



The Angler

Newsletter

June/July 2024



Stuart Lee shared this spectacular 7-11 speckled trout he caught on 6-spin. WOW!

JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, June 25th

Doors open at 6pm and meeting starts at 7pm sharp!

**Presented by WVU graduate student, Cory Bauerlien,
who will share his Musky Mortality research results. See description, page 5.**

Department of Wildlife Resources Headquarters, DWR Headquarters Boardroom,
7870 Villa Park Dr. #400, Richmond, VA 23228

President's Message

Sharing Secrets

As anglers, we tend to keep a lot of secrets. We have secret fishing holes, secret techniques and secret baits. I am going to suggest that sharing those secrets will actually make you a better angler.

Let me tell you a story to illustrate this point.

In previous letters, I have introduced my fishing partner Earl Parker. Earl had a neighbor, Mr. Hamlet, that shared a secret fishing hole with him one day. When I moved to Virginia for school between 1984 and 1988, Earl shared this secret fishing hole with me. (This particular fishing hole is largely the reason that I decided to return to Virginia to retire.) I have since shared this secret fishing hole with 2 of my fishing partners.

When Mr. Hamlet shared this secret fishing hole with Earl, Mr. Hamlet told Earl that the only lure that worked on this body of water was a purple Mepps. Earl fished that bait effectively until one day he lost his only purple Mepps and had to come up with something else or stop fishing. Earl tied on a red Rooster Tail and proceeded to catch double the number of fish that the purple Mepps had been producing. The red Rooster Tail was now the preferred bait for this secret fishing hole.

But in the process, both Earl and Mr. Hamlet became better fishermen because Mr. Hamlet shared this secret fishing hole with Earl, who saw the body of water from a different perspective and with a different set of eyes.

Earl then shared this secret fishing hole with me and told me the story of the purple Mepps and the red Rooster Tail. I fished that red Rooster Tail with Earl for several years until one day I tied on a 1 ½ inch yellow grub on a 1/16th ounce jig head. As you might guess, that yellow grub caught significantly more fish than the Rooster Tail and now we had one more trustworthy bait to add to our arsenal for this secret fishing hole.

In the process, Mr. Hamlet, Earl, and I all became better anglers because the secret fishing hole was shared with someone that saw that body of water from a new perspective.

I have since added more baits and techniques to my arsenal because I shared this secret fishing hole with two other fishing partners.

But, here's the most important part of sharing secrets. It requires trust. Sharing your secret fishing holes, baits, and techniques is best done with those people that you respect and trust. It is a poor idea to post your secrets on Facebook and social media.

But, in my experience, sharing fishing secrets has made me a better angler.

Sharing those secret fishing holes, techniques and baits always results in me growing as an angler. I end up learning from the person that I have shared with because they see the body of water, technique or bait from a different perspective than I did and we both grow.

I have seen this in action in the Virginia Anglers Club.

Fred Murray and his friend Ray, shared a secret fishing hole in Canada with several of us in the club last July. Although the preferred technique was fishing for walleye with night crawlers, we were able to catch good numbers of fish on plastic swim baits and grubs. Everybody learned and grew as anglers because Fred was willing to share his secrets with us.

Mike Ostrander has willingly shared his secret to catching tons of fish with his white grub. Mike also shared all of his secrets to catching big catfish last year when he spoke at one of our membership meetings.

John Gorman shared his secret fishing hole and techniques in Little Creek with me which resulted in me finally obtaining my citation Crappie.

I was able to share a secret fishing hole and technique with Derek Merricks that resulted in him obtaining a citation Bluegill.

The Virginia Anglers Club is a great place to obtain and share fishing knowledge and secrets.

So, share some of your secrets with those that you respect and trust. I promise you, you will become a better angler because of it.

Clifford Phipps

President
The Virginia Angler's Club

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Virginia Angler's Club Group

Up-Coming Member Meetings & Speakers

Doors open at 6pm and meeting starts at 7pm sharp.

LOCATION: Department of Wildlife Resources Headquarters,
DWR Headquarters Boardroom, 7870 Villa Park Dr. #400, Richmond, VA 23228

Jun 25 - **Musky Mortality Study** “To fish or not to fish?” That is what Muskie question anglers start asking themselves as water temperatures approach 80°F. Many Muskie anglers follow the oft-cited 80-degree benchmark and stop fishing when water temperatures reach 80°F because it is assumed that fish caught and released above 80°F have a high probability of dying. However, no formal investigations into this belief had been conducted – until now. Over the last few years, graduate students and faculty from West Virginia University and Coastal Carolina University, as well as biologists from several state and federal agencies, have worked together in a multi-state effort (VA, WV, WI, NC, MD) to answer the age-old question: “How hot is too hot?” During this presentation, we will highlight the findings from the Virginia portion of the warm-water Muskie mortality studies, as well as the findings from the studies conducted in all of the states, to discuss what they mean for the future of the Muskie angling community.

Presented by Cory Bauerlien
PhD Student | WVU Swiger Fellow
Division of Forestry & Natural Resources
West Virginia University
Vice President - WVU Student Chapter of AFS

Aug 27 - **Stories about My Uncle, Joe Brooks**

Presented by Michael Brooks. *Plus Fishing Flea Market! See below*

Sep 24- **Leveraging VA State Park Resources & other VA fishing opportunities.** Presented by Diego Riffle

NEW!

LET'S GET TOGETHER
for dinner and socializing!
July 23rd @ 6PM



Spouses welcome!

LOCATION: PARK LANE TAVERN, West Broad Village, 2251
Old Brick Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060 804-887-5063
www.parklanetavern.com/short-pump

TUESDAY SPECIAL - FISH & CHIPS \$11.00 Yummmmmmy

NEW!

AUGUST 27th FISHING FLEA MARKET

Got gear you don't need? Bring any angling gear you want to sell out of the back of your truck to this meeting at the DWR. Park near the meeting entrance and set up shop outside. Bring a table if you need one. Be set up and ready to sell by 5:45 PM before the meeting so you' have at least an hour of sales time. Start getting your sellables together now!

WE NEED TWO VOLUNTEERS!!!

Please consider volunteering for the club. After many years of service as **Recording Secretary** Extraordinaire, Karen Anderson is leaving her position so now we need someone to fill this position. Here is a description of the job:

Attend Board of Director meetings and record minutes, distributing minutes to BOD members prior to the meeting. Maintaining a file of minutes and other BOD issues up for discussion. May assist in other duties such as writing thank you letters for donations to the Club, preparing dues notices and banquet invitations, and collecting mail from VAC post office box.

Also needed is an **Activities Assistant** to work with John Gorman. This position consists of helping John to coordinate expeditions by placing non-boaters together with boaters. This position requires lots of telephone and texting communication.

Please contact Clifford Phipps if you are interested!

714 904-8064
pepsicliff@sbcglobal.net

THANK YOU for considering donating your time to the club!

Meet a New Member!

Michael A. Clark

Michael A. Clark was born April 3, 1957, is married, and living in Bon Air, North Chesterfield. He loves reading, travel, walks, on-line gaming and, oh yeah, FISHING!

Michael started out as an Army “brat” until father retired in South Carolina. Eight years later, Michael joined the Air Force and spent the next, almost 21 years, serving our country. After retiring in 2000 as

a Master Sargent, he obtained an Information Security job with Capital One Bank until 2008. His final working position was at Northrop Grumman Corporation supporting the Commonwealth of Virginia Information Security for Executive State Agencies. Michael then retired in 2019, to spend more time traveling with his wife Louise.

Michael’s travel so far has included; Costa de Sol in Spain, several locations in Crete, Greece, and Costa Rica as well as an epic trip to the Grand Canyon through Florida, Louisiana, Texas, Colorado, Utah, and direct interstate return.

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WELCOME TO THE CLUB, MICHAEL!!!

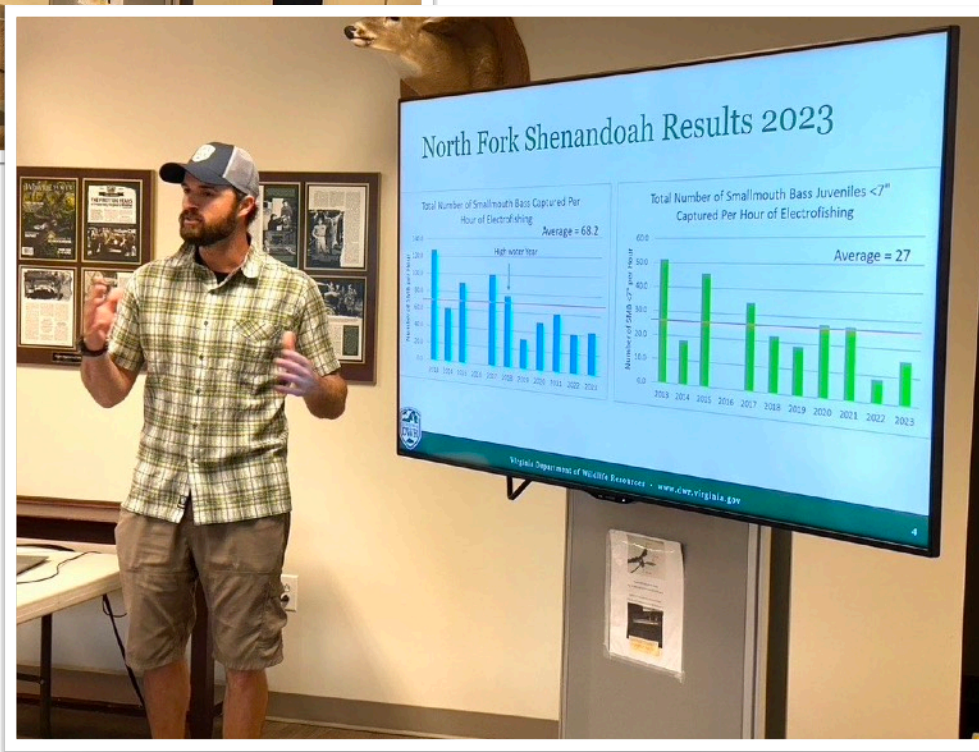
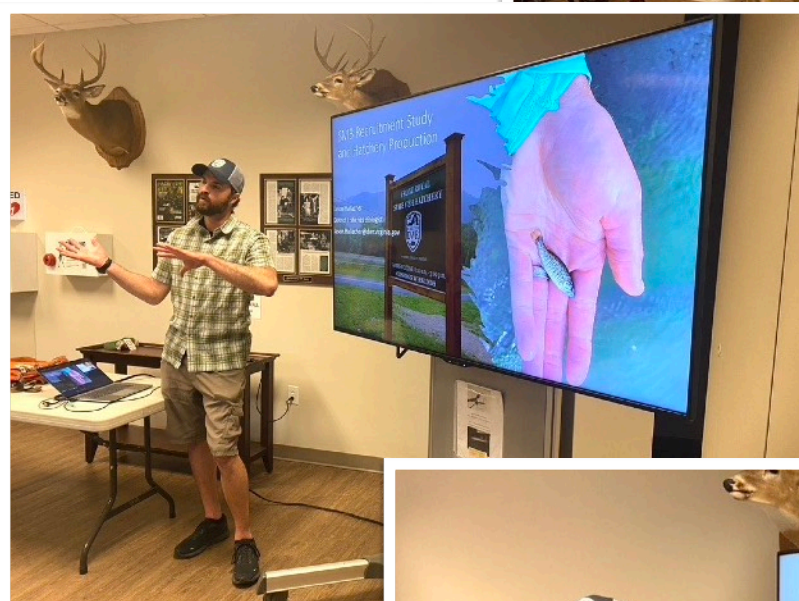
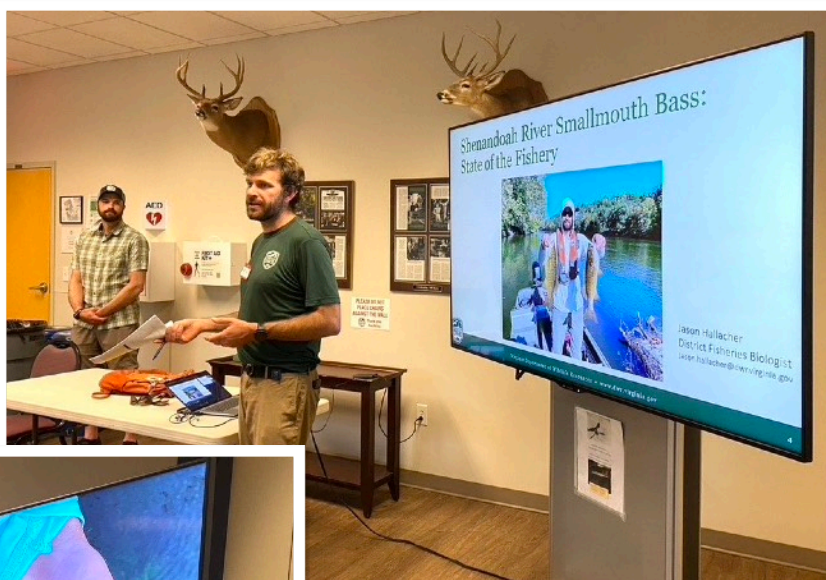
In Case You Missed it.....

Past Member Meeting & Speaker - May 28th

Tuesday, May 28 -
Virginia Department of
Wildlife Resources,
DWR Senior Fisheries
Technician, **Jason
Hallacher**, spoke on
*Smallmouth Bass &
Smallmouth Bass
Propagation.*



Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources, (DWR), Mike Bedarski, Head of Fisheries, also spoke on the state of smallmouth fisheries in Virginia.



Thanks again to DWR for hosting our member meetings!!!

THREE BASS. ONE YEAR.

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For more information: virginiawildlife.gov/fishing/virginia-bass-slam-challenge/



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Located at: 10150 Lakeridge Parkway, Ashland, VA 23005

2024 Virginia Anglers Club Annual Fish Fry

April 23rd

at the Maymont Nature Center



Where the
MAGIC
began!

A very special thanks
to our cooks, Buddy,
Danny and Ryan
Nolan, Dinkus Deane,
and Jeff Doughty!









Hard working cooks were still cleaning up at 9:05PM.

Another GREAT fish fry and another fun evening!

Thank you to everyone who donated fish, cooked fish, gathered auction items, sold raffle tickets, and helped with the many additional tasks needed to make this get together successful!

We had 46 members and guests attend this year and the \$10 fee was put to good use by covering half of our space rental fee. We will have the same fee next year and hope even more folks will join us! See you then!

CONSERVATION & LEGISLATION - CHRIS DOLLAR

The Atlantic coastal states of New York through Georgia have scheduled hearings to gather public input on Draft Addendum II to Amendment 1 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic

Cobia Addendum II is to consider recreational allocation, harvest target evaluation, and the timeline for setting management specifications. Table 3 for State options and Table 4 for Regional options.

Coast-wide recreational harvest target for 2024 season is **76,908 fish** with these State-specific soft targets:

- Georgia - 7,229 fish
- South Carolina - 9,306 fish
- North Carolina - 29,302 fish
- Virginia - 30,302 fish
- *De minimis* - 769 fish*

Hearing Schedule for Virginia Marine Resources Commission

Monday, June 24

Webinar Hearing

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Virginia Marine Resources Commission, Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources, and North Carolina Dept. of Environmental Quality

The webinar registration link is available here, and additional webinar instructions are below. <https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/4078966477099083616>

RULES COMMITTEE - CARTER CLEVINGER

Let's talk!

Summer 2024 is here with lots of great fishing opportunities. There has been a lot of great catches (e-cards) turned in already this year. So, what are your future goals?

- **Angler Rating**
- **Division Experts**
- **Fresh/Saltwater Expert**
- **Master Angler**

One of the greatest advantages of being a member of the Virginia Anglers Club, it challenges you as an angler. To earn the ratings listed above it forces you to try new techniques such as fly, plug, spin, and general. All the requirements for ratings are listed on the VAC web site, and links to Glenn's videos. If you have questions please give us a call Stuart Lee, Glenn Carter, Fred Cousins, Danny Noland, Buddy Noland, Dinkus Deane, Mike Ostrander, or Carter Clevinger.

EXPEDITION & TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

WALK AND WADE EXPEDITION - JUNE 29TH (Freshwater)

This trip is hosted by Mike Ostrander and will be on Saturday, June 29th. We will send out a separate expedition announcement with all the final details very soon! If interested in this trip please contact Mike AS SOON AS POSSIBLE at : mike@discoverthejames.com

JAMES RIVER FLOAT EXPEDITION – JULY (TBD). (Freshwater)

This trip may get replaced with a float on the North Anna River.

NORTH ANNA RIVER FLOAT EXPEDITION – JULY 13th at 7AM (Freshwater)

Rain Date:” Saturday, July 20th

We will be floating and fishing along a beautiful 3-mile section of the North Anna River. Plan for a full-day trip since we anglers can easily drag out three miles trying to hit all the good spots.

Parking is limited at river launch and take-out so **RSVP by July 8th**. Contact Brian Bremner (804)398-9137 or bbremner87@gmail.com for more details or to express interest.

PIANKATANK RIVER EXPEDITION – SEPTEMBER 21ST. (Salt and freshwater)

Day trip expedition to the Piankatank River on Saturday, September 21st. Starting at Deep Point Boat Ramp, go left from the launch and you're running up to the Dragon, go right and you're on your way to the bay. Because of this there are opportunities to catch many species of both salt and freshwater fish. speckled trout, redfish and striper are the main salt targets. Blue cats, gar, bass and panfish are the freshwater favorites. Put a minnow or paddletail in the water and you never know what you'll come up with. More details later.

EXPEDITION & TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

continued

If you are going on the Kiptopeake Species Expedition, John Gorman needs your deposit of \$50 ASAP by June 29th!

KIPTOPEAKE SPECIES EXPEDITION – OCTOBER 18TH - 20TH

(Saltwater for flounder, tautog, speckled trout, etc)

We have a 15 person lodge already reserved in Kiptopeake state park. If you would like to go, there is a \$50 deposit to hold your spot. Contact John Gorman (757)784-2495 to reserve your spot.

There are opportunities for kayak fishermen, boat fisherman and shore, wade fisherman. The Kiptopeake State Park excursion offers great kayaking opportunities from launching at the park to fish the waters around the concrete ships for flounder, tautog, trout, etc. Also, if we experience rough seas the Wise point boat ramp offers protected waters to fish. The Bay Bridge tunnel is another option weather permitting. These are just a couple locations close to camp, opportunities are endless.



JAMES RIVER CATFISH EXPEDITION - November 1ST (more info to come)

CEDAR SPRINGS TROUT EXPEDITION - TBD in November

CEDAR SPRINGS TROUT EXPEDITION - TBD in December

Please contact John Gorman with questions or to express interest in attending any of these events. (757)784-2495



*Submitted Rob Thomas!
Thank you Rob!!!*

Women's Introduction to Fly Fishing

<https://license.gooutdoorsvirginia.com/Event/ViewEvent.aspx?id=4222&ref=dwr.virginia.gov>

Have you ever wanted to try fly fishing? Maybe you have never fished before and want to start with fly fishing?

Virginia DWR, in collaboration with the Fly Fishers of Virginia, the American Daughters of Conservation, and the Chesapeake Women's Anglers is hosting a women's only Introduction to Fly Fishing workshop on Saturday June 22nd from 9 am - Noon. The workshop will be held at Dorey Park in Henrico County, Virginia. Learn the basics of casting a fly rod and knot tying. Participants will then try their luck fly fishing the Dorey Park pond for a variety of species including bluegill, redear sunfish, largemouth bass, and channel catfish. All equipment will be provided!

Pre-registration is required and anyone 16 years of age or older will be required to have a valid Virginia freshwater fishing license. Options include an annual freshwater fishing license or a short term five-day freshwater fishing license. Participants are encouraged to bring a lunch to network and connect with other anglers after the event.

LOCATION

Dorey Park, 2999 Darbytown Road, Henrico, VA 23231 ([map](#))

EVENT SCHEDULE

06/22/2024 (9:00 am–12:00 pm)

FEE

\$19.95

EXPEDITION & TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Little Creek Expedition on June 1, 2024



A fun adventure catching nice largemouth and an occasional yellow perch!

NEWS YOU CAN USE!



Virginia Clean Marina Program - Fishing Line Recycling

By Abigail Clark



The Clean Marina Program at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science has begun collecting fishing line for recycling. We accept monofilament, braided line, and fluorocarbon line. A map of the bins is available on our website: <https://www.vims.edu/research/units/centerspartners/map/vacleanmarina/recycling/>

To recycle your line, remove the hook off the line and place the fishing line in the opening at the top of the bin. Please do not put any trash or hooks in the bins.

The fishing line will be recycled by Berkley. Over the past 10 years, the US Coast Guard Auxiliary (Williamsburg) recycled over 4,000 pounds of fishing line. Over the last 2 years, the Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation Department has recycled over 63.3 pounds of fishing line. Please help us continue to recycle fishing line!

If you see a full bin or would like more information, please email Abigail Clark at acclark@vims.edu or call at 804-684-7768.

Susanna Musick

Marine Advisory Program

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NEWS YOU CAN USE!

Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) Virginia Angler's Night Out

Hi Members and Friends of CCA Northern Virginia -

We are pleased to announce our **Angler's Night Out** get together in Herndon, VA on Wednesday, June 19th. This will be an 'in-person' only meeting and is open to the public.

We have a special room reserved at the **Amphora Diner at 1151 Elden Street, Herndon VA.**

Many of us will be gathering at 6:00 for dinner before the meeting and you are more than welcome to join us.

Our program will begin at 7pm. Bring your friends and questions!!!

First, we will be featuring a Documentary Film Screening -

Menhaden: "The Biggest Little Fish You've Never Seen"

This is a 32-minute film, from McKeever Films - August 2023. There will be a Q & A session following the screening hosted by Robert Pollard.

Next, after a short break, our Long Time CCA Member George Lenard of Specialized Baits, will be leading an interactive discussion on his favorite method of fishing:

Light Tackle Jigging (LTJ) For All Seasons.

George will share his knowledge of LTJ fishing in the Chesapeake and other waters.

George will be bringing some of his own equipment to show rigging techniques and lure selection for various conditions. He will also discuss targeting various species throughout the calendar year. Come prepared with your questions for a very informative and interactive discussion.

Rob Allen

703-626-2668

CCA Virginia

Get Ready for the... **5th Annual
KID'S FISHING DAY**
NEW DATE TBA



Please join us for another great event
once more graciously hosted by Dinkus and Ronnie Deane (thanks you guys!)
Stay tuned...*More information to come!*

YOUTH FISHING OPPORTUNITIES!!!

2024 Summer Fishing Camp Schedule

Contact: Capt. Chris Dollar, salestacklecove@gmail.com

What: Capt. Chris Dollar's "[Chesapeake Youth Fishing Camps](#)" sponsored by Tackle Cove Outfitters teaches girls and boys (grades 5-8, entering Fall 2024) fishing skills, knot tying as well as how to use fishing gear and tools. Campers will also learn about the importance of a healthy Chesapeake and Bay ecology. Conditions permitting, campers will fish from a 20-foot center console and 11-foot, very stable fishing kayaks in the Carter's Creek area off the Rappahannock River.

Enrollment is limited to four (4) campers per session to ensure a safe and quality experience. Sibling/Family groups welcomed, and no experience required. Tuition is \$295.00* and includes a camp T-Shirt and an Angler Starter Kit, a \$50 value. [Email](#) for registration/health form. (**Credit cards accepted online. Processing fee applied.*)

When: June Sessions: 11-12; 18-19; 25-26. **SOLD OUT**
July Sessions: 16-17; **SOLD OUT** 25-26; 30-31.
August Sessions: 13-14; 20-21; 27-28.
Time: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Where: Carter's Creek and Rappahannock River area.

Drop off in Irvington VA.

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LEADER BOARD 2024 as of June 16

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FRESHWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
CARP	B BOSHER	33-10	8	SPIN	600	2024-01-25	COHOKE POND , VA	1/4 Ounce Silver Buddy (Silver)

PRESIDENT'S AWARD SALTWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F JAMES	8-7	6	SPIN	562	2024-06-14	PIANKATANK RIVER, VA	Topwater

DIVISION AWARDS FRESHWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
CARP	B BOSHER	33-10	8	SPIN	600	2024-01-25	COHOKE POND , VA	1/4 Ounce Silver Buddy (Silver)
CATFISH, BLUE	GN CARTER	43-11	8	PLUG	459	2024-01-26	JAMES RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
CATFISH, BLUE	C CLEVINGER	38-0	4	GEN	405	2024-02-06	JAMES RIVER, VA	Cut Bait
TROUT, RAINBOW	B SHEPHERD	5-11	4	FLY	323	2023-12-18	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	Wooly Bugger

DIVISION AWARDS SALTWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, BLACK SEA	F JAMES	4-2	6	PLUG	305	2024-02-25	TRIANGLE WRECKS, VA	Sting Silver
BASS, BLACK SEA	F JAMES	4-6	6	GEN	258	2024-02-25	TRIANGLE WRECKS, VA	Squid
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	42-0		SURF	300	2024-04-16	EASTERN SHORE BARRIER ISLANDS, V	Crab
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	12-8	8	FLY	208	2024-04-15	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Clouser
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F JAMES	8-7	6	SPIN	562	2024-06-14	PIANKATANK RIVER, VA	Topwater

**BETTER
SAFE!!!
THAN
SORRY!!!**



Virginia

"HIGHEST POINT" SPECIES AWARDS FRESHWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	RJ BROWN	7-6	2	SPIN	491	2024-03-18	COHOKE POND, VA	Grub
BASS, ROCK & ROANOKE	D MERRICKS	1-14	6	SPIN	340	2024-04-28	DAN RIVER, VA	3" Swimbait
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	M OSTRANDER	3-13	4	SPIN	276	2024-06-07	JAMES RIVER, VA	White Grub
BASS, STRIPED (HYB)	C CLEVINGER	4-2	2	PLUG	275	2023-12-02	LAKE ANNA, VA	Blade Bait
BASS, STRIPED (LL)	D MERRICKS	28-0	8	GEN	373	2023-12-09	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR , VA	Live Minnow
BASS, WHITE	D MERRICKS	2-1	6	SPIN	185	2024-04-06	DAN RIVER, VA	3" Swimbait
CARP	B BOSHER	33-10	8	SPIN	600	2024-01-25	COHOKE POND , VA	1/4 Ounce Silver Buddy (Silver)
CATFISH, BLUE	GN CARTER	43-11	8	PLUG	459	2024-01-26	JAMES RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	GN CARTER	16-0	4	PLUG	231	2024-01-26	JAMES RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
CRAPPIE, ALL	G ALVIS	2-14	4	SPIN	359	2024-02-04	PRIVATE POND, VA	Swimbait
PERCH, WHITE	D MERRICKS	1-6	2	GEN	292	2024-01-15	WESTERN BRANCH RESERVOIR , VA	Red Worm
PERCH, YELLOW	F HART	1-5	2	SPIN	345	2024-03-03	PAMONKEY RIVER, VA	Bobby Garland Baby Shad
PICKEREL, CHAIN	F HART	2-14	2	SPIN	287	2024-02-24	RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER, VA	Bobby Garland Baby Shad
SAUGEYE	D MERRICKS	4-1	8	SPIN	162	2024-02-22	APPOMATTOX RIVER, VA	Fluke
SHAD, AMERICAN	JH SHEFFIELD	3-4	4	SPIN	194	2024-03-04	ROCKY MY NC, NC	Shad Dart
SHAD, HICKORY	F MURRAY	2-8	6	FLY	252	2024-03-15	JAMES RIVER, VA	Fred Fly
SNAKEHEAD	C PHIPPS	4-8	8	SPIN	138	2024-06-08	RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER , VA	Buzzbait
SUNFISH	F HART	1-1	2	SPIN	279	2024-01-05	PRIVATE POND, VA	Bobby Garland
SUNFISH, REDEAR	DL NOBLES	1-2	6	FLY	142	2024-03-18	PRIVATE POND, VA	Golden Retriever
TROUT, BROOK	G ALVIS	2-1	4	FLY	206	2024-02-25	NININGER CREEK, VA	Wooly Bugger Fly
TROUT, RAINBOW	D MERRICKS	6-12	2	SPIN	421	2023-12-18	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	Rooster Tail
WALLEYE	D MERRICKS	5-0	6	GEN	184	2024-02-04	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR , VA	Live Minnow

"HIGHEST POINT" SPECIES AWARDS SALTWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, BLACK SEA	F JAMES	4-2	6	PLUG	305	2024-02-25	TRIANGLE WRECKS, VA	Sting Silver
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	42-0		SURF	300	2024-04-16	EASTERN SHORE BARRIER ISLANDS, V	Crab
KINGFISH (SEA MULLET)(ROUNDHEAD)	D CARTER	0-14	8	GEN	116	2024-05-31	OVFP NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, VA	Cut Pigfish
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F JAMES	8-7	6	SPIN	562	2024-06-14	PIANKATANK RIVER, VA	Topwater

"HEAVIEST" SPECIES AWARDS FRESHWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	D MERRICKS	8-4	12	GEN	165	2024-03-08	DOUTHAT LAKE , VA	Live Minnow
BASS, ROCK & ROANOKE	D MERRICKS	1-14	6	SPIN	340	2024-04-28	DAN RIVER, VA	3" Swimbait
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	M OSTRANDER	3-13	4	SPIN	276	2024-06-07	JAMES RIVER, VA	White Grub
BASS, STRIPED (HYB)	J GORMAN	4-11	8	GEN	125	2024-03-13	LAKE ANNA, VA	Minnow
BASS, STRIPED (LL)	D MERRICKS	28-0	8	GEN	373	2023-12-09	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR , VA	Live Minnow
BASS, WHITE	D MERRICKS	2-1	6	SPIN	185	2024-04-06	DAN RIVER, VA	3" Swimbait
CARP	B BOSHER	33-10	8	SPIN	600	2024-01-25	COHOKE POND , VA	1/4 Ounce Silver Buddy (Silver)
CATFISH, BLUE	S KNOX	48-0	20BR	GEN	247	2023-12-22	JAMES RIVER, VA	Cut Shad
CATFISH, CHANNEL	C PHIPPS	2-15	2	GEN	93	2024-04-10	LITTLE CREEK RES., VA	Minnow
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	GN CARTER	16-0	4	PLUG	231	2024-01-26	JAMES RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
CRAPPIE, ALL	G ALVIS	2-14	4	SPIN	359	2024-02-04	PRIVATE POND, VA	Swimbait
PERCH, WHITE	D MERRICKS	1-6	2	GEN	292	2024-01-15	WESTERN BRANCH RESERVOIR , VA	Red Worm
PERCH, YELLOW	F HART	1-5	2	SPIN	345	2024-03-03	PAMONKEY RIVER, VA	Bobby Garland Baby Shad
PICKEREL, CHAIN	C PHIPPS	3-10	8	SPIN	175	2024-04-13	LAKE CHESDIN, VA	Spinner Bait
SAUGEYE	G ALVIS	4-10	20BR	GEN	76	2024-02-17	APPOMATTOX RIVER, VA	Swimbait
SHAD, AMERICAN	JH SHEFFIELD	3-4	4	SPIN	194	2024-03-04	ROCKY MY NC, NC	Shad Dart
SHAD, HICKORY	F MURRAY	2-8	6	FLY	252	2024-03-15	JAMES RIVER, VA	Fred Fly
SNAKEHEAD	C PHIPPS	4-8	8	SPIN	138	2024-06-08	RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER , VA	Buzzbait
SUNFISH	F HART	1-2	2	GEN	239	2024-05-12	PRIVATE POND, VA	Popeye And A Wax Worm.
SUNFISH, REDEAR	DL NOBLES	1-2	6	FLY	142	2024-03-18	PRIVATE POND, VA	Golden Retriever
TROUT, BROOK	G ALVIS	2-1	4	FLY	206	2024-02-25	NININGER CREEK, VA	Wooly Bugger Fly
TROUT, RAINBOW	D MERRICKS	6-12	2	SPIN	421	2023-12-18	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	Rooster Tail
WALLEYE	D MERRICKS	5-0	6	GEN	184	2024-02-04	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR , VA	Live Minnow

"HEAVIEST" SPECIES AWARDS SALTWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, BLACK SEA	F JAMES	4-6	6	GEN	258	2024-02-25	TRIANGLE WRECKS, VA	Squid
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	42-0		SURF	300	2024-04-16	EASTERN SHORE BARRIER ISLANDS, V	Crab
KINGFISH (SEA MULLET)(ROUNDHEAD)	D CARTER	0-14	8	GEN	116	2024-05-31	OVFP NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, VA	Cut Pigfish
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F JAMES	8-7	6	SPIN	562	2024-06-14	PIANKATANK RIVER, VA	Topwater
SPOT	D CARTER	0-7	8	GEN	61	2024-05-25	RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER, VA	Bloodworm

NEW CLUB RECORDS FRESHWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	C PHIPPS	8-4	20BR	GEN	110	2024-05-29	PRIVATE POND, VA	Hollow Body Frog
BASS, ROCK & ROANOKE	D MERRICKS	1-14	6	SPIN	340	2024-04-28	DAN RIVER, VA	3" Swimbait
BASS, STRIPED (HYB)	C CLEVINGER	4-2	2	PLUG	275	2023-12-02	LAKE ANNA, VA	Blade Bait
BASS, STRIPED (HYB)	J GORMAN	4-11	8	GEN	125	2024-03-13	LAKE ANNA, VA	Minnow
BASS, STRIPED (LL)	C CLEVINGER	4-8	2	PLUG	150	2023-12-02	LAKE ANNA, VA	Blade Bait
BASS, STRIPED (LL)	D MERRICKS	28-0	8	GEN	373	2023-12-09	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR , VA	Live Minnow
BASS, WHITE	D MERRICKS	1-6	2	PLUG	183	2024-04-06	DAN RIVER, VA	3" Swimbait
CATFISH, BLUE	GN CARTER	24-11	6	PLUG	290	2024-01-26	JAMES RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
CATFISH, BLUE	GN CARTER	43-11	8	PLUG	459	2024-01-26	JAMES RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
CRAPPIE, ALL	G ALVIS	2-14	4	SPIN	359	2024-02-04	PRIVATE POND, VA	Swimbait
PERCH, WHITE	D MERRICKS	1-6	2	GEN	292	2024-01-15	WESTERN BRANCH RESERVOIR , VA	Red Worm
PERCH, YELLOW	GN CARTER	1-2	6	PLUG	204	2024-03-01	MATTAPONI RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
PERCH, YELLOW	GN CARTER	1-2	12	PLUG	137	2024-03-04	MATTAPONI RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
SAUGEYE	D MERRICKS	4-1	8	SPIN	162	2024-02-22	APPOMATTOX RIVER, VA	Fluke
SAUGEYE	D MERRICKS	4-6	12	SPIN	138	2024-02-17	APPOMATTOX RIVER, VA	Fluke
SNAKEHEAD	C PHIPPS	4-8	8	SPIN	138	2024-06-08	RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER , VA	Buzzbait
SUNFISH	D MERRICKS	1-1	6	GEN	153	2024-04-26	COHOKE MILLPOND, VA	Nightcrawler
SUNFISH, REDEAR	DL NOBLES	1-2	6	FLY	142	2024-03-18	PRIVATE POND, VA	Golden Retriever
WALLEYE	D MERRICKS	5-0	6	GEN	184	2024-02-04	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR , VA	Live Minnow

NEW CLUB RECORDS SALTWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
KINGFISH (SEA MULLET)(ROUNDHEAD)	D CARTER	0-14	8	GEN	116	2024-05-31	OVFP NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, VA	Cut Pigfish
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F JAMES	8-7	6	SPIN	562	2024-06-14	PIANKATANK RIVER, VA	Topwater

YOUTH FRESHWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
CATFISH, BLUE	ASHER BROUGHTON 7_12	55-0	8	GEN	462	2024-02-09	JAMES RIVER, VA	Cut Shad
CRAPPIE, ALL	GRANT TOWNSEND 0_6	0-15	2	SPIN	148	2024-03-14	PRIVATE POND, VA	Grub

YOUTH SALTWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
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NON-LOCAL AWARD FRESH OR SALTWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
SAILFISH, ATLANTIC	B SHEPHERD	0-0	8	GEN	500	2024-04-23	KEY BISCAYNE, FL	Goggle Eye

NEW MEMBER AWARD

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	T EMBRY	7-1	4	SPIN	353	2024-03-26	ARMISTEAD PT PARK POND HAMPTON ,	Joe's Fly # 35
CRAPPIE, ALL	T EMBRY	1-13	2	GEN	232	2024-04-13	WOODSTOCK POND YRSP JAMESCITY CO	Minnow
CRAPPIE, ALL	T EMBRY	1-13	2	GEN	232	2024-03-17	WOODSTOCK POND YRSP JAMESCITY CO	Minnow
PERCH, WHITE	T EMBRY	0-9	2	GEN	119	2024-04-24	WALLERMILL RES. YORK CO, VA	Minnow
PERCH, YELLOW	T EMBRY	0-13	2	GEN	172	2023-12-10	WALLER MILL RESERVOIR, VA	Minnow
PICKEREL, CHAIN	T EMBRY	1-12	2	GEN	140	2024-02-18	POWHATAN CREEK JAMES CITY CO, VA	Minnow
SHAD, HICKORY	T EMBRY	1-3	2	SPIN	134	2024-04-30	YORK RIVER GLOUCESTER PT PIER, V	Cliff's Hand Poured Trout Worm
Total					1382			

HATS ARE COMING... HATS ARE COMING!!!

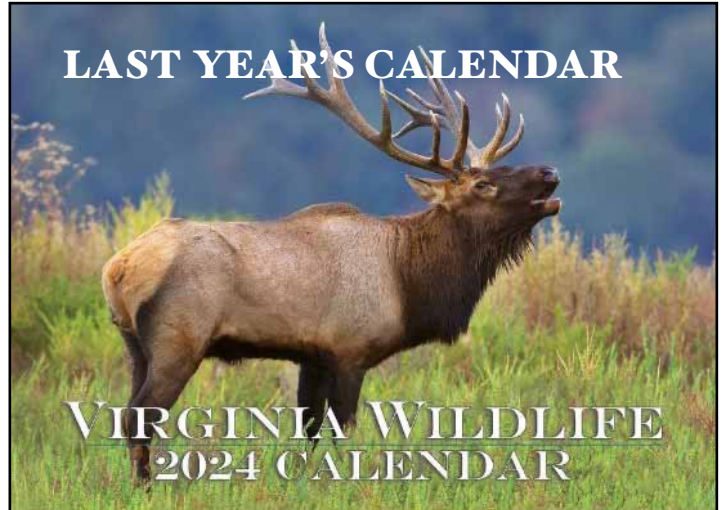
We will be ordering more hats soon so stay tuned for more info so stay tuned!



Rob Thomas shows off a nice carp he caught on a hand-tied 17-year locust fly! These flies are carp magnets!



LAST YEAR'S CALENDAR



VIRGINIA WILDLIFE 2024 CALENDAR

CALENDARS ARE COMING..... CALENDARS ARE COMING!!!

Calendar selling guru, Special Activities Committee Chair, **Don West**, reports that the club will be selling DWR calendars for \$12 each again this year as an annual fundraiser. Last year, we sold 375 and brought in \$1874 for the club!

Don mentions that if each member could sell 10 calendars then we would really add some money to our coffers.

Calendars will be ready around the first week of September so consider selling 10, if not more, this year!

Calendars make great gifts and will be used all year! How often can you say that about a gift?

Contact **Don West** for more info and to reserve your calendars to sell, or purchase! 804-897-8723

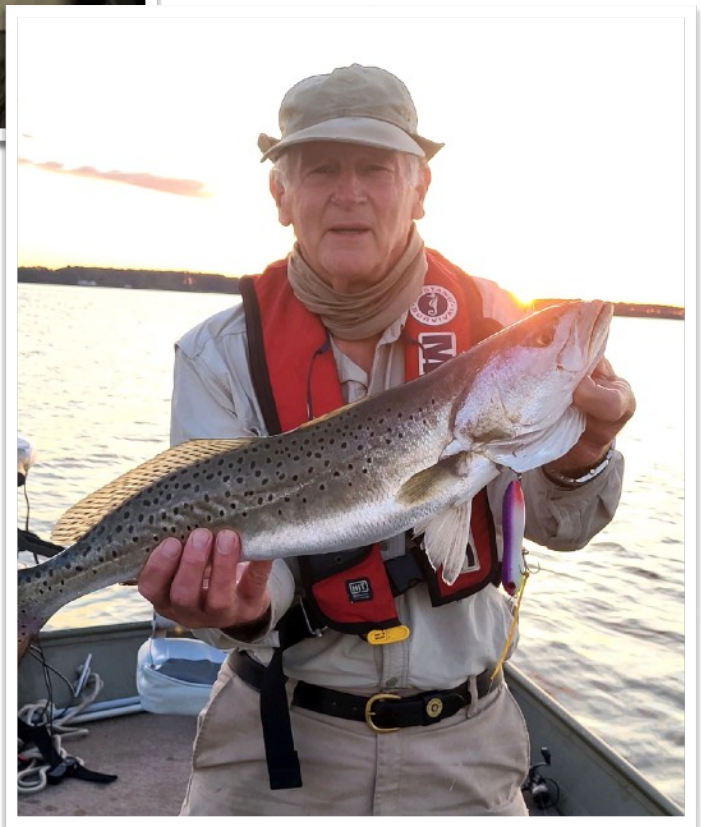
FISHING MEMORIES



Daniel Carter with a new **IGFA** record Atlantic Stingray,
20lb 6oz. Sweeeeet!



Daniel Carter with a big cow nose ray!



Glen Carter with a BIG speckled trout!



Brent Boshier writes,

“The moral of the story:

Always have your scales.. Even if you know you won't need em. I didn't come prepared.... It was my first trip out in my new kayak, but that is no excuse.

I'll never know what she weighed. She was 26”, and it is a catch I will never forget.

I was in the kayak approaching the end of the pier. Dad was sitting on the bank in the swing watching me cast a Zara Spook Jr. when she hit. He got to share in the excitement and that is more priceless with each passing year. “



President **Cliff Phipps** with a 8-4, largemouth bass caught with a hollow frog lure on a private pond. WOO HOOO!!! Nice fish Cliff!



Tricia Pearsall with a nice Smallmouth - Shenandoah River State Park 2-14 ,6 spin on a plastic worm. Awesome Tricia!



Eric Webster shared these photos of a recent trip to the Conway River! Top left, clockwise: Native brook trout, Eric with another nice native rookie, and a rosyside dace caught on fly! Wow, nothing better than a beautiful Virginia stream for fishing! Thank you for sharing Eric!



Lynda Richardson holds up a hard earned 17" smallmouth bass while **Mike Ostrander**, as is his custom, holds up an even bigger one, 20 1/4". Caught on the James River.



Mike Ostrander with a chain pickerel caught at Cohoke pond.

