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# The Virginia Angler

RICHMOND VIRGINIA



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## NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2017

Doors open 6:30--Meeting starts 7:00

**\*Note Change in Location for August Meeting \***

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## OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING SPEAKER ANDREW STILES

Local fly fishing instructor Andrew Stiles will talk to us about Joe Brooks. In his time, Joe was a famous angler and writer of articles about angling.

Joe was the founding force behind the founding of the VAC in 1961 and one of the founding Members of the Club. We all now are beneficiaries of Joe’s legacy.

Andrew’s presentation will be a good opportunity for newer Members to learn of the beginnings of the VAC and Members of longer tenure to renew what they already know about Joe.

The VAC donated a large number of old movies to the IGFA library. Andrew has sponsored the conversion of one of these movies featuring Joe to digital format. He will show this video at the meeting. To learn more about Andrew’s instructional business, turn to page 5.



Joe Brooks At Nunnaly’s Pond



## **BACKLASH**

*Commentary from the  
Board of Directors*

*-By John Wetlaufer, Sr.*

## NEXT-UP ANGLING ACTIVITY ALERT

Membership Meeting: October 24th  
– Andrew Stiles – Joe Brooks

Tournament: Oct. 21-29 – VA/NC Spot and Speckle Trout

Expeditions: (No More in the 2017 Angling Year)

Other Pictures of Early Club Members are at:  
[http://www.virginiaanglersclub.org/history\\_photos.php](http://www.virginiaanglersclub.org/history_photos.php)



## **NEXT TOURNAMENT – VA/NC SPOT AND SPECKLED TROUT - Oct. 21-29 – FOUR CHANCES TO WIN!**

Fish any VA or NC waters for spot and speckled trout. The spot should hang around if we don't get any really cold snaps in the weather. They are currently being caught in the lower portions of the major rivers feeding the bay along with catches along the beaches from most of the piers. This tournament will conclude the six tournament schedule for the 2017 Angling Year. Tournament catch awards will be made for the highest point and heaviest spot and speckled trout landed.

All entries should be made electronically with an E-Card or call Glenn Carter [804-824-2389 (H), 804-543-5349 (C)] with your entry if you don't have access to make an electronic entry. Entry deadline is midnight on Monday October 30th.

## **SEPTEMBER 30th EXPEDITION REPORT - TROUT FISHING THE SOUTH RIVER - IN WAYNESBORO, VA**

(By Expedition Leader Eric Webster)

The five members attending the South River expedition on 9/30/17 had a beautiful day for trout fishing. Clear, blue skies all day and temperatures in the mid-60's. The river was low and clear, which led to varying degrees of trout angling success. Tyler Shands and David Nobles were the most successful, locating a deep hole up river from the parking area. Both caught a few trout and a few smallmouth bass. Eric Webster, Fred Murray and Bob Brown caught a mix of chubs and bluegills. The meal at Heritage on Main restaurant following the fishing provided excellent fellowship. Everyone had a great day and is looking forward to attending the trip next year.



Members Eric Webster, Tyler Shands, David Nobles and Fred Murray Rig Up  
(Not Shown Bob Brown Who Took The Picture)

## **SPECIAL ORDER HOODIES AND SUN SHIRTS AT OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

CASH ON DELIVERY – NO CREDIT

Stuart Lee will have the special order hoodies and sun shirts for pick-up at the October Membership Meeting. Please have your exact money available for Stuart when you pick up the shirt(s) that you ordered. If you are not going to be at the October Meeting, please have a friend pick-up your shirt (he/she will need exact change).

Hoodie = \$35 Patagonia Sun Shirts = \$65

Thanks to Stuart for taking the program to get us these fine shirts.



## GUIDED TRIP WITH COLBY TROW WON BY BOB BROWN

Member Bob Brown won the guided trip for two with Colby Trow which Colby donated to the VAC to raffle off. Thanks to all who donated to the raffle, the proceeds of which will go into the VAC General Fund.

## ONLY TWENTY CALENDARS LEFT – NO MORE AFTER THEY SELL OUT

Special Activities Chairman Don West will have the remainder of our inventory of 2018 DGIF Outdoor Calendars at the October 24th Membership Meeting. This was a great year for the calendar sale special activity for the VAC. Don sensed that the market for these calendars was hot and ordered an additional 50 calendars beyond the original order.

If you need him to reserve a calendar(s) for you, please contact Don at 897-8723 (H), (804 -572-8268(C) or by E-Mail at donaldleewest@gmail.com, and let him know how many copies of the calendars you will need and where to deliver them.

Thanks to Jeff who sold 58 calendars single handedly. Jeff is runner up to the all time champion calendar salesman who will go unnamed at his request.

Special thanks to Don and his guiding us thru another successful calendar sales year.

## SPECIAL SOFTWARE USED TO SEND OUT INFORMATION VIA E-MAIL

Webmaster Johnny Wetlaufer is testing some new software thru which will pass all information sent by the VAC via the Internet. This new software (Mail Chimp) will eliminate the past outright rejection or automatic classification as junk mail by some E-mail providers of items the Club sends out via E-Mail. You may be receiving this newsletter for the first time in a while. E-Casts will now go thru this software to all Members too. If you have a comment about the new software, etc., just do a "reply" to the E-Mail to which your Angler was sent and Johnny will receive your comments.

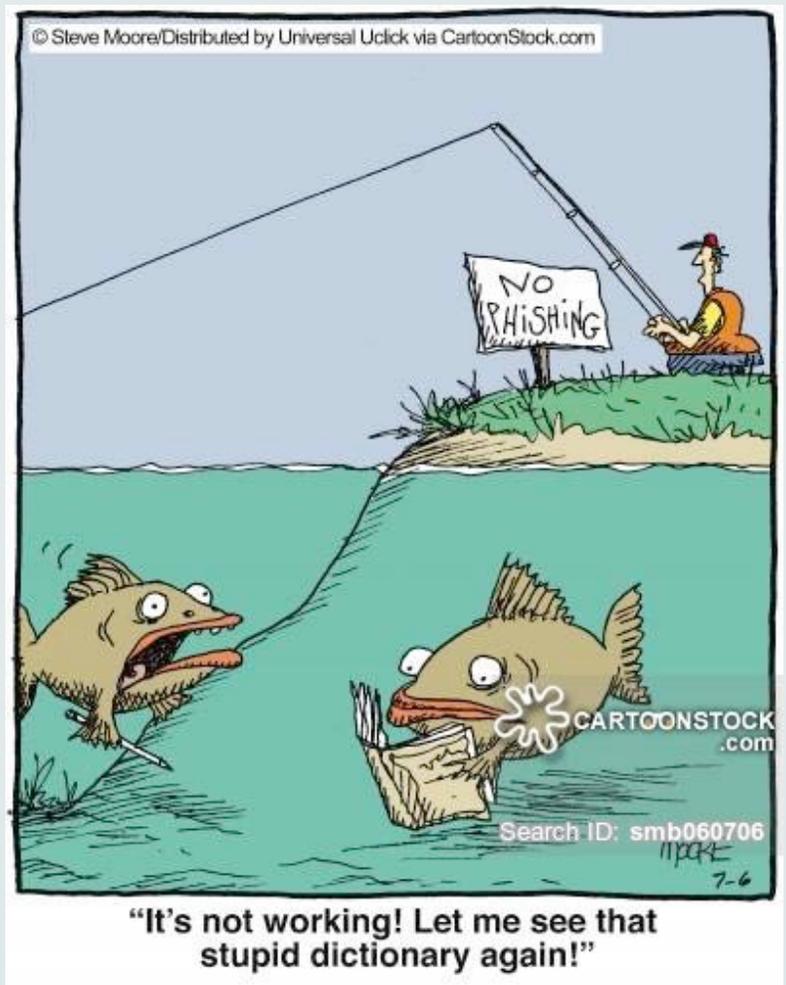
## SCALE CERTIFICATION REMINDER AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

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Contact Danny at: (804) 514-0650 (C) or danny6749@aol.com

Please remember to be sure your scales are in working order and the barrels are oil free so the certification stickers will adhere.

## HUMOR FROM THE TACKLE BOX



For The Leadership Team,  
John Wetlaufer, Sr.  
Membership Chairman



## “Catchy Comments”

By *Stuart Lee*

In August of 2003, I made my first trip to Alaska. I fished the Kanektok River which is about 80 miles long and runs from two lakes to the Bering Sea at Quinhaqak. This braided river is know for a variety of fish: Salmon(kings, silvers, chums, pinks, and sockeyes), Artic Char(Dolley Varden), and Grayling, but it is probably best known for the Rainbow Trout with a very red coloration down the lateral line, which they call the Leopard Trout. The camp was small and was located about mid-way between the headwater and the ocean. Each day we would run up or downriver in jet powered johnboats.

There were four other fishermen in camp: two from Kansas City, a medical doctor from San Diego, California, and his brother-in-law from Aberdeen, Scotland. All of my campmates were avid trout fishermen and were only concerned with catching rainbows. I caught some Silver (coho) Salmon my first day and was completely taken by the fish and their fighting ability. I was convinced after that first day that God had invented these Silver Salmon with an 8 weight fly outfit in mind.

I caught all of the other species but spent the vast majority of my time pursuing the Silvers. These fish will congregate in spots that are out of the main river current, to rest I suppose, and will readily bite until you have caught enough to make the others feel uneasy, and they will then become nearly impossible to get to bite. These holding places are well-known so when the bite slows, you simply move to the next holding place.

In the evenings, the other four fishermen would ask me if I had caught a trout. I would tell them that I caught 1 or 2 by accident and then I would ask if they had caught any salmon. They all thought this was hilarious as they would never bother themselves with attempting to catch a salmon. This same scenario played out every night either at dinner or after around the campfire.

These trout, which are absolutely beautiful, spend their entire life in this river and exist only because of the Salmon. As soon as the salmon begin to spawn, the trout gorge on their eggs. Once the salmon have spawned and begin to die, the trout feed on the decomposing salmon flesh. After the salmon fry emerge, they become trout food. So one night I told my campmates that these gorgeous trout they were madly fishing for were really just scavengers. I told them they really reminded me of our carp back home, which sparked mild outrage as you can imagine.

We rotated guides every day, and the last day I was paired with the guy that I thought was by far the best of the bunch. He was a great fisherman and really knew the river; when he left Alaska, he went to Chile to fish their entire season. He asked me what I wanted to do on the last day, and I told him that even though I was definitely not a trout fisherman, I should try to catch trout and only hope to quiet my campmates. He was aware of our running dialogue and said he would work on a plan for the next day.

We set out the next morning and he said we were running way upriver to an area that had not been fished from our camp that year. After a long run, we stopped and walked to a place that had a very shallow gravel bar that dropped into a very deep wide pool. The guide scavenged around and found two very nasty decomposing salmon carcasses. He carried those back to the lip of the gravel bar and stood on the salmon forcing hunks of rotting flesh into the deep pool which soon came to life. I had a big flesh fly (white and pink bunny strip) tied on, and he told me not to cast until he had located the largest fish in the pool. When he finally pointed, I cast and got an immediate take. I got the fish in, which bottomed the 6 pound scale, but, more importantly, he got some good photos which he showed that night after dinner, and all of us had many laughs.

I have been back to Alaska several more times targeting Silver Salmon in several different places. They remain one of my favorite fish. If you have been thinking about visiting Alaska, I would highly recommend it. The landscape is like nothing you have ever seen, the fishing opportunities are endless, and the people are like none you have ever encountered in the lower 48.



**MEET OCTOBER SPEAKER – ANDREW STILES**

Andrew Stiles is a Certified Casting Instructor with the Federation of Fly Fishers, and has been fly fishing around the world for over 40 years.

Andrew teaches the finer points of fly casting and fly fishing to various community and charitable organizations, plus teaches classes on the subject at John Tyler Community College and Randolph-Macon College. In 2011, Andrew also instructed at the Euroclave Federation of Fly Fishing / Danish Fly Fishing Festival in Kolding, Denmark.

More information about Andrew’s flyfishing offerings can be found at: <http://www.flystiles.com/>



**2017 MEMBERSHIP MEETING PRESENTATION SCHEDULE**

October 24	Andrew Stiles – Joe Brooks
November 28	VA DGIF Master Angler Program
December	No meeting

**2017 VAC COMBINED TOURNAMENT & EXPEDITION SCHEDULE**

Oct. 21-29 VA & NC Spot and Specs (Glenn Carter)	Fish any VA and NC waters. Highest point and heaviest Spot and Speckle Trout.
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Josh Dolin - Citation Channel cat #1



Josh Dolin - Citation Channel cat #2



Josh Dolin - Catfish spine





Graves Mountain Largemouth Bass



Graves Mountain Trout



Tyler Shands - South River Trip





## ANNUAL AWARDS 2017

## President's Award Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
GAR, ALL	ES JOHNSTON	16lb-0oz	2	SPIN	581	2017-07-12	JAMES RIVER, VA	Gulp 6 inch while shad

## President's Award Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	36lb-0oz		SURF	257	2017-05-27	SMITH ISLAND, VA	Peeler

## Division Awards Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
CARP		14lb-2oz	8	FLY	315	2017-10-20	JAMES RIVER, VA	Fly
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	GN CARTER	23lb-8oz	4	GEN	318	2017-08-25	JAMES RIVER, VA	Live Bream
GAR, ALL	ES JOHNSTON	16lb-0oz	2	SPIN	581	2017-07-12	JAMES RIVER, VA	Gulp 6 inch while shad
GAR, ALL	F COUSINS	15lb-4oz	2	PLUG	554	2016-12-26	JAMES RIVER, VA	Grub

## Division Awards Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, STRIPED	R CHOI	41lb-0oz	50BR	GEN	136	2016-12-20	YORK RIVER, VA	Eel
BLUEFISH	SC LEE	11lb-8oz	12	PLUG	127	2017-04-28	OFF OREGON INLET , NC	Kinnard Popper
BLUEFISH	SC LEE	12lb-8oz	6	SPIN	250	2017-08-12	PAMLICO SOUND, NC	Green Grub
DOLPHIN	SC LEE	11lb-8oz	12	FLY	143	2017-06-17	OFF OREGON INLET, NC	Deceiver
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	36lb-0oz		SURF	257	2017-05-27	SMITH ISLAND, VA	Peeler

## "Highest Point" Species Awards Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	F COUSINS	4lb-4oz	2	SPIN	283	2017-01-25	CHICKAHOMONY RIVER, VA	Grub
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	GN CARTER	4lb-1oz	4	PLUG	294	2017-02-13	PAMUNKEY RIVER, VA	Bomber Model A
BOWFIN	RL WHITE	2lb-15oz	4	SPIN	111	2017-03-30	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	crappie jig
CARP		14lb-2oz	8	FLY	315	2017-10-20	JAMES RIVER, VA	Fly
CATFISH, BLUE	S KNOX	39lb-0oz	20BR	GEN	201	2017-02-07	JAMES RIVER RICHMOND VA, VA	Cut shad
CATFISH, CHANNEL	W SHANDS	5lb-2oz	2	SPIN	205	2017-10-08	WYNDHAM LAKE, VA	2" grubz
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	GN CARTER	23lb-8oz	4	GEN	318	2017-08-25	JAMES RIVER, VA	Live Bream
CRAPPIE, ALL	W MOSLEY	1lb-8oz	2	SPIN	238	2017-03-19	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR, VA	TRD
GAR, ALL	ES JOHNSTON	16lb-0oz	2	SPIN	581	2017-07-12	JAMES RIVER, VA	Gulp 6 inch while shad
PERCH, WHITE	GN CARTER	0lb-14oz	2	PLUG	230	2017-04-01	JAMES RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
PERCH, YELLOW	ROB ROBINSON	1lb-1oz	2	PLUG	279	2017-02-17	MATTAPONI RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
PICKEREL, CHAIN	A CONWAY	2lb-12oz	4	SPIN	202	2017-02-03	CHICKAHOMINY LAKE, VA	Bobby Garland Baby Shad Swmr
SHAD, AMERICAN	F COUSINS	3lb-13oz	2	SPIN	305	2017-03-09	ROANOKE RIVER, NC	shad dart
SHAD, HICKORY	G ALVIS	1lb-14oz	2	FLY	267	2017-04-03	JAMES RIVER, VA	Shad Fly
SUNFISH	SC LEE	1lb-0oz	4	SPIN	217	2017-03-28	POND, VA	Z Man
TROUT, RAINBOW	DL NOBLES	3lb-4oz	2	FLY	253	2017-03-09	SPRING CREEK, VA	nymph

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BASS, STRIPED	R CHOI	41lb-0oz	50BR	GEN	136	2016-12-20	YORK RIVER, VA	Eel
BLUEFISH	SC LEE	12lb-8oz	6	SPIN	250	2017-08-12	PAMLICO SOUND, NC	Green Grub
COBIA	W MOSLEY	50lb-0oz	50BR	GEN	121	2017-09-04	CAPE HENRY, VA	Eel
DOLPHIN	GN CARTER	10lb-4oz	6	SPIN	227	2017-06-17	OREGON INLET, NC	Bucktail Jig
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	36lb-0oz		SURF	257	2017-05-27	SMITH ISLAND, VA	Peeler
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	LR ALLEN	3lb-6oz	8	SPIN	112	2017-09-24	PIANKATANK, VA	mirrolure



### "Heaviest" Species Awards Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	G ALVIS	8lb-4oz	12	PLUG	206	2017-01-27	KENT LAKE, VA	Suspending Jerkbait
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	GN CARTER	4lb-1oz	4	PLUG	294	2017-02-13	PAMUNKEY RIVER, VA	Bomber Model A
BOWFIN	RL WHITE	2lb-15oz	4	SPIN	111	2017-03-30	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	crappie jig
CARP		14lb-2oz	8	FLY	315	2017-10-20	JAMES RIVER, VA	Fly
CATFISH, BLUE	S KNOX	39lb-0oz	20BR	GEN	201	2017-02-07	JAMES RIVER RICHMOND VA, VA	Cut shad
CATFISH, CHANNEL	W SHANDS	5lb-2oz	2	SPIN	205	2017-10-08	WYNDHAM LAKE, VA	2" grubz
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	S KNOX	30lb-0oz	16	GEN	206	2017-09-22	JAMES RIVER, RICHMOND, VA	Live bluegill
CRAPPIE, ALL	SC LEE	1lb-8oz	4	SPIN	187	2017-02-13	PAMUNKEY RIVER, VA	Tube
GAR, ALL	ES JOHNSTON	16lb-0oz	2	SPIN	581	2017-07-12	JAMES RIVER, VA	Gulp 6 inch while shad
PERCH, WHITE	GN CARTER	0lb-14oz	2	PLUG	230	2017-04-01	JAMES RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
PERCH, YELLOW	ROB ROBINSON	1lb-1oz	2	PLUG	279	2017-02-17	MATTAPONI RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
PICKEREL, CHAIN	A CONWAY	2lb-12oz	4	SPIN	202	2017-02-03	CHICKAHOMINY LAKE, VA	Bobby Garland Baby Shad Swimr
SHAD, AMERICAN	F COUSINS	3lb-13oz	2	SPIN	305	2017-03-09	ROANOKE RIVER, NC	shad dart
SHAD, HICKORY	SC LEE	2lb-3oz	8	FLY	193	2017-04-03	JAMES RIVER, VA	Fred's Shad Fly
SUNFISH	SC LEE	1lb-0oz	4	SPIN	217	2017-03-28	POND, VA	Z Man
TROUT, RAINBOW	DL NOBLES	3lb-4oz	2	FLY	253	2017-03-09	SPRING CREEK, VA	nymph
WARMOUTH	B BROUGHTON	0lb-5oz	4	SPIN	67	2017-03-04	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	Blade Bait

### "Heaviest" Species Awards Saltwater

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COBIA	W MOSLEY	50lb-0oz	50BR	GEN	121	2017-09-04	CAPE HENRY, VA	Eel
DOLPHIN	SC LEE	11lb-8oz	12	FLY	143	2017-06-17	OFF OREGON INLET, NC	Deceiver
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	36lb-0oz		SURF	257	2017-05-27	SMITH ISLAND, VA	Peeler
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	C CLEVINGER	4lb-2oz	12	SPIN	103	2017-09-22	BACK RIVER, VA	Zman MinnowZ

### New Club Records Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	G ALVIS	8lb-4oz	12	PLUG	206	2017-01-27	KENT LAKE, VA	Suspending Jerkbait
PERCH, WHITE	GN CARTER	0lb-14oz	2	PLUG	230	2017-04-01	JAMES RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
SUNFISH	JL WETLAUFER, JR	0lb-9oz	2	GEN	119	2017-06-04	PRIVATE POND, POWHATAN, VA	Live Worm

### New Club Records Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
COBIA	W MOSLEY	50lb-0oz	50BR	GEN	121	2017-09-04	CAPE HENRY, VA	Eel

### Pajchak Award

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
MARLIN, WHITE	BW STRUM	0lb-0oz	20	GEN	189	2017-08-16	OREGON INLET, NC	Ballyhoo

### Non-Local Award Fresh or Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	RL WHITE	4lb-4oz	4	FLY	386	2017-06-02	LAKE ST CLAIR, MI	Sexy Shad Clouser Minnow

### New Member Award

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	G ALVIS	8lb-4oz	12	PLUG	206	2017-01-27	KENT LAKE, VA	Suspending Jerkbait
SHAD, HICKORY	G ALVIS	1lb-14oz	2	FLY	267	2017-04-03	JAMES RIVER, VA	Shad Fly

**Total** **473**

# Robert Thomas

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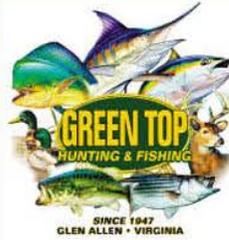
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