



February 2007

**February Membership Meeting:
"History of the Virginia
Anglers Club"**

Tuesday, February 27, 2007 at 7:00 PM

Skilligalee Restaurant
(Glenside Ave, just north of Broad Street).
[Come around 5:30 PM and enjoy good
fellowship over dinner from the menu]

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BACKLASH

(Commentary from the Board of Directors)

**FEBRUARY MEETING – VERBAL HISTORY OF
THE VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB**

John Rothert, son of Virginia Anglers Club Founding Member Bill Rothert, will present a verbal history of the Virginia Anglers Club. John saw Lee Graves' article in the Times Dispatch noting the awarding of the title of Master Angler to Elly Robinson and called Elly. John has a wonderful set of memories of the founding members of the VAC and the early days of the VAC. John's dad was the original owner of the Sportsman's Shop in downtown in Richmond, a popular place to buy angling gear and just hang out with guys who loved to fish. John is donating his father's memorabilia to the Club. Items in this generous donation will be cataloged and displayed at coming VAC Membership Meetings. This is a rare opportunity to hear first hand recollections of the early days of the Virginia Anglers Club and the angling scene in the Richmond Area.

**ANNUAL SCALE CERTIFICATIONS STARTS AT
FEBRUARY MEETING**

It's time to check over your scales and get them in order for their annual certification. Weigh master Larry Allen and his crew of talented assistants will be at the February Membership Meeting ready to certify your scales for the 2007 Angling Year. Bring your scales in a Ziploc® style bag with your name on or in the bag. Give the bag and scales to Larry and your scales will be certified by the end of the meeting.

**SPECIAL DEAL – FEBRUARY MEETING ONLY -
\$2.00 VAC MUG NIGHT**

Country Store Keeper Eddy Johnston will offer the stunning Official Virginia Anglers Club mugs at the super bargain price of \$2.00 at this meeting only. The mugs hold hot or

cold beverages and their construction helps maintain the temperature and quality of their contents. These mugs are the identical mugs presented to the speakers at our monthly meetings.

**DUES MUST BE CURRENT TO HAVE CATCHES
RECOGNIZED**

Membership dues are due and payable on December 1, 2006. The three month grace period following the date due ends on February 28, 2007. Members must be current in their dues to have entry cards accepted for catches made on or after March 1, 2007. Once the dues are made current, catches made on or after the date the dues are paid, will be counted. Catches in the interim will not be counted. If you received an invoice for dues in the mail around the first of February, you dues were at least 2 months overdue at that time of receipt.

**BOARD APPROVES PURCHASE OF
BLACKWATER/NOTTAWAY RIVER ATLAS**

The Board of Directors of the VAC has authorized the purchase of a copy of The Blackwater/Nottaway River Atlas. This book contains an account of the history, legends and stories of the Blackwater, Nottaway, and Meherrin Rivers, which are included in the Chowan Watershed. The 91-page atlas, which also contains detailed maps of the area, will be featured in a raffle later in the year. Over five years of work went into the writing of this atlas.

**ANGLING RULES COMMITTEE DUTIES
REORGANIZED**

Stuart Lee, Danny Noland and Elly Robinson now share the work of the Angling Rules Committee. Stuart will continue as Chairman and take care of interpreting and overseeing the annual updating of the Angling Rules and will preside at formal meetings of the Angling Rules

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Committee. Danny will keep the club record sheets, the basic weight sheets and produce the annual membership packages. Elly will collect entry cards, calculate the "official" value of the points thereon, evaluate catches for the VAC records program and write the angling news column for the Angler. Elly will also look after the preparation and presentation of the trophies at the Annual Awards Banquet. This committee now has a deep bench made up of knowledgeable and experienced anglers.

BOARD SUPPORTS ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

One hundred thirty-one members and friends of the Virginia Anglers Club receive a monthly copy of The Angler, the Club's newsletter. Of this total, 50 copies are sent via regular mail and 81 are distributed via e-mail. The Board requests that you consider receiving your copy via e-mail. E-mail copies are easily shared with others (prospective members, etc.), do not take up significant space to file if you keep them and are significantly less expensive to produce and distribute. If you would like to switch e-mail distribution, please let Mike Ostrander (mike@jamesriversfishing.com) or John Wetlaufer, Sr. (jlwsr@rcn.com) know and the switch will be made and confirmed. Changing to receipt of The Angler via e-mail will result in earlier delivery and increases in club funds available to support conservation related items.

For the Leadership Team
John Wetlaufer, Sr., President

CATCHY COMMENTS

By Elly Robinson



Well the weather sure has played a major role in what club members have been able and or willing to catch so far this angling year.

December was mild and calm and a perfect setup for the big stripers and bluefish in the bay and along the eastern shore. Generally it's cold and windy. Then after a nice opening to January, winter set in and local fishing has suffered all the way into mid February. Fresh water catches are way down with limited prospects for improvement any time soon. But sooner or later the big yellow perch will arrive and turn on and everybody will be happy – I hope !! And shad season can't be far away either.

Since **Danny Noland** last wrote this column in early January the biggest local news has to be **Bob Shepherd** taking advantage of **Fred Murray's** wintertime James River cat

fishing expertise to land a 55 lb. bluecat on 6# general for 517 points and a new club record and general division lead. No harm was done as Bob beat his own club record. On the saltwater non local front the big news is that **Bill Duval** has another potential world record caught in Key West. Bill landed a 7 lb. red grouper on 16# fly for 166 points.

The Chickhominy River just hasn't been up to par so far. **Mike Cline, Robbie and I** have made several trips down there and Mike has emerged as the stud crappie fisherman with a 1 lb. 1 oz. on 2 plug which takes the species lead and might just win the Grab Bag tournament. Mike's crappie took over the lead from **Scott Johnston** who had previously caught a 12 oz. one on 2 fly from the Chick.

Eddy Johnston must have had a blood transfusion from **Scott Johnston** (those two are related aren't they?) because the two fished the Dragon Run in January and Eddy came away with a 1 lb. 14 oz pickerel on 2 fly. The fish must have been thick and on fire biting that day as I witnessed Eddy at his best a few days later getting skunked on the Chick and he never picked up a fly rod that day. Scott caught a 10 oz. yellow perch on 2 fly that day to take the species lead.

Rounding out freshwater action was **Robbie Robinson** getting bored at home and going down to the pond to catch an Elly's Pond record 4 lb. 15 oz. largemouth bass on 2 spin which wasn't enough to over take **Fred Cousins** species leader. Later Robbie and Fred Cousins got together and went to the Hot Ditch where the white perch were thick and both caught 1-lb'ers on 2 spin with Robbie's coming first to take the species lead.

On the local saltwater front, **Stuart Lee** caught a 28 lb striper on 12 spin for a new club record. Stuart got lost that day according to **Glenn Carter** who was fishing with him and wandered around off Quimby to finally find the fish.

Finally those rich club members who got tired of the turn to winter here headed south to warmer climes and targeted sailfish. **Buddy Noland** and **Ricky Dale** (yes Ricky still is kicking and fishing) fished out of Isla Mujeres Mexico and caught their master angler required billfish on 8# general flatline. Both intrepid anglers landed Atlantic sailfish on 8# as well as 2 other sails apiece on 20# general before Buddy begged Ricky to please go in to port as the 12 foot seas had begun to disagree with Buddy's breakfast. Ricky said his sail on 8# must have weighed 80 lbs. and Buddy said his was at least 20 lbs heavier than Ricky's. Ok guys when are you going to complete your master angler journey?? Congratulations on a great accomplishment. **Bill Duval**, fishing with the world's greatest female angler (maybe you can drop the female cause **Norman Miller** says Gene can whip anybody on light tackle) , went to Golfito, Costa Rica and landed 2 pacific sailfish on 20# general as well as a 5 lb. cubera snapper on 6# general.

Well I hope this time next month I am writing about big yellow perch and many many entry cards. Guys get out there and fish !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Upcoming Angling Events

Escatawba Trout Tournament
 March 10-11, 2007 7:00 am to 6:00 pm

Reservations: The VAC has reserved the entire stream for Saturday, March 10 for up to 10 anglers. Call soon to be one of the 10 anglers. You must contact Danny Noland at 514-0650 to reserve a spot for Saturday. Anyone wishing to fish Sunday must call Escatawba farms at 540-962-6487 or E-mail at ESCATAWBA.com and make your own reservation for that day.

Fees: The cost is \$100.00 per angler per day.

Location: Escatawba Farm, Covington, Va.

Awards:
 1 cup highest point Rainbow Trout
 1 cup highest point Brown Trout
 1 cup highest point Brook Trout

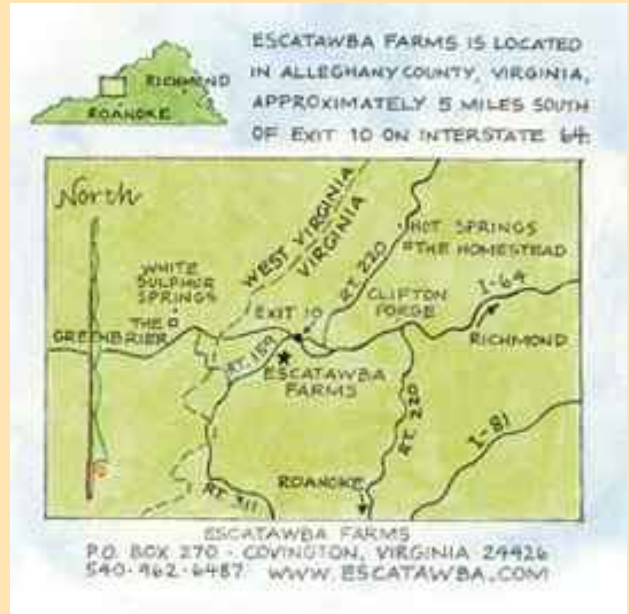
Grand Champ: 1 cup for most cumulative points for one entry from each species.

Rules: Escatawba is a FLY FISHING ONLY stream, catch and release, Barbless or bent barb hooks only. Please take great care when handling & releasing the fish.

Comments: Estatawba Farms is a farm located near Covington, Va on Dunlap Creek. It is blessed with a beautiful, well maintained Trout stream. Derrick Barr stocks the stream with Rainbows, Brook, and Brown trout. The trout are stocked several times a year, and not each day as some trout farms do. Once stocked, these trout must live on the forage base present in the stream, which makes fly fishing very more enjoyable. In the past trips taken to Escatawba by the VAC, fish sizes ranged from 1 to 3 lbs. Anglers can expect to catch from 15-30 fish, depending on your level of skill. Escatawba is a great place for the beginner Fly Fisherman, as every condition you will find on a trout stream is present, riffles, pools, rapids, etc. There are also 3 ponds that are stocked. If you are a beginner fly fisherman, you will have plenty of fellow anglers to instruct you.

Link: <http://escatawba.com/Welcome.html>

Directions: Escatawba Farms is located in Alleghany County, Virginia, five miles south of Exit 10 on I-64. Approximate drive times:
 - From Roanoke or Lexington, 1 hr- From Charlottesville, 2 hrs- From Northern VA, 3 hrs- From Charleston, WV, 2 hrs- From Greensboro, NC, 3 hrs
 Call 540.962.6487 for detailed directions.



C.V. KINNARD AWARD COMPETITION - 2007

ANGLER	FIRSTS	SECONDS	THIRDS	PLACES	POINTS	AVERAGE
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(No entries yet as of 2/13/07)

TOTALS	0	0	0	0	0	0
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VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 2/13/07

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>ANGLER</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>LN</u>	<u>DIV.</u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>BAIT</u>
<u>2007 SPECIES LEADERS - SALTWATER</u>								
BASS, STRIPED	E. S. ROBINSON	39-0	4	GEN	650	12/29/06	CAPE CHARLES, VA	EEL
BLUEFISH	BOB BROWN	12-0	8	SPIN	200	12/17/06	CHES BAY, VA	STORM JIG
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	MICKEY KODROFF	2-4	6	SURF	112	12/13/06	KITTY HAWK, NC	GRUB
<u>2007 SPECIES LEADERS - FRESHWATER</u>								
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	F. COUSINS	6-14	2	SPIN	458	12/28/06	PRIVATE POND, VA	WORM
CATFISH, BLUE	B. SHEPHERD	55-0	6	GEN	517	1/14/07	JAMES RIVER, VA	CUT SHAD
GAR, ALL	F. COUSINS	12-0	2	PLUG	436	12/6/06	JAMES RIVER, VA	GRUB
CRAPPIE	MIKE CLINE	1-1	2	PLUG	168	2/3/07	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	SILVER BUDDY
PERCH, WHITE	ROB ROBINSON	1-0	2	SPIN	263	2/10/07	ELIZABETH RIVER, VA	GRUB
PERCH, YELLOW	W.S. JOHNSTON	0-10	2	FLY	208	1/12/07	DRAGON RUN, VA	CLOUSER FLY
PICKERAL, CHAIN	W. S. JOHNSTON	2-1	2	FLY	257	12/29/06	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	FLY
<u>2007 DIVISION LEADERS - SALTWATER</u>								
BASS, STRIPED	E. S. ROBINSON	39-0	4	GEN	650	12/29/06	CAPE CHARLES, VA	EEL
BASS, STRIPED	BOB BROWN	26-0	8	SPIN	325	12/17/06	CHES BAY, VA	STORM JIG
BASS, STRIPED	S. C. LEE	26-8	16	FLY	265	12/17/06	CAPE CHARLES, VA	DECEIVER
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	M. KODROFF	2-4	6	SURF	112	12/13/06	KITTY HAWK, NC	GRUB
<u>2007 DIVISION LEADERS - FRESHWATER</u>								
CATFISH, BLUE	B. SHEPHERD	55-0	6	GEN	517	1/14/07	JAMES RIVER, VA	CUT SHAD
GAR, ALL	F. COUSINS	12-0	2	PLUG	436	12/6/06	JAMES RIVER, VA	GRUB
PICKERAL, CHAIN	W. S. JOHNSTON	2-1	2	FLY	257	12/29/06	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	FLY
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	F. COUSINS	6-14	2	SPIN	458	12/28/06	PRIVATE POND, VA	WORM
<u>NEW CLUB RECORDS - SALTWATER</u>								
BASS, STRIPED	B. HENDERSON	38-0	4	GEN	633	12/18/06	OFF CONCRETE SHIPS, VA	EEL
BASS, STRIPED	E. S. ROBINSON	39-0	4	GEN	650	12/29/06	CAPE CHARLES, VA	EEL
BASS, STRIPED	E. S. ROBINSON	34-8	8	GEN	383	1/13/07	OFF SMITH ISLAND, VA	EEL
BASS, STRIPED	E. S. ROBINSON	31-0	8	GEN	344	12/18/06	CAPE CHARLES, VA	EEL
BASS, STRIPED	S. C. LEE	42-0	16	GEN	262	12/24/06	CAPE CHARLES, VA	EEL
BASS, STRIPED	S. C. LEE	26-8	16	FLY	265	12/17/06	CAPE CHARLES, VA	DECEIVER
BASS, STRIPED	T. HENDERSON	39-0	6	GEN	520	12/21/06	CHES BAY , VA	EEL
BASS, STRIPED	BOB BROWN	26-0	8	SPIN	325	12/17/06	CHES BAY , VA	EEL
BASS, STRIPED	S.C. LEE	28-0	12	SPIN	233	1/14/07	OFF QUIMBY, VA	BUCKTAIL
GROUPE, OTHER	W.B.DUVAL	7-0	16	FLY	166	1/22/07	KEY WEST, FLA	DECEIVER
WAHOO	W.B.DUVAL	65-8	16	GEN	284	12/23/06	KEY WEST, FLA	LIVE SPEEDO
<u>NEW CLUB RECORDS - FRESHWATER</u>								
CATFISH, BLUE	S. LUTEREK	56-0	16	GEN	331	12/1/06	JAMES RIVER, VA	CUT SHAD
CATFISH, BLUE	S. LUTEREK	42-8	20	GEN	219	12/1/06	JAMES RIVER, VA	CUT SHAD
CATFISH, BLUE	B. SHEPHERD	55-0	6	GEN	517	1/14/07	JAMES RIVER, VA	CUT SHAD
<u>2007 HIGHEST POINT NON-LOCAL CATCHES - SALTWATER</u>								
WAHOO	W.B.DUVAL	65-8	16	GEN	284	12/23/06	KEY WEST, FLA	LIVE SPEEDO
SAILFISH, ATLANTIC	B. L. NOLAND	REL	8	GEN	500	1/26/07	ISLA MUJERES, MEXICO	BALLYHOO
SAILFISH, ATLANTIC	R. K. DALE	REL	8	GEN	500	1/26/07	ISLA MUJERES, MEXICO	BALLYHOO
SAILFISH, PACIFIC	W.B.DUVAL	REL	20	GEN	257	1/28/07	GOLFITO, COSTA RICA	LIVE HERRING
GROUPE, OTHER	W.B.DUVAL	7-0	16	FLY	166	1/22/07	KEY WEST, FLA	DECEIVER
<u>2007 HIGHEST POINT NON-LOCAL CATCHES - FRESHWATER</u>								
(none yet)								
<u>2007 TOP SPOUSE CATCHES - SALTWATER & FRESHWATER (LOCAL)</u>								
BASS, STRIPED	KATHI SHEFFIELD	40-0	4	GEN	666	12/30/06	KIPTOPEKE, VA	EEL (WR)

The Luncker Club

(heaviest fish)

VAC 2007 Angling Year		Club Historical Record		VAC 2007 Angling Year		Club Historical Record	
Species	Angler	Weight	Angler	Species	Angler	Weight	Angler
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	Fred Cousins	6-14	Dr. Mickey Kodroff	FLOUNDER, SUMMER		10-5	Pat Dudley
BASS, ROCK & ROANOKE			Eric McDuffie	GROUPEL, GAG		9-12	Ely Robinson
BASS, SMALLMOUTH			Bob Shepherd	GROUPEL, HISTORIC		63-8	Bill DuVal
BASS, STRIPED HY			Bill Ross	GROUPEL, OTHER	Bill Duval	21-8	Bruce Henderson
BASS, STRIPED LL			Gary Anderson	JACK, CRAVELLE		34-0	Ronnie Sides
BASS, WHITE			John Wycoff	LADYFISH		3-12	Tom Barnett
BOWFIN			W.H. McCarthy	MACKEREL, CREO		8-0	Bill DuVal
CARP			Fred Cousins	MACKEREL, KING		62-0	Bill DuVal
CATFISH, BLUE	Steve Luterek	56-0	Steve Luterek	MACKEREL, SPANISH		4-0	Bill DuVal
CATFISH, CHANNEL			Fred Murray	MACKEREL, SPANISH (HIST.)*		18-3*	C.O. Mather
CATFISH, FLATHEAD			Lynn Spurlin	MARLIN, BLACK		1075-0	F.D. Gottwald
CATFISH, HISTORIC			D.N. Jones	MARLIN, BLUE ATL & PAC		691-5	Steve Hutchins
CRAPPIE, ALL	Mike Cline 1	1-1	Gary Donahue	MARLIN, STRIPED		266-0	C.O. Mather
GAR, ALL	Fred Cousins	12-0	Dick Goode	MARLIN, WHITE		113-7	C.O. Mather
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL			Bob Shepherd	PERMIT		42-0	Bill DuVal
PERCH, WHITE	Rob Robinson	1-0	Eric McDuffie	POMPANO, AFRICAN		33-0	Ely Robinson
PERCH, YELLOW	Scott Johnston	0-10	Robbie Robinson	POMPANO, COMMON		1-8	Parks Rountrey
PICKEREL, CHAIN	Scott Johnston	2-1	Reggie White	ROOSTERFISH		50-8	W.C. Askev
PIKE, NORTHERN			L. Kestelo	RUNNER, RAINBOW	Mickey Kodroff	2-4	Pat Quisenberry
SALMON, ATLANTIC			H.A. Claiborne	SALFISH, ATLANTIC		20-5	C.O. Mather
SALMON, CHINOOK			Scott Johnston	SALFISH, PACIFIC		86-3	C.O. Mather
SALMON, COHO			P.W. Hughes	SEATROUT, SPOTTED		140-0	J.F. McNeace
SHAD, AMERICAN			P. Dasher	SHARK, MAKO		11-14	Virgil Hughes
SHAD, HICKORY			Dr. Mickey Kodroff	SHARK, OTHER		486-0	C.O. Mather
SUNFISH, ALL			Roy Jones	SHEEPSHEAD		500-0	L. Kestelo
TROUT, BROOK			Joe Brooks	SNAPPER, CUBERA		14-0	Dr. Jim Wright
TROUT, BROWN			Bill Barnett	SNAPPER, MUTTON		48-8	Bill DuVal
TROUT, CUTTHROAT			C.O. Mather	SNAPPER, OTHER		17-8	Bill DuVal
TROUT, LAKE			Mark Sosin	SNAPPER, RED		32-0	Bill DuVal
TROUT, RAINBOW			Fred Cousins	SNOOK		5-0	Bill DuVal
TROUT, STEELHEAD			Stamford Niou	SPADEFISH		18-0	Dick Stephenson
WALLEYE			Steve Luterek	SPOT		11-15	Ely Robinson
WARMOUTH			Lynn Spurlin	SWORDFISH		1-2	Dr. Jim Wright
				TARPON		363-0	Stuart Lee
				TAUTOG		120-0	E. Dunham
AMBERJACK, GREATER	Bill Rewalt	91-2	Bill Rewalt	TRIGGERFISH		15-8	Dr. Jim Wright
BARRACUDA, GREAT	Reggie White	48-0	Reggie White	TUNA, BIGEYE ATL		10-0	Bill DuVal
BASS, BLACK SEA	Jim Sheffield	7-4	Jim Sheffield	TUNA, BLACKFIN		215-0	F.C. Willson
BASS, STRIPED	C.V. Kinnard	48-0	C.V. Kinnard	TUNA, BLUEFIN		38-0	Ronnie Hogge
BLUEFISH	Paul Richie	22-0	Paul Richie	TUNA, SKIPJACK		1080-0	R.L. Gilliam
BONEFISH	F.W. Lawrence	13-14	F.W. Lawrence	TUNA, YELLOWFIN		18-0	Bill DuVal
COBIA	Bill DuVal	77-0	Bill DuVal	TUNNY, LITTLE		231-0	Bill Rewalt
CROAKER	Dr. Jim Wright	4-0	Dr. Jim Wright	WAHOO		19-8	Buddy Noland
DOLPHIN	A.M. McCarthy	60-0	A.M. McCarthy	WEAKFISH	Bill Duval	65-8	Bill DuVal
DRUM, BLACK	Robbie Robinson	82-8	Robbie Robinson				Bill Gallasch
DRUM, RED	Dennis Cline	62-0	Dennis Cline				

* Includes Cero and Narrow Barred Mackerels



2006 AWARDS

The 2006 Angling year wrapped up with the annual awards banquet at the Virginia Center Crossings. Eddie Johnston planned another great night of good food, great fellowship and awards. Buddy Noland provided his usual Power Point photo recap of the 2006 angling year.

The awards presentation began with Bruce Henderson winning the first cup for a 4-10 Sea Bass on 6 plug. This was followed by Robbie Robinson with a 13-8 Dolphin on 6 gen. Glen Carter was next with a 10 oz Spot on 4 fly, followed by Mike Cline with a 1-12 Crappie on 2 plug. Vic Skakandy won the Surf Division award with a 18-0 Bluefish in the Surf.

Scott Johnston, our fly rod specialist, was the first of the two cup winners with a 1-0 Yellow Perch on 2 fly and a 1-1 croaker on 2 fly. Dean Winstead was next with a 2-10 Hickory Shad on 2 spin and a 15 oz Rock Bass also on 2 spin. Jeff Doughty picked up the next two cups with a 5-14 Bowfin on 4 general and a 1-13 Smallmouth on 4 general. Ryan Noland won the American shad with a 3-4 on 2 spin and the Brook Trout with a 3-12 on 2 fly. Danny Noland followed with a 44-0 Shark on 12 plug and the White Perch cup with a 13 oz on 2 fly. Stuart Lee won the Landlocked Striper cup with an 11-8 on 8 plug and won the Saltwater Fly Division award with a 17-8 Striped Bass on 6 Fly. Jim Sheffield picked up the Amberjack Cup with a 29-0 on 6 plug, and the Saltwater Spin Division cup with a 12-8 Bluefish on 2 spin. Mike Ostrander won the Largemouth Bass award with a 8-0 on 6 spin and the Saltwater General Division with a 27-0 Striped Bass on 6 general.

Buddy Noland was our first 3 cup winner with a 6-0 Brown Trout on 2 fly, a 4-5 Triggerfish on 6 spin and a 6-6 flounder on 6 plug.

Fred Cousins had an outstanding year, ending up with 4 cups, a 5-2 Spotted Seatrout on 2 spin, 1-1 Sunfish on 2 fly, the Freshwater General Division cup with a 41-0 Blue Catfish on 4 general, and the Freshwater Fly Division with a 9-4 Rainbow Trout on 2 fly.

Elly Robinson won the Flathead Catfish with a 21-12 on 4 general, the Chain Pickerel, an 3-1 on 2 spin and a 16-4 African Pompano on 6 spin. Elly also won the Saltwater Plug Division with a 29-8 Barracuda on 6 plug, the Freshwater Spin Division with a 10-12 Carp on 2 spin, and the Freshwater Plug Division with a 14-0 Gar on 2 plug.

Jennifer Henderson won the Saltwater Spouse award with a 26-0 Barracuda on 6 general for 346 points. Elayne Kodroff won the Freshwater spouse cup with a 1-4 Crappie on 2 spin for 193 points.

Reggie White picked up the Non-local Award with a 8-0 Brook Trout on 6 fly for 615 points, while Robbie Robinson won the American Shad cup with 5 releases, and Danny Noland won the Amberjack Release cup with 2 releases. Johnathan MacDonald won the New Member Angler of the Year with a 1-9 Hickory Shad on 2 spin for 177 points.

Three Division Expert awards were earned in 2006. Reggie White earned his Fly Division Expert award, his 8 fish totaling 3567 points, including 5 club records and a 48-0 Barracuda on 20 fly for a Club and

Fred Cousins accepting an award at the VAC Annual Awards Banquet



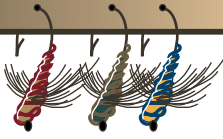
Lynn Spurlin with 2006 Cape Hatteras Anglers Club Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament trophy



Scott Johnston pushing the Chick tournament



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World Record. Danny Noland earned his Plug Division Expert award with his 8 fish totaling 2155 points. Glenn Carter earned his Fly Division Expert award with his 8 fish totaling 2588. Glenn's entries were highlighted by a 11-0 Brown Trout on 6 fly and a 24-0 Chinook Salmon on 8 fly.

Glenn Carter also completed the requirements for his Saltwater Expert Award. Some of Glenn's catches were a 12-0 Bluefish on 6 fly for 300 points, 15-0 Striped Bass on 4 spin for 300 points, 33-8 Cobia on 8 plug for 338 points, a 50-8 Red Drum in the Surf for 361 points and a 120 Shark in the Surf for 300 points. His three required fish were a Sailfish Release on 20 general, a 16-12 Amberjack on 8 plug for 186 points and the 50-8 Red Drum in the surf.

Elly Robinson won the C. V. Kinnard Angler of the Year with 2932 points. Elly had four 1st places, one second, and 2 thirds to earn this award, narrowly out pointing Fred Cousins.

Fred Cousins won the Freshwater Angler of the Year with 5 fish totaling 2285 points. Fred had outstanding catches with a 9-4 Rainbow Trout on 2 fly for 722 points and a 41-0 Blue Catfish on 4 general for 437 points.

Elly Robinson won the Saltwater Angler of the Year and the Joe Brooks Overall Angler of the year with 1222 points in Saltwater and 2098 points in Freshwater. Elly's Saltwater AOY entries included a 29-8 Barracuda on 6 plug for 458 points, a 16-4 African Pompano on 6 spin for 361 points, and a 26-8 Almaco Jack on 6 general for 294 points and a new World Record. In addition to Elly's Saltwater catches, his Freshwater entries of a 8-6 Rainbow Trout on 2 fly for 654 points and a 14-0 Gar on 2 plug for 509 points earned him the Joe Brooks AOY with 3320 points overall.

Fred Cousin's 9-4 Rainbow Trout on 2 fly for 722 points earned the Freshwater Presidents Award. Elly Robinson's 29-8 Barracuda on 6 plug for 458 points earned the Saltwater Presidents Award.

Individual Plaques were awarded to the Virginia Anglers Club Surf Fishing Team, for winning the Cape Hatteras Anglers Club invitational surf fishing tournament this past November. Team members were Captain Lynn Spurlin, Gary Martel, Ray Nuckols, Quentin Corbett, Billy Corbett, and Tom Johnson.

The highlight of the night was the awarding of the 6th Masters Angler award to Elly Robinson. Some of Elly's catches included an 8-6 Rainbow Trout on 2 fly for 654 points, 36-8 Amberjack on 12 fly for 281 points, 43-8 Barracuda on 6 spin for 725 points, his 7-12 Largemouth Bass on 12 plug for 193 points and a 5 to 1 entry of a 11-15 Spadefish on 2 general for 596 points. While working on his required fish, Elly had 7 World Record fish, won 5 Saltwater Presidents cups, one Freshwater AOY awards, four Saltwater AOY awards, and three Joe Brooks Overall AOY awards. During this time, Elly has also earned his, Saltwater and Freshwater Expert Ratings, and his Spin, Plug, General and Fly Division Expert Ratings. Outstanding accomplishments Elly.

The Annual Awards Banquet Was a Huge Success

The 2006 Virginia Anglers Club Annual Meeting / Awards Banquet was held at the Virginia Crossings Resort on January 27, 2007. President Bob Shepherd was the Master of Ceremonies. Danny Noland reviewed the angling achievements of each award recipient and Mike Cline passed the pewter. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the VAC's 6th Master Angler Award to Elly Robinson. The lucky winners of the raffles are as follows: Bill Galash fly box – member Fred Murray; Ronnie Sides fly box – Brenda Lee (wife of member Stuart Lee), Tommy Matioli fly collection – Francis Holtzclaw (wife of member Ross Holtzclaw) and the \$100 Gift Certificate redeemable at the Stony Point Fashion Park – Denise Johnston (wife of member Eddy Johnston). Banquet Chairman Eddy Johnston has reserved the Resort for the 2007 Banquet to be held in February 2008.



IGFA World Record Submission Fee Raised; Application Available Online

Effective January 1, 2007, the fee charged to evaluate IGFA World Record Applications has been raised to \$40 for IGFA members and to \$65 for non-members. World Record Applications are available at http://www.igfa.org/IGFARecApplication_07.pdf Becky Reynolds is available at 954-924-4246 or at breyolds@igfa.org to answer questions and provide information regarding world record applications.

Special Award Crafted for Hatteras Tournament VAC Surf Team Members

A special plaque was given as a surprise award at the Annual Banquet to each member of the Virginia Anglers Club Surf Fishing Team in recognition of their winning the 2006 Cape Hatteras Anglers Club Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament in early November. The engraved plaque, mounted on a walnut board, contained an engraved likeness of the Cape Hatteras lighthouse and the names of each of the members of the team as well as the seal of the Virginia Anglers Club and verbiage describing the award. This is the first award in the history of the VAC to be given to a team made up of members of the Club. All other awards in the 45-year history of the Club have recognized individual angling achievement. Team members were Captain Lynn Spurlin, Ray Nuckols, Gary Martel, Quentin Corbett, Billy Corbett and Tom Johnson.

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