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Next Membership Meeting

Tuesday, April 24, 2012 - 7:00 PM

Skilligalee Restaurant
Glenside Ave, just North of Broad Street
Come ~ 5:30 PM and enjoy good company
over dinner from the menu



BACKLASH
Commentary from the
Board of Directors
-By John Wetlaufer, Sr.

APRIL PROGRAM WITH ERIC BRITTLE

Eric Brittle is a DGIF biologist in Southeast Virginia. He will be talking about the Freshwater Fishing Opportunities in Southeastern Virginia, so be sure to have questions ready about how to catch world record shellcrackers and state record white catfish.

THANKS TO THE SHAD ROUNDTABLE PRESENTERS

The March program featured a Shad Fishing Round Table with three Members of the Virginia Anglers Club sharing their expertise at with all who cared to listen. Thanks to Andrew Campbell (shad fly demo), Fred Murray (light line fly and spin shad angling techniques) and Parks Rountrey (IGFA World Record submission "how") for taking their time to prepare, bring gear and freely share the information each volunteered to share with all comers.

GARY GREEN - NEWEST VAC MEMBER

At the April 10th BOD Meeting, the Directors present voted Gary Green into VAC Membership. Gary visited the VAC Website, liked what he saw and contacted Fred Murray and came to the March Membership Meeting as Fred's guest. Gary's brief bio and his picture can be found on page 7 of this issue of The Angler.



TOURNAMENT TWO-FER – CROAKER AND EASTERN SHORE SURF FOR MAY

Now that the shad spawning run peak has passed, it's time to turn our attention to croaker and the guys who live in the surf, especially red drum. Tournament Chairman Parks Rountrey has two tournaments scheduled in May, Virginia Croaker on May 5th and 6th and the Annual Bernie Skydane Memorial Eastern Shore VA Surf – Red Drum on May 19th and 20th. Following the Saturday (May 19th) surf session, Mike Ostrander's folks have again graciously opened their home for a cook out. More information on these two tournaments is found on page 12 of this Angler. Take special notice of the blow date for the Surf Tournament. Arriving and departing the barrier islands is tide dependent and the blow date is not the weekend following the surf outing.

MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING MOVES TO MAYMONT

The Virginia Anglers Club's May Membership Meeting will again move to The Maymont Nature Center for the Annual Fish Fry. Club Members will be cooking. Start lining up (or catching) some of your fish to bring along (thawed out, please). This is a social meeting and it is a great time to bring a guest, a prospective member or members of your family. Suggested donation amount, menu, time and all the other details will be in the next the May copy of The Angler. The format of the meeting will be the same as in 2011, all the food you can eat, casting contest, etc. Remember, May is Maymont Month. Remember, too, that the winning tickets for the two IGFA World Record Catch mounts will be drawn at the Fish Fry. Thanks again to Fred Murray for making arrangements for us to meet at this very attractive and weather tolerant venue (the tent will be up).

COUNTRY STORE TEMPORARILY SHUTTERED FOR FISH FRY

Storekeeper Eddy Johnston will not open the Country Store at the Maymont Fish Fry. Be sure to take care of all of your needs at the Store during the April Membership Meeting.

WHITE PERCH RECORD FALLS IN KELLY STAFFORD MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

Thirteen VAC members fished for shad and white perch over the two day span of this tournament. Six members placed in the tournament; some multiple times. Glenn Carter boated a

most respectable 1 lb. – 6 oz. white perch on 8# fly. A search of other white perch catch records in the Member's Area of the VAC Website shows only four whites from Virginia rivers on 8# fly have ever been submitted for credit with the weights running from 11 to 14 oz. Glenn's white perch bested the standing Club Record white perch that weighed 0 lbs. – 14 oz, held since August, 2004 by Scott Johnston. For a complete wrap-up of the tournament and a list of the winners, see Parks Rountrey's tournament report on page 11.

ANNUAL SCALE CERTIFICATION BY REQUEST AT APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Co-Weigh Masters Larry Allen and Ryan Noland will have their scale certification equipment ready to go at the April Membership Meeting if they receive any requests for scale certification. They will not bring the certification equipment into the meeting room and set it up unless there are requests to make scale certifications. They will have the equipment "in the truck" for every other Membership Meeting too.

ANNUAL DUES ARE NOW PAST DUE

Past due notices were sent out to the forty seven (47) Virginia Anglers Club members who had not paid their 2012 dues by March 1, 2012, the deadline for 2012 dues payment. If you received a past due notice, please pay your dues promptly. Payment can be by cash, check or Pay Pal (in the Members Area of the Website). For details of how to pay, please see last month's (March) edition of The Angler.

VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB TO ENTER TEAM IN CAPE HATTERAS SURF TOURNAMENT

The Virginia Anglers Club will again enter a six member surf fishing team in the Annual Cape Hatteras Anglers Club Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament. Quentin Corbett is the new captain of the surf team, taking over from Lynn Spurlin who has lead the team for many years. Quentin has received the invitation and will return it to insure we have a reservation to participate. If you want to join the team, please contact Quentin at (804) 794-9279 (H) or (804) 337-8910 (C). Quentin's e-mail is in the VAC roster in the Member's Area of the VAC website.



ENTRY CARDS SCARCE – PLEASE SUBMIT YOURS

The Angling Rules Committee (ARC) loves to get Entry Cards. Not only does the ARC use Entry Cards for determining who will win the many annual awards the VAC has, but the cards are very helpful in setting basic weights. The weights of fish populations grow or shrink over the years. The ARC works hard to track these changes and the data from the cards is about all they have with which to work. Entry Cards also can log your catches into the data base. With the search features of the Catch Data, you can call up your own catches any time you wish. Entry Cards do not have to be reserved for spectacular catches; any catch is welcome to be submitted. Submissions have fallen off recently, so please send your cards along.

JOIN THE ROUNTREY TABLE AT THE CCA-VA SPRING FUND RAISER

The CCA Central Virginia Chapter is again holding their annual Spring Fund Raiser and Banquet and this year it is right up here in Richmond. Parks Rountrey is again hosting a table which is open to all VAC Members and their guests. If you want to join Parks, please give him a call at one of the following numbers [H (804) 789-9775, or C (804) 349-6001]. The Banquet will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2012 at 6:00 PM at the Acca Shriners' Activity Center, 2712 Bellevue Avenue, Richmond, VA 23227. The Banquet will offer oysters, beer and wine starting at 6:00 PM with a barbecue diner to start at 7:00 PM. Reservation tickets are \$50.00 each and include a new or renewal of your existing CCA-VA membership. Multiple raffles and auctions will be featured. For more information and to reserve a ticket or a table, please call 804 380-7328 or email .

FISH LEGALLY – FISH INFORMED (NEW FRESHWATER REGS. BOOK NOW HERE)

The 2012 edition of Freshwater Fishing in Virginia (Fishing Regulations) has now been printed and is available to the public. See page 9 of this edition of The Angler for contents and where to pick up your free copy.

For The Leadership Team

John Wetlaufer, Sr., Secretary



CATCHY COMMENTS by Buddy Noland

Unusual early spring temperatures created excellent Shad fishery until the cool seasonal temperatures arrived.

Now it seems as if the Shad and White Perch fishery has slowed considerably. Thirty-five entry cards have been turned in the past 30 days with Crappie being the leader with eleven entries. Also, three new freshwater Club Records were established.

It is anticipated that saltwater fishery is about to heat up with the arrival of large Red Drum and Cobia off Hatteras. There have been reports that Flounder are also being caught off the “Cell” area and CBBT; although, no saltwater entries have been received this past period.

Art Conway had the most entries this month with eleven. **Art** had several Chain Pickerel with his highest point fish weighing 2 pounds on 2# spin for 200 points. Three Crappie over 100 points were reported. His largest is 1 pound, 3 ounces, worth 118 points. All of **Art's** entries come from the Chickahominy Lake.

Not to be outdone by **Art**, the “heaviest” Crappie was caught by **Billy Nicar** from the James River. It weighed 1 pound, 15 ounces and was fooled by a live minnow for 193 points.

Numerous large Hickory Shad have been turned in this year with the heaviest weighing in at 3 pounds caught by **Andy Campbell**. **Andy** was fishing the James River, using 8 pound fly tackle to land the fish.

It would easily beat the current “All Tackle IGFA World Record”, but was not entered. The Shad is a new Club Record for 8# fly.

The **Wetlaufer's** were among the legion of anglers working on the Hickories. **John** entered several fish using fly and spin tackle with his largest weighing 1 pound, 6 ounces and worth 121 points. **Johnny** topped his **Dad** with another 1 pound, 6 ounce, Shad on 2# spin for 156 points. The highest point Hickory was caught by **Fred Cousins** on 2# fly. **Fred's** fish weighed in at 2 pounds, 4 ounces, worth 321 points, and came from the Roanoke River.

Mickey Kodroff caught an American Shad on the Tar River in North Carolina to lead the “heaviest” and “highest point” categories. The fish weighed 4 pounds and was landed on 4# spin using a shad dart.

While fly fishing the Piscataway River, **Scott Johnston** landed Crappie and Largemouth Bass on a Clouser fly. **Scott's** best catch was a 146 point Crappie on 4# fly weighing 14 ounces.

Robbie Robinson took the "plug division" lead with a 1 pound, 9 ounce, Yellow Perch. **Robbie** and **Mike Cline** were fishing the Chick to land the 411 point fish on 2# plug using a blade bait.

Using an artificial worm, **Fred Cousins** landed the highest point Largemouth Bass for the month. The 6 pound, 12 ounce bass came from **Elly Robinson's** pond and was worth 450 points.

The first freshwater record for the revised Sunfish category was entered by **Bob Shepherd**. **Bob** was sight fishing for Crappie and Sunfish on a private pond and landed a 1 pound fish on 2# spin. He said the water was so clear that he could see the Crappie and Sunfish chase his grub and then take it! The value of the catch was 263 points.

So far this season, the best fishery has been the White Perch. Some boats fishing on the James River have landed over 100 per day using small white grubs. **Eddy Johnston** caught the "highest point" and new "fly division" leader. The 333 point perch was landed on 2# fly. **Parks Rountrey** turned in several nice White Perch with his best catch being a 1 pound, 1 ounce, fish on 2# spin for 279 points. Last, but not least is the "heaviest" and new Club Record perch caught by **Glenn Carter**. **Glenn's** fish weighed a whopping 1 pound, 6 ounces. Using 8# tippet, the fly catch is worth 269 points.



Bob Schepker - Catfish



Andrew Campbell - James River Striper on Fly

Keeping it reel, Buddy



Parks Rountrey and Bob Brown on the James

Nice Shad flies by Andrew Campbel



Fred Murray casting flies on the James



Bob Schepker with a nice White Perch



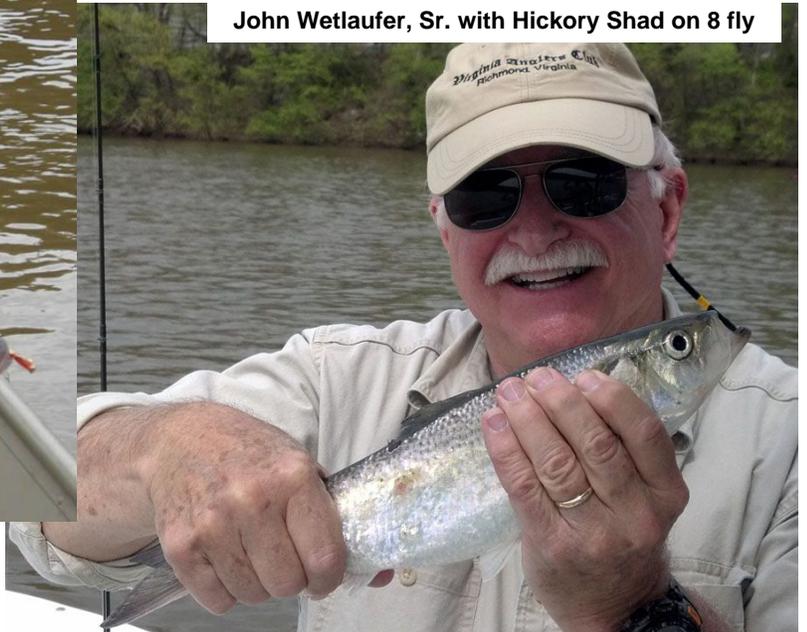
Andrew Campbell's nice American Shad



Dave Goode & Friend spinning up the James



Glenn Carter's 1-6 White Perch on 8 Fly



John Wetlaufer, Sr. with Hickory Shad on 8 fly

Johnny Wetlaufer with Hickory Shad on 2 spin



Rob Choi's James River Striper

MEET GARY GREEN, NEWEST VAC MEMBER



Gary Green found the Virginia Anglers Club via the Website. He was a guest at the March Membership Meeting, attended his orientation meeting a week later and now is an in-state member of the VAC. Gary and his wife, Karen, live in Mineral, VA. Gary’s main angling efforts have centered on in-shore saltwater species. Gary was born on St. Simons Island, GA and lived and has lived and fished actively in Florida. He came to Richmond from Lynchburg, VA. Gary is somewhat retired and anxious to cut his teeth on freshwater angling. Gary will be formally introduced at the April Membership Meeting.

TWO-FER SALE CONTINUES AT COUNTRY STORE

Are your drinks warm and are your expensive Polarized sun glasses lying at the bottom of some lake? Don’t let this embarrassment happen to you. Due to popular demand, Storekeeper Eddy Johnston will continue to offer the official VAC drink can coozie and eye glass croakies, mix or match, at the bargain price of \$1.00 for any two of these items. Be sure to stock up at the April Membership Meeting. Remember, there will be no Country Store set up at the Fish Fry at Maymont in May.

BEAT THE HIGH PRICE OF GASOLINE – CARPOOL TO VAC MEETINGS

The Virginia Anglers Club has a “Ride Finders” of its own. You might be able to find another VAC member to carpool with who lives not all that far from you by using the “Member Map” feature on the VAC Website. Enter the “Member’s Area” and click on “Member Map” under the Membership heading. A map will appear on your screen with a little tear drop noting where all VAC members live. To find a specific member’s home, In the list of Members on the right hand edge of the map, click on his/hers/your name. You will have to zoom in to make the image larger to separate the tear drops. You also might have to right click on and move the little hand icon around to bring your home into the center of the screen. Then look for a ride partner. You cannot hurt the map, so feel free to mess around with it. The map is also a way to identify Members living close to you with whom you might get up a fishing trip.

HELP KEEP ANGLING LEGAL – REPORT VIOLATIONS

Freshwater

If you suspect or witness an angling or hunting violation, report it to VADGIF Wildlife Crimeline at 1-800-237-5712.

Saltwater

If you have a need to report to the VA Marine Resources Commission any emergency, boating accident or other violation, call the Marine Police Dispatch Center toll free at 1-800-541-4646

FROM THE APRIL 11TH EDITION OF THE DGIF OUTDOOR REPORT

SMALLMOUTH AND TIDAL LARGEMOUTH FISHING OUTLOOK REPORTS POSTED

With the warm days associated with the arrival of spring a few weeks early this year, there is a scampering among anglers to break out the fishing gear and ask, "How are the fish biting at my favorite fishing hole?" VDGIF fisheries biologists have been working over the winter months to review survey data from the major rivers throughout the state to produce the annual *Fishing Opportunities* reports for both largemouth and smallmouth bass posted on our website.

The full Smallmouth Bass Rivers Forecast is posted in the Fishing Section of the VDGIF website and in the *Outdoor Report Fishin' Report*. VDGIF Region 2 Fisheries Manager Scott Smith notes that the detailed report covers the following rivers:

- Shenandoah – mainstem, South Fork, and North Fork
- James – upper and middle
- New
- Clinch
- Middle Fork Holston
- North Fork Holston
- Rappahannock - upper

VDGIF District Fisheries Biologist Bob Greenlee in Region 1- Tidewater area has also posted the Tidal River Largemouth Bass Outlook (PDF) on all the tidal river *Fishing Opportunities* pages on the VDGIF website and listed in the *Fishin' Report* in this and subsequent editions of the *Outdoor Report*.

FLY FISHING FILM TOUR COMING TO RICHMOND APRIL 26

Central Virginia anglers have a great opportunity to view the 2012 Fly Fishing Film Tour (f3t) at Bow-Tie Movie Land at Boulevard Square, West Leigh St in Richmond on April 26, doors open at 7pm. Tickets can be purchased at Green Top Sporting Goods, Bass Pro Shop in Ashland, through the F3t website, and from Todd Kreikamp, Virginia Coastal Outfitters, LLC, phone: (804) 370-3453. This dramatic, instructional, and inspirational film features the best of fly fishing legends and locations and guaranteed to get you 'hooked' if not already a fly fishing enthusiasts. There will be local guides available near the café area inside the theatre where people can come by and network with others and to tell some fish stories promoting a good time within our local fly fishing community. A portion of the proceeds for the event will be donated to Project Healing Waters, which provides recreation and therapeutic healing thru fly tying and fly fishing opportunities for wounded veterans and active armed services members. Tickets are limited and likely to sell out quick, so don't delay getting yours.

KIDS FISHING DAY EVENTS PROVIDE FAMILY FUN

More than 40 Kids Fishing Days are being planned statewide by various organizations in partnership with VDGIF. These events are an enjoyable time for the family and a great opportunity to introduce kids to fishing in a fun atmosphere. There are events every weekend state wide through June. For detailed information on dates, locations, times and contacts, see the Kids Fishing Days schedule to find one near you! Catch the fun! Take a kid fishin'. For details, check the Kids Fishing Days calendar on our website.

***12TH VIRGINIA FLY FISHING FESTIVAL
CELEBRATED IN WAYNESBORO APRIL 21-22***

Fly anglers from across the country will celebrate the 12th Annual Virginia Fly Fishing Festival on April 21-22, 2012. Held on the banks of the South River in Waynesboro, the Virginia Fly Fishing Festival is the largest outdoor fly fishing event in the country that offers on-stream instruction. Only here can you learn all the latest techniques from the experts and then walk right over to the river and try them for yourself. The festival features small-group casting classes with fly fishing and fly tying experts from across the Mid-Atlantic. Members of the Federation of Fly Fishers will help children catch native brook trout from an on-site Children's Catch and Release Trout Pool and then release them into the South River (with the help of their parents). Members of the Tidal Potomac Fly Rodders Club, the largest FFF Club in Virginia, will also provide paid spey casting classes and offer basic fly tying tips to beginners. Daily admission to the festival is \$20 per person, and the festival runs from 9 AM-5 PM on Saturday and Sunday. For more information about the festival, visit www.vaflyfishingfestival.org.

***BOAT LANDING ON THE RAPPAHANNOCK
TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO POWERBOATS***

The VDGIF would like boaters to be aware of a problem at Mill Creek Landing in the community of Wake in Gloucester County. The landing has become sanded-in to the extent that only small johnboats, canoes, and kayaks can safely launch. Signs warning boaters have been posted at the landing to alert them of the problem, as well as a notice on the VDGIF website. John Kirk, the Region I Boating Access Maintenance Supervisor for VDGIF, wants boaters to know that the Department will be working to fix the ramp as quickly as possible, but says capital project monies will need to be budgeted for and approved before doing so, and boaters will unfortunately have to use other landings in the interim.

NEW 2012 FRESH WATER FISHING REGULATIONS BOOK HERE

The new **2012 Freshwater Fishing in Virginia** (Fishing Regulations) book has been published and a copy can be obtained at the upcoming fishing and hunting shows, all license agents and department offices. This publication not only contains the fishing regulations, but an extensive 'Let's Go Fishing' section, with information about major sport fish, public fishing lakes, major fishing rivers, and the trout stocking program. Also, you can find information about fish citations, state records, angling education programs, exotic species, and more." The Freshwater Fishing Regulations section, including the complete Trout Fishing Guide, on our website have also been updated for 2012.



Legislation and Conservation

By Matt Balazik

Local News:

Wind Energy: Governor McDonnell announced that the Virginia Marine Resources Commission has voted unanimously to approve proposed construction of a 479-foot-tall, five megawatt wind turbine generator prototype in the lower Chesapeake Bay, three miles off the Eastern Shore town of Cape Charles. The construction of the prototype turbine is scheduled to be completed in late 2013, which would be before other offshore wind energy projects are slated to be built in other parts of the country. The expected design life of the prototype turbine is expected to be 20 years or more. The submarine cable system is expected to last more than 100 years.† Not only will this provide energy but will also create structure for marine life.

Whale Watching: More than 50 separate whales have been spotted near Virginia Beach since December, as many as 20 in one day. NOAA's Office of Law Enforcement reminds all those enjoying the water to observe whales from a safe distance of at least 100 yards, 500 yards for endangered North Atlantic right whales.

Tournament News

Kelly Stafford Memorial Hickory Shad and White Perch Tournament: March 31 - April 1 (James River) ***Results***

Weather Saturday started and ended with rain, but not enough to deter the shad or shad fisherman. The river was bristling with shad. The pros – Murray, Carter and Lee put on a show with their flyrods and dominated the weight entries. The social was cut short by rain, but fun while it lasted. All in all, a real good tournament with 13 members fishing.

Hickory shad Points:

Fred Cousins 1-10 on 2# fly = 232 pts (wins a Green Top gift card)
Fred Cousins 1-8 on 2# fly = 214 pts
Parks Rountrey 1-11 on 2#spin = 194 pts

Hickory shad Weight:

Fred Murray 2-2 (wins a Green Top gift card)
Fred Murray 2-0 (tiebreaker)
Glenn Carter 2-0

White Perch Points:

Parks Rountrey 0-10 on 2#spin = 164 pts (wins a Green Top gift card)
Bob Schepker 0-11 on 4# spin = 149 pts
Parks Rountrey 0-9 on 2#spin = 148 pts

White Perch Weight:

Glenn Carter 1-6 (wins a Green Top gift card)
Stuart Lee 0-14
Glen Carter 0-12

Tournament News

Virginia Croaker: May 5-6 (blow date following weekend)

This will be our first croaker tournament in many years. Spring croaker fishing is best up in the small branches of rivers, creek mouths and around piers. These fish are great fighters on light tackle and will readily take grubs and flies. Feel free to call Parks for tips.

One angler can win both weight and points divisions by entering 2 different fish. You can enter both fish in weight, both for points or one of each.

Call in entries within 24 hours from the end of tournament to Angling Activities Chairman Parks Rountrey 804-349-6001. You cannot change the entry category once you have registered it with the Chairman.

You do not need to fill out cards to turn in for the tournament, but do need a card if you want it to be registered as a club entry.

Tournament First Place Awards for both species by weight and points = Anglers Choice: Traditional pewter cup, \$40 Green Top gift certificate or a VAC Banquet ticket.

Bernie Skydanek Memorial Eastern Shore VA Surf - Red Drum* May 19-20 (tides high @ 7:49 am) (blow date June 2-3) (2 wks.)

Back by popular demand! This was a huge hit last year. Don't miss this one! Our tourney date is near peak of the spring drum migration. You should have waders, a fairly shallow draft boat (or ride with a fellow member) and be prepared for a long hike after anchoring your boat in shallow water behind a barrier island.

Contact event leader Bob Shepherd or Parks Rountrey to confirm your participation and also to check event dates if weather or surf conditions are questionable.

Times: Sun-up Saturday to Sundown Sunday

Location: Barrier Islands of Virginia Eastern Shore

For those who may be unfamiliar with the Eastern Shore, but still would like to fish, please contact Bob Shepherd. Bob will be glad to lead people to the fishing grounds (keeping in mind that different sized boats may have to take different paths to access the islands).

Tips: Peeler crabs and fresh cut bait (such as spot, croakers, whiting, bluefish, menhaden, etc.) are all good red drum baits. Black drum are frequently caught from the surf this time of year as well, so fishing with peeler crabs opens the opportunity to catch those as well. A half dozen peeler crabs can get an angler through the day when things are slow, but on a good bite, or when bait stealers are prevalent, it's not uncommon to burn through 1.5 dozen peelers per angler per day.

Bob's contact info:

email: bshepherd@medivisuals.com

cell: 804-241-0870 (sometimes inaccessible at Bob's Eastern Shore cottage) Bob's Eastern Shore land line: 757-678-7847

Social gathering at Mike Ostrander's parent's house from 5:00 to 6:30 PM Saturday will include grilling burgers – and or fish, sides, and bring your favorite beverage. There may also be room to pitch a tent at Mike's parent's property – call Mike for details (cell 938-2350)

You can register your catches by calling or e-mail entries to Angling Activities Chairman Parks Rountrey 804-349-6001 (prountrey@comcast.net).

VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 4/12/12

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>ANGLER</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>LN</u>	<u>DIV.</u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>BAIT</u>
2012 SPECIES LEADERS - SALTWATER								
BASS, BLACK SEA	JH Sheffield	2-12	6	Spin	203	1/6/12	65 Deg. Tower, NC	Hopkins
BASS, STRIPED	JH Sheffield	42-0	6	Gen	560	12/31/11	Eastern Shore, VA	Eel
BLUEFISH	M Kodroff	11-0	12	Plug	122	12/15/11	Oregon Inlet, NC	Jig
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F Cousins	8-6	2	Spin	558	12/27/11	Elizabeth River, VA	Mirrolure

2012 SPECIES LEADERS - FRESHWATER								
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	F Cousins	6-12	2	Spin	450	3/19/12	Elly's Pond, VA	Art. Worm
CATFISH, BLUE	B Shepherd	52-0	6	Gen	489	2/3/12	James River, VA	Cut Shad
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	RJ Brown	27-0	4	Gen	365	12/2/11	James River, VA	Cut Bait
CRAPPIE, ALL	Robbie Robinson	1-11	2	Plug	267	2/18/12	Chickahominy River, VA	Blade Bait
GAR, ALL	F Cousins	9-14	2	Plug	359	1/7/12	James River, VA	Grub
PERCH, WHITE	ES Johnston	1-0	2	Fly	333	4/3/12	James River, VA	Fly
PERCH, YELLOW	Robbie Robinson	1-9	2	Plug	411	3/3/12	Chickahominy River, VA	Blade Bait
PICKERAL, CHAIN	F Cousins	3-1	2	Gen	306	12/9/11	Lake Cohoon, VA	Art. Worm
SHAD, AMERICAN	M Kodroff	4-0	4	Spin	239	3/13/12	Tar River, NC	Dart
SHAD, HICKORY	F Cousins	2-4	2	Fly	321	3/13/12	Roanoke River, VA	Shad Fly
SUNFISH, ALL	B Shepherd	1-0	2	Spin	263	3/17/12	Private Pond, VA	Grub

2012 DIVISION LEADERS - SALTWATER								
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F Cousins	8-6	2	Spin	558	12/27/11	Elizabeth River, VA	Mirrolure
BLUEFISH	M Kodroff	11-0	12	Plug	122	12/15/11	Oregon Inlet, NC	Jig
BASS, STRIPED	A Campbell	26-8	12	Fly	331	12/29/11	York River, VA	Half & Half Fly
BASS, STRIPED	JH Sheffield	42-0	6	Gen	560	12/31/11	Eastern Shore, VA	Eel

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2012 SPECIES LEADERS LARGEST - SALTWATER

BASS, BLACK SEA	JH Sheffield	2-12
BASS, STRIPED	L Houser	45-0
BLUEFISH	M Kodroff	11-0
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F Cousins	8-6

2012 SPECIES LEADERS LARGEST - FRESHWATER

BASS, LARGEMOUTH	F Cousins	6-12
CATFISH, BLUE	B Shepherd	52-0
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	RJ Brown	27-0
CRAPPIE, ALL	W Nicar	1-15
GAR, ALL	F Cousins	9-14
PERCH, WHITE	GN Carter	1-6
PERCH, YELLOW	Robbie Robinson	1-9
PICKERAL, CHAIN	F Cousins	3-1
SHAD, AMERICAN	M Kodroff	4-0
SHAD, HICKORY	A Campbell	3-0
SUNFISH, ALL	B Shepherd	1-0

NEW CLUB RECORDS - SALTWATER

SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F Cousins	8-6	2	Spin	558	12/27/11	Elizabeth River, VA	Mirrolure
BASS, STRIPED	L Houser	45-0	16	Gen	281	12/23/11	Chesapeake Bay, VA	Eel
BASS, STRIPED	A Campbell	26-8	12	Fly	331	12/29/11	York River, VA	Half & Half Fly
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PERCH, WHITE	GN Carter	1-6	8	Fly	269	4/1/12	James River, VA	Shad Fly

Robert Thomas

Fishing Adventures

Fly Casting & Fly Tying Instruction
Equipment: Rods, Reels, Lines, etc.
Fly Tying Materials & Tools
Hosted Trips

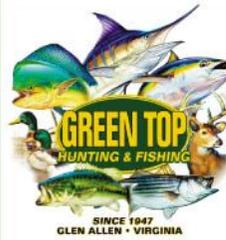
MattyJ Saltwater Flies

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