



March 2003

## March Meeting

The February meeting will be held at the *Dept. of Game & Inland Fisheries Building*, 4010 West Broad Street at **7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 25th**. The entrance and parking are at the rear of the building.

## March Program Topic- "Knots & Tackle Rigging"

A recent survey of VAC members indicated that they wanted to see more how-to's and tips from fellow club members at our monthly meetings. In addition, a number of folks said they would like more opportunity to get to know new members and have more time to just have BS sessions. In the coming months we hope to do just that. Our March program will be devoted to knots and rigging and will be conducted by a number of members. What is the best way to tie 2# test to a shock leader? How about a simple method of tying a bimini twist or tying the "no name" knot? With the countless years of fishing experience in our group this program should be lots of fun and beneficial for all.

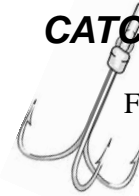
By all means if you have a favorite knot or method of rigging, please come prepared to share your techniques with the group. We plan to set up several ongoing demonstrations and will have line, leader material, hooks and swivels available to use. Also, lots of BS will be available free for all to hear.



**Fred Murray and his Jungle Rules Cat**

## CATCHY COMMENTS

by Dennis Cline



Finally! Some fishable weather has resulted in considerable activity on the water among a few of our members. All of the action has been on freshwaters.

**Robbie Robinson** has been hammering the James and the Chick in recent weeks. His most impressive catch is the new club record, 1-13 yellow perch on 2-spin from the Chick! Robbie also recorded club records for a 1-7 yellow perch on 12-spin and a 7-0 bowfin on 2-plug. He released a couple of nice carp to 9-14 and has the leading crappie, a 1-12 on 2-spin.

It would probably be easier to list where **Scott Johnston** has not fished in the past few weeks! Although not all trips were a raging success, Scott has added a few more records to his list. He added the 6, 8 and 12 tippet records for white perch on a recent trip to Dragon Run. On the Chick, Scott got the 2 and 6 tippet records for yellow perch. The 1-2 yellow perch on 2-tippet will be submitted for an IGFA record. On the James, the 6-tippet record for a 7-0 carp plus a nice 3-6 largemouth bass.

New member, **Rich McDaniel**, is off to a good start! Rich has the biggest bass so far this year. It was a 6-2 caught on 6-general from a pond in King and Queen. Rich also has a 4-4 bass on 2-general and a pair of 1-12 rainbows from another local pond.

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## CATCHY COMMENTS

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Other recent catches include **Fred Murray's** 44-0 blue cat on 4-general, **Eddy and Nelson Johnston's** yellow perch (1-4, 1-0 and 1-0 on 2-spin), **Fred Cousins** 2-12 chain pickerel on 2-spin, **Mickey Kodroff's** 3-12 largemouth on 2-spin and a 1-6 yellow perch for **Elly Robinson**.

**Fred Murray** grabbed the Angler of the Month honors at the February meeting with his incredible 21-0 flathead caught on 4-fly that scored 646 points! Second place went to **Bob Shepherd** for his 50-0 blue cat on 6-general worth 487 points. **Robbie Robinson** took third with his 1-13 yellow perch that scored 483 points. The February contest covered fish caught since the November membership meeting.



## Backlash

*(Commentary from the President - John Wetlaufer)*

I am sure you all know by now that the Club's procedure for IGFA Scale Certification has been reviewed and approved by the IGFA. Members' scales tested by this procedure can be used for weigh entries in the IGFA World Record Gamefish Program and the IGFA annual tournament. More than 10 scales have been so certified and one certified scale has been put to use for a world record submission. The Virginia Anglers Club is the only club in the entire world that has been trusted with this privilege from the IGFA. There is no shame in feeling good about and properly enjoying this trust given to us by the IGFA. We have similar privilege from the Virginia DGIF for using scales certified by the standard VAC certification procedure to weigh fish for the DGIF citation program. The Club is going to explore the possibility of using scales certified by the standard procedure for weighing entries to the Virginia Salt Water Tournament administrated by member Claude Baine.

Invaluable and appreciated support in developing the VAC IGFA Scale Certification Procedure was provided by IGFA Trustee and VAC member Floyd D. Gottwald Jr., IGFA President Michael Leech and IGFA Virginia State Representative Gene DuVal, a long time friend of the club. IGFA World Record Administrator Doug Blodgett and VAC member Buddy Noland worked

extensively at the hook and sinker level to develop the proposed certification program in its current and accepted form. We appreciate the patience and support provided by these five folks and will have no trouble in keeping the trust that the IGFA has placed in the Virginia Anglers Club.

Club Dues for the 2003 angling year were due December 1st, the first day of the 2003 angling year. The three-month grace period for dues payment ended on February 28, 2003. As of March 1, 2003, a member's dues must be current for inclusion of catch entries in the annual and club record angling programs. Once a member's dues are returned to current status, entries submitted will again be honored. If personal reasons, relocation etc. bring you to the decision to resign your VAC membership, please send a note or an e-mail to the club or any director or officer letting us know of your decision to resign. If personal circumstances or interest change later on, writing the note will excuse the initiation fee at time of resubmission of an application for membership. Late payment of dues also makes the development of the new club budget difficult.

Regards and tight lines,  
John



# Virginia Anglers Club

## VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 3/12/03

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>ANGLER</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>LN</u>	<u>DIV.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u>BAIT</u>
<b><u>2003 SPECIES LEADERS - SALTWATER</u></b>								
BASS, BLACK SEA	B. HENDERSON	4-9	6	PLUG	01/13/03	102 TOWER, NC	243	STINGSILVER
BASS, STRIPED	R.L. WHITE	38-3	4	PLUG	01/11/03	VA. BEACH, VA	763	BUCKTAIL
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F. COUSINS	4-0	2	SPIN	01/26/03	ELIZABETH RIVER, VA	266	FIN-S
<b><u>2003 SPECIES LEADERS - FRESHWATER</u></b>								
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	F. COUSINS	4-8	2	SPIN	02/08/03	JAMES RIVER, VA	300	SASSY SHAD
BOWFIN	ROB ROBINSON	7-0	2	PLUG	03/06/03	JAMES RIVER, VA	350	GRUB
CARP	J. FARRELL	16-4	4	PLUG	12/15/02	JAMES RIVER, VA	464	BLADE BAIT
CATFISH, BLUE	B. SHEPHERD	50-0	6	GEN	12/08/02	JAMES RIVER, VA	487	CUT SHAD
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F. MURRAY	24-8	2	SPIN	12/31/02	JAMES RIVER, VA	816	GRUB
CRAPPIE	ROB ROBINSON	1-12	2	SPIN	03/06/03	JAMES RIVER, VA	280	JIG
GAR	E.S. JOHNSTON	12-0	4	PLUG	12/29/02	JAMES RIVER, VA	342	SILVER BUDDY
PERCH, WHITE	W.S. JOHNSTON	0-14	6	FLY	03/11/03	DRAGON RUN, VA	155	PERCH FLY
PERCH, YELLOW	ROB ROBINSON	1-13	2	SPIN	02/21/03	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	483	GRUB
PICKEREL, CHAIN	F. COUSINS	2-12	2	SPIN	02/21/03	LEE HALL RESEVOIR, VA	275	GRUB
TROUT, RAINBOW	F. COUSINS	3-2	2	SPIN	12/23/02	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	312	SPINNER
<b><u>2003 DIVISION LEADERS - SALTWATER</u></b>								
BASS, STRIPED	R.L. WHITE	24-2	6	FLY	01/11/03	VA. BEACH, VA	482	MEGACLOUSER
BASS, STRIPED	R.L. WHITE	38-3	4	PLUG	01/11/03	VA. BEACH, VA	763	BUCKTAIL
BASS, STRIPED	S. DAVIS	18-4	4	SPIN	12/07/02	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	365	BUCKTAIL
<b><u>2002 DIVISION LEADERS - FRESHWATER</u></b>								
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F. MURRAY	21-0	4	FLY	02/03/03	JAMES RIVER, VA	646	HALF & HALF
CATFISH, BLUE	B. SHEPHERD	50-0	6	GEN	12/08/02	JAMES RIVER, VA	487	CUT SHAD
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	J. FARRELL	21-0	4	PLUG	02/02/03	JAMES RIVER, VA	525	SASSY SHAD
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F. MURRAY	24-8	2	SPIN	12/31/02	JAMES RIVER, VA	816	GRUB
<b><u>NEW CLUB RECORDS - SALTWATER</u></b>								
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BASS, STRIPED	R.L. WHITE	24-2	6	FLY	01/11/03	VA. BEACH, VA	482	MEGACLOUSER
BASS, STRIPED	S.C. LEE	18-8	16	FLY	12/18/02	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	185	BUNKER FLY
BASS, STRIPED	S.C. LEE	24-12	20	FLY	01/05/03	OFF RUDEE INLET, VA	206	HALF & HALF
BASS, STRIPED	R.L. WHITE	38-3	4	PLUG	01/11/03	VA. BEACH, VA	763	BUCKTAIL
BASS, STRIPED	B. HENDERSON	29-0	6	PLUG	01/13/03	OREGON INLET, NC	446	MANN-A-LURE
BASS, STRIPED	L. HOUSER	28-8	8	PLUG	12/30/02	ATLANTIC OCEAN, VA	356	JIG
LADYFISH	W.S. JOHNSTON	1-12	6	FLY	01/22/03	JUPITER, FL	175	CLOUSER
LADYFISH	W.S. JOHNSTON	1-12	8	FLY	01/29/03	JUPITER, FL	140	CLOUSER
<b><u>NEW CLUB RECORDS - FRESHWATER</u></b>								
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	E.S. JOHNSTON	3-1	2	PLUG	02/05/03	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	204	SILVER BUDDY
BOWFIN	ROB ROBINSON	7-0	2	PLUG	03/06/03	JAMES RIVER, VA	350	GRUB
CARP	W.S. JOHNSTON	7-0	6	FLY	03/06/03	JAMES RIVER, VA	175	WOOLYBUGGR
CARP	R.J. BROWN	10-8	2	PLUG	02/08/03	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	350	SILVER BUDDY
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CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F. MURRAY	24-8	2	SPIN	12/31/02	JAMES RIVER, VA	816	GRUB
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F. MURRAY	19-8	6	SPIN	12/31/02	JAMES RIVER, VA	390	SILVER BUDDY
PERCH, WHITE	W.S. JOHNSTON	0-14	6	FLY	03/11/03	DRAGON RUN, VA	155	PERCH FLY
PERCH, WHITE	W.S. JOHNSTON	0-12	8	FLY	03/08/03	DRAGON RUN, VA	109	GLD STREAMER
PERCH, WHITE	W.S. JOHNSTON	1-0	12	FLY	03/11/03	DRAGON RUN, VA	123	PERCH FLY
PERCH, YELLOW	W.S. JOHNSTON	1-2	2	FLY	02/21/03	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	360	STREAMER
PERCH, YELLOW	W.S. JOHNSTON	1-2	6	FLY	03/08/03	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	200	WOOLYBUGGR
PERCH, YELLOW	ROB ROBINSON	1-13	2	SPIN	02/21/03	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	483	GRUB
PERCH, YELLOW	ROB ROBINSON	1-7	12	SPIN	02/21/03	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	164	GRUB

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<b>2003 HIGHEST POINT NON-LOCAL CATCHES - SALTWATER</b>								
LADYFISH	W.S. JOHNSTON	1-12	6	FLY	01/22/03	JUPITER, FL	175	CLOUSER
MARLIN, STRIPED	J.W. REWALT	REL.	16	GEN	12/06/02	SAN CRISTOBAL, GAL. ISL.	400	MACKEREL

### **2003 TOP SPOUSE CATCHES - SALTWATER & FRESHWATER (LOCAL)**

PICKEREL, CHAIN	E. KODROFF	1-8	2	SPIN	03/04/03	SOUTH LAKE, NC	150	GRUB
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## C.V. KINNARD AWARD COMPETITION - 2003

<u>ANGLER</u>	<u>FIRSTS</u>	<u>SECONDS</u>	<u>THIRDS</u>	<u>PLACES</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>
FRED MURRAY	1	0	0	1	646	646
BOB SHEPHERD	0	1	0	1	487	487
ROB ROBINSON	0	0	1	1	483	483
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1616</b>	<b>539</b>

### **New Members**

Please welcome our newest members, Travis Henderson (Bruce's son) and Mike Ostrander. Both live in the Richmond area. Make a point to introduce yourself at our next club meeting. If Travis is anything like his dad, I'm sure he will be a great angler and asset to the club. Mike runs the "James River Fishing School" as a local guide in the Richmond area. Check out his website at <http://www.jamesriverfishing.com/>

### **Tackle Tips -- Reel Drag Settings**

Now that members have their scales certified for the 2003 angling year, it's a good time to put your scales to use. Properly setting your reel drag as you know is extremely important on light tackle fishing. Use the chart below as a guide for the corresponding line test.

Line Test	Drag Setting
20	6lb 10oz
16	4lb 2oz
12	4lb
10	3lb 5oz
8	2lb 10oz
6	2lb
4	1lb 5oz
2	10oz

### **LAST CHANCE! -- Fly Rod Raffle**

Members! – Last chance to win a G. Loomis "Cross Current Series" 9'-0" 6wt. 3 piece fly rod with protective case. Tickets will be sold at the March meeting with winner drawn before the close. Tickets are \$10.00 ea. or 4 for \$30.00. Rich McDaniel has accepted the position of Special Activities Coordinator and will host the raffle and ticket sales. Thanks again to G. Loomis Representative Randy Hamilton and Vance Hopkins of Greentop Sporting Goods for this fine donation.

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**Upcoming Angling Events**

**Trout Tournament  
March 22 & 23, 2003**



Location: Dunlap Creek Escatawba Farms – Covington, VA

Awards: 1 Cup for heaviest trout ("Jungle Rules")  
1 Cup for highest point trout  
1 Cup for best trout fisherman (combined points for best Brown, Rainbow, and Brook Trout)

Comments: Limited to the first 8 anglers.  
FLY FISHING ONLY!  
Cost: \$75.00 per rod per day  
Check out the "Old Earlehurst" Bed and Breakfast for accommodations for Saturday night: [www.earlehurst.com](http://www.earlehurst.com)  
Call Ronnie Sides within 5 days (276-5985)

Chairman: Ronnie Sides

**James River  
Hickory Shad / White Perch  
April 5, 2003 (weather date April 12\*)**

Location: James River

Time: Sunrise to Sunset

Awards: 1 Cup, highest point shad on fly  
1 Cup, highest point shad on other tackle  
1 Cup, highest point white perch on fly or tackle

Call Chairman within 5 days

Hot tips: Check with Eddy for info.

\*\* NOTE: NO HICKORY SHAD CAN BE COUNTED FROM ABOVE THE 14TH ST. BRIDGE...

Chairman: Eddy Johnston 355-3877

\*check with chairman regarding weather date.

**Tournament Results**

By Bob Brown

**February 15, 2003 - Chickahominy Grab Bag**

Using the well know method of "I DON'T CARE WHAT THE WEATHER IS". Mike Cline who had the #%@\* to go fishing, caught a fish (1-9 Crappie, 250 pts.) and was the only person fishing in the tournament. He took the top award this year. I hope we can all learn from this.

**March 8th, 2003 – James River "Jungle Rules" Catfish**

As of this writing, the only entry is Fred Murray's 44-0 Bluecat (see photo). I think he has Mike Cline's technique down pat. Perhaps they both will share their winning secrets at this month's membership meeting.

**Founder of Bunkie Trinite Trophies Passes**

Samuel Barth Leslie (Bunkie) Trinite passed away on February 15, 2003. Mr. Trinite founded Bunkie Trinite Trophies on August 1, 1968. Bunkie Trinite Trophies has been a long time source of the trophies presented by the Virginia Anglers Club and we will continue to obtain our trophies from this business. The Virginia Anglers Club extends its condolences to the many members of Mr. Trinite's family.

**Web Links....**

For all of you catfishing finatics, check out "The Brotherhood of Catfisherman" at <http://www.brotherhood-of-catfishermen.com>

For the most recent update on saltwater fishing regulations here again is the link to the VMRC website <http://www.mrc.state.va.us/>



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