERAS, NC	Sand Flea
MACKEREL, SPANISH	C CLEVINGER	3-0	6	SPIN	157	2021-06-25	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Plug
SHEEPSHEAD	SC LEE	4-12	6	SPIN	162	2021-08-12	PAMLICO SOUND, NC	Grub

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
SUNFISH	ASHER BROUGHTON 0_6	0-8	4	SPIN	108	2021-04-25	PRIVATE POND, VA	Squirt

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
PERMIT	FD GOTTWALD	16-0	12	GEN	133	2021-03-24	KEY WEST, FL	Crab

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
PERCH, WHITE	C DEANE	0-10	4	SPIN	135	2021-04-18	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	1/8 Jighead With 2' Twister Tail
SUNFISH	C DEANE	1-0	4	SPIN	217	2021-06-17	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	1/16 Oz Jig With Twister Tail
TROUT, RAINBOW	C DEANE	5-3	4	SPIN	235	2020-12-19	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	Panther Martin
Total					1366			