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Next Membership Meeting: Tuesday May 28th, 2013

Fish Fry at Maymont Nature Center 2201 Shields Lake Drive Gates Open at 5:30 PM Dinner served around 6:30 - 7:00 PM



BACKLASH

Commentary from the Board of Directors -By John Wetlaufer, Sr.

MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING MOVES TO MAYMONT

The Virginia Anglers Club's May Membership Meeting will again move to The Maymont Nature Center for the Annual Fish Fry. Member-caught fish will be featured and will be lovingly prepared by Buddy, Danny and Ryan Noland, Billy Nicar, Jeff (the king of hush puppies) and Angie Doughty.

Menu: Fried fish, French fries, slaw, and hush puppies (from Jeff Doughty's secrete, down home Dinwiddie recipe), soft drinks, water and beer. Start lining up (or catching) some of your fish to bring along (thawed out, please). Thanks again to Fred Murray for making arrangements for us to meet at this very attractive and weather tolerant venue. This year we meet under a brand new tent.

A (fish) head count is needed to help with the planning for beer and food purchases. If you are bring some fish or planning to attend, please let Buddy or Danny know how much fish and how many folks will be attending with you.

Buddy: noland47@aol.com H (804) 530-3668 C (804) 691-0615 Danny: danny.n.noland-1@usa.dupont.com O (804) 383-3736 C (804) 514-0650

Set up and tear down help is welcome. If you can arrive a little early and stay a few minutes after the Fry ends, that would be great. We avoid the set up/tear down fee from Maymont by doing this work ourselves.

PLEASE NOTE: PEANUT OIL IS USED FOR ALL FRYING

This is a great meeting to which to bring family and friends that may or may not be interested in becoming a member. The Annual Casting Contest returns for the amusement of all.

A donation of \$10 is suggested to cover the cost of the food, beverages and rent.

Page2 <u>Upcoming Tournament</u> Virginia/Carolina Flounder: July 20-21 (blow date following weekend) Details will appear in the

BERNIE SKYDANEK MEMORIAL EASTERN SHORE VA SURF TOURNAMENT NOW ON BLOW DATES

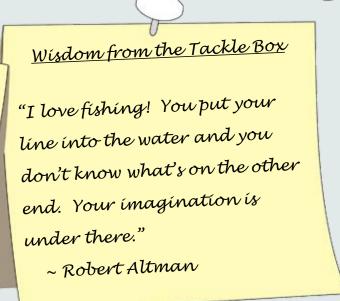
The weather did not cooperate for the tournament as originally scheduled. The new dates are May 25th and 26th. Posting of tournament results may or may not appear in the May issue of The Angler, depending on when this issue is sent out. A special E-Cast will carry the results of they are not known by press time. See page 11 of this Angler for details.

<u>NEW MEMBERS KAREN ANDERSON</u> <u>AND DAVID BRAYMAN</u> <u>VOTED INTO MEMBERSHIP</u>

The Board of Directors voted Karen Anderson and David "Sarge" Brayman into membership in the Virginia Anglers Club at the May 14 Board of Directors Meeting. Turn to page 7 for a short bio on each of our newest members. Make it a point to welcome each into the Club at the Fish Fry.

ATTENTION TROUT ANGLERS SPECIAL REGULATION PERMIT CARDS AVAILABLE ONLINE

VDGIF is pleased to announce that special regulation written landowner permit cards to fish Mossy Creek, Buffalo Creek, and Upper South River are now available online. A link to maps of each of these areas is also new function on the agency website.



BOARD CLOSES DUES RENEWAL EXTENTION UNPAID MEMBERS DROPPED FROM VAC MEMBERSHIP

At the May 14th Board of Directors meeting, the informal extension of the renewal "window" was closed, effective May 14, 2013. By this action, the forgiveness of dues renewal's that are in arrears has ended.

The By-Laws of the VAC are specific in specifying a three month period during which dues must be renewed (Dec. 1st thru Feb. 28th). The Board has informally extended the closing date of this window each year, resulting in a lot of unnecessary work in identifying and reminding "late pays" to make their dues current.

Considering the effort that was put into publishing a dues reminder and directions for payment in each issue of The Angler from December 2013 thru April 2013 and the fact individual dues due notices were mailed to each "non-pay" as of April 1, 2012, the Board approved dropping the following non-responding members from the rolls of the VAC. They no longer have access to the Member's Area of the VAC website and this May issue of The Angler will be the last issue they will receive.

Matt Balazik, Ricky Dale, Mark Douglas, Tony Horsley, Eric Houser, Jim McVey, Rich McDaniel, Bob Pollard, Damien Seckora, John Wycoff

Resignations: Matt Spradlin, Andrew Stiles and Greg Cramer

(All resigned for personal reasons)

<u>Virginia Anglers Club</u>





BOAT OPERATION LICENSE AGE BRACKET CHANGES JULY 1, 2013

The next age requirement comes into effect on July 1, 2013 in the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries Boating Safety Program. On that date all PWC operators 14 years of age and older as well as motorboat operators age 40 and younger who operate boats with motors of 10 horsepower and greater must have completed a boating safety education course and carry such proof in their possession while operating the vessel. If you are under 40, time is running out for you to take the Boating Safety Course. Details are available on the VDGIF website: http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/boating/education/requirement/

NEED AN INTRO TO OR A BRUSH-UP ON FLY FISHING?

Fly fishing is not mysterious or all that difficult. Instruction in the art is available and not all that far away. Member Robert Thomas offers instruction and can tailor it for your needs. His advertisement appears on page 14 of this issue of The Angler ("Robert Thomas Fishing Adventures"). Want to go commercial? The Orvis Company has some fly fishing lessons coming up in June. Check out page 8. Ask around at the next VAC Membership Meeting. You might just connect with a Member who will be glad to show you the basics.

FREE FISHING DAYS COMING IN JUNE - TAKE A KID FISHING

June 7-9, 2013 have been designated as Free Fishing Days in Virginia. No fishing license of any kind will be required for rod and reel fishing in freshwater or saltwater, except in designated stocked trout waters, on these days. Plan some time to go fishing and boating; take the family fishing and boating or learn to fish and boat! See our Where to Fish section to get started!

PFD FINE POINTS ARE WORTH KNOWING YOUTH UNDER 13 PFD REGS DEPEND WHERE YOU ARE

Did you ever wonder why the age 13 years was picked as the end point of the requirement of youngsters to have on board or wear a PFD while underway on a boat? Extensive testing by the USCG determined that at 13 and below, a youth was not able to process quickly and execute all of the steps necessary to secure, don and fasten a PFD in an emergency. Children 14 and older were able to easily accomplish all of these Tasks.

PFD regulations depend on where you are boating and what agency has boating safety enforcement responsibility. Check out the fine points of the "13 and under" PFD regulations on page 10 of this Angler.

FORGET TO RENEW YOUR FISHING LICENSE OR BOAT REGISTRATION?

No worries. There is help out there for the forgetful. The VGDIF automatically sends out reminders for fishing license and boat registration renewals that have not been received. However, there is no forgiveness for those who are stopped and whose documents are found expired. More is found on page 9 of this issue of The Angler.

For The Leadership Team John Wetlaufer, Sr., Secretary







"Catchy Comments"

By Buddy Noland

The Shad season is over and the waters are warming. Gaffer Dolphin are being caught off Oregon Inlet and Hatteras. Lynn Spurlin had a great trip Tarpon fishing with member/guide Tony Horsley off Islamorada, Florida, with several fish greater than 100 pounds released.

John Wetlaufer and Johnny finished out the Shad season with several nice catches. John's best catch was a 1 pound, 2 ounce, Hickory on 4# spin for 107 points on a dart. Johnny bested his Dad with a 1 pound, 8 ounce, Shad on 4# spin for 142points.

Lee Rothgeb beat his own Flathead Catfish Club Record on April 10th with a 26 pounder on 20# braid worth 154 points. Lee was fishing the James River using cut bait.

Jim Sheffield caught the "heaviest" Shad of the year fishing the James River with Mickey Kodroff. Jim's fish weighed 2 pounds, 60unces, on 4# spin for 226 points.

Vic Skakandy and Bob Schepker also fished the James near the end of the Shad season. Vic reported a 1 pound, 9 ounce, Hickory Shad worth 177 points on 2# spin.

David Nobles turned in the only saltwater entry this past month from Mosquito Lagoon, Florida. David had a 3 pound, 12 ounce, Spotted Seatrout worth 125 points on 8# spin.

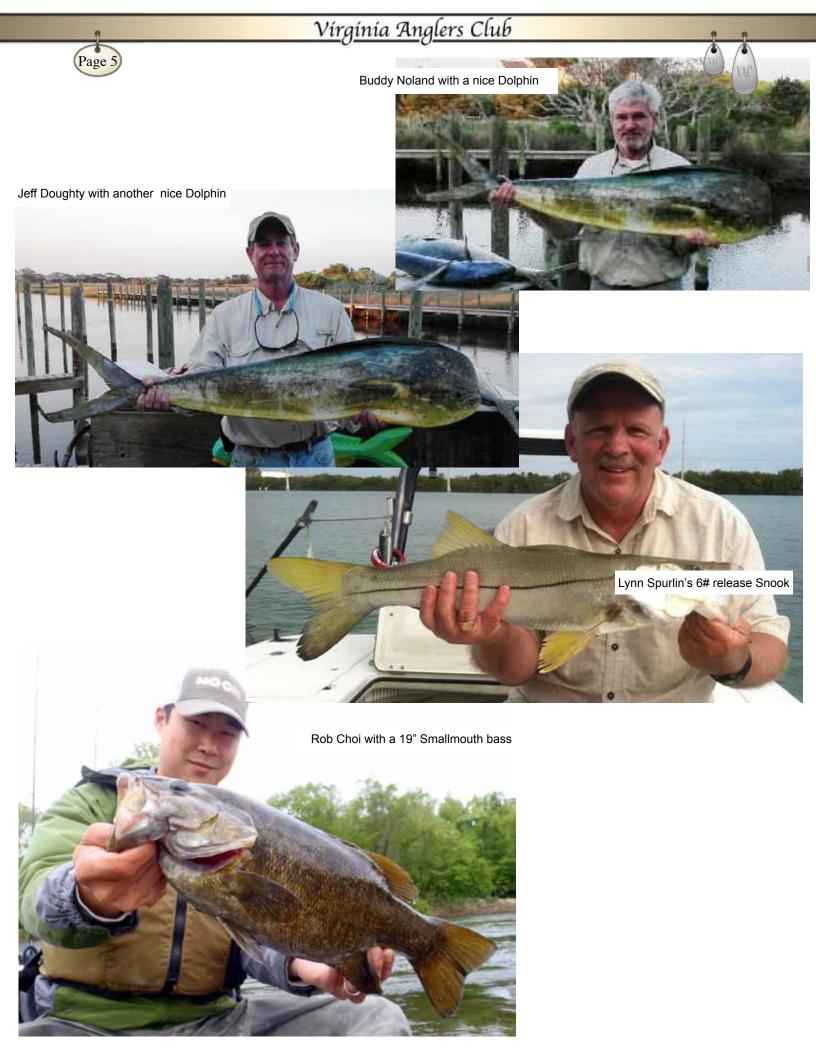
Bob Brown submitted the first Sunfish entry of the year for 197 points and the "heaviest" category lead. Several days later, Parks Rountrey, fishing with his wife Karen, landed a 10 ounce Sunfish worth 208 points for the "species" category lead. The competition is really heating up on the private ponds!

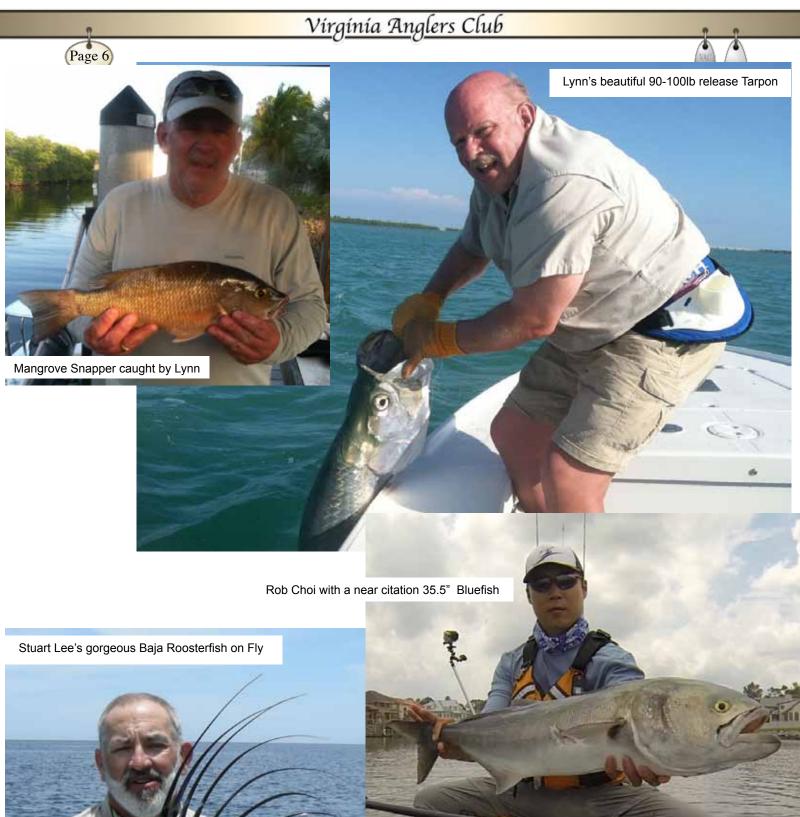
Jeff Doughty, Ryan Noland, and I are currently fishing for Dolphin off Hatteras. We managed some real nice gaffers both days for the cookout in two weeks. Several fish over 20 pounds. Hope to see everyone at the Maymont Park fish fry for this month's membership meeting!

Keeping it reel,

Buddy







VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB NEWEST MEMBERS

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KAREN ANDERSON has been fishing for four years. Fishing on the James, in North Carolina, Vermont and on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, Karen has covered a lot of ground. She has an eleven foot inflatable that fits in a bag and is powered by paddles or a trolling motor. Having no preference between freshwater and saltwater fishing, she is anxious to learn all she can about fishing anywhere and with any type of tackle. Her biggest angling thrill was catching a very respectable cat fish last summer during a VDGIF catfish workshop (see picture below). Karen wants to expand her angling knowledge so she can be a more informed ambassador of recreational angling and is willing to share any expenses on any fishing trip opportunities that might come her way. Karen was a visitor at the April Membership Meeting.



DAVID "SARGE" BRAYMAN grew up in Southern Florida, mostly catching bass in canals since he was "old enough to hold a rod". David moved up the coast to the Outer Banks of North Carolina and fell in love with saltwater fishing and worked at a tackle shop while there. David now works at the Bass Pro Shop off of I-95 at Lewistown Road. David is willing to share his knowledge of rigs and fishing and is most anxious to expand his angling skills and knowledge. David has spent a lot of time fishing from kayaks and walk around center consoles up to 25 feet. His main angling enjoyment comes while surf fishing.

HELP KEEP ANGLING LEGAL – REPORT VIOLATIONS

Freshwater If you suspect or witness an angling or hunting violation, report it to VADGIF Wildlife Crimeline at 1-800-237-5712.

Saltwater

If you have a need to report to the VA Marine Resources Commission any emergency, boating accident or other violation, call the Marine Police Dispatch Center toll free at 1-800-541-4646





ORVIS OFFERS FREE FLY FISHING CLINICS IN JUNE

The Orvis Company will offer Fly Fishing 101 in June of 2013. This a comprehensive and fun program consisting of fly fishing lessons designed to welcome new, novice and advancing students to the great sport of fly fishing. And the best part – it's FREE! FF 101 offers 2 hour weekend classes designed to teach students the basics of fly fishing. Fly Fishing 201 takes students to the next step by bringing them to the water to apply their skills and actually catch fish! Once instruction is completed each group attendee will receive a \$25 coupon off any purchase of \$50 or more good toward full price Orvis merchandise on that day only. Additionally each group attendee will receive a certificate for a free Trout Unlimited Membership and a free membership to Federation of Fly Fishers- A \$70 value. The total free package value with instruction is valued over \$100.00!

FF 101 classes will meet at Orvis Woodbridge, Potomac Town Center, Woodbridge VA. FF201 classes will meet on the water at a location TBA. Call the store 703-576-7661 to secure a spot today as classes are limited and first come first serve.

Orvis Woodbridge FF 101 Dates: June 8,9

Orvis Woodbridge FF 201 Dates: June 1, 2, 15, 16

Orvis stores throughout Virginia are holding the fly fishing clinics.

Visit www.orvis.com/flyfishing101 for a list of store locations or to register for classes near you!

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The Virginia Anglers Club needs someone to make Eddy Johnston's other retirement wish to come true. Eddy's business responsibilities have grown to the point that he has to relinquish his 20 year custodianship of the VAC Country Store (CC). Eddy has kept the inventory up over the years and has, by so doing, established contracts with the companies that produce the various items of VAC "gear" you find in stock at the CC at each membership meeting. All pricing is up to date and the inventory is up to standard Eddy's need retire is real and present and, if the store is to continue to offer VAC hats, T shirts, beverage cuffs and the like, a member has to assume Eddy's stewardship of the store. Remember, members are the only source from which the leadership of the club comes. If any member is infested in helping Eddy personally and the VAC membership in its entirety, please talk with Eddy or President Glenn Carter.





LAPSED ANGLERS AND BOATERS, THE VDGIF WANTS YOU BACK

The VDGIF is once again participating with the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF) to implement an Angler Retention and Fishing License Marketing Program. This marks the 5th year of partnering with RBFF to increase fishing license sales and angling participation.

Beginning April 1, 2013, approximately 72,000 postcards will be mailed to lapsed anglers throughout the state. At the same time, reminders will be sent to 17,504 boaters who have not renewed their boat registration for at least one boating season. This is a 100% RBFF-funded direct-mail program. The VDGIF spends no money on the mailing but enjoys a nice income bump from the resulting fishing and boating permit renewals. Licenses can be purchased online, or at hundreds of license agents throughout the Commonwealth.

Here is a sample of the Boat Registration Renewal Reminder

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PFD FINE POINTS ARE WORTH KNOWING

On Virginia waters, the requirements for having a child under 13 to wear a PFD depends if boating safety law enforcement on the body of water is the business of the VDGIF or the United States Coast Guard...or both! On some waters, both have jurisdiction. Much of the waters in Virginia are considered federal waters, so both the VDGIF and the USCG can enforce the PFD rules. Confused? Read on.

The VDGIF boating regulations state, "There must be one wearable (Type I, II, III, or V) USCG approved life jacket for each person on the boat. The life jacket must be the appropriate size for each intended wearer."

The Federal Life Jacket Rule for Children Under 13 Years Old states, "No person may operate a recreational vessel on federal waters with any child under age 13 on the vessel unless each child is either:



- Wearing an appropriate life jacket approved by the Coast Guard; or
- Below deck or in an enclosed cabin

On Smith Mountain Lake, both rules apply and both the VDGIF and the USCG enforce PFD

regulations. You will pass a VDGIF safety check on Smith Mountain Lake if you have the right size unworn PFD on board; you will fail a USCG safety check if your properly sized PFD is not being worn by a under 13 child. If you are on the Virginia "side" of Lake Gaston, an on-board PFD is fine. If you are on the North Carolina "side" those waters are considered federal waters and the USCG regulation apply.

Confusing enough for you? Go on and have under-13-year-old Junior or Missy just wear their PFDs and you will do fine.



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TOURNAMENT NEWS

BY BOB SHEPHERD

BERNIE SKYDANEK MEMORIAL EASTERN SHORE VA RED DRUM MAY 25th and 26th, 2013

Times: Sun-up Saturday to Sundown Sunday

Location: Barrier Islands of Virginia Eastern Shore

Here is a review of the tournament and contact information for Tournament Chairman Bob Shepherd. Note that entries need to be registered with Lee Rothgeb and not Bob Shepherd. email: bshepherd@medivisuals.com cell: 804-241-0870 (sometimes inaccessible at Bob's Eastern Shore cottage) Bob's Eastern Shore land line: 757-678-7847

You can register your catches by calling or e-mail entries to Angling Activities Chairman Lee Rothgeb at 804-314-2990 (Garbakk1021@aol.com). Special Rules for this event: Since there are no line classes in surf division - all red drum will be entered in the weight division (largest fish wins). Any other species of fish caught in the surf will be entered based on points calculated by surf basic weights. One angler can win both weight and points divisions by entering 2 different fish. One angler can only enter two fish. Call in entries within 24 hours from the end of tournament to Angling Activities Chairman Lee Rothgeb at 804-314-2990 (Garbakk1021@aol.com)... You cannot change an entry once you have registered it with the Chairman. You do not need to fill out cards to turn in for the tournament, but do need a card if you want it to be registered as a club entry. Tournament First Place Awards for both weight and points = Anglers Choice: Traditional pewter cup, \$40 Green Top gift certificate or a VAC Banquet ticket.





VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 5/17/13

<u>SPECIES</u>	ANGLER	WEIGHTLN	<u>DIV.</u>	<u>PTS</u>	DATE	LOCATION	<u>BAIT</u>
2013 SPECIES LEAD	ERS - SALTWAT	ER					
BASS, STRIPED SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F. Cousins F. Cousins	45-0 4 4-2 2	Gen Spin	750 275		Chesapeak Bay, VA Elizabeth River, VA	Live Eel Mirrolure

2013 SPECIES LEADERS - FRESHWATER

BASS, LARGEMOUTH CATFISH, BLUE	B Shepherd RJ Brown	3-10 43-0	2 8	Spin Gen	241 361	3/11/13 4/3/13	Private Pond, VA James River, VA	Grub Cut Bait
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	L Rothgeb	26-0	20	Gen	154	4/10/13	James River, VA	Cut Bait
CRAPPIE, ALL	M Cline	1-11	2	Plug	267	1/12/13	Chickahominy River, VA	Blade Bait
PERCH, YELLOW	RJ Brown	1-1	2	Spin	279	1/22/13	Chickahominy River, VA	Grub Tail
PICKERAL, CHAIN	M Cline	4-10	2	Plug	462	2/2/13	Chickahominy River, VA	Blade Bait
SHAD, AMERICAN	M Kodroff	3-12	4	Spin	224	3/21/13	Tar River, NC	Dart
SHAD, HICKORY	R Choi	2-2	4	Fly	252	3/24/13	James River, VA	Shad Fly
SUNFISH, ALL	JP Rountrey	0-10	2	Fly	208	4/17/13	Private Pond, VA	Shad Fly

2013 DIVISION LEADERS - SALTWATER

SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F. Cousins	4-2	2	Spin	275	12/28/12 Elizabeth River, VA	Mirrolure
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	S. Lee	4-12	8	Plug	158	12/4/12 James River, VA	Zoom Cluke
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	S. Lee	5-0	8	Fly	208	12/24/12 James River, VA	Half and Half
BASS, STRIPED	F. Cousins	45-0	4	Gen	750	12/17/12 Chesapeak Bay, VA	Live Eel

2013 DIVISION LEADERS - FRESHWATER

PERCH, YELLOW	RJ Brown	1-1	2	Spin	279	1/22/13	Chickahominy River, VA	Grub Tail
PICKERAL, CHAIN	M Cline	4-10	2	Plug	462	2/2/13	Chickahominy River, VA	Blade Bait
SHAD, HICKORY	R Choi	2-2	4	Fly	252	3/24/13	James River, VA	Shad Fly
PERCH, YELLOW	JP Rountrey	1-3	2	Gen	252	1/20/13	Chickahominy River, VA	Live Minnow

2013 SPECIES LEADERS LARGEST -SALTWATER

BASS, STRIPED	F. Cousins	45-0
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	S. Lee	5-0

2013 SPECIES LEADERS LARGEST - FRESHWATER

BASS, LARGEMOUTH	B Shepherd	8-4
CATFISH, BLUE	RJ Brown	43-0
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	L Rothgeb	26-0
CRAPPIE, ALL	M Cline	1-11
PERCH, YELLOW	JP Rountrey	1-3
PICKERAL, CHAIN	M Cline	4-10
SHAD, AMERICAN	M Kodroff	3-12
SHAD, HICKORY	JH Sheffield	2-6
SUNFISH, ALL	RJ Brown	0-12



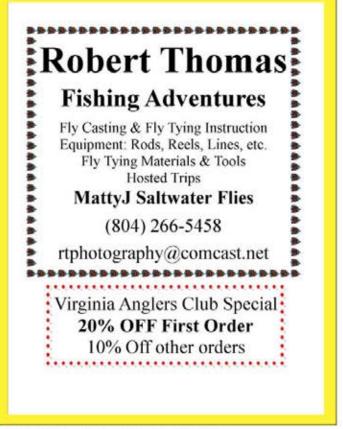
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NEW CLUB RECORDS - SALTWATER											
SEATROUT, SPOTTED SEATROUT, SPOTTED BASS, STRIPED MACKEREL, CERO	S. Lee S. Lee F. Cousins JP Rountrey	4-12 5-0 45-0 9-0	8 8 4 20	Plug Fly Gen Gen	158 208 750 120	12/17/12	James River, VA James River, VA Chesapeak Bay, VA Fort Lauderdale, FL	Zoom Cluke Half and Half Live Eel Live Bait			
NEW CLUB RECORD	DS - FRESHWAT	ER									
PICKERAL, CHAIN BASS, LARGEMOUTH CATFISH, FLATHEAD	M Cline A Campbell L Rothgeb	4-10 7-8 26-0	2 12 20	Plug Fly <mark>Gen</mark>	462 234 154	2/2/13 2/9/13 4/10/13	Chickahominy River, VA Private Lake, VA James River, VA	Blade Bait Half & Half Clouser Cut Bait			
HIGHEST POINT NON-LOCAL CATCHES - SALTWATER											
MACKEREL, CERO SEATROUT, SPOTTED	JP Rountrey D. Nobles 3-12	9-0 8	20 Spin	Gen 125	120 4/15/13		Fort Lauderdale, FL Lagoon, FL	Live Bait DOA Plastic			

2013 C.V. KINNARD AWARD COMPETITION - THRU 4/27/13

ANGLER	<u>FIRSTS</u>	SECONDS	THIRDS	PLACES	POINTS	<u>AVERAGE</u>
Bob Brown	2	0	1	3	837	279
Bob Shepherd	1	0	1	2	516	258
Parks Rountrey	0	2	0	2	460	230
Fred Cousins	0	1	0	1	248	248
Andrew Campbell	1	0	1	1	234	234



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Tuesday, may 28th at Maymont Nature Center Tuesday, may 28th at Maymont Nature Center

