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May Membership Meeting: Maymont Nature Center

Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at 5:30 PM

BACKLASH

(Commentary from the Board of Directors)

FISH FRY AT MAYMONT RETURNS IN MAY

The May 2009 Membership Meeting will be held on May 26th 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.

Reservations not needed. Please check in at the Registration Station when you arrive. Exact change will be appreciated (\$15). The Annual Fish Fry is a great opportunity to share with a non member, a friend or significant other and an excellent venue at which you can meet new members. Special thanks to member Fred Murray for making arrangements for the VAC to use the Maymont Nature Center.

JUNE AND JULY PROGRAMS BEING CONFIRMED

Speakers for the June and July VAC Membership Meetings are identified but have not been confirmed as of this writing. When on the hook, information on these two meetings' programs will be communicated.

GREG DIAZ - LATEST VAC NEW MEMBER

Greg Diaz was voted into membership in the Virginia Anglers Club at the Board of Directors Meeting held on May 12, 2009. Greg became aware of the VAC when he attended the all day fishing seminar presented jointly by Fly Fishers of Virginia, GreenTop Sporting Goods and the Virginia Anglers Club. Greg liked what he saw, came forward to find out about the Club and subsequently joined in May.

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THe Lucky Noland Legend Continues; Lee Wins Gift Certificate

The Noland Brothers, Danny and Buddy, are legendary for their luck in winning VAC raffles.

Buddy Noland added another lucky draw to the String of many made by the Noland Brothers when he won the special April raffle of the Dr. Julie Ball salt water catch calendar. Stuart Lee took Green Top Sporting Goods of Glen Allen.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS STREAMLINES VAC CONSERVATION DONATION PROCEDURE

By a 7-0 vote, Directors present at the May BOD meeting voted to schedule club budgeted donations for payment in the month of June of each year. Each year's budget contains line item donations to a number of organizations that work to preserve angling resources plus a line item for discretionary donations as good causes come up during the fiscal year. Traditionally, these donations were made at various times of the year appropriate donation requests were received from the recipients. The month of June was chosen to be the month in which all budgeted donations will be made. This choice makes the task of the Treasurer much easier, helps the VAC not to miss making budgeted donations and helps insure that donations are made only once.

VAC YAHOO GROUP ACCOUNT TO BE SHUT DOWN

The Virginia Anglers Club Yahoo Group Account has been shutdown. The VAC special announcement distribution list will now be the way information will be sent out to VAC members with e-mail addresses on this distribution list. The VAC Yahoo Group Account was the original means of sending information to members who took the time to set up individual Yahoo Accounts. The Yahoo Group Account is now felt to be very much out of date with few new members establishing accounts and members who have resigned still being active in the Yahoo account. The VAC announcement D/L is matched to the official roster and therefore, is kept current with no action required by VAC members, other than asking to be dropped from the D/L. If you need a special announcement sent out, please send the text of the announcement to Webmaster Johnny Wetlaufer (johnny@wetlaufer.com). Johnny will send the message out for you. Special thanks to Parks Rountrey for taking the initiative years ago to set up the Yahoo Group for the VAC and being the Custodian of this account.

For the Leadership Team

VAC Website Forums - Are You Satisfied with the Current Visibility?

The VAC Leadership Team spent some time at the May BOD discussing the visibility to the public of the various the Forums in the public space on the VAC Website. Please review the details elsewhere in this Angler and think about how you feel on the questions raised during the BOD. President Vic Skakandy will ask for opinions of members present at the June Membership Meeting concerning the public visibility of some of the Forums.

CATCHY COMMENTS by Buddy Nolan





The Freshwater fishing activity has slowed recently with the leaving of the Shad. Most anglers fishing for White Perch are catching all they want on both the James River and the Nottoway.

Parks Rountrey turned in the only White Perch entry this month which was a 0-10 on 2# fly. This entry doesn't take the lead from Ryan Noland, who has a 1-1 pound fish, but Parks did manage to take the "species" lead on fish this month. Mike Ostrander and Parks were fishing a private pond which yielded two Sunfish entries. Parks had a 0-10 on 2# spin for 164 points and Mike had a 0-11 on 2 general for the "heaviest fish" lead for 146 points on a worm. Scott Johnston also had a Sunfish entry of 0-7 fly fishing the Sandy River Reservoir.

Several Blue Catfish have been landed recently on the James. New member, Billy Nicar, landed a 34-0 on 20# general using cut Shad for 261 points and Rob Brown got a 33-0 Blue Catfish on 8# general for 277 points. Eddy Johnston's 33-0 on 2# plug currently has the "species" lead with Glenn Carter's 49-0 being the "heaviest".

Mickey Kodroff continues to dominate the *Shad* fishing. Mickey's latest entry is a 3-8 American Shad on 4# spin for 208 points fishing the Tar River in North Carolina.

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CATCHY COMMENTS continued from Page 2...

The Saltwater fishing is slowly starting to pick up. Rob Choi was *Tautog* fishing the CBBT in his kayak and landed a 4-9 on 6# using a fiddler crab for bait. It was probably a toss-up who was in charge the first few minutes of that battle!

Eddy Johnston and Elly Robinson were teaming up to fish for *Speckled Trout* at Rudee Inlet at the end of April. Some *Speckles* were sighted but were still sluggish from the cold water and not biting artificial jigs. Eddy did manage a nice 3-11 Flounder of 2# general worth 245 points.

See you at the Maymont Nature Center for the Fish Fry!

Take care,

Buddy



Fat May Bluegill caught by Parks Rountrey







Matt Balazik tags and tracks American Shad



Rob Choi with his 4lb 9oz Tautog



Tony Horsley with a nice striper on 6#



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

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.

A REMINDER-JEFFERSON CUPS FOR SPECIES AWARDS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

Individual members may purchase engraved pewter Jefferson Species 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 East 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 species award winners. Tell Chris what species 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. Sorry, the Angler of the Year Award and the President's Cups must be earned and are available only thru the VAC.

NEW IGFA RULE – HELP WITH LANDING A FISH CAUGHT FROM LAND

The IGFA has adopted a new rule that concerns assisting landing a fish while the angler is standing on land. The new rule states that the person assisting with landing a fish caught by an angler standing on land has to be "roughly within a rod's length of the angler when landing the fish". Angling Rules Chairman Stuart Lee questioned Jason Schratwieser, IGFA Conservation Director, about this rule as it applies to the VAC Surf Division. Stuart sited the case of someone assisting an angler fishing in the surf. If the angler was fighting a large fish and walked backward to bring the fish out of the surf, would the fish be disqualified by the new IGFA rule if the person assisting the angler grabbed the bait-end of a 20 foot leader to gain control of the fish? Jason advised that the catch would, indeed, be disqualified. Jason further stated that the logic behind this new rule was to bring assisted landings on boats and on shore closer together. On land, the "mate" can be 20 or 30 feet away, but on a boat, the mate is no where near that far from the angler. Therefore the new rule levels the angling field between landing help with shore and boat caught fish. Keep this new rule in mind when your next big drum at Hatteras. The person assisting you is now required to be "roughly a rod's length away" for the fish to be accepted as an entry by the VAC.



Virginia Flounder & Spadefish August 1-2 (Blow Date August 8-9)

Jumbo flounder action will peak in mid summer and we have a tournament just in time to accommodate the serious flounder pounders. Popular spots for large summer flounder include the buoy 36 area and the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. To make things more interesting we have added spadefish as a second species this year. The spades will be oriented to structure and most people use small pieces of fresh clam for bait. The tournament is open to all Virginia waters. We will recognize three places for heaviest weight fish and three places for highest point fish. First = 3 pts. Second = 2 pts. pt. These points will apply towards the annual Saltwater Tournament Angler of the Year competition. A fish can be entered by weight or points (angler must declare which category) but not both ways for I fish. One angler can enter up to two fish of each species so that makes a potential of 4 entries for this 2 species event. It is possible to win both weight and points divisions by entering 2 different fish of each species. Call in entries within 24 hours from end of tournament to Angling Activities Chairman Parks Rountrey 804-349-6001. You can not change the entry category once you have registered it with the Chairman.

You do not need to fill out cards. Tournament First Place Awards for weight and points = Anglers Choice: Traditional cup, \$40 Greent op gift certificate or a VAC Banquet ticket. Contact Chairman to confirm event if weather is questionable.

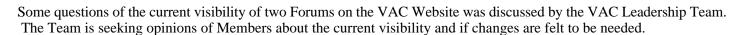
Classifieds

For Sale: MotorGuide Marine 24V bow mount trolling motor, new in the box. It is 84 lb. thrust. Looking to get 50% of new motor price.

Contact Gary Martel - (804) 672-7447

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VAC WEBSITE FORUMS – ARE CHANGES IN VISIBLITY NEEDED?



Fishing Reports:

The Fishing Forum is visible to anyone who logs onto . Any fishing information posted, therefore, becomes "public knowledge" and can be used by anyone logged on. There is some feeling that information about where the action is hot, etc. should stay within the VAC and, therefore, be kept in the Members (only) section of the Website. For instance, if a member posts some specific location information about a specific bite, is there the possibility that a lot of non-members may show up at the hot spot and cause it to be crowded to the point that it is unfishable. Where do you come out on this question? Should the Fishing Forum be open to VAC Members only for posting and for reading?

For Sale Forum:

The Forums section of the VAC Website has a For Sale Forum on which items for sale can be posted. The For Sale Forum is currently visible only to members who have set up a Forum Account. When an account holder clicks on "Forums", the For Sale Forum comes up in the list of Forums. The question arose should items for sale be visible to the public? Should the public be able to post items for sale? Are the best interests of Members served by having the For Sale section of Forums only available to Members for posting items for sale and for contacting the seller about the item?

Postings in the Forums Section:

All forums require a pre-approved account to post messages. Currently only VAC members are approved for forum accounts. Should we allow non-members the ability to obtain a forum account and post comments? Is the possibility of posting of comments contrary or damaging to the mission of the VAC a significant enough possibility that posting should be limited to account holders?

Please think about these questions. Maybe you have opinions of other changes that need to be made in the Forums section of the VAC Website. The Leadership Team wants the features of the website to be set up to best serve the needs of the VAC and the interests of the Membership. Vic will spend a few minutes seeking Forums related opinions at the June Membership Meeting. Thanks in advance for your helping the Leadership Team.

VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB MEMBERSHIP TALLEY AS OF MAY 12, 2009

News Letter Secretary and VAC Web Master Johnny Wetlaufer keeps the official roster of the club. As of the May BOD meeting, the break-down of the current membership in the VAC by category is as follows:

Resident Members = 99 Life Members = 7 Non-resident Members = 11 Honorary Members = 1 Complimentary Members = 8 Total = 126

GREG DIAZ – NEWEST VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB MEMBER

Meet Greg Diaz who was voted into membership in the Virginia Anglers Club on May 12, 2009. Greg's angling experience noted on his membership application indicates he can make far larger catches than the one shown in this picture of our newest member. Please make yourself know to Greg when you see him next.



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MAY 26TH FISH FRY DETAILS

The 2009 May 26th 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

Fish Donations: Donations of THAWED fish are requested. Please call Buddy (691-0615) or Danny (514-0650) by Sunday, May 24th 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.

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



EIGHT NEW MEMBERS ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP TO DATE IN 2009

So far in 2009, the Virginia Anglers Club has inducted eight new members. The new members came to know about the VAC in many ways. Some are friends of existing members. Some learned about the Club by attending the fishing seminar hosted by the Fly Fishers of Virginia, GreenTop Sporting Goods and the Virginia Anglers Club. Here they are listed together with the hope that members of longer standing will make an effort to meet each of these new members. Coming to the May Fish Fry would be a good place to start. With no formal program, there will be ample time for swapping fishing lies, catching up with old friends and welcoming the below eight new members into the VAC.

William Nicar (Billy) Ron Eldridge Andrew Garey (Drew) Charles Fasano (Charlie) Greg Cramer Gary Hennig Mark Douglas





VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 5/14/09

<u>SPECIES</u>	ANGLER	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>LN</u>	DIV.	<u>PTS</u>	DATE	LOCATION	<u>BAIT</u>
2009 SPECIES LEAD	ERS - SALTWATER							
BASS, STRIPED BLUEFISH FLOUNDER, SUMMER SEATROUT, SPOTTED TAUTOG	F Cousins SC Lee ES Johnston R Noland R Choi	39-0 10-0 3-11 7-10 4-9	4 12 2 2 6	Gen Plug Gen Plug Gen	650 111 245 508 114	12/30/08 12/29/08 4/21/09 12/23/08 4/27/09	Chesapeake Bay, Va Rudee Inlet, Va. Rudee Inlet, Va. Elizabeth River, Va. CBBT (1st)	Live Eel Bucktail Jig Mirrolure Fiddler Crab
2009 SPECIES LEAD	ERS - FRESHWATE	R						
BASS, LARGEMOUTH BASS, ROCK & ROANOP BOWFIN CARP CATFISH, FLATHEAD CATFISH, BLUE CRAPPIE, ALL GAR, ALL PERCH, WHITE PERCH, YELLOW PICKERAL, CHAIN SHAD, AMERICAN SHAD, HICKORY SUNFISH, ALL	J Pitts KE D. Noland R. Noland W. Mosley W. Mosley ES Johnston JP Rountrey F Cousins R Noland WS Johnston F Cousins R Noland M Kodroff JP Rountrey	7-0 0-7 4-3 22-0 36-0 33-0 1-11 16-0 1-1 0-14 3-3 2-15 2-8 0-10	6 2 2 2 6 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	Gen Plug Plug Plug Plug Spin Plug Spin Fly Spin Plug Fly Spin	223 115 209 687 525 507 267 581 279 291 318 235 297 164	3/13/09 2/15/09 2/17/09 2/7/09 2/9/09 12/3/08 2/13/09 3/22/09 4/10/09 2/26/09 3/28/09 4/13/09 3/9/09 5/6/09	Gouldman's Pond, Va. Northwest River, Va. Northwest River, Va. Piankatank River, Va. James River, Va. Chippokes Creek, Va. James River, Va. James River, Va. Nottoway River, Va. Chickahominy River Lee Hall Reservoir, Va. Nottoway River, Va. Weldon, N.C. Private Pond, Va.	Live Minnow Silver Buddy Grub Jig Jig Plastic Grub Grub Dart Clouser Grub Dart Shad Fly Plastic Grub
2009 DIVISION LEAD	NEDS - SALTWATED							
SEATROUT, SPOTTED SEATROUT, SPOTTED BASS, STRIPED	R Choi R Noland F Cousins	5-11 7-10 39-0	2 2 4	Spin Plug Gen	379 508 650	3/22/09 12/23/08 12/30/08	Elizabeth River, Va. Elizabeth River, Va. Chesapeake Bay, Va	Mirrolure Mirrolure Live Eel
2009 DIVISION LEAD	DERS - FRESHWATE	R						
PICKERAL, CHAIN	F Cousins	3-3	2	Spin	318	3/28/09	Lee Hall Reservoir, Va.	Grub
CARP SHAD, HICKORY CATFISH, BLUE	W. Mosley M Kodroff R. Choi	22-0 2-8 42-0	2 4 4	Plug Fly Gen	687 297 447	2/7/09 3/9/09 2/8/09	Piankatank River, Va. Weldon, N.C. James River, Va.	Jig Shad Fly Cut Bait

2009 SPECIES LEADERS	LARGEST - SA	LTWATER
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BASS, STRIPED	JH Sheffield	43-8
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BLUEFISH	SC Lee	10-0
FLOUNDER, SUMMER	ES Johnston	3-11
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	R Noland	7-10
TAUTOG	R Choi	4-9

2009 SPECIES LEADER	RS LARGEST	- FRESHWATER
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	J Pitts	7-0
BASS, ROCK & ROANOKE	D. Noland	0-7
BOWFIN	R. Noland	4-3
CARP	W. Mosley	22-0
CATFISH, BLUE	GN Carter	49-0
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	W. Mosley	36-0
CRAPPIE, ALL	J Pitts	1-12
GAR, ALL	F Cousins	16-0
PERCH, YELLOW	P Quisenberry	1-7
PICKERAL, CHAIN	F Cousins	3-3
SHAD, AMERICAN	M Kodroff	3-8
SHAD, HICKORY	M Kodroff	2-8
SUNFISH, ALL	M Ostrander	0-11





VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 5/14/09

NEW CLUB RECORDS - SALTWATER

R Noland	7-10	2	Plug	508	12/23/08	Elizabeth River, Va.	Mirrolure
R Noland	5-10	6	Plug	225	12/23/08	Elizabeth River, Va.	Mirrolure
R Noland	4-6	8	Plug	145	12/23/08	Elizabeth River, Va.	Mirrolure
JH Sheffield	43-8	8	Gen	483	12/17/08	Fisherman's Island, Va.	Live Eel
	R Noland R Noland	R Noland 5-10 R Noland 4-6	R Noland 5-10 6 R Noland 4-6 8	R Noland 5-10 6 Plug R Noland 4-6 8 Plug	R Noland 5-10 6 Plug 225 R Noland 4-6 8 Plug 145	R Noland 5-10 6 Plug 225 12/23/08 R Noland 4-6 8 Plug 145 12/23/08	R Noland 5-10 6 Plug 225 12/23/08 Elizabeth River, Va. R Noland 4-6 8 Plug 145 12/23/08 Elizabeth River, Va.

NEW CLUB RECORDS - FRESHWATER

CATFISH, BLUE	ES Johnston	33-0	2	Plug	507	12/3/08	Chippokes Creek, Va.	Jig
CATFISH, BLUE	GN Carter	49-0	12	Gen	340	12/15/08	James River, Va.	Cut Shad
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	W. Mosley	36-0	6	Plug	525	2/9/09	James River, Va.	Jig
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	M Cline	20-0	2	Plug	404	3/27/09	James River, Va.	Silver Buddy
BASS, ROCK & ROANOKE	D. Noland	0-7	2	Plug	115	2/15/09	North River, Va.	Silver Buddy
CARP	W. Mosley	22-0	2	Plug	687	2/7/09	Piankatank River, Va.	Jig

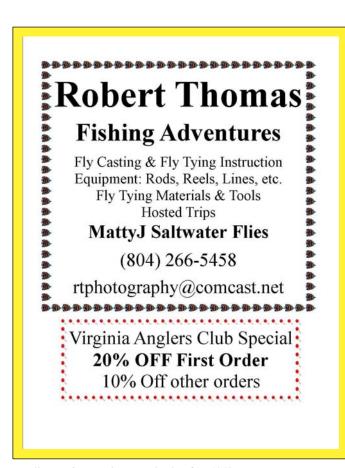
TOP YOUTH CATCHES - FRESHWATER (LOCAL)

SHAD, HICKORY	Janie Willis	1-13	2	Spin	205	4/9/09	James River, Va.	Dart
Youth-16 yrs								

HIGHEST POINT NON-LOCAL CATCHES (SALTWATER)

SAILFISH, PACIFIC	Q Corbett	90	30	Gen	191	3/17/09	Puerto Jamenez, Costa Rica Ballyhoo	
JACK, CRAVELLE	Q Corbett	11-6	12	Gen	103	3/20/09	Puerto Jamenez, Costa Rica	
SNAPPER, OTHER	Q Corbett	8-0	12	Gen	116	3/20/09	Puerto Jamenez, Costa Rica Sardine	
POMPANO, AFRICAN	Q Corbett	8-0	12	Gen	100	3/20/09	Puerto Jamenez, Costa Rica Sardine	
SNAPPER, RED	Q Corbett	8-0	12	Gen	128	3/20/09	Puerto Jamenez, Costa Rica Sardine	

C.` ANGLER	V. KINNARI FIRSTS	D AWARD SECONDS	COMPET THIRDS	FITION - PLACES	thru 5/1/0 POINTS	9 AVERAGE
Fred Cousins	1	1	1	3	1548	516
Will Mosley	1	0	0	1	687	687
Ryan Noland	0	0	1	1	508	508
Rob Choi	0	1	0	1	379	379
Billy Nicar	1	1	0	2	537	268
Eddy Johnston	0	0	1	1	245	245
TOTALS	3	3	3	9	3904	434





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