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Next Membership Meeting:

November 26, 2013 - 7:00 PM

DGIF Richmond Headquarters

4010 West Broad Street -Eastern-Most Building -
Enter at Rear - DGIF BOD Meeting Room



BACKLASH

Commentary from the
Board of Directors
-By John Wetlaufer, Sr.

NOVEMBER PROGRAM "TACKLE, TALES AND TIPS"

The November program will be a home grown affair. Art Conway and Steve Knox want any Member (or friend of a Member) to come and speak about any special tackle, baits or techniques you might have to catch the big ones. Stories (tales) of special catches, the one that got away or dumb things to avoid are equally welcome. If you are going to speak, please let Art (caconway@vcu.org) or Steve (sknox@knoxmarine.com) know. If you need a DVD projector, please let them know that also. This will be our last Membership Meeting of the 2013 Angling Year. The first Membership Meeting in the 2014 Angling Year will be Tuesday, February 25, 2013.

LAST TOURNAMENT OF THE 2013 VAC ANGLING YEAR JAMES RIVER VA (CHIPPOKES CREEK) GAR (NOVEMBER 23-24 - NO BLOW DATE)

A write-up with details for this tournament can be found on page 6 of this issue of The Angler. This tournament wraps up the schedule of seven tournaments held this angling year.

If you have a suggestion for a new tournament or a change in a "traditional tournament", please share your comments with Lee Rothgeb via e-mail at (Garbakk1021@aol.com).

A REMINDER - REPORTING TOURNAMENT CATCH WEIGHTS

When you submit an entry for a tournament via e-mail or by phone, please remember to use the weight format found on Entry Cards (IE: "Weight - x Pounds, y Ounces). The decimal equivalent for catch weight (IE: 5.25 lbs.) is only used as a mathematical convenience when computing the equivalent points of a catch.

CLUB SURF TEAM REPORT - CAPE HATTERAS TOURNAMENT

Thanks to team captain Quentin Corbett and members Eric Millham, Jim Stout, Billy Corbett and Nags Head, NC resident and friend of Quent's, Danny Lindsey, for representing the Virginia Anglers Club in the Annual Cape Hatteras Anglers Club Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament. The team reports catches of around 50 fish, of which only 5 were long enough to be scored. Puppy Drum were the predominant species caught. For Quent's report on the Team's participation, please see page 5 of this issue of The Angler.



**ANNUAL VAC CALENDER SALE
ENDS IN A SELL OUT**

Don West reports that all 250 calendars have been sold or spoken for and no more are available. The VAC netted \$750 from the sale. Thanks to all Members and friends of the Club who made the VAC's annual calendar sales project a sellout. Special thanks to Don West who coordinated the sale and likely sold the most calendars of any Member.

**ONLY ONE ANGLING RULE CHANGE
FOR 2014 ANGLING YEAR**

The only change in the angling rules is how a tie in tournament entries will be handled. Currently the winner is determined by the first angler that reports his catch to the tournament chairman. Going forward, this will be changed to the fish that was caught first, which is consistent with how ties are handled for awards. This change goes into effect December 1, 2013, the first day of the 2014 Angling Year. (Submitted by Stuart Lee).

Thanks to Angling Rules Committee Chairman Stuart Lee and members Bill Duval, Glenn Carter, Buddy and Danny Noland and Billy Nicar who keep our angling aligned with government regulations, in step with stock availability and fair for all who wet a line.

**ENTRY CARD TURN IN REMINDER FOR
ALL MEMBERS
2013 RECORD CONSIDERATION**

The 2013 Angling Year Closes on November 30, 2013. To be considered for 2013 Angling Awards, the deadline for receipt of Entry Cards is December 10th. . Entry Cards for individual credit must be received no later than 21 days after the date of the catch. The "date of receipt" is the postmark on a mailed entry card or the date a director or officer of the VAC is given a card. All catches made starting in December will be credited to the 2014 Angling Year (Ref: Angling Rule 11).

FORMER VAC MEMBER RAY BLACK PASSES



Former Virginia Anglers Club Member Ray Black pulled lines for the last time on Saturday, October 19, 2013 in Orlando, FL. Ray was active in the VAC during the 1980s and early 1990s, until he closed his orthodontics practice in Midlothian and

retired to Cape Coral, FL. Ray has 11 species among his 18 catches caught in 4 states that are recorded in the VAC data base. Ray fished on the VAC Surf Team during his days as a Member.

**COUNTRY STORE OPEN FOR NOVEMBER MEMBER-
SHIP MEETING**

The Country Store will be open at the November Meeting, the last time the Store will be open in 2013. If any New Member has an unused Club Buck, the November Membership Meeting will be a good opportunity to "buy" one of the Store's items that match the \$10 credit of a Buck.

If you have a special need for an item from the Country Store that you cannot be present to pick out of stock, please contact Store-keeper Eddy Johnston (fishead55@hotmail.com) and arrange a special pick up.

VA TECH TEACHING ASSISTANT THANKS VAC

1st. Co-Vice President Art Conway was the VAC liaison with Michael Moore, Virginia Tech Teaching Assistant, who contacted the Virginia Anglers Club via our website to seek our participation in an on-line survey Michael, had set up. Many Members took the survey. Michael received a good response about angling preferences and activity in Virginia. Michael advised Art on November 10th that he has sufficient response to allow him to take the survey down from the internet. Michael will share his results with the VAC when he gets the data analyzed and prepared in report form. Michael passed thanks to Art for all VAC Members who took the time to help Michael with his survey.

WISDOM FROM THE TACKLE BOX

(Thanks to Stuart Lee for This Bit of Wisdom)

'I fish not because I regard fishing as being so terribly important, but because I suspect that so many of the other concerns of men are equally unimportant - and not nearly as much fun.'

Robert Traver, Anatomy of a Fisherman, 1964

For The Leadership Team
John Wetlaufer, Sr., Secretary



“Catchy Comments”

By Billy Nicar

Thanksgiving Day is upon us. And, I think we all know what that means... No, not turkey, stuffing, gravy, pumpkin pie, football, or even Black Friday, but striper. BIG striper. It is usually around this time of the year that people start to catch some really nice striped bass in the bay. I have heard stories of 30+ inchers being caught on the HRBT this past week. That is a good start. So, grab some eels, jigging spoons, mo-jos, shad bodies, bucktails, or whatever you like to fish with, and put some bend in a rod.

Parks Rountrey has submitted this year's first gar entry for a 5 pounder that he landed on September 15th. He was fishing a live minnow on 4# line in Chippokes Creek when the gar took the bait. This gar will earn Parks 109 points and the title of “Heaviest” and “Highest Points” for the species. Great job Parks!

On September 27th Larry Allen was fishing a Mirrolure on 8# spinning tackle in the Piankatank River when he hooked into a 6 pound, 12 ounce speckled trout. Larry will earn 225 points for his catch. Beautiful catch!

It appears that Andrew Campbell found a few little tunny on October 2nd. Andrew submitted 3 entries for little tunny that he caught that day while fishing Cape Lookout in North Carolina. His first fish weighed in at 5 pounds, 6 ounces. This tunny earns Andrew 76 point and was landed on 16# tippet. His next entry was for a 6 pound, 0 ounce tunny that fell victim to a Silverside Deceiver fished on 16# tippet. This tunny is worth 85 points. Andrew's final entry was for a 15 pound, 0 ounces little tunny! This 125 point fish was landed on 20# tippet and a Half 'n Half fly. Great fish Andrew!



Lynn Spurlin's 21 lb Oak Orchard Chinook Salmon



Lynn's 10 lb 8oz Oak Orchard Brown Trout

Karen Anderson has submitted her first ever club entry. While fishing Chickahominy Lake with Art Conway, Karen landed a 1 pound, 4 ounce crappie. Karen was fishing a live minnow on 8# line when she hooked into this slab of a crappie. Karen's catch will not only earn her 86 points, but, also the second place position in the Angler of the Month competition at October's meeting. Great job Karen! Keep it up!



October 11th awarded Art Conway with quite a catch. While casting a Trout Magnet on 4# spinning tackle in his relentless pursuit of crappie, Art hooked into a surprise. After quite a fight Art boated a 9 pound, 8 ounce bowfin! Art's bowfin catch earns him 361 points, the 1st place position in October's Angler of the Month competition, the "Heaviest" and "Highest Points" title for the species, and leader in the "Freshwater Spin Division". Wow! Super catch, Art!



One of Stuart Lee's Little Tunny

I would now like to take the time to highlight the club's star fisherman of the month... Mr. Glenn Carter. Glenn is not being recognized for his time spent fishing, but his time spent NOT fishing. Glen is responsible for the next catch entry. His absence from the boat on Stuart Lee's last fishing trip afforded Stuart quite the excitable experience. I am joking of course. It seems that every time Stuart and Glenn have gotten together in the past to fish for little tunny, the fish would just disappear. With the dark cloud lifted Stuart managed to have an exceptional day on October 13th while fishing Atlantic Beach in North Carolina. Stuart's entry of a 17 pound, 4 ounce little tunny landed on 20# fly tackle earns him 191 points, the title of "Heaviest" and "Highest Points" for the species, and a new club record. This little tunny was only one of the 29 that weighed in excess of 15 pounds. Such a great day full of big fish resulted in two broken rods as well. A fair trade I would imagine. What a great day and a great catch for Stuart. Congrats! Sorry, Glenn. Just having some fun.



"Sharks gotta eat too!"

Keep the entries coming! As the temperatures get cooler, the fishing gets hotter.

Please let me know if you have any fun, exciting, informational, or scary fish tales from your recent trips out. I would love to include them in future newsletters. Any recent fishing reports or conditions would be greatly appreciated as well. I can be contacted via phone, email, or text. My contact info is listed below. As always, tight lines and best fishes!

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Keeping it reel,

Billy



Rob Choi with a 24" Speckled Trout



NORTHERN SNAKEHEAD REMINDER FROM THE DGIF

All anglers are reminded to acquaint themselves with a good description of the northern snakehead fish. If you should manage to catch one of these exotic imports, please kill it immediately and report the catch to either the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries or the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

View video about the snakehead here... http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_1HmUY5EOo

VAC SURF TEAM REPORT – CAPE HATTERAS TOURNAMENT

(By Quentin Corbett, Team Captain)

The 56th Annual Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament sponsored by the Cape Hatteras Anglers Club was another unusual year. With the beach closures, nesting turtles, rip currents, wind and rain you would think this tournament is jinxed. However, there were fish caught this year. The bad news is, if you didn't catch a puppy drum you didn't score very many points. The winner this year had 369 points all attributed to their catch of puppy drum. One team member caught 8 the first session. Unfortunately we were not so lucky finishing in the lower quarter of teams in 105th position. It was all about the draw for your station and the tide at that time. The team is ready to go back next year and redeem itself. Maybe our luck will change.

FROM THE CURRENT DGIF ELECTRONIC OUTDOOR REPORT

LEARN FLY TYING – FREE

Learn the basics of fly fishing the first Saturday of each month beginning December 7th through March at the Northwest River Park in Chesapeake. The sessions begin at 10 AM in the Activities Building. These educational workshops are FREE and open to the public. NO advanced registration or prior experience required. At the workshops you will learn Equipment Basics, Casting instruction and Fly tying from very knowledgeable and friendly instructors who are passionate about fly fishing! These instructors will teach you to tie your first fly, teach you to cast a fly rod and you will learn how to pick equipment for an awesome fly-fishing experience! This event is in partnership with the Chesapeake Parks and Recreation Department and Bill Willis Southeast Virginia Chapter of Trout Unlimited. For more information, contact Northwest River Park at 757-421-7151 or flytyer53@hotmail.com.



Good advice to all anglers

HELP KEEP ANGLING LEGAL – REPORT VIOLATIONS

Freshwater

If you suspect or witness an angling or hunting violation, report it to
VADGIF Wildlife Crimeline at 1-800-237-5712.

Saltwater

If you have a need to report to the VA Marine Resources Commission any emergency,
boating accident or other violation, call the Marine Police Dispatch Center
toll free at 1-800-541-4646

TOURNAMENT NEWS

BY LEE ROTHGEB

JAMES RIVER GAR - NOVEMBER 23-24 - No Blow Date

Some nice gar can be found in many places in the James River system - including the Chickahominy, but this time of year Chippokes Creek (just off the James) is the top venue for club members seeking large gar. There are many access points on the Chick and the James. Those who want to fish Chippokes can reach the area by leaving from the free Morris Creek Ramp in the Chickahominy Wildlife Management Area <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/wmas/detail.asp?pid=1> or for a fee use the more convenient James City County Riverfront Park Ramp <http://www.jcegov.com/recreation/parks/chickahominy-park.html> on the East end of the Route 5 Bridge over the Chick.

Times: All Saturday and Sunday

Tips: The fish will eat large minnows, suspended live - or dead on the bottom. They range from 2 to 17 lbs. and can easily be caught on 2# or 4# test with 8# mono leader. They also will take artificial baits if you have the patience to miss many hookups and stick with casting.

Entries must be turned in within 24 hours of the tournament ending to Angling Activities Chairman Lee Rothgeb. Please note that I (Lee) will be on vacation for several days following the tournament and will post the results as soon as I can. Email entries are preferred as cell phone access where I will be is limited so if you do call please be sure to note the time and date when you leave a message. You cannot change an entry once you have registered it with the Chairman. You do not need to fill out cards to turn in for the tournament, but do need a card if you want it to be registered as a club entry.

Tournament First Place Awards for both weight and points = Anglers Choice: Traditional pewter cup, \$40 Green Top gift card or a VAC Banquet ticket.

Email: Garbakk1021@aol.com Cell Phone – 804-314-2990

TOURNAMENT RESULTS - VIRGINIA SPECKLED TROUT

(October 26th and 27th)

Only two VAC Members reported entries to Angling Activities Chairman for the Virginia Speckled Trout Tournament. All entries were on 2# spin.

Weight: 1st. - Robbie Robinson - 5 lbs. 3 oz.
2nd. - Mike Cline - 2 lbs. 8 oz.

Points: 1st. - Mike Cline - 2 lbs. 13 oz. 187 Points
2nd. - Robbie Robinson - 2 lbs. 8 oz. 166 Points



"Schoolie"



Photos by
Rob Choi



VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 11/16/13

SPECIES	ANGLER	WEIGHT	LN	DIV.	PTS	DATE	LOCATION	BAIT	
2013 SPECIES LEADERS - SALTWATER									
AMBERJACK, GREATER	B Broughton	18-8	12	Plug	123	07/05/13	Oregon Inlet, NC	Bucktail	
BASS, STRIPED	F. Cousins	45-0	4	Gen	750	12/17/12	Chesapeake Bay, VA	Live Eel	
COBIA	A. Campbell	18-0	20	Fly	90	07/08/13	York Spit Cannel	Baitfish Pattern	
CROAKER	RJ Brown		1-4	2	Spin	186	06/24/13	York River, VA	Jig
DRUM, BLACK	B Shepherd	42-0	30	Surf	350	4/26/13	Barrier Islands, VA	Peeler Crab	
DRUM, RED	Robbie Robinson	55-0	8	Plug	687	07/21/13	CBBT	Jig / Gulp	
FLOUNDER, SUMMER	L Huss	4-3	12	Gen	104	06/21/13	Lynnhaven Inlet, VA	Gulp/Mullet Combo	
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	Robbie Robinson	8-0	2	Spin	533	5/26/13	Mobjack Bay, VA	Jig-Jerk Bait	
SPOT	J Doughty	0-12	6	Gen	129	09/27/13	Piankatank River, VA	Live Bait	
TUNNY, LITTLE	S. Lee	17-4	20	Fly	191	10/13/13	Atlantic Beach, NC	Anchovy Fly	
WAHOO	BL Noland	46-0	50	Gen	124	09/04/13	Hatteras, NC	Ballyhoo	

2013 SPECIES LEADERS - FRESHWATER

BASS, LARGEMOUTH	B Shepherd	3-10	2	Spin	241	3/11/13	Private Pond, VA	Grub
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	A. Campbell	4-6	6	Fly	312	08/15/13	New River	Sculpin Fly
BOWFIN	A Conway	9-8	4	Spin	361	10/11/13	Chickahominy Lake, VA	Trout Magnet
CATFISH, BLUE	RJ Brown	43-0	8	Gen	361	4/3/13	James River, VA	Cut Bait
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	L Rothgeb	26-0	20	Gen	154	4/10/13	James River, VA	Cut Bait
CRAPPIE, ALL	M Cline	1-11	2	Plug	267	1/12/13	Chickahominy River, VA	Blade Bait
GAR, ALL	JP Rountrey	5-0	4	Gen	109	09/15/13	Chipokes Creek, VA	Live Minnow
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL	A. Campbell	12-0	20	Fly	113	08/18/13	New River	Musky Fly
PERCH, WHITE	F Cousins	0-12	2	Spin	197	07/10/13	East River	Grub
PERCH, YELLOW	RJ Brown	1-1	2	Spin	279	1/22/13	Chickahominy River, VA	Grub Tail
PICKERAL, CHAIN	M Cline	4-10	2	Plug	462	2/2/13	Chickahominy River, VA	Blade Bait
SHAD, AMERICAN	M Kodroff	3-12	4	Spin	224	3/21/13	Tar River, NC	Dart
SHAD, HICKORY	R Choi	2-2	4	Fly	252	3/24/13	James River, VA	Shad Fly
SUNFISH, ALL	JP Rountrey	0-10	2	Fly	208	4/17/13	Private Pond, VA	Shad Fly
SUNFISH, REDEAR	W Nicar	1-4	4	Gen	125	5/23/13	Lake Prince, VA	Night Crawler
TROUT, BROOK	D Nobles	0-15	2	Fly	133	5/24/13	Spring Creek, VA	Nymph

2013 DIVISION LEADERS - SALTWATER

SEATROUT, SPOTTED	Robbie Robertson	8-0	2	Spin	533	5/26/13	Mobjack Bay, VA	Jig-Jerk Bait
DRUM, RED	Robbie Robinson	55-0	8	Plug	687	07/21/13	CBBT	Jig / Gulp
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	S. Lee	5-0	8	Fly	208	12/24/12	James River, VA	Half and Half
BASS, STRIPED	F. Cousins	45-0	4	Gen	750	12/17/12	Chesapeake Bay, VA	Live Eel
DRUM, BLACK	B Shepherd	42-0	30	Surf	350	4/26/13	Barrier Islands, VA	Peeler Crab

2013 DIVISION LEADERS - FRESHWATER

BOWFIN	A Conway	9-8	4	Spin	361	10/11/13	Chickahominy Lake, VA	Trout Magnet
PICKERAL, CHAIN	M Cline	4-10	2	Plug	462	2/2/13	Chickahominy River, VA	Blade Bait
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	A. Campbell	4-6	6	Fly	312	08/15/13	New River	Sculpin Fly
CATFISH, BLUE	RJ Brown	43-0	8	Gen	361	4/3/13	James River, VA	Cut Bait

2013 SPECIES LEADERS LARGEST - SALTWATER

AMBERJACK, GREATER	B Broughton	18-8
BASS, STRIPED	F. Cousins	45-0
CROAKER	Robbie Robinson	1-5
COBIA	A. Campbell	18-0
DRUM, BLACK	B Shepherd	42-0
DRUM, RED	Robbie Robinson	55-0
FLOUNDER, SUMMER	B Schepker	6-14
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	Robbie Robinson	8-0
SPOT	J Doughty	0-12
TUNNY, LITTLE	S. Lee	17-4

2013 SPECIES LEADERS LARGEST - FRESHWATER

BASS, LARGEMOUTH	B Shepherd	8-4
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	A. Campbell	4-6
BOWFIN	A Conway	9-8
CATFISH, BLUE	RJ Brown	43-0
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	L Rothgeb	26-0
CRAPPIE, ALL	M Cline	1-11
GAR, ALL	JP Rountrey	5-0
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL	A. Campbell	12-0
PERCH, WHITE	J Doughty	0-15
PERCH, YELLOW	JP Rountrey	1-3
PICKERAL, CHAIN	M Cline	4-10
SHAD, AMERICAN	M Kodroff	3-12
SHAD, HICKORY	JH Sheffield	2-6
SUNFISH, ALL	RJ Brown	0-12
SUNFISH, REDEAR	W Nicar	1-4
TROUT, BROOK	D Nobles	0-15



SPECIES	ANGLER	WEIGHT	LN	DIV.	PTS	DATE	LOCATION	BAIT
NEW CLUB RECORDS - SALTWATER								
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	S. Lee	4-12	8	Plug	158	12/4/12	James River, VA	Zoom Cluke
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	S. Lee	5-0	8	Fly	208	12/24/12	James River, VA	Half and Half
BASS, STRIPED	F. Cousins	45-0	4	Gen	750	12/17/12	Chesapeake Bay, VA	Live Eel
MACKEREL, CERO	JP Rountrey	9-0	20	Gen	120	1/15/13	Fort Lauderdale, FL	Live Bait
DRUM, BLACK	B Shepherd	42-0	30	Surf	350	4/26/13	Barrier Islands, VA	Peeler Crab
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	L Allen	7-9	4	Gen	302	06/30/13	Fleets Bay, VA	Live Minnow
WAHOO	BL Noland	46-0	50	Gen	124	09/04/13	Hatteras, NC	Ballyhoo
TUNNY, LITTLE	S. Lee	17-4	20	Fly	191	10/13/13	Atlantic Beach, NC	Anchovy Fly

NEW CLUB RECORDS - FRESHWATER

PICKERAL, CHAIN	M Cline	4-10	2	Plug	462	2/2/13	Chickahominy River, VA	Blade Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	A Campbell	7-8	12	Fly	234	2/9/13	Private Lake, VA	Half & Half Clouser
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	L Rothgeb	26-0	20	Gen	154	4/10/13	James River, VA	Cut Bait
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	A. Campbell	4-6	6	Fly	312	08/15/13	New River	Sculpin Fly
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL	A. Campbell	12-0	20	Fly	113	08/18/13	New River	Musky Fly
PIKE, NORTHERN	A. Campbell	4-3	20	Fly	40	08/13/13	St. Lawrence River, Ontario, Canada	Streamer Fly

HIGHEST POINT NON-LOCAL CATCHES - SALTWATER

MACKEREL, CERO	JP Rountrey	9-0	20	Gen	120	1/15/13	Fort Lauderdale, FL	Live Bait
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	D. Nobles	3-12	8	Spin	125	4/15/13	Mosquito Lagoon, FL	DOA Plastic

HIGHEST POINT NON-LOCAL CATCHES - FRESHWATER

BASS, SMALLMOUTH	A. Campbell	4-1	6	Spin	232	08/10/13	St. Lawrence River, Ontario, Canada	Crankbait
PIKE, NORTHERN	S Peluso	1-10	8	spin	50	5/17/13	Saranac Lake, NY	Minnow

2013 C.V. KINNARD AWARD COMPETITION - THRU 6/10/13

ANGLER	FIRSTS	SECONDS	THIRDS	PLACES	POINTS	AVERAGE
Bob Brown	4	1	1	6	1397	232
Bob Shepherd	2	0	1	3	741	247
Andrew Campbell	1	1	1	3	659	219
Parks Rountrey	0	2	0	2	460	230
Fred Cousins	1	1	0	2	445	222
Bob Schepker	0	1	0	1	171	171
Ryan Noland	0	0	1	1	166	166
Billy Nicar	0	0	1	1	147	147
Lee Huss	0	1	0	0	104	104
Bobby Broughton	0	1	0	1	100	100
John Wetlaufer, Sr.	0	0	1	1	50	50
Art Conway	1	0	0	1	361	361
Karen Anderson	0	1	0	1	86	86



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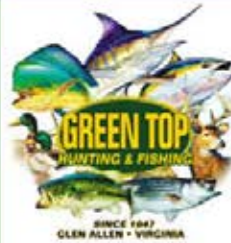
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**NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, November 26th at DGF Headquarters**

