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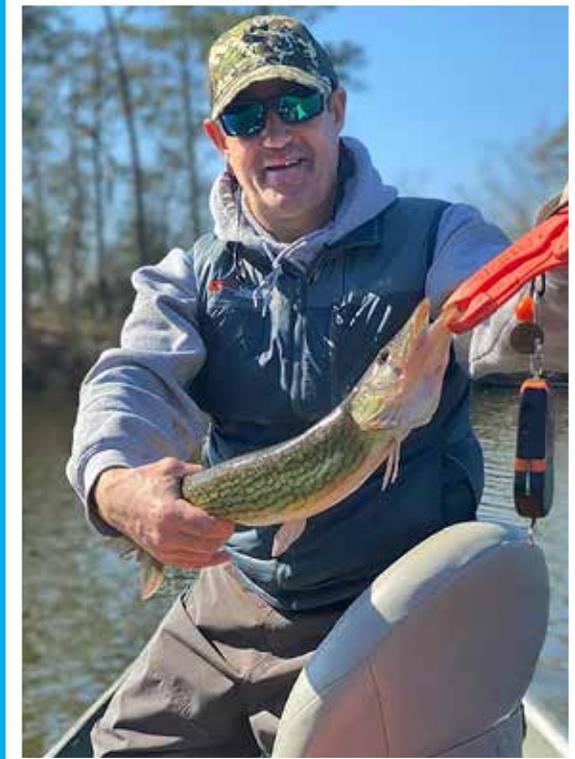
Newsletter

February 2022

*The official newsletter of the Virginia Anglers Club*

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New Member, Chris Dollar, with a chain pickerell.

## **February Meeting & VAC Scale Certification**

**Tuesday, February 22 at 7pm**

Department of Wildlife Resources, 7870 Villa Park Drive, Henrico

**Matt Lusk, a saltwater guide and photographer will present on North Carolina near shore, light tackle fishing.**

**\*\*\*Bring your scales to the February membership meeting\*\*\***

**Put your scales in a ziplock bag with your NAME on the bag.**

**Replace batteries in all digital scales.**

**Remove the certification tag from the scale.**

**(leave cert tag in the bag)**

# President's Message

## Great Start to the Year ....

**H**ello! We started the year off with a grand time at the Annual VAC Banquet earlier this month. A huge thank you to Suzanne Lucas for coordinating the event, and to all those who pitched in to set up, name tags, donated prizes, sold raffle tickets and extra thanks to Danny No-land for coordinating two years of awards! For those who could not attend, and those who did, I hope you enjoy the Annual VAC Banquet photos in this newsletter, compliments of Lynda Richardson .... cell phone photographer, extraordinaire!

Our VAC Membership Meeting is this Tuesday, February 22 at 7pm. We'll meet at our regular meeting location, DWR HQ.

Once your scale is certified, it can be used to submit catch cards to the club for your records as you work towards a club rating. Your scale can also be used to submit "weight certified" catches in the DWR's Virginia Angler Recognition Program. And if you happen to catch a world record fish, your VAC certified scale can be used to submit a world record application to the IGFA. For more info on these three fine institutions, click the following links:

**Virginia Anglers Club:** [Click Here.](#)

**Department of Wildlife Resources,** Angler Recognition Program: [Click Here](#)

**International Game Fish Association:** World Record Process: [Click Here](#)

You know how hard it is to catch ten species of fish in one day? Imagine eating ten species of fish in one evening!! Be sure to mark the evening of April 26, 2022 on your calendar. It's the Virginia Anglers Club's Fish Fry, and it is not to be missed.

Once again, the Fish Fry will be held at Maymont Nature Center. Please bring FISH, and make sure it is thawed!

Serious business now ... If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for DWR through their Complementary Work Force Program, you are in luck. Mindy Tucker, who manages this program has offered to meet with interested members of the VAC either before a meeting sometime, or on Zoom. We'll just need to schedule it. Last year, when a call came to the VAC for some volunteer help, ten members stepped up, but at the last minute were not able to participate as they were not officially in the CWF Program. We will have paperwork at the next meeting, or to see the info online, [click here.](#)

I'd like to close this President's Message with a call to action. We need a Treasurer. Chuck Koch has graciously been doing Treasurer's position this year, but his new job is keeping him quite busy. He's working in the "outdoor lighting business", and as he states, "You can't sell outdoor lighting when the sun is shining!" Which equates to Chuck having a tough time making evening meetings. We could really use your help so please email or call. Mike@DiscovertheJames.com or 804-938-2350.

Thanks, and enjoy the current yellow perch bite, and all those favorites you love and are preparing tackle for! Happy Fishing!

Mike Ostrander  
Virginia Anglers Club, *President*

# Floyd Dewey Gottwald, Jr.

January 27, 2022



By Stuart Lee

**F**loyd Dewey Gottwald, Jr. (Bill) died at his home on January 27, 2022, at 99 years old. He was a prominent businessman, having served as CEO of Ethyl and Albemarle Corporations; a graduate of VMI (Class of 1943); decorated World War II veteran; philanthropist; and member of the Virginia Anglers Club since 1961. He was among a number of new members brought into the VAC in a membership drive after the club's formation. In the early 1960's, he said that Joe Brooks helped him to gain entry into the Masters Sailfish Tournament held annually in Palm Beach, Florida. It was in these tournaments that he was able to form friendships with some of the most prominent billfishermen in the world. These friendships led to his long-time affiliation in the International Gamefish Association (IGFA). While serving in the IGFA, he teamed with local House Representative Eric Cantor to draft and pass a bill to outlaw the sale of billfish for food in the continental United States. He also was an advocate for the VAC. He pushed the IGFA to make spadefish an IGFA accepted species at a time when many of our members were targeting spadefish. He was

instrumental in our club's scale certification protocol, allowing club-certified scale acceptance for the weighing of world record submissions. I met Mr. Gottwald in 1972, when I went to work on his boat. He was primarily an offshore fisherman. His 1,075-pound black marlin caught in 1980 off Lizard Island, Australia, remains the largest billfish registered in our club's history. Perhaps even more impressive, he caught a blue marlin using stand-up gear after his 90th birthday. While he never lost interest in offshore fishing for billfish, he increasingly developed an interest and passion for shallow water flats fishing. He loved fishing for bonefish, tarpon, and permit on the flats with a fly rod. He was a quiet, unassuming, and gentle person. If you look up the word gentleman in Webster's Dictionary, it should have his photo alongside the definition. He was absolutely one of "the Greatest Generation." He told me last fall that he was "born to fish, but forced to work." I suspect that the forced to work part was a common trait of his generation, and we should all be happy that it was.

# VAC ANNUAL BANQUET

FEBRUARY 5, 2022

FUN WAS HAD BY ALL!

"Why won't Batman take Robin fishing with him anymore? Because Robin eats all the worms!"

-Mike Ostrander during his president's welcome speech



# VAC ANNUAL BANQUET...AWARDS!



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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE AWARD WINNERS!!!



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These are just some of the photographs taken at our Annual Banquet. Many thanks to the Banquet Team for making this enjoyable event happen! Special thanks to Suzanne Lucas who was behind the scenes coordinating with our hosts, "The Place." We hope those who did not attend this year will join us next year! See you then!

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## 2022 ANNUAL VAC DUES ARE DUE MARCH 1st!

Think of all the great things you might miss by not paying your dues! **Don't let this happen!**

*Annual dues for the Virginia Anglers Club can be made by PayPal as follows:*

**Resident Member** Dues (\$60), click here: <http://tinyurl.com/vacdues>

**Non-Resident** Dues (\$40), click here: <http://tinyurl.com/vacdues-nl>

Cash and Checks will also be accepted at the February meeting, or checks can be made out to: *The Virginia Anglers Club* and mailed to: **Virginia Anglers Club, P.O. Box 70520, Richmond, Virginia, 23294**

JANUARY 2022

# FISH OF THE MONTH

Freshwater (points)

**Cliff Phipps**

Largemouth Bass, 4 lbs 9 oz

2-Spin, 304 points

Saltwater (points)

**Brendan Strum**

Atlantic Sailfish

20-General, 185 points

Freshwater (weight)

**Steve Knox**

Blue Catfish, 38 lbs, 0 oz

20-BR General, 196 points

Saltwater (weight)

NO ENTRY

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# 2022 Program Schedule

Feb 22 - **Matt Lusk**, a saltwater fishing guide and photographer, will present a program on N.C. fishing near shore with light tackle.

March 22 - **Jacob Powroznik**, a BASSMaster Pro Fisherman will speak about his experiences.

April 26 - No meeting - Annual Fish Fry

## **Feb 22 - HAPPY HOUR**

A few members are meeting at  
**Final Gravity Brewing**  
around 5:30-6:00 for a short get together  
before the meeting. Hope to see you there!  
**Final Gravity**  
6118 Lakeside Ave, RVA 23228

# VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB 2022 ANNUAL FISH FRY

ON  
APRIL 26TH

 **MAYMONT**  
THE ROBBINS NATURE CENTER AT MAYMONT  
2201 SHIELDS LAKE DRIVE, RICHMOND, VA, 23220



MEMBERS SHOULD START TO SAVE FISH FOR THE EVENT NOW AND BE SURE IT'S FULLY THAWED WHEN BRINGING THE FISH TO THE EVENT. THANK YOU! - THE COOKS



# 2022 Tournament Schedule

March 4-6 - Yellow Perch  
April 9-24 - Hickory Shad

All VAC members are eligible to enter, at no cost, to fish club sponsored tournaments for prizes. Tournaments are open to all Virginia waters and submitting a catch card for fish caught during the tournament dates. Current VA DWR regulations apply.

Winners will receive a \$25 Green Top gift card for:

**The heaviest (target) fish**

**The highest point (target) fish**

**The highest point other (non-target) fish.**

The same fish *cannot* win both highest point and heaviest fish. In the event of a tie, the first fish caught will win (not the first fish submitted). Electronic card submissions must be turned in no later than Tuesday March 8th for the yellow perch tournament and no later than April 26th for the Shad Tournament.

Tight Lines,  
Frank Hart

## 2022 Expeditions

**February 21 - LAKE ANNA STRIPER TRIP** - Bring your boat or hitch a ride.  
Contact Frank Hart at 859-808-0431 for additional details.

**June 11 - NEW MEMBER TRIP** - Small river wade trip with Capt. Mike Ostrander. If you are interested please contact him at: [mike@discoverthejames.com](mailto:mike@discoverthejames.com)

**December 20 & 21- TROPHY TROUT** at Cedar Springs/Cripple Creek!  
Sign up fast as there is limited space for this is a very popular trip.  
Contact Frank Hart at 859-808-0431 for additional details.

If you would like to lead an expedition or have an idea for one, contact **Frank Hart**. Click the following to email - [teach2hart@aol.com](mailto:teach2hart@aol.com).

# 2022 Species Leaderboard

## PRESIDENT'S AWARD FRESHWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
CARP	GN CARTER	14-4	4	PLUG	358	2022-02-03	PIANKATANK RIVER, VA	Blade Bait

## PRESIDENT'S AWARD SALTWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	SC LEE	5-0	8	SPIN	333	2021-12-17	JAMES RIVER, VA	Zoom Fluke

## DIVISION AWARDS FRESHWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
CARP	GN CARTER	14-4	4	PLUG	358	2022-02-03	PIANKATANK RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F COUSINS	29-14	8	GEN	349	2021-12-17	JAMES RIVER, VA	Cut Shad
TROUT, BROWN	M OSTRANDER	5-7	2	SPIN	339	2021-12-20	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	Joe's Fly
TROUT, RAINBOW	F MURRAY	7-12	8	FLY	345	2021-12-20	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	Mop Fly

## DIVISION AWARDS SALTWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	SC LEE	3-8	8	FLY	280	2021-12-28	PIANKATANK RIVER, VA	Streamer
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	SC LEE	5-0	8	SPIN	333	2021-12-17	JAMES RIVER, VA	Zoom Fluke

## "HIGHEST POINT" SPECIES AWARDS FRESHWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	R HART	5-0	2	SPIN	333	2022-02-05	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Blade Bait
CARP	GN CARTER	14-4	4	PLUG	358	2022-02-03	PIANKATANK RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
CATFISH, BLUE	S KNOX	61-0	20BR	GEN	314	2021-12-01	JAMES RIVER, VA	Cut Shad
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F COUSINS	29-14	8	GEN	349	2021-12-17	JAMES RIVER, VA	Cut Shad
CRAPPIE, ALL	D HOWARD	1-0	8	SPIN	102	2021-12-07	LAKE ANNA, VA	Bass Pro Shops Pro Baby Shad
FALLFISH	D HOWARD	1-8	8	FLY	340	2021-12-08	SOUTH RIVER, VA	Golden Retriever
GAR, ALL	GN CARTER	12-4	12	PLUG	126	2022-02-03	PIANKATANK RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
PERCH, WHITE	C CLEVINGER	0-13	2	SPIN	213	2022-02-11	COHOKE POND, VA	Bobby Garland
PICKEREL, CHAIN	C PHIPPS	3-8	8	SPIN	204	2021-12-03	PRIVATE POND , VA	3.5 Soft Plastic Swimbait
TROUT, BROWN	M OSTRANDER	5-7	2	SPIN	339	2021-12-20	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	Joe's Fly
TROUT, RAINBOW	F MURRAY	7-12	8	FLY	345	2021-12-20	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	Mop Fly

## "HIGHEST POINT" SPECIES AWARDS SALTWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	SC LEE	5-0	8	SPIN	333	2021-12-17	JAMES RIVER, VA	Zoom Fluke

# 2022 Species Leaderboard ... continued

"HEAVIEST" SPECIES AWARDS SALTWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	SC LEE	5-0	8	SPIN	333	2021-12-17	JAMES RIVER, VA	Zoom Fluke

NEW CLUB RECORDS FRESHWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
CARP	GN CARTER	12-0	8	PLUG	250	2022-02-03	PIANKATANK RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
CARP	R HART	29-7	16	PLUG	334	2022-02-12	COHOKE , VA	Jerk Bait
CATFISH, BLUE	S KNOX	61-0	20BR	GEN	314	2021-12-01	JAMES RIVER, VA	Cut Shad
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F COUSINS	29-14	8	GEN	349	2021-12-17	JAMES RIVER, VA	Cut Shad
FALLFISH	D HOWARD	1-8	8	FLY	340	2021-12-08	SOUTH RIVER, VA	Golden Retriever
GAR, ALL	GN CARTER	12-4	12	PLUG	128	2022-02-03	PIANKATANK RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
TROUT, BROWN	M OSTRANDER	5-7	2	SPIN	339	2021-12-20	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	Joe's Fly

NEW CLUB RECORDS SALTWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	SC LEE	3-8	8	FLY	280	2021-12-28	PIANKATANK RIVER, VA	Streamer

YOUTH FRESHWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait

YOUTH SALTWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait

NON-LOCAL AWARD FRESH OR SALTWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
SAILFISH, ATLANTIC	BW STRUM	0-0	20	GEN	185	2022-01-31	ISLA MUJERES, MEXICO, OTHER	Ballyhoo

NEW MEMBER AWARD								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	C Phipps	4-9	2	SPIN	304	2022-01-06	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	2 Inch Swim Bait
PICKEREL, CHAIN	C Phipps	3-8	8	SPIN	204	2021-12-03	PRIVATE POND , VA	3.5 Soft Plastic SwimBait
TROUT, RAINBOW	C Phipps	5-5	2	SPIN	332	2021-12-21	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	Mini Jig
Total					840			

# NEW!!! BUY & SELL STUFF!

## Boat Wanted

New member Capt. Chris Dollar is looking for a fishing boat to buy. Ideal specks include 20' to 22' center console, either turn-key rehabbed boat, or a project boat.

Older model Sea Ox, Privateer, C-Hawk preferred.

Contact Chris by phone or email:  
(410) 991-8468  
cdollarchesapeake@gmail.com

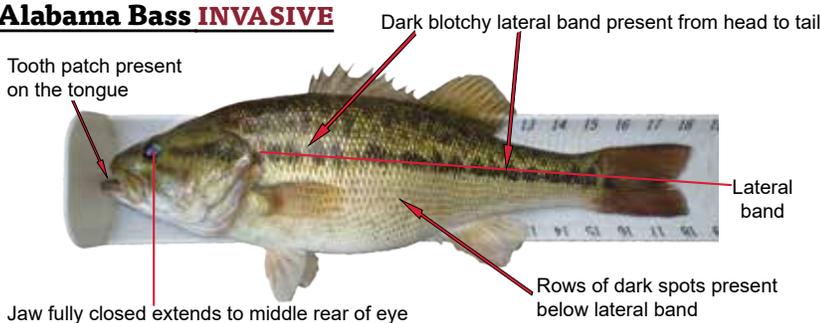
## Got Stuff for Sale? Looking for a boat or motor?

Send your request or sales items with descriptions to [Lynda.Richardson@dwr.virginia.gov](mailto:Lynda.Richardson@dwr.virginia.gov)

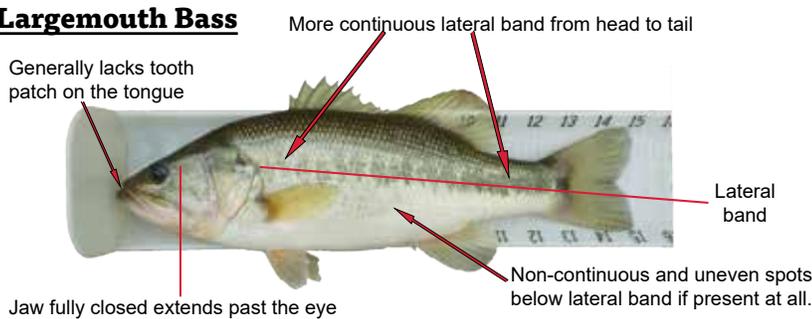
# FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

## So, How Can I Tell The Difference Between These Three Bass?

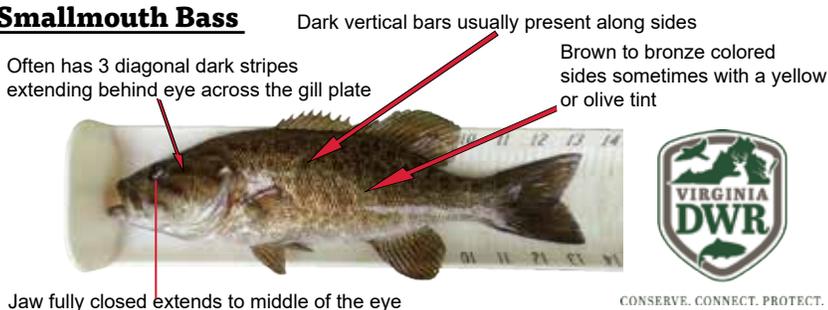
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### **Largemouth Bass**



### **Smallmouth Bass**



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## **THE MUSKY DIARY PROGRAM!**

DWR is happy to remind you of our Musky Diary Program! Participating in this program is a helpful tool for our biologists in managing and refining Virginia's musky fisheries.

The process is easy! Simply: 1) record how many hours you fish, 2) how many persons are in your fishing party, 3) how many musky you encounter but did not catch (follows, strikes, or lost), 4) how many musky you caught, 5) whether or not you harvested or released it, and 6) how much money did you spend on your trip. For more information go to:

<https://dwr.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/media/Musky-Angler-Diary-Instructions.pdf>

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**TROUT SLAM CHALLENGE** at

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# Fishing Memories 2022

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Jim Sheffield



Mike Ostrander



Looks like the  
Yellow Perch  
are here!



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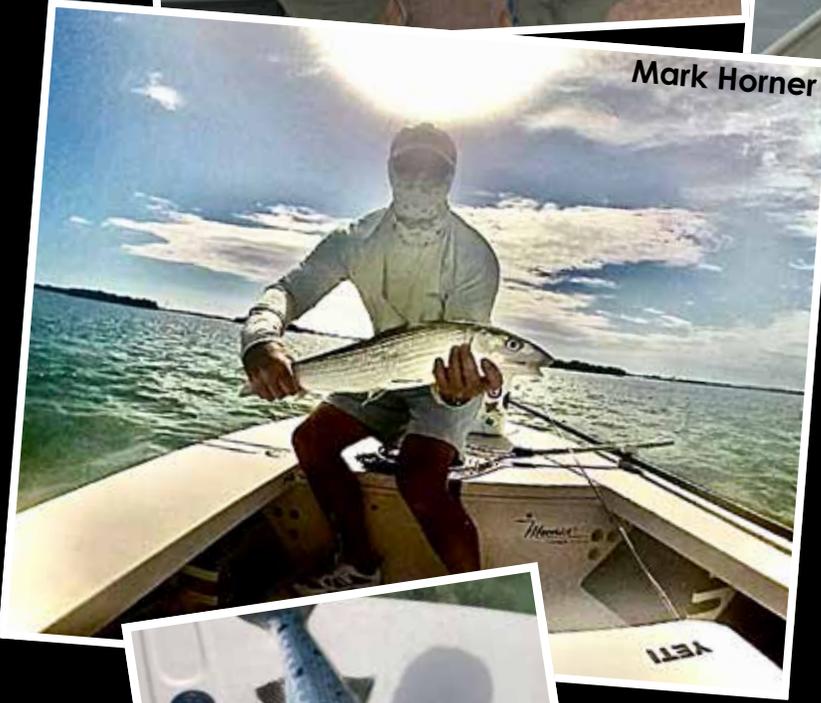
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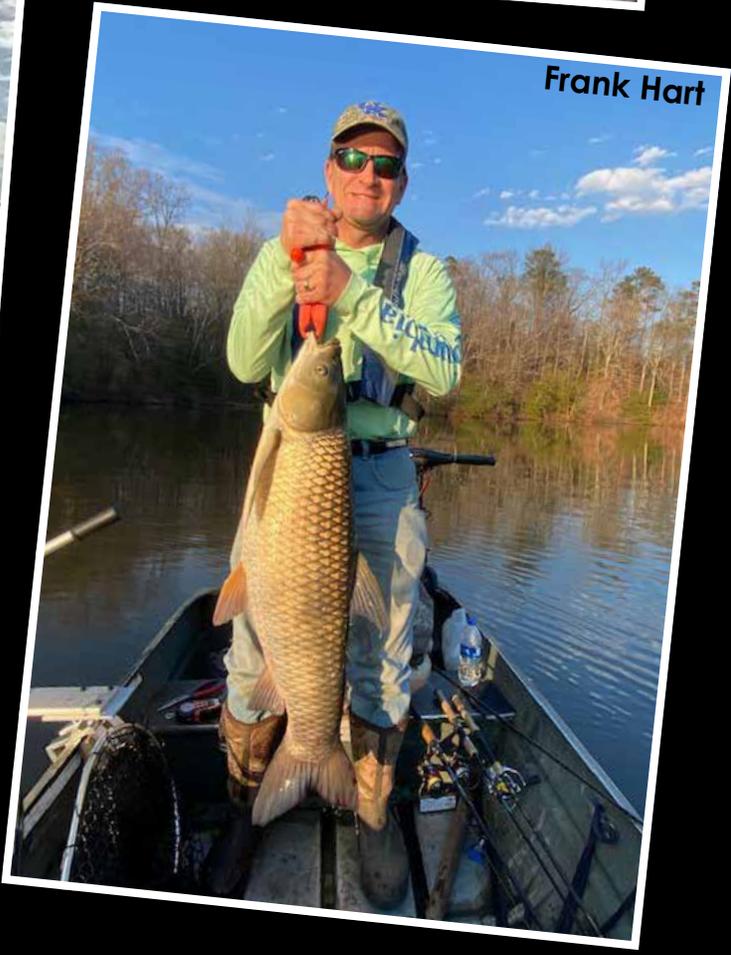
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