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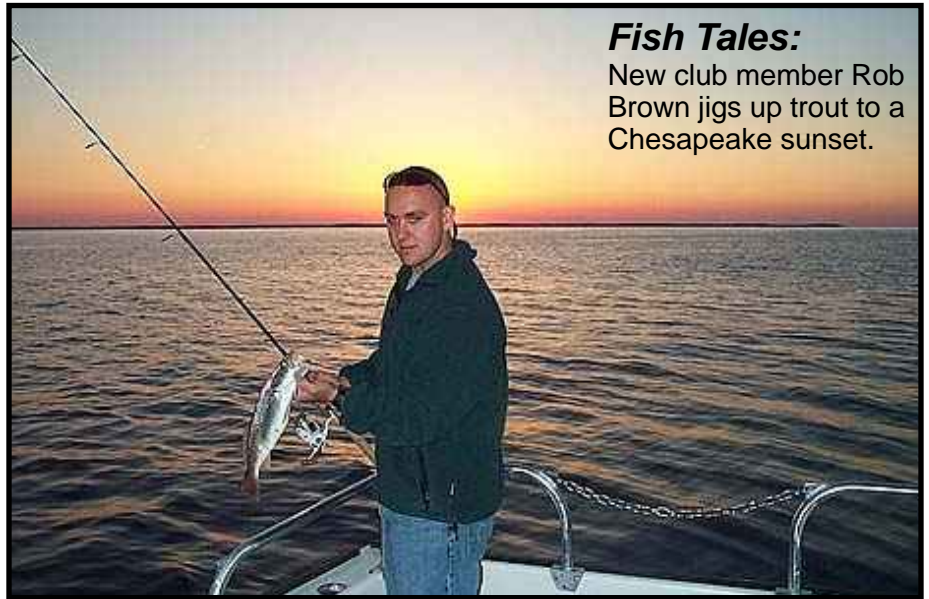
The June meeting will be held at the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries Building, 4010 West Broad Street at 7:00 PM, Tuesday June 25th. The entrance and parking are at the rear of the building.

Surprise Speaker for June

John Wetlaufer will have a surprise speaker for our regular June meeting. John is interested in getting ideas and leads from the membership on potential speakers for some open dates later this year. If you have any suggestions please contact John.

Fish Tales:

New club member Rob Brown jigs up trout to a Chesapeake sunset.



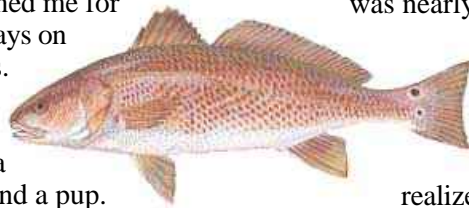
CATCHY COMMENTS

by Dennis Cline



What could possibly be better than an 87 year old catching a 40-pound red drum in the surf? Well, the answer is an 88 year old catching a 53-pound red drum in the surf!! That's what **Bill Gallasch** did while surf fishing on the eastern shore the last day of May. **Bill** and **Ronnie Sides** joined me for two memorable days on the barrier islands.

Day one saw Ronnie with the hot rod. He had a 49-8, a 40, a 39 and a pup. I managed a 49, a 39 and a pup. Bill was somewhat discouraged having caught a 21 to start the action and then spending the rest of the day



fighting stingrays from his "beach fighting chair". He made up for it on the second day!!

I hollered at Bill when I saw his rod-tip bend sharply and then saw the line go slack. Bill took the rod and cranked the reel a few turns. Detecting nothing, he put the rod back in the spike and started back to his chair! I yelled at him to get the rod again! By this time, the fish was nearly half way to the

beach, but Bill finally caught up with it. Then, the fight was on!! No one realized just how large it was until it was in the wash. What a beautiful sight! At a full 50 inches and 53 pounds, it's the top drum for the club this year! Never mind the

disabilities of age and blindness. Bill's enthusiasm for fishing overcomes those problems. I just wonder how big his drum will be when he's 89!!

Has **Reggie White** lost his fabled horseshoe? Did he give it away?

Or, is there more than one horseshoe?

Reggie's shoe has been silent since his huge January striper took over the leader board. Now, mysteriously, **Bob Shepherd** seems to have it!

Maybe they switched tackle boxes. Maybe it's a clone! However it happened, Bob has got it now.

Fishing with **Eddy Johnston** out of Kiptopeke Park, they stumbled into the mother lode of gray trout. And, in Bob's own words, "as luck would have it, I caught a 2 lb flounder on

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2 fly and an 8.5 lb trout on 2 fly as well”!! Both are club records, and to **Rucker McDonald’s** dismay, the big trout is a pending IGFA record. Rucker’s current IGFA record on 2-pound tippet is 5-1. For the record, if Bob does have Reggie’s horseshoe, he is using it selectively. On a recent trip to the surf, we had to settle for a single stingray!!

Elsewhere in and around the big pond, **Fred Cousins** had a 45-8 red drum in the surf and **Glenn Carter** won the surf tournament with a 45-0. **Elly Robinson** released a 33-0 red drum, a 10-0 striper and a 12-0 black drum in the surf all in one day. I have a map of the route Glenn and Elly took from the island back to the ramp, but it is too confusing for anyone to interpret.

So, if you want to know how to navigate the eastern shore flats, you should ask them!! **Scott Johnston, Mickey Kodroff** and I spent a day “cobia fishing” at the 65-degree tower. We caught small amberjack all day long.



On return, I was surprised to find that my 14-0 on 4 plug is a new club record. **Dr. Jim Wright** has recorded the first billfish release in several years, with a white marlin on 80 general. He also entered a 5-7 black sea bass on 16 general. New member **Bill Seymour** has the croaker lead with a 1-8 on 4 spin. **Glenn Sides** entered the first Spanish of the year, a 1-12 on 2 fly. Last, but not least, **Mike Cline** ate a tasty spadefish. The indigestion came later, when he found out the 9-2 on 8 general might have earned him a world record!

Freshwater action was highlighted by **Robbie Robinson’s** nice string of gar, all of which were double the size of the ones Elly was catching! He now leads for the species cup with a 13-12 on 2 general and has a club record for an 11-4 on 16 general. **Fred Cousins** had the gar lead for a few days with a 9-12 on 2 general. **Scott Johnston** traveled to Michigan to catch club record white bass. His new records are for a 1-0 on 4 fly and a 1-6 on 8 fly. **Scott Davis** upped the ante for sunfish with a 1-2 on 2 fly.

Opinions Wanted

The board of directors is considering the addition of 2-pound test in the plug division. If you have an opinion on this potential change, pro or con, please notify me or any of the directors as soon as possible.

Other changes being considered are basic weights for blue catfish and expanding the Skydanek award to all surf caught species. As always, your opinions regarding our angling rules are important to the board.

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“Trunk Vendors” were a highlight of the May meeting. Eric Houser draws attention offering his Dad’s old worn out Penthouse magazines.

Virginia Anglers Club

VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 6/12/02

SPECIES	ANGLER	WEIGHT	LN	DIV.	DATE	LOCATION	PTS	BAIT
2002 SPECIES LEADERS - SALTWATER								
AMBERJACK	D. CLINE	14-0	4	PLUG	06/10/02	65 TOWER, NC	254	BUCKTAIL
BASS, BLACK SEA	J.C. WRIGHT	5-7	16	GEN	05/21/02	OFF VA BEACH, VA	161	JIG/SQUID
BASS, STRIPED	R.L. WHITE	34-0	4	PLUG	01/12/02	VIRGINIA BEACH, VA	680	BUCKTAIL
BLUEFISH	D.N. NOLAND	12-8	4	PLUG	12/23/01	RUDEE INLET, VA	312	BUCKTAIL
CROAKER	W. SEYMOUR	1-8	4	SPIN	04/27/02	OFF HORN HARBOR, VA	150	GRUB
DRUM, BLACK	B. SHEPHERD	32-0		SURF	05/10/02	EASTERN SHORE, VA	266	PEELER CRAB
DRUM, RED	B. GALLASCH	53-0		SURF	05/31/02	EASTERN SHORE, VA	378	BUNKER
FLOUNDER	B. SHEPHERD	6-8	4	GEN	05/10/02	EASTERN SHORE, VA	325	MINNOW
MACKEREL, SPANISH	G.D. SIDES	1-12	2	FLY	05/27/02	CAPE LOOKOUT, NC	175	CLOUSER
MARLIN, WHITE	J.C. WRIGHT	REL.	80	GEN	05/21/02	OFF VA BEACH, VA	91	BALLYHOO
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F. COUSINS	3-0	2	SPIN	01/26/02	ELIZABETH RIVER, VA	200	FIN-S
SPADEFISH	M. CLINE	9-2	8	GEN	06/01/02	"THE CELL", VA	228	CLAM
WEAKFISH	B. SHEPHERD	8-8	2	FLY	05/23/02	CHEASAPEAKE BAY, VA	425	DECEIVER
2002 SPECIES LEADERS - FRESHWATER								
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	W.S. JOHNSTON	3-6	2	SPIN	03/07/02	PAMUNKEY RIVER, VA	225	JIG/TAIL
BASS, ROCK	B.L. NOLAND	0-13	2	SPIN	05/23/02	NOTTOWAY RIVER, VA	216	PLAS. WORM
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	G. CARTER	4-9	2	SPIN	02/25/02	PAMUNKEY RIVER, VA	456	SMOKE GRUB
BASS, STRIPED (LL)	M. KODROFF	7-0	4	PLUG	04/24/02	LAKE GASTON, VA	175	RICO(TOPWTR)
BASS, WHITE	R. MATTHEWS	1-2	2	SPIN	03/09/02	YADKIN RIVER, NC	150	SASSY SHAD
BOWFIN	B. SHEPHERD	4-1	2	SPIN	01/27/02	YARMOOUTH CREEK, VA	203	JIG
CARP	E.S. ROBINSON	7-4	2	SPIN	01/27/02	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	241	SILVER BUDDY
CATFISH, BLUE	D. CLINE	55-0	4	GEN	03/09/02	JAMES RIVER, VA	687	CUT SHAD
CATFISH, CHANNEL	S. DAVIS	7-8	4	FLY	04/24/02	PRIVATE POND, CHFLD,VA	272	MICKEY FINN
CRAPPIE	ROB ROBINSON	2-0	2	SPIN	01/31/02	JAMES RIVER, VA	320	TUBE JIG
GAR	ROB ROBINSON	13-12	2	GEN	06/04/02	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	423	DEAD MINNOW
PERCH, WHITE	F. COUSINS	1-0	2	FLY	04/19/02	JAMES RIVER, VA	320	SHAD FLY
PERCH, YELLOW	L. HOUSER	1-8	2	SPIN	03/02/02	PAMUNKEY RIVER, VA	400	ROADRUNNER
PICKEREL, CHAIN	B. HENDERSON	3-8	2	SPIN	02/09/02	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	350	SILVER BUDDY
SHAD, AMERICAN	D. CLINE	3-4	2	FLY	04/24/02	NOTTOWAY RIVER, VA	288	SHAD FLY
SHAD, HICKORY	M. KODROFF	3-0	2	FLY	03/14/02	ROANOKE RIVER, NC	400	SHAD FLY
SUNFISH	S. DAVIS	1-2	2	FLY	06/10/02	PRIVATE POND, CHFLD,VA	360	WOOLY WORM
TROUT, BROOK	B.L. NOLAND	2-9	2	FLY	12/02/01	MEADOW RUN CREEK, VA	410	WOOLYBUGGR
TROUT, BROWN	J.P. ROUNTREY	2-8	4	FLY	12/18/01	SMITH CREEK, VA	166	NYMPH
TROUT, RAINBOW	R. MATTHEWS	6-4	2	SPIN	12/22/01	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	625	SPINNER
2002 DIVISION LEADERS - SALTWATER								
WEAKFISH	B. SHEPHERD	8-8	2	FLY	05/23/02	CHEASAPEAKE BAY, VA	425	DECEIVER
BASS, STRIPED	R.L. WHITE	20-0	4	GEN	01/12/02	VIRGINIA BEACH, VA	333	BUCKTAIL
BASS, STRIPED	R.L. WHITE	34-0	4	PLUG	01/12/02	VIRGINIA BEACH, VA	680	BUCKTAIL
BASS, STRIPED	S. DAVIS	12-0	2	SPIN	06/08/02	MOBJACK BAY, VA	300	ZOOM FLUKE
BASS, STRIPED	D. CLINE	43-0		SURF	12/23/01	EASTERN SHORE, VA	430	LIVE EEL
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SHAD, HICKORY	M. KODROFF	3-4	4	PLUG	03/14/02	ROANOKE RIVER, NC	325	DART
TROUT, RAINBOW	R. MATTHEWS	6-4	2	SPIN	12/22/01	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	625	SPINNER
NEW CLUB RECORDS - SALTWATER								
AMBERJACK	D. CLINE	14-0	4	PLUG	06/10/02	65 TOWER, NC	254	BUCKTAIL
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BASS, STRIPED	R.L. WHITE	34-0	4	PLUG	01/12/02	VIRGINIA BEACH, VA	680	BUCKTAIL
BASS, STRIPED	F. COUSINS	26-0	6	PLUG	01/12/02	VIRGINIA BEACH, VA	400	BUCKTAIL
BASS, STRIPED	L.J. SPURLIN	29-0	12	PLUG	01/09/02	RUDEE INLET, VA	241	BUCKTAIL
BASS, STRIPED	D. CLINE	43-0		SURF	12/23/01	EASTERN SHORE, VA	430	LIVE EEL
DRUM, BLACK	B. SHEPHERD	32-0		SURF	05/10/02	EASTERN SHORE, VA	266	PEELER CRAB
FLOUNDER	B. SHEPHERD	2-0	2	FLY	05/23/02	CHEASAPEAKE BAY, VA	200	DECEIVER
SPADEFISH	M. CLINE	9-2	8	GEN	06/01/02	"THE CELL", VA	228	CLAM
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BASS, SMALLMOUTH	G. CARTER	3-7	6	FLY	02/25/02	PAMUNKEY RIVER, VA	250	CLOUSER
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	G. CARTER	4-2	6	PLUG	02/23/02	PAMUNKEY RIVER, VA	253	MODEL A
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	G. CARTER	4-9	2	SPIN	02/25/02	PAMUNKEY RIVER, VA	456	SMOKE GRUB
BASS, WHITE	W.S. JOHNSTON	1-0	4	FLY	05/29/02	DETROIT RIVER, MI	114	CLOUSER
BASS, WHITE	W.S. JOHNSTON	1-6	8	FLY	05/29/02	DETROIT RIVER, MI	100	CLOUSER
CATFISH, BLUE	D. CLINE	55-0	4	GEN	03/09/02	JAMES RIVER, VA	687	CUT SHAD
CATFISH, BLUE	R.J. BROWN	14-0	4	PLUG	02/03/02	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	311	SILVER BUDDY
CATFISH, CHANNEL	S. DAVIS	4-13	2	FLY	04/24/02	PRIVATE POND, CHFLD,VA	240	MICKEY FINN
CATFISH, CHANNEL	S. DAVIS	7-8	4	FLY	04/24/02	PRIVATE POND, CHFLD,VA	272	MICKEY FINN
GAR	ROB ROBINSON	11-4	16	GEN	06/04/02	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	102	DEAD MINNOW
PERCH, WHITE	D.D. COMPTON	1-1	12	GEN	03/23/02	COHOKE MILLPOND, VA	106	MINNOW
PERCH, WHITE	R.J. BROWN	1-3	4	PLUG	04/02/02	JAMES RIVER, VA	237	SPOON
PERCH, YELLOW	W.S. JOHNSTON	1-2	4	FLY	02/06/02	DRAGON RUN, VA	257	CLOUSER
PERCH, YELLOW	C. PETERS	1-7	4	GEN	03/07/02	PAMUNKEY RIVER, VA	230	MINNOW
PERCH, YELLOW	L. HOUSER	1-7	6	SPIN	03/02/02	PAMUNKEY RIVER, VA	230	ROADRUNNER
PERCH, YELLOW	G. CARTER	1-6	12	SPIN	03/02/02	PAMUNKEY RIVER, VA	157	ROADRUNNER
SHAD, HICKORY	M. KODROFF	3-0	2	FLY	03/14/02	ROANOKE RIVER, NC	400	SHAD FLY
SHAD, HICKORY	M. KODROFF	3-4	4	PLUG	03/14/02	ROANOKE RIVER, NC	325	DART
TROUT, RAINBOW	R. MATTHEWS	6-4	2	SPIN	12/22/01	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	625	SPINNER
TROUT, STEELHEAD	J.R. SIDES	14-0	8	FLY	04/02/02	OAK ORCHARD RIVER, NY	254	EG.SUC.LEACH
TROUT, STEELHEAD	J.R. SIDES	12-0	12	FLY	04/02/02	OAK ORCHARD RIVER, NY	171	EG.SUC.LEACH

2002 TOP SPOUSE CATCHES - SALTWATER & FRESHWATER (LOCAL)

PICKEREL, CHAIN	J. JOHNSTON	3-8	2	SPIN	01/29/02	DRAGON RUN, VA	350	SASSY SHAD
FLOUNDER	S. CLINE	3-0	4	GEN	04/26/02	OYSTER, VA	150	MINNOW
DRUM, RED	S. CLINE	REL.		SURF	04/27/02	EASTERN SHORE, VA	142	PEELER CRAB

2002 TOP YOUTH CATCHES - SALTWATER & FRESHWATER (LOCAL)

CATFISH, BLUE	G. SHEPHERD	25-0	12	GEN	12/02/01	JAMES RIVER, VA	178	SHAD
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2002 HIGHEST POINT NON-LOCAL CATCHES - SALTWATER

PERMIT	L.J. SPURLIN	15-8	16	GEN	05/07/02	MUD KEY, FL	110	LIVE CRAB
SAILFISH, ATLANTIC	W.B. DUVAL	REL.	6	GEN	02/02/02	MIAMI, FL	625	LIVETHREADFIN

2002 HIGHEST POINT NON-LOCAL CATCHES - FRESHWATER

BASS, WHITE	W.S. JOHNSTON	1-0	4	FLY	05/29/02	DETROIT RIVER, MI	114	CLOUSER
TROUT, STEELHEAD	J.R. SIDES	14-0	8	FLY	04/02/02	OAK ORCHARD RIVER, NY	254	EG.SUC.LEACH



Chef Rountrey fries up some extremely fresh bluefish and croaker for dinner. Glenn Carter eats....



Lynn Spurlin finds spring permit action in Florida

C.V. KINNARD AWARD COMPETITION - 2002

ANGLER	FIRSTS	SECONDS	THIRDS	PLACES	POINTS	AVERAGE
DENNIS CLINE	2	1	2	5	1952	390
BOB SHEPHERD	2	1	0	3	1382	461
GLENN CARTER	0	1	1	2	716	358
JOHN FOSTER	0	0	1	1	420	420
ELLY ROBINSON	0	1	0	1	300	300
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TOTALS	4	4	4	12	4770	398

Upcoming Angling Events

Upcoming Tournaments - Summer Vacation

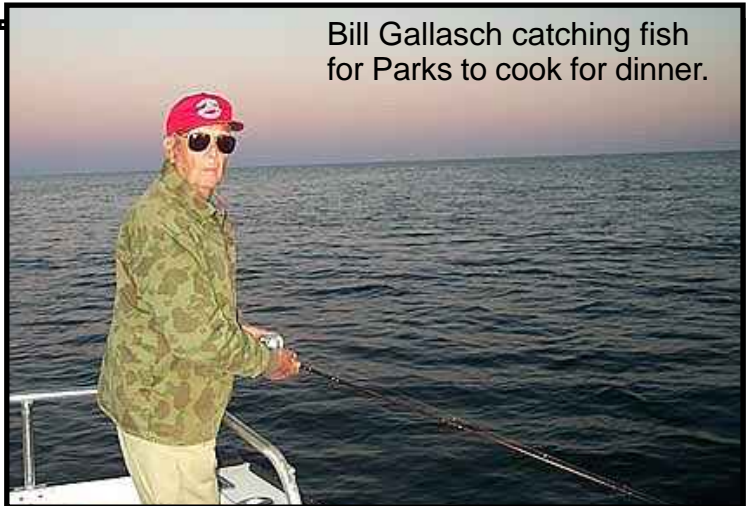
We have the summer off to pursue any species we choose without worrying about tournament competition. Our next tournament will be August 24 for James River smallmouth and flatheads.

Tournament Results

The annual Croaker Choker tournament and cookout was held May 11 at **Ricky Dale's** cottage on the Piankatank. The weather was bad – so not much fishing occurred, but the food and beverages made for full bellies and lots of hot air exchange. Thanks to the Dale/Noland brothers for putting on a great spread for the club.

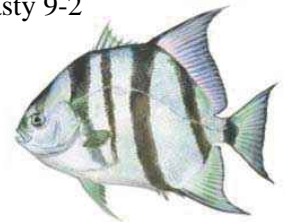
The May 18 Eastern Shore surf tourney went on even though chairman Denny Cline was not able to fish it. **Glenn Carter** won the event with a 45-0 red drum. **Elly Robinson** released a 33-0 red drum, a

Bill Gallasch catching fish for Parks to cook for dinner.



10-0 striper and a 12-0 black drum to round out a productive day on the barrier islands.

On June 1-2 the club had it's black drum, trout and spadefish tournament. Participation was poor. The best fish was **Mike Cline's** tasty 9-2 spadefish on 8 general which could have earned him a world record, if he had not eaten it.....





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