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Next Membership Meeting

Tuesday, June 28, 2011 - 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 -By John Wetlaufer, Sr.

JUNE PROGRAM - "ANDROS ON A BUDGET"

Whereinthehell is Andros? Andros, an island, is part of the Bahamas The June Membership Meeting program will feature Andy Klein and Chuck Evans doing a presentation titled "Andros on a Budget". The presentation is about do-it-yourself fishing in the Bahamas and in particular on the island of Andros. The talk will be accompanied with ample digital images on the silver screen. Please see page 9 of this issue of The Angler for more details about Andros. For details on fishing the Bahamas and on Andros, you will need to come to the meeting.

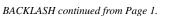
JULY PROGRAM – BEAU BEASLEY & THE IMPORTANCE OF MENHADEN

The program at July's Membership meeting will feature Beau Beasley speaking about the importance of menhaden, the food of many species and the only saltwater species that is not managed by the Virginia Marine Resources Commission. More information on Beau's presentation will appear in the coming July Angler

VAC SURF TEAM REGISTERED FOR THE NOVEMBER CHAC SURF TOURNAMENT

Virginia Anglers Club Surf Fishing Team Captain Lynn Spurlin has confirmed that the VAC Team has been registered for the November 3rd and 4th (2011) Cape Hatteras Anglers Club Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament. Lynn is still looking for VAC members who would like to become a part of the Team. Please contact Lynn for details and for membership interest. Participation in this tournament is a nice way to wrap up the year's fishing if you are not angling actively during the colder months of the year.





VAC FISH FRY AT MAYMONT NATURE CENTER A VERY FINE EVENT

A few over forty (40) VAC members and their guests enjoyed the fellowship and excellent fare at the Third Annual VAC Fish Fry at Maymont on May 24th. Cooking was expertly managed by VAC Members Buddy and Danny Noland with the assistance of Ryan Noland and Billy Nicar. Ron Hickman, a friend of the Noland brothers and some VAC Members, also assisted. Thanks to all of the Members who donated a nice selection of fish fillets and to all others who donated to cover the cost of the food and tent rent for the event. Although the accounting has not been completed, it appears that the cost of the food, drinks and tent rent will likely be a wash with the amount of the donations. The intent of the fish fry is to have it be a self supporting event at which donations equal the costs incurred. By the way, no need to think to hard about who won the raffles. Yep, the senior Nolands ruled again. Danny won the waterfowl print in the special raffle and Buddy won the monthly gift certificate donated by our good friends over at Green Top Sporting Goods.

THE JAMES COMES ALIVE WITH FLAT HEAD CAT FISH

Right on time, the James River as started to offer good flathead cat fishing. Individual members and Member & Guide Mike Ostrander report the flathead catch is looking good so far with the smaller fish prevailing as of mid-June. Action, however, is increasing daily. Some late season stripers are still around. As of this writing, the James is still a bit turbid and the bottom is not quite visible at this time.

VAC MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS STILL INCOMPLETE

Eleven 2010 members of the VAC have not renewed their memberships. On or before the date you receive your final dues notice, please write your renewal check and return it by mail to the address noted on the included envelope. Dues are \$60 per year for Virginia Residents and \$40 per year for members living places other than Virginia.

GET STUCK ON NAME TAGS – STICK ONE ON YOU

Self adhering name tags are conveniently located at the Country Store at each Membership Meeting. Please grab a name tag, put your name on it and wear it during every meeting. We have a good number of new and recently joining members. A name tag helps these members get to know you by name and vice versa.

NEW STOCK OF VERY AFFORDABLE "T" SHIRTS AVAILABLE AT THE COUNTRY STORE

Country Store Keeper Eddy Johnston has found a new source of long and short sleeve "T" shirts with the VAC logo on the back and the identification of the VAC on the front. These new "T"s cost only \$5 each. Don't let the price fool you either. The quality is there and this writer can report that the shirts do not shrink when laundered. The shirts come in assorted sizes and colors.

For the Leadership Team John Wetlaufer, Sr., Secretary

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CATCHY COMMENTS by Buddy Noland

The summer fishing season is getting better with the water temperatures increasing every day. This month's newsletter includes more saltwater entries as well as some exceptional freshwater entries.

New Member, **Bobby Broughton**, landed a Cobia on 12# spin off Oregon Inlet using a bucktail for a 233 point release. This entry now is the "species" and "heaviest" leader.

Charlie Fasano, another new member, entered a 0-9 pound Sunfish from Briery Creek on 6# spin for 102 points.

The members that were surf fishing Eastern Shore had some nice catches. **Fred Cousins** started with a 13-0 pound Black Drum for 108 points and his top catch was a 29-0 pound Red Drum worth 207 points. **Bob Shepherd** topped the Black Drum later that day with a 35 pounder on a peeler crab worth 291 points and the "species", "heaviest", "surf division" leads, plus a Club Record! **Bob** had several other Channel bass, but his top entry was a 32 pounder for 228 points. But, when it's all said and done, **Fred Murray** doesn't enter a card unless it's a good one! **Fred** finished the surf tournament with a 38-0 pound Red Drum worth 271 points which takes over both the "species" and "heaviest" leads.

Fishing offshore out of Oregon Inlet, **Stuart Lee** is still trying to put **Glenn Carter** on the elusive Dolphin on spinning tackle. **Stuart** was trolling a weed line off the "point" giving **Glenn** several opportunities to cast to Dolphin following another hooked Dolphin to the boat. The best gaffer got away when he was in the net and still managed to jump clear and throw the hook! I know **Stuart** doesn't carry any bananas on the boat either. **Glenn** did land a 122 point, 5-1/2 pound Dolphin on 6# spin.

David Nobles had a "non-local" entry for a Permit he caught in Key West on May 20th. **David** had a nice 24-1/2 pound fish on 20# general using a live crab for bait. The Permit is worth 185 points.

Fishing off Hatteras last week, **Mike Cline** and **Robbie Robinson** had a really good week. **Steve Luterek** and friend **Donnie**, from New York, were fishing with the **Noland's** the same week and were "snake bite"! To sum it up, **Mike** and **Robbie** had ~ six Blackfin Tuna, several good days of multiple Dolphin to 16 pounds, and to top it all off, **Robbie** landed a Sailfish on probably the roughest day of the week right after dropping lines! **Robbie's** Sail will lead the "species" and "general" saltwater divisions. The **Noland's** fished offshore several days with several Blackfin and Dolphin, but nothing to brag about except the photos we took of **Robbies'** released Sailfish! The wreck fishing was bad with lots of current and not a quality fish landed on live bait. In fact, **we** had to swallow our pride to cook fresh fish several nights and ask **Robbie** and **Mike** to come over and "bring some fish"! Thanks to them for providing the Tuna and Dolphin so **Steve** and **Donnie** had a few packs of saltwater fish to take back to Buffalo, New York. **Danny** and **I** are still looking for the "banana" hidden on our boat!



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On the freshwater fishing, **Parks Rountrey** was fishing with his **granddaughter** Memorial Day weekend on a private pond in New Kent. **Claire Wakinson**, age 4, had several nice entries on 2# line which will go into the 0-6 age group. **She** entered a 10 ounce Sunfish in the general division for 132 points. Later, **Claire** caught a 1 pound, 1ounce Crappie on 2# spin worth 168 points. **Claire** is no rookie to fishing and has won the 0-6 youth division before!

Fred Cousins caught a 7 pound, 12 ounce, Channel Catfish in Western Branch Reservoir on 2# general to lead the "species" and "heaviest" divisions.

Rob Brown was fishing a private pond with **Bob Brown** and entered an 11 ounce Bluegill on 2# spin for 231 points.

The second week of June, **Bob Brown** and **Parks Rountrey** targeted the Flathead Catfish again this year on the upper James River. **Parks** had entries in spin and fly with his best catch being a 23 pound Flathead on 4# fly worth 487 points. His spin entry was not too shabby either which was a 21-8 pound fish on 4# spin worth 364 points. **Parks'** Fly entry leads the "species" and "fly" divisions. **Bob Brown** had plug, fly, and spin entries. **His** best entry is a 28 pound Flathead on 4# plug worth 474 points using a grub tail for bait. **Bob's** fish will lead the "plug division" and also the "heaviest" category. Not a bad day on the river for both of them with six entries averaging 378 points!

No disrespect to **Robbie's** Sailfish but, **Billy Nicar** probably had the most notable entry of the past month. **Billy** began fishing for Crappie in a private pond and landed a 2-0 pound Crappie to take the lead for the "species" and heaviest" divisions. Then, **he** traveled to Western Branch Reservoir for the Redear Sunfish. **His** best entry to date was a 1 pound, 12 ounce, Sunfish worth 372 points which is not bad. Then on June 9th, **Billy** caught a "huge" 2 pound, 9 ounce, Sunfish using a nightcrawler on 2# line. The fish had a 14" length and 14-15/16" girth! The 545 point fish will take the "species", "heaviest", freshwater "general" division, and Club Record. **Billy** is also entering the Sunfish with IGFA for a 2# potential World Record! Great catch!

Billy Nicar with his potential world record Sunfish

There are still lots of open "species" with no entries this year, especially in the saltwater division. Check through the "basic weight" list and get those 100 point minimum entries!

Good luck,

Buddy



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David Nobles with a nice Cobia and gorgeous 24.5lb Permit

Robbie Robinson with a colorful dolphin

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Steve Luterek's Blackfin and Dolphin



FULL INVENTORY OF COUNTRY STORE AVAILABLE AT JUNE MEETING

The Country Store will feature the 50th VAC Anniversary Hat and Engraved Knife and the brand new "T" shirts. Hats are \$15.00 each and the knives are \$20 each and the "T" shirts sell for only \$5.00. All other Country Store offerings will be available at the June Membership Meeting.

THE LEGEND LIVES - NOLAND BROTHERS TAKE BOTH MAY RAFFLES

How about guessing the winner of the monthly Green Top Sporting Goods \$25 monthly gift certificate? Yep, Buddy Noland won this monthly raffle. The winning raffle ticket for signed copy of the above print of the original painting by waterfowl artist Sharon Shacochis was also drawn at the May Membership Meeting held at Maymont. Want to

guess who was the lucky winner of the print? Not to be outdone by Buddy, Danny Noland was (of course) the winner of the signed waterfowl print. Will this obscene run of luck ever end? Come to the June Membership Meeting and find out. Don't forget, Ryan is a Noland too.





PCB IN THE JAMES AND IN WHAT YOU CATCH AND EAT

Recently, the press has featured articles about a study to be soon launched that will study the presence of PCBs in the James River and hopefully can identify current sources and magnitude of and mitigate the presence of this class of chemicals in the River. You may not be aware of the availability of recommendations to limit consumption of fish caught in the James River. There is a Fish Consumption Advisory available on line that contains recommended limitation of consumption of fish caught in the James River Basin from Big Island Dam (just below the Blue Ridge Parkway) on down to Hampton Roads. Here is the link to the website containing detailed information on the subject.

http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/DEE/PublicHealthToxicology/Advisories/JamesRiver.htm.

HELP KEEP ANGLING LEGAL – REPORT VIOLATIONS If you suspect or witness an angling violation, report it to the Wildlife Crimeline at 1-800-237-5712.



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Legislation and Conservation By Matt Balazik

Local News:

VRMC Board: Two new members will be appointed to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission. Whitt G. Sessoms III will begin a 4 year term starting July 1st. He is a recreational fisherman. Another new member appointed is Joseph Palmer Jr. Palmer owns his own crab company.

River Herring: On May 24th Jack Travelstead (VMRC) briefed the commission on an impending ASMFC moratorium on river herring. Virginia has no basis to challenge the VMRC moratorium that will go into effect January 1st 2012. This is a big step in restoring both blueback and alewives to Virginia waters. There will be public hearing June 28th and vote soon after.

Rice Donation: I would like to thank Parks Rountrey for his recent donation to sturgeon research at the VCU Rice Center.

National News:

Bluefin Tuna: On May 27, 2011, after an extensive scientific review, NOAA announced that Atlantic bluefin tuna currently do not warrant species protection under the Endangered Species Act. NOAA has committed to revisit this decision by early 2013, when more information will be available about the effects of the Deepwater Horizon BP oil spill, as well as a new stock assessment from the scientific arm of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, the international body charged with the fish's management and conservation. NOAA is formally designating both the western and eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean stocks of bluefin tuna as "species of concern." This places the species on a watch list for concerns about its status and threats to the species under the Endangered Species Act.

The Commercial Seafood Consumer Protection Act (S. 50): Recent studies have found that seafood may be mislabeled as often as 25 to 70 percent of the time, disguising species that are less desirable, cheaper or more readily available - which means you could be feeding your family mislabeled, unsustainable fish.

You can learn a lot more about this at: http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.50:

Global News:

NSF: Scientists have developed a new type of fishing hook that aims to reduce the amount sharks accidentally caught from commercial fishing. The (Selective Magnetic and Repellent-Treated Hook) combines two shark repellent technologies -- magnetism and shark-repellent metal -- into standard fishing hooks capable of interfering with the highly sensitive electrical sense found in a shark's nose. The idea is that sharks will avoid these hooks, leaving them baited for market-valuable fish, such as tuna, that do not have an electrical sense and won't be repelled by the hook. The hooks are under \$1 each and may be useful when fishing eels for stripers.

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Virginia Flounder: July 23-24 (blow date July 30-31)



Doormat flounder action will peak in mid summer and we have a tournament at peak citation time.

Popul ar 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.

UPCOMING...

James River VA Flathead Catfish: August 13-14 (blow date Aug 20-21)

James River VA (Chippokes Creek) Gar: November 5-6 (blow date Nov12-13)

* Social gathering tentatively planned

HOW ABOUT A LITTLE "ANDROS 101"?

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It probably would be helpful to learn a little about the island of Andros in the Bahamas before the June membership meeting. A little help from Google and the following primer on Andros was put together without much effort. For more complete details, just Google "Andros". Andros is located about 150 miles from Miami, Florida.

Andros Island is the largest of , and North Andros is the sixth largest island in the . Andros Island is actually composed of three major islands: , , and . The island has the world's third largest , which is over 140 mi long. It is affectionately known by Bahamians as the "Big Yard". Andros is the least densely populated of all the Bahamas, with a population of a little over six thousand. Most of these people live on the east coast of the island in the three major towns on the island; and on North Andros, and , on South Andros.

The first inhabitants of Andros Island were probably the indigenous people. The throughout the Bahamas were wiped out mainly by exposure to disease following the arrival of the in the 1550s. It is believed that Andros Island was named for , who served as of Forces in in .

Sprawling, unspoiled Andros has a coastline threaded with mudflats, bights, and shallow lagoons: prime territory for catching bonefish. These elusive, slippery swimmers are highly prized as game fish (not so much for eating), so the island has become a top destination for anglers, especially during the peak months of March and April.

There are four airports serving Andros – San Andros (SAQ), Andros Town (ASD), Mangrove Cay (MVE) and Congo Town (TZN). Frequent domestic and international service is available via scheduled and charter airlines. Sea service is provided by Bahamas Ferry Services and several mail boats to a number of settlements/towns on a weekly (or more frequent) basis..

Visitors landing at San Andros or Andros Town airports can explore the northern mainland of Andros on 65 miles of uninterrupted road, stretching from Morgan's Bluff to Behring Point. Rental cars are available in the major settlements. Taxis are readily available in all major settlements and are routinely stationed at the airports to meet incoming flights, and at the docks for the ferry and mail boats. A free ferry service is provided twice daily between Lisbon Creek (Mangrove Cay) and Driggs Hill (South Andros).

Fly fishermen find the flats filled with silvery bonefish. For ocean big-game fishermen, the Tongue beckons, with big snapper along the deep reef and pelagics like mahimahi, tuna, wahoo and marlin out in the blue just a bit farther out. Virginia Anglers Club

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ANGELRS AND GUESTS ENJOY THE MAYMONT FISH FRY

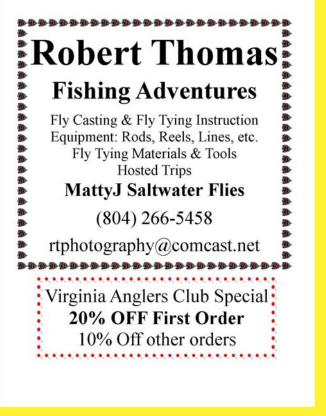
The only outdoor meeting the VAC holds, other than tournaments, is held at the Maymont Nature Center each May. Here are some of the VAC members and their guests enjoying the event.

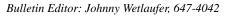


VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 6/17/11

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2011 SPECIES	LEADERS - SALT	WATER						
BASS, STRIPED	F Cousins	5-0	2	Fly	166	12/18/10	Elizabeth River, Va.	Clouser
COBIA	B Broughton	35-0 (Re) 12	Spin	233	5/22/11	Oregon Inlet, NC	Bucktail
DOLPHIN	GN Carter	5-8	6	Spin	122	6/11/11	Oregon Inlet, NC	Bucktail
DRUM, BLACK	B Shepherd	35-0	30	Surf	291	5/14/11	Eastern Shore, VA	Peeler Creb
DRUM, RED	F Murray	38-0	30	Surf	271	5/15/11	Eastern Shore, VA	Peeler Creb
SAILFISH, ATLANTIC	Robbie Robinson	50 (Rel		Gen	185	6/15/11	Hatteras, NC	Ballyhoo
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F Cousins	6-12	2	Spin	450	1/16/11	Elizabeth River, VA	Jig w/Grub
	LEADERS - FRES		D					
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	Robbie Robinson	4-8	2	Plug	300	3/12/11	Chickahominy River, VA	Blade Bait
BOWFIN	Robbie Robinson	6-12		Plug	337	3/12/11	Chickahominy River, VA	
CATFISH, BLUE	B Shepherd	57-0	6	Gen	536	2/12/11	James River, VA	Cut Shad
CATFISH, CHANNEL	F Cousins	7-12	2	Gen	247	5/23/11	Western Branch Rev., Va	a. Live Worm
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	JP Rountrey	23-0	4	Fly	487	6/12/11	James River, VA	Fly
CRAPPIE, ALL	W Nicar	2-0	2	Spin	317	5/19/11	Private Pond, VA	Jig/grub
GAR, ALL	RL White	11-14		Spin	431	3/2/11	James River, VA	Grub
PERCH, WHITE	F Cousins	1-2	2	Fly	375	12/18/10		Clouser
PERCH, YELLOW	M Cline	1-4	2	Spin	328	3/12/11	Chickahominy River, VA	
SHAD, AMERICAN	JH Sheffield	5-0	2	Spin	400	3/18/11	Rocky Mount, NC	Shad Darts (
SHAD, HICKORY	ES Johnston	1-12		Fly	250	3/21/11	James River, VA	Fly
SUNFISH, ALL	W Nicar	2-9	2	Gen	545	6/9/11	Western Branch Rev., Va	a. Nightcrawle
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DRUM, RED	F Murray	38-				TFISH, FL		28
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