



# The Angler

Newsletter

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The official newsletter of the Virginia Anglers Club

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Cliff Phipps with an awesome Largemouth bass, 7lb, 11oz!

## March 22, 2022 Meeting

### 7PM

@ Department of Wildlife Resources, 7870 Villa Park Drive, Henrico

Speaker **Jacob Powroznik**,  
a BASSMaster and Pro Fisherman  
will speak about his experiences.



# President's Message

The March 22, 2022 VAC membership meeting features **Jacob Powroznik**, a professional tournament bass angler who will share stories about his journeys as well as speak about what it takes to fish professionally. I imagine members Mike Mason, Cliff Phipps and Frank Hart will be in the front row with loads of questions as they will have just fished their first bass tournament of the new year, Saturday, March 16, 2022. Mike is a seasoned local bass tournament fisherman, while Cliff and Frank are fishing in their first one.

We welcomed four new anglers into the club in February. Be sure to look for them at the next few meetings and events. Eric Noonkester, Jim Croft, John Gorman and Brian Bremmer. "Welcome gentlemen!"

The Yellow Perch Tournament had a good number of members fishing over the weekend of March 4, 5 and 6. Look for details of that tournament elsewhere in the newsletter. We had a solid showing of members at the February meeting for scale certification and a great program by NC fishing guide Matt Lusk. Also ... a huge thanks to new member Jim Croft for helping with some technical problems we were experiencing at the start of our Feb meeting.

A couple of leadership notes, Bobby Broughton has taken over the Treasurer's role (Thank you Bobby!). New member Chris Dollar is hard at work, keeping up to date on Amendment 7, a seemingly constant changing piece of legislation dealing with striped bass. Chris is assisting John Page Williams with C&L duties.

For those of you who have won Angling Awards in 2020 and/or 2021, and you did not make the VAC Banquet, your awards will be presented at the Fish Fry (page 3), so plan on attending for your award and your "Guaranteed-to-knock-your-socks-off" plate of fried fish and home-made tarter sauce. The Fish Fry will be held at Maymont on the evening of April 26. This year the event is free with the option to donate.

Other future events include the Kids Fishing Day on May 15. Look for info on this date elsewhere in the newsletter. Thanks to Stuart Lee for organizing and Dinkus & Ronni Deane for hosting the event. The Swap Shop is 'yard sale' of fishing items the club has done on occasion. It's in DWR's parking lot before a membership meeting and members can bring in items they are interested in selling to other members. Keep your eyes out for an upcoming date ... it's a great way to get good gear at a decent price, not to mention the angling stories and magic that lies within those rods and reels.

We have an interesting opportunity at hand. A group of five members have volunteered to discuss fundraising opportunities. Don West, Tom Franco, Bob Brown, Gary Green and Carter Clevinger are going to discuss ideas on potential fund raising ideas for the future .... speaking of fund raising, don't forget to get in on the action next Tuesday evening. Rob Choi donated a beautiful framed Goyotoku print of a Largemouth Bass. Raffle tickets are five dollars each and the winner will be drawn at the Fish Fry.

Look for an abbreviated newsletter next month. You will receive a newsletter each month, like always, but the full length newsletter will begin its bi-monthly distribution, coming to you in Jan, March, May, July, Sept and Nov. In the months of Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, and Dec, you will receive an abbreviated newsletter with a "one-page" highlights-of-the-club coming to you via eCast.

Thanks and hope to see you at the March meeting next Tuesday at DWR, or online at the Zoom option to watch and listen online. We are attempting a hybrid meeting again, this time with the expert help of Tom Franco who will be monitoring the Zoom portion of the meeting. Take care and Happy Fishing!

Mike Ostrander  
Virginia Anglers Club, *President*

# 2022 Program Schedule

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

April 26 - Annual Fish Fry

May 31 - TBA

## **March 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

**Let's Get Happy!**

## **The Virginia Anglers Club is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.**

Topic: Virginia Anglers Club - March 22 - Speaker **Jacob Powroznik**

Time: Mar 22, 2022 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87979887963?pwd=cnBVYy9oVWRxODhlaGpvQmxrNit5Zz09>

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# Program Highlights with Matt Lusk, Feb 22



Our February 22nd program with Capt. Matt Lusk of Adventure Fishing was enjoyed by a packed house. Matt is a saltwater fishing guide and photographer and he presented a program on light tackle fishing in the Outer Banks of NC. Matt targets cobia, red drum, speckled trout, flounder, striped bass, and more. Great program! Thank you Matt!

Contact Matt at: [adventurefishingobx.com](http://adventurefishingobx.com), or call (252) 489-3442





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# 2022 Tournament Schedule

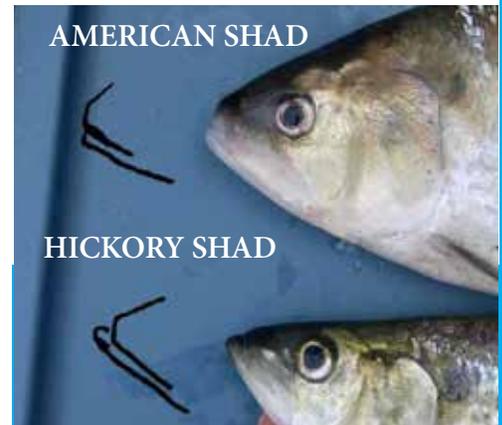
Next up: April 9-24 - Hickory Shad

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 hickory shad**
- The highest point hickory shad**
- The highest point other 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



# Winners of the Yellow Perch Tournament



Heaviest Yellow Perch: 1 lb 2 oz on 4-spin caught by Mike Ostrander for 244 points.



Highest Point Yellow Perch: 15 oz on 2-plug caught by Carter Clevinger for a total of 246 pts.

NO PHOTO AVAILABLE

Highest Point Other: 1lb 1 oz on 2-spin caught by Frank Hart for 279 points.

All winners will receive a \$25 gift card to Green Top at the next membership meeting. Congratulations Guys.

# Other Tournaments

## **CROAKER TOURNAMENT** - Saturday, June 11, 2022

Register now for the Tappahannock Rotary Club's 18th Annual Rappahannock River "Big Croaker" Tournament will be held on Saturday, June 11th, 2022. Thousands of dollars in prizes, and great fun for young and old anglers! All proceeds benefit support charitable causes. Fishing will be between the bridges at Tappahannock and White Stone from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Boat entry fee is only \$135 before May 1st/\$175 thereafter.

Full details and online registration/payment online at [www.bigcroaker.com](http://www.bigcroaker.com). Questions? Contact: **Wright Andrews**, Tournament's Public Information Officer at 202-441-6012, or [wandrews@andrewsdclaw.com](mailto:wandrews@andrewsdclaw.com).

# 2022 Up-Coming Expeditions

**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).

An example of  
Cedar Springs/Cripple Creek trout  
JUST SAYING.....



# 2022 Lake Anna Expedition

Fishing Report for the February 21 - LAKE ANNA STRIPER TRIP

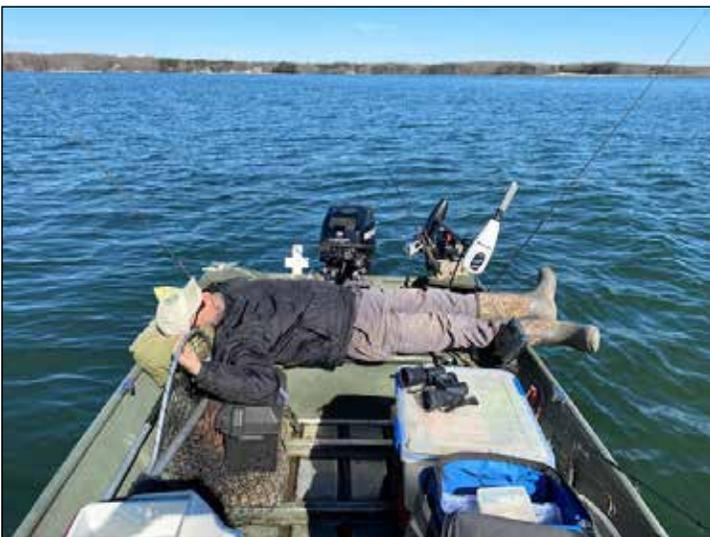
Despite the cold wind we all had a great time but the stripers had a better time since we didn't catch any. A few members caught white perch, and herring to use as bait for the tight lipped stripers but by the end of the trip it was Cliff Phillips who caught a bass, a 4lb largemouth bass that is! We all vowed to return so watch for the next trip posting!  
Anglers: 0 Stripers: Totally Smoked us!



Jerry Davis holds a boat while anglers get ready!



Two of the boats heading out for striper!



Action had to be slow if Mike Ostrander was napping...LOL



Cliff Phipps with a 3lb Largemouth bass!

GET READY FOR THE.....

# VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB 2022 ANNUAL FISH FRY

5:30PM  
ON  
APRIL 26TH

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



PLEASE REMEMBER! 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

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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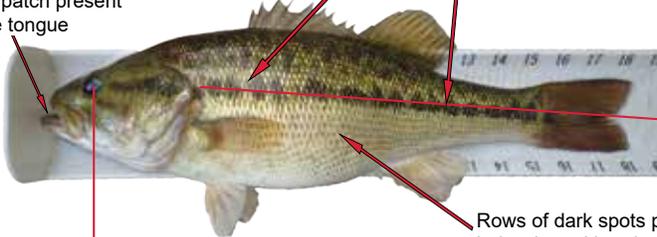
# VDWR FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

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

### **Alabama Bass** *INVASIVE*

Tooth patch present on the tongue

Dark blotchy lateral band present from head to tail



Lateral band

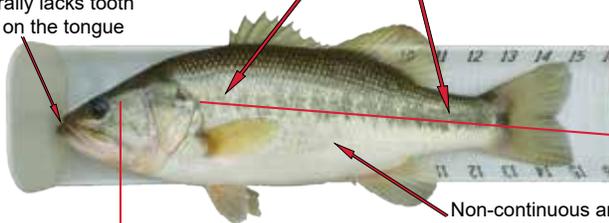
Jaw fully closed extends to middle rear of eye

Rows of dark spots present below lateral band

### **Largemouth Bass**

Generally lacks tooth patch on the tongue

More continuous lateral band from head to tail



Lateral band

Jaw fully closed extends past the eye

Non-continuous and uneven spots below lateral band if present at all.

### **Smallmouth Bass**

Dark vertical bars usually present along sides

Often has 3 diagonal dark stripes extending behind eye across the gill plate

Brown to bronze colored sides sometimes with a yellow or olive tint



Jaw fully closed extends to middle of the eye



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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>

Check out the...

## TROUT SLAM CHALLENGE

at



[dwr.virginia.gov/fishing/virginia-trout-slam-challenge/](http://dwr.virginia.gov/fishing/virginia-trout-slam-challenge/)

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# Fishing Memories 2022



Chris Deane

White Perch, Lake Anna Expedition trip



David Howard

Cutthroat Trout, 10lb, Pyramid Lake, NV



Cliff Phipps

Largemouth Bass, 7lb, 11oz



Frank Hart

Largemouth Bass



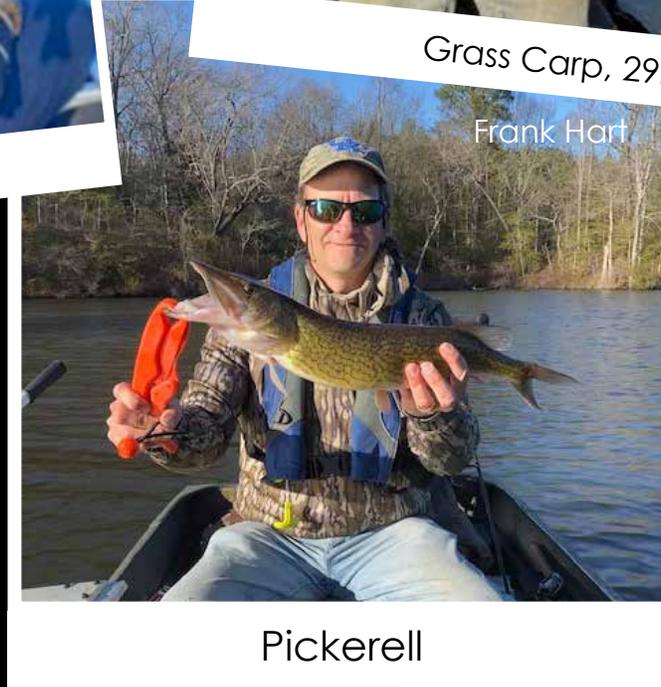
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Yellow Perch, 11oz



Frank Hart

Grass Carp, 29lb



Frank Hart

Pickerell



Tom Franco

Black Crappie, 1lb, 2oz



Tom Franco

Bluegill, 12oz