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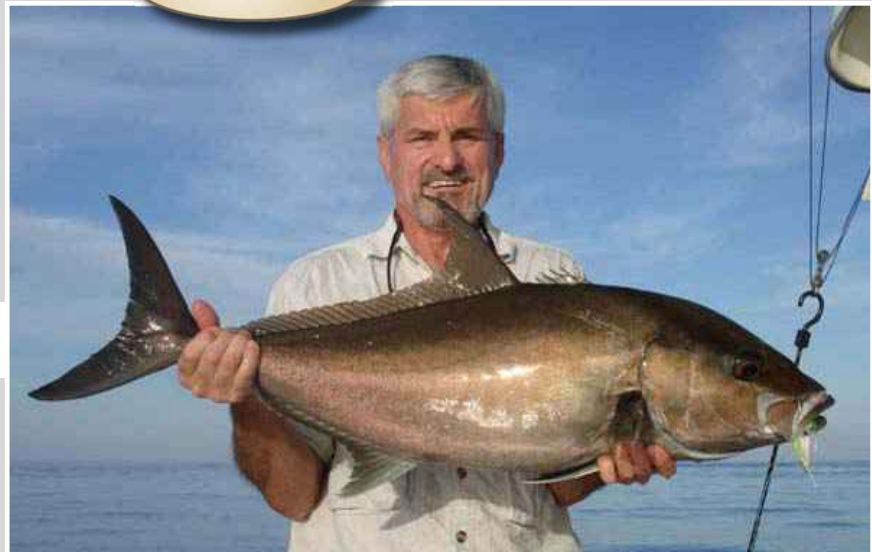
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20-8 lb Almaco Jack on 6# Plug caught by Buddy Nolan

### September Membership Meeting: "All You Need to Know About Specks"

Tuesday, September 23, 2008 at 7:00 PM

#### Skilligalee Restaurant

Glenside Ave, just north of Broad Street  
Come early (5:30 PM) and enjoy good fellowship  
over dinner from the menu

## BACKLASH

(Commentary from the Board of Directors)

### September Membership Meeting: "All You Need to Know about Specks"

Carl Herring will present a fact filled program about how to catch speckled trout. This program is an excellent lead in to the Speckled Trout Tournament taking place on October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Carl visited us in March, 2007 and shared his secrets about crappie fishing. Carl always presents a informative and entertaining program and he is open to all questions. Come and bring a buddy to this meeting.

### October Speaker: Dr. Julie Ball -- "Snaggin' Taugs"

Dr. Julie Ball is lined up for the October Membership Meeting. She will talk about fishing for tautog and give us an update

about what is happening with the IGFA. Julie is one of Virginia's IGFA representatives and a well known and easily recognized reporter on saltwater fishing off the coast of Virginia and issues a weekly fishing report.

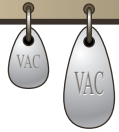
### Production Responsibility for the Angler Changes Hands

Virginia Anglers Club Member Rob Choi will now be applying his graphic design skills to the production of *The Angler*, the VAC monthly newsletter. Michael Havernack, former producer of *The Angler*, requested relief from this production task. The Virginia Anglers Club extends many thanks to Michael for his excellent work with *The Angler* and bringing it online in the format that makes it a first class newsletter. We were fortunate to have a skilled angler and graphics designer within the club, willing to take on the work. Johnny Wetlaufer remains Newsletter and Website Chairman and continues to function as the pass thru person for newsletter content from the VAC to Rob.

### CCA-VA 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet October 25, 2008

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual CCA-VA Banquet will be held on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at the Jefferson Lakeside Country Club. Price per person is \$75 and includes a new/renewal membership in the CCA-VA. Parks Rountrey is looking to fill a table with VAC Members. Contact him if you are interested.

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## How About Short Sleeved Special VAC Columbia Bonehead™ Shirts ?

Eddy Johnston has reopened the opportunity to buy the special edition official Virginia Anglers Club embroidered Columbia Bonehead™ brand fishing shirts. Eddy is investigating the possibility of obtaining short sleeved versions of this fine shirt. Just see, call or e-mail Eddy and place an order. The shirts are \$50 each and have two embroidery options. Shirt details are elsewhere in this edition of *The Angler*. Payment will be needed at time of delivery.

## DGIF Calendar Sale in Progress - \$8.00 / Copy

Don West, VAC's Director of DGIF Calendar Sales, has purchased and has on hand copies of the 2009 DGIF Outdoor Calendar. He will have them at the September Membership Meeting. If you would like some before then, please contact Don at 371-6748 (O) during working hours and at 897-8723 (H) during non-working hours. Line up your "regular customers" and get them on the hook for a purchase of a calendar. As a reminder, the DGIF calendars now run January thru December.

## 2009 Annual Awards Banquet Reminder

The 2008 Annual Awards banquet will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2009 at the Virginia Crossings Resort, starting at 5:30 PM. The contract has been completed with The Virginia Crossings Resort and the meal price per person will be \$48. Eddy Johnston would like to have suggestions for items to be add or changed in the banquet format. He can be reached easily on his cell phone (804) 586-7012.

For the Leadership Team  
John Wetlaufer, Sr., Director



## CATCHY COMMENTS



By Buddy Nolan

The key word this month for freshwater fishing is "**Flatheads, Flatheads, and more Flatheads!**"

The low water level in the James River must have "turned them on". This is the most Club Records set for Flathead Catfish that I can remember.

**Bob Brown, Parks Rountrey, and Glenn Carter** accounted for the most entries. From the middle of July until the rains came at the end of August, **Bob, Parks and Glenn** were constantly topping each other with quality entries, especially in the Fly division. **Bob Brown** ended with the most Club Records with his best catch being a 31-0 pound Flathead on 6# Fly for 565 points. Bob also has entered two of his catches for "pending" IGFA World Records. Gulp Jerk Shad's and Clouser Flies seem to be the lures of choice!

**Parks** now has the 4# Plug Club Record, the Specie lead, and Plug Division with a 37-0 pound worth 627 points. Another nice catch by **Parks** takes the lead for the Fly Division with a 29-8 pound on 4# fly for 625 points. This catch will also be submitted to IGFA for the 4# Fly World Record.

**Glenn Carter** thought he had the 4# Fly IGFA Record entry with a 30-0 pound Flathead, but after measuring his required tippet length, it was 2 inches too long!

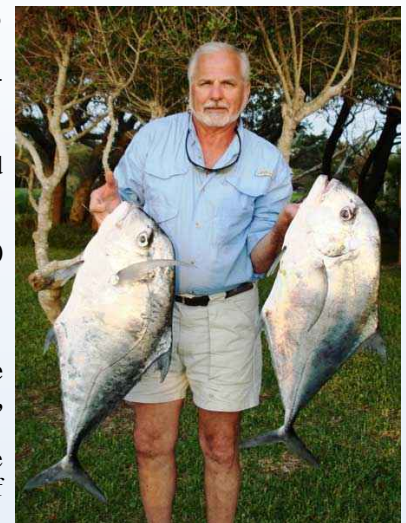
He did enter his 28-8 pound Flathead Catfish on 8# Fly for the "pending" World Record and has since found out that his line has tested OK. That was **Glenn's** highest point entry worth 456 points and now replaces **Jim Farrell's** 22-8 Club Record.



New member, **Rob Choi**, also caught several Catfish on the James River with his best catch being a 29-8 pound Blue Catfish on 6# line fishing with a live Bluegill.

On the Saltwater side, **Eddy Johnston** maintains his Croaker Specie lead with another 1-10 pounder on 2# Plug. **Stuart Lee** also had several nice Fly entries with a 19-4 Cobia on 16# Fly and a 14-0 Red Drum on 12# Fly fishing out of Oregon Inlet. **Fred Cousins** was wreck fishing with **Norman Miller** out of Ocracoke when he caught a 30-0 pound Barracuda on 12# General and a 21-0 Amberjack on 8# Plug for his entries this month.

**Bruce Henderson** and **Elly Robinson** were also fishing the wrecks off Hatteras in early August. **Bruce's** best catch was a 28-0 pound Barracuda on a "tube lure" on 8# Spin worth 350 points. **Elly** also entered several nice catches. He had a 14-8 pound African Pompano on 8# Plug fishing a bucktail and an Almaco Jack weighing 20 pounds on 6# Spin worth 400 points.



Danny Noland with two nice African Pompano

Later in August, **Danny Noland, Dave English, Ricky Dale,** and myself spent a week in Hatteras. We had four good days of fishing and ended up with ....

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Dave English and his 16-8 Lb African Pompano on 12# plug



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...eight African Pompanos, numerous Amberjack and Almaco's, and Barracuda. The Manuela and the British Splendor proved to be our best wrecks.

**Dave English** used a bucktail to catch the largest African off the Manuela. It weighed 16-8 pound on 12# Plug. **Ricky** had several nice catches with Power Pro line but could not enter any. **Danny** proved that he was the "top rod" on this trip with four Specie leads and one Division lead. **Danny** had a 29-0 Barracuda worth 446 points, 22-0 pound Amberjack worth 314 points, a 23-0 Almaco Jack for 460 points and an 18-0 African Pompano worth 400 points, all on 6# Plug. My best catch was a 20-8 Almaco Jack on 6# Plug for 410 points. A huge Hammerhead Shark enjoyed dinner with my nicest Almaco Jack. I fought it for an hour and a half on 6# Plug when a large shadow rose from the depths and ate him in two bites. That's fishing!



Buddy with another nice African Pompano

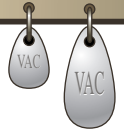


Danny with his 29 lb Barracuda



Ricky with a nice Pompano

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**Jamie Pitts** fished the Chesapeake Bay on August 30<sup>th</sup> and caught a 48-6 pound Cobia on 20# line fishing a bucktail. I had to enter this fish in the General category because our rules don't recognize a 20# Plug category. The catch was still worth 186 points and takes the lead in the Lunker Category. Nice catch!

A couple of our members had IGFA World Records approved recently. **Dean Winstead** had his first record recognized for a 2-9 pound Hickory Shad from the Nottoway River. **Bill Duval** had seven World Records approved. Two of them were Black Grouper and the others were Gray Snapper all from Key West Florida. **Bill** must be approaching 100 records by now. Great job!

Take care

Other nice catches....



Tony Horsley released this 36" Cobia



Jamie Pitts with his 48-6 lb Cobia



Tony Horsley's friend Jason Shulthise with a 55lb Red Drum



Tony Horsley, Brad Wilcox and Jamie Pitts with some nice flounders



## ONE GOOD TERN DESERVES ANOTHER... AN OLD LINE TALE

Johnny Wetlaufer and his dad, John Wetlaufer, Sr. were for off for an early September afternoon of fishing down south of Bodie Island Lighthouse in Nags Head, NC. They had just navigated thru the cut north of the Oregon Inlet Coast Guard Station, passed thru some skinny water over some grass beds and were making the run past Off Island toward the deeper water south of the light. John spied something thrashing up along the bank. Johnny turned the boat for a closer look.

What was thrashing was a young common Tern that was wrapped up on some old discarded mono that pretty well immobilized the tern's wings and tethered the bird to the bottom. The tern's apparent parents were not too happy to see the two anglers going toward their young tern and dove at the boat. Johnny approached the fouled tern and cut the line that tethered the tern to the bottom. He then put a bandanna over the tern's head and cut the line that had become fouled in the bird's wings. The tern's feathers were a complete mess and the bird was waterlogged. It was able to swim away but was very low in the water. Although the tern tried to take flight, the continued thrashing apparently had its feathers soaked very well. The tern disappeared around the east end of Off Island with its parents hovering overhead.

Hopefully, the tern could find a get out of the water, dry out and preen so it could resume its growth with full mobility. The message here is to keep old or broken line, that you have or find, in the boat when ever possible and take it back to the dock for proper disposal. Also, if you find a sea bird in distress, wrapping it in a towel, shirt or other piece of material will help calm the bird and keep its beak away from your hands and arms while you render assistance.



### 10lb. FLOUNDER CAUGHT BY BOB SHEPHERD AT "THE CELL" IN MID-AUGUST

Bob reports that while fishing at various locations on the Eastern side of the Bay on four separate days in mid- to late August, he caught limits of flounder each day (except one day when he only caught 3 in about 20 minutes of fishing before he had to run back in because he was taking waves over the bow and transom). His catches included several other fish over 6 pounds. Unfortunately, the fish were all caught on braided line so none are eligible for entry into the club. The fishing technique that proved to be so deadly involved vertical jigging various types of Gulp baits (mostly the large jerk shad and twisty tail Gulps) on 1.5 to 2 ounce jig heads over and around structure.



## VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 9/8/08

<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>2008 SPECIES LEADERS - SALTWATER</b>								
AMBERJACK, GREATER	DN Noland	22-0	6	Plug	314	8/15/08	Manuela Wreck, NC	Bucktail
BARRACUDA, GREAT	DN Noland	29-0	6	Plug	446	8/11/08	British Splendor Wreck, NC	Tube
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
COBIA	GN Carter	32-0	8	Plug	355	6/6/08	Oregon Inlet, NC	Bucktail Jig
CROAKER	ES Johnston	1-10	2	Spin	216	6/6/08	Gwinn's Island	Jig
DOLPHIN	GN Carter	4-12	4	Spin	135	6/6/08	The "Point", NC	Bucktail Jig
DRUM BLACK	J Pitts	65-0	20	Gen	185	5/22/08	CBBT, Va.	Clam
DRUM, RED	J Pitts	45-0	20	Gen	236	6/8/08	CBBT, Va.	Crab
FLOUNDER, SUMMER	W Mosley	3-4	2	Plug	270	6/14/08	HRBT, Va	Grub
JACK, ALMACO	DN Noland	23-0	6	Plug	460	8/12/08	E.M. Clark Wreck, NC	Bucktail
POMPANO, AFRICAN	DN Noland	18-0	6	Plug	400	8/15/08	Manuela Wreck, NC	Bucktail
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F Cousins	6-2	2	Spin	408	1/13/08	Elizabeth River	Grub
<b>2008 SPECIES LEADERS - FRESHWATER</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	JP Rountrey	6-8	4	Gen	198	5/2/08	Chickahominy River	Cut Bait
CARP	F Cousins	22-0	2	Spin	687	2/3/08	Private Lake, Va.	Rattle Trap
CATFISH, BLUE	F Cousins	64-0	6	Gen	602	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	JP Rountrey	37-0	4	Plug	627	8/3/08	James River	Plastic Grub
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	3/27/08	James River	Shad Fly
SUNFISH, ALL	Rob Robinson	1-2	2	Fly	375	5/4/08	Elly's Pond, Va.	Popper
<b>2008 DIVISION LEADERS - SALTWATER</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
JACK, ALMACO	DN Noland	23-0	6	Plug	460	8/12/08	E.M. Clark Wreck, NC	Bucktail
DRUM, RED	SC Lee	14-0	12	Fly	175	7/26/08	Oregon Inlet, NC	Sardina Fly
<b>2008 DIVISION LEADERS - FRESHWATER</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
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	JP Rountrey	37-0	4	Plug	627	8/3/08	James River	Plastic Grub
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	JP Rountrey	29-8	4	Fly	625	8/27/08	James River	Streamer Fly
<b>2008 SPECIES LEADERS LARGEST - SALTWATER</b>					<b>2008 SPECIES LEADERS LARGEST - FRESHWATER</b>			
AMBERJACK, GREATER	DN Noland	22-0			BASS, LARGEMOUTH	L Allen	6-8	
BARRACUDA, GREAT	DN Noland	29-0			BASS, SMALLMOUTH	DN Noland	3-0	
BASS, STRIPED	JH Sheffield	50-9			BOWFIN	JP Rountrey	6-8	
BLUEFISH	ES Johnston	8-4			CARP	F Cousins	22-0	
COBIA	GN Carter	37-0			CATFISH, BLUE	F Cousins	64-0	
CROAKER	ES Johnston	1-10			CATFISH, CHANNEL	JH Sheffield	11-4	
DRUM, BLACK	J Pitts	65-0			CATFISH, FLATHEAD	JP Rountrey	37-0	
DOLPHIN	GN Carter	4-12			CRAPPIE, ALL	M Kodroff	1-2	
DRUM, RED	J Pitts	45-0			GAR, ALL	F Cousins	11-0	
FLOUNDER, SUMMER	J Pitts	3-8			PERCH, WHITE	BL Noland	1-0	
JACK, ALMACO	DN Noland	23-0			PERCH, YELLOW	F Cousins	1-1	
POMPANO, AFRICAN	DN Noland	18-0			PICKEREL, CHAIN	M Kodroff	2-12	
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	SC Lee	7-0			SHAD, AMERICAN	M Kodroff	3-8	
					SHAD, HICKORY	M Kodroff	2-0	
					SUNFISH, ALL	R Robinson	1-2	

## VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 9/8/08 (continued)



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<b><u>NEW CLUB RECORDS - SALTWATER</u></b>								
BASS, STRIPED	JH Sheffield	50-9	2	Gen	1011	12/30/07	Concrete Ships, Va.	Eel
DRUM, RED	M Cline	6-10	2	Plug	165	6/7/08	Mobjack Bay, Va	Jig
FLOUNDER, SUMMER	W Mosley	3-4	2	Plug	270	6/14/08	HRBT, Va	Grub
COBIA	SC Lee	19-4	16	FLY	120	6/14/08	Oregon Inlet, NC	Half & Half
JACK, ALAMCO	ES Robinson	20-0	6	Spin	400	8/4/08	Hatteras Wreck	Bucktail
JACK, ALMACO	DN Noland	23-0	6	Plug	460	8/12/08	E.M. Clark Wreck, N.C.	Bucktail
JACK, ALMACO	BL Noland	19-0	6	Gen	271	8/12/09	E.M. Clark Wreck, N.C.	Bucktail/Pinfish

**NEW CLUB RECORDS - FRESHWATER**

CATFISH, BLUE	F Cousins	64-0	6	Gen	602	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
CATFISH, BLUE	WS Johnson	8-14	2	Fly	170	4/17/08	Piankatank River	Clouser Fly
TROUT, BROWN	RL White	21-0	16	Fly	452	3/20/08	Tierra del fuego. Argentina	Fly
TROUT, BROWN	RL White	20-0	20	Fly	357	3/21/08	Tierra del fuego. Argentina	Fly
CATFISH, CHANNEL	JP Rountrey	7-1	4	Gen	166	7/1/08	James River, Va.	Live Bait
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	JP Rountrey	18-8	6	Fly	337	7/26/08	James River	Fly
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	RJ Brown	16-0	8	Plug	205	7/26/08	James River	Gulp Jerk Shad
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	RJ Brown	14-0	16	Plug	120	7/26/08	James River	Gulp Jerk Shad
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	RJ Brown	17-8	12	Spin	180	7/26/08	James River	Gulp Jerk Shad
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	RJ Brown	21-8	8	Spin	275	7/26/08	James River	Gulp Jerk Shad
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	JP Rountrey	29-0	4	Fly	614	7/27/08	James River	Streamer Fly
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	RJ Brown	13-0	12	Fly	167	7/27/08	James River	Leach Fly
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	RJ Brown	18-8	20	Fly	171	7/27/08	James River	Leach Fly
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	GN Carter	28-8	8	Fly	456	7/30/08	James River	Clouser Fly
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	RJ Brown	31-0	6	Fly	565	8/8/08	James River	Clouser Fly
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	RJ Brown	24-0	16	Fly	258	8/8/08	James River	Clouser Fly
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	RJ Brown	28-0	16	Fly	301	8/15/08	James River	Clouser Fly
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	GN Carter	23-8	12	Fly	302	8/19/08	James River	Clouser Minnow
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	JP Rountrey	27-0	20	Fly	250	8/19/08	James River	Clouser Fly
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	JP Rountrey	29-8	4	Fly	625	8/27/08	James River	Streamer Fly

**2008 HIGHEST POINT NON-LOCAL CATCHES - FRESHWATER**

TROUT, BROWN	RL White	22-0	12	Fly	597	3/21/08	Tierra del fuego. Argentina	Fly
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**2008 HIGHEST POINT NON-LOCAL CATCHES - SALTWATER**

COBIA	Q Corbett	17-0	8	Gen	154	2/18/08	Islamorda, Fl	Pilchard
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**2008 TOP SPOUSE CATCHES - (LOCAL, NON-MEMBER, FRESH or SALTWATER)** (none submitted yet for 2008)

**2008 TOP YOUTH CATCHES - FRESHWATER (LOCAL)**

SHAD, HICKORY	0-6yr R Farley	0-14	2	Spin	100	4/16/08	James River	Shad Fly
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**2008 TOP YOUTH CATCHES - SALTWATER (LOCAL)**

Bass, Striped	7-12yr Justin Pitts	18-0	8	Gen	231	5/23/08	CBBT, Va.	Live Bait
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Reggie White with a 12lb Brown Trout



Reggie White with a nice 22lb Brown Trout

**C.V. KINNARD AWARD COMPETITION - thru 9/8/08**

ANGLER	FIRSTS	SECONDS	THIRDS	PLACES	POINTS	AVERAGE
Fred Cousins	1	2	1	4	1975	493
Jim Sheffield	2	0	0	2	1303	651
Parks Rountrey	1	1	2	4	1087	539
Bob Brown	0	1	0	1	565	565
Will Mosley	1	1	0	2	470	235
Larry Allen	1	0	0	1	433	433
Glen Carter	0	0	1	1	413	413
Bruce Henderson	1	0	0	1	352	352
Rob Choi	0	1	0	1	281	281
Eddy Johnston	0	1	0	1	275	275
Scott Johnston	0	0	1	1	250	250
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>7404</b>	<b>408</b>

**OTHER NEWS***Remember – Lookup by  
Month-Of-Catch  
Now Possible*

Webmaster Johnny Wetlaufer has added a handy feature to the Member's Section of the web site. Month-of-catch lookup has been added as another way to format an inquiry from the historical catch database. Combined with a species lookup, this is a powerful way to find out where other members have caught fish in a particular month of the year.

*Carl Herring in September and  
October Specks Go Together*

The Virginia Anglers Club continues to present "how to" information linked to an upcoming tournament. Carl Herring's presentation on fishing for speckled trout at the September Membership Meeting is tied to the October Speckled Trout Tournament, being held on October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to hear Carl talk about catching specks on September 23, 2008. There will be ample time to ask questions and examine the tackle Carl will be bringing along with him that night. Come early and have dinner with Carl. Carl is widely known in Virginia and North Carolina angling circles for his expertise with Specks, Flounder and Crappie. Carl hails from Suffolk, Virginia and is a long time member of the Tidewater Anglers Club. A popular speaker at fishing shows, a state and world record holder, a longtime activist in fisheries management and conservation and an entertaining speaker, you won't want to miss Carl's visit. We are fortunate to have a good friend of the club who is knowledgeable on so many angling techniques and willing to come up and share them with us.

*Short Sleeved Versions of  
Columbia Bonehead™ Shirts*

Here are the details of concerning the special VAC embroidered Columbia shirts that can be ordered by contacting Eddy Johnston. Eddy is going to investigate the availability of the short-sleeved version of these comfortable and stylish shirts. Eddy Johnston will continue to take orders in September for the special "Virginia Anglers Club Edition" of the famous Columbia Bonehead™ long-sleeve 100% cotton fishing shirts. These are high quality and very comfortable shirts @ \$50.00 each. Shirts will be available in the colors noted in the below descriptive piece about the shirts. Embroidery options now are either "Virginia Anglers Club / Richmond, VA" or the Bill Gallash popping bug custom embroidered above one pocket. The Columbia website ([www.columbia.com](http://www.columbia.com)) contains pictures of this shirt which can be shown in any color available.



## Upcoming Angling Events

### Virginia Speckled Trout Tournament

October 11-12

(Blow date is October 18-19)



Our tourney this month will be at peak time for big fall Specks. Various soft plastic baits, Gulp baits and MirrOlures can be effective on ultra-light spinning and plug gear. Fly fishing is also productive. A number of club members like Rudee and Lynnhaven this time of year, but you can fish any Virginia waters. Come to the meeting and hear what expert Carl Herring suggests. Please plan to participate in this tourney. This is our last tournament for the angling year.

Two ways to win! 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 Salt Water Tournament Angler of the Year competition.



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.

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

Call in or e-mail entries within 5 days from end of tournament to Angling Activities Chairman Parks Rountrey  
804-349-6001  
(prountrey@comcast.net).

NOTES: A fish can be entered by weight or points (angler must declare which category) but not both ways for 1 fish.

You can not change the entry category once you have registered it with the Chairman.

You do not need to fill out cards for tournament entries.

Contact Chairman to confirm event if weather is questionable.

### VAC Donations to Date

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**NEXT MEETING:**  
Tuesday, September 23rd at Skilligalee Restaurant

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