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August Meeting

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

Club Meeting Place

From time to time, surveys of the operation of the Virginia Anglers Club are made to keep the direction of the club aligned with the wishes of the membership. Earlier this year, one such survey revealed that some members felt that having a beer with others at the monthly membership meetings promoted camaraderie and would help make the club a more cohesive group. On the other hand, several members said they enjoy talking to others without the presence of alcohol. Still others said it didn't make any difference to them.

In an effort to resolve this question, the board of directors is asking any member to suggest a meeting place where it would be possible to tip one during the social time. Of course the meeting place would need to be centrally located and be available at little or no cost.

Please let Scott Johnston or any board member or officer know of such a place.

Backlash

(Commentary from the Leadership Team)

October 9th – Cookout At White Tail Farm

Elly and Linda Robinson have generously offered use of their White Tail Farm to the Club for the site of the VAC Fall Oyster Roast. The event is to be held on Saturday, October 9th. Mark this date now on your calendar for a time of good fellowship, games and just plain fun. The faculty of the Noland-Dale School of Culinary Arts will prepare scrumptious food before your very eyes. Details of the event will be coming in the September Angler. The cooks will need a head count, so be sure to check any family members or friends you want to bring to get their commitment to come on the 9th. Thanks to Elly and Linda for their kindness.

A Generous Offer From Capt. Ronnie Sides

Capt. Ronnie Sides has offered to donate to the Club \$100 of his charter fee for those fishing with him in October. Ronnie's specialty is catching little tunny in the Harker's Island area. Please check with Ronnie for details and available dates. Thanks to the good captain for his offer of this generous donation.

Next Raffle - A G Loomis Spinning Rod

Chances to win a G Loomis 6'-6" GL 2 spinning rod will be sold during the August and September Membership meeting. The drawing will be held during the September meeting. Raffle Tickets will be available at 1 for \$5.00 / 3 for \$10.00 at the meeting. See Eddy Johnston for ticket purchases. The raffle for the G Loomis 6 WT 9'-0" fly rod (drawing held at the July Membership Meeting) brought the club \$230.00. The "horse shoe" briefly shined on VAC member John Wetlaufer, Sr. who won the coveted fly rod at the August drawing.

Membership Meeting Programs

The program for the August Membership Meeting will feature a presentation by Capt. Lawrence Ritter. Larry is a fishing guide in the Tidewater Area. At the September membership meeting, VAC member Jim Donofrio (and Executive Director of the Recreational Fishing Alliance) will review the RFA's efforts at

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the Federal Level with the Menhaden Management Plan. October will feature Jerry Thrash's presentation of Techniques for Fishing Tackle Maintenance.

DGIF Calendars Available At August Membership Meeting

The 2004-2005 DGIF Wildlife Calendars will be available at the July Membership Meeting. The Club has nearly sold out of the 400 calendars that were ordered.

News Letter Secretary's Position Needs To Be Filled

The position of the News Letter Secretary needs to be filled. The actual composition of the Angler is done professionally for the club by Michael Havranek. Most of the articles in the Angler are prepared by members other than the editor (Tournament Notices, Catchy Comments, Back Lash, Advertisements etc.), so very little composition falls to the editor. The editor's job is more of a production coordination nature and working with Michael to be sure he has the copy and digital photographs he needs to have to compose the angler each month. Please contact Scott Davis if you have questions about the editor's position and contact President Fred Murray or any director of the Club if you are interested in the editor's job.

News Letter Editor Resigns

Current Angler Editor Scott Davis has had to tender his resignation as Editor of the Angler due to increased business commitments that have come his way. Scott has done a remarkable and appreciated job of bringing the Angler up to its current level of quality. The Angler is very critical to the Virginia Anglers Club and is the one way that every member is kept up to date on club records, catches and activities. Among other things, Scott has championed e-mail delivery of the Angler, which has ensured prompt delivery and has saved the club some production costs of hard copy issues. The Club extends to Scott a very large "thank you" for a job well done. Scott will still remain active in the club.

For the VAC Leadership,

John Wetlaufer Sr.



Upcoming Angling Events

Gwynn's Island Speckled Trout Sat, September 18, 2004

Location: Gwynn's Island area

Awards: 1 cup highest point speckled trout (100 pt. min.)
1 cup highest point "other" (100 pt. min.)
1 cup highest point fish on fly (100 pt. min.)

Report-In: Call chairman within 5 Days.

Chairman: Bob Brown - Cell: 804-833-2786
Home: 804-746-1934

VA / NC Gray Trout & Sea Bass Sat, October 23, 2004

Location: VA / NC waters

Awards: 1 cup highest point Gray trout (100pt.min.)
1 cup highest point Sea bass (100pt.min.)
1 cup J* Gray trout
1 cup J* Sea bass
1 cup highest point other (100pt.min.)

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* Jungle Rules: Fish may be taken with any hook and line tackles used in sportsman like manner, any line material and breaking strength is acceptable.

Robinson's Farm Cookout Sat, October 9, 2004

Location: Robinson's Farm

Notes: Will have a Cook out and Games.

Will have info at regular meeting.

CATCHY COMMENTS

by Dennis Cline



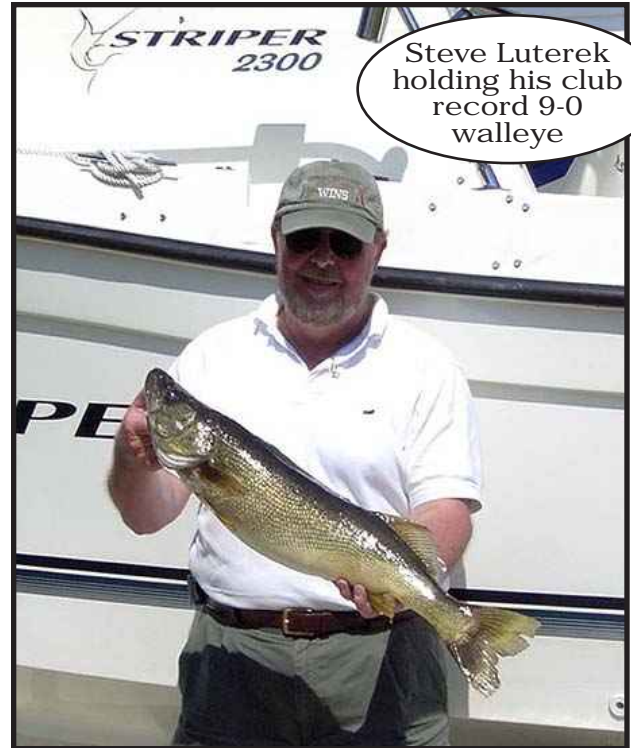
Hot news out of Ocracoke! **Bruce and Jennifer Henderson** have scored again on barracuda.

You may remember their success last year, with Bruce taking the backseat to Jennifer's 39-0 cuda on 8-plug! His 27-0 on 6-spin still won last year's species cup and whet their appetites for a repeat performance. This time, Bruce turned the tables. His 38-8 on 8-spin set a new club record, scoring 481 points! Jennifer's cuda was no slouch, weighing in at 32-0 on 8 general for 355 points and the lead in the spouse competition! The action was great, with lots of AJ's and other critters to play with as well! There is rumor of a successful **Cousins, White and Davis** venture to the island that scored on African pompanos, but that will have to wait until the entry cards come in.

Other saltwater action includes a new club record croaker for **Scott Johnston**. He improved his own 16-fly record to 2-0 on an early August trip to the Piankatank. It is interesting that there are still some nice croakers being caught after significant die offs in the bay and ocean during July. **Stuart Lee** found some Spanish mackerel around Oregon inlet, scoring on a 3-0 on 6-spin. **Dr. Jim Wright** recorded a rare tarpon release out of Oyster on July 20th. The tarpon was 70 inches long and estimated at about 85 pounds.

Our newest non-resident member, **Steve Luterek**, has established an impressive club record on his very first club entry! Steve landed a 9-0 walleye using 12 general in Lake Erie, New York. Steve's walleye is the largest ever recorded in our club competition! Unfortunately, Steve received his IGFA membership package too late. Had he known the situation before the fish was filleted, he could have submitted for an IGFA state record as well!

Matt Bruington released a huge largemouth on a May trip to Lake El Salto in Mexico. Matt's fish weighed 10-4 and was caught on a 10" black worm using plug tackle. Unfortunately, he was using 17-pound line, so the catch does not qualify as a club entry in the plug division. To my knowledge, it is the



second largest bass caught by a club member. **Mickey Kodroff's** 10-12 was also caught from Lake El Salto.

Lud Kimbrough caught a nice 4-6 largemouth on 4-fly from a pond in King & Queen. **Scott Davis** released an impressive 3-8 smallmouth on 4-fly during a July trip on the James. Catfish bite flies too. **Fred Cousins** released a 4-6 channel cat on 2-fly from a private pond.

Speaking of catfish, the flathead action on the James is wet and wild! **Lynn Spurlin** set a club record in July with a 27-8 on 12 general. **Bob Shepherd** released a nice 23-0 on 12 general in early August. Bob says the action was hot and heavy and all the thrashing fish at boat side got him soaking wet. Can't think of a better way to spend a summer day!

Congratulations

Congratulations to Fred Murray! Fred is the proud owner of four new IGFA flyrod records for flathead catfish! Fred's records are for 2# tippet (21 pounds 8 ounces), 4# tippet (21 pounds 8 ounces), 6# tippet (21 pounds) and 8# tippet (20 pounds). WOW!!

Newsletters Needed

If anyone has copies of the following newsletters that they do not plan to keep, send them to Dennis Cline for incorporation into the club archives. Newsletters needed are January, February, March, August and September of 2002.

Virginia Anglers Club

VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 8/11/04

<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>
2004 SPECIES LEADERS - SALTWATER								
BARRACUDA	B. HENDERSON	38-8	8	SPIN	07/26/04	OCRACOKE, NC	481	TUBE
BASS, BLACK SEA	B.L. NOLAND	3-12	2	PLUG	06/08/04	TRIANGLE WRECK, VA	331	JIG
BASS, STRIPED	G.N. CARTER	37-0		SURF	05/20/04	COBB ISLAND, VA	370	PEELER
COBIA	S. DAVIS	51-0	8	PLUG	06/01/04	OREGON INLET, NC	566	BUCKTAIL
CROAKER	G.M. DONAHUE	3-2	4	GEN	06/12/04	TARGET SHIPS, VA	250	CUT
DRUM, BLACK	ROB ROBINSON	74-0	8	PLUG	06/09/04	3RD ISLAND, CBBT, VA	592	JIG
DRUM, RED	D. CLINE	52-0		SURF	05/17/04	SMITH ISLAND, VA	371	PEELER
FLOUNDER	D. CLINE	7-5	2	GEN	07/20/04	OFF36A CAPE CHARLES,VA	487	JIG/MINNOW
MACKEREL, SPANISH	S.C. LEE	3-0	6	SPIN	07/17/04	OREGON INLET, NC	120	LOCO SPOON
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	R.L. WHITE	5-4	2	SPIN	01/10/04	ELIZABETH RIVER, VA	350	JIG
SHARK, OTHER	D. CLINE	50-0		SURF	06/07/04	WRECK ISLAND BAR, VA	125	BUNKER
TARPON	J.C. WRIGHT	REL.	30	GEN	07/20/04	OUT OF OYSTER, VA	112	CUT CROAKER
TAUTOG	J.C. WRIGHT	7-7	30	GEN	03/04/04	OFF VIRGINIA BEACH, VA	82	CRAB
TRIGGERFISH	D.N. NOLAND	2-8	4	FLY	06/09/04	"A" BUOY VA. BEACH, VA	166	FLY
TUNA, YELLOWFIN	B.L. NOLAND	38-0	12	GEN	07/02/04	THE FINGERS, VA	257	BALLYHOO

2004 SPECIES LEADERS - FRESHWATER

BASS, LARGEMOUTH	R. McDANIEL	9-2	6	PLUG	03/03/04	POND, VA	365	SPINNERBAIT
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	S. DAVIS	3-12	2	PLUG	02/29/04	JAMES RIVER, VA	375	JIG & PIG
BASS, STRIPED (HYB)	A.W. ROSS	5-0	8	SPIN	04/08/04	HAW RIVER, NC	166	FLUKE
BASS, STRIPED (LL)	D. CLINE	11-14	2	SPIN	07/23/04	LAKE GASTON, VA	395	BUCKTAIL
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, CHANNEL	F. COUSINS	4-6	2	FLY	07/18/04	PRIVATE POND, VA	218	POPPER
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
GAR	F. COUSINS	10-8	2	GEN	05/14/04	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	305	MINNOW
MUSKELLUNGE	B. SHEPHERD	17-8	6	PLUG	12/28/03	NEW RIVER, VA	364	LONG-A
PERCH, WHITE	E.S. JOHNSTON	1-1	2	FLY	03/27/04	JAMES RIVER, VA	354	FLY
PERCH, YELLOW	ROB ROBINSON	1-3	2	SPIN	02/11/04	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	312	POWER GRUB
PICKEREL, CHAIN	ROB ROBINSON	4-5	2	SPIN	02/10/04	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	431	POWER GRUB
SHAD, AMERICAN	ROB ROBINSON	4-10	2	SPIN	03/26/04	NOTTOWAY RIVER, VA	370	GOLD SPOON
SHAD, HICKORY	D. CLINE	2-6	2	FLY	03/25/04	JAMES RIVER, VA	339	SHAD FLY
SUNFISH	F. COUSINS	0-14	2	FLY	05/09/04	ELLY'S POND, VA	291	POPPER
TROUT, BROOK	R.K. DALE	1-9	2	FLY	03/20/04	DUNLAP CREEK, VA	223	FLY
TROUT, RAINBOW	D.N. NOLAND	2-6	2	FLY	03/20/04	ESCATAWBA FARMS, VA	316	FLY

2004 DIVISION LEADERS - SALTWATER

BASS, STRIPED	S.C. LEE	18-0	8	FLY	12/31/03	OREGON INLET, NC	300	DECEIVER
FLOUNDER	D. CLINE	7-5	2	GEN	07/20/04	OFF36A CAPE CHARLES,VA	487	JIG/MINNOW
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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
COBIA	S. DAVIS	51-0	8	PLUG	06/01/04	OREGON INLET, NC	566	BUCKTAIL
COBIA	D. CLINE	51-0	12	PLUG	06/01/04	OREGON INLET, NC	340	BUCKTAIL
CROAKER	W.S. JOHNSTON	2-0	16	FLY	08/08/04	PIANKATANK RIVER, VA	114	CLOUSER
CROAKER	G.M. DONAHUE	3-2	4	GEN	06/12/04	TARGET SHIPS, VA	250	CUT
FLOUNDER	D. CLINE	7-5	2	GEN	07/20/04	OFF36A CAPE CHARLES,VA	487	JIG/MINNOW
FLOUNDER	E.S. ROBINSON	3-1	2	PLUG	06/02/04	CONCRETE SHIPS, VA	245	FIN-S
SPADEFISH	R.K. DALE	7-11	16	FLY	06/10/04	CHES. LIGHT TOWER, VA	153	SIDES FLY
SPADEFISH	J.C. DOUGHTY	8-11	6	GEN	06/07/04	CHES. LIGHT TOWER, VA	267	CLAM
SPADEFISH	D. WINSTEAD	8-13	20	GEN	05/28/04	DELTAVILLE LT. TWR., VA	125	CLAM

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BASS, STRIPED (HYB)	A.W. ROSS	5-15	12	SPIN	04/08/04	HAW RIVER, NC	148	FLUKE
CATFISH, BLUE	R. McDANIEL	42-0	12	GEN	05/24/04	JAMES RIVER, VA	292	SHAD
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
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	L.V. SPURLIN	27-8	12	GEN	07/16/04	JAMES RIVER, VA	265	LIVE BLUEGILL
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
PERCH, WHITE	B.L. NOLAND	0-12	2	PLUG	04/10/04	JAMES RIVER, VA	197	SILVER BUDDY
PICKEREL, CHAIN	H.O. BRUINGTON	5-4	12	GEN	01/14/04	SWIFT CREEK RES., VA	150	LIVE MINNOW
PICKEREL, CHAIN	D. WINSTEAD	4-3	12	PLUG	04/03/04	KERR LAKE, VA	150	LONG-A
SHAD, AMERICAN	D. CLINE	4-3	2	PLUG	05/01/04	NOTTOWAY RIVER, VA	335	SHAD DART
WALLEYE	S. LUTEREK	9-0	12	GEN	07/11/04	LAKE ERIE, NY	227	SPINNER/WORM

2004 HIGHEST POINT NON-LOCAL CATCHES - SALTWATER

BONEFISH	R. MCDANIEL	4-10	8	FLY	04/24/04	DEEP WATER CAY, BAHAMA	154	GOTCHA
MARLIN, STRIPED	W.B. DUVAL	REL.	30	GEN	05/18/04	CABO, MX	200	eaPLUG

2004 HIGHEST POINT NON-LOCAL CATCHES - FRESHWATER

TROUT, BROWN	L.V. SPURLIN	17-0	12	FLY	02/25/04	TIERRA DEL FUEGO, ARG.	447	TUBE FLY
WALLEYE	S. LUTEREK	9-0	12	GEN	07/11/04	LAKE ERIE, NY	227	SPINNER/WORM

2004 TOP SPOUSE CATCHES - SALTWATER & FRESHWATER (LOCAL)

BARRACUDA	JENN. HENDERSON	32-0	8	GEN	07/26/04	OCRACOKE, NC	355	TUBE
TROUT, RAINBOW	LINDA ROBINSON	2-5	2	GEN	03/04/04	FORT A.P. HILL, VA	185	POWER BAIT
FLOUNDER	SHARYL CLINE	3-0	4	GEN	05/16/04	BIG EBB DRAIN, VA	150	MINNOW

2004 YOUTH CATCHES - SALTWATER & FRESHWATER (LOCAL)

CROAKER	MIRANDA CLINE	1-7	2	SPIN	05/09/04	PIANKATANK RIVER, VA	191	FIN-S JIG
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C.V. KINNARD AWARD COMPETITION - 2004

ANGLER	FIRSTS	SECONDS	THIRDS	PLACES	POINTS	AVERAGE
DENNIS CLINE	2	1	2	5	1926	385
ROBBIE ROBINSON	1	2	0	3	1393	464
SCOTT DAVIS	1	1	0	2	941	471
FRED MURRAY	1	0	0	1	671	671
FRED COUSINS	0	1	1	2	538	269
JIM FARRELL	0	0	1	1	427	427
BOB BROWN	1	0	0	1	400	400
GLENN CARTER	0	1	0	1	370	370
EDDY JOHNSTON	0	0	1	1	354	354
TOTALS	6	6	5	17	7020	413

TRIFECTA!

They say bad things come in threes. Personally, I would rather think that good things come in threes. At least that might explain my run of extremely good luck in July. It started with a hunch that the 20th might be a good day to catch a nice flounder. The bay was calm, so it would be comfortable in my skiff, and besides, I had heard reports of lots of citation flounder being caught. My hunch paid off big time! Late that afternoon, the current slowed enough to switch to a jig/minnow and probe the bottom off Cape Charles. As I slowly jigged in 50-foot water, I felt a solid strike. This one felt much heavier than the two 19-20 inch fish I had already put in the cooler for supper!

The fish fought like it had just woke up from a nap, not really making much fuss or any strong runs back to the bottom. That was fortunate since the drag on my Calcutta 50 was sticking a little. Instead, it lazily resisted the ascent and after about ten minutes was at the surface! It looked huge!! Now came the real problem of getting it into the net. So many times in my dozen odd years of fishing 2-pound test for flounder, I have seen disaster at the net. Flounder seem to have unbelievable agility to elude the net. They can dive under, over or around a net in the blink of an eye. To make matters worse, I was alone in the boat. I guess that made the fish look even bigger than it was as it made a few final attempts to



escape. I was scared to death as I prepared to move the fish toward the net.

To my amazement, the fish literally glided into the net! Now I was really excited. It felt as heavy as it looked. A quick check with my scales showed over seven pounds. I knew then that it could be a new IGFA record for 2-pound test! Bob Bois, a good friend in a nearby boat, came along side and shot a couple of digital photos and agreed to help with the paperwork. He is a retired VMRC enforcement officer with a passion for flounder fishing. I left immediately to get the fish officially weighed and documented. The flounder officially scaled out at 7-5 with a length of 24 _ and a girth of 21 _ inches. If approved, it will replace Parks Rountrey's 6-8 which currently holds the record.

Four days later, Glenn Carter and I went to Lake Gaston in search of landlocked stripers. I needed a 150-point striper to finish my freshwater expert requirements. Over the past several years, I had made well over a dozen trips to places like Buggs Island Lake, Lake Gaston, Lake Anna, Lakes Prince and Western Branch and Lake Chesdin trying to catch this fish. I could catch stripers, but they were always small and just short on points! So, Glenn's offer to help was readily accepted.

Just after daybreak, we launched at the Route 1 ramp. It was dead calm and felt like it would rain any minute. As it turned out, the clouds would hang around all morning, providing excellent fishing. A short distance downstream, we started throwing top-water plugs. A striper hit my Zara Spook on about the second cast! Shortly, Glenn got one on a homemade plug he calls "the killer". Both fish were on the small side, between 5 and six pounds. Seeing this, I switched from 4 to 2-pound test and rigged a bucktail. The next striper I caught weighed just over 4 pounds and was still too small. After missing two more fish that threw the bucktail, I was beginning to wonder if my luck had run out. I soon found out it hadn't.

The next strike felt pretty good and the fish headed straight for the bottom in 20-foot water. It honestly felt just like the previous 4 to 6 pound stripers until it suddenly headed for the surface. Just as

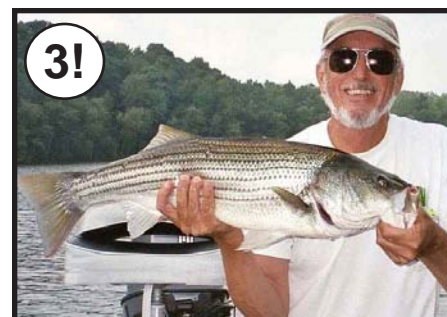


I said, "this fish wants to jump!" we saw a big largemouth in the air! At that instant, it looked huge to me, but I guess I'm no judge of bass. When we weighed it, it seemed to have somehow lost several pounds! The scale read 5-0, but I could have sworn it would weigh at least 7! With that bit of excitement behind us, we resumed the quest for stripers.

The next strike was decidedly different. This fish took the bucktail down and then headed for the next county! There was no doubt it was the one I needed if I could keep it hooked up and chase it down. Once again, luck was on my side. It took a while to catch up with the striper and wear it down, but the hook stayed in and eventually the fish was in the net! This one weighed 11-14 and far surpassed the needed points!

We managed one more 7-4 striper that morning on "the killer" and went home knowing that we had had a spectacular day.

In a span of four days, I had caught a club and potential world record flounder, achieved my freshwater expert rating with a great striper and caught my largest bass to date! To top it off, those three fish gave me a first ever sweep of the July angler of the month contest! Thanks to Glenn Carter and a liberal dose of good luck!



The Lunker Club (heaviest fish)

VAC 2003 Angling Year Club Historical Record

Species	Angler	Weight	Angler	Weight
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	Rich McDaniel	9-2	Dr. Mickey Kodroff	10-12
BASS, ROCK & ROANOKE			Eric McDuffie	1-7
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	Scott Davis	3-12	Bob Shepherd	5-8
BASS, STRIPED HY	Bill Ross	5-15	Bill Ross	6-10
BASS, STRIPED LL	Dennis Cline	11-14	Gary Anderson	23-6
BASS, WHITE			John Wycoff	2-12
BOWFIN			W.H. McCarthy	12-11
CARP	Fred Murray	11-8	Fred Cousins	25-8
CATFISH, BLUE	Rich McDaniel	40-0	Dennis Cline	55-0
CATFISH, CHANNEL	Fred Cousins	4-6	Fred Murray	12-4
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	Lynn Spurlin	27-8	Lynn Spurlin	27-8
CRAPPIE, ALL	Bob Shepherd	1-8	Gary Donahue	2-14
GAR, ALL	Fred Cousins	10-8	Dick Goode	17-8
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL	Bob Shepherd	17-8	Bob Shepherd	28-7
PERCH, WHITE	Eddy Johnston	1-1	Eric McDuffie	1-7
PERCH, YELLOW	Robbie Robinson	1-3	Robbie Robinson	1-13
PICKEREL, CHAIN	Matt Bruington	5-4	Reggie White	7-10
PIKE, NORTHERN			L. Kesteloo	17-8
SALMON, ATLANTIC			H.A. Claiborne	19-0
SALMON, CHINOOK			Scott Johnston	34-0
SALMON, COHO			P.W. Hughes	16-8
SHAD, AMERICAN	Robbie Robinson	4-10	P. Dasher	7-4
SHAD, HICKORY	Robbie Robinson	2-11	Dr. Mickey Kodroff	3-4
SUNFISH, ALL	Fred Cousins	0-14	Roy Jones	2-4
TROUT, BROOK	Ricky Dale	1-9	Joe Brooks	8-0
TROUT, BROWN	Lynn Spurlin	17-0	Bill Barnett	28-0
TROUT, CUTTHROAT			H.O. Mather	3-12
TROUT, LAKE			Mark Sosin	30-0
TROUT, RAINBOW	Robbie Robinson	2-10	Randy Matthews	6-4
TROUT, STEELHEAD			Stamford Niou	15-0
WALLEYE	Steve Luterek	9-0	Steve Luterek	9-0
WARMOUTH			Lynn Spurlin	0-13
AMBERJACK, GREATER			Bill Rewalt	91-2
BARRACUDA, GREAT	Bruce Henderson	38-8	Reggie White	48-0
BASS, BLACK SEA	Ricky Dale	4-9	Jim Sheffield	7-4
BASS, STRIPED	Rich McDaniel	43-0	C.V. Kinnard	48-0
BLUEFISH			Paul Richie	22-0
BONEFISH	Rich McDaniel	4-10	F.W. Lawrence	13-14
COBIA	Scott Davis/D. Cline	51-0	Bill DuVal	77-0
CROAKER	Gary Donahue	3-2	Dr. Jim Wright	4-0
DOLPHIN			A.M. McCarthy	60-0

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Species	Angler	Weight	Angler	Weight
DRUM, BLACK	Robbie Robinson	74-0	Robbie Robinson	82-8
DRUM, RED	Dennis Cline	52-0	Dennis Cline	62-0
FLOUNDER, SUMMER	Dennis Cline	7-5	Pat Dudley	10-5
GROUPE, ALL			Bill DuVal	63-8
JACK, CRAVELLE			Ronnie Sides	34-0
LADYFISH			Tom Barnett	3-12
MACKEREL, KING			Bill DuVal	62-0
MACKEREL, SPANISH			C.O. Mather	18-3
MARLIN, BLACK			F.D. Gottwald	1075-0
MARLIN, BLUE ATL & PAC			Steve Hutchins	691-5
MARLIN, STRIPED			C.O. Mather	266-0
MARLIN, WHITE			C.O. Mather	113-7
PERMIT			Bill DuVal	42-0
POMPANO, AFRICAN			Ely Robinson	33-0
POMPANO, COMMON			Parks Rountrey	1-8
ROOSTERFISH			W.C. Askew	50-8
RUNNER, RAINBOW			Pat Quisenberry	20-5
SALFISH, ATLANTIC			C.O. Mather	86-3
SALFISH, PACIFIC			J.F. McNeace	140-0
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	Reggie White	5-4	Virgil Hughes	11-14
SHARK, MAKO			C.O. Mather	486-0
SHARK, OTHER			L. Kesteloo	500-0
SHEEPSHEAD			Dr. Jim Wright	14-0
SNAPPER, CUBERA			Bill DuVal	48-8
SNAPPER, MUTTON			Herb Ratner	18-12
SNAPPER, OTHER			Bill DuVal	32-0
SNOOK			Bill DuVal	26-0
SPADEFISH	Dean Winstead	8-13	Ely Robinson	11-15
SPEARFISH			Stuart Lee	363-0
SWORDFISH			E. Dunham	120-0
TARPON			J.C. Wright	15-8
TAUTOG	Dr. Jim Wright	7-7	Bill DuVal	10-0
TRIGGERFISH	Danny Noland	2-8	F.C. Willson	215-0
TUNA, BIGEYE ATL			Ronnie Hogge	38-0
TUNA, BLACKFIN			R.L. Gilliam	1080-0
TUNA, BLUEFIN			Bill DuVal	18-0
TUNA, SKIPJACK			Bill Rewalt	231-0
TUNA, YELLOWFIN			Buddy Noland	19-8
TUNNY, LITTLE	Buddy Noland	38-0	Bill DuVal	98-0
WAHOO			Bill Gallasch	15-6
WEAKFISH				



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