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June Membership Meeting:

Tuesday, June 23, 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)

JUNE SPEAKERS – THE NOLAND BROTHERS FISHING FOR SPADE FISH

Virginia Anglers Club Members Buddy and Danny Noland will present a program on sure fire way to stalk and catch spadefish. The information presented comes from first-hand experience of catching many spade fish. The skills possessed by the Noland Brothers in catching spade fish are evident if you check out the VAC salt water club record sheet for spades. The most frequently appearing names are the Nolands. This presentation is a good "how to" session to take in for the up coming Spade Fish and Flounder Tournament August 1st.

HAIL TO THE CHEFS! ANNUAL VAC FISH FRY A TOTAL SUCCESS

The Virginia Anglers Club Fish Fry, held at the Maymont Nature Center on May 26th, was declared a total success. Look elsewhere in this copy of the Angler for the total run down. Attendance was 61 members, their significant others and guests. Although the formal accounting has not been completed, informal figures known to date indicate gate receipts and raffle income will cover the expenses of putting on this evening of a one big old good time get together.

MID YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT SHOWS CLUB IS IN GOOD FINANCIAL CONDITION

Treasurer Clif Williams presented a mid-year review of the finances of the VAC at the June BOD Meeting. Funds on hand were \$13,938.54 with \$5106.53 being held in a CD and the balance being available in the VAC checking account. At mid year, income is 18% above where it would expected to be and expenses are only at 31% of where they would be expected to be, if income and expenses were received/incurred evenly over the year. The cash flow of the Club is not even over the year.

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VAC Yahoo Group Account has been Shut Down

As a reminder, the VAC Yahoo Group account has been shutdown. If you have a club related announcement to send out to the VAC Special Johnny Wetlaufer (johnny@wetlaufer.com). Johnny distribution on to those on the

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VAC WEBSITE FORUMS – ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH THE CURRENT VISIBILITY?

The VAC Leadership Team seeks comments from the Membership about the visibility to anyone logging to the VAC Web Site of some of the information in the Members' Section. Please review the subject presented in more detail elsewhere in this Angler. Think about how you feel on the questions raised. President Vic Skakandy will ask for opinions of members present at the June Membership Meeting concerning the public visibility now and possible changes that would make the Web Site more interesting and informative to the general viewing public.

NEXT TOURNAMENT UP, SPADE FISH AND FLOUNDER

The next scheduled VAC tournament is August and the species featured are spade fish and flounder. The tournament is August 1st. You may find the Noland's presentation on spade fish a good pre-tournament program to attend. For July, Mike Ostrander is looking into finding a flounder expert to round out the pre-tournament how to presentations.

BUDGETED ANNUAL DONATIONS MADE THIS MONTH (JUNE)

The Board of Directors at the May meeting voted to direct the Treasurer to in June of each year to make donations that are budgeted and directed to organizations that support the angling environment. The summary of the donations made this month appears elsewhere in the Angler.

For the Leadership Team

October Salt Water Fishing Seminar Planned for October 17-18th

Mike Ostrander is working with Bob Strepka, Marketing Manager for GreenTop Sporting Goods, in planning a salt water themed fishing seminar that is a follow up to the very successful fresh water seminar held this Spring at GreenTop. Mark this date on your calendar. As details are known, they will be covered in future "Backlash" columns in the Angler.

CATCHY COMMENTS by Buddy Nolan



Congratulations to Bob Shepherd for completing one of the more difficult entry requirements for the Master Angler Rating. Bob and Rob Choi were fishing for Tarpon in Islamorada, Florida last week. Bob wasted no time in the early morning and released a ~35 pound Tarpon on 12# fly. Rob had several shots at Tarpon later in the day, but was not as successful.

Ryan Noland started the month off good on Lake Prince. Ryan was using red wrigglers for Shell Crackers, and managed to land five citation fish over one pound. His largest was a 1-10 on 2# general for 345 points and which takes the "species lead" for Sunfish.

Parks Rountrey and Rob Brown were fishing the upper Chesapeake Bay with Billy Pipkin and entered several nice fish. Rob takes the "largest" Croaker lead with a 3-2 on 8#. The catch also replaces Glenn Carter's "club record". Parks also caught a Croaker, a 2-5 on 2# spin worth 246 points, and will now take the "species lead". Fishing the Chick several days later, Parks caught a 9-0 Gar with a minnow on 4# for a 196 point entry.

This is the time of the year that Jamie Pitts and Tony Horsley team up together to target big fish, usually Drum. But this time, fishing the CBBT on May 11th, Tony landed a 22-8 Stripped Bass using live bait on 6# worth 300 points. Several weeks later fishing together again, Jamie gets his Black Drum, a 75-8 on 20# general for 215 points.

John Wetlaufer, Sr., Director

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Danny, Ryan, and myself were fishing the Triangle Wreck area off Virginia Beach on June 7th and had a decent day catching Black Seabass. We planned on fishing for Spadefish at the Chesapeake Light Tower, but there were approximately 40 or more boats crowding around the tower, so we kept going to the Triangle. Danny had the largest and highest point Seabass on a bucktail, a 4-3 on 2# plug worth 492 points. Ryan caught the second best catch, a 4-1 on 2# plug for 473 points.

The rumor is that Mike Cline and Robbie Robinson were fishing the CBBT and had a successful trip catching Flounder and large Striped Bass one night last weekend. But, I haven't seen any entries as yet!

The Spadefish and Cobia are finally starting to turn-on. Good fishing!



Ryan Noland with some nice Black Sea Bass



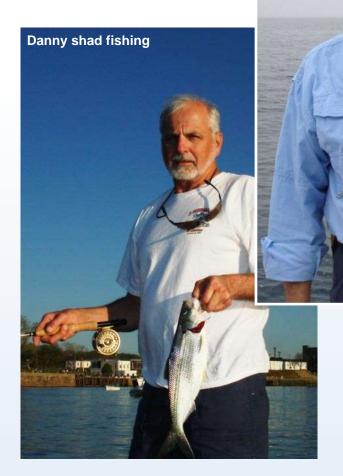
Bob Shepherd and his tarpon on fly

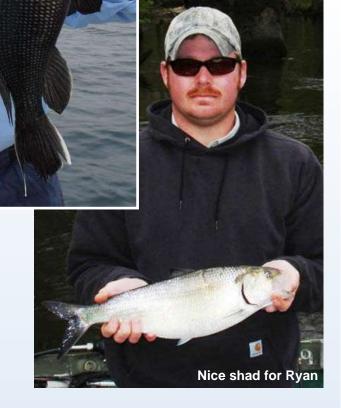














Virginia Flounder & Spadefish August 1-2 (Blow Date August 8-9)

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. TR82 FBD 45" 24v 21MT 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?

Some questions of the current visibility of two Forums on the VAC Website were discussed by the VAC Leadership Team. The Team is seeking opinions of Members about the current visibility and if changes are felt to be needed. President Vic Skakandy will collect your opinions and ideas at the June Membership Meeting.

Fishing Reports:

The Fishing Forum is visible to anyone who logs onto www.virginiaanglersclub.com. 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.

ANNUAL DONATIONS MADE BY THE VAC IN THE MONTH OF JUNE

VAC Treasurer Clif Williams has made the below noted donations this month to various organizations recognized VAC as worthy of the financial support of the Virginia Anglers Club. Making the donations at one time is more accurate and efficient than making them at various times during the year. There are some funds that are not donated in June that are budgeted as discretionary and allow the VAC to support financially items that may come up as a one time opportunity, etc. Thanks to 3rd Vice President Matt Balazic for gathering and presenting the groups noted to the BOD during the budgeting process and for keeping the BOD informed about the work of these groups during the year.

International Game Fish Association	\$100.00
Nature Conservancy – Virginia Coast Reserve	\$150.00
Coastal Conservation Association	\$125.00
James River Association	\$100.00
Recreational Fishing Alliance	\$125.00

Total Year-To-Date: \$600.00





MAY VAC FISH FRY A TOTAL SUCCESS

The 2009 edition of the Annual VAC Fish Fry is now history. If you were not in attendance, you missed a great evening of fellowship, good food and just plain fun. The official attendance count was 61 and included VAC Members, their guests (friends, wives, girlfriends) and one babe in arms. A great meal featuring fish caught and donated by members was prepared on site by Buddy, Danny and Ryan Noland, Dean Winstead and Jeff Doughty. Bob Strepka, representing GreenTop Sporting Goods; Chuck Frederickson, River Keeper of the Lower (below the fall line) James River and Andy Thompson, Outdoor Writer for the Richmond Times Dispatch, were guests of the Club. Bob and Billy Nicar (VAC member) brought a Ross Reels Flystart 3 fly reel (rated for Nos. 5, 6, and 7 line weights) that was generously donated by GreenTop Sporting Goods as a special raffle item for the fish fry. George Atkinson won the reel raffle and Rob Choi won the monthly GreenTop \$25.00 gift certificate. Rob had his neatly rigged fishing kayak on display and answered questions about the features and use of the kayak. Chuck Frederickson gave a short presentation about the health of the lower James River and some details about managing the ecological impact to the James caused by the barge loaded with ammonium nitrate that sunk near Hopewell this winter. Special thanks go out to Program VP Mike Ostrander who worked up the format and who contacted the guests (some guests contacted had conflicts) and to Fred Murray who arranged for the availability of the tented patio for the meeting. Money collected at the gate was \$825 and the proceeds of the monthly and special raffles were \$118. The Fish Fry is intended to be a break even event and was enthusiastically supported by those present. From preliminary accounting, the receipts at the gate and the two raffles will cover the cost of this event



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REZONING REQUEST FOR GREENTOP EXPANSION APPROVED

An article in the June 4, 2009 edition of the Herald-Progress, a local news weekly of Hanover County, reported the Board of Supervisors of Hanover County unanimously approved the request (and related proffers) by Hopkins Properties II, L.L.C. to rezone three properties occupied by GreenTop Sporting Goods, a boat dealership and a tractor-trailer storage facility into a common B-3, General Business District. Before rezoning, each of the properties noted had separate zoning. The article stated that "According to the staff report, the total redevelopment project will consist of about 160,000 square feet of retail space, which includes two anchor stores and six retail strip stores. GreenTop is planned to use the larger anchor space at the southern end of the development". Proffers offered include road improvements to US 1 to "address the potential impact of this project". The Angler will attempt to keep the VAC Membership abreast of the latest information on the growth plans and progress of GreenTop Sporting Goods, a long time friend and enthusiastic supporter of the work of the Virginia Anglers Club.

NEW IGFA RULE – HELP WITH LANDING A FISH CAUGHT FROM 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". Since the Virginia Anglers Club follows IGFA rules, remember this new requirement when assisting a member land a fish while fishing on a bank, a beach or in a stream. This proximity is now required for submitting a catch for IGFA World Record consideration or submitting a catch to the Virginia Anglers Club for record considerations or for registration in the VAC Catch Data Base, Club Records or Tournament catches.

FISH YEARS FROM FISH EARS - HELP MATT BALAZIK

Virginia Anglers Club Member and doctorial candidate at VCU, Matt Balazik, has offered to determine the age of the fish you catch. He is especially interested in large examples of salt and fresh water species and in not too commonly caught species such as tile fish (think non-local water catches too). All Matt needs is the heads of the fish whose age you would like to know. He would also like length and weight data and approximate location of the catch (you can keep the ID of your special honey hole to your self). If you come up with a spectacular or rare catch or want to check him on interest in fish you are planning to catch, please contact Matt at one of these options to arrange delivery of the head to him:

balazikmt@vcu.edu H (804) 484-5300 O (804) 827-0236 C (804) 484-5300

Matt can work with frozen fish heads. Collecting frozen fish heads and getting them to Matt at a later date works just fine. Matt is an expert with gleaning age and other information from otoliths, which are the ear bones of fish. These odd-shaped bones in the head serve as balance organs for the fish. In the hands of experts like Matt, the otoliths can yield age and other important data. You can always brag on the weight and length of an impressive catch. Now you can add age data to your brag bag.





VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 5/14/09

SPECIES	ANGLER	WEIGHT	ΙN	DIV	PTS	DATE	LOCATION	BAIT
2009 SPECIES LEAD		WEIGHT		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	DATE	<u> LOGATION</u>	<u> </u>
2009 SPECIES LEAD	EKS - SALIWATEK							
BASS, BLACK SEA	DN Noland	4-3	2	Plug	492	6/7/09	Triangle Wrecks, Va.	Bucktail
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	Rudee Inlet, Va.	Bucktail
CROAKER	J P Rountrey	2-5	2	Gen	246	5/28/09	Upper Chesapeake Bay	Cut Bait
DRUM, BLACK	J Pitts	75-8	20	Gen	215	5/23/09	CBBT	Clam
FLOUNDER, SUMMER	ES Johnston	3-11	2	Gen	245	4/21/09	Rudee Inlet, Va.	Jig
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	R Noland	7-10	2	Plug	508	12/23/08	Elizabeth River, Va.	Mirrolure
TAUTOG	R Choi	4-9	6	Gen	114	4/27/09	CBBT (1st)	Fiddler Crab
2009 SPECIES LEAD	ERS - FRESHWATE	3						
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BASS, LARGEMOUTH	J Pitts	7-0	6	Gen	223	3/13/09	Gouldman's Pond, Va.	Live Minnow
BASS, ROCK & ROANOR		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	W. Mosley	22-0	2	Plug	687	2/7/09	Piankatank River, Va.	Jig
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	W. Mosley	36-0	6	Plug	525	2/9/09	James River, Va.	Jig
CATFISH, BLUE	ES Johnston	33-0	2	Plug	507	12/3/08 2/13/09	Chippokes Creek, Va. James River, Va.	Jig
CRAPPIE, ALL GAR, ALL	JP Rountrey F Cousins	1-11 16-0	2	Spin Plug	267 581	3/22/09	James River, Va. James River, Va.	Plastic Grub Grub
PERCH, WHITE	R Noland	1-1	2	Spin	279	4/10/09	Nottoway River, Va.	Dart
PERCH, YELLOW	WS Johnston	0-14	2	Fly	291	2/26/09	Chickahominy River	Clouser
PICKERAL, CHAIN	F Cousins	3-3	2	Spin	318	3/28/09	Lee Hall Reservoir, Va.	Grub
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
SUNFISH, ALL	Ryan Noland	1-10	2	Gen	345	5/20/09	Lake Prince, Va.	Worm
2009 DIVISION LEAD	ERS - 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	Elizabeth River, Va.	Mirrolure
BASS, STRIPED	F Cousins	39-0	4	Gen	650	12/30/08	Chesapeake Bay, Va	Live Eel
2009 DIVISION LEAD	ERS - FRESHWATE	R						
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
SHAD, HICKORY	M Kodroff	2-8	4	Fly	297	3/9/09	Weldon, N.C.	Shad Fly
CATFISH, BLUE	R. Choi	42-0	4	Gen	447	2/8/09	James River, Va.	Cut Bait
2009 SPECIES LEAD	ERS LARGEST - SAI	LTWATER			-	-	DERS LARGEST - FRES	
D400 B1 400 5=1	BM Male 1				•	EMOUTH	J Pitts	7-0 0.7
BASS, BLACK SEA	DN Noland	4-3				& ROANO		0-7 4-3
BASS, STRIPED	JH Sheffield	43-8		BOWF			R. Noland W. Mosley	4-3 22-0
BLUEFISH CROAKER	SC Lee Rob Brown	10-0 3-2			SH, BLU	JE	GN Carter	49-0
DRUM, BLACK	J Pitts	3-2 75-8				ATHEAD	W. Mosley	36-0
FLOUNDER, SUMMER	ES Johnston	75-8 3-11			PIE, ALI		J Pitts	1-12
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	R Noland	7-10		GAR,			F Cousins	16-0
TAUTOG	R Choi	4-9			H, YELL	.ow	P Quisenberry	1-7
					ŔAL, C		F Cousins	3-3
				SHAD	, AMERI	ICAN	M Kodroff	3-8
					, ніско		M Kodroff	2-8
				SUNF	ISH, ALI	_	R Noland	1-10





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
Rob Brown	3-2	8	Gen	194	5/28/09	Upper Chesapeake Bay	Cut Bait
	R Noland R Noland JH Sheffield	R Noland 5-10 R Noland 4-6 JH Sheffield 43-8	R Noland 5-10 6 R Noland 4-6 8 JH Sheffield 43-8 8	R Noland 5-10 6 Plug R Noland 4-6 8 Plug JH Sheffield 43-8 8 Gen	R Noland 5-10 6 Plug 225 R Noland 4-6 8 Plug 145 JH Sheffield 43-8 8 Gen 483	R Noland 5-10 6 Plug 225 12/23/08 R Noland 4-6 8 Plug 145 12/23/08 JH Sheffield 43-8 8 Gen 483 12/17/08	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. JH Sheffield 43-8 8 Gen 483 12/17/08 Fisherman's Island, 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
GAR, ALL F	Cousins	16-0	2	Plug	581	3/22/09	James River, Va.	Grub

TOP YOUTH CATCHES - FRESHWATER (LOCAL)

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

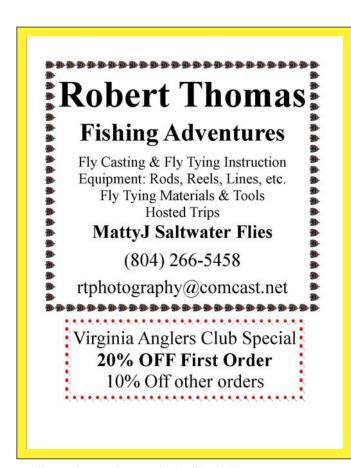
HIGHEST POINT NON-LOCAL CATCHES (SALTWATER)

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	
TARPON	B Shepherd	Rel.(45)	12	Fly	321	6/1/09	Islamorda, Florida Black Death Fly	

C.V	. KINNAR	D AWARD	COMPE	TITION -	thru 5/1/0)9
ANGLER	FIRSTS	SECONDS	THIRDS	PLACES	POINTS	AVERAGE
Fred Cousins	1	1	1	3	1548	516
Ryan Noland	1	0	1	2	853	426
Will Mosley	1	0	0	1	687	687
Billy Nicar	1	0	1	2	451	225
Rob Choi	0	1	0	1	379	379
Eddy Johnston	0	1	0	1	245	245
Parks Rountrey	0	1	0	1	164	164



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