



March 2004

March Meeting

The March meeting will be held at the Dept. of Game and Inland Fisheries Building, 4010 West Broad Street at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday **March 23rd**. The entrance and parking are at the rear of the building.

March Speaker: Claude Bain

Claude Bain, the Director of the Virginia Salt Water Fishing Tournament, will give a synopsis of the previous angling year along with the latest regulations and such on the saltwater scene. Claude will join those who come to Byram's for dinner before the meeting. We usually gather between 5:15 and 5:30 p.m. Byram's is located at 3215 West Broad Street about a half block east of the Channel 6 Tower.



Master scale certifier Larry Allen plying his craft at the February meeting.

Backlash

(Commentary from the Leadership Team)

Dues Are Due

Most of the dues for the year 2004 have been received. However, there are still a few members who have not paid their dues yet. By the time you have read this copy of the Angler, you should have gotten a reminder call from one of the members of the leadership team. Please keep your dues current. Dues are payable December 1 at the beginning of the angling year. Dues not paid by March 1st of the angling year are identified by the by laws as being in arrears. Annual dues are \$50.00 for members living in the Commonwealth of Virginia and \$35.00 for those living elsewhere.

March Fly Swap

Bring a few of your favorite shad flies to the March Membership Meeting. Trade them for favorite shad flies of other members and then go try your luck. We

thought it might be fun to try a "fly swap" in March to see how much interest it generates. If the amount of interest is good, we would like to feature some type of bait swap each meeting.

Scale Certification Reminder

The annual certification of your scales is due. Weigh Master Larry Allen and his lovely assistants will again be certifying scales at the March Membership meeting.

If your scale failed certification in February, give it a little TLC, a shot of WD-40 and bring it back to see if it will now certify. Most of the scales we use are quality units and will normally pass if given a little periodic maintenance and cleaning

Regards and Tight Lines,

John

CATCHY COMMENTS

by Dennis Cline



I've been told that bass fishing used to be great in Virginia. I've heard countless stories about the good old days on Back Bay, Buggs or Gaston when 8-10 pounders were not a rarity and 5's and 6's were common. Those days are gone. Too many of those fish died from stress, were eaten or put on the wall. So, it's refreshing when a lake like Briery Creek turns on and produces like it has the past few years. Trouble is, anglers haven't learned from their mistakes and now even Briery doesn't produce like it did. I'm convinced the only reliable places we have left to catch a trophy bass are the small private ponds that don't get pressure from today's visionless mob of bass anglers.

When we have a chance to fish such waters, we should be truly thankful and give our utmost respect to the resource and those who allow us to enjoy. So, thanks go to **Rich McDaniel** for a truly enjoyable day in paradise! Even though the bass were mostly off the feedbag, what a day!

It doesn't take too many nice pickere! to make you forget about your soggy shoes. The knowledge that the bass were there makes one look forward to next year! By the way, three days before our outing, Rich released a club record 9-2 on 6-plug! Rich's bass is the largest I can remember from local waters in my fifteen years in the club. It beat the 6-plug club record of 9-0 set by **Kelly Stafford** in 1995. Kelly's bass came from; you guessed it, a local pond!

February Angler of the Month honors went to **Fred Murray** for his club and potential IGFA world record flathead. Fred's catfish was a 21-8 caught on 2-fly that scored 671 points! **Robbie Robinson** placed second with a 4-5 chain pickere! on 2-spin that scored 431 points. Third place went to **Jim Farrell** for a 22-8 flathead on 8-fly that scored 427 points. Congratulations gents!

So far, the yellow perch run has been dismal compared to past years. Very few have been caught by club members over the course of several weeks. The exception is **Robbie Robinson**, who had a couple of really good days and has the only entry so far this year. Robbie's perch was a 1-3 on 2-spin. **Scott Davis** has turned in a club record smallmouth bass. Scott's 3-12 bass caught on a jig & pig was the first entered in the 2-plug category. Several other nice pickere! have been released. **Eddy Johnston** carded a 3-6, **Fred Murray** had a 3-0, **Dennis Cline** had a 2-14 and **Rich McDaniel** a 2-7.

Some members have made the trip to A.P. Hill since **Mike Ostrander** tipped us off about the rainbow trout action up there. Recently, **Linda Robinson** and son Robbie tried

their luck. Linda's 2-5 rainbow on 2-general is our first spouse entry for the year. Robbie caught a nice 2-10 on 2-spin. Others who have made the trip did not fare so well.

Lynn Spurlin went a few miles south for trout. Make that a few thousand miles. He joined some of the Fly Fish the World guys on a trip to the legendary Tierra Del Fuego, Argentina area to fish for the big brown trout. Lynn released a 17-0 brown on 12-fly! Check out his photos at the next club meeting!

Rod Raffle! Rod Raffle! Rod Raffle!

Our local G. Loomis rep and Greentop Sporting Goods has done it again! They have graciously donated a new G. Loomis "Bronzeback" series spinning rod specially designed for targeting smallmouth bass. Designed for slightly deeper water and longer casts. The lighter tip telegraphs the most subtle strike..... a good tube rod for moderate depths and a good split shot rod when you want to drag small, finesse baits like lizards. A light line rod especially suited for lightweight leadheads for a slower sink rate to keep the bait in the zone a little longer. This is a 6'-9" model with fast action. Storekeeper Eddy Johnston will sell 6 chances for \$5.00. The lucky winner will be announced at the March meeting.

New Member

Please welcome our newest member, Vic Skakandy. Vic resides in the Richmond area and has a preference for saltwater fishing. Make a point to introduce yourself to Vic at our next meeting.

Change of Address?

Have you recently moved? Please let me know so we I can keep the roster current. Also, if you are interested in receiving the newsletter via email, drop me your email address at sd_fishn@yahoo.com. The newsletter will arrive much quicker than USP and will also be in color!

Regards,
Scott Davis, Newsletter Secretary



Tournament Results

Chickahominy River Grab Bag February 14, 2004

Elly Robinson: Cumulative points
Ring perch/Bass/W Perch, 297 points

Rich McDaniel: Highest point fish.
Chain Pickerel 2 spin 200pts.

Chickahominy River Yellow Perch February 28, 2004

Elly Robinson: Cumulative points
Ring perch/Bass/W Perch, 297 points

Rich McDaniel: Highest point fish.
Chain Pickerel 2 spin 200pts.

Rod & Gun Club March 6, 2004

Rich McDaniel: Highest point Bass
5lbs.6oz. 268pts.

Buddy Noland: Highest point Crappie
1lb. 4oz. 2spin 198pts.

Rich McDaniel: Highest point Chain Pickerel
2lbs.7oz. 2spin 243pts.



Fred Murray and Jim Farrell brave the weather to participate in the King & Queen Rod & Gun Club tournament sponsored by Rich McDaniel.

Upcoming Angling Events

James River Hickory Shad/White Perch Saturday, April 10, 2004

Location: James River

Time: Sunrise to Sunset

Awards: 1 cup highest point Shad (100 pts. Min.)
1 cup highest pt. Shad on Fly (100 pts. Min.)
1 cup highest point other (100 pts.min.)

Weather Date: April, 17 2004
CHAIRMAN WILL MAKE THE
WEATHER DATE CALL

Comments: No Hickory Shad can be counted above the
14th St. Bridge.

Report-In: Call chairman within 5 Days.

Chairman: Bob Brown - Home: 746-1934
Cell: 833-2786

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Hickory Shad

Virginia Anglers Club

VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 3/10/04

<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>
<u>2004 SPECIES LEADERS - SALTWATER</u>								
BASS, STRIPED	S.C. LEE	18-0	8	FLY	12/31/03	OREGON INLET, NC	300	DECEIVER
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	R.L. WHITE	5-4	2	SPIN	01/10/04	ELIZABETH RIVER, VA	350	JIG
TAUTOG	J.C. WRIGHT	7-7	30	GEN	03/04/04	OFF VIRGINIA BEACH, VA	82	CRAB
<u>2004 SPECIES LEADERS - FRESHWATER</u>								
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	R. McDANIEL	9-2	6	PLUG	03/03/04	POND, VA	365	SPINNERBAIT
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	S. DAVIS	3-12	2	PLUG	02/29/04	JAMES RIVER, VA	375	JIG & PIG
CARP	F. MURRAY	11-8	2	SPIN	01/01/04	JAMES RIVER, VA	359	SILVER BUDDY
CATFISH, BLUE	F. MURRAY	34-8	2	SPIN	01/01/04	JAMES RIVER, VA	530	SILVER BUDDY
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F. MURRAY	21-8	2	FLY	01/13/04	JAMES RIVER, VA	671	HALF & HALF
CRAPPIE	B. SHEPHERD	1-8	2	SPIN	12/29/03	JAMES RIVER, VA	238	SASSY SHAD
MUSKELLUNGE	B. SHEPHERD	17-8	6	PLUG	12/28/03	NEW RIVER, VA	364	LONG-A
PERCH, YELLOW	ROB ROBINSON	1-3	2	SPIN	02/11/04	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	312	POWER GRUB
PICKEREL, CHAIN	ROB ROBINSON	4-5	2	SPIN	02/10/04	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	431	POWER GRUB
TROUT, RAINBOW	ROB ROBINSON	2-10	2	SPIN	03/04/04	FORT A.P. HILL, VA	279	KASTMASTER
<u>2004 DIVISION LEADERS - SALTWATER</u>								
BASS, STRIPED	S.C. LEE	18-0	8	FLY	12/31/03	OREGON INLET, NC	300	DECEIVER
BASS, STRIPED	R. MCDANIEL	43-0	30	GEN	01/08/04	FALSE CAPE, VA	179	BUCKTAIL
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	R.L. WHITE	5-4	2	SPIN	01/10/04	ELIZABETH RIVER, VA	350	JIG
<u>2004 DIVISION LEADERS - FRESHWATER</u>								
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F. MURRAY	21-8	2	FLY	01/13/04	JAMES RIVER, VA	671	HALF & HALF
CATFISH, BLUE	B. SHEPHERD	39-0	6	GEN	01/03/04	JAMES RIVER, VA	366	CUT SHAD
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	S. DAVIS	3-12	2	PLUG	02/29/04	JAMES RIVER, VA	375	JIG & PIG
CATFISH, BLUE	F. MURRAY	34-8	2	SPIN	01/01/04	JAMES RIVER, VA	530	SILVER BUDDY
<u>NEW CLUB RECORDS - SALTWATER</u>								
BASS, STRIPED	S.C. LEE	18-0	8	FLY	12/31/03	OREGON INLET, NC	300	DECEIVER
BASS, STRIPED	S.C. LEE	20-75	12	FLY	12/30/03	OREGON INLET, NC	259	DECEIVER
BASS, STRIPED	R. MCDANIEL	43-0	30	GEN	01/08/04	FALSE CAPE, VA	179	BUCKTAIL
<u>NEW CLUB RECORDS - FRESHWATER</u>								
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	R. McDANIEL	9-2	6	PLUG	03/03/04	POND, VA	365	SPINNERBAIT
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	S. DAVIS	3-12	2	PLUG	02/29/04	JAMES RIVER, VA	375	JIG & PIG
CATFISH, BLUE	F. MURRAY	34-8	2	SPIN	01/01/04	JAMES RIVER, VA	530	SILVER BUDDY
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F. MURRAY	21-8	2	FLY	01/13/04	JAMES RIVER, VA	671	HALF & HALF
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	J. FARRELL	22-8	8	FLY	01/18/04	JAMES RIVER, VA	427	FLY
MUSKELLUNGE	B. SHEPHERD	17-8	6	PLUG	12/28/03	NEW RIVER, VA	364	LONG-A
MUSKELLUNGE	B. SHEPHERD	14-8	8	PLUG	12/27/03	NEW RIVER, VA	241	LONG-A
MUSKELLUNGE	B. SHEPHERD	12-0	12	PLUG	12/27/03	NEW RIVER, VA	142	LONG-A
PICKEREL, CHAIN	H.O. BRUINGTON	5-4	12	GEN	01/14/04	SWIFT CREEK RES., VA	150	LIVE MINNOW
BASS, STRIPED	R. MCDANIEL	43-0	30	GEN	01/08/04	FALSE CAPE, VA	179	BUCKTAIL
<u>2004 HIGHEST POINT NON-LOCAL CATCHES - FRESHWATER</u>								
TROUT, BROWN	L.V. SPURLIN	17-0	12	FLY	02/25/04	TIERRA DEL FUEGO, ARG.	447	TUBE FLY
<u>2004 TOP SPOUSE CATCHES - SALTWATER & FRESHWATER (LOCAL)</u>								
TROUT, RAINBOW	L. ROBINSON	2-5	2	GEN	03/04/04	FORT A.P. HILL, VA	185	POWER BAIT

C.V. KINNARD AWARD COMPETITION - 2004

<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	671	671
ROBBIE ROBINSON	0	1	0	1	431	431
JIM FARRELL	0	0	1	1	427	427
TOTALS	1	1	1	3	1529	510



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