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for you, Bill,



April 2016

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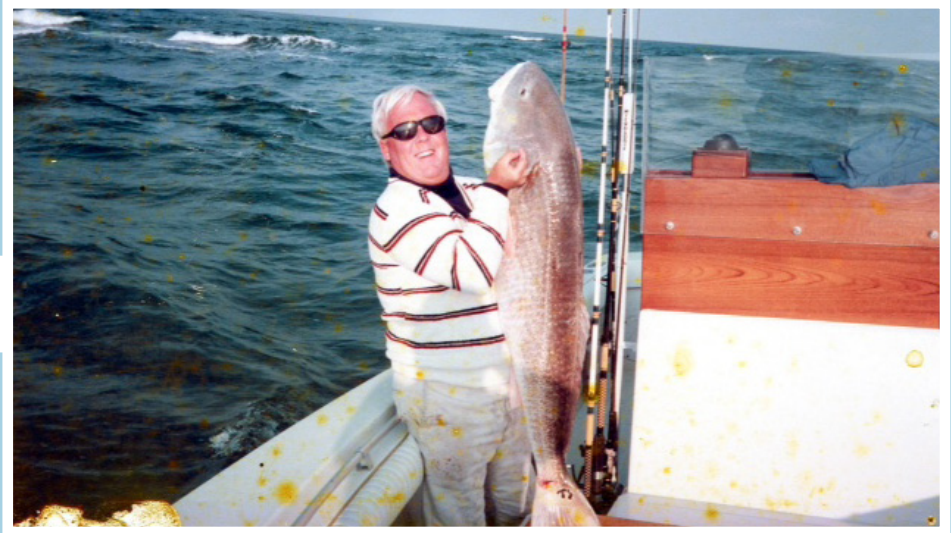
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**NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING –
TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2016
ANNUAL FISH FRY AT MAYMONT NATURE CENTER
(more info to follow)**



BACKLASH

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

FIFTY-SIX YEAR MEMBER BILL DUVAL PASSES MARCH 30, 2016

The Member of the Virginia Anglers Club who epitomized what the VAC is all about was Bill DuVal. Regrettably, VAC Life Member and Master Angler Bill DuVal passed away on Wednesday, March 30, 2016. Bill was a member of the "Class of 1961" anglers who joined the VAC in the year of the Club's founding; among Bill's Classmates are Members Floyd Gottwald and Ernest "Tom" Geisler. The next most senior member is Bill's good friend and University of Richmond fraternity brother Pat Quisenberry.

Bill's angling skills covered many types of tackle and species of fish. Saltwater was Bill's favorite water in which to fish, for which he submitted 493 catch entries; only 42 in fresh water. Bill fished most frequently in the waters in the area of the Florida Keys.

He held 158 Club Record saltwater catches at the time he passed

away; 2 in freshwater. Bill held records for all line classes except 130# and braid. He held records in all tackle divisions except Surf. He never submitted a catch entry for any of these line classes or tackle divisions.

Bill would gladly share information on angling techniques tackle and places. He was strongly interested in youth angling and was always ready to help a youngster up his catch.

If you ever heard one of Bill's stories from his encyclopedic memory of angling experiences, you heard it from the best. Realism conveyed from the angling adventure plus a good dose of the humorous part of the trip soon had you wiping the salt spray from your face and enjoying a good laugh with Bill.

Bill had a side business called Sea D; a dealership of the sturdy and smooth riding Seacraft line of center console and cuddy cabin outboard powered boats. Many VAC Members purchased the boat-motor-trailer combos Bill worked up and had no qualms about taking these sturdy boats well off shore. Some are still in use today. Red was the color of choice and a few yellow and one blue boat rounded out the "fleet".

Bill DuVal is a legend to many VAC Members who joined over the past few years. To members of longer standing, Bill was a good friend whose friendship was celebrated and valued. Bills angling skills and accomplishments are legendary to this day. It is hard for many of us who knew bill personally to realize that Bill has pulled lines for the final time.

*Bill is also remembered in "Catchy Comments" on page 6
and in "Bill DuVal's VAC Catch Record Legacy" on page 7*



APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING– APRIL 26, 2016

ANNUAL FISH FRY AT MAYMONT NATURE CENTER

2201 SHIELDS LAKE DRIVE

Date & Time: Tuesday April 26, 2013

Gates Open at 5:30 PM

Dinner Served Around 6:30-7:00 PM

The highly skilled and widely acclaimed VAC Fry Team will be cooking member donated fish (thawed, chilled, ready to cook, please), French fries, slaw, and hush puppies (from Jeff Doughty's secrete, down-home Dinwiddie recipe) accompanied by soft drinks, water and beer at the Maymont Nature Center under the tent.

***** PLEASE NOTE: PEANUT OIL IS USED FOR ALL FRYING *****

Host Fred Murray will officiate at a Fly casting for distance and a Spin casting for accuracy competition to be held before we eat. Winners of each will received a \$25 Gift Card generously donated by Green Top Sporting Goods.

Two raffles will be featured at the Fish Fry. The monthly raffle for the \$25 Green Top Gift Card will happen as usual – two picks for \$1.00. The special raffle for the two original pieces of art (details below) will conclude with the sale of chances for the third month in a row. A winner for each print raffle will be picked at the Fish Fry. See Bob Brown for tickets for each raffle.

Set up and put away help is welcome. If you can arrive a little early and stay a few minutes after the Fry ends, that would be great. We avoid the set up/tear down fee from Maymont by doing this work ourselves.

This is a great VAC social to which to bring family and friends, especially those who may be interested in becoming a member

A donation of \$10 is suggested to cover the cost of the food, beverages and rent.

SPECIAL REQUEST FOR MEMBER DONATED FISH FILLETS

The personal supply of fish fillets of the Fry Team is very low this year. If you can, please bring what fillets you can and consider keeping edible catches made between the time you read this notice and April 26th.

SPECIAL FISH ART RAFFLE CONCLUDES AT THE APRIL FISH FRY

The two winning tickets of the Special Raffle that has been going on since February will be drawn at the April Fish Fry. The raffle prizes are the two original works of art donated to the Club by Art Wolz, the guest of Bob Brown at the February Awards Banquet. Each original work is matted and ready for framing. Both items will be at the Fish Fry for your inspection.

See Bob Brown for raffle tickets.



TROUT FISHING EXPEDITION TO WAYNESBORO - APRIL 30, 2016

(FLY AND SPIN FISHING FOR TROUT IN THE SOUTH RIVER)

Eric Webster will lead the first fishing expedition of 2016. He'll be taking the group to the Delayed Harvest section of the South River in Waynesboro, VA for a day of trout fishing on Saturday, April 30. The expedition will leave from the Parham Road Park & Ride lot at 8:00 AM. The lot is at the intersection of N. Parham Road and Fordson Road, just south of I-64. The trip to Waynesboro takes ~ 90 minutes. The group will park at Constitution Park (which fronts the South River), gear up and fish from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM. After fishing, the group will head to a local brewery for a bite to eat.

For fly fishing, Eric recommends using a 5 weight fly rod with weight forward floating line, a 9' leader. Use 4X tippet for dry flies and 5X tippet for streamers and nymphs.

The South River is stocked with brown trout and rainbow trout. These two species account for about 99.9% of the trout. The remaining .1% is brook trout that are either survivors from TU Trout in the Classroom releases or they washed down into the stream from the mountains during heavy water. Keep the browns and rainbows in mind if you need them for any of your personal angler awards or see an opportunity to best an existing record.

A table will be set up at the Fish Fry on which will be displayed recommended tackle and baits to use on the Trout Expedition. Eric will have a fly rod and the flies noted below that Tommy Lawthorne suggests will work for you in the South River. Mike Ostrander will have two spin fishing rods and an array of trout lures from grubs to crankbaits. Eric and Mike will be around to answer any questions you might have.

For those planning to fly fish during the Trout Expedition, listed below are some fly pattern and lure suggestions from South River Fly Shop's Tommy Lawthorne.

(Contact The South River Fly Shop at <http://southriverflyshop.com/>)



Fly Patterns

- Caddis Larvae – Olive, Tan, Brown
- Small mayfly patterns – size 16
- Zebra midges
- Copper Johns - size 16
- Pheasant Tails – sizes 14, 16, 18
- Oliver Woolly Bugger – sizes 10, 12
- Eggs and Worms (for higher water)

Spinning Lures

- Crystal Buggers
- Trout magnet
- Small spinners (Mepps, Aglia, Panther Martin)
- Spoons (Luhr Jensen Super Duper)
- Small Rebel Crawdad (a killer lure that all the spinning anglers use for smallmouth but don't consider for trout)
- White Grub (Mike Ostrander* recommended this lure)

*Mike writes: "2 1/2" grubs on 1/32 oz collarless jig heads work great, as do spinner of various colors in smaller sizes. White curly tail grubs work very well and the best ones to buy are the Greentop brand as they are actually the Wright Bait Company grubs packaged for GreenTop ... best grubs on the market. Just ask Art (Conway)!!!"

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**



MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING – A WELL ATTENDED FLY FISHING SEMINAR

The March Membership Meeting was a two-part affair. About a dozen Members attended a demonstration put on by Blane Chocklett at 3:30 pm on March 22nd. Following a break for dinner, Blane again took to the podium and presented a video backed talk about “Fishing Around Virginia”. Blane passed around some samples of his catch-proven articulated streamer flies called the “Game Changer”. Much of his presentation showed muskies that were landed with this type of fly in their mouths. Attendance at the evening presentation was about 45. If you missed Blane’s program or want to see parts or all of it, a video of the evening’s presentation is posted in the Member’s area of the VAC Website.



FEBRUARY YELLOW PERCH TOURNAMENT WINNERS (February 26 thru March 13)

Points Results						
	Angler	Specie	Tackle Class	Line Weight (#)	Weight	
					Lbs.	Ozs.
1st. Place	J Doughty	Yellow Perch	Plug	2#	1	2
2nd Place	F Cousins	Yellow Perch	Plug	2#	0	10
3rd Place	W Shands	Yellow Perch	Spin	2#	0	7

Weight Results						
	Angler	Specie	Tackle Class	Line Weight (#)	Weight	
					Lbs.	Oz.
1st. Place	Gn Carter	Yellow Perch	Plug	4#	1	2
2nd Place	W Shands	Yellow Perch	Spin	2#	0	6
3rd Place						

SHAD AND WHITE PERCH TOURNAMENT (APRIL 16 AND 17, 2016)

“Press Time” for the April Angler came before the results of this tournament could be included. Look for an E-Cast and in the May Angler for tournament results.

THREE NEW MEMBERS VOTED INTO VAC MEMBERSHIP

The Directors of the Virginia Anglers Club has voted into Membership:

GRANT ALVIS

Grant Alvis is an avid freshwater angler and started fishing at the young age of 3 years old. Grant is an active catch and release kayak angler (Hobie Pro Angler 14) and has a 19 ft. Sea Pro center console to use when his arms are tired of paddling. Grant began tying his own flies about 10 years ago when he was 13 years old and has had very good results with them. Grant has set a personal goal to catch a citation fish of every freshwater species of the 25 fish recognized as a citation species by the VDGI*, picking up VDGI Master Angler ratings as he moves thru the list. Grant is a graduate of VCU with a degree Environmental Studies. Grant and New Member Josh Dolin (see below) are co-founders and contributors of their website www.fishhardorstayhome.com (worth a look to see a very professional looking and educational website). Grant’s fishing preferences are saltwater flats fishing from a kayak and fly fishing for smallmouth bass. Grant lives in Mechanicsville, VA.

On his Membership Application, Grant has entered the following items in the “Notable Fishing Accomplishments” section:

- Hobie Kayaks Fishing Team Member 2015 and 2015
- Yak Attack Kayak Fishing Team Regional Member 2016
- VDGI Master Angler II (13 citations)
- 1st Place Yak Attack Kayak Fishing Tournament 2014
- 1st Place Shad Shootout 2014 and 2015
- 1st Place Redfish Division, 2013 Tidewater Kayak Anglers Association Charity Fishing Tournament



Grant Alvis With A Citation Muskie

*Open <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/fishing/varp/citations.asp> for the list of the citation species and also a listing by year by body of water in which citation fish were caught.



JOSH DOLIN

Josh Dolin is a multi-freshwater species angler who fishes mainly from a kayak, a 2015 Jackson Kayak Big Tuna kayak. He participates in the Virginia Angler Recognition Program* and has caught 14 different citation of the 25 freshwater species recognized by the VDGIF. He is at the Master Angler II level and is in a friendly competition to reach Master Angler V before his fishing partner Grant Alvis reaches that level. Josh is one fish ahead at the moment. Josh has been featured in many magazine articles as well as a nice write up by Tee Clarkson about Josh and Grant Alvis' angling accomplishments (reprint coming in the May Angler). As noted above, Josh is a partner in the website he co-founded and a contributor to with Grant Alvis. Josh lives in Richmond, VA.

Josh lists among his "Notable Fishing Accomplishments" the following.

- A Long Nose Gar Catching Expert
- Tied Two IGFA Line Class Records For Hickory Shad
- Trophy Alligator Gar Catch – Texas in 2014
- Jackson Kayak Pro Staff
- Yak Attack Pro Staff

*See <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/fishing/varp/>.



Josh Dolin Workin' The Night Shift
From His Kayak

TOM FRANCO

Thomas "Tom" Franco has lived in Virginia for the past 17 years. Prior to coming to Virginia, Tom lived in North Carolina, New Jersey and New York. Tom graduated from NYU with a Computer Science Degree and has been in technology sales all of his post-graduation life. Tom will fish where he visits friends and family in Ashville, NC, on the Northern Neck of VA, New York City and Sebago Maine. His "fleet" of water craft includes a 23' Pioneer Sportfish 223, two ROAM Kayaks from Dagger, two Paddleboards and a Seadoo 135 HP (wonder what he catches from the paddleboards?). The fly fishing bug bit Tom about 5 years ago and fly fishing for freshwater species has been his love ever since. He is now expanded his fly fishing interests to salt water. Tom's catches in the past 5 years have been a pretty even mix of salt water and fresh water species with catches of yellow fin and blue fin tunas taking him offshore. Tom is a fly tyer, is into oyster gardening and has a fly fishing blog, www.toms-wollybooger.blogspot.com/. Tom's most memorable fishing day was a 100 catch day on the Watauga and South Holston Rivers, rivers located just over the VA/TN border south and south east, respectively of Bristol VA. Tom lives in Mechanicsville, VA with his wife, Sheila; they have four children and two dogs.

WISDOM FROM THE TACKLE BOX

Enjoy thy stream, O harmless fish;
And when an angler for his dish,
Through gluttony's vile sin,
Attempts, the wretch, to pull thee out,
God give thee strength, O gentle trout,
To pull the rascal in!
~John Wolcot

For The Leadership Team,
John Wetlaufer, Sr.
Membership Chairman

“Catchy Comments”

By *Stuart Lee*



Spring in central Virginia has been reluctant to fully emerge. The wind and cold that always seem to be present during Ring Perch and early Shad seasons has persisted, but warmer and calmer days are coming. Angling activity has picked up and members have made a number of entries, most of which coming from fresh water. It appears that Glenn Carter's presentation at our February meeting on achieving angling ratings has prompted some interest, which is a good thing.

Buddy Noland caught a 5 ½ lb. largemouth bass on March 23 on 2 lb. spin for 366 points, a very nice catch. Unfortunately for Buddy, Fred Cousins also caught a 5 ½ lb. largemouth bass on 2 spin in mid-January and under our rules in the event of a tie, the earlier catch is deemed to be the winner. Shad fishing has been good, with a very good showing of Hickory Shad and Herring but American Shad in the James River continue to be scarce. Mickey Kodroff and Jim Sheffield have been fishing the Tar River in North Carolina for American Shad, and Jim entered a 3 ¾ lb fish and Mickey a 4 lb. fish-both caught on 4 lb. spin.

Since the passing of Bill DuVal in March, I have thought about some of our many shared experiences. As you probably know or could easily guess, Bill was a very good fisherman. He was always fun to fish with and always had the right temperament, not too intense, but always serious enough for the job at hand. I fished regularly with him for a period of more than 30 years. I learned many things from Bill and learned many more while fishing with him. We fished fresh and salt water, inshore, offshore, and in between.

The thing I learned the most from Bill was about being flexible. I tend to always have a plan laid out in my mind before going fishing and will continue on that path almost no matter what. Bill DuVal, I suspect, always had a plan but would abandon that plan at the drop of a hat if the hint of another opportunity were presented. I have a number of stories that I can recall from our many trips, but I cannot in any way tell them with the flourish that he could.

For a number of years, Bill and I would take a boat and rent a house on Ocracoke in May to fish around the inlet for Red Drum. It was on one of these trips that he and I were fishing in the inlet on the shoals at night and decided to quit and started for the dock about midnight. It was as dark as the inside of your hat, we were running up the snakey channel from the inlet to Silver Lake, Bill was running the boat, and I was holding the light; we missed a turn in the channel and fetched up on a shoal so high that the boat laid over on its side. It was low tide and I stuck a mop handle over the side and found the water was not deep enough to get your ankle wet if you went overboard, so we were doomed to sleep on the boat where we were. The problem was that the boat was laid over so far on its side that you could not lay on the floor, rather on the side of the boat under the gunnel. We woke about daylight; the tide had risen; the boat was barely afloat, and we eased our way off the bar and headed to the dock to get breakfast and bait.

Another time we were offshore fishing in Bill's SeaCraft about 25 miles SE of Oregon Inlet when the engine water pump seized up. This was a long time ago, when the Coast Guard actually came to the aid of disabled vessels. We called Station Oregon Inlet, and they dispatched a 44-footer to come to our assistance. Once they found us and made fast to us and started the tow, we noticed the speed was a little fast for trolling but eased a couple of lines out to try our luck on the way home. We soon hooked up (I do not remember on what), but it was obvious that we could not manage the fish without slowing down. We called the Coast Guard and asked them to slow up until we could get the fish in and, surprisingly, the skipper was very irate at us for putting out lines while under tow and made it clear that for the remainder of the trip there would be no more fishing.

Bill could add many more stories and tell them far better than I because if there was anything he could do better than fish, it may have been telling stories.

Stuart

Mechanicsville, VA

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BILL DUVAL'S VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB
LEGACY OF RECORD CATCHES

During Bill DuVal's fifty-six years as a Member of the Virginia Anglers Club, Bill set more catch records than any other Member. His angling prowess also led Bill to catch many World Records during his years of angling. Rob Kramer, the President of the IGFA, told this author that Bill held 60 World Records during his angling days, 13 of which still stand as of March 30, 2016.

A study of the VAC's Catch Record Data Base showed the following Catch Record Legacy Bill left with us. Note there are records for every line class except 130# mono braid and every tackle division except Freshwater Spin and Surf.

W.B. "Bill" Duval's Catch Legacy to the Virginia Anglers Club
 (Based on Bill's Catch Submissions as of 3-30-2016)

Overall Catches

Of Bill's 517 catches in the data base, 160 (31%) stand as club records Bill held about 13% of the VAC's Records in the Catch Data Base [Of all of the 11,888 catches in the catch data base, only 1210 are records (1%)]

Highest Point Catch

Amberjack/Greater, 73-4 on 16# Plug - Key West, FL - 916 (!) Points

Places Bill Fished

AK FL NC VA Bermuda Mexico

Standing Records By Line Class

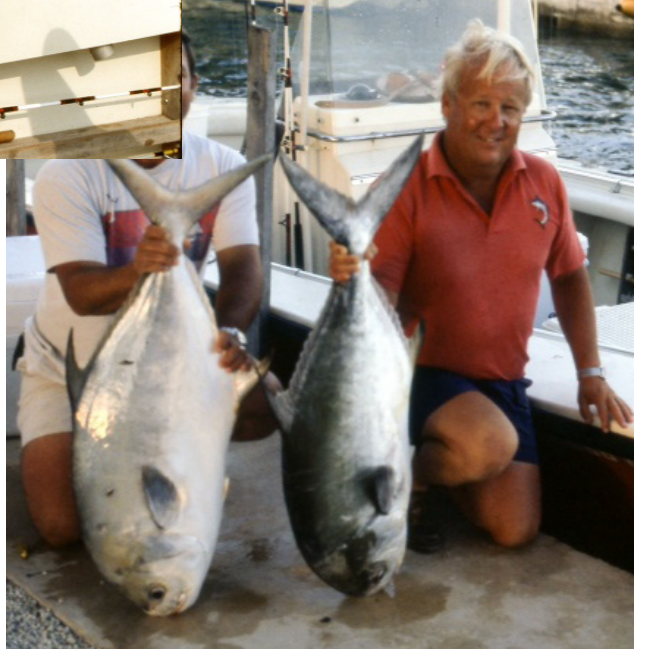
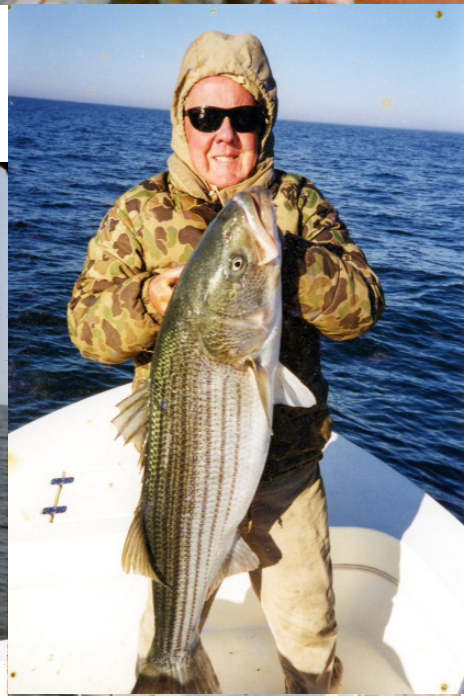
Line Class (#)	No. Of Records
2	6
4	23
6	14
8	36
12	27
16	34
20	12
30	6
50	1
80	1
130	0
Braid -All	0

Standing Records By Tackle Division

Tackle Division	No. Of Records
Fly - FW	1
Fly -SW	31
Spin - FW	1
Spin SW	30
Plug - FW	1
Plug - SW	30
Gen - FW	0
Gen - SW	67
Surf	0



REMEMBERING
BILL DUVAL



TOURNAMENT – EXPEDITION SCHEDULE – THRU JUNE 30, 2016



(Note: Programs listed are subject to change)

Meeting: April 26

Fish Fry (no speaker, usual casting games)

April – Expedition Saturday, April 30

Trout Fishing on the South River (Led by Eric Webster)

Meeting: May 24

Speaker: Art Conway on Chickahominy Lake (patterns/methods for upcoming expedition)

May -- Expedition Saturday, May 28

Chickahominy Lake Fishing & Lunch (Led by Art Conway)

June -- Expedition Saturday June 25

Flathead Wade Fishing Trip (Led by Billy Nicar)

Meeting: June 28

Swap Shop & multi stations (topics tbd)

SOUTH RIVER FLY FISHING EXPO ON APRIL 23RD AND 24TH OF 2016

This year’s event will feature: Stu Apte, Pat Dorsey, Greg Senyo, Will Turek, Chuck Kraft, Captain Matt Miles and many more great speakers. Project Healing Waters and Shenandoah Valley TU will be offering free beginner fly casting and introductory fly tying, a Kids Trout Fishing Tank, lots of vendors with fly fishing goods and services for sale, and great local foods and beverages.

In preparation for the event SVTU and the South River Fly Shop will also be stocking hundreds of pounds of hard fighting Rainbow Trout in the South river for all to enjoy.

Keep this Expo in mind. It might be a good event to break out your fly rod and gear for the 2016 Angling Year.

**SPECIAL NORTH CAROLINA FISHING TACKLE REGULATIONS
UPPER ROANOAKE RIVER & TRIBS**

Barbless Hooks Required April 1- June 30 in Upper Roanoke River
From April 1 through June 30, anglers fishing in the upper Roanoke River are required to use a single barbless hook or a lure with a single barbless hook. The upper Roanoke River is defined as the main river channel and all tributaries, upstream from the U.S. Highway 258 Bridge near Scotland Neck to Roanoke Rapids Lake Dam. Find out where the striped bass are biting this spring by reading the [Wildlife Commission’s Coastal Rivers Fisheries Reports](#) for the Roanoke, Tar, Neuse and Cape Fear rivers.





ANNUAL AWARDS 2016

President's Award Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	BL NOLAND	5lb-8oz		2 SPIN	366	3/23/16	Taylor's Pond, VA	Spinner Bait

President's Award Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, STRIPED	BL NOLAND	9lb-4oz		4 PLUG	185	12/26/15	off Gwynn's Island, VA	Bucktail Jig

Division Awards Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	F COUSINS	5lb-8oz		2 SPIN	366	1/15/16	Private Lake New Kent Co., VA	Art. Lizzard
PERCH, YELLOW	J DIETRICH	0lb-8oz		2 GEN	106	4/6/16	chickahominy lake, VA	Bobby Garland Itty Bit Swimmer
PERCH, YELLOW	J DOUGHTY	1lb-2oz		2 PLUG	296	3/11/16	mattaponi, VA	blade bait
SHAD, HICKORY	J BLANKENSHIP	2lb-8oz		4 FLY	297	3/21/16	James river fall line, VA	fly

Division Awards Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, STRIPED	R CHOI	42lb-0oz	50BR	GEN	140	12/19/15	York River, VA	Live Eel
BASS, STRIPED	SC LEE	11lb-12oz	12	FLY	146	12/4/15	Chesapeake Bay, VA	Half and Half
BASS, STRIPED	BL NOLAND	9lb-4oz		4 PLUG	185	12/26/15	off Gwynn's Island, VA	Bucktail Jig

"Highest Point" Species Awards Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	F COUSINS	5lb-8oz		2 SPIN	366	1/15/16	Private Lake New Kent Co., VA	Art. Lizzard
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	GN CARTER	2lb-14oz		4 PLUG	208	12/16/15	Pamunkey River, VA	Bomber Model A
BOWFIN	M CLINE	5lb-7oz		2 SPIN	271	2/27/16	Mattaponi River, VA	Jig
CRAPPIE, ALL	DL NOBLES	1lb-13oz		2 SPIN	287	3/31/16	private pond, VA	Berkley 3 inch Emerald Shiner
PERCH, WHITE	A CAMPBELL	0lb-12oz		2 FLY	250	4/17/16	James river, VA	barbless shad fly
PERCH, WHITE	J BLANKENSHIP	0lb-12oz		2 FLY	250	4/17/16	james river, VA	barbless shad fly
PERCH, YELLOW	J DOUGHTY	1lb-2oz		2 PLUG	296	3/11/16	mattaponi, VA	blade bait
PICKEREL, CHAIN	W SHANDS	2lb-0oz		2 SPIN	200	2/28/16	Little Creek Reservoir, VA	1/16 Yamamoto Grub
SHAD, AMERICAN	MB KODROFF	4lb-0oz		4 SPIN	239	3/25/16	Tar River, NC	Dart
SHAD, HICKORY	J BLANKENSHIP	2lb-8oz		4 FLY	297	3/21/16	James river fall line, VA	fly
SUNFISH	SC LEE	1lb-1oz		4 PLUG	230	3/21/16	Private pond, VA	Jig-n-minnow
SUNFISH, REDEAR	W SHANDS	1lb-5oz		2 SPIN	208	12/5/15	Wyndym Lake, VA	1/32 jig w/ a Jilt Grub
TROUT, BROOK	M MORAN	1lb-1oz		6 FLY	81	3/11/16	Escatawba farms, VA	Golden retriever fly
TROUT, BROWN	W MORAN	2lb-5oz		6 FLY	103	3/11/16	escatawba Farms, Covington, VAs,	Golden Retriever Fly
TROUT, RAINBOW	M MORAN	4lb-8oz		6 FLY	200	3/11/16	Escatawba farms, VA	Golden retriever fly

"Highest Point" Species Awards Saltwater

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BASS, STRIPED	BL NOLAND	9lb-4oz		4 PLUG	185	12/26/15	off Gwynn's Island, VA	Bucktail Jig

"Heaviest" Species Awards Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	F COUSINS	5lb-8oz		2 SPIN	366	1/15/16	Private Lake New Kent Co., VA	Art. Lizzard
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	GN CARTER	2lb-14oz		4 PLUG	208	12/16/15	Pamunkey River, VA	Bomber Model A
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PERCH, WHITE	J DOUGHTY	0lb-14oz		2 SPIN	230	3/11/16	Mattaponi River, VA	soft plastic
PERCH, YELLOW	GN CARTER	1lb-2oz		4 PLUG	244	3/10/16	Mattaponi, river, VA	Blade Bait
PICKEREL, CHAIN	W SHANDS	2lb-0oz		2 SPIN	200	2/28/16	Little Creek Reservoir, VA	1/16 Yamamoto Grub
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SHAD, HICKORY	A CAMPBELL	2lb-8oz		8 FLY	221	3/21/16	James River, VA	FLY
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SUNFISH, REDEAR	W SHANDS	1lb-5oz		2 SPIN	208	12/5/15	Wyndym Lake, VA	1/32 jig w/ a Jilt Grub
TROUT, BROOK	M MORAN	1lb-1oz		6 FLY	81	3/11/16	Escatawba farms, VA	Golden retriever fly
TROUT, BROWN	W MORAN	2lb-5oz		6 FLY	103	3/11/16	escatawba Farms, Covington, VAs,	Golden Retriever Fly
TROUT, RAINBOW	M MORAN	4lb-8oz		6 FLY	200	3/11/16	Escatawba farms, VA	Golden retriever fly

"Heaviest" Species Awards Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, STRIPED	R CHOI	42lb-0oz	50BR	GEN	140	12/19/15	York River, VA	Live Eel



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New Club Records Freshwater

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New Club Records Saltwater

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BASS, STRIPED	R CHOI	42lb-0oz	50BR	GEN	140	12/19/15	York River, VA	Live Eel

Youth Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
CATFISH, BLUE	LILLY CASE 13_17	30lb-0oz	12	GEN	208	3/19/16	James River, VA	Cut Bait
CRAPPIE, ALL	ADDISON NICAR 0_6	2lb-5oz	8	GEN	159	3/8/16	PRIVATE POND, VA	LIVE MINNOW
PERCH, WHITE	BETTY JANE ROWE 7_12	0lb-10oz	6	SPIN	113	4/16/16	James River, VA	Shad dart

Non-Local Award Fresh or Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
SNOOK	RE NUCKOLS	7lb-0oz	4	GEN	140	3/16/16	Tampa Bay, FL	minow

New Member Award

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	W SHANDS	2lb-12oz	2	SPIN	183	12/27/15	Wyndym Lake, VA	Crack Jack 38 DR
CRAPPIE, ALL	W SHANDS	1lb-0oz	2	SPIN	158	2/28/16	Little Creek Reservoir, VA	1/16 Yamamoto Grub
PERCH, WHITE	W SHANDS	0lb-10oz	2	SPIN	164	4/16/16	James River, VA	1/16 Yamamoto grub
PERCH, YELLOW	W SHANDS	0lb-7oz	2	SPIN	115	3/6/16	Tredegar Lake, VA	Crackjack MR
PICKEREL, CHAIN	W SHANDS	2lb-0oz	2	SPIN	200	2/28/16	Little Creek Reservoir, VA	1/16 Yamamoto Grub
SHAD, HICKORY	W SHANDS	1lb-9oz	6	GEN	101	4/10/16	James River, VA	Bladebaits
SUNFISH	W SHANDS	0lb-12oz	2	SPIN	197	3/14/16	Duval Pond, VA	Rigge
SUNFISH, REDEAR	W SHANDS	1lb-5oz	2	SPIN	208	12/5/15	Wyndym Lake, VA	1/32 jig w/ a Jilt Grub
Total					1326			



For up-to-the-minute information about the VDGIF's 100th Anniversary Celebration please go to <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/100/>

OLD VDGIF HEADQUARTERS COMPLEX HAS BEEN SOLD

The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries complex at 1600 West Broad Street in Richmond has been sold for \$5.1 million dollars which was more than the appraised value. The Virginia Anglers Club met there many times over the years.

FROM THE MARCH 23RD AND APRIL 14TH EDITIONS OF THE OUTDOOR REPORT

KIDS 'N FISHING PHOTO CONTEST

Picture the excitement! It certainly is easy to “picture it,” kids ‘n fishing that is. Smiles, laughs, looks of anticipation and, excitement. So, join in on the fun. Capture the excitement of your child on camera while fishing and enter their picture in the annual Kids ‘n Fishing Photo Contest sponsored by Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, Green Top Sporting Goods, and Shakespeare Tackle Company!

The winning pictures are those that best capture the theme “kids enjoying fishing.” Children in the first through third place photographs of each category will receive a variety of fishing-related prizes. Winning pictures will also be posted on the VDGIF website and may be used in a variety of VDGIF publications. Any picture will do. Each winner receives a rod and reel fishing combo from Shakespeare and a lure and tackle assortment courtesy of Green Top Sporting Goods!

For [complete contest rules, visit the website](#). Photos submitted must be postmarked by September 3, 2016.

[View the winning entries from the 2015 Kids ‘n Fishing Photo Contest!](#)

KIDS FISHING DAYS SCHEDULED FOR 2016

Nearly 50 kids fishing day events are scheduled in the [2016 KFD Table](#) posted on the VDGIF website.

NEW STATE RECORD HYBRID STRIPED BASS

This new state record Hybrid Striped Bass was caught by Don Jessie! The fish was officially weighed in at Rockhouse Marina and recognized at 15 lbs, 13 oz. DGIF fisheries biologist John Copeland was there to verify the fish and the weight. The fish measures 28.5 inches with a girth of 21.75 inches.



SHAD CAM “CATCH” CONTEST



Be part of an exciting citizen science-project, and you could win a gift certificate, worth up to \$100, to the [DGIF eStore](#)! Now through April 30, 2016, we want you to “catch” any fish you see swim by on the [Shad Cam](#) view window and share them with us. Get the full details below:

- Watch the [Shad Cam](#)
- See a fish swim by? “Catch” it before it gets away by saving the image. Here’s how:
 - Viewing from your smart phone? Tap the camera feed with your finger and hold until the save image option appears.
 - Viewing from a PC? You can right-click on the Shad Cam image and then save the photo. You can also [screen capture](#) the image but please try to crop the photo as best you can.
 - Viewing from a Mac? Hold the control key, click the image, and then save the photo.
- Once saved, share your best “catches” by using #ShadCam and mention us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) (@vdgif), or tag us on [Instagram](#) (@virginiawildlife). You can also email your daily catches to social@dgif.virginia.gov.

We aren’t just looking for shad—share your best photos with us regardless of the species. The daily creel limit is 10 photos a day per person. Make sure any fish you “catch” are keepers! Contest ends April 30th, 2016.

This contest is not open to DGIF employees or their immediate family. Immediate family members are defined as children, siblings or others residing in the same household with a VDGIF employee.

Robert Thomas

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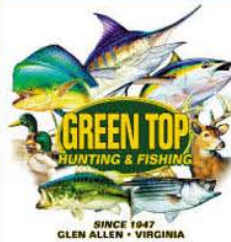
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