

Here comes the Fall Migration!

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SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, Sept 22nd, 2020 Meeting starts at 7:00pm This will be a virtual (Zoom) meeting link listed below:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85082309315?pw d=Q3FybFMrWDBVdUFjZ3hIWIZMYzVXUT09

VAC Angling Rules Questions?

Do you have a question concerning angling rules? If so, email your questions to Fred Cousins (cousinsf1@verizon.net). Fred will address questions during the next general membership meeting.

HELP WANTED

Newsletter Position – Someone to help with the "Angler" newsletter, no experience needed. Contact Carter Clevinger (carter.clevinger@dominionenergy.com) if interested.

August Program Report Outdoor Access Jamie Christensen

The Outdoor Access Co-founder, President, Chief Technology Officer Jamie Christensen spoke at our August meeting. Their goal is to provide members with a variety of recreational activities, while giving landowners the ability to share and preserve their land. Become a member and rent land to hunt or fish for a day, a week, or a season. The landowners have the control and flexibility of scheduling their properties. Here are a few highlights:

- A managed online platform
- 4 million in liability insurance
- Currently 5000 members
- 650 plus listings
 - 68 percent of members bring a guest

• 89 percent of available land is within an hour from a metro area.

Outdoor Access is offering a discount of 30% off a premium membership to VAC, use code VAFISH when you signup.



PROGRAMS



September 22: Kelly Sutton a retired dentist and Author, who recently visited Canada on a coast to coast road trip with his friend Greg. They fished and explored the country during their trip. After returning to Virginia they wrote a book about their experiences. He will have much info to offer on potential fishing options for VAC members that have an interest in planning a future Canadian trip. "Tune" in via Zoom and hear what Kelly has to say.

PREVIOUS PROGRAMS

The ZOOM video links from previous membership meetings are located on web page under the Videos tab (Speaker and Educational Videos).

EXPEDITIONS

NONE SCHEDULED

<u>REMINDER</u> <u>THE VAC HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE NOW – GO TAKE A LOOK</u>

You can visit the VAC Facebook page for a look by clicking on: https://www.facebook.com/vaanglers/

HOW TO JOIN A ZOOM MEETING

Email link:

- 1. You will receive an email invitation from the meeting host
- 2. Click on the link in the email (join via PC, Mac, iOS or Android)
- 3 You will be directed to the meeting

FOR SCALE CERTIFICATION, PLEASE CONTACT

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Ryan Noland at: (804)658-1955 (H), (894)896-4178 (C) or ryan.n.noland@usa.dupont.com

Please remember to be sure your scales are in working order, the barrels are oil free, and are placed in a Zip-Loc type re-sealable plastic bag with your name written on the outside.

President's Message

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It Takes a Fishing Village to Run a Fishing Club – Part II

Hello and I hope the September Newsletter finds you healthy and with a few recent catches worthy of a card submission. With Fall rapidly approaching, the cooler weather means fishing will be getting hot once again in your favorite fresh and saltwater fishing holes. As for me, I'm lucky to have a few fishing trips under my belt this month with a couple decent catches. My favorite fish, the smallmouth bass, has been pretty good lately, and with the cooler nights this week (mid-September already), the bite should be off the chain.

As for meeting in person, it appears there is no end in immediate sight for our club to meet face to face. Perhaps this Fall, but it's looking more like some time in 2021. Keep an eye out for updates on our first event/meeting of the year on February 6, 2021, which is certainly a face to face type meeting, and that is the Annual Awards Banquet.

Regarding the "Fishing Village" in the title of this message, the leadership team is looking for someone to help out with Expeditions. Eric Webster has been overseeing the fishing trips for a few years now and is ready to work with someone in 2021 with the hopes of having it totally taken over in 2022. Expedition Chairman is a fun way to get involved and the sky is the limit when it comes to where we can go, and what we can fish for. Frank Hart has suggested making 2021 the year of the Freshwater Expert Rating and take the Expeditions and gear them towards catching the fish needed for this rating. Thus far, it has been well received and you can expect to see some different trips in 2021 with great opportunities to attain your Freshwater Expert Rating from the VAC.

We are also looking for help with the Newsletter as well. This is NOT a designer's job, and it does NOT involve creating the Newsletter. It involves collecting stories, photos and files and organizing them to send to our Newsletter designer/member, Rob Choi. This is a great way to get involved and Carter Clevenger has been doing a masterful job with the Newsletter for a couple of years now. Huge thanks to Carter for his dedication to the communications to our club.

On Tuesday, September 8, eight new members and a perspective member joined the leadership team on a "New Member" Zoom meeting. It was a fine evening of idea sharing and thoughts being passed arounds with the hopes of generating future activities for the Virginia Anglers Club. One of the highlights, in my opinion, was the ideas of new Expeditions, and offering trips for members to safely gather and fish together while getting to know each other.

There are still calendars for sale, and if you want to purchase one (or more) contact Don West, who is a calendar selling machine. He also has calendars available for members to take and sell as well. Thanks again to Don for his continued efforts and dedication.

Mike Ostrander Virginia Anglers Club, President





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THE VAC ANNUAL CALENDAR SALE IS HERE!

The Virginia Wildlife Calendars are here! The cost of the calendars this year remains at **\$8 each and is HALF of the current retail price of \$15.95**. These calendars are available for members to purchase or to sell for the club's fundraiser.

You can buy as many calendars as you want as they make great gifts. Or, if you want to sell them for the club, you can get as many calendars as you want and

pay Don later. For example, if you wanted 10 calendars to sell, you would take them and once sold, you can get a check to Don for \$80. All checks should be written to the Virginia Anglers Club.

Don West will personally deliver to you any number of 2021 DWR Outdoor Calendars you will need for your sales. Contact Don at 897-8723 (H), Frank Hart at 859-808-0431 (cell), or Mike Ostrander 804-938-2350

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7, 18, 22, ... All seemingly insignificant numbers by themselves, but within the context of the Virginia Anglers Club, this number set represents the total number of Master Anglers, Freshwater Experts, and Saltwater Experts respectively over six decades of club history. Compared to the total club membership, the accomplished few suggest both the complexity and the impressiveness of this given achievement.

My personal goal is to obtain both Expert and Master Angler ranking. Current master anglers (Stuart Lee and Glen Carter) will both tell you that the difficult task of becoming a Master Angler is best accomplished with the help of likeminded friends. I too know the value of having a little help along the way, therefore, this open letter is a request to identify and encourage all club members to take this journey with me. A goal without a plan is really just a wish. Let's make a plan! Do you need a surface fish? Let's plan a trip to Smith Mountain Lake and target striped bass. Club expeditions with a specific target in mind should be a great way for us to initiate our common quest.

If you are even the slightest bit interested in achieving anger ratings, I encourage you to do the following things. Firstly, contact me directly so we can plan together, 859-808-0431, teach2hart@aol.com. Second, familiarize yourself with the requirements, don't catch the right fish on the wrong rod. Finally, submit your catches into the club data base. You will be surprised how helpful this will be along the way.

Best Regards, Frank Hart VAC Membership Chair



I have a 10wt Sage fly rod with reel and line that I bought new in 2009, and I will never use them. I test/ practiced casted with them on the lawn a few times when new, but I never used them. They have never been on/in water. This, they are in absolutely new condition. They have been stored in a closet this entire time, and have no mold, dirt, or any such. In the following paragraphs I will describe the individual items.

The rod is a Sage Xi 2, 1090-4, #10 line, 9'0", 4 1/2 oz. I bought it from Cabela's for \$532.50.

The reel is a Ross Momentum GLD 6. I bought it from Cabela's for \$275. I have the original brand-new condition box with warranty card, etc.

The line is Scientific Anglers Mastery Series Quad Tip Saltwater, WF-10-F/S Green. The tips are as follows. 15' AST Floating. 15' Type I clear tip (1.5 - 2 ips). 15' Type III Wet Tip (3-5 ips). 15' Type V Wet Tip (6-8 ips). The line to tip connections are built in loop to loop. It has a "breathable mesh quad compartment wallet." I have the original box with spool in it. I bought the line, tips, and wallet as a one item set, from Cabela's for \$139.95.

Contact Fred Cousins for more information.

Fish of the Month (August)

Freshwater (points)

R. Hart Bass, Striped (LL) 18lbs 11oz 8-Plug 311pts.

Freshwater (weight)

R. Hart Bass, Striped (LL) 18lbs 11oz Saltwater (points) BL Noland Pompano, Common 2lbs 7oz Surf 243pts

Saltwater (weight) BL Noland Pompano, Common 2lbs 7oz

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ANNUAL AWARDS 2020

	PRESIDENT'S AWARD FRESHWATER											
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait				
CARP	M OSTRANDER	51-8	8	SPIN	919	2020-09-03	COHOKE POND, VA	Swim Bait				

	PRESIDENT'S AWARD SALTWATER										
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait			
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	33-0	8	FLY	550	2020-05-13	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Clauser			

DIVISION AWARDS FRESHWATER											
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait			
CARP	M OSTRANDER	51-8	8	SPIN	919	2020-09-03	COHOKE POND, VA	Swim Bait			
CATFISH, BLUE	F COUSINS	33-0	4	GEN	351	2020-01-31	JAMES RIVER, VA	Cut Shad			
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F MURRAY	24-0	8	FLY	331	2020-02-04	JAMES, VA	Fred Fly			
GAR, ALL	F COUSINS	16-12	2	PLUG	558	2019-12-27	JAMES RIVER, VA	Grub			

DIVISION AWARDS SALTWATER											
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait			
DRUM, RED	C CLEVINGER	44-0	12	SPIN	366	2020-06-04	CBBT, VA	Bucktail			
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	33-0	8	FLY	550	2020-05-13	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Clauser			
POMPANO, COMMON	BL NOLAND	4-5		SURF	431	2020-06-06	RAMP 55 - HATTERAS, NC	Sand Flea			
SPADEFISH	B SHEPHERD	4-13	4	GEN	192	2020-07-22	THE CELL, VA	Clam			
SPOT	C CLEVINGER	0-9	2	PLUG	208	2020-08-09	BUCKROE BEACH, VA	Fish Bites			

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	DN NOLAND	4-11	2	PLUG	312	2020-03-26	WEST POINT, , VA	Jig
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	R HART	4-7	6	GEN	202	2020-09-11	UPPER JAMES RIVER, VA	Minnow
BASS, STRIPED (LL)	R HART	18-11	8	PLUG	311	2020-08-04	SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE, VA	Crankbait
BASS, WHITE	RL WHITE	1-6	4	SPIN	147	2019-12-06	BUGGS ISLAND, VA	Jig
BOWFIN	R HART	7-0	4	SPIN	266	2020-05-30	CHICKAHOMINY LAKE , VA	Senko
CARP	M OSTRANDER	51-8	8	SPIN	919	2020-09-03	COHOKE POND, VA	Swim Bait
CATFISH, BLUE	F COUSINS	33-0	4	GEN	351	2020-01-31	JAMES RIVER, VA	Cut Shad
CATFISH, CHANNEL	R HART	8-8	4	GEN	202	2020-06-27	NORTH ANNA RIVER, VA	Minnow
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F MURRAY	24-0	8	FLY	331	2020-02-04	JAMES, VA	Fred Fly
CRAPPIE, ALL	RJ BROWN	1-10	2	SPIN	257	2020-04-29	MATTAPONI RIVER, VA	Gub
GAR, ALL	F COUSINS	16-12	2	PLUG	558	2019-12-27	JAMES RIVER, VA	Grub
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL	M OSTRANDER	16-8	8	SPIN	275	2020-02-29	JAMES RIVER, VA	6" Jointed Hard Bait
PERCH, WHITE	GN CARTER	0-14	2	PLUG	203	2020-03-31	JAMES RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
PERCH, YELLOW	G ALVIS	1-12	2	SPIN	460	2020-02-29	MATTAPONI RIVER, VA	Grub
PICKEREL, CHAIN	F COUSINS	4-3	2	SPIN	418	2020-02-04	POCOMOKE RIVER, MD	Grub
SHAD, HICKORY	F COUSINS	1-10	2	FLY	232	2020-03-27	JAMES RIVER, VA	Shad Fly
SUNFISH	M OSTRANDER	1-3	2	SPIN	312	2020-05-13	COHOKE POND, VA	White Grub
SUNFISH, REDEAR	DL NOBLES	1-3	2	FLY	237	2020-04-29	PRIVATE POND, VA	Black Leech Streame
TROUT, BROOK	C CLEVINGER	3-0	2	SPIN	340	2020-04-11	SOUTH BRANCH POTOMAC RIVER, WV	Joe's Fly
TROUT, BROWN	C CLEVINGER	2-4	2	SPIN	140	2020-04-11	SOUTH BRANCH POTOMAC RIVER, WV	Joe's Fly
TROUT, RAINBOW	C CLEVINGER	5-10	4	SPIN	255	2020-04-11	SOUTH BRANCH POTOMAC RIVER, WV	Joe's Fly

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"HIGHEST POINT" SPECIES AWARDS SALTWATER											
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait			
COBIA	B SHEPHERD	26-0	12	PLUG	173	2020-07-05	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Bucktail			
CROAKER	C CLEVINGER	1-4	2	SPIN	166	2020-06-19	HRBT, VA	Gulp			
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	33-0	8	FLY	550	2020-05-13	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Clauser			
MACKEREL, SPANISH	C CLEVINGER	2-0	4	SPIN	125	2020-07-19	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Spoon			
POMPANO, COMMON	BL NOLAND	4-5		SURF	431	2020-06-06	RAMP 55 - HATTERAS, NC	Sand Flea			
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	B BROUGHTON	4-2	4	SPIN	206	2020-07-03	PAMLICO SOUND, NC	Gotcha Grub			
SHARK, OTHER	B SHEPHERD	100-0		SURF	250	2020-05-23	SMITH ISLAND, VA	Cut Bait			
SPADEFISH	B SHEPHERD	4-13	4	GEN	192	2020-07-22	THE CELL, VA	Clam			
SPOT	C CLEVINGER	0-9	2	PLUG	208	2020-08-09	BUCKROE BEACH, VA	Fish Bites			

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Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	G ALVIS	9-4	8	PLUG	308	2020-02-04	KING WILLIAM, VA	Suspending Jerkbait
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	R HART	4-7	6	GEN	202	2020-09-11	UPPER JAMES RIVER, VA	Minnow
BASS, STRIPED (LL)	R HART	18-11	8	PLUG	311	2020-08-04	SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE, VA	Crankbait
BASS, WHITE	RL WHITE	1-6	4	SPIN	147	2019-12-06	BUGGS ISLAND, VA	Jig
BOWFIN	T MIDKIFF	8-6	4	GEN	255	2020-03-14	CHICKAHOMINY, VA	Minnow
CARP	M OSTRANDER	51-8	8	SPIN	919	2020-09-03	COHOKE POND, VA	Swim Bait
CATFISH, BLUE	S KNOX	42-0	20BR	GEN	216	2020-04-22	JAMES RIVER, RICHMOND, VA	Cut Shad
CATFISH, CHANNEL	R HART	8-8	4	GEN	202	2020-06-27	NORTH ANNA RIVER, VA	Minnow
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F MURRAY	24-0	8	FLY	331	2020-02-04	JAMES, VA	Fred Fly
CRAPPIE, ALL	DL NOBLES	1-10	2	GEN	208	2020-04-11	PRIVATE POND, VA	Curly Tail Grub, Trolled
GAR, ALL	C CLEVINGER	16-12	6	SPIN	335	2019-12-27	JAMES RIVER, VA	Finesse Grub
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL	R HART	19-4	16	PLUG	178	2020-02-29	UPPER JAMES RIVER, VA	Glide Bait
PERCH, WHITE	SC LEE	0-15	8	FLY	183	2020-03-31	JAMES RIVER, RICHMOND, VA	Murray Shad Fly
PERCH, YELLOW	G ALVIS	1-12	2	SPIN	460	2020-02-29	MATTAPONI RIVER, VA	Grub
PICKEREL, CHAIN	F COUSINS	4-3	2	SPIN	418	2020-02-04	POCOMOKE RIVER, MD	Grub
SHAD, HICKORY	GN CARTER	2-5	8	FLY	204	2020-03-26	JAMES RIVER, VA	Fred's Shad Fly
SNAKEHEAD	F COUSINS	7-1	20BR	GEN	54	2020-06-10	RAPPAHANOCK RIVER, VA	Topwater Frog
SUNFISH	M OSTRANDER	1-4	4	SPIN	271	2020-05-01	COHOKE POND, VA	White Grub
SUNFISH, REDEAR	C CLEVINGER	1-4	2	SPIN	198	2020-05-09	PRIVATE LAKE, VA	White Grub
TROUT, BROOK	C CLEVINGER	3-0	2	SPIN	340	2020-04-11	SOUTH BRANCH POTOMAC RIVER, WV	Joe's Fly
TROUT, BROWN	C CLEVINGER	2-4	2	SPIN	140	2020-04-11	SOUTH BRANCH POTOMAC RIVER, WV	Joe's Fly
TROUT, RAINBOW	C CLEVINGER	5-10	4	SPIN	255	2020-04-11	SOUTH BRANCH POTOMAC RIVER, WV	Joe's Fly

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CROAKER	C CLEVINGER	1-4	2	SPIN	166	2020-06-19	HRBT, VA	Gulp
DOLPHIN	T FRANCO	2-6	16	FLY	19	2020-06-20	CAPE LOOKOUT, NC	Fly - Saltwater Golden Retriever
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	50-0		SURF	357	2020-05-16	SMITH ISLAND, VA	Peeler
MACKEREL, SPANISH	BL NOLAND	2-6		SURF	118	2020-09-06	HATTERAS - RAMP 55, NC	Stingsilver
POMPANO, COMMON	BL NOLAND	4-5		SURF	431	2020-06-06	RAMP 55 - HATTERAS, NC	Sand Flea
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	SC LEE	5-0	6	SPIN	200	2020-06-05	PAMLICO SOUND, NC	Gotcha Grub
SHARK, OTHER	B SHEPHERD	100-0		SURF	250	2020-05-23	SMITH ISLAND, VA	Cut Bait
SPADEFISH	B SHEPHERD	4-13	4	GEN	192	2020-07-22	THE CELL, VA	Clam
SPOT	C CLEVINGER	0-9	2	PLUG	208	2020-08-09	BUCKROE BEACH, VA	Fish Bites

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NEW CLUB RECORDS FRESHWATER												
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait				
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	G ALVIS	9-4	8	PLUG	308	2020-02-04	KING WILLIAM, VA	Suspending Jerkbait				
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BASS, STRIPED (LL)	R HART	18-11	8	PLUG	311	2020-08-04	SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE, VA	Crankbait				
CARP	M OSTRANDER	51-8	8	SPIN	919	2020-09-03	COHOKE POND, VA	Swim Bait				
gar, all	C CLEVINGER	16-12	6	SPIN	335	2019-12-27	JAMES RIVER, VA	Finesse Grub				
GAR, ALL	F COUSINS	16-12	2	PLUG	558	2019-12-27	JAMES RIVER, VA	Grub				
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL	M OSTRANDER	16-8	8	SPIN	275	2020-02-29	JAMES RIVER, VA	6" Jointed Hard Bait				
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL	R HART	19-4	16	PLUG	178	2020-02-29	UPPER JAMES RIVER, VA	Glide Bait				
SUNFISH	M OSTRANDER	1-4	4	SPIN	271	2020-05-01	COHOKE POND, VA	White Grub				
SUNFISH	M OSTRANDER	1-3	2	SPIN	312	2020-05-13	COHOKE POND, VA	White Grub				
SUNFISH	R HART	1-4	4	GEN	215	2020-05-16	WEST POINT, VA	Popeye And Wax Worn				
SUNFISH, REDEAR	DL NOBLES	1-3	2	FLY	237	2020-04-29	PRIVATE POND, VA	Black Leech Streamer				
TROUT, BROOK	C CLEVINGER	3-0	2	SPIN	340	2020-04-11	SOUTH BRANCH POTOMAC RIVER, WV	Joe's Fly				
TROUT, RAINBOW	C CLEVINGER	5-10	4	SPIN	255	2020-04-11	SOUTH BRANCH POTOMAC RIVER, WV	Joe's Fly				

NEW CLUB RECORDS SALTWATER											
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DRUM, RED	C CLEVINGER	44-0	12	SPIN	366	2020-06-04	CBBT, VA	Bucktail			
MACKEREL, SPANISH	BL NOLAND	2-6		SURF	118	2020-09-06	HATTERAS - RAMP 55, NC	Stingsilver			
POMPANO, COMMON	BL NOLAND	4-5		SURF	431	2020-06-06	RAMP 55 - HATTERAS, NC	Sand Flea			
SPOT	C CLEVINGER	0-9	2	PLUG	208	2020-08-09	BUCKROE BEACH, VA	Fish Bites			

				PAJCHAK AW	ARD			
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait

YOUTH FRESHWATER										
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait		
PICKEREL, CHAIN	MASON HELQUIST 7_12	2-6	4	SPIN	174	2020-04-28	TAYLORS POND, VA	Road Runner		
SUNFISH	WINDSOR BROUGHTON 0_6	0-9	4	SPIN	122	2020-04-25	PRIVATE POND, VA	Squirt		

				YOUTH SALTW	ATER			
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait

NON-LOCAL AWARD FRESH OR SALTWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
SAILFISH, ATLANTIC	BW STRUM	0-0	30	GEN	151	2020-02-04	ISLA MUJERES, MEXICO, OTHER	Ballyhoo

NEW MEMBER AWARD									
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait	
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	M MASON	4-4	4	SPIN	212	2020-03-21	JAMES RIVER, VA	Small Crankbait	
CATFISH, CHANNEL	M MASON	2-8	8	PLUG	49	2020-07-23	SC RESERVOIR, VA	Plastic Worm	
CRAPPIE, ALL	M MASON	1-8	8	SPIN	129	2020-06-05	SC RESERVOIR, VA	Crankbait	
PICKEREL, CHAIN	M MASON	2-8	4	PLUG	183	2020-03-23	PRIVATE POND, VA	Grub	
Total					573				