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February Membership Meeting: “What’s Happening on the Islands of the Eastern Shore of Virginia”

Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 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

some information about the Virginia Coast Reserve. Look elsewhere in this issue of the Angler for information about a special raffle of a copy of *Seashore Chronicles*, co authored and autographed by Barry Truitt. The club has enjoyed a long-time relationship with Barry and we sincerely thank him for making the trek up to Richmond for our meeting.

2009 MEMBERSHIP DUES WERE DUE DECEMBER 1, 2008

Membership dues for the 2009 Angling Year are due and payable on December 1, 2008. There has been no increase in dues for 2009. Active Members residing in-state pay \$60.00 per year and active members residing out-of-state pay \$40.00 per year. Life and Honorary Members pay no dues. Dues may be paid by check made out to The Virginia Anglers Club and mailed to or handed to Treasurer, Clif Williams, or sent to the Club PO Box.

BACKLASH

(Commentary from the Board of Directors)

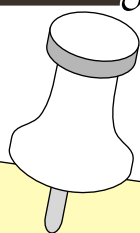
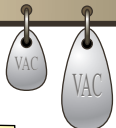
“WHAT’S HAPPENING ON THE ISLANDS OF THE EASTERN SHORE OF VIRGINIA”

The first guest speaker for the year will be Barry Truitt, long time friend of the VAC and the Director of Science and Stewardship for the Nature Conservancy’s Virginia Coast Reserve.

Barry will present a program on eel grass restoration, oyster recovery programs and the like going on in this unique and important part of Virginia’s outdoors. More information on Barry appears elsewhere in this issue of the Angler as well as

**VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB
P.O. BOX 31494
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ATTN: CLIF WILLIAMS, TREASURER



March 7th - "Fishing In Virginia" - A Joint FFVA / VAC Effort

Working with the Staff of Green Top Sporting Goods, VAC Program VP Mike Ostrander and FFVA President and VAC member Robert Thomas have pretty well nailed down a great program on fishing in Virginia to be presented as a joint effort by the VAC and the FFVA at GreenTop on Saturday, March 7th from 10 AM until 4 PM. Club Members will be presenting some of the how to classes offered during this special day. Please contact Mike and offer your assistance.

March 24th, 2009 Catching Shad On The James With Russ Kress

Local angling guide Russ Kress will present sure fire methods for catching shad in the James during their eagerly awaited run up to and thru Richmond. More details in the March Angler.

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NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM UP AND RUNNING

The 2009 Leadership Team was installed in their respective offices at the 2008 Annual Awards Banquet. Parks Rountrey joined Bill DuVal and Eddy Johnston as Directors in the new Class of 2011. Matt Balazik took over as 3rd. VP - Conservation and Legislation. Don Wood moved into the Special Activities Chairmanship. The rest of the Directors, Officers and Committee Chairmen stayed on for another year of service to the Club.

VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB 2009 APPROVED AT \$13,000

VAC Treasurer Cliff Williams presented 2009 Operating Budget to the Leadership Team at the February 10th Board of Directors Meeting. After a detailed discussion of the figures, the Board members present approved the proposed budget that showed budgeted income and expenses at about \$13,000. The Web Site Fund's small balance was transferred into the general fund the cost of maintaining the web site will be funded from now on by the Clubs general fund. Thanks to all who donated money, time, talent and materials in 2008 to the Web Site Fund so that our very fine website could be come a reality and a valuable asset of the VAC.

ANNUAL INFORMATION PACKAGE TO BE ISSUED AGAIN AS ELECTRONIC FILES

In February, 2008, the VAC issued for the first time the "Banquet Package" as a set of electronic files. The information that was issued included rosters, tournament schedules and other information to members as a set of electronic files. A substantial

savings in the cost of printing and postage and a reduction of the volunteer effort of preparation was made with the change to electronic issue to the majority of the membership. This month, a similar electronic distribution for 2009 will be made. Details of what information will be sent appear in other parts of this months issue of the Angler.

ANNUAL SCALE CERTIFICATION AVAILABLE DURING THE FEBRUARY 26TH MEETING

It's time to check over your scales and get them in order for their annual certification. Weigh master Larry Allen and his crew of talented assistants will be at the February Membership Meeting ready to certify your scales for the 2009 Angling Year. Bring your scales in a Ziploc@a8 style bag with your name on or in the bag. Give the bag and scales to Larry and your scales will be certified by the end of the meeting. Be sure the outside of the barrel is free of oil, WD-40, etc. Brake cleaner or carburetor cleaner is recommended for oil removal.

THREE MOTIONS OF INTEREST PASSED AT THE FEBRUARY BOD MEETING

The Board of Directors passed three motions of interest to the club. The BOD gave thorough consideration to the subject of each motion before the motions were brought to a vote of the Directors. All Directors were present to make the vote and there were no abstentions.

Recognizing the need for total flexibility during the budgeting process, the BOD voted to have the value of the budget line item concerning discretionary donations for conservation programs set during the budgeting process vs. being



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automatically \$1500 as voted in 2007. Typically discretionary donations make up roughly half of the total value of VAC donations to conservation programs. The rest of the donations are set at specific values for specific organizations.

In a move to allow members the option of paying membership dues on credit cards, the BOD voted to have the VAC Webmaster set up a Pay Pal account thru which dues payments can be made to the Club. A special e-mail notice of how to use this account will be issued in February.

In answer to a request by the VMRC for public input in setting the summer flounder regulations for the 2009 season, the Board voted to support the 19" – 5 fish limit – no closure option. The 3rd. VP – Conservation and Legislation was directed to advise the VMRC in writing of the support of the VAC for this option. In all options the catch limit was 5 fish. The board felt having no closed season (one week) was less confusing than a one week closure in one of the other alternatives offered.

For the Leadership Team

John Wetlaufer, Sr., Director

CATCHY COMMENTS

by Buddy Nolan



It has been several months since we have had an update on the new angling year which began 12/1/09. There have been some very significant catches on both the fresh and saltwater by our members. Not too many years ago, this period was a slow time of the year with very few entries. Now with the growth of the Blue Catfish in the James River and the return of the Striped Bass, that has all changed.

The season began with the first entry being a *Blue Catfish* from Chippoke's Creek on December 3rd. **Scott Johnston** and **Eddy Johnston** were jigging for *Gar* when **Eddy** had a fish on the line that acted and felt a lot different than the targeted specie. It turned out to be a 33-0 pound *Blue Catfish* which he caught on 2# plug. What a surprise and a new Club Record. Fish was worth 507 points. Not too shabby a catch!

Several weeks later, **Parks Rountrey**, **Glenn Carter**, and *Richmond Times-Dispatch* outdoor writer, **Andy Thompson**, were fishing the James River with **Mike Ostrander** and also released some *Blue Catfish*. Andy had the heaviest fish with a 54-0 pound. **Parks** caught a 28-0 pounder on 4# general and **Glenn** landed a 49-0 *Blue Catfish* on 12# general. Points were 298 and 340 respectively. Cut *Shad* was used for bait.



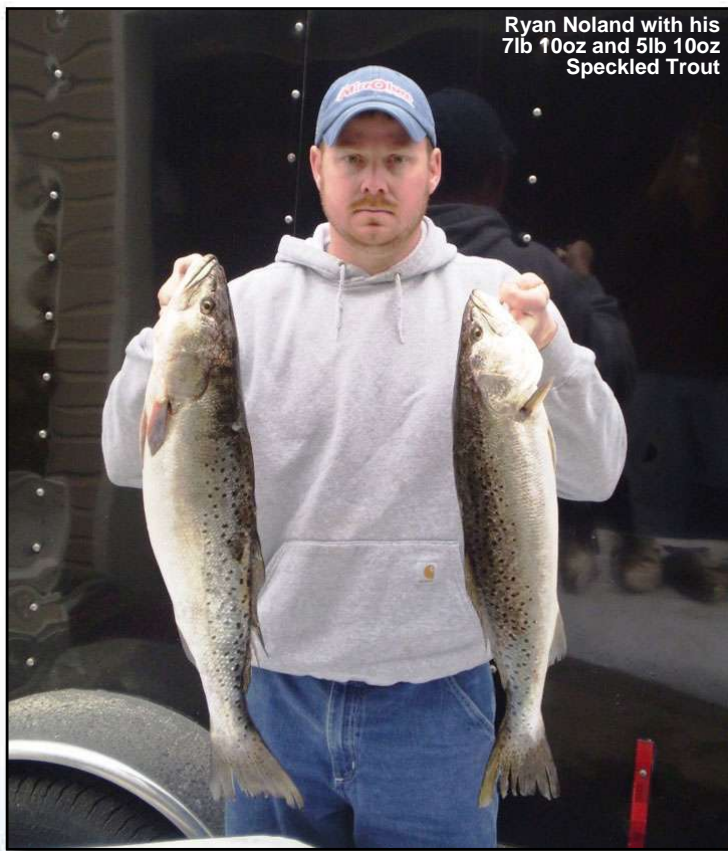
Bob Shepherd and **Fred Murray** were also catching *Blue Catfish* in early January. They had several fish over 40 pounds with the best being 51-0 pounds worth 543 points caught by **Bob**. The *Catfish* was on 4# general and has been submitted to IGFA to better his current world record of 47-9 pounds set in January of 2002. This catch is also the current "specie leader".

The saltwater fishing has also produced some outstanding catches. The *Stripers* were the prey in early December with *Speckled Trout* filling out the remainder of the month. The high winds after Christmas kept the *Striper Tournament* entries low with few anglers able to fish. The deeper areas along the eastern side of the bay from the Concrete ships to Nautilus Shoals have been the hot spots for the live eel fishermen. As the fish exited the bay, the trollers began to out number the eelers until the very end of January when most fish moved out past the three mile limit.

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Jim Sheffield was fishing with **Bruce Henderson** on the *Bounty Hunter* and had two of the early December entries with a 28-0 and a 43-8 pound *Stripers* on 8# general. **Jim's** largest fish missed the current world record by less than two pounds but is a new Club Record 8# general.

Fishing on the Elizabeth River December 23rd with the air temperature at 16 degrees Fahrenheit, **Ryan Noland** had a super day on *Spotted Seatrout*. Fishing with Mirrolures, **he** got his "limit" with the smallest being 2-6 and the largest a whopping 7 pound 10 ounce on 2# plug. **Ryan** set three Club Records with 4-6 for 8# plug, a 5-10 for 6# plug, and the 7-10 pound fish for 2# plug record. The best *Speckled Trout* was worth 508 points and is now the "plug division" leader. **Danny Noland** went to the Elizabeth River three days later with his best catch of *Trout* being a 4-7 pound on 2# plug, also on a Mirrolure.



Ryan Noland with his 7lb 10oz and 5lb 10oz Speckled Trout



Will Mosley with his 22 lb Carp on 2lb Plug



Rob Choi with a 42lb Blue Catfish on 4 Gen.

Stuart Lee and **LeRoy Houser** were jigging off Rudee Inlet with a bucktails on December 29th. **Stuart's** best entry was a 10-0 pound *Bluefish* on 12# plug which now is the *Bluefish* "specie leader".

Fishing with **Bruce Henderson** and **Jim Sheffield**, **Fred Cousins** had a real nice *Striper* to start off the season. **Fred** was fishing a live eel on 4# line and landed a 39-0 *Striped Bass* worth 650 points. This catch now is now the current "general division" leader.

Ricky Dale, **Dave English**, **Danny Noland**, and **myself** went to Puerto Aventuras, Mexico to try to in on the early bite of *Sailfish* in mid January. The trip turned out to be more of a learning experience than a catching experience. We had used American boats and captains in the past, but this time went with the Mexican captains and mates. Fun was had by all with

just a few *Barracuda's* landed. The tackle wasn't exactly what we had been promised and so on. Any of us would be happy to share this information if interested.

No additional entry cards have been received since the middle of January but I am expecting some "*Yellow Perch*" entries real soon. Several of our members have been testing the waters of the "Chick" lately.

Take care

-Freshwater Fishing Virginia- Are You Coming?

Tasty BBQ available
right next door

Learn what tackle
works and stock up on it
during the same visit!

Keep Saturday, March 7, 2009 open
for **Freshwater Fishing Virginia**,
a comprehensive educational opportunity

for all ages to be held at Green Top Sporting Goods from 10AM to 5 PM. Plan to attend all of the classes or pick and choose your class to match your favorite specie for which you enjoy angling. Freshwater Fishing Virginia is an all-day freshwater fishing seminar sponsored by GreenTop Sporting Goods, Fly Fishers of Virginia and our own Virginia Anglers Club. Speakers from the angling clubs will share their expertise with all comers. The 4 PM Bass Fishing for Kids program will be presented by three youth graduates of VCU's "Go Fish" Summer Program taught each summer by VAC's Capt. Mike Ostrander. Here is the line up of the seven seminars available during the day.

- 10 AM – Fly and Light Tackle Fishing for James River Shad
Robert Thomas President FFVA and VAC Member
- 11AM – Fly Fishing for Trout
Bill Pearsall, Expert Fly Fisherman & FFV Member
- Noon – Float Fishing the South Anna, Mattaponi and Pamunkey
Gary Martell, DGIF Director of Fisheries and VAC Member
- 1 PM – Blue Cat Fishing the James River
Capt. Mike Ostrander, Catfish Guide and VAC Member
- 2 PM – Muskie Fishing the New and James Rivers
Bob Shepherd, IGFA World Record Holder and VAC Member
- 3 PM – Gar Fishing the James River
Eddy Johnston, IGFA World Record Holder and VAC Member
- 4 PM – Bass Fishing for Kids by Kids
Young fishermen from VCU's "Go Fish" Summer Program
present bass fishing for kids.

Call Greentop Sporting Goods at 550-2188
to secure a seat because limited space

Don't forget to tell your
friends about this program.
Promotional literature about the
Virginia Anglers Club will be
available.

See you and your
buddies there!



WHAT IS THE VIRGINIA COAST PRESERVE?

In years past, the barrier islands of the Eastern Shore of Virginia were a popular angling destination for Members of the VAC. Stimulated by the active angling of VAC Members, such as Member Bernie Skydaneck, many Club Members would participate in scheduled and impromptu angling trips to fish these islands which are partially or totally owned by the Nature Conservancy's Virginia Coast Preserve. The following information on the Virginia Coast Preserve was shamelessly stolen from the Preserve's website. These islands are an amazingly unique peaceful part of Virginia and offer wonderful opportunities for sound and surf fishing. The islands of the Reserve are accessible only by boat. Check in with the Reserve if you plan to visit the islands at (757) 442-3049.

"Virginia's Eastern Shore is a narrow finger of land that separates the from the Atlantic Ocean. It is home to the longest expanse of coastal wilderness remaining on the eastern seaboard of the United States."

The Conservancy's Virginia Coast Reserve (VCR) is comprised of 14 undeveloped barrier islands, thousands of acres of pristine salt marshes, vast tidal mudflats, shallow bays, and productive forested uplands. Situated at the lower end of the Delmarva Peninsula, VCR is one of the most important migratory bird stopover sites on Earth.

This coastal wilderness features beaches, forests, maritime vegetation and salt marshes. Barrier islands, thin strips of land running parallel to the coastline along much of the Atlantic shore, comprise a large part of the coastal habitat. The Conservancy owns all or part of 14 of the 18 Virginia barrier islands. Lying at the intersection of diverse habitats, these islands both support a rich array of life and help buffer Virginia's against storms.

Location The islands run more than 60 miles south from the Maryland border to the Chesapeake Bay

Hours Year-round

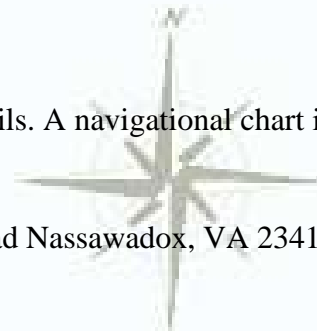
Size 38,000 acres

Conditions

The islands are all in their natural state with many beaches. There are no trails. A navigational chart is recommended for boaters.

How to Prepare for Your Visit

Before visiting any island, please the VCR office at 11332 Brownsville Road Nassawadox, VA 23413, Phone Number (757) 442-3049.



SPECIAL AUCTION AUTOGRAPHED COPY OF SEASHORE CHRONICLES

Barry Truitt co-edited with Brooks Miles Barnes a wonderful book titled *Seashore Chronicles – Three Centuries of the Virginia Barrier Islands*. This book has photographs of many structures and activities on the islands. The text is a very interesting, entertaining and informative collection of first hand written impressions, narratives, stories and reports of island life, the first being written in the 1600s and the last written in the 1990s. Among the authors who wrote these chronicles themselves are George Washington's step-grandson, a reporter for the Baltimore papers, a young couple who honeymooned there and a fellow named Robert E. Lee. The abundance of waterfowl and sea life described is truly amazing and the comings and goings of the islands themselves gives testimony that the islands are not permanent by any stretch of the imagination. Chances to win an autograph copy of *Seashore Chronicles* will be available at one for a dollar and six for five dollar. The book is an easy read and can be consumed in short or long readings. Please see Special Activities chairman Don West (the calendar guy) who will have raffle tickets for sale at the meeting.

HELP MANAGE THE COUNTRY STORE INVENTORY

Country Store Keeper Eddy Johnston is looking for suggestions on what to add to the inventory offered by the VAC Country Store. If you have a favorite item that you would like Eddy to consider stocking please let him know that you have in mind. Although Eddy has offered many special order items, he still needs to and wants to have a useful selection in inventory at all times. Also, if you see things in the current inventory that you feel will never sell, let Eddy know. Eddy is always ready for both stocking and liquidation ideas.

LUCKY RAFFLE WINNERS AT THE VAC ANNUAL BANQUET

Thanks to the efforts and talents and generosity of various club members, four very fine items were offered for raffle at the VAC Annual Banquet held on January 24th. Kathi Sheffield had the lucky stub for the \$500 photo sitting offered by Member Robert Thomas. The coveted Glenn Carter built fishing rod went home with Vic Skakandy. Two non members won the popular fly fishing boxes crafted by member Tony Horsley and filled by Eddy Johnston with flies tied by members Bill Gallash and Ronnie Sides. Guest of the VAC representing Green Top Billy Nicar won the Bill Gallash fly box and our youth award winner, Justin Pitts, son of Member Jamie Pitts, won the Ronnie Sides fly box.

SCALE CERTIFICATION - FEB. 24, 2009 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Now is the time to do your annual scale maintenance. Weigh Master Larry Allen will offer the annual certification of member's scales at the February Membership meeting. Remember; please be sure the outside of the scale you submit for certification are free of all oil, WD-40 so the certification stickers will adhere

ORVIS RICHMOND STORE TO OFFER FLY TYING CLASSES BEGINNING IN FEBRUARY

Fly tying classes will be held at the Orvis Richmond store beginning in February. There will be a beginning class on Tuesday nights starting February 3 and an intermediate/advanced class on Wednesday nights starting February 4. The time for both classes is 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Classes are FREE and Fly Fishers of Virginia (FFV) members are welcome to participate in either or both of the classes. For more information contact Dale Huggins at the Richmond Orvis Store (804) 253-9000. If you need tools the FFV has loaner sets that you can use for the class. Just let Dale know so he can have them available.

GUESTS OF ALL AGES ATTEND THE ANNUAL VAC AWARDS BANQUET

This year the VAC enjoyed the company of five invited guests. The guests were Executive Director of the DGIF Bob Duncan and his wife, Suzanne, Billy Nicar and his wife Suzanne representing Green Top and 2008 Youth Award winner Justin Pitts, son of member Jamie Pitts.

2009 INFORMATION PACKAGE COMING OUT IN FEBRUARY

The yearly VAC information package will be transmitted in February via the internet to members getting electronic copies of the Angler. The needs for packages of members who get the Angler in hard copy form will also be considered. Electronic files that are slated to be issued via the Internet include the follow. Some of this information will also be posted on the Web Site.

Membership Roster	Club Records Sheets
SW Basic Weights	Leadership Directory
FW Basic Weights	Tournament Schedule
Rating Requirements	Ratings by Member
Angling Rules	
2009 Individual Catch Record Sheet	
2008 Annual Angling Awards	

Note: There were no revisions to the By-Laws this year, so please keep your By-Law files that were issued last year.

BEHIND IN DUES – NO CREDIT FOR CATCH SUBMISSIONS

Any Entry Cards submitted after March, 1, 2009 will be disqualified for credit if the Member submitting the card is not current with his/her dues. When the dues are paid after March 1, 2009, then credit will be given for catches made on or after the date the delinquent dues are received by the VAC Treasurer as long as these catches are properly submitted on entry cards. The three month period of "forgiveness" of late dues is plenty long for Members to become current with their membership renewals. Please keep your dues current.

LUCKY TOURNAMENT AWARD WINNERS FED BY THE CLUB

The banquet meals of six attendees were paid for by the club as the result of the Members winning tournament awards and selecting a meal ticket from the three prizes available to tournament winners. Enjoying an "on the house" meal were two-ticket winners Jim Sheffield and Glenn Carter who treated their wives Kathi Sheffield and Judy Carter to dinner with their tournament winnings. Single ticket pickers were Rob Choi and Parks Rountrey. Meal tickets and Green Top gift cards worth \$40 were the most popular tournament award picks of tournament winners during the year.



VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB 2008 BANQUET AWARDS

SPECIES	NAME	WEIGHT	LINE	CLASS	DIVISION	POINTS	DATE
PRESIDENT'S AWARD - Freshwater							
CARP	F Cousins	22-0		2	Spin	687	2/3/08
PRESIDENT'S AWARD - Saltwater							
BASS, STRIPED	JH Sheffield	50-9		2	Gen	1011	12/30/07
DIVISION AWARDS - Freshwater							
CATFISH, BLUE CARP	F Cousins	64-0		6	Gen	602	1/5/08
CATFISH, BLUE CARP	F Cousins	22-0		2	Spin	687	2/3/08
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	JP Rountrey	37-0		4	Plug	627	8/3/08
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	JP Rountrey	29-8		4	Fly	625	8/27/08
DIVISION AWARDS - Saltwater							
BASS, STRIPED	JH Sheffield	50-9		2	Gen	1011	12/30/07
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	L Allen	6-5		2	Spin	20	10/12/08
JACK, ALMACO	DN Noland	23-0		6	Plug	460	8/12/08
DRUM, RED	SC Lee	14-0		12	Fly	175	7/26/08
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	M Kodroff	4-8		6	Surf	225	11/10/08
SPECIES AWARDS - Saltwater (Certificate)							
AMBERJACK, GREATER	DN Noland	22-0		6	Plug	314	8/15/08
BARRACUDA, GREAT	DN Noland	29-0		6	Plug	446	8/11/08
BASS, BLACK SEA	B Henderson	1-12		4	Spin	159	10/4/08
BASS, STRIPED	JH Sheffield	50-9		2	Gen	1011	12/30/07
BLUEFISH	B Henderson	17-12		8	Plug	295	11/1/08
COBIA	GN Carter	32-0		8	Plug	355	6/6/08
CROAKER	ES Johnston	1-10		2	Spin	216	6/6/08
DRUM, BLACK	J Pitts	65-0		20	Gen	85	5/22/08
DOLPHIN	GN Carter	4-12		4	Spin	135	6/6/08
DRUM, RED	J Pitts	45-0		20	Gen	236	6/8/08
FLOUNDER, SUMMER	W Mosley	3-4		2	Plug	270	6/14/08
JACK, ALMACO	DN Noland	23-0		6	Plug	60	8/12/08
POMPANO, AFRICAN	DN Noland	18-0		6	Plug	00	8/15/08
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	L Allen	6-5		2	Spin	420	10/12/08
SPOT	ES Johnston	0-10		2	Spin	231	10/12/08
TILEFISH, BLUELINE	B Henderson	4-8		12	Gen	112	9/13/08
SPECIES AWARDS - FRESHWATER (Certificate)							
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	DN Noland	3-0		2	Fly	375	3/6/08
BOWFIN	JP Rountrey	6-8		4	Gen	198	5/2/08
CARP	F Cousins	22-0		2	Spin	687	2/3/08
CATFISH, BLUE	F Cousins	64-0		6	Gen	602	1/5/08
CHANNEL CATFISH	JH Sheffield	11-4		2	Gen	359	1/23/08
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	JP Rountrey	37-0		4	Plug	627	8/3/08
CRAPPIE, ALL	G Carter	1-13		4	Plug	226	11/21/08
GAR, ALL	F Cousins	11-0		2	Plug	400	4/26/08
PERCH, WHITE	BL Noland	1-0		2	Fly	333	4/13/08
PERCH, YELLOW	F Cousins	1-1		2	Spin	279	12/8/07
PICKERAL, CHAIN	M Kodroff	2-12		4	Spin	202	2/5/08
SHAD, AMERICAN	J Doughty	3-8		2	Spin	280	3/31/08
SHAD, HICKORY	F Cousins	2-0		2	Fly	285	3/27/08
SUNFISH, ALL	Rob Robinson	1-2		2	Fly	375	5/4/08
TROUT, RAINBOW	BL Noland	4-8		2	Fly	351	11/7/08



VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB 2008 BANQUET AWARDS

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SPECIES	NAME	WEIGHT	LINE	CLASS	DIVISION	POINTS	DATE
TOP YOUTH AWARD - Freshwater (LOCAL)							
0 THRU 6 AGE GROUP							
SHAD, HICKORY	Ryan Farley Age 3	0-14		2	Spin	100	4/16/08
7-12 AGE GROUP							
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	Rosie Arbogast Age 9	Rel		2	Gen	50	7/29/08
TOP YOUTH AWARD - Saltwater (LOCAL)							
7-12 AGE GROUP							
Bass, Striped	Justin Pitts	18-0		8	Gen	231	5/23/08
NON-LOCAL AWARD-Freshwater or Saltwater							
TROUT, BROWN	RL White	22-0		12	Fly	597	3/21/08

C.V.KINNARD ANNUAL AWARD

	FIRSTS	2ND	THIRDS	PLACES	POINTS	AVERAGE
Fred Cousins	1	3	2	6	2564	427

Freshwater "ANGLER of the YEAR AWARD"

Fred Cousins



Freshwater

FLY	Hickory Shad	2-0		2	3/27/08	285	
SPIN	Carp	22-2		2	2/3/08	687	
PLUG	Gar	11-0		2	4/26/08	400	
GEN	Blue Catfish	64-0		6	1/5/08	602	
BONUS	Yellow Perch	1-1		2-Spin	12/2/07	279	
						2253	Total Points

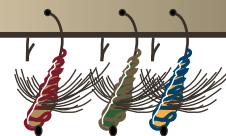
Saltwater "ANGLER of the YEAR AWARD"

Jim Sheffield



Saltwater

FLY							
SPIN	Spotted Seatrout	4-7		2	1/25/08	295	
PLUG							
GEN	Striped Bass	50-9		2	2/30/07	1011	
SURF							
						1306	Total Points



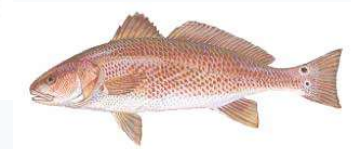
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SPECIES	NAME	WEIGHT	LINE	CLASS	DIVISION	POINTS	DATE
NEW MEMBER "ANGLER of the YEAR" (ANY 10 FISH FOR CURRENT YEAR less than 2 YEARS MEMBERSHIP)							
Rob Choi							
SHAD, HICKORY	R Choi	1-11		2	Fly	241	4/12/08
PERCH, WHITE	R Choi	0-11		2	Fly	229	4/13/08
GAR, ALL	R Choi	8-8		4	Spin	231	5/26/08
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	R Choi	24-1		6	Gen	281	7/2/08
DRUM, RED	R Choi	6-6		6	Gen	85*	7/29/08
CATFISH, BLUE	R Choi	31-7		6	Gen	295	8/17/08
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	R. Choi	1-7		2	Spin	95*	10/5/08
CATFISH, CHANNEL	R Choi	6-4		2	Spin	250	10/5/08
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	R. Choi	1-2		2	Spin	112	10/5/08
FLOUNDER, SUMMER	R Choi	2-13		4	Spin	175	10/10/08

'Additional Awards' Earned Below

"Angler" Rating for Rob Choi (same entries as above)



FLY Division Expert Entries for Bob Shepherd

Saltwater

Weakfish	B Shepherd	8-8		2	Fly	425	5/23/02
Bonefish	B Shepherd	4-8		6	Fly	180	3/14/01
Tunny, Little	B Shepherd	9-4		8	Fly	231	11/7/99
Amberjack, Greater	B Shepherd	21-8		8	Fly	269	6/24/89

Freshwater

Trout, Brown	B Shepherd	14-12		8	Fly	542	10/28/08
Salmon, Chinook	B Shepherd	22-8		6	Fly	403	10/28/04
Sunfish, All	B Shepherd	1-9		2	Fly	500	07/12/96
Bass, Smallmouth	B Shepherd	3-5		2	Fly	442	6/21/90

2992 Total >1600

SPIN Division Expert for Eddy Johnston

Saltwater

BARRACUDA	ES Johnston	29-0		8	Spin	362	9/5/07
BLUEFISH	ES Johnston	8-4		2	Spin	275	5/1/08
CROAKER	ES Johnston	2-2		4	Spin	212	9/23/05
SPOT	ES Johnston	0-8		2	Spin	185	10/3/10

Freshwater

BASS, SMALLMOUTH	ES Johnston	3-0		2	Spin	300	10/07/00
BOWFIN	ES Johnston	9-10		2	Spin	481	2/21/98
GAR, ALL	ES Johnston	12-12		2	Spin	463	10/08/02
PICKEREL, CHAIN	ES Johnston	3-6		2	Spin	337	02/25/04

2615 Total >1600



VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB 2008 BANQUET AWARDS

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SPECIES	NAME	WEIGHT	LINE	CLASS	DIVISION	POINTS	DATE
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SPECIES LEADERS "LARGEST" (Certificate)

Freshwater

BASS, LARGEMOUTH	L Allen	6-8		2	Spin	433	3/22/08
BASS, ROCK & ROANOKE	Ryan Noland	0-8		2	Fly	166	11/15/08
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	DN Noland	3-0		2	Fly	375	3/6/08
BOWFIN	P Rountrey	6-8		4	Gen	198	5/2/08
CARP	F Cousins	22-0		2	Spin	687	2/3/08
CATFISH, BLUE	F Cousins	64-0		6	Gen	602	1/5/08
CATFISH, CHANNEL	JH Sheffield	11-4		2	Gen	359	1/23/08
CATFISH, FLATHEAD J	P Rountrey	37-0		4	Plug	627	8/3/08
CRAPPIE, ALL	GN Carter	1-13		4	p	226	11/21/08
GAR, ALL	F Cousins	13-0		2	Gen	377	5/17/08
PERCH, WHITE	WS Johnston	1-2		4	Fly	304	10/24/08
PERCH, YELLOW	F Cousins	1-1		2	Spin	279	12/8/07
PICKERAL, CHAIN	M Kodroff	2-12		4	Spin	202	2/5/08
SHAD, AMERICAN	M Kodroff	3-10		4	Spin	217	3/19/08
SHAD, HICKORY	M Kodroff	2-8		4	Spin	238	4/9/08
SUNFISH, ALL	Rob Robinson	1-2		2	Fly	375	5/4/08
TROUT, RAINBOW	BL Noland	4-8		2	Fly	351	11/7/08

Saltwater

AMBERJACK, GREATER	DN Noland	22-0		6	Plug	314	8/15/08
BARRACUDA, GREAT	F Cousins	30-0		12	Gen	214	7/28/08
BASS, BLACK SEA	B Henderson	1-12		4	Spin	159	10/4/08
BASS, STRIPED	JH Sheffield	50-9		2	Gen	1011	12/30/07
BLUEFISH	B Henderson	17-12		8	Plug	295	11/1/08
COBIA	J Pitts	48-6		20	Gen	186	8/30/08
CROAKER	ES Johnston	1-10		2	Spin	216	6/6/08
DOLPHIN	GN Carter	4-12		4	Spin	135	6/6/08
DRUM, BLACK	J Pitts	65-0		20	Gen	185	5/22/08
DRUM, RED	J Pitts	45-0		20	Gen	236	6/8/08
FLOUNDER, SUMMER	JP Rountrey	5-4		8	Gen	175	7/11/08
JACK, ALMACO	DN Noland	23-0		6	Plug	460	8/12/08
POMPANO, AFRICAN	DN Noland	18-0		6	Plug	400	8/15/08
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	SC Lee	7-0		6	Spin	280	6/8/08
SPOT	ES Johnston	0-10		2	Spin	231	10/12/08
TILEFISH, BLUELINE	B Henderson	4-8		12	Gen	112	9/13/08



VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 2/12/09

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>ANGLER</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>LN</u>	<u>DIV.</u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>BAIT</u>
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2009 SPECIES LEADERS - SALTWATER

BASS, STRIPED	F Cousins	39-0	4	Gen	650	12/30/08	Chesapeake Bay, Va	Live Eel
BLUEFISH	SC Lee	10-0	12	Plug	111	12/29/08	Rudee Inlet, Va.	Bucktail
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	R Noland	7-10	2	Plug	508	12/23/08	Elizabeth River, Va.	Mirrolure

2009 SPECIES LEADERS - FRESHWATER

CATFISH, BLUE	B Shepherd	51-0	4	Gen	543	1/10/09	James River, Va.	Cut Shad
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2009 DIVISION LEADERS - SALTWATER

SEATROUT, SPOTTED	R Noland	7-10	2	Plug	508	12/23/08	Elizabeth River, Va.	Mirrolure
BASS, STRIPED	F Cousins	39-0	4	Gen	650	12/30/08	Chesapeake Bay, Va	Live Eel

2009 DIVISION LEADERS - FRESHWATER

CATFISH, BLUE	ES Johnston	33-0	2	Plug	507	12/3/08	Chippokes Creek, Va.	Jig
CATFISH, BLUE	B Shepherd	51-0	4	Gen	543	1/10/09	James River, Va.	Cut Shad

2009 SPECIES LEADERS LARGEST - SALTWATER

BASS, STRIPED	JH Sheffield	43-8						
BLUEFISH	SC Lee	10-0						
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	R Noland	7-10						

2009 SPECIES LEADERS LARGEST - FRESHWATER

CATFISH, BLUE	B Shepherd	51-0						
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NEW CLUB RECORDS - SALTWATER

SEATROUT, SPOTTED	R Noland	7-10	2	Plug	508	12/23/08	Elizabeth River, Va.	Mirrolure
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	R Noland	5-10	6	Plug	225	12/23/08	Elizabeth River, Va.	Mirrolure
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	R Noland	4-6	8	Plug	145	12/23/08	Elizabeth River, Va.	Mirrolure
BASS, STRIPED	JH Sheffield	43-8	8	Gen	483	12/17/08	Fisherman's Island, Va.	Live Eel

NEW CLUB RECORDS - FRESHWATER

CATFISH, BLUE	ES Johnston	33-0	2	Plug	507	12/3/08	Chippokes Creek, Va.	Jig
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Upcoming Tournament

Chickahominy River Yellow Perch
February 21-22 (blow date Feb 28 - March 1)

Got Cabin Fever? Its kick-off time for spring fishing. Dress warm - and come out and meet your fellow anglers for some friendly "perch jerkin". You are likely to see fellow club members grouped in a few popular spots on the river. If you are not an expert - hitch a ride with someone who is - or just observe and you will learn quickly. Also you may catch about a dozen other species in the process. This is traditionally one of our largest participation tournaments. It's always a fun event and the Chick is almost always fishable. Contact Chairman to confirm event if weather is questionable.

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 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 win both weight and points divisions by entering 2 different fish.

One angler can only turn in two fish total.

Call in entries within 24 hours from the 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 pewter cup, \$40 Green Top gift certificate or a VAC Banquet ticket.

**Please mark your calendar with corrected tournament date below:
James River Hickory Shad & White Perch April 4-5 (blow date April 18-19)**

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