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Next Membership Meeting: July 27, 2010 - 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)

JULY PROGRAM – TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE

Steve Lane of GreenTop Sporting Goods will present a program on cobia fishing followed by a look at the most recent introductions of electronics that help the angler catch the big ones.

WHO YOU? GRAB A NAME TAG ON THE WAY IN

The use of name tags by each person in attendance at all Virginia Anglers Club Membership Meetings is strongly supported by the Board of Directors. Name tags are available at the Country Store table on the way into the meeting room at the Skilligalee. Please grab one, fill in your name and put it on. The BOD hopes all members will make themselves known to new members and the name tag helps ID each. No shame if you cannot name every long time member either. The use of name tags will help all present get to lock in the name of "the guy I see at every meeting but whose name I cannot call".

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COUNTRY STORE

Country Store Keeper Eddy Johnston sets up the Country Store each meeting to make it easy for Members to buy, shirts, hats (many styles available) and other items helpful to your angling activities. Need a de-hooker? Check out the inventory. There is a huge stock of VAC "T" shirts (size Large). Prices are reasonable and Eddy takes advantage of every opportunity he can to secure bulk prices for stores items. This purchasing approach makes it possible to post good prices for items stocked.

FINANCIAL STATUS OF VAC GOOD

VAC Treasurer Clif Williams advised the BOD at the July Meeting that the mid-year financials of the Club were very good. This is the result of the VAC Leadership Team monitoring monthly the income and expense report of the Club and continually looking for ways to reduce the expenses the Club incurs.

WATCH-DOG (FISH) OF VAC EXPENSES

The Leadership Team of the VAC continually looks for areas to reduce the operating expenses of the Club. One area of expenses currently receiving the scrutiny of the LT is the production and distribution of *The Angler*, our monthly newsletter. Production and distribution of *The Angler* takes up about 20% of the 2010 VAC Annual Budget and is the largest line item of the Budget. The LT will continue to look at this item so it can be reduced. The starting point will be to look at hard copy distribution expense we currently incur. Some sixteen (16) of a total of one hundred twenty-eight (128) issues of *The Angler* are still sent out in hard copy.

For the Leadership Team

John Wetlaufer, Sr., Director





CATCHY COMMENTS by Buddy Noland

Anglers are finally getting out and catching good quality fish even with the "hot" weather. **Billy Nicar** finished up the month of May with a 315

point Bowfin. **He** caught the fish at Western Branch Lake using a night crawler on 2 pound line. Later in June, **Billy** caught a 6 pound, 2 ounce Rainbow Trout at Cedar Creek on 2# fly worth 478 points. Both fish now lead the "species" and "heaviest" categories.

Fishing off Eastern Shore, **Bob Shepherd** had several entries. Surf fishing off Wreck Island with crab for bait, **Bob** landed a 28 pound Red Drum worth 200 points. The Drum leads all categories including the "surf division". **Bob** also had a 4 pound, 9 ounce Flounder on 4# general worth 228 points that leads the "species" and "heaviest" categories.

Mickey Kodroff and **Jim Sheffield** were fishing the 102 degree tower out of Oregon Inlet on June 3rd. **Mickey** landed a 24 pound, 8 ounce Amberjack on 16# general for 116 points and **Jim** had a 24 pounder on 12# spin for 160 points. **Mickey** now leads the "heaviest" category and Jim leads the "species" category for Amberjack.

Floyd Gottwald set a club record for Permit fishing in Key West the middle of June. **Floyd** was using a crab for bait, 12# line, when he landed the 24-0 pound fish worth 200 points. The old record, also held by Floyd, was 20 pounds, 8 ounces.

Catfishing around the city on the James River, **Parks Rountrey** had several quality catches. His Blue Catfish weighed 24-8 pounds and was caught on 4# general worth 261 points. **Bob Shepherd's** 63-0 pound Blue Catfish still leads all categories and is going to be real difficult to beat! **Parks** best catch was a 29 pound, 8 ounce Flathead Catfish on 6# fly for 538 points. Believe it or not, **Parks** stated he was using a "catfish fly". The Flathead leads the "species", heaviest" and "fly divisions".

Buffalo New York's, **Steve Luterek** took a weeks vacation during June to fish the annual Walleye tournament on Lake Erie. Following the schools of fish throughout the lake, **Steve** and his partner fished the first part of the week out of Pennsylvania and the remainder out of New York. **Steve** set two "club records" in the 16# and 20# categories. **His** best Walleye was 10 pounds, 10 ounces, 31 inches long, on 16# line, worth 212 points. Check out his article in this newsletter.

Ryan Noland and **I** went to Lake Prince to locate some Shellcracker Sunfish. **Billy Nicar** got us in the mood when he turned in a 2 pound, 1 ounce Sunfish last month. **Ryan** had the best entry which was a 1-2 pound fish using the traditional "red wriggler worms". The fish was worth 239 points on 2# general.

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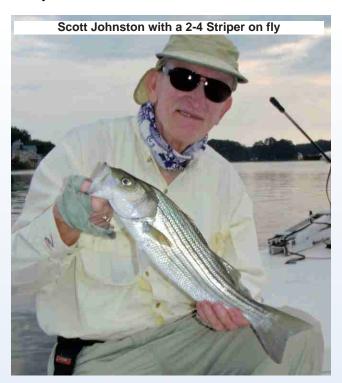
During the next couple weeks, **Danny**, **Ryan**, and **I** fished numerous wrecks off Virginia Beach for Black Sea Bass and Spadefish. We are not finding any Spadefish worth mentioning and the Sea Bass are small. **Danny** had the best Black Sea Bass entry which was a 3 pound, 13 ounce fish on 4# plug for 346 points. A diver told us that the larger Sea Bass are still inside the wrecks. **Danny** was using a bucktail with a rubber tail jig to catch his fish.

Fred Cousins was doing a little fresh and saltwater fishing since the last newsletter. **Fred** caught an 11 ounce Sunfish on 2# fly for 229 points and also a 1 pound, 15 ounce Croaker on the York River worth 258 points on 2# spin. The Croaker now leads the "species" and "heaviest" categories.

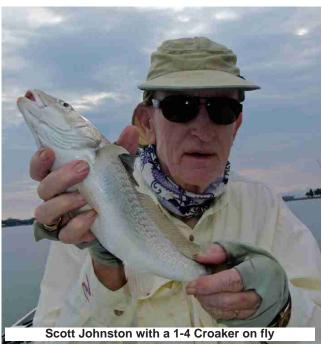
Fishing out of Hatteras, **Bruce Henderson** turned in the first White Marlin release of the year. **Bruce** was trolling ballyhoo and using 50# tackle for the catch. **Bruce** also had a 3 pound, 10 ounce Triggerfish on braid.

Eddy Johnston showed up at the VAC board meeting last Tuesday with a sheepish grin on his face. **Eddy** was fishing the James River that morning and caught a 15 pound, 4 ounce Gar on 2# line using a minnow. The catch was worth 447 points and 47-1/2 inches long. I guess this leaves no doubt why **Eddy** is featured in the Virginia Wildlife magazines latest edition.

Best of luck, Buddy







KNOW ANY CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP?

The Virginia Anglers Club always welcomes new members. I you have any friends, buddies at work, etc. who you feel would enjoy becoming a member of the VAC, invite that person to a coming VAC Membership Meeting. If you cannot make a meeting but feel your friend would still like to come, contact any member to host the person. Members Glenn Carter and John Wetlaufer, Sr. attend most every meeting and will be glad to be sure your friends is introduced around and given a good look at what membership in the VAC can offer. Also, please forward the name and contact information (e-mail preferred, phone numbers and addresses work too) for the person. Even if the friend does not immediately join, the VAC has a chance to show him/her what we are about and hopefully can welcome that person to membership in the future.



The View From Up North....

By Steve Luterek

It' been a while since I've contributed to the newsletter, but this year has some interesting turn of events that many club members may be interested in. The spring fishing in Lake Ontario was nothing short of phenomenal with kings caught up to 34 lbs., Steelhead up to 20 pounds and Brown trout up to 19 pounds. It is the best it has been since the early 90's and should be an indication of great things to come this fall for the stream and river fishing. Catch numbers are up and the fishery is healthier than it has been in many years. This may be the year you plan your trip to the Salmon River or Oak Orchard for a shot at a club record.

We recently fished a Walleye tournament and I boated a 10 lb 10 oz Walleye 31 inches long and a 10 lb 4 oz Walleye. All total we boated 60 Walleye in 5 days with a 6 pound average. The Walleye fishery in Lake Erie is also nothing short of phenomenal this year. The tournament winner was my friend Jim Dolly who developed the 3D worm harness, with a 12 lb 11 oz Walleye. The top three fish weighed over 12 lbs.



The smallest fish in the top ten was a little over 11 lbs and the tournament paid out 200 places with the smallest fish in the money at 9 lbs 2 oz. My two fish place 21 and 63 out of 200 with approximately 800 registered entrants.

The smallmouth bass fishing is going strong with many 3-5 lb fish being caught and the occasional 6-7 lb fish. On a clam day, the bass boats create their own little city along the lake shore. And last but not least, Perch up to 2 lbs have been reported as good catches in the eastern basin of Lake Erie.

I need to retire so I can take advantage of these great conditions.

If anyone is interested in the fishery on Lake Ontario and its tributaries, a good web site is There is no really good web site for Bass and Walleye in the Eastern basin of the lake, but if any one is interested in coming up, let me know and I could hook you up with some of the better captains. Just drop me a message on the VAC web site. Tight lines everyone.

BLUE WATER KAYAK FISHING

If you never have checked out the "Fishing" section of "Forums" on the Virginia Anglers Club's website (http://www.virginiaanglersclub.org/forums/index.php/b oard, 2.0.html) do it now. VAC Member Rob Choi takes you along on his kayak as he fishes out of Hatteras in the deep blue waters of the Western Atlantic. Rob and three other kayak fishing buddies piled their kayaks in the cockpit of the Big Tahuna out of Teaches Lair marina and headed out to the Gulf Stream for a day of kayak fishing. Totally nut-so bunch of anglers? It's your decision on that one. Rob shows proof with still and video pictures that fish can be caught while sitting straddle a shingle and floating in a reported 300 feet of water. Where will Rob take his kayak next? Stay tuned to the web site. We are sure to hear from Rob again about an entertaining and productive trip.







Legislation and Conservation

By Matt Balazik

MAFMC reappointment:

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC) has reappointed Virginia's member Richard Robins. Robins has been on the council since 2007 and will start his new two year term on August 11th 2010. He is an associate member of the VMRC and owns Bernie's Conchs and Ocean Perfect Seafoods in Virginia.

Dogfish Recovery and Summers Recovering:

The MAFMC has considered that spiny dogfish (*Squalus acanthias*) have recovered from past heavy harvest. The quota has been increase by three million pounds making the current cap 15 milion pounds per year.

The MAFMC is still keeping a close eye on the summer flounder (*Paralichthys dentatus*). Of the stocks the MAFMC monitors, summer flounder is one of the few that are not considered rebuilt. However, the stock is considered to be 77% rebuilt and is projected to have recovered by 2013.

Specs and Blues:

Interesting and disturbing news on specked trout (*Cynoscion nebulosus*) in North Carolina. According the NC Division of Marine Fisheries, the speckled trout stock is considered "Depleted and Overfished". New commercial fishing laws concerning this fishery are under development. On a side note, I haven't heard anyone in the club saying this but it is a heavily spread rumor. **You can not** tell the sex of a speckled trout by the number of canine teeth it has, people say one for males and two for females. Specs have big canines that often break but grow back after they are broken.

More bad news for bluefish (*Pomatomous saltatrix*). The VMRC and MAFMC are seeing huge declines in bluefish numbers and studies show the fish is being overharvested. Recreational limits on bluefish in Virginia are 10 per person per day.

Black Sea Bass:

The black sea bass (*Centropristis striata*) is continuing to have strict restrictions to help maintain the stock. In Virginia there is a 12.5 inch minimum size limit with a 25 fish per person per day bag limit. There is a short moratorium on hook and line harvest from October 11th to November 1st.





Captain's Corner By Mike Ostrander

I hope everyone's summer is going well, and your chances to fish have been many. Hopefully you are beating the heat by fishing early or late, or perhaps a little wade fishing. I have found wade fishing very comfortable during

these hot days recently. One of my favorites this summer has been the shallow, shady South Anna River. I hope you are able to wet a line and tighten it once in a while.

I'd like to share my view on the VAC now, and I hope it is in line. I feel the club is strong now. Thanks to our current membership, the leadership over the last decade, the strong committee heads and the long standing BOD, the club seems to be on calm waters with a school of citation grey trout within casting distance. Sure, we have some weak points and that will be our focus ...'85 but where is the fun in life without trying to figure out ways to make things better.

Most of the leadership/business decisions happen on the second Tuesday of the month at our BOD (Board of Directors) meeting. These meetings start with fishing story telling time, both current and historical ... then we move into business. During the business part of the meeting, a story or two usually comes out, but this is a business meeting, and we try to keep it necessary points of order. On occasion, the meetings run over an hour, but many times they are less. Our goal is to get the meeting down to about 30-40 minutes max.

Why am I talking about a BOD meeting? Because, I invite anyone who has an interest in the future of the club to come and check it out. If you want to help out on a committee, or perhaps have an interest as future Director, then you should come out and enjoy the camaraderie on the second Tuesday of the month at Skilligalee. We even have our own private room.

We have a Flounder Tournament coming up very soon. For more info, look elsewhere in this newsletter or check out our website. We also have a great event planned later this year, in September ... a smallmouth bass fishing tournament on the New River. Look for more info on that tournament soon. For now, happy fishing, tight lines and hope to see you at the meeting on July 27.

Capt. Mike



Tournament News

Virginia Flounder Tournament: July 24-25 (blow date July 31-Aug. 1)

Doormat flounder action will peak in mid summer and we have a tournament at peak citation time. Popular spots for large summer flounder include the buoy 36 area and the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. 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. Third = 1 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 1 fish. One angler can enter up to two fish. It is possible to win both weight and points divisions by entering 2 different fish. 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 Green Top gift certificate or a VAC Banquet ticket. Contact Chairman to confirm event if weather is questionable.

New River Smallmouth Tournament: September 25 & 26 2010

We have coordinated with Tangent Outfitters to accommodate our smallmouth Tournament. For booking, contact is Shawn Hash: cell 540-257-0415 office 540-626-4567. e-mail Tell him you are with VAC group.

Everybody will do their own pairing and booking. If you are not yet booked, you should do your bookings very soon! Tournament will be Saturday and Sunday and have weight and points divisions as usual. There will not be a blow date due to conflicts with Tech games and logistics of moving everything. If weather is poor make your own decisions about fishing.

Fishing Guides:

Guide and two per boat cost \$400 per day (\$200 each angler). If you want to fish only half day Sunday, that is \$285 per boat. If you want to do your own thing and take your own boat that is fine.

Accommodations:

Accommodations run from about \$50 per person per day for cabins and basic rooms to \$279 per room for a very nice B&B. I assume most people would come in Fri evening and drive home Sunday evening. Sunday night stay-over is of course possible too. We will likely set up a group dinner at Palisades Restaurant for Sat. night.

3 cabins available thru Shawn Hash - sleep 2 to 5 people each (Parks has booked one of these) Rates \$100 to \$145 per cabin (less than \$50 per person).

McArthur Inn B&B Narrows VA **540-726-7510** Rates from \$50 to \$100 per room (also has a separate suite of 4 rooms sharing 3 hall bathrooms he can do a special on)

Inn at Riverbend B&B, Pearisburg VA 540-921-5211 Rates \$179 to \$279 per room

Let me know if you book and where – so I can keep track of the group. Parks Rountrey 804-349-6001



VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 7/15/10

SPECIES	ANGLER	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>LN</u>	<u>DIV</u> .	<u>PTS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	LOCATION	<u>BAIT</u>
2010 SPECIES L	EADERS - SAL	TWATER						
AMBERJACK, GREATER	JH Sheffield	24-0	12	Spin	160	6/3/10	102 Tower, N.C.	Plug
BASS, BLACK SEA	DN Noland	3-13	4	Plug	346	7/5/10	Triangle Wrecks, Va.	Bucktail
BASS, STRIPED	JP Rountrey	35-8	8	Gen	394	12/30/09	Kiptopeke, Va.	Eel
COBIA	F Cousins	37-0	12	Spin	246	5/23/10	Portsmouth Island, NC	Bucktail
CROAKER	F Cousins	1-15	2	Spin	258	6/3/10	York River, Va.	Grub
DRUM, RED	B Shepherd	28-0	30	Surf	200	5/31/10	Wreck Island, Va.	Crab
FLOUNDER, SUMMER	B Shepherd	4-9	4	Gen	228	6/4/10	Chesapeake Bay, Virginia	Jig + Squid
MARLIN, WHITE	B Henderson	55-0 (Rel.		Gen	122	6/8/10	Hatteras, N.C.	Ballyhoo
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F Cousins	4-11		Spin	312	3/14/10	Elizabeth River, Va.	Wildeye
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2010 SPECIES L								
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	M Balazik	4-0	2	Spin	266	2/27/10	Chickahominy River, Va.	Jig
BOWFIN	W Nicar	7-14	2	Gen	315	5/27/10	Western Branch, Va.	Nightcrawler
CATFISH, BLUE	B Shepherd	63-0	6	Gen	592	1/1/10	James River, Va.	Cut Bait
CATFISH, CHANNEL	WS Johnston	4-0	4	Fly	148	4/12/10	James River, Va.	Clouser
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	JP Rountrey	29-8	6	Fly	538	7/2/10	James River, Va.	Catfish Fly
CRAPPIE, ALL	M Cline	1-13	2	Plug	287	3/20/10	Chickahominy River, Va.	Silver Buddy
GAR, ALL	F Cousins	8-12	2	Plug	318	3/19/10	James River, Va.	Grub
PERCH, WHITE	F Cousins	1-9	2	Spin	411	12/30/09	Elizabeth River, Va.	Grub
PERCH, YELLOW	WS Johnston	1-0	4	Fİy	270	3/2/10	Chickahominy River, Va.	Clouser
PICKERAL, CHAIN	JP Rountrey	1-8	2	Spin	150	3/19/10	Chickahominy River, Va.	Jig
SHAD, AMÉRICAN	M Kodroff	3-4	2	Spin	260	3/24/10	Tar River, NC	Dart
SHAD, HICKORY	WS Johnston	2-10	4	Fly	312	4/12/10	James River, Va.	Clouser
SUNFISH, ALL	W Nicar	2-1	2	Gen	438	5/20/10	Western Branch, Va.	Nightcrawler
TROUT, RAINBOW	W Nicar	6-2	2	Fly	478	6/26/10	Cedar Springs, Va.	Wooly Bugger
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2010 DIVISION L								
BASS, STRIPED	JP Rountrey	35-8	8	Gen	394	12/30/09	Kiptopeke, Va.	Eel
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F Cousins	4-11	2	Spin	312	3/14/10	Elizabeth River, Va.	Wildeye
BASS, BLACK SEA	DN Noland	3-13	4	Plug	346	7/5/10	Triangle Wrecks, Va.	Bucktail
DRUM, RED	B Shepherd	28-0	30	Surf	200	5/31/10	Wreck Island, Va.	Crab
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PERCH, WHITE				Spin Gen	411 592	12/30/09 1/1/10	Elizabeth River, Va. James River, Va.	Grub Cut Bait
2010 DIVISION L PERCH, WHITE CATFISH, BLUE CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F Cousins	1-9	2					

2010 SPECIES LEADERS LARGEST - SALTWATER

AMBERJACK, GREATER	M Kodroff	24-8
BASS, BLACK SEA	DN Noland	3-13
BASS, STRIPED	L Houser	44-5
COBIA	F Cousins	37-0
CROAKER	F Cousins	1-15
DRUM, RED	B Shepherd	28-0
FLOUNDER, SUMMER	B Shepherd	4-9
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F Cousins	4-11
TRIGGERFISH	B Henderson	3-10

2010 SPECIES LEADERS LARGEST -

FRESHWATER		
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	M Balazik	4-0
BOWFIN	W Nicar	7-14
CATFISH, BLUE	B Shepherd	63-0
CATFISH, CHANNEL	WS Johnston	4-0
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	JP Rountrey	29-8
CRAPPIE, ALL	M Cline	1-13
GAR, ALL	F Cousins	8-12
PERCH, WHITE	F Cousins	1-9
PERCH, YELLOW	W Nicar	1-3
PICKERAL, CHAIN	WS Johnston	2-0
SHAD, AMERICAN	M Kodroff	3-4
SHAD, HICKORY	WS Johnston	2-10
SUNFISH, ALL	W Nicar	2-1
TROUT, RAINBOW	W Nicar	6-2



TOP YOUTH CATCHES - FRESHWATER (LOCAL)

PERCH, WHITE Claire Watkinson 0-10 2 Spin 164 4/14/10 James River, Va. Jig

NEW CLUB RECORDS - SALTWATER

BASS, STRIPED L Houser 44-5 16 Gen 276 12/7/09 Chesapeake Bay, Virginia Eel BASS, STRIPED R Choi 36-0 50 Braid 120 12/18/09 Kiptopeke, Va. Eel **PERMIT** 6/11/10 Crab

NEW CLUB RECORDS - FRESHWATER

PERCH, WHITE **F** Cousins 1-9 Spin 411 12/30/09 Elizabeth River, Va. Grub James River, Va. James River, Va. CATFISH, BLUE CATFISH, BLUE W Nicar 35-8 12 Plug 308 4/19/10 7" SW Grub Fly Fly W Nicar 197 4/26/10 10-4 2 WALLEYE 10-10 16 6/12/10 **3D Worm Harness** S Luterek Lake Erie, Pa. Gen 212 6/17/10 WALLEYE S Luterek 10-4 20 Gen 169 Lake Erie, NY. **3D Worm Harness**

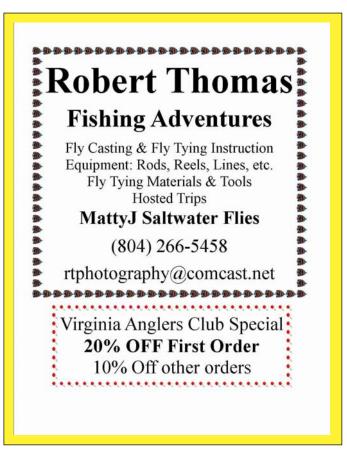
HIGHEST POINT NON-LOCAL CATCHES - SALTWATER

PERMIT F Gottwald 24-0 12 Gen 200 6/11/10 Key West, Fla. Crab

HIGHEST POINT NON-LOCAL CATCHES - FRESHWATER

WALLEYE S Luterek 10-10 16 Gen 212 6/12/10 Lake Erie, Pa. 3D Worm Harness

C.V. KINNARD AWARD COMPETITION - thru 7/2/10							
ANGLER	FIRSTS	SECONDS	THIRDS	PLACES	POINTS	AVERAGE	
Fred Cousins	1	4	1	6	1774	295	
Billy Nicar	3	0	0	3	1061	353	
Parks Rountrey	0	1	2	3	914	304	
Fred Murray	1	0	0	1	586	586	
Eddy Johnston	0	0	1	1	285	285	
Scott Johnston	0	0	1	1	270	270	





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NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, July 27th at Skilligallee's

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