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Next Membership Meeting: November 26, 2013 - 7:00 PM

DGIF Richmond Headquarters
4010 West Broad Street -Eastern-Most Building Enter at Rear - DGIF BOD Meeting Room



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

NOVEMBER PROGRAM "TACKLE, TALES AND TIPS"

The November program will be a home grown affair. Art Conway and Steve Knox want any Member (or friend of a Member) to come and speak about any special tackle, baits or techniques you might have to catch the big ones. Stories (tales) of special catches, the one that got away or dumb things to avoid are equally welcome. If you are going to speak, please let Art (caconway@vcu.org) or Steve (sknox@knoxmarine.com know. If you need a DVD projector, please let them know that also. This will be our last Membership Meeting of the 2013 Angling Year. The first Membership Meeting in the 2014 Angling Year will be Tuesday, February 25, 2013.

LAST TOURNAMENT OF THE 2013 VAC ANGLING YEAR JAMES RIVER VA (CHIPPOKES CREEK) GAR (NOVEMBER 23-24 - NO BLOW DATE)

A write-up with details for this tournament can be found on page 6 of this issue of The Angler. This tournament wraps up the schedule of seven tournaments held this angling year.

If you have a suggestion for a new tournament or a change in a "traditional tournament", please share your comments with Lee Rothgeb via e-mail at (Garbakk1021@aol.com).

A REMINDER - REPORTING TOURNAMENT CATCH WEIGHTS

When you submit an entry for a tournament via e-mail or by phone, please remember to use the weight format found on Entry Cards (IE: "Weight - x Pounds, y Ounces). The decimal equivalent for catch weight (IE: 5.25 lbs.) is only used as a mathematical convenience when computing the equivalent points of a catch.

CLUB SURF TEAM REPORT – CAPE HATTERAS TOURNAMENT

Thanks to team captain Quentin Corbett and members Eric Millham, Jim Stout, Billy Corbett and Nags Head, NC resident and friend of Quent's, Danny Lindsey, for representing the Virginia Anglers Club in the Annual Cape Hatteras Anglers Club Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament. The team reports catches of around 50 fish, of which only 5 were long enough to be scored. Puppy Drum were the predominant species caught. For Quent's report on the Team's participation, please see page 5 of this issue of The Angler.





ANNUAL VAC CALENDER SALE ENDS IN A SELL OUT

Don West reports that all 250 calendars have been sold or spoken for and no more are available. The VAC netted \$750 from the sale. Thanks to all Members and friends of the Club who made the VAC's annual calendar sales project a sellout. Special thanks to Don West who coordinated the sale and likely sold the most calendars of any Member.

ONLY ONE ANGLING RULE CHANGE FOR 2014 ANGLING YEAR

The only change in the angling rules is how a tie in tournament entries will be handled. Currently the winner is determined by the first angler that reports his catch to the tournament chairman. Going forward, this will be changed to the fish that was caught first, which is consistent with how ties are handled for awards. This change goes into effect December 1, 2013, the first day of the 2014 Angling Year. (Submitted by Stuart Lee).

Thanks to Angling Rules Committee Chairman Stuart Lee and members Bill Duval, Glenn Carter, Buddy and Danny Noland and Billy Nicar who keep our angling aligned with government regulations, in step with stock availability and fair for all who wet a line.

ENTRY CARD TURN IN REMINDER FOR ALL MEMBERS 2013 RECORD CONSIDERATION

The 2013 Angling Year Closes on November 30, 2013. To be considered for 2013 Angling Awards, the deadline for receipt of Entry Cards is December 10th. . Entry Cards for individual credit must be received no later than 21 days after the date of the catch. The "date of receipt" is the postmark on a mailed entry card or the date a director or officer of the VAC is given a card. All catches made starting in December will be credited to the 2014 Angling Year (Ref: Angling Rule 11).

FORMER VAC MEMBER RAY BLACK PASSES



Former Virginia Anglers Club Member Ray Black pulled lines for the last time on Saturday, October 19, 2013 in Orlando, FL. Ray was active in the VAC during the 1980s and early 1990s, until he closed his orthodontics practice in Midlothian and

retired to Cape Coral, FL. Ray has 11 species among his 18 catches caught in 4 states that are recorded in the VAC data base. Ray fished on the VAC Surf Team during his days as a Member.

COUNTRY STORE OPEN FOR NOVEMBER MEMBER-SHIP MEETING

The Country Store will be open at the November Meeting, the last time the Store will be open in 2013. If any New Member has an unused Club Buck, the November Membership Meeting will be a good opportunity to "buy" one of the Store's items that match the \$10 credit of a Buck.

If you have a special need for an item from the Country Store that you cannot be present to pick out of stock, please contact Store-keeper Eddy Johnston (fishead55@hotmail.com) and arrange a special pick up.

VA TECH TEACHING ASSISTANT THANKS VAC

1st. Co-Vice President Art Conway was the VAC liaison with Michael Moore, Virginia Tech Teaching Assistant, who contacted the Virginia Anglers Club via our website to seek our participation in an on-line survey Michael, had set up. Many Members took the survey. Michael received a good response about angling preferences and activity in Virginia. Michael advised Art on November 10th that he has sufficient response to allow him to take the survey down from the internet. Michael will share his results with the VAC when he gets the data analyzed and prepared in report form. Michael passed thanks to Art for all VAC Members who took the time to help Michael with his survey.

WISDOM FROM THE TACKLE BOX

(Thanks to Stuart Lee for This Bit of Wisdom)

'I fish not because I regard fishing as being so terribly important, but because I suspect that so many of the other concerns of men are equally unimportant - and not nearly as much fun.'

Robert Traver, Anatomy of a Fisherman, 1964

For The Leadership Team John Wetlaufer, Sr., Secretary







"Catchy Comments" By Billy Nicar

Thanksgiving Day is upon us. And, I think we all know what that means... No, not

turkey, stuffing, gravy, pumpkin pie, football, or even Black Friday, but striper. BIG striper. It is usually around this time of the year that people start to catch some really nice striped bass in the bay. I have heard stories of 30+ inchers being caught on the HRBT this past week. That is a good start. So, grab some eels, jigging spoons, mo-jos, shad bodies, bucktails, or whatever you like to fish with, and put some bend in a rod.

Parks Rountrey has submitted this year's first gar entry for a 5 pounder that he landed on September 15th. He was fishing a live minnow on 4# line in Chippokes Creek when the gar took the bait. This gar will earn Parks 109 points and the title of "Heaviest" and "Highest Points" for the species. Great job Parks!

On September 27th Larry Allen was fishing a Mirrolure on 8# spinning tackle in the Piankatank River when he hooked into a 6 pound, 12 ounce speckled trout. Larry will earn 225 points for his catch. Beautiful catch!



It appears that Andrew Campbell found a few little tunny on October 2nd. Andrew submitted 3 entries for little tunny that he caught that day while fishing Cape Lookout in North Carolina. His first fish weighed in at 5 pounds, 6ounces. This tunny earns Andrew 76 point and was landed on 16# tippet. His next entry was for a 6pound, 0 ounce tunny that fell victim to a Silverside Deceiver fished on 16# tippet. This tunny is worth 85 points. Andrew's final entry was for a 15 pound, 0 ounces little tunny! This 125 point fish was landed on 20# tippet and a Half 'n Half fly. Great fish Andrew!



Karen Anderson has submitted her first ever club entry. While fishing Chickahominy Lake with Art Conway, Karen landed a 1 pound, 4 ounce crappie. Karen was fishing a live minnow on 8# line when she hooked into this slab of a crappie. Karen's catch will not only earn her 86 points, but, also the second place position in the Angler of the Month competition at October's meeting. Great job Karen! Keep it up!

<u>Virginia Anglers Club</u>





October 11th awarded Art Conway with quite a catch. While casting a Trout Magnet on 4# spinning tackle in his relentless pursuit of crappie, Art hooked into a surprise. After quite a fight Art boated a 9 pound, 8 ounce bowfin! Art's bowfin catch earns him 361 points, the 1st place position in October's Angler of the Month competition, the "Heaviest" and "Highest Points" title for the species, and leader in the "Freshwater Spin Division". Wow! Super catch, Art!

I would now like to take the time to highlight the club's star fisherman of the month... Mr. Glenn

Carter. Glenn is not being recognized for his time spent fishing, but his time spent NOT fishing. Glen is responsible for the next catch entry. His absence from the boat on Stuart Lee's last fishing trip afforded Stuart quite the excitable experience. I am joking of course. It seems that every time Stuart and Glenn have gotten together in the past to fish for little tunny, the fish would just disappear. With the dark cloud lifted Stuart managed to have an exceptional day on October 13th while fishing Atlantic Beach in North Carolina. Stuart's entry of a 17 pound, 4 ounce little tunny landed on 20# fly tackle earns him 191 points, the title of "Heaviest" and "Highest Points" for the species, and a new club record. This little tunny was only one





of the 29 that weighed in excess of 15 pounds. Such a great day full of big fish resulted in two broken rods as well. A fair trade I would imagine. What a great day and a great catch for Stuart. Congrats! Sorry, Glenn. Just having some fun.

Keep the entries coming! As the temperatures get cooler, the fishing gets hotter.

Please let me know if you have any fun, exciting, informational, or scary fish tales from your recent trips out. I would love to include them in future newsletters. Any recent fishing reports or conditions would be greatly appreciated as well. I can be contacted via phone, email, or text. My contact info is listed below. As always, tight lines and best fishes!

Contact Info:

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Keeping it reel,

Billy







NORTHERN SNAKEHEAD REMINDER FROM THE DGIF

All anglers are reminded to acquaint themselves with a good description of the northern snakehead fish. If you should manage to catch one of these exotic imports, please kill it immediately and report the catch to either the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries or the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

View video about the snakehead here... http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_1HmUY5EOo

<u>VAC SURF TEAM REPORT – CAPE HATTERAS TOURNAMENT</u> (By Quentin Corbett, Team Captain)

The 56th Annual Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament sponsored by the Cape Hatteras Anglers Club was another unusual year. With the beach closures, nesting turtles, rip currents, wind and rain you would think this tournament is jinxed. However, there were fish caught this year. The bad news is, if you didn't catch a puppy drum you didn't score very many points. The winner this year had 369 points all attributed to their catch of puppy drum. One team member caught 8 the first session. Unfortunately we were not so lucky finishing in the lower quarter of teams in 105th position. It was all about the draw for your station and the tide at that time. The team is ready to go back next year and redeem itself. Maybe our luck will change.

FROM THE CURRENT DGIF ELECTRONIC OUTDOOR REPORT LEARN FLY TYING – FREE

Learn the basics of fly fishing the first Saturday of each month beginning December 7th through March at the Northwest River Park in Chesapeake. The sessions begin at 10 AM in the Activities Building. These educational workshops are FREE and open to the public. NO advanced registration or prior experience required. At the workshops you will learn Equipment Basics, Casting instruction and Fly tying from very knowledgeable and friendly instructors who are passionate about fly fishing! These instructors will teach you to tie your first fly, teach you to cast a fly rod and you will learn how to pick equipment for an awesome fly-fishing experience! This event is in partnership with the Chesapeake Parks and Recreation Department and Bill Willis Southeast Virginia Chapter of Trout Unlimited. For more information, contact Northwest River Park at 757-421-7151 or flytyer53@hotmail.com.



Good advice to all anglers

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





TOURNAMENT NEWS

BY LEE ROTHGEB

JAMES RIVER GAR - NOVEMBER 23-24 - No Blow Date

Some nice gar can be found in many places in the James River system - including the Chickahominy, but this time of year Chippokes Creek (just off the James) is the top venue for club members seeking large gar. There are many access points on the Chick and the James. Those who want to fish Chippokes can reach the area by leaving from the free Morris Creek Ramp in the Chickahominy Wildlife Management Area http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/wmas/detail.asp?pid=1 or for a fee use the more convenient James City County Riverfront Park Ramp http://www.jccegov.com/recreation/parks/chickahominy-park.html on the East end of the Route 5 Bridge over the Chick.

Times: All Saturday and Sunday

Tips: The fish will eat large minnows, suspended live - or dead on the bottom. They range from 2 to 17 lbs. and can easily be caught on 2# or 4# test with 8# mono leader. They also will take artificial baits if you have the patience to miss many hookups and stick with casting.

Entries must be turned in within 24 hours of the tournament ending to Angling Activities Chairman Lee Rothgeb. Please note that I (Lee) will be on vacation for several days following the tournament and will post the results as soon as I can. Email entries are preferred as cell phone access where I will be is limited so if you do call please be sure to note the time and date when you leave a message. 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 card or a VAC Banquet ticket.

Email: Garbakk1021@aol.com Cell Phone – 804-314-2990

TOURNAMENT RESULTS - VIRGINIA SPECKLED TROUT

(October 26th and 27th)

Only two VAC Members reported entries to Angling Activities Chairman for the Virginia Speckled Trout Tournament. All entries were on 2# spin.

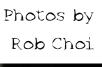
Weight: 1st. - Robbie Robinson - 5 lbs. 3 oz.

2nd. - Mike Cline - 2 lbs. 8 oz.

Points: 1st. - Mike Cline - 2 lbs. 13 oz. 187 Points

2nd. - Robbie Robinson - 2 lbs. 8 oz. 166 Points











VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 11/16/13

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SPECIES	ANGLER	WEIGH	<u>ITLN</u>	DIV.	PTS	DATE	LOCATION	BAIT			
2013 SPECIES LEADERS - SALTWATER											
AMBERJACK, GREATER BASS, STRIPED COBIA CROAKER DRUM, BLACK DRUM, RED FLOUNDER, SUMMER SEATROUT, SPOTTED SPOT TUNNY, LITTLE WAHOO 2013 SPECIES LEADE	B Broughton F. Cousins A. Campbell RJ Brown B Shepherd Robbie Robinson L Huss Robbie Robinson J Doughty S. Lee BL Noland	4-3 8-0 0-12 17-4 46-0	12 4 20 1-4 30 8 12 2 6 20 50	Plug Gen Fly 2 Surf Plug Gen Spin Gen Fly Gen	123 750 90 Spin 350 687 104 533 129 191 124	12/17/12 07/08/13 186 4/26/13 07/21/13 06/21/13 5/26/13 09/27/13 10/13/13	Oregon Inlet, NC Chesapeak Bay, VA York Spit Cannel 06/24/13 York River, VA Barrier Islands, VA CBBT Lynnhaven Inlet, VA Mobjack Bay, VA Piankatank River, VA Atlantic Beach, NC Hatteras, NC	Bucktail Live Eel Baitfish Pattern Jig Peeler Crab Jig / Gulp Gulp/Mullet Combo Jig-Jerk Bait Live Bait Anchovy Fly Ballyhoo			
BASS, LARGEMOUTH BASS, SMALLMOUTH BOWFIN CATFISH, BLUE CATFISH, FLATHEAD CRAPPIE, ALL GAR, ALL MUSKELLUNGE, ALL PERCH, WHITE PERCH, YELLOW PICKERAL, CHAIN SHAD, AMERICAN SHAD, HICKORY SUNFISH, ALL SUNFISH, REDEAR TROUT, BROOK	B Shepherd A. Campbell A Conway RJ Brown L Rothgeb M Cline JP Rountrey A. Campbell F Cousins RJ Brown M Cline M Kodroff R Choi JP Rountrey W Nicar D Nobles	3-10 4-6 9-8 43-0 26-0 1-11 5-0 12-0 0-12 1-1 4-10 3-12 2-2 0-10 1-4 0-15	2 6 4 8 20 2 4 20 2 2 2 2 4 4 20 2 4 2 2 4 2 2 4 2 2 4 4 2 2 2 4 4 2 2 2 4 4 4 2 2 2 4 4 4 2 2 2 4 4 4 4 4 2 2 2 4 4 4 4 4 4 2 2 2 4 4 4 4 2 2 2 4 4 4 4 2 2 4 4 4 4 2 2 4 4 4 2 2 4 4 4 4 2 2 4	Spin Fly Spin Gen Flug Gen Fly Spin Spin Plug Spin Fly Fly Gen Fly	241 312 361 361 154 267 109 113 197 279 462 224 252 208 125 133	10/11/13 4/3/13 4/10/13 1/12/13 09/15/13 08/18/13	Private Pond, VA New River Chickahominy Lake, VA James River, VA James River, VA Chickahominy River, VA Chipokes Creek, VA New River East River Chickahominy River, VA Chickahominy River, VA Tar River, NC James River, VA Private Pond, VA Lake Prince, VA Spring Creek, VA	Grub Sculpin Fly Trout Magnet Cut Bait Cut Bait Blade Bait Live Minnow Musky Fly Grub Grub Tail Blade Bait Dart Shad Fly Shad Fly Night Crawler			
2013 DIVISION LEADI	ERS - SALTWAT	ER									
SEATROUT, SPOTTED DRUM, RED SEATROUT, SPOTTED BASS, STRIPED DRUM, BLACK	Robbie Robertson Robbie Robinson S. Lee F. Cousins B Shepherd	8-0 55-0 5-0 45-0 42-0	2 8 8 4 30	Spin Plug Fly Gen Surf	533 687 208 750 350		Mobjack Bay, VA CBBT James River, VA Chesapeak Bay, VA Barrier Islands, VA	Jig-Jerk Bait Jig / Gulp Half and Half Live Eel Peeler Crab			
2013 DIVISION LEADI	ERS - FRESHWA	TER									
BOWFIN PICKERAL, CHAIN BASS, SMALLMOUTH CATFISH, BLUE	A Conway M Cline A. Campbell RJ Brown	9-8 4-10 4-6 43-0	4 2 6 8	Spin Plug Fly Gen	361 462 312 361	2/2/13	Chickahominy Lake, VA Chickahominy River, VA New River James River, VA	Trout Magnet Blade Bait Sculpin Fly Cut Bait			
2013 SPECIES LEADE SALTWATER	ERS LARGEST -					3 SPECIE	ES LEADERS LARGES ER	ST -			
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<u>Virginia Anglers Club</u>

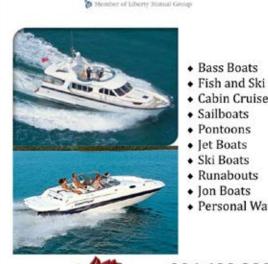




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NEW CLUB RECORDS - FRESHWATER								
PICKERAL, CHAIN M Cline 4-10 2 Plug 462 2/2/13 Chickahominy River, VA Blade BASS, LARGEMOUTH A Campbell 7-8 12 Fly 234 2/9/13 Private Lake, VA Half 8 CATFISH, FLATHEAD L Rothgeb 26-0 20 Gen 154 4/10/13 James River, VA Cut B BASS, SMALLMOUTH A. Campbell 4-6 6 Fly 312 08/15/13 New River Sculp MUSKELLUNGE, ALL A. Campbell 12-0 20 Fly 113 08/18/13 New River Musking PIKE, NORTHERN A. Campbell 4-3 20 Fly 40 08/13/13 St. Lawrence River, Onterio, Canada	A Half Clouser ait in Fly y Fly							
HIGHEST POINT NON-LOCAL CATCHES - SALTWATER								
MACKEREL, CERO JP Rountrey 9-0 20 Gen 120 1/15/13 Fort Lauderdale, FL Live E SEATROUT, SPOTTED D. Nobles 3-12 8 Spin 125 4/15/13 Mosquito Lagoon, FL DOA	3ait Plastic							
HIGHEST POINT NON-LOCAL CATCHES - FRESHWATER								
BASS, SMALLMOUTH A. Campbell 4-1 6 Spin 232 08/10/13 St. Lawrence River, Onterio, Canada PIKE, NORTHERN S Peluso 1-10 8 spin 50 5/17/13 Saranac Lake, NY	a Crankbait Minnow							

2013 C.V. KINNARD AWARD COMPETITION - THRU 6/10/13

ANGLER	FIRSTS	<u>SECONDS</u>	THIRDS	<u>PLACES</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>
Bob Brown	4	1	1	6	1397	232
Bob Shephero	2	0	1	3	741	247
Andrew Camp	bell 1	1	1	3	659	219
Parks Rountre	y 0	2	0	2	460	230
Fred Cousins	1	1	0	2	445	222
Bob Schepker	. 0	1	0	1	171	171
Ryan Noland	0	0	1	1	166	166
Billy Nicar	0	0	1	1	147	147
Lee Huss	0	1	0	0	104	104
Bobby Brough	ton 0	1	0	1	100	100
John Wetlaufe	er, Sr. 0	0	1	1	50	50
Art Conway	1	0	0	1	361	361
Karen Anders	on 0	1	0	1	86	86



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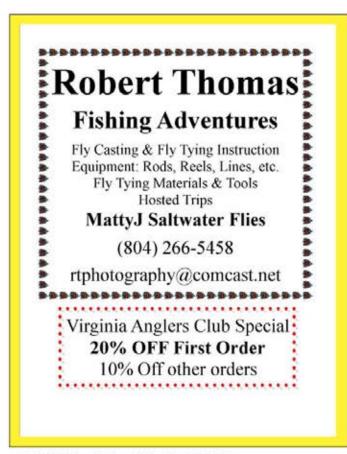
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