



April 2004

April Meeting

The April meeting will be held at the Dept. of Game and Inland Fisheries Building, 4010 West Broad Street at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday April 27th. The entrance and parking are at the rear of the building.

Backlash

(Commentary from the Leadership Team)

Programs for the April and May Membership Meetings

Programs Chairman Lynn Spurlin has gotten up a couple of great programs for the coming two months' membership meetings. The April Membership meeting will feature a three station HowTo Extravaganza featuring club members sharing their knowledge of specific types of fishing. Buddy and Danny Noland, the clubs aces of spades, will hold forth at Spade Fish City and resent their approach to catching spadefish.

Mike Cline will rig up his famous offshore baits and explain how to double your catch of tuna, wahoo and other denizens of the Gulf Stream. Finally, for those favoring the surf zone, Lynn Spurlin will present a primer on surf fishing. He will rig many examples of surf baits and where best to cast them. This meeting is totally interactive, so bring those questions you have about these three diverse angling activities. At the May Meeting, Harry Robertson from Fly Fish The World, will present a program about fishing for peacock bass in Brazil.

Dues are Due

There are still about 17 Members who have not paid their 2004 Membership dues as of April 13, 2004. Please check to be sure your membership is current. Dues not paid by March 1st of the angling year are identified by the by laws as being in arrears. Annual dues are \$50.00 for members living in the Commonwealth of Virginia and \$35.00 for those living elsewhere.

Wanted – Special Activities Chairman

There is a vacancy in the chairman ship for the Special Activities Committee. This chairman looks after special fund raising raffles and sales conducted by the Virginia Anglers Club. The pick-up, distribution and accounting of income from those selling calendars are the main activity of this chairman. This chairman runs the special raffles we have from time to time of donated fishing rods, fishing trips, etc. The chairman is a full member of the Club's leadership team. If you would like further information or would like to step forward to be the SAC chairman, please get up with President Fred Murray [Phone: 358-7166-X-320 (O), 320-4295 (H)]. This is a great opportunity for a newer club member to become active in the club.

Dues Relief – Members Deployed for Military Duty

The Board of Directors has approved dues relief (none required) for club members who are deployed abroad as part of or in support of military activities of the United States (2 weeks "summer camp" excluded). Member Mark Horner has been on deployment to Iraq and he is the first member to be benefited by this relief of dues. If you know how the newsletter can be delivered to your foreign duty station (e-mail or hard copy) please let Newsletter Editor Scott Davis know.

Please let President Fred Murray or any other club officer of pending or active deployments.

Electronic Delivery of the Monthly Newsletter

Delivery of the monthly club newsletter, The Angler, by e-mail is a way to get the newsletter as soon as it is ready for publication. Also, the club stands to save a significant amount of postage if you request e-mail delivery. If at all possible, please convert from hard copy delivery to electronic delivery. To convert, just let Scott Davis know and it is a done deal.

Reporting for the Leadership Team,

John Wetlaufer, Sr.

CATCHY COMMENTS

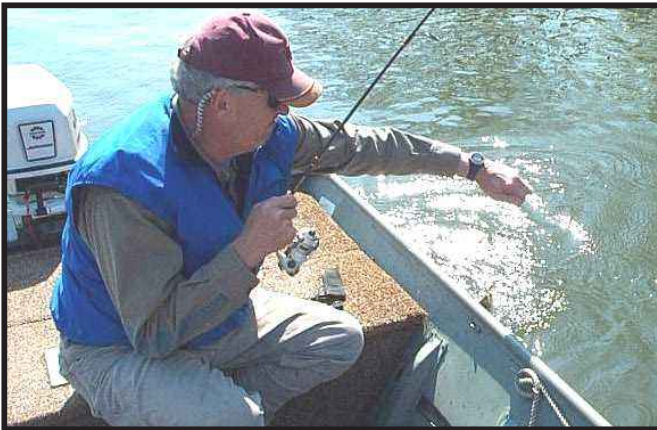
by Dennis Cline



Dennis Cline is at home recovering from recent surgery. His column will resume next month. Get well soon Denny! We all miss your commentary.



Ricky Dale with a nice Dunlop Creek Brook Trout.



Leroy Houser enjoying the fantastic shad fishing.

CCA - Virginia

The Coastal Conservation Association of Virginia would like to extend an invitation out to all of its members and friends to spend an evening on the Piankatank River at the home of Gene Ruark in Deltaville, Virginia. On May 29, 2004 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., CCAVA is hosting this event to increase funding to further its legislative activities. This is a great opportunity to meet and talk with the shakers and movers in CCA local chapters and state level. Hors d'oeuvres, refreshments and a live auction are planned. Contact CCAVA Vice President and club member David Nobles for more information. David can be reached at (804)779-2122.



Rich McDaniel holding his club record 9lb - 2oz. Largemouth Bass.

C.V. KINNARD AWARD COMPETITION - 2004

ANGLER	FIRSTS	SECONDS	THIRDS	PLACES	POINTS	AVERAGE
FRED MURRAY	1	0	0	1	671	671
ROBBIE ROBINSON	0	1	0	1	431	431
JIM FARRELL	0	0	1	1	427	427
SCOTT DAVIS	1	0	0	1	375	375
FRED COUSINS	0	1	0	1	233	233
TOTALS	2	2	1	5	2137	427

Upcoming Angling Events

**Pianktank River - Croaker
Jungle Rules Tournament**
Saturday, May 1, 2004

Location: Piankatank River & Chesapeake Bay

Time: Sunrise to Sunset

Awards: 1 cup heaviest Croaker (jungle rules)
1 cup highest point Croaker (100 pts. min.)
1 cup highest point Croaker on Fly
(100 pts. min.)
1 cup highest point other species
(100 pts. min.)

Comments: Cook out at Kenny Dale's house.
(H)752-4558 (O)383-4652

Kenny Dale's house:
Off Buoy 13 by water,
Off Route 631 past Cobbs's Creek by land.

Food Provided, bring your fish for frying, and
bring your favorite beverage. Call Bob Brown
to get an accurate count for cook out.

Report-In: Call chairman within 5 Days.

Chairman: Bob Brown - Home: 746-1934
Cell: 833-2786

Jungle rules: Fish may be taken with any hook and line
tackle used in a sportsman-like manner, any
line material and breaking strength is
acceptable.



**Freshwater Billfish -
Longnose Gar Tournament**
Saturday, May 8, 2004

Location: Chickahominy River

Time: Sunrise to Sunset

Awards: 1 cup highest point Gar (100 pts. Min.)
1 cup highest point other (100 pts. Min.)
1 cup highest point gar on Fly.

Report-In: Call chairman within 5 Days.

Chairman: Bob Brown - Home: 746-1934
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**Eastern Shore - Red Drum /
Flounder Tournament**
Sat-Mon, May 29-31, 2004

Location: Barrier island surf & inlets,
Eastern Shore VA.

Time: 6am on the 29th to 6pm on the 31st

Awards: 1 cup for the highest point red drum in the
surf (must be released)
1 cup highest point other species (surf or
boat 100 point min.)

Launches: For Smith & Myrtle Island use mud ramp
at Raccoon creek or Kiptopeke State park,
or Oyster Ramp. For Wreck and Cobb
Island use Oyster Ramp.

Report-In: Call chairman within 5 Days.

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More details: Will have more details at the May meeting.

The Luncker Club (heaviest fish)

VAC 2003 Angling Year			Club Historical Record			VAC 2003 Angling Year			Club Historical Record		
Species	Angler	Weight	Species	Angler	Weight	Species	Angler	Weight	Species	Angler	Weight
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	Rich McDaniel	9-2	DRUM, BLACK			DRUM, BLACK			Robbie Robinson	82-8	
BASS, ROCK & ROANOKE			DRUM, RED	Mickey Kodroff	10-12	DRUM, RED			Dennis Cline	62-0	
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	Scott Davis	3-12	Eric McDuffie	1-7	FLOUNDER, SUMMER				Pat Dudley	10-5	
BASS, STRIPED HY			Bob Shepherd	5-8	GROUPEL, ALL				Bill DuVal	63-8	
BASS, STRIPED LL			Bill Ross	6-10	JACK, CRAVELLE				Ronnie Sides	34-0	
BASS, WHITE			Gary Anderson	23-6	LADYFISH				Tom Barnett	3-12	
BOWFIN			John Wycoff	2-12	MACKEREL, KING				Bill DuVal	62-0	
CARP	Fred Murray	11-8	W.H. McCarthy	12-11	MACKEREL, SPANISH				C.O. Mather	18-3	
CATFISH, BLUE	Randy Matthews	40-0	Fred Cousins	25-8	MARLIN, BLACK				F.D. Gottwald	1075-0	
CATFISH, CHANNEL			Dennis Cline	55-0	MARLIN, BLUE ATL & PAC				Steve Hutchins	691-5	
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	Jim Farrell	22-8	Fred Murray	12-4	MARLIN, STRIPED				C.O. Mather	266-0	
CRAPPIE, ALL	Bob Shepherd	1-8	Ronnie Sides	25-0	MARLIN, WHITE				C.O. Mather	113-7	
GAR, ALL			Gary Donahue	2-14	PERMIT				Bill DuVal	42-0	
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL	Bob Shepherd	17-8	Dick Goode	17-8	POMPANO, AFRICAN				Ely Robinson	33-0	
PERCH, WHITE	Eddy Johnston	1-1	Bob Shepherd	28-7	POMPANO, COMMON				Parks Rountrey	1-8	
PERCH, YELLOW	Robbie Robinson	1-3	Eric McDuffie	1-7	ROOSTERFISH				W.C. Askew	50-8	
PICKEREL, CHAIN	Matt Bruington	5-4	Robbie Robinson	1-13	RUNNER, RAINBOW				Pat Quisenberry	20-5	
PIKE, NORTHERN			Reggie White	7-10	SAILFISH, ATLANTIC				C.O. Mather	86-3	
SALMON, ATLANTIC			L. Kesteloo	17-8	SAILFISH, PACIFIC				J.F. McNeace	140-0	
SALMON, CHINOOK			H.A. Claiborne	19-0	SEATROUT, SPOTTED			Reggie White	5-4		
SALMON, COHO			Scott Johnston	34-0	SHARK, MAKO				Virgil Hughes	11-14	
SHAD, AMERICAN	Robbie Robinson	4-10	P.W. Hughes	16-8	SHARK, OTHER				C.O. Mather	486-0	
SHAD, HICKORY	Robbie Robinson	2-11	P. Dasher	7-4	SHEEPSHEAD				L. Kesteloo	14-0	
SUNFISH, ALL			Mickey Kodroff	3-4	SNAPPER, CUBERA				J.C. Wright	100-0	
TROUT, BROOK	Ricky Dale	1-9	Roy Jones	2-4	SNAPPER, MUTTON				Bill DuVal	48-8	
TROUT, BROWN	Lynn Spurlin	17-0	Joe Brooks	8-0	SNAPPER, OTHER				Herb Ratner	18-12	
TROUT, CUTTHROAT			Bill Barnett	28-0	SNOOK				Bill DuVal	32-0	
TROUT, LAKE			H.O. Mather	3-12	SPEARFISH				Bill DuVal	26-0	
TROUT, RAINBOW	Robbie Robinson	2-10	Mark Sosin	30-0	SWORDFISH				Ely Robinson	11-15	
TROUT, STEELHEAD			Randy Matthews	6-4	TARPON				Stuart Lee	363-0	
WALLEYE			Stamford Niou	15-0	TAUTOG			J.C. Wright	E. Dunham	120-0	
WARMOUTH			Gary Donahue	8-12	TRIGGERFISH				J.C. Wright	15-8	
			Lynn Spurlin	0-13	TUNA, BIGEYE ATL				Bill DuVal	10-0	
AMBERJACK, GREATER			Bill Rewalt	91-2	TUNA, BLACKFIN				F.C. Willson	215-0	
BARRACUDA, GREAT			Reggie White	48-0	TUNA, BLUEFIN				Ronnie Hogge	38-0	
BASS, BLACK SEA			Jim Sheffield	7-4	TUNA, SKIPJACK				R.L. Gilliam	1080-0	
BASS, STRIPED	Rich McDaniel	43-0	C.V. Kinnard	48-0	TUNNY, LITTLE				Bill DuVal	18-0	
BLUEFISH			Paul Richie	22-0	WAHOO				Bill Rewalt	231-0	
BONEFISH			F.W. Lawrence	13-14	WEAKFISH				Buddy Noland	19-8	
COBIA			Bill DuVal	77-0					Bill DuVal	98-0	
CROAKER	J.C. Wright	4-0	J.C. Wright	4-0					Bill Gallasch	15-6	
DOLPHIN	A.M. McCarthy	60-0	A.M. McCarthy	60-0							

Virginia Anglers Club

VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 4/14/04

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>ANGLER</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>LN</u>	<u>DIV.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u>BAIT</u>
<u>2004 SPECIES LEADERS - SALTWATER</u>								
BASS, STRIPED	S.C. LEE	18-0	8	FLY	12/31/03	OREGON INLET, NC	300	DECEIVER
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	R.L. WHITE	5-4	2	SPIN	01/10/04	ELIZABETH RIVER, VA	350	JIG
TAUTOG	J.C. WRIGHT	7-7	30	GEN	03/04/04	OFF VIRGINIA BEACH, VA	82	CRAB
<u>2004 SPECIES LEADERS - FRESHWATER</u>								
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	R. McDANIEL	9-2	6	PLUG	03/03/04	POND, VA	365	SPINNERBAIT
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	S. DAVIS	3-12	2	PLUG	02/29/04	JAMES RIVER, VA	375	JIG & PIG
CARP	F. MURRAY	11-8	2	SPIN	01/01/04	JAMES RIVER, VA	359	SILVER BUDDY
CATFISH, BLUE	F. MURRAY	34-8	2	SPIN	01/01/04	JAMES RIVER, VA	530	SILVER BUDDY
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F. MURRAY	21-8	2	FLY	01/13/04	JAMES RIVER, VA	671	HALF & HALF
CRAPPIE	B. SHEPHERD	1-8	2	SPIN	12/29/03	JAMES RIVER, VA	238	SASSY SHAD
MUSKELLUNGE	B. SHEPHERD	17-8	6	PLUG	12/28/03	NEW RIVER, VA	364	LONG-A
PERCH, WHITE	E.S. JOHNSTON	1-1	2	FLY	03/27/04	JAMES RIVER, VA	354	FLY
PERCH, YELLOW	ROB ROBINSON	1-3	2	SPIN	02/11/04	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	312	POWER GRUB
PICKEREL, CHAIN	ROB ROBINSON	4-5	2	SPIN	02/10/04	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	431	POWER GRUB
SHAD, AMERICAN	ROB ROBINSON	4-10	2	SPIN	03/26/04	NOTTOWAY RIVER, VA	370	GOLD SPOON
SHAD, HICKORY	D. CLINE	2-6	2	FLY	03/25/04	JAMES RIVER, VA	339	SHAD FLY
SUNFISH	J.M. DIRKS	0-11	2	PLUG	03/28/04	PRIVATE POND, VA	180	BEEBLE SPIN
TROUT, BROOK	R.K. DALE	1-9	2	FLY	03/20/04	DUNLAP CREEK, VA	223	FLY
TROUT, RAINBOW	D.N. NOLAND	2-6	2	FLY	03/20/04	ESCATAWBA FARMS, VA	316	FLY
<u>2004 DIVISION LEADERS - SALTWATER</u>								
BASS, STRIPED	S.C. LEE	18-0	8	FLY	12/31/03	OREGON INLET, NC	300	DECEIVER
BASS, STRIPED	R. MCDANIEL	43-0	30	GEN	01/08/04	FALSE CAPE, VA	179	BUCKTAIL
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	R.L. WHITE	5-4	2	SPIN	01/10/04	ELIZABETH RIVER, VA	350	JIG
<u>2004 DIVISION LEADERS - FRESHWATER</u>								
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F. MURRAY	21-8	2	FLY	01/13/04	JAMES RIVER, VA	671	HALF & HALF
CATFISH, BLUE	B. SHEPHERD	39-0	6	GEN	01/03/04	JAMES RIVER, VA	366	CUT SHAD
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	S. DAVIS	3-12	2	PLUG	02/29/04	JAMES RIVER, VA	375	JIG & PIG
CATFISH, BLUE	F. MURRAY	34-8	2	SPIN	01/01/04	JAMES RIVER, VA	530	SILVER BUDDY
<u>NEW CLUB RECORDS - SALTWATER</u>								
BASS, STRIPED	S.C. LEE	18-0	8	FLY	12/31/03	OREGON INLET, NC	300	DECEIVER
BASS, STRIPED	S.C. LEE	20-75	12	FLY	12/30/03	OREGON INLET, NC	259	DECEIVER
BASS, STRIPED	R. MCDANIEL	43-0	30	GEN	01/08/04	FALSE CAPE, VA	179	BUCKTAIL
<u>NEW CLUB RECORDS - FRESHWATER</u>								
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	R. McDANIEL	9-2	6	PLUG	03/03/04	POND, VA	365	SPINNERBAIT
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	S. DAVIS	3-12	2	PLUG	02/29/04	JAMES RIVER, VA	375	JIG & PIG
CATFISH, BLUE	F. MURRAY	34-8	2	SPIN	01/01/04	JAMES RIVER, VA	530	SILVER BUDDY
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F. MURRAY	21-8	2	FLY	01/13/04	JAMES RIVER, VA	671	HALF & HALF
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	J. FARRELL	22-8	8	FLY	01/18/04	JAMES RIVER, VA	427	FLY
MUSKELLUNGE	B. SHEPHERD	17-8	6	PLUG	12/28/03	NEW RIVER, VA	364	LONG-A
MUSKELLUNGE	B. SHEPHERD	14-8	8	PLUG	12/27/03	NEW RIVER, VA	241	LONG-A
MUSKELLUNGE	B. SHEPHERD	12-0	12	PLUG	12/27/03	NEW RIVER, VA	142	LONG-A
PERCH, WHITE	B.L. NOLAND	0-12	2	PLUG	04/10/04	JAMES RIVER, VA	197	SILVER BUDDY
PICKEREL, CHAIN	H.O. BRUINGTON	5-4	12	GEN	01/14/04	SWIFT CREEK RES., VA	150	LIVE MINNOW
PICKEREL, CHAIN	D. WINSTEAD	4-3	12	PLUG	04/03/04	KERR LAKE, VA	150	LONG-A
SHAD, AMERICAN	ROB ROBINSON	3-1	2	PLUG	03/31/04	NOTTOWAY RIVER, VA	245	SHAD DART
<u>2004 HIGHEST POINT NON-LOCAL CATCHES - FRESHWATER</u>								
TROUT, BROWN	L.V. SPURLIN	17-0	12	FLY	02/25/04	TIERRA DEL FUEGO, ARG.	447	TUBE FLY
<u>2004 TOP SPOUSE CATCHES - SALTWATER & FRESHWATER (LOCAL)</u>								
TROUT, RAINBOW	L. ROBINSON	2-5	2	GEN	03/04/04	FORT A.P. HILL, VA	185	POWER BAIT



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