



July 2008

**July Membership Meeting:
"Fishing the
Fredericksburg Area"**

Tuesday, July 22, 2008 at 7:00 PM

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

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BACKLASH

(Commentary from the Board of Directors)

July Membership Meeting: Fishing the Fredericksburg Area

Outdoor writer and VAC member Tee Clarkson will talk about "Fishing Opportunities In The Fredericksburg Area". That area is just a short hop up I-95 North and would make an easy trip for a nice day of fishing. Tee's writings are often found in *Virginia Wildlife* and other publications.

Future Membership Meeting Programs Announced

Program Chairman Mike Ostrander has Dr. Julie Ball lined up for the October Membership Meeting. Julie, one of Virginia's IGFA representatives and a well known and easily recognized reporter on saltwater fishing off the coast of Virginia will join us for the October Membership Meeting (subject to be announced later).

Hunter Wells Voted Into Membership July 8, 2008

Please welcome Hunter Wells into membership in the Virginia Anglers Club. Hunter is a law student at William and Mary and an active angler. He lives down near Jordan Point and fishes the James River and the North Carolina surf. Be sure to make your self known to Hunter when you see him next.

Website Custom Rod Raffle Off to a Great Start

Sixty-two (62) of the eighty (80) lines on the raffle sheet for the Custom Rod built by Glenn Carter were purchased by members present at the June Membership Meeting. There are only eighteen (18) lines open on the raffle sheet. See Justin Schrinel at the July Membership Meeting and buy one or more of the open lines for \$5.00 per line. There is no limit as to the number of lines that can be purchased. All proceeds will go to the Website Fund thanks to this generous donation by Glenn

Carter. Thank you Glenn for the rod materials, talent and time you took to build this rod for us. The drawing will occur when all eighty (80) lines are sold.

Special VAC Columbia Bonehead™ Shirts -- Ordering Opens Again

Eddy Johnston has reopened the opportunity to buy the special edition official Virginia Anglers Club embroidered Columbia Bonehead™ brand fishing shirts. Just see, call or e-mail Eddy and place an order. The shirts are \$50 each and have two embroidery options. Shirt details are elsewhere in this edition of the Angler. Payment will be needed at time of delivery. Thirteen shirts were delivered during the first order campaign.

BOD Concerned About Verbage in Some Website Postings

The Board of Directors of the Virginia Anglers Club is concerned about some of the word choices made and included in some of the postings being made on the VAC Website. The BOD expects all postings to be free of "cuss words" and other words or references that may offend readers. Our Website has a lot of content that is wide open to the public to view. The BOD wants readers (male or female) to come away from reading the Website postings with the feeling that the VAC is the first class club that it is and one to which they would be proud to belong and be associated. Webmaster Johnny Wetlaufer and website monitor Parks Rountrey will work to monitor offensive words in postings. Automatic filters have also been put in place in case something "slips".

Photos and Text Needed For the VAC Website and the Angler

Help! Your pictures of your catches and the catches of others (can be friends with whom you fished) are needed for each

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edition of the Angler and for the web site. Copies of articles of interest (please include source), original text and the like are also welcome and needed.

Your Ukrop's Golden Gift Receipts Have Been Submitted for Credit

The certificates for Ukrop's Golden Gift program are now being tallied up by Ukrop's. Special Activities Chairman Justin Schrinel estimates the VAC's "Gift" will be around \$200. Thanks to all who participated in the Golden Gifts program.

DGIF Calendar Sale Starts Soon

Don West, VAC's Director of DGIF Calendar Sales, reports that the 2009 DGIF hunting and fishing calendars will be available soon. The BOD has approved the purchase of 300 calendars for sale by club members. Please contact your "regulars" starting now and get them on the hook for the purchase of a calendar. As a reminder, the DGIF calendars now run January thru December.

Banquet Reminder and Request For Help From Eddy Johnston

The 2008 Annual Awards banquet will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2009 at the Virginia Crossings Resort. Eddy Johnston has asked that members, wives and others who previously attended the banquet give him any ideas for the banquet program. He can be reached easily on his cell phone (804) – 586-7012.

For the Leadership Team John Wetlaufer, Sr., Director



Glenn with 32# Cobia on #8 Plug. Stubborn fish, fighting time 1 hour 40 minutes



Stuart Lee with his career best 7# Speckle Trout

CATCHY COMMENTS

By Staurt Lee



The dog days of summer must have arrived early this year judging from the number of entries.

Parks Rountrey and **Bob Brown** caught some nice Flathead Catfish in Richmond earlier this month with Parks catching a 19½ pound fish and Bob catching a 17½ pounder, both on 4 general.

Two of our newer members continued to turn in entries from successful trips. **Jamie Pitts** entered a 45 pound Red Drum and a 3½ pound Flounder that he caught around the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. **Will Mosley** caught a 32 pound Red Drum and a 3¼ pound Flounder, caught on 2 Plug for a new club record, on a recent trip in the mouth of the Bay.

One catch that caught my eye was a 6 lb. 14 oz. speckle trout caught by **Robbie Robinson**. Anyone would be very proud of that fish but it was the lure used that caught my eye. Robbie caught that fish on 4 Spin using a top water plug and I only wish I could have witnessed that strike.



New member Jamie Pitts shows off a 9-14oz and a 8-3oz Flounder he caught at the cell over July 4th. Jamie and his son caught 20 keepers in 2 days.

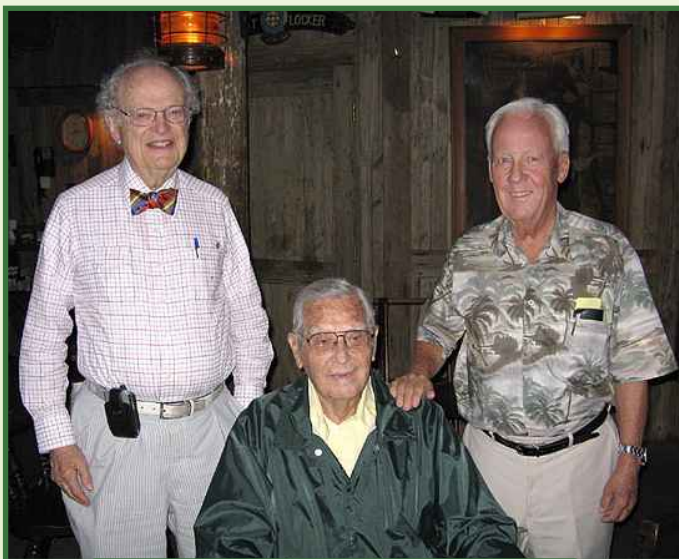


VAC History Reviewed at the June Membership Meeting

A live discussion of the history and some angling stories associated with the Virginia Anglers Club was enjoyed by members present at the June Membership Meeting. Bill DuVal led off with reading a history of the Club written by founder Monk Montigue. Bill then went into some personal memories of the early days of the club. He shared his personal memories of Joe Brooks and a poem titled "If I Had A Boy". Although the poem was signed by 'Anonymous', Bill feels the poem was written by Joe. Pat Quisenberry followed with amazing and amusing tales of some of the fishing he and Bill did in days past. Bill and Pat met as fraternity brothers at UR. Glenn Carter wrapped up the sail down memory ditch with an amazing story of an overnight trip to the Barrier Islands during which the hearty band of VAC anglers were isolated and whipped up on by the onset of an unexpected storm. Although the storm and the rough water the next day were not in the plans, all returned safe and sound and with an amazing story to tell. Bernie Skydanek opted to leave the island and sleep in a motel. Good thing he did. He organized a rescue mission by a couple of local commercial fishermen.

Three Members of the Class of '61 Together at June Meeting

Take a look at the picture below. There you will see pictured three of the four members of the Virginia Anglers Club who came together at the June Membership Meeting. In the picture are three of the four members of the Virginia Anglers Club who joined the club in 1961, the first year of the existence of the VAC. Pictured, left to right, are Floyd Gottwald, Bill Gallash and Bill Duval. Not present is the 4th surviving member of the Class of 1961, Tom Geisler.



Floyd Gottwald, Bill Gallash and Bill DuVal

Only 18 Lines Left on Website Rod Raffle Sheet

There are only 18 of the 80 lines left on the raffle sign up sheet to win the 6' - 6", mid-modulus graphite rod. Features include a St. Croix fast action medium power blank that Glenn Carter has built and donated to the VAC with proceeds going to the Website Fund. Glenn believes the rod will make a proper 4# to 8# rod. If you have a feather light touch, he also believes 2# might work for you. See the photograph of the rod to get a feel for the patience and workmanship that went into the rod.

The winner's name will be permanently put on the rod.



Your name on here...

...gets your name on here

A custom-made Glenn Carter original!



Detail

Tournament Results

We held our Virginia flounder tourney June 21-22 with at least 9 members participating. Afternoon storms made things interesting. Keeper fish were hard to come by, but enough respectable fish were caught to claim all the places. Here are the winners:

Points Division

Rob Choi with a 3-9 on 4 gen. for 178 Points. (wins \$40 Greentop Giftcard!)

Rob Choi with a 3-4 on 4 gen. for 166 Points.

Lynn Spurlin with a 2-8 on 6 spin for 125 Points.

Weight Division

LeRoy Houser with a 4-2 178. (wins \$40 Greentop Giftcard!)

Jamie Pitts 3-8.

Tony Horsley 2-8.



VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 7/9/08

SPECIES	ANGLER	WEIGHT	LN	DIV.	PTS	DATE	LOCATION	BAIT
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2008 SPECIES LEADERS - SALTWATER

BASS, STRIPED	JH Sheffield	50-9	2	Gen	1011	12/30/07	Concrete Ships, Va.	Eel
BLUEFISH	ES Johnston	8-4	2	Spin	275	5/1/08	Rudee Inlet	Grub
COBIA	GN Carter	32-0	8	Plug	355	6/6/08	Oregon Inlet, NC	Bucktail Jig
CROAKER	ES Johnston	1-10	2	Spin	216	6/6/08	Gwinn's Island	Jig
DOLPHIN	GN Carter	4-12	4	Spin	135	6/6/08	The "Point", NC	Bucktail Jig
DRUM BLACK	J Pitts	65-0	20	Gen	185	5/22/08	CBBT, Va.	Clam
DRUM, RED	J Pitts	45-0	20-0	Gen	236	6/8/08	CBBT, Va.	Crab
FLOUNDER, SUMMER	W Mosley	3-4	2	Plug	270	6/14/08	HRBT, Va	Grub
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F Cousins	6-2	2	Spin	408	1/13/08	Elizabeth River	Grub

2008 SPECIES LEADERS - FRESHWATER

BASS, LARGEMOUTH	L Allen	6-8	2	Spin	433	3/22/08	Private Pond Caroline	In-line Spinner Bait
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	DN Noland	3-0	2	Fly	375	3/6/08	Nottoway River	Dan's Peach Shad Fly
BOWFIN	JP Rountrey	6-8	4	Gen	198	5/2/08	Chickahominy River	Cut Bait
CARP	F Cousins	22-0	2	Spin	687	2/3/08	Private Lake, Va.	Rattle Trap
CATFISH, BLUE	F Cousins	64-0	6	Gen	602	1/5/08	James River, Va.	Cut Gizzard Shad
CHANNEL CATFISH	JH Sheffield	11-4	2	Gen	359	1/23/08	James River, Va.	Minnow
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F Murray	22-0	4	Fly	466	2/17/08	James River	Streamer
CRAPPIE, ALL	M Kodroff	1-2	2	Spin	178	2/5/08	East Lake, NC	Spinnerbait
GAR, ALL	F Cousins	11-0	2	Plug	400	4/26/08	James River	Fin S Grub
PERCH, WHITE	BL Noland	1-0	2	Fly	333	4/13/08	Nottoway River	Road Runner
PERCH, YELLOW	F Cousins	1-1	2	Spin	279	12/8/07	Piankatank River	Grub
PICKERAL, CHAIN	M Kodroff	2-12	4	Spin	202	2/5/08	East Lake, NC	Plastic Tail & Jig
SHAD, AMERICAN	J Doughty	3-8	2	Spin	280	3/31/08	Nottoway River	Shad Dart
SHAD, HICKORY	F Cousins	2-0	2	Fly	285	3/27/08	James River	Shad Fly
SUNFISH, ALL	Rob Robinson	1-2	2	Fly	375	5/4/08	Elly's Pond, Va.	Popper

2008 DIVISION LEADERS - SALTWATER

BASS, STRIPED	JH Sheffield	50-9	2	Gen	1011	12/30/07	Concrete Ships, Va.	Eel
COBIA	SC Lee	19-4	16	Fly	120	6/14/08	Oregon Inlet, NC	Half & Half
COBIA	GN Carter	32-0	8	Plug	355	6/6/08	Oregon Inlet, NC	Bucktail Jig
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F Cousins	6-2	2	Spin	408	1/13/08	Elizabeth River	Grub

2008 DIVISION LEADERS - FRESHWATER

CATFISH, BLUE	F Cousins	64-0	4	Gen	682	1/5/08	James River, Va.	Cut Gizzard Shad
CARP	F Cousins	22-0	2	Spin	687	2/3/08	Private Lake, Va.	Rattle Trap
GAR, ALL	F Cousins	11-0	2	Plug	400	4/26/08	James River	Fin S Grub
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F Murray	22-0	4	Fly	466	2/17/08	James River	Streamer

NEW CLUB RECORDS - SALTWATER

BASS, STRIPED	JH Sheffield	50-9	2	Gen	1011	12/30/07	Concrete Ships, Va.	Eel
DRUM, RED	M Cline	6-10	2	Plug	165	6/7/08	Mobjack Bay, Va	Jig
FLOUNDER, SUMMER	W Mosley	3-4	2	Plug	270	6/14/08	HRBT, Va	Grub
COBIA	SC Lee	19-4	16	FLY	120	6/14/08	Oregon Inlet, NC	Half & Half

NEW CLUB RECORDS - FRESHWATER

CATFISH, BLUE	F Cousins	64-0	6	Gen	602	1/5/08	James River, Va.	Cut Gizzard Shad
CATFISH, CHANNEL	JH Sheffield	11-4	2	Gen	359	1/23/08	James River, Va.	Minnow
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	JH Sheffield	25-0	4	Spin	423	1/11/08	James River, Va.	Jig & Gulp
CARP	F Cousins	22-0	2	Spin	687	2/3/08	Private Lake, Va.	Rattle Trap
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F Murray	22-0	4	Fly	466	2/17/08	James River	Streamer
CARP	F Murray	20-0	4	Spin	500	2/17/08	James River, Va.	Silver Buddy
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F Murray	27-8	4	Spin	466	2/17/08	James River	Jig
CATFISH, BLUE	RJ Brown	47-0	12	Gen	326	3/3/08	James River, Va.	Cut Bait
SHAD, AMERICAN	M Kodroff	3-0	6	Fly	179	3/13/09	Weldon, N.C.	Shad Fly
CATFISH, BLUE	WS Johnson	8-14	2	Fly	170	4/17/08	Piankatank River	Clouser Fly
TROUT, BROWN	RL White	21-0	16	Fly	452	3/20/08	Tierra del fuego. Argentina	Fly
TROUT, BROWN	RL White	20-0	20	Fly	357	3/21/08	Tierra del fuego. Argentina	Fly
CATFISH, BLUE								

2008 HIGHEST POINT NON-LOCAL CATCHES - FRESHWATER

TROUT, BROWN	RL White	22-0	12	Fly	597	3/21/08	Tierra del fuego. Argentina	Fly
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2008 HIGHEST POINT NON-LOCAL CATCHES - SALTWATER

COBIA	Q Corbett	17-0	8	Gen	154	2/18/08	Islamorda, FI	Pilchard
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2008 TOP SPOUSE CATCHES - SALTWATER & FRESHWATER (LOCAL) (none submitted yet for 2008)

2008 TOP YOUTH CATCHES - FRESHWATER (LOCAL)

SHAD, HICKORY	0-6yr R Farley	0-14	2	Spin	100	4/16/08	James River	Shad Fly
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2008 TOP YOUTH CATCHES - SALTWATER (LOCAL)

Bass, Striped	7-12yr Justin Pitts	18-0	8	Gen	231	5/23/08	CBBT, Va.	Live Bait
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C.V. KINNARD AWARD COMPETITION - thru 7/3/08

ANGLER	FIRSTS	SECONDS	THIRDS	PLACES	POINTS	AVERAGE
Fred Cousins	1	2	1	4	1975	493
Jim Sheffield	2	0	0	2	1303	651
Will Mosley	1	1	0	2	470	235
Parks Rountrey	0	1	1	2	451	225
Larry Allen	1	0	0	1	433	433
Eddy Johnston	0	1	0	1	275	275
Scott Johnston	0	0	1	1	250	250
TOTALS	5	5	3	13	5157	397

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Ordering *Available Again* for
VAC Columbia Bonehead™ Shirts

Eddy Johnston will continue to take orders in July for the special “Virginia Anglers Club Edition” of the famous Columbia Bonehead™ long-sleeve 100% cotton fishing shirts. These are high quality and very comfortable shirts @ \$50.00 each. Shirts will be available in the standard Columbia rainbow of colors. Embroidery options now are either “Virginia Anglers Club / Richmond, VA” or the Bill Galash popping bug that is on the VAC “flats style” hat custom embroidered above one pocket. The Columbia website (www.columbia.com) contains pictures of this shirt which can be shown in any color available. Columbia’s description of the shirts notes:

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