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#### April Membership Meeting: "The Sufolk Lakes"

Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 7:00 PM

Skilligalee Restaurant Glenside Ave, just North of Broad Street Come ~ 5:30 PM and enjoy good company over dinner from the menu

#### BACKLASH (Commentary from the Board of Directors)

#### **"THE SUFFOLK LAKES"**

DGIF Biologist Chad Boyce will present a program on fishing opportunities on what may most frequently be know as "The Suffolk Lakes". Chad is very familiar with these impoundments and will give us a lot of good information on what may be some underused opportunities for fresh water fishing that are not too far from the Richmond Area. Check elsewhere in this issue of the Angler for a suggested way to get information on these and other freshwater fishing opportunities from the DGIF Website.

#### FISH FRY AT MAYMONT RETURNS IN MAY

The May 2009 Membership Meeting will be held on May 26<sup>th</sup> at the Maymont Nature Center. Dinner will again feature a fish fry prepared by Danny and Buddy Noland and their efficient staff of culinary experts. Donations of thawed member-caught fish are requested as they were last year. Cost is \$15.00 for the meal and drinks will be free. Rob Choi will have his fishing-rigged kayak there and will be answering questions about kayak fishing for all comers. Look elsewhere in this issue of the newsletter for more information about this coming event.

#### FOUR NEW MEMBERS VOTED IN AT APRIL BOD MEETING

Gary Henning, Ron Eldridge, Greg Cramer and Drew Garey were voted into membership in the Virginia Anglers Club at the Board of Directors Meeting held on April 14, 2009. To place a face with these names, a picture of the orientation class attended by this group of new members appears elsewhere in this issue of the Angler. Please make yourselves known to these new members when you see them next. Welcome to the club.

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Special Raffle to be held at the April Membership Meeting A special raffle will be held at the April Membership Meeting in which a calendar featuring twelve catches made by IGFA epresentative Dr. Julie Ball. Standard special raffle ticket prices will prevail... one please see Don West for your special raffle

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#### SPECIE CUPS AVAILABLE FOR INDIVIDUAL PURCHASE

At the request of the Board of Directors, Angling Rules Committee Records Custodian Danny Noland has established a procedure by which pewter Jefferson specie award cups can be individually purchased from Bunkie Trinite Trophies, the official supplier of engraved items for the Virginia Anglers Club. If you won a species award (points or weight) during the 2008 Angling Year, a simple visit or a phone call sets the engraving of a species cup in motion. Please see the details for ordering individual cups in another part of issue of this Angler.

#### SPECIAL COUNTRY STORE ORDER ITEMS AVAILABLE IF ENOUGH INTEREST IS SHOWN

Country Store Keeper Eddy Johnston is not planning, for the time being, to order in any new "standard" stock for the Country Store. However, he will do special orders if there is enough volume of the items to make an attractive price possible. Often special order items involve a one time set up fee. This fee has to be spread over a number of items to keep the final price reasonable. Contact Eddy if you have requests or questions. There are many items in inventory that are worth a look and a nice addition to any tackle box.

For the Leadership Team

John Wetlaufer, Sr., Director

Please Be Sure to Pay your Tab at the Membership Meetings

A dinner tab went unpaid at one of the Membership Meetings earlier this year. The Directors voted for the club to absorb this unpaid bill for dinner. Please be sure that you close your tab before you leave for the evening. Get in touch with John Wetlaufer, Sr. if you feel this was your tab for the evening.

#### CATCHY COMMENTS by Buddy Nolan

The Freshwater fishing activity has been steadily picking up with the *Shad* and *White Perch* run currently happening in the rivers. The *Blue* and *Flathead Catfish* have plenty to forage on.

Probably the last of the *Yellow Perch* entries were by **Scott Johnston**, **Pat Quisenberry and William Nicar**. **Scott** had a 0-14 entry on 2# fly on a Clouser fly for 291 points. This entry is the new "specie" lead and replaces **Ryan Noland**. As late as March 11<sup>th</sup>, **Pat Quisenberry** pulled two large *Yellow Perch* from the Pamunkey River. **Pat** had a 1-4 on 4# spin for the first entry and 15 minutes later, landed a 1-7 on 6# spin. His 1-7 *Yellow Perch* takes the lead for the "largest" specie. The best entry being worth 271 points. **William Nicar** also was fishing March 11<sup>th</sup> on Jolly Pond and entered a 0-14 *Yellow Perch* on 2# fly for 250 points. Jolly Pond also produced a 6-8 *Largemouth Bass* on 8# plug for **William**. A Segile Swimmer was used for this 216 point entry.

**Fred Cousins** had two notable catches this past month. **His** 3-3 *Chain Pickerel* on 2# spin from Lee Hall Reservoir takes the "spin division" lead with 318 points. And the 16-0 **Gar** on 2# plug worth 581 points is the current Club Record and also takes the "specie" lead. Both were caught on "grubs".

Fishing in Weldon, N.C., **Mickey Kodroff** pulled in two 2-8 pound *Hickory Shads*. The 2# spin entry worth 284 points is the early entry and "largest of specie" leader. The 4# fly entry worth 297 points, is now the "fly division" and "specie" leader. Largest *Hickory* from the James River is 2-1 pound to date.

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**Jamie Pitts** continues to catch nice fish. Fishing on the Potomac River March 10th, **Jamie** caught a 1-12 *Crappie* using a live minnow on 2# general for 224 points and the "largest of specie" lead. Three days later, **Jamie** was fishing Gouldman's Pond in Port Royal Va., and landed a 7-0 *Largemouth Bass* on a jumbo minnow for 223 points on 6# general.

**Matt Balazik** and **Parks Rountrey** were *Gar* fishing on the James River and had several entries. **Matt's** was a 6-0 *Gar* on 4 general for 131 points and **Parks** a 8-0 for 290 on 2# spin on a plastic grub. Going to be hard to beat **Fred's** current 16-0 on 2# plug *Gar* lead.

*Flathead Catfishing* has improved for **Mike Cline**. **Fred Cousins** and **Mike** were fishing together when **Mike** landed a 20-0 *Flathead* using a Silver Buddy for 404 points on 2# plug. **Mike's** fish replaces **Dennis Cline's** old Club Record of 19-12 pounds.

**Eddy Johnston** was fishing the James River and caught a *Hickory Shad* on 2# fly. The fish weighed 1-12 and is worth 250 points.

Several of the **Noland's** have been fishing for *Shad* and *White Perch* the last several weeks. On the James, **Ryan's** best entry is a 2-1 on 2# spin for 234 points in the Shad Tournament. **Danny** said he thought that **he** and **Ryan** were having a great day catching ~ 60 Shad, when they drifted down the river and saw **Glenn Carter** and **Stuart Lee** working the fish over like machines on fly rods. Stuart's largest Hickory was a 2-1. **Glenn** and **Stuart** had landed over 160 fish and were shooting for 200 in a day! **Danny's** best catch was a 1-15 *Hickory* on 2# plug. **Ryan** has managed to out fish **Danny** in every specie this year and **Danny** has threatened to put **Ryan** on Ann Carrow's wall to fish if he doesn't back off!

**Danny** was also fishing the James with his daughter **Janie** and **Robin** one afternoon when **Janie** landed a "potential" Junior IGFA World Record *Hickory Shad*. **Janie** caught the fish on a dart on 2# spin and it weighed 1-13. If approved, this will be **Janie's** second World Record. Go girl!





From the Nottoway River in Franklin, Va., **Danny** caught a 10 ounce *White Perch* with **Ryan** topping that with a 1-1 *Perch* on 2# spin for 279 points. **Ryan's** fish will take the "specie" and "largest" leads. Over 100 *White Perch* were caught that day. Several *American Shad* were also landed by **Ryan** with a 1-15 being the highest point entry on a dart and 2# spin.

Saltwater fishing on the Elizabeth River, several anglers had *Spotted Seatrout* entries. **George Atkinson** was fishing the Hot Ditch with **Fred Cousins** on March 15<sup>th</sup> when he hooked a 4-6 *trout* on 4# spin for a 218 point entry. **Rob Choi** was also fishing the river and landed a 5-11 *Seatrout* on 2# spin for 379 points and the "spin division" lead.

Last, but certainly not least, was a fantastic fishing trip by **Quinton Corbett** at Puerto Jamenez, Costa Rica during the middle of March. The trip resulted in six different specie entries. The best entry was a *Pacific Sailfish* on a ballyhoo using 30# tackle for 191 points. All other species were caught on 12# line and are as follows: 8-0 *Red Snapper*, 8-0 *African Pompano*, 8-0 *Rock Snapper*, a 14-0 *Roosterfish*, and an 11-6 *Jack Cravelle*. The *Red Snapper* is a Club Record. Not bad for two days fishing!

Take care,

Buddy

Stamford Niou with a nice Carp on Fly

#### NORTH CAROLINA OUTER BANKS BEACH DRIVING INFORMATION

To get the latest information on what parts of the beach in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Park are closed to driving, check www.islandfreepress.org.

The closures, as you may know, are based on the nesting of sea turtles and shore birds (piping plover, among them) and the width and condition of the beach itself. With the spring surf fishing season coming up soon, this information is really useful to know before taking the trip down to catch some of the drum that will soon appear.

The negotiated beach closure rulemaking process ended after 14 months of meetings on Thursday evening, Feb. 26. This process was to assist the National Park Service in writing a long-term off-road vehicle regulation for the Cape Hatteras National Seashore

#### **PAY DUES OR MAKE A DONATION ON LINE**

If you have not yet paid your 2009 dues, you can do so quickly and easily now by paying online with your credit card. Go to the VAC website and open the Members' Area. At the bottom of the Members' Area home page you will see a rectangular buttons that offer the opportunity to pay dues or make a donation. Click on the appropriate button and fill in the information on the next page that pops up. Follow the instructions for either payment choice and your payment selection will come automatically to the VAC for payment credit. Your credit card statement should have an entry confirming the charge.

#### JEFFERSON CUPS FOR SPECIES AWARDS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

The Board of Directors has approved a way for winners of annual species awards (both points and weight) to individually purchase engraved pewter Jefferson Award cups from Bunkie Trinite Trophies. Bunkie-Trinite Trophies is the source of all engraved awards given by the Club and are located at 12 E. Grace Street in downtown Richmond. Their phone number is (804)-648-2416. When you visit the store or call to place your order, ask for Chris Trinity. VAC Records Custodian Danny Noland has provided Chris with a list of the 2008 Angling Year specie award winners. Tell Chris what award(s) for which a Jefferson Cup is desired. Chris will work out pricing, payment and delivery with the individual member requesting a cup(s). Chris will know the text, font and layout necessary to produce the Jefferson Cup. The Seal of the Virginia Anglers Club will also be engraved on the cup. All cups individually ordered will match species cups awarded in the past.

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#### SPECIAL RAFFLE – APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

This month's Special Raffle will feature a Dr. Julie Ball sport fishing calendar. Tickets are one for \$1.00 and six for \$5.00. See Don West prior to the meeting for your tickets.

#### CHECK OUT THE DGIF'S FRESH WATER LAKE FISHING INFORMATION

Looking for an easily accessed catalog of Virginia's fresh water lakes and details about access, what species abound and other information about these lakes? The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries web site home page is a good place to start. Three clicks and you are presented a listing of these lakes.

Call up . Once up, click on "Fishing". Click on "Where to Fish". Up comes the list of the fresh water ponds and lakes in the Commonwealth. Pick a lake, click on the name and you get a rundown on that body of water and links to maps, biological information and the like. Check out the links of interest to you. To do a little "homework" for the April Membership Meeting's program, we suggest you check out any or all of the following bodies of water:

> Burnt Mills Dam, Lake Whitehurst, Lake Smith, Lake Prince, Little Creek Reservoir, Western Branch Reservoir



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### FIVE CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP ATTEND ORIENTATION MEETING

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4-1-09 VAC Orientation Class GreenTop Sporting Goods Meeting Room Photograph Names (L to R)

Ron Eldridge, Greg Crammer, Matt Olsen, Drew Garey, Glenn Carter (VAC Orientation Co-Chairman), Gary Henning (Not Shown, Photographer John Wetlaufer, Sr. – VAC Orientation Co-Chairman)

### VAC MEMBERS HELP KIDS ENJOY THE FUN OF ANGLING



Many kids from the Richmond area enjoyed a few hours of fishing, thanks to GreenTop Sporting Goods, The Virginia Anglers Club and the able assistance of four VAC Members. The "Open Fishing Time" was held on Saturday, April 18, 2009 on the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge and was part of the "Earth Day" festivities (formerly known as the Fish Festival) in Richmond. The species targeted were hickory shad, white perch and herring. VAC Members Lynn Spurlin, Vic Skakandy, Bob Brown and Charlie Fasano volunteered to assist with keeping the tackle donated by GreenTop and the Virginia Anglers Club actively fishing. The four tied on lures, made sure the lines got into the James River and unhooked the catches the kids reeled in. It is worth noting that Charlie was voted into membership on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Charlie wasted little time in jumping in and helping with this worthy and fun filled event. Once again, the VAC gratefully acknowledges GreenTop for donating gear for use by the kids and their continuing to support VAC sponsored events.

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### MAY 26<sup>TH</sup> FISH FRY DETAILS

The 2009 May 26<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting of the VAC will be held at the Maymont Nature Center and feature a FISH FRY. Food will be prepared by the Hopewell's world famous culinary artists Danny and Buddy Noland and their trusty associate fryers, Dean Winstead and Jeff Doughty. The Fish Fry will be held under the tent on the lower level of the Center. The Maymont Nature Center will be open to all without charge, courtesy of the good work of VAC member Fred Murray. Fred caught a lot of the fish now on display in the aquarium.

Bringing a guest(s) is encouraged. Guests need not be limited to potential new members. See below for reservation details.

Date and Time: May 26, 2009. The Tent opens at 5:30 PM and food will be served at 6:30 PM.

Meal Price per Person: \$15 per attendee. Cold beer, bottled water and soda will be provided free. Money collected at the door.

Menu: Fried fish, French fries, slaw, and hush puppies (from the Jeff Doughty's secret, down home Hopewell recipe), soft drinks, water and beer.

Special Note - the Frying Oil Used is Peanut Oil

Reservations Requested: Call or e-mail Program Chairman Mike Ostrander [938-2350 (C) or mike@jamesriverfishing.com] with the number of reservations you wish to make and the attendees' names. Mike will acknowledge your reservation; please remind him to confirm if you do not hear back in 2 or 3 days. Reservations close midnight, Saturday, May 23<sup>rd.</sup>

Fish Donations: Donations of THAWED fish are requested. Please call Buddy (691-0615) or Danny (514-0650) by Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> with information about the quantity of fish you will donate.

Raffle: The normal Membership Meeting raffle for a \$25 Greentop Sporting Goods gift certificate will be held. See Don West at the meeting for sign up sheets.



Rob Choi with his 1lb 11oz Hickory Shad on 2 Fly

Per club request, Rob Choi will have his fishing-rigged kayak there and will be answering questions about kayak fishing for all comers.





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# VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 3/1/09

SPECIES	ANGLER	WEIGHT	LN	DIV.	PTS	DATE		BAIT
2009 SPECIES LEADERS - SALTWATER								
BASS, STRIPED	F Cousins	39-0	4	Gen	650	12/30/08	Chesapeake Bay, Va	Live Eel
BLUEFISH	SC Lee	10-0	12	Plug	111	12/29/08		Bucktail
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	R Noland	7-10	2	Plug	508	12/23/08	Elizabeth River, Va.	Mirrolure
2009 SPECIES LEADERS - FRESHWATER								
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	J Pitts	7-0	6	Gen	223	3/13/09	Gouldman's Pond, Va.	Live Minnow
BASS, ROCK & ROANO		0-7	2	Plug	115	2/15/09	Northwest River, Va.	Silver Buddy
BOWFIN	R. Noland	4-3	2	Plug	209	2/17/09	Northwest River, Va.	Grub
CARP CATFISH, FLATHEAD	W. Mosley W. Mosley	22-0 36-0	2 6	Plug Plug	687 525	2/7/09 2/9/09	Piankatank River, Va. James River, Va.	Jig Jig
CATFISH, BLUE	B Shepherd	50-0 51-0	4	Gen	543	1/10/09	James River, Va.	Cut Shad
CRAPPIE, ALL	JP Rountrey	1-11	2	Spin	267	2/13/09	James River, Va.	Plastic Grub
GAR, ALL	F Cousins	16-0	2	Plug	581	3/22/09	James River, Va.	Grub
PERCH, WHITE	R Noland	1-1	2	Spin	279	4/10/09	Nottoway River, Va.	Dart
PERCH, YELLOW	WS Johnston F Cousins	0-14 3-3	2 2	Fly Spin	291 318	2/26/09 3/28/09	Chickahominy River Lee Hall Reservoir, Va.	Clouser Grub
PICKERAL, CHAIN SHAD, AMERICAN	R Noland	2-15	2	Plug	235	4/13/09	Nottoway River, Va.	Dart
SHAD, HICKORY	M Kodroff	2-8	4	Fly	297	3/9/09	Weldon, N.C.	Shad Fly
2009 DIVISION LEADERS - SALTWATER								
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	R Choi	5-11	2	Spin	379	3/22/09	Elizabeth River, Va.	Mirrolure
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	R Noland	7-10	2	Plug	508	12/23/08		Mirrolure
BASS, STRIPED	F Cousins	39-0	4	Gen	650	12/30/08	Chesapeake Bay, Va	Live Eel
2009 DIVISION LEADERS - FRESHWATER								
PICKERAL, CHAIN	F Cousins	3-3	2	Spin	318	3/28/09	Lee Hall Reservoir, Va.	Grub
CARP	W. Mosley	22-0	2	Plug	687	2/7/09	Piankatank River, Va.	Jig
CATFISH, BLUE SHAD, HICKORY	B Shepherd M Kodroff	51-0 <mark>2-8</mark>	4 4	Gen Fly	543 297	1/10/09 3/9/09	James River, Va. Weldon, N.C.	Cut Shad Shad Fly
SHAD, HICKOKT	M Rouron	2-0	1	гу	231	3/3/03	weldon, N.C.	Shau Fiy
2009 SPECIES LEADERS LARGEST - SALTWATER BASS, LARGEMOUTH J Pitts 7-0								
BASS, STRIPED	43-8		OKE D. Noland	0-7				
BLUEFISH	JH Sheffield SC Lee	40-0 10-0		BOW			R. Noland	4-3
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	7-10		W. Mosley	22-0				
					ISH, BL		B Shepherd	51-0
	CATFISH, FLA CRAPPIE, ALL					W. Mosley J Pitts	36-0 1-12	
					ALL	F Cousins	16-0	
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			PICKERAL, CHAIN				F Cousins	3-3
		SHAD, AN					R Noland	2-15
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,	R Noland R Noland	7-10 2 5-10 6		•			Elizabeth River, Va.	Mirrolure
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	JH Sheffield	43-8 8					Fisherman's Island, Va.	Live Eel
	Q Corbett	<b>8-0</b> 1	2 (	Gen	128 3		Puerto Jamenez, Costa Rica	Sardine
NEW CLUB RECORDS - FRESHWATER								
CATFISH, BLUE	ES Johnston	33-0 2	2 1	Plug	507 <sup>·</sup>	12/3/08	Chippokes Creek, Va.	Jig
CATFISH, BLUE	GN Carter	<b>49-0</b> 1	12 (	Gen	<b>340</b> ^	12/15/08	James River, Va.	Cut Shad
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	W. Mosley			•		2/9/09	James River, Va.	Jig
CATFISH, FLATHEAD BASS, ROCK & ROANOKE	M Cline			•		3 <b>/27/09</b> 2/15/09	James River, Va. North River, Va.	Silver Buddy
CARP	D. Noland W. Mosley			•		2/15/09 2/7/09	North River, va. Piankatank River, Va.	Silver Buddy Jig
GAR, ALL	F Cousins			-		3/22/09	James River, Va.	Grub
TOP YOUTH CATCHES - FRESHWATER (LOCAL)								
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SHAD, HICKORY	Janie Willis	1-13	2	Spin	205	4/9/09	James River, Va.	Dart
Youth-16 yrs.								



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## **NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, April 28th at Skilligalee Restaurant

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