



May 2008

**May Membership Meeting:  
ANNUAL VAC FISH FRY**

Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at 6:30 PM

Maymont Nature Center  
(Reservations requested)



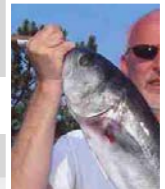
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**BACKLASH**

*(Commentary from the Board of Directors)*

**May Membership Meeting Program:  
The Annual VAC Fish Fry**

The May Membership Meeting will be a Fish Fry at the Maymont Nature Center. Reservations are requested so the proper amount of food can be purchased. The tent opens at 6:30 PM and food will be served starting at 7:00 PM. Donations of fish (**thawed fish only please: no frozen fish wanted**) will be appreciated. All guests are welcome and encouraged, be they family members, principal squeezes, potential new members or good friends. The new DGIF Executive Director, Bob Duncan, and Bill Street, the Executive Director of James River Association will join us. Bob Duncan will speak for 10 minutes. More details about the Fish Fry appear elsewhere in this Angler, including the menu and how to make reservations and donate fish.

**Future Membership Meeting Programs Coming Together Nicely**

Program Chairman Mike Ostrander has the future speakers lined up for the July and September Membership Meetings. Bill Scheeman, an expert at catching pan fish in the lakes around Suffolk and Norfolk will share his angling expertise with us at the July Meeting (July 22<sup>nd</sup>). Bill DuVal and Glenn Carter will present a roundtable discussion of the history of the Virginia Anglers Club in September (September 23<sup>rd</sup>). If you have any program speaker or subject requests for the June meeting, please share them with Mike early enough so he can make the necessary contacts and obtain commitments to speak. This year has been a banner year with excellent speakers sharing their angling knowledge and experiences with us each month. Thanks, Mike, for doing a great job.

**Country Store Closed for Maymont Fish Fry - Reopens in June**

The VAC Country Store will not be set up at the Maymont Fish Fry. The Store will reopen at the June Membership Meeting. If you have a special need for an item from the Store, please contact Storekeeper Eddy Johnston directly.

**Jamie Pitts Voted Into Membership in the VAC**

Jamie Pitts was voted into membership in the VAC at the May Board of Director's Meeting. Jamie lives in Fredericksburg, VA, previously fished tournaments and now has discovered the challenges of salt water fishing...mainly in the Chesapeake Bay. If you have not made yourself known to Jamie, please do so at the Fish Fry. Jamie's first sponsor was Tony Horsley and his second sponsor was John Wetlaufer, Sr.

**Special VAC Columbia Bonehead™ Shirt Orders Placed**

Eddy Johnston has placed orders for 13 special edition official Virginia Anglers Club embroidered Columbia Bonehead™ brand fishing shirts. If the shirts are ready by the Fish Fry, Eddy will bring them to the Nature Center. Some color choices were unavailable. Eddy has contacted those Members who have ordered shirts where another color must be picked. Special thanks to Eddy for the effort he put into finding the shirts, working out two embroidery options and handling the logistics of getting the shirt through the ordering and embroidery process.

**Getting Your Ukrop's Golden Gift Points Credited to the VAC**

The certificate for Ukrop's Golden Gift program should have arrived at your home by now and needs to be credited to the Virginia Anglers Club account. The "2008 Ukrop's Golden Gift Certificate", found at the bottom of the mailer, needs to get to Special Activities Chairman Justin Schrinel before June 14<sup>th</sup>. Justin will be collecting certificates for the VAC and present them to Ukrop's for VAC credit. Bring your certificate(s) to the Fish Fry, mail them to the VAC's

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PO Box or send the certificate to Justin at his home. If you and another member of your family want to split the points you all have accumulated, take your certificate to any Ukrop's Customer Service associate and the associate will take care of splitting points between the VAC and other groups you desire to receive credit.

**VAC Membership Applications to be Available at the VAC Website**

The Board of Directors asked Website Secretary Johnny Wetlaufer to post a copy of the VAC Membership Application (as a PDF file) on the VAC web Site in a form that can be e-mailed to a prospective member. The recipient would print down the application, fill it out in hard copy and get the completed hard copy along with a check/cash to cover the prorated dues and initiation fee back to Membership Chairman Glenn Carter by mail or thru the Member sponsoring the candidate for membership. The BOD declined to take the electronic copy of the membership application one step further where the document could be filled out on line and handled electronically. The effort to develop an application that could be filled out on line was felt not to be needed based on the number of applications handled each year. Watch for a notice on the web site announcing when the actual file is ready for use.

**For the Leadership Team**  
John Wetlaufer, Sr.,  
Director



Eddy Johnston with a 8lb 4oz, 33in, Bluefish he caught in Rudee Sound.

## Holy, Hopewell! It's VAC Fish Fry Time Again

The 2008 May Membership of the VAC will be held at the Maymont Nature Center and feature a **FISH FRY** with food prepared by the Hopewell's world famous culinary artists Danny and Buddy Noland and their trusty associate fryers, Dean Winstead and Jeff Doughty. The fish fry will be held under the tent on the lower level of the Center. The Maymont Nature Center will be open to all without charge, courtesy of the good work of VAC member Fred Murray. Fred caught a lot of the fish now on display in the aquarium.

Special Note - the Frying Oil Used is Peanut Oil

**Reservations Requested:** Contact Program Chairman Mike Ostrander [938-2350 (C) or [mike@jamesriverfishing.com](mailto:mike@jamesriverfishing.com)] with the number of reservations you wish to make and the attendees' names. Mike will acknowledge your reservation; please remind him to confirm if you do not hear back in 2, or 3 days. Reservations close midnight, Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Fish Donations:** Donations of THAWED fish are requested. Please call Buddy (691-0615) or Danny (514-0650) by Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> with information about the quantity of fish you will donate. Buddy and Danny need the fish in their possession by Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. They will work out pick-up or delivery details when called.

**Raffle:** The normal Membership Meeting raffle for a \$25 Greentop Sporting Goods gift certificate will be held. See Justin Schrinel for sign up sheets.

Bringing a guest(s) is encouraged. Guests need not be limited to potential new members. See below for reservation details.

**Date and Time:** May 27, 2008. The Tent opens at 6:30 PM and food will be served at 7:00 PM.

**Meal Price per Person:** \$15 per attendee. Cold beer will be available @ \$1.00 per can (soft drinks and water included in the meal price). Money collected at the door.

**Menu:** Fried fish, French fries, slaw, and hush puppies from a secrete, down home Hopewell recipe, soft drinks, water and beer.

### C.V. KINNARD AWARD COMPETITION - thru 4/8/08

ANGLER	FIRSTS	SECONDS	THIRDS	PLACES	POINTS	AVERAGE
Jim Sheffield	1	0	0	1	1011	1011
Fred Cousins	0	1	1	2	1369	684.5
Larry Allen	1	0	0	1	433	433
Parks Rountrey	0	1	0	1	221	221
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3034</b>	<b>606.8</b>



## The VAC Needs Your Ukrop's Golden Gift Certificate

The Virginia Anglers Club is back in the Ukrop's Golden Gift Certificate game this year. If you or someone in your family shops at Ukrop's and presents an Ukrop's Valued Customer card at checkout, points have been accumulating to that UVC Card. An Ukrop's Golden Gift Certificate noting the accumulated points has been sent to your home. Please send the card to Virginia Anglers Club, PO Box 31494, Richmond, VA 23294-1494 or give it to Justin Schrinel at the Fish Fry. Justin is collecting the certificates for the VAC and will present them to Ukrop's for our share of the \$400,000 set aside by Ukrop's for this program. Justin will need your certificate (the small tear off piece at the bottom of Ukrop's mailer) by June 6<sup>th</sup> and earlier, if possible.

## Angler of the Month for April 2008

by Buddy Noland

The C. V. Kinnard "Angler of the Month" award had five entries this month. The winners were as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Jim Sheffield with a 14 lb.- 8 oz. Flathead Catfish on 2# Spin. for 292 Points.**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Fred Cousins with a 2 lb. Hickory Shad on 2# Fly for 285 points.**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Scott Johnston with a 12 ounce White Perch on 2# Fly for 250 points.**

## Upcoming Angling Events

### Virginia Flounder

Sat thru Sun, June 21-22 (Blow date is June 28-29)

Flounder action has been spotty at best so far this spring – hampered by muddy water from all the wind and rain. However, flounder will be moving into their summer patterns by June and we have a tournament just in time to accommodate the serious flounder pounders itching to test their talents. Popular spots for large fish include the buoy 36 area and the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. The tournament is open to all Virginia waters. We will recognize three places for heaviest weight fish and three places for highest point fish.

Location: All Virginia Waters

Awards: 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.

Report in: Parks Rountrey within 5 days:  
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.

Chairman: Parks Rountrey

First = 3 pts. Second = 2 pts. Third = 1 pt. These points will apply towards the annual Saltwater 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 win 1st, 2nd and 3rd in both weight and points divisions by entering multiple fish. In addition we will have a \$10 per person "winner takes all" Calcutta for the heaviest flounder caught during the tournament. Contact Parks to get in the Calcutta.

**NOTES:** 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 win 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in both weight and points divisions by entering multiple fish.

Contact Chairman to confirm event if weather is questionable.

**Tournament First Place Awards**  
for weight and points = Anglers Choice:  
Traditional cup, \$40 Greentop gift certificate or a VAC Banquet ticket for the January 2009 Banquet.



**VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 5/19/08**

<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>	
<b><u>2008 SPECIES LEADERS - SALTWATER</u></b>									
BASS, STRIPED	JH Sheffield	50-9	2	Gen	1011	12/30/07	Concrete Ships, Va.	Eel	
BLUEFISH	ES Johnston	8-4	2	Spin	275	5/1/08	Rudee Inlet	Grub	
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F Cousins	6-2	2	Spin	408	1/13/08	Elizabeth River	Grub	
<b><u>2008 SPECIES LEADERS - FRESHWATER</u></b>									
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	L Allen	6-8	2	Spin	433	3/22/08	Private Pond Caroline	In-line Spinner Bait	
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	DN Noland	3-0	2	Fly	375	3/6/08	Nottoway River	Dan's Peach Shad Fly	
BOWFIN	D Winstead	2-11	4	Spin	102	3/21/08	Nottoway River	Road Runner	
CARP	F Cousins	22-0	2	Spin	687	2/3/08	Private Lake, Va.	Rattle Trap	
CATFISH, BLUE	F Cousins	64-0	4	Gen	682	1/5/08	James River, Va.	Cut Gizzard Shad	
CHANNEL CATFISH	JH Sheffield	11-4	2	Gen	359	1/23/08	James River, Va.	Minnow	
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F Murray	22-0	4	Fly	466	2/17/08	James River	Streamer	
CRAPPIE, ALL	M Kodroff	1-2	2	Spin	178	2/5/08	East Lake, NC	Spinnerbait	
GAR, ALL	F Cousins	11-0	2	Plug	400	4/26/08	James River	Fin S Grub	
PERCH, WHITE	BL Noland	1-0	2	Fly	333	4/13/08	Nottoway River	Road Runner	
PERCH, YELLOW	F Cousins	1-1	2	Spin	279	12/8/07	Piankatank River	Grub	
PICKERAL, CHAIN	M Kodroff	2-12	4	Spin	202	2/5/08	East Lake, NC	Plastic Tail & Jig	
SHAD, AMERICAN	J Doughty	3-8	2	Spin	280	3/31/08	Nottoway River	Shad Dart	
SHAD, HICKORY	F Cousins	2-0	2	Fly	285	4/27/08	James River	Shad Fly	
SUNFISH, ALL	WS Johnston	0-9	2	Fly	187	3/2/08	Piscataway River	Clouser	
<b><u>2008 DIVISION LEADERS - SALTWATER</u></b>									
BASS, STRIPED	JH Sheffield	50-9	2	Gen	1011	12/30/07	Concrete Ships, Va.	Eel	
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F Cousins	6-2	2	Spin	408	1/13/08	Elizabeth River	Grub	
<b><u>2008 DIVISION LEADERS - FRESHWATER</u></b>									
CATFISH, BLUE	F Cousins	64-0	4	Gen	682	1/5/08	James River, Va.	Cut Gizzard Shad	
CARP	F Cousins	22-0	2	Spin	687	2/3/08	Private Lake, Va.	Rattle Trap	
GAR, ALL	F Cousins	11-0	2	Plug	400	4/26/08	James River	Fin S Grub	
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F Murray	22-0	4	Fly	466	2/17/08	James River	Streamer	
<b><u>NEW CLUB RECORDS - SALTWATER</u></b>									
BASS, STRIPED	JH Sheffield	50-9	2	Gen	1011	12/30/07	Concrete Ships, Va.	Eel	
<b><u>NEW CLUB RECORDS - FRESHWATER</u></b>									
CATFISH, BLUE	F Cousins	64-0	4	Gen	682	1/5/08	James River, Va.	Cut Gizzard Shad	
CATFISH, CHANNEL	JH Sheffield	11-4	2	Gen	359	1/23/08	James River, Va.	Minnow	
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	JH Sheffield	25-0	4	Spin	423	1/11/08	James River, Va.	Jig & Gulp	
CARP	F Cousins	22-0	2	Spin	687	2/3/08	Private Lake, Va.	Rattle Trap	
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F Murray	22-0	4	Fly	466	2/17/08	James River	Streamer	
CARP	F Murray	20-0	4	Spin	500	2/17/08	James River, Va.	Silver Buddy	
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F Murray	27-8	4	Spin	466	2/17/08	James River	Jig	
CATFISH, BLUE	RJ Brown	47-0	12	Gen	326	3/3/08	James River, Va.	Cut Bait	
SHAD, AMERICAN	M Kodroff	3-0	6	Fly	179	3/13/09	Weldon, N.C.	Shad Fly	
<b><u>2008 HIGHEST POINT NON-LOCAL CATCHES - FRESHWATER</u></b> (none submitted yet for 2008)									
<b><u>2008 HIGHEST POINT NON-LOCAL CATCHES - SALTWATER</u></b>									
COBIA	Q Corbett	17-0	8	Gen	154	2/18/08	Islamorda, Fl	Pilchard	
<b><u>2008 TOP SPOUSE CATCHES - SALTWATER &amp; FRESHWATER (LOCAL)</u></b> (none submitted yet for 2008)									
<b><u>2008 TOP YOUTH CATCHES - SALTWATER &amp; FRESHWATER (LOCAL)</u></b>									
SHAD, HICKORY	R Farley	0-6	0-14	2	Spin	100	4/16/08	James River	Shad Fly

*Please Support the VAC Website Fund - So Close to Our Goal!*

As of the publish date for this Angler, the Website Fund has successfully raised \$1,550 toward the \$1,700 goal. That means we only have \$150 left to go! Please make whatever contribution you can make to the VAC WEBSITE FUND. The success of establishing and maintaining the website depends on your support!

# The Lunker Club

(heaviest fish)

VAC 2008 Angling Year			Club Historical Record			VAC 2008 Angling Year			Club Historical Record			
Species	Angler	Weight	Angler	Weight	Species	Angler	Weight	Angler	Weight	Species	Angler	Weight
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	Larry Allen	6-8	Dr. Mickey Kodroff		GROUPEr, GAG			Elly Robinson	9-12	GROUPEr, HISTORIC		
BASS, ROCK & ROANOKE					GROUPEr, HISTORIC			Bill DuVal	63-8	GROUPEr, OTHER		
BASS, SMALLMOUTH					GROUPEr, OTHER			Bruce Henderson	21-8	JACK, CRAVELLE		
BASS, STRIPED HY					JACK, ALMACO			Ronnie Sides	34-0	LADYFISH		
BASS, STRIPED LL					MACKEREL, CREO			W.B. Duval	53-8	MACKEREL, KING		
BASS, WHITE					MACKEREL, SPANISH			Tom Barnett	3-12	MACKEREL, SPANISH (HIST.)*		
BOWFIN					MARLIN, BLACK			Bill DuVal	8-0	MARLIN, BLUE ATL & PAC		
CARP					MARLIN, BLUE ATL & PAC			Bill DuVal	62-0	MARLIN, STRIPED		
CATFISH, BLUE					MARLIN, WHITE			C.O. Mather	4-0	PERMIT		
CATFISH, CHANNEL					POMPANO, AFRICAN			Elly Robinson	33-0	POMPANO, COMMON		
CATFISH, FLATHEAD					POMPANO, COMMON			Parks Rountrey	1-8	ROOSTERFISH		
CATFISH, HISTORIC					ROOSTERFISH			W.C. Askew	50-8	RUNNER, RAINBOW		
CRAPPIE, ALL					RUNNER, RAINBOW			Pat Quisenberry	20-5	SAILFISH, ATLANTIC		
GAR, ALL					SAILFISH, ATLANTIC			C.O. Mather	86-3	SAILFISH, PACIFIC		
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL					SEATROUT, SPOTTED			C.O. Mather	140-0	SEATROUT, SPOTTED		
PERCH, WHITE					SHARK, MAKO			Virgil Hughes	11-14	SHARK, OTHER		
PERCH, YELLOW					SHARK, OTHER			C.O. Mather	486-0	SHEEPSHEAD		
PICKEREL, CHAIN					SHEEPSHEAD			L. Kesteloo	500-0	SNAPPER, CUBERA		
PIKE, NORTHERN					SNAPPER, CUBERA			Dr. Jim Wright	14-0	SNAPPER, MUTTON		
SALMON, ATLANTIC					SNAPPER, MUTTON			Bill DuVal	48-8	SNAPPER, OTHER		
SALMON, CHINOOK					SNAPPER, OTHER			Bill DuVal	17-8	SNAPPER, RED		
SALMON, COHO					SNAPPER, RED			Bill DuVal	32-0	SNOOK		
SHAD, AMERICAN					SNOOK			Bill DuVal	5-0	SPADEFISH		
SHAD, HICKORY					SPADEFISH			Dick Stephenson	18-0	SPOT		
SUNFISH, ALL					SPOT			Elly Robinson	11-15	SWORDFISH		
TROUT, BROOK					SWORDFISH			Dr. Jim Wright	1-2	TARPON		
TROUT, BROWN					TARPON			Stuart Lee	363-0	TAUTOG		
TROUT, CUTTHROAT					TAUTOG			E. Dunham	120-0	TILEFISH, BLUELINE		
TROUT, LAKE					TILEFISH, BLUELINE			Dr. Jim Wright	15-8	TRIGGERFISH		
TROUT, RAINBOW					TRIGGERFISH			Bruce Henderson	4-4	TUNA, BIGEYE ATL		
TROUT, STEELHEAD					TUNA, BIGEYE ATL			Bill DuVal	10-0	TUNA, BLACKFIN		
WALLEYE					TUNA, BLACKFIN			F.C. Willson	215-0	TUNA, BLUEFIN		
WARMOUTH					TUNA, BLUEFIN			Ronnie Hogge	38-0	TUNA, SKIPJACK		
					TUNA, SKIPJACK			R.L. Gilliam	1080-0	TUNA, YELLOWFIN		
					TUNA, YELLOWFIN			Bill DuVal	18-0	TUNNY, LITTLE		
					TUNNY, LITTLE			Bill DuVal	231-0	WAHOO		
					WAHOO			Buddy Noland	19-8	WEAKFISH		
					WEAKFISH			Bill DuVal	98-0			
								Bill Gallasch	15-6			

\* Includes Cero and Narrow Barred Mackerels

# Robert Thomas

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