



April 2002

## April Meeting

The April meeting will be held at the *Dept. of Fish & Game Building*, 4010 West Broad Street at **7:00 pm, Tuesday, April 23rd**. The entrance and parking are at the rear of the building.

## April Speaker Capt. Kevin Dubois

Captain Kevin Dubois, co-founder of Coastal Explorer Guide Service, will journey up to Richmond from Virginia Beach to be the speaker at the April VAC membership meeting. He will speak on wade fishing the area around Lynnhaven Inlet and fishing from a kayak.

Kevin is the owner of the Coastal Explorer Guide Service, a company that offers many types of guided trips. Fishing trips cover the Lynnhaven River, the Eastern Shore, the North Carolina Outer Banks and the Atlantic. Kevin has a flats skiff with casting platforms that is available for charter. He also offers guided walking tours of locations like the Backbay National Wildlife Refuge and the False Cape State Park. Kayak tours are also arranged. Coastal Explorers also offers a selection of tied flies well suited to the areas in which he guides.

Kevin has a master's degree in marine environmental research and is a United States Coast Guard licensed captain. He is one of the co-founders of the Coastal Fly Anglers. You can find out more about Kevin and the guide services offered by Coastal Explorer Guide Service at their website at [www.coastalexplorer.com](http://www.coastalexplorer.com).

## CATCHY COMMENTS by Dennis Cline



There have been no saltwater entries during the past month. Freshwater activity has been red hot, however. A great number of VAC anglers have been shad fishing on the James and the Roanoke. Some early returns show large hickories are back again. **Mickey Kodroff** found some very large fish on the Roanoke. Mickey released a 3-0 on two fly and a 3-4 on 4 plug for new club records. The fly catch tops the leader board at 400 points! The James is loaded with fish right now. Many are smallish, but occasional big hickories and whites are mixed in.

**Dave Compton** and **Matt Bruington** have landed a variety of fish from millponds lately. Dave recorded a 4-7 largemouth on 8 spin, a 1-1 white perch on 12 general and a 2-8 chain pickerel on 6 general. Matt chipped in with a 9-7 bowfin on 8 general. Dave's perch was a new club record. **Randy Matthews** recorded his usual white bass, a 1-2 on 2 spin from the Yadkin river. He also tangled with a 7-4 gar on 2 spin on the same day. I'll bet that gar had him thinking he had a record bass for a few minutes!

**Fred Cousins** recorded a 26-0 blue cat on 4 general from the James. **Buddy** and **Danny Noland** have entered a 34-0 and a 35-0 on 6 general, respectively. So far, white perch have been scarce, but **Bob Brown** released a 1-3 on 4 plug for a new club record. **Clint Peters** released a nice 1-7 yellow perch on 4 general for another club record. **Tom Barnett** released the largest sunfish of the year, a nice 1-0 on 2 spin.

March Angler of the Month honors went to yours truly, for the 55-0 blue cat on 4 general reported in last month's newsletter. It's a good thing I got the "real story" out when I did, or no telling how many different club members might have caught that fish!! **Glenn Carter** took second place and third place in the monthly

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## **CATCHY COMMENTS**

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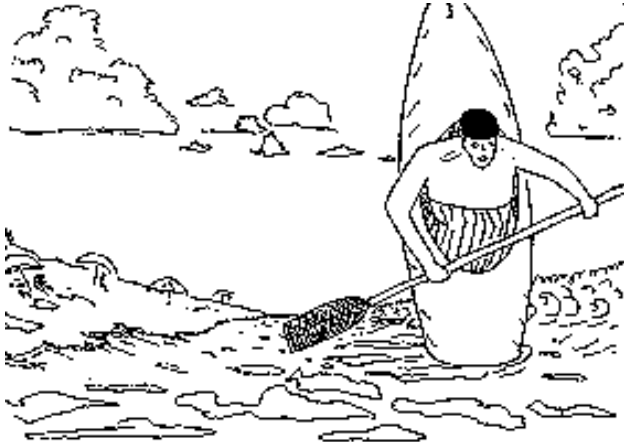
contest. His 1-6 yellow perch on 2 spin took second and his 2-10 hickory shad on 2 fly placed third.

**Ronnie and Glen Sides and Mickey Kodroff** just returned from a steelhead trip on the Oak Orchard River. It sounds like Mother Nature was a bit on the nasty side for their trip (snow and cold weather), but at least a few steelheads cooperated. Ronnie set two club records with a 12-0 on 12 fly and a beautiful 14-0 on 8 fly. Glen and Mickey also caught fish, but I don't have their cards yet.

Saltwater action is just around the corner, so get your stuff together. I think I hear the drum a drummin'!

## **TIP A CANOE... and Spurlin Turns Blue....**

If you catch a nice rod and reel while shad fishing, it may belong to Lynn Spurlin. We will let Lynn tell his own story on this.



## **VAC Supports CCA Initiative to Fix Our Biased VMRC**

Our BOD voted in April to send \$100 to help support a half page ad in the Richmond Times Dispatch calling on the Governor to make balanced appointments to VMRC in June. Let's hope the message gets through! Parks Rountrey spent an hour in April meeting with the new Virginia Secretary of Natural Resources, Tayloe Murphy. The main topic was the imbalance of VMRC. Parks felt the meeting was very positive and believes this administration is committed to professional, objective leadership on VMRC and in other agencies. It is notable that this Governor just appointed the former executive Director of Chesapeake Bay Foundation to head the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.

## **Ukrop's Golden Receipts Time**

VAC Special Activities Chairman Scott Davis has re-registered our club in the Ukrops Supermarket program for this year. The program began on Jan. 28 and ended on Mar. 30. Certificates will be mailed out to customers around May 1. We have a June 1 deadline to return certificates for credit. Please don't throw your statement away! Mail the certificates to the club address and/or bring them to the regular club meeting in May. This provides good revenue for the club.

## **Fishing on the Internet**

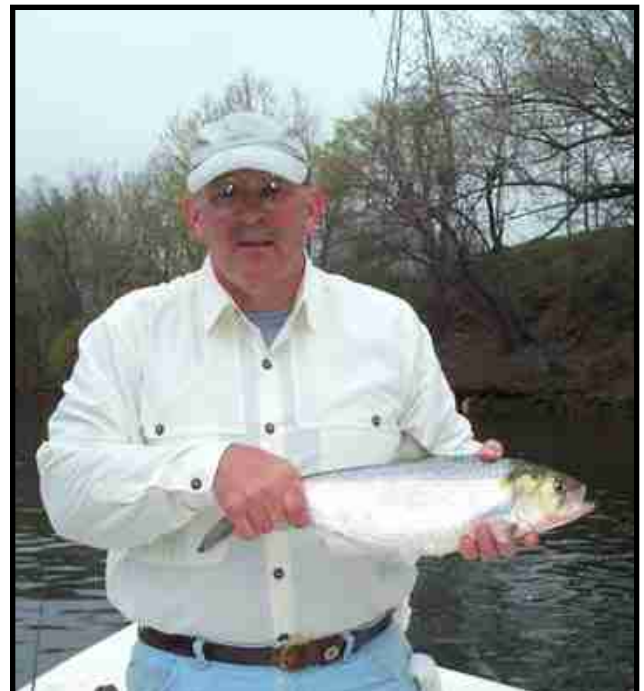
Need to remember how to tie a special knot? Try this animated knot tying website:

<http://www.noreast.com/knots/knotsindex.cfm>

## **Swap Shop Planned for May Meeting**

Don't throw it away - It may be valuable!

Recycle that used equipment. Dig out your surplus fishing gear, flies that look better than they catch, and old classic reels. Glean some pocket cash and help your buddies find what they have been missing. Start rooting out these gems now so you will be ready for our annual swap meet.



**Lynn Spurlin shows a typical 3.5 lb  
American shad that fell for a fly.**

## **EMPTY Oceans, EMPTY Nets**

Watch this in Richmond - WCVE, Richmond, VA -- Mon 4-22-02, 10 pm.

**EMPTY Oceans, EMPTY Nets** is a television documentary produced by Habitat Media that will air nationally on PBS on Earth Day, April 22. The one-hour documentary, explores the immense changes threatening marine fisheries worldwide and efforts being made to restore and sustain them. **EMPTY Oceans** is Part One of a 2-part series with a focus on the global fisheries crisis. The documentary presents ample evidence that many species of fish are on the brink of commercial extinction. Despite the ever-intensifying, high-tech global fishing effort, the world catch has

been steadily declining while the demand for seafood continues to grow.

The Habitat crew circled the globe documenting selected case studies of fisheries in transition--some contributing to ecological disasters, some in the process of positive change, and others as bountiful examples of what effective management can accomplish. Commentary is provided by a variety of fishermen and by some of the world's ultimate authorities in marine science. A take-home message is that new initiatives are emerging that give consumers and citizens a powerful role in promoting sustainable fishing practices.

Website for more info: [www.habitatmedia.org](http://www.habitatmedia.org)

## **Allocation of Striped Bass – the Economic Truth**

In the year 2000 a study was conducted by Dr. James Kirkley and Winnie Ryan of the Virginia Institute of marine Science (VIMS) and Dr. Kenneth McConnell of the University of MD. This study was titled "Economic Aspects of Allocating Striped Bass -- Among Competing User Groups in Virginia". The report was done for VMRC and partially funded with saltwater fishing license money. It is 64 pages long and goes into great detail on how they arrived at their findings. The first 8 pages of the study are an executive summary; that is, they explain the findings in somewhat plain English. Below is a verbatim copy of a part of the executive summary, It speaks for itself.

"Using information obtained from various surveys of commercial watermen and recreational anglers in 1998 and 1999, a combination of input-output or economic impact models and statistical models were used to estimate the impacts (i.e., total sales, total income, and total full-time employment generated for the economy of Virginia) and benefits (measured in terms of consumer surplus which is the dollar amount an individual receives from a good or service in excess of what was actually paid for the good or service, and producer surplus or the amount received by producers in excess of what it actually cost to produce the good or service or payments to value added inputs such as labor and owners of capital and land) to society from different allocations of striped bass. The different allocations examined were as follows: (1) 100% and 0.0% for each user group; (2) 75% and 25% for each group; and (3) 50% and 50% for each group. It was the intent of the study to also determine an optimum mix of the allocation (i.e., a certain non-zero percent allocation to each user group). Early analysis of the economic impacts and societal benefits, however,

revealed the optimum allocation should be 100 percent to the recreational sector. That is, maximum social benefits and potential sales, income, and employment were associated with a 100% allocation of the 1998 total allowable catch to the recreational sector. As a consequence, there was no need to further examine an optimum allocation.

Based on results obtained for 1998, a 100 percent allocation to the recreational sector has the potential to generate \$181.1 million (measured in year 2000 constant dollar value) in total sales, \$101.3 million in total income, and 3,738 full time equivalent employees (person-years of employment) to the economy of Virginia. A 100% allocation to the commercial sector has the potential to generate a total sales value of \$23.9 million, \$17.6 million in total income, and total employment of 517 full time equivalent employees to the economy of Virginia.

In terms of benefits to society, a 100% allocation to the recreational sector, after deducting for expenditures and travel costs, generates approximately \$27.6 million in benefits to recreational anglers. In comparison, a 100% allocation to the commercial sector generates approximately \$5.6 million in net benefits to waterman, processors, wholesalers, distributors, restaurants, retail outlets, and consumers. The commercial benefits include consumer surplus and producer surplus, and the recreational benefits exclude profit or producers' surplus in the commercial-recreational fishery (e.g., party and charter boats and commercial fishing piers)."

*VMRC has not made any comments or taken any action since the study was completed and turned over to them...*

# Virginia Anglers Club

## VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 4/10/02

SPECIES	ANGLER	WEIGHT	LN	DIV.	DATE	LOCATION	PTS	BAIT
<b>2002 SPECIES LEADERS - SALTWATER</b>								
BASS, STRIPED	R.L. WHITE	34-0	4	PLUG	01/12/02	VIRGINIA BEACH, VA	680	BUCKTAIL
BLUEFISH	D.N. NOLAND	12-8	4	PLUG	12/23/01	RUDEE INLET, VA	312	BUCKTAIL
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F. COUSINS	3-0	2	SPIN	01/26/02	ELIZABETH RIVER, VA	200	FIN-S
<b>2002 SPECIES LEADERS - FRESHWATER</b>								
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	W.S. JOHNSTON	3-6	2	SPIN	03/07/02	PAMUNKEY RIVER, VA	225	JIG/TAIL
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	G. CARTER	4-9	2	SPIN	02/25/02	PAMUNKEY RIVER, VA	456	SMOKE GRUB
BASS, WHITE	R. MATTHEWS	1-2	2	SPIN	03/09/02	YADKIN RIVER, NC	150	SASSY SHAD
BOWFIN	B. SHEPHERD	4-1	2	SPIN	01/27/02	YARMOUTH CREEK, VA	203	JIG
CARP	E.S. ROBINSON	7-4	2	SPIN	01/27/02	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	241	SILVER BUDDY
CATFISH, BLUE	D. CLINE	55-0	4	GEN	03/09/02	JAMES RIVER, VA	687	CUT SHAD
CRAPPIE	ROB ROBINSON	2-0	2	SPIN	01/31/02	JAMES RIVER, VA	320	TUBE JIG
GAR	R. MATTHEWS	7-4	2	SPIN	03/09/02	YADKIN RIVER, NC	263	GRUB
PERCH, WHITE	R.J. BROWN	1-3	4	PLUG	04/02/02	JAMES RIVER, VA	237	SPOON
PERCH, YELLOW	L. HOUSER	1-8	2	SPIN	03/02/02	PAMUNKEY RIVER, VA	400	ROADRUNNER
PICKEREL, CHAIN	B. HENDERSON	3-8	2	SPIN	02/09/02	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	350	SILVER BUDDY
SUNFISH	ROB ROBINSON	0-15	2	FLY	02/15/02	ELLY'S POND, VA	300	POPP'N BUG
TROUT, BROOK	B.L. NOLAND	2-9	2	FLY	12/02/01	MEADOW RUN CREEK, VA	410	WOOLYBUGGR
TROUT, BROWN	J.P. ROUNTREY	2-8	4	FLY	12/18/01	SMITH CREEK, VA	166	NYMPH
TROUT, RAINBOW	R. MATTHEWS	6-4	2	SPIN	12/22/01	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	625	SPINNER
<b>2002 DIVISION LEADERS - SALTWATER</b>								
BLUEFISH	D.N. NOLAND	11-8	6	FLY	12/23/01	RUDEE INLET, VA	287	CLOUSER
BASS, STRIPED	R.L. WHITE	20-0	4	GEN	01/12/02	VIRGINIA BEACH, VA	333	BUCKTAIL
BASS, STRIPED	R.L. WHITE	34-0	4	PLUG	01/12/02	VIRGINIA BEACH, VA	680	BUCKTAIL
BASS, STRIPED	D. CLINE	14-0	6	SPIN	12/29/01	CBBT HIGHRISE, VA	215	CRIPPLHERRNG
BASS, STRIPED	D. CLINE	43-0		SURF	12/23/01	EASTERN SHORE, VA	430	LIVE EEL
<b>2002 DIVISION LEADERS - FRESHWATER</b>								
TROUT, BROOK	B.L. NOLAND	2-9	2	FLY	12/02/01	MEADOW RUN CREEK, VA	410	WOOLYBUGGR
CATFISH, BLUE	D. CLINE	55-0	4	GEN	03/09/02	JAMES RIVER, VA	687	CUT SHAD
SHAD, HICKORY	M. KODROFF	3-4	4	PLUG	03/14/02	ROANOKE RIVER, NC	325	DART
TROUT, RAINBOW	R. MATTHEWS	6-4	2	SPIN	12/22/01	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	625	SPINNER
<b>NEW CLUB RECORDS - SALTWATER</b>								
BASS, STRIPED	R.L. WHITE	20-0	4	GEN	01/12/02	VIRGINIA BEACH, VA	333	BUCKTAIL
BASS, STRIPED	R.L. WHITE	34-0	4	PLUG	01/12/02	VIRGINIA BEACH, VA	680	BUCKTAIL
BASS, STRIPED	F. COUSINS	26-0	6	PLUG	01/12/02	VIRGINIA BEACH, VA	400	BUCKTAIL
BASS, STRIPED	L.J. SPURLIN	29-0	12	PLUG	01/09/02	RUDEE INLET, VA	241	BUCKTAIL
BASS, STRIPED	D. CLINE	43-0		SURF	12/23/01	EASTERN SHORE, VA	430	LIVE EEL
<b>NEW CLUB RECORDS - FRESHWATER</b>								
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	G. CARTER	3-7	6	FLY	02/25/02	PAMUNKEY RIVER, VA	250	CLOUSER
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CATFISH, BLUE	D. CLINE	55-0	4	GEN	03/09/02	JAMES RIVER, VA	687	CUT SHAD
CATFISH, BLUE	R.J. BROWN	14-0	4	PLUG	02/03/02	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	311	SILVER BUDDY
PERCH, WHITE	D.D. COMPTON	1-1	12	GEN	03/23/02	COHOKE MILLPOND, VA	106	MINNOW
PERCH, WHITE	R.J. BROWN	1-3	4	PLUG	04/02/02	JAMES RIVER, VA	237	SPOON
PERCH, YELLOW	W.S. JOHNSTON	1-2	4	FLY	02/06/02	DRAGON RUN, VA	257	CLOUSER
PERCH, YELLOW	C. PETERS	1-7	4	GEN	03/07/02	PAMUNKEY RIVER, VA	230	MINNOW
PERCH, YELLOW	L. HOUSER	1-7	6	SPIN	03/02/02	PAMUNKEY RIVER, VA	230	ROADRUNNER
PERCH, YELLOW	G. CARTER	1-6	12	SPIN	03/02/02	PAMUNKEY RIVER, VA	157	ROADRUNNER
SHAD, HICKORY	M. KODROFF	3-0	2	FLY	03/14/02	ROANOKE RIVER, NC	400	SHAD FLY
SHAD, HICKORY	M. KODROFF	3-4	4	PLUG	03/14/02	ROANOKE RIVER, NC	325	DART
TROUT, RAINBOW	R. MATTHEWS	6-4	2	SPIN	12/22/01	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	625	SPINNER
TROUT, STEELHEAD	J.R. SIDES	14-0	8	FLY	04/02/02	OAK ORCHARD RIVER, NY	254	EG.SUC.LEACH
TROUT, STEELHEAD	J.R. SIDES	12-0	12	FLY	04/02/02	OAK ORCHARD RIVER, NY	171	EG.SUC.LEACH

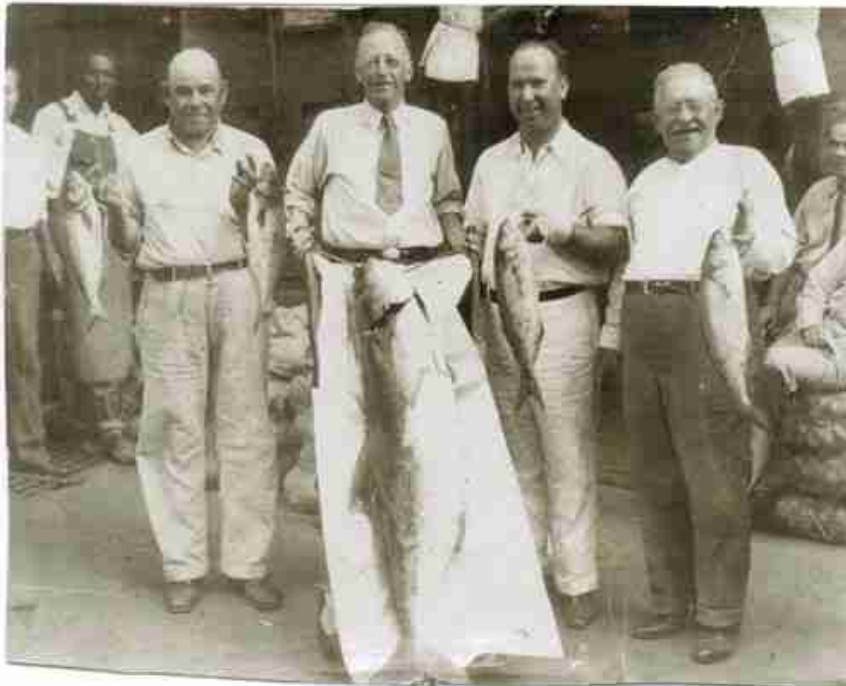
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## VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 4/10/02 (continued)

SPECIES	ANGLER	WEIGHT	LN	DIV.	DATE	LOCATION	PTS	BAIT
<b>2002 TOP SPOUSE CATCHES - SALTWATER &amp; FRESHWATER (LOCAL)</b>								
PICKEREL, CHAIN	J. JOHNSTON	3-8	2	SPIN	01/29/02	DRAGON RUN, VA	350	SASSY SHAD
<b>2002 TOP YOUTH CATCHES - SALTWATER &amp; FRESHWATER (LOCAL)</b>								
CATFISH, BLUE	G. SHEPHERD	25-0	12	GEN	12/02/01	JAMES RIVER, VA	178	SHAD
<b>2002 HIGHEST POINT NON-LOCAL CATCHES - SALTWATER</b>								
SAILFISH, ATLANTIC	W.B. DUVAL	REL.	6	GEN	02/02/02	MIAMI, FL	625	LIVETHREADFIN

### C.V. KINNARD AWARD COMPETITION - 2002

ANGLER	FIRSTS	SECONDS	THIRDS	PLACES	POINTS	AVERAGE
DENNIS CLINE	1	1	0	2	1117	559
GLENN CARTER	0	1	1	2	716	358
BOB SHEPHERD	1	0	0	1	600	600
JOHN FOSTER	0	0	1	1	420	420
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1450</b>	<b>483</b>



Scott Davis found this old 1934 photo of his grandfather and some of his fishing buddies. The fish were caught off of Va. Beach. His grandfather is holding a bluefish to right of the guy with the cobia. The photo was taken down in Shockoe Bottom where Scotts grandfather ran a wholesale produce store (1310 E. Cary St.)

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(O) 672-1368

Awards: 1-Cup for highest point gar  
1-Cup for highest point other species

Report-in: Call Chairman within 5 days



**Piangkatank River Croaker**  
**Tournament and Super Cookout**  
**May 18, 2002**

Location: Piangkatank River and Chesapeake Bay  
and its Tributaries

Time: 7:00 am til 3 pm

Chairman: Kenny Dale (H) 752-4558  
(O) 383-4652

Awards: 1 Cup for heaviest croaker "jungle rules"  
1-Cup for highest point croaker  
1-Cup for highest point other species

Cook out: After Tournament at Kenny Dale's House\*\*

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bring favorite beverages. Don't miss this fun  
event

\*\*\* Call Kenny by May 15 for accurate count  
for cookout



**Eastern Shore Red Drum/  
Flounder Tournament**  
**May 25-26, 2002**

Location: Barrier islands surf and inlets, Eastern  
Shore, Va.

Chairman: Dennis Cline (H) 526-8736  
(Eastern Shore) 757-331-3037

Awards: 1 Cup for highest point red drum in surf  
(must be released)  
1 Cup for highest point other species  
(surf or boat 100 pt. minimum)

Launches: For Smith & Myrtle Islands use mud ramp  
at Raccoon Creek or Kiptopeke State Park  
or Oyster Ramp. For Wreck and Cobb  
Islands use Oyster Ramp.

Further details not available at press time.  
Call Dennis for information on tides, bait,  
tips, possible get-together after tournament,  
etc.

**Tournament Results**

High winds and cold temperatures made for a  
tough Shad/White Perch Tournament for most  
anglers on April 6. Prior to tournament day most  
members enjoyed some great catches of Hickory  
and American Shad plus some big White Perch.  
Rumor is Scott Johnston never left the river for  
four or five days.

On tournament day at least three members did  
have good Hickory Shad numbers with Elly  
Robinson and Glen Carter catching nearly one  
hundred fish topped by Elly's 2lb. 4 oz. catch  
on 2 spin for 257 points. Rucker McDonald also  
had a good day with his fly rod topped by a 2lb.  
2oz. Hickory for 283 points. Eddy Johnston and  
Parks Rountrey were seen moving around all  
day in the "Bite Me" boat and not catching fish.  
Guess the fish could not read? Perhaps Eddy  
thought it was his duty as tournament chairman  
to monitor VAC members to see if they needed  
any Country Store Supplies?



## SPRING 2002 SUPER SEMINAR

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**April 23rd**

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