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Out-going President, Capt. Mike Ostrander, with a nice snook he recently caught in Key West.

February Meeting & VAC Scale Certification

Tuesday, February 28

Doors open at 6pm, Meeting starts at 7pm

Department of Wildlife Resources, 7870 Villa Park Drive, Henrico

Speakers: Mike Isel and Alex McCrickard,

will speak about Lake Anna fishing. See page 9 for more info!

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)

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What an Honor... Thank you Captain Mike!

Recently, it was said that serving as the President of the Virginia Anglers Club should be considered an "Honor" and not just a necessary task or requirement.

Reflecting on nearly 70 years of history, it is apparent to many that this unique angling club has both a rich tradition and long lived legacy that most clubs fall short from obtaining. With this perspective, it should be evident that serving the Virginia Anglers Club truly is a great honor.

For the past three years our club has benefited from the leadership of Captain Mike Ostrander. This was not Mike's first leadership position. In fact, he had previously served as VAC president about a decade prior to his most recent tenure. Not sure if Mike ever planned to be president (again) but he cheerfully and willingly stepped up to accept this role when others were not yet ready.

This was supposed to be a one year term that would transition to the next officer in line but it turned into three for the same reason. But Mike had a vision for our club so he just kept moving forward and worked on preserving our history while embracing new ideas. He understood the importance of keeping the Virginia Anglers Club strong and viable for a legacy that could carry our club another 70 years.

In Mike's three-year term he brought back opportunities to connect members to the



Out-going president, Capt. Mike Ostrander, with in-coming president, Dinkus Deane.

club and each other. He continuously connected on the phone or on the water with fellow members to get their opinions, plan, and ensure club success.

Mike began to bring back important elements that had begun to fade over the years like member expeditions, tournaments, and gatherings.

For example, Mike brought back the VAC Oyster roast in the spirit of fellowship. It was a big success allowing members an opportunity to get to know other members and their families.

Mike also introduced a social hour prior to program meetings so members could plan fishing trips, exchange angling advice, and share success stories. In addition, Mike has diligently worked to fill old positions and create new ones within the club.

Mike has generously given his time, knowledge, and resources to benefit all and ensure we as a club remain strong and viable. Yes, it is a great honor to serve this club as president but also in any leadership capacity. So, thank you Captain Mike. It has truly been an Honor for us all.

The Virginia Anglers Club Membership

VAC ANNUAL BANQUET FEBRUARY 4, 2023

at The Place

Another enjoyable evening celebrating the Virginia Anglers Club's accomplishments and award winners!



Out-going president Mike Ostrander reports on the events and accomplishments of the Virginia Anglers Club for 2022.



Pat Quisenberry was recognized for being a member of the Virginia Anglers Club for 62 years.





Bob Brown holds a print in the Silent Auction generously donated by member Mark Davis.



Lynda Richardson and Eric Webster

VAC ANNUAL BANQUET FEBRUARY 4, 2023



The Place

Left: Chris "Dinkus" Dean, addresses the group for the first time as the new president of the Virginia Anglers Club.



Officers are sworn in for 2023.

VAC ANNUAL BANQUET...awards!











VAC ANNUAL BANQUET

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE AWARD WINNERS!!!









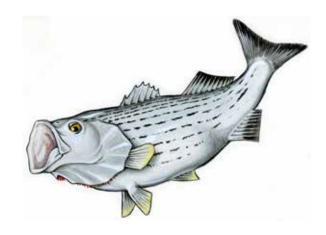




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From Chris Dollar, Conservation & Legistature

Stripers: At its annual winter meeting at the end of January, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Striped Bass Management Board postponed a vote until May on an addendum to the coastal striper management plan that would allow the transfer of commercial ocean quota between member states. Delaware seems to be driving this as striper migration patterns move northward. Along with many state, regional and national fishing groups, the VAC opposed this plan, urging the ASMFC to maintain the status quo to keep us on course to fulfill the commitment to Amendment 7. Restrictions on catch and seasons is helping control fishing



mortality, the key to returning stripers to levels that the angling public deserves and demands.

Menhaden: After a bitterly disappointing decision by the VMRC on Dec. 6, 2022 not to limit the industry fleet to certain parts of the Bay by creating a buffer zone, several bills were introduced into the General Assembly. Most died in committee. Currently, SB1388 remains active, and passed out of the Senate. There's a hearing that began at 8 am today in front of the House Rules Committee. If passed and the Gov. signs it, the new law would provide funding to "study the ecology, fishery impacts, and economic importance of menhaden populations in the waters of the Commonwealth." I will keep VAC posted.

Habitat: VMRC has appointed Hunter Smith as the state's new Artificial Reef Coordinator. He started last week. [FYI Only - not for publication: as part of my job, we're meeting with Hunter very soon to discuss and plan for projects that will create more habitat in waters of the Commonwealth. THE HRBT Expansion project remains the VMRC's number one priority but they've experienced a number of delays that may open the window for other opportunities. VMRC is keen on creating new partnerships.]

Non-native species management: As most of y'all know, this is currently a hot topic in the Bay (and national) fisheries management. There is a ton of money in federal grants. I encourage VAC to become engaged in the process if not already, and of course if the Board deems it a priority.

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2023 ANNUAL VAC DUES ARE DUE MARCH 1st!

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

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2023 Program Schedule

February 28 - Mike Isel will speak on the biology of Lake Anna. Alex McCrickard, Fishing Education Coordinator with DWR, will be providing angling techniques for the various species available in Lake Anna. This fishery has become one of the healthiest in the state. There will also be a discussion on how to tell the difference between striper and hybrid bass.

March 28 - Reed Parker with Current Culture Fly Shop will discuss shad fishing in the James River.

April 25 - No meeting - Annual Fish Fry at Maymont.

VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB 2023 ANNUAL

FISH FRY

APRIL 25TH



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

2023 Expedition & Tournament Schedule

From FRANK HART, Angling Activities Chair

I am very excited to share that we have a number of angling activities for the upcoming angling year. Member participation in expeditions and tournaments are a great way to get connected to other members and to our club. They also provide an excellent opportunity to discovery new interest and learn new techniques. I hope you can join us for these fun club events. Be on the lookout for additional information about each of these activities as we get closer to the dates. Note, some information and dates are still TBD. Tournament rules to be distributed to club members prior to the tournament and subject to change if agreed upon at a prior date and time to the activity.

Virginia Anglers Club 2023 Angling Activities Calendar

Month	Location	Target Species	Activity
January 16th	Lake Anna	Landlocked Striper	Expedition
February 18 th to March 5 th	All VA waters	Yellow Perch	Tournament
April 1 st to April 16 th	James River	Hickory Shad	Tournament
April 15 th	James River	Shad Expedition	Expedition
April 1 st – November 15 th	East Coast	Puppy Drum	Tournament
April 29 th	Atlantic Ocean	Surf Expedition	Expedition
May 6 th	Dinkus Dean Home	Bluegill, Crappie, Bass	Kids fishing day
May 21 st	Chickahominy Lake	Large Mouth Bass	Tournament
June 3 rd	Hatteras NC	Surf Fishing	Expedition
June	TBD	Small River Wade Trip	Expedition
June 24 th	South Anna River	Small River Kayak/Canoe Trip	Expedition
July or August	Canada	Walleye/ Northern Pike	Expedition
August	Upper James River	SM Bass / Muskie	Expedition
October	TBD	Speckled Trout	Expedition
November	James River	Catfish	Tournament
December 17 th to 19th	Cedar Springs	Trout	Expedition

Notes about some of our trips

- Canada Trip, June 24th to July 1st, Ganglers: Contact Robert Thomas, (6/23 to 7/2 including travel).
- Surf Trip April 29th with Bob Shepherd (Red Drum): first blow date is April 30th, second is May 13.
- Surf Trip June 3rd with Buddy and Danny Noland, Hatteras NC. (pompano, sea mullet, blues)
- Cedar Springs Trout Expedition December 17th to 19th: VAC has reserved the entire stream, includes two nights lodging and two days fishing.

Going on NOW!

Virginia Anglers Club Yellow Perch Tournament

The Virginia Anglers Club will be hosting a **Yellow Perch Fishing Tournament** open to all 2023 VAC Club members in good standing from **February 18th to March 5th**.

You may fish any eligible Virginia waters as per current VDWR regulations. (Please note: For any tidal rivers of the Chesapeake Bay below the fall line, no yellow perch below 9 inches may be harvested.)

We will have two winners based on cards submitted to the VAC data base first determined by the highest point, and second, the heaviest fish. Electronic card submissions must be turned in no later than Tuesday March 7th. A \$25 Green Top gift card will be awarded to the winners. A single person is eligible to win both prizes but it must be done with two separate fish submissions. In the event of a tie, the first fish caught will be the winner. A third prize (\$25 gift card) will be awarded to the



TOP THIS! Cliff Phipps holds a 1lb 6oz yellow perch that he caught recently.

highest point fish, non-yellow perch, card submitted that was caught during the tournament dates while fishing for yellow perch.

I hope to have you all join us in this club event. It should be a great deal of fun for all. Tight Lines, *Frank Hart*

If you have questions contact Frank Hart, Cell: 859-808-0431

DON'T FORGET TO SAVE SOME FISH FOR THE FISH FRY!!!

VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB 2023 ANNUAL FISH FRY IN APRIL 25TH!

2023 Species Leaderboard as of 02/21/23

	PRESIDENT'S AWARD FRESHWATER											
Species Name Weight Line Division Points Date Location Bait												
CATFISH, BLUE	C PHIPPS	50-12	4	GEN	541	2023-01-24	JAMES RIVER, VA	Gizzard Shad				

PRESIDENT'S AWARD SALTWATER										
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Balt		
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	M MASON	4-14	12	SPIN	195	2022-12-19	JAMES RIVER, VA.	Artificial Shrimp		

DIVISION AWARDS FRESHWATER											
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Ballt			
CATFISH, BLUE	C PHIPPS	50-12	4	GEN	541	2023-01-24	JAMES RIVER, VA	Gizzard Shad			
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	GN CARTER	25-0	4	SPIN	362	2023-02-08	JAMES RIVER, VA	Blade Bait			
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	SCIEE	31-0	4	PLUG	449	2023-02-08	JAMES RIVER, VA	Bucktail			
TROUT, BROOK	RHART	2-8	4	FLY	250	2022-12-21	CEDAR SPRINGS, VA	Mop Fly			

DIVISION AWARDS SALTWATER											
Speciee Name Weight Line Division Points Date Location Balt											
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	M MASON	4-14	12	SPIN	195	2022-12-19	JAMES RIVER, VA	Artificial Shrimp			

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bailt
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	RHART	6-4	16	PLUG	125	2023-01-28	COHOKE, VA	Lipless Crank
BASS, STRIPED (HYB)	C PHIPPS	2-9	4	SPIN	128	2023-01-16	LAKE ANNA, VA	Spoon
BASS, STRIPED (LL)	C PHIPPS	3-6	2	PLUG	112	2023-02-08	LAKE ANNA, VA	Blade Bait
CARP	RHART	21-0	16	PLUG	238	2022-12-18	COHOKE, VA	Blade Bait
CATFISH, BLUE	C PHIPPS	50-12	4	GEN	541	2023-01-24	JAMES RIVER, VA	Gizzard Shad
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	SC LEE	31-0	4	PLUG	449	2023-02-06	JAMES RIVER, VA	Bucktail
CRAPPIE, ALL	RHART	1-10	2	SPIN	257	2022-12-18	COHOKE, VA	Bobby Garland
FALLFISH	T FRANCO	1-0	6	FLY	227	2023-01-16	SOUTH RIVER, VA	Fly Helgramite
PERCH, WHITE	C PHIPPS	1-0	2	SPIN	263	2023-02-11	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Hand Poured Grub
PERCH, YELLOW	RHART	0-14	2	SPIN	230	2022-12-17	COHOKE, VA	Bobby Garland
PICKEREL, CHAIN	C PHIPPS	2-9	4	SPIN	188	2023-02-10	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Blade Bait
TROUT, BROOK	C PHIPPS	2-4	2	SPIN	255	2022-12-14	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	Mini Jig
TROUT, BROWN	M OSTRANDER	4-2	6	FLY	184	2022-12-20	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	Mop Fly
TROUT, RAINBOW	RHART	4-6	2	SPIN	273	2022-12-20	CEDAR SPRINGS, VA	Cliff Hand Made Plastic

"HIGHEST POINT" SPECIES AWARDS SALTWATER										
Species Name Weight Line Division Points Date Location Balt										
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	M MASON	4-14	12	SPIN	195	2022-12-19	JAMES RIVER, VA	Artificial Shrimp		

2023 Species Leaderboard...continued

			HEAVI	EST" SP	ECIES	AWARDS	FRESHWATER	435 Table 1
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Balt
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	R HART	6-4	16	PLUG	125	2023-01-28	COHOKE, VA	Lipless Crank
BASS, STRIPED (HYB)	C PHIPPS	2-9	4	SPIN	128	2023-01-16	LAKE ANNA, VA	Spoon
BASS, STRIPED (LL)	C PHIPPS	3-6	2	PLUG	112	2023-02-08	LAKE ANNA, VA	Blade Bait
CARP	R HART	21-0	16	PLUG	238	2022-12-18	COHOKE, VA	Blade Bait
CATFISH, BLUE	SKNOX	61-0	20BR	GEN.	314	2023-02-08	JAMES RIVER, JONES NECK CUT-OFF,	Out Shad
CATFISH, CHANNEL	C PHIPPS	1-4	2	PLUG	50	2023-02-08	LAKE ANNA, VA	Blade Bait
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	SCIEE	31-0	4	PLUG	449	2023-02-08	JAMES RIVER, VA	Bucktail
CRAPPIE, ALL	R HART	1-10	2	SPIN	257	2022-12-18	COHOKE, VA	Bobby Garland
FALLFISH	T FRANCO	1-0	6	FLY	227	2023-01-16	SOUTH RIVER, VA	Fly Helgramite
PERCH, WHITE	C PHIPPS	1-0	2	SPIN	263	2023-02-11	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Hand Poured Grub
PERCH, YELLOW	C PHIPPS	1-4	4	GEN	215	2023-02-08	LAKE ANNA, VA	Live Minnow
PICKEREL, CHAIN	C PHIPPS	2-9	4	SPIN	188	2023-02-10	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Blade Bait
TROUT, BROOK	R HART	2-8	4	FLY	250	2022-12-21	CEDAR SPRINGS, VA	Map Fly
TROUT, BROWN	M OSTRANDER	4-2	6	FLY	184	2022-12-20	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	Map Fly
TROUT, RAINBOW	R HART	4-6	2	SPIN	273	2022-12-20	CEDAR SPRINGS, VA	Cliff Hand Made Plastic

"HEAVIEST" SPECIES AWARDS SALTWATER										
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Balt		
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	M MASON	4-14	12	SPIN	195	2022-12-19	JAMES RIVER, VA	Artificial Shrimp		

NEW CLUB RECORDS FRESHWATER											
Species Name Weight Line Division Points Date Location Balt											
BASS, STRIPED (LL)	C PHIPPS	3-6	2	PLUG	112	2023-02-08	LAKE ANNA, VA	Blade Bait			
CATFISH, BLUE	SCIEE	55-10	8	GEN	468	2023-01-24	JAMES RIVER, VA	Cut Gizzard Shad			

			NEW C	LUB RECORDS	SALTWATER			
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Balt

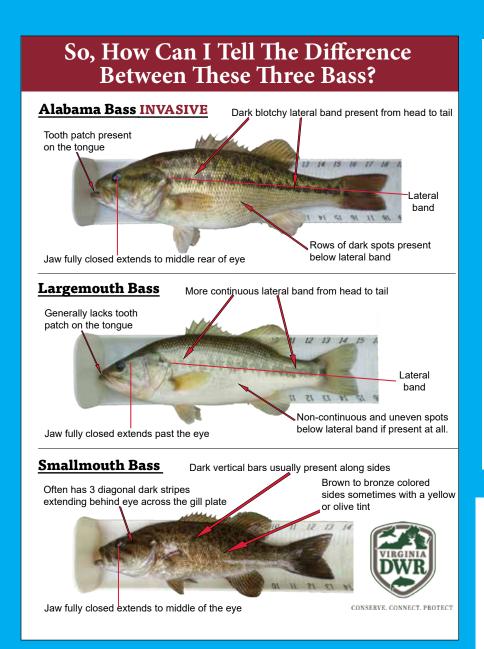
YOUTH FRESHWATER									
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Balt	

YOUTH SALTWATER									
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Balt	

NON-LOCAL AWARD FRESH OR SALTWATER									
Species Name		Weight Line Division P		Points	Date	Location	Balt		
SAILFISH, ATLANTIC	BW STRUM	0-0	20	GEN	185	2023-01-29	ISLA MUJERES, MEXICO, OTHER	Ballyhoo	

NEW MEMBER AWARD									
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Balt	
TROUT, BROWN	TPEARSALL	0-0	8	SPIN	50	2022-12-08	SOUTH RIVER - WAYNESBORO, VA	Plastic Minow	
Total					50				

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Fishing Memories Feb/March 2023

Lake Anna Striper Trip















