



February 2004

February Meeting

The February meeting will be held at the Dept. of Game and Inland Fisheries Building, 4010 West Broad Street at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday **February 24th**. The entrance and parking are at the rear of the building.

February Program Topic: "Making Your Fish of a Lifetime, Last a Lifetime: How to Take Better Fish Pictures"

Join member Mike Ostrander and his wife Lynda Richardson as they present tips and tactics regarding the use of digital cameras. Lynda is a nationally recognized photographer who submits to magazines like Smithsonian, Nature Conservancy and National Wildlife. She will cover a few simple things to think about when taking pictures of people with their fish. Mike and Lynda will join those who come to Byram's for dinner before the meeting. We usually gather between 5:15 and 5:30 p.m. Byram's is located at 3215 West Broad Street about a half block east of the Channel 6 Tower.

Backlash (Club News and Commentary)

Thanks to all who attended the 42 Annual Virginia Anglers Club Annual Meeting/Awards Banquet. The grand total raised by the raffles was \$394.00 and will be directed to the 20% of the annual budget for donations to groups or activities that work directly to enhance the angling environment. Danny Noland and Dennis Cline held winning tickets for the coveted Bill Galash and Capt. Ronnie Sides fly boxes. Capt. Buddy Noland won the \$50.00 gift certificate for purchases made at the new Stony Point Fashion Park. John Wetlaufer won the coveted Patagonia jacket. Thanks to Eddy Johnston for his work crafting the fly boxes and thanks to Wendy Spurlin, daughter of Lynn Spurlin,

for arranging the generous donation of the Patagonia jacket by the manufacturer.

Keeper of the Country Store Eddy Johnston is still collecting special orders for VAC jackets, knit collared shirts and "t" shirts bearing the VAC logo. He is still short of the 24-item minimum (a mix of 24 items qualifies) needed to have the logos applied to the garments. Many options of style and color are available. See Eddy at the February Membership Meeting.

Master Scale Certifier Larry Allen and his talented crew will be certifying scales for the angling year 2004 during the February Membership Meeting. Please bag all of your scales needing certification in a Ziplock or other similar bag and put your name on the front of the bag. This will help make the scale certification go more quickly. If you seriously plan to make submissions to the IGFA for consideration of a world record, please mark or tag for which scale(s) this certification is needed. The IGFA certification involves more work and is time consuming. If during the year you make a catch worthy of submission, Larry can also do a scale certification quickly if the need arises.

Dues for the year 2004 are currently due. Please keep them current. Dues are \$50.00 for residents of Virginia and \$35.00 for those members living elsewhere.

Finally, Denny Cline will have the annual package of information at the meeting. Please pick yours up or arrange for some other member to pick it up so the club can avoid unnecessary postage expense.



Regards and Tight Lines,

John

CATCHY COMMENTS

by **Dennis Cline**



This is the time of the year that cabin fever usually trumps what little sanity and common sense I have left. So, I top off the trolling motor battery, air up my boat trailer tires and head for the Chick. So what if there is a little ice on the water? They did say it might reach 40 degrees and the winds should be light. Besides, I've had my fill of afternoon movies and this is the first day in a couple of weeks that it wasn't raining, snowing or blowing like the mother of all dogs. I jigged the chrome off a silver buddy in Yarmouth Creek and never had a bite. So I packed up and moved to Walkers Dam to find seven or eight boats working the edges of the ice that covered most of the flats below the dam. After a couple more hours without a bite or seeing a fish caught it dawned on me that I hadn't watched "Terminator" for a couple of weeks. Maybe that's what the fish were doing.

That is a long way of saying not much has been happening lately. But, the handful of cards that I have received are pretty spectacular! The only saltwater entry this month was a 5-4 speckled trout on 2-spin by **Reggie White**. In freshwater, **Matt Bruington** had a great mid-January day on Swift Creek Reservoir with a mess of minnows. Matt

caught and released several chain pickerel that included fish weighing 2-10, 3-8, 3-14 and 4-0. The best of the day was a 5-4 on 12-general that broke a many years old club record.

Top billing for the month has to go to **Fred Murray** and **Jim Farrell**. Fred caught a blue cat in early January that was within two pounds of **Bob Shepherd's** IGFA record on 2-pound test! Fred's club record 34-8 blue cat was caught on 2-spin and scored 530 points!!

On the same day, he also released an 11-8 carp on 2-spin. But, that is only the beginning of the story. A couple weeks later, Fred got into some nice flatheads and caught several on fly!!! The best of them was a 21-8 on 2-fly that scored 671 points. It is obviously a new club record and has been submitted to IGFA for world record consideration. WOW! Jim Farrell shared in some of the fun, setting a club record for his 22-8 flathead on 8-fly.

Publicity = Membership

Putting together a weekly fishing report for the Virginia Anglers Club to be published in the paper offers our group wonderful FREE exposure (one might even say FREE advertisement). This equates to your fishing accomplishments being published as a part of the group report. The VAC fishing report will expose lots of folks who read the fishing report to our club, particularly in the Richmond area. Some of these readers will make good 'future' members.

Each Sunday night, I'll prepare a report of special catches made by VAC members during the week. Be as specific as you like! When you make that nice catch, please forward it to me, via the information below. Thanks for your help and keep your eyes open for the VAC Fishing Report. Happy Fishing!

Mike Ostrander
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Rich McDaniel holding his 43# HOG striper!

Fishing License Clarification

Questions were recently raised concerning what fishing license is required for fishing the various hot water power plant discharges. Reggie White contacted VMRC with the questions and was told the following:

- For the Elizabeth River hot ditch, either a freshwater license or a saltwater license is valid.
- For the Surry power plant hot ditch, a freshwater license is required.
- For the Yorktown hot ditch, a saltwater license is required.

Boy, is that confusing! Best bet is to take both licenses and then you are certain to be legal.

Upcoming Angling Events

**Chickahominy River -
Yellow Perch**

Saturday, February 28, 2004

Location: Chickahominy River
From Walkers Dam to the Rt.5 bridge

Awards: 1 cup highest point Yellow perch
(100 point min.)
1 cup highest point Yellow perch on fly.
(100 point min.)
1 cup highest point other (100 point min.)
1 cup J* Catfish

Report-In: Call Chairman within 5 days of catch:

Chairman: Bob Brown - Home: 746-1934
Cell: 833-2786

Jungle rules: Fish may be taken with any hook and line
tackle used in a sportsman like manner.
Any line material and breaking strength is
acceptable.

Rod & Gun Tournament

Saturday, March 6, 2004

Location: King & Queen Rod & Gun Club

Time: Club house at 7am

Awards: 1 cup highest point Bass
1 cup highest point Crappie
1 cup highest point Pickerel
1 cup highest point fish on Fly.

Comments: Limited to about 15-20 people
Having a cook out.
\$ 10.00 charge
(\$ 5.00 club guest pass , \$ 5.00 food.)
Club has 3 lakes with johnboats, need to bring
trolling motors (no gas) or paddles. No boat
ramp. Carry your canoe or small johnboat.

Directions: Out Rt. 360 East ,going to Tappahannock.
Turn Right at Rt. 14 (King & Queen county)
About 10 miles turn Left at the State Fish
Hatchery Sign. Go about 1/4 mile, Clubhouse
is on the right past 1st lake.

Reservations: Bob Brown - Home: 746-1934
Cell: 833-2786

Report-In: Bob Brown with in 5 Days

Trout Tournament

Saturday, March 20, 2004

Location: Escatawba Farm on Dunlap Creek -
Covington, VA.

Awards: 1 cup heaviest trout
1 cup highest point trout
1 cup best trout fisherman (combined points
best, brown, rainbow and brook trout)

Comments:

Limited to the first 8-10 Anglers. Fly fishing only, catch
& release only. Cost \$ 75.00 per. Day. Contact Bob Brown
at (804)746-1934 or (804)833-2786 to make reservations,
and hold your place. It will be first come, first serve.
Need to have a count by Feb.9, 2004. There will be
transportation for a few people.

Escatawaba Farm has a two mile stretch of crystal clear
spring-fed freestone stream.
Dunlap Creek is stocked with rainbow trout to 24 inches.
You can also fish the spring-fed lake stocked with browns,
rainbows and brookies.

Check it out on the web at www.escatawba.com

Also trying to have a cook out for lunch.

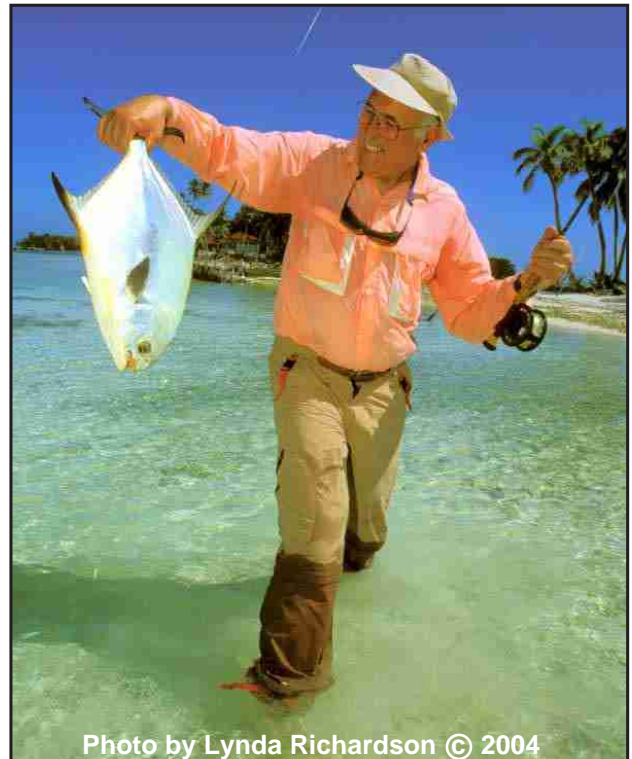


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The Lunker Club (heaviest fish)

VAC 2003 Angling Year		Club Historical Record		VAC 2003 Angling Year		Club Historical Record	
Species	Angler	Weight	Angler	Weight	Species	Angler	Weight
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	Fred Cousins	4-14	Mickey Kodroff	10-12	DRUM, BLACK	Robbie Robinson	82-8
BASS, ROCK & ROANOKE			Eric McDuffie	1-7	DRUM, RED	Dennis Cline	62-0
BASS, SMALLMOUTH			Bob Shepherd	5-8	FLOUNDER, SUMMER	Pat Dudley	10-5
BASS, STRIPED HY			Bill Ross	6-10	GROUPEL, ALL	Bill DuVal	63-8
BASS, STRIPED LL			Gary Anderson	23-6	JACK, CRAVELLE	Ronnie Sides	34-0
BASS, WHITE			John Wycoff	2-12	LADYFISH	Tom Barnett	3-12
BOWFIN			W.H. McCarthy	12-11	MACKEREL, KING	Bill DuVal	62-0
CARP	Fred Murray	11-8	Fred Cousins	25-8	MACKEREL, SPANISH	C.O. Mather	18-3
CATFISH, BLUE	Randy Matthews	40-0	Dennis Cline	55-0	MARLIN, BLACK	F.D. Gottwald	1075-0
CATFISH, CHANNEL			Fred Murray	12-4	MARLIN, BLUE ATL & PAC	Steve Hutchins	691-5
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	Jim Farrell	22-8	Ronnie Sides	25-0	MARLIN, STRIPED	C.O. Mather	266-0
CRAPPIE, ALL	Bob Shepherd	1-8	Gary Donahue	2-14	MARLIN, WHITE	C.O. Mather	113-7
GAR, ALL			Dick Goode	17-8	PERMIT	Bill DuVal	42-0
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL	Bob Shepherd	17-8	Bob Shepherd	28-7	POMPANO, AFRICAN	Elly Robinson	33-0
PERCH, WHITE			Eric McDuffie	1-7	POMPANO, COMMON	Parks Rountrey	1-8
PERCH, YELLOW			Robbie Robinson	1-13	ROOSTERFISH	W.C. Askew	50-8
PICKEREL, CHAIN			Reggie White	7-10	RUNNER, RAINBOW	Pat Quisenberry	20-5
PIKE, NORTHERN			L. Kesteloo	17-8	SAILFISH, ATLANTIC	C.O. Mather	86-3
SALMON, ATLANTIC			H.A. Claiborne	19-0	SAILFISH, PACIFIC	J.F. McNeace	140-0
SALMON, CHINOOK			Scott Johnston	34-0	SEATROUT, SPOTTED	Virgil Hughes	11-14
SALMON, COHO			P.W. Hughes	16-8	SHARK, MAKO	C.O. Mather	486-0
SHAD, AMERICAN			P. Dasher	7-4	SHARK, OTHER	L. Kesteloo	500-0
SHAD, HICKORY			Mickey Kodroff	3-4	SHEEPSHEAD	J.C. Wright	14-0
SUNFISH, ALL			Roy Jones	2-4	SNAPPER, CUBERA	Bill DuVal	48-8
TROUT, BROOK			Joe Brooks	8-0	SNAPPER, MUTTON	Herb Ratner	18-12
TROUT, BROWN			Bill Barnett	28-0	SNAPPER, OTHER	Bill DuVal	32-0
TROUT, CUTTHROAT			H.O. Mather	3-12	SNOOK	Bill DuVal	26-0
TROUT, LAKE			Mark Sosin	30-0	SPADEFISH	Elly Robinson	11-15
TROUT, RAINBOW			Randy Matthews	6-4	SPEARFISH	Stuart Lee	363-0
TROUT, STEELHEAD			Stamford Niou	15-0	SWORDFISH	E. Dunham	120-0
WALLEYE			Gary Donahue	8-12	TARPON	J.C. Wright	15-8
WARMOUTH			Lynn Spurlin	0-13	TAUTOG	Bill DuVal	10-0
AMBERJACK, GREATER			Bill Rewalt	91-2	TRIGGERFISH	F.C. Willson	215-0
BARRACUDA, GREAT			Reggie White	48-0	TUNA, BIGEYE ATL	Ronnie Hogge	38-0
BASS, BLACK SEA			Jim Sheffield	7-4	TUNA, BLACKFIN	R.L. Gilliam	1080-0
BASS, STRIPED	Rich McDaniel	43-0	C.V. Kinnard	48-0	TUNA, BLUEFIN	Bill DuVal	18-0
BLUEFISH			Paul Richie	22-0	TUNA, SKIPJACK	Bill Rewalt	231-0
BONEFISH			F.W. Lawrence	13-14	TUNNY, LITTLE	Buddy Noland	19-8
COBIA			Bill DuVal	77-0	WAHOO	Bill DuVal	98-0
CROAKER			J.C. Wright	4-0	WEAKFISH	Bill Gallasch	15-6
DOLPHIN			A.M. McCarthy	60-0			

VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 2/11/04

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>ANGLER</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>LN</u>	<u>DIV.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u>BAIT</u>
<u>2004 SPECIES LEADERS - SALTWATER</u>								
BASS, STRIPED	S.C. LEE	18-0	8	FLY	12/31/03	OREGON INLET, NC	300	DECEIVER
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	R.L. WHITE	5-4	2	SPIN	01/10/04	ELIZABETH RIVER, VA	350	JIG
<u>2004 SPECIES LEADERS - FRESHWATER</u>								
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	F. COUSINS	4-14	4	PLUG	01/05/04	LEE HALL RESERVIOR, VA	243	RATTLE TRAP
CARP	F. MURRAY	11-8	2	SPIN	01/01/04	JAMES RIVER, VA	359	SILVER BUDDY
CATFISH, BLUE	F. MURRAY	34-8	2	SPIN	01/01/04	JAMES RIVER, VA	530	SILVER BUDDY
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F. MURRAY	21-8	2	FLY	01/13/04	JAMES RIVER, VA	671	HALF & HALF
CRAPPIE	B. SHEPHERD	1-8	2	SPIN	12/29/03	JAMES RIVER, VA	238	SASSY SHAD
MUSKELLUNGE	B. SHEPHERD	17-8	6	PLUG	12/28/03	NEW RIVER, VA	364	LONG-A
PICKEREL, CHAIN	D. CLINE	2-14	2	SPIN	01/04/04	LEE HALL RESERVIOR, VA	287	RAPALA
<u>2004 DIVISION LEADERS - SALTWATER</u>								
BASS, STRIPED	S.C. LEE	18-0	8	FLY	12/31/03	OREGON INLET, NC	300	DECEIVER
BASS, STRIPED	R. MCDANIEL	43-0	30	GEN	01/08/04	FALSE CAPE, VA	179	BUCKTAIL
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	R.L. WHITE	5-4	2	SPIN	01/10/04	ELIZABETH RIVER, VA	350	JIG
<u>2004 DIVISION LEADERS - FRESHWATER</u>								
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F. MURRAY	21-8	2	FLY	01/13/04	JAMES RIVER, VA	671	HALF & HALF
CATFISH, BLUE	B. SHEPHERD	39-0	6	GEN	01/03/04	JAMES RIVER, VA	366	CUT SHAD
MUSKELLUNGE	B. SHEPHERD	17-8	6	PLUG	12/28/03	NEW RIVER, VA	364	LONG-A
CATFISH, BLUE	F. MURRAY	34-8	2	SPIN	01/01/04	JAMES RIVER, VA	530	SILVER BUDDY
<u>NEW CLUB RECORDS - SALTWATER</u>								
BASS, STRIPED	S.C. LEE	18-0	8	FLY	12/31/03	OREGON INLET, NC	300	DECEIVER
BASS, STRIPED	S.C. LEE	20-12	12	FLY	12/30/03	OREGON INLET, NC	259	DECEIVER
BASS, STRIPED	R. MCDANIEL	43-0	30	GEN	01/08/04	FALSE CAPE, VA	179	BUCKTAIL
<u>NEW CLUB RECORDS - FRESHWATER</u>								
CATFISH, BLUE	F. MURRAY	34-8	2	SPIN	01/01/04	JAMES RIVER, VA	530	SILVER BUDDY
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F. MURRAY	21-8	2	FLY	01/13/04	JAMES RIVER, VA	671	HALF & HALF
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	J. FARRELL	22-8	8	FLY	01/18/04	JAMES RIVER, VA	427	FLY
MUSKELLUNGE	B. SHEPHERD	17-8	6	PLUG	12/28/03	NEW RIVER, VA	364	LONG-A
MUSKELLUNGE	B. SHEPHERD	14-8	8	PLUG	12/27/03	NEW RIVER, VA	241	LONG-A
MUSKELLUNGE	B. SHEPHERD	12-0	12	PLUG	12/27/03	NEW RIVER, VA	142	LONG-A
PICKEREL, CHAIN	H.O. BRUINGTON	5-4	12	GEN	01/14/04	SWIFT CREEK RES., VA	150	LIVE MINNOW

Change of Address

Have you recently moved? Please let me know so we I can keep the roster current. Also, if you are interested in receiving the newsletter via email, drop me your email address at sd_fishn@yahoo.com. The newsletter will arrive much quicker than USP and will also be in color!

Regards,
Scott Davis, Newsletter Secretary

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