



October 2005

October Membership Meeting: "Fishing Casa Mar, Costa Rica"

Tuesday, October 25, 2005 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]

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BACKLASH

(Commentary from the Board of Directors)

October Program -- Chesapeake Bay Game Fish Tagging Studies

John Lucy, a member of the staff of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, has been analyzing the results of the Virginia game fish tagging program championed by Claude Baine and John himself. During the past few years, the number of species from which tagging data has been studied has increased. Some Members of the Virginia Anglers Club have been very active in this interesting tagging program. John will review the result of his findings at the October Membership Meeting of the VAC. John will join us for dinner.

Angling Rules Chairman Dennis Cline Requests Relief

The Board of Directors has respected the request from Dennis Cline for relief from his duties as Angling Rules Chairman. Director Elly Robinson has volunteered to take on the responsibility of the chairmanship. Denny has served as Angling Rules Chairman for 12 years, tenure in that chairmanship that is the longest in the memory of any current board member. During his time in office, Denny has spent an enormous amount of personal time carrying out the duties of the Chairman. Denny effectively managed the entry card submission, records and awards aspects of the VAC angling program. As the number of awards increased in the VAC angling program, Denny's task of checking entry cards and record keeping increased with each new award. He never complained of the additional work. Denny has spent many hours without specific requests for study analyzing catch histories and basic weights among the various tackle and line classes in our records system. From his work, have come many basic weight changes that resulted in more equal handicapping of basic weights across the board. Denny single handedly

arranged for engraving of the annual awards cups and plaques. He collected and stuffed the many sheets of information in the membership information packages handed out at each Annual Banquet. Denny will continue to work behind the scenes to ensure a seamless and complete transition of the work of the Angling Rules Chairman to Elly. As busy as Denny was with the time requirements of his personal life and his pre-retirement career, Denny always opened the beaches of Virginia's Eastern Shore to all comers. Thanks, Denny, from the entire membership for your investment during the past 12 years of so much angling expertise, personal time and energy in the angling program of the Virginia Anglers Club.

Elly Robinson -- New Angling Rules Chairman

Director Elly Robinson, a member of the Virginia Anglers Club for 28 years, has volunteered to take on the responsibilities of Angling Rules Chairman. Elly brings many years of angling experience in salt and freshwater to his new chairmanship. Elly is one of the six club members to have attained "expert" status in at least six categories. Elly is an Expert in Spin, Plug, General and Fly Divisions and has earned the rating of Fresh Water Expert and Salt Water Expert. Over the years, Elly has suggested numerous new awards. Those that were adopted have brought new challenges in angling skills to the VAC awards program. Elly has the computer skills and knack for numbers needed in his new job. Elly's presentations of awards will likely be entertaining. Thanks from us all, Elly, for volunteering for this important and highly visible chairmanship in the VAC.

Annual Change in Angling Rules Will Appear In The November Angler

The Angling Rules Committee has been hard at work at changes in the VAC Angling Rules that will be effective

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December 1, 2005, the start of the 2006 Angling Year. A list of these changes will be published in the November copy of the *Angler*. Recommendations for changes in the Angling Rules come from the membership and the Chairman and members of the Angling Rules Committee. The proposed changes are brought before the Board of Directors for discussion. The BOD then votes up or down on each proposed change and communicates the changes to the Membership. No action by the Membership is required for angling rules changes.

Opportunities Are Available To Help Lead The Club

There is still time to bring (or to come forward yourself) to the Nominating Committee's attention the names of VAC Members whom you feel would make good members of the leadership of the VAC. The Nominating Committee is composed of Lynn Spurlin, Fred Murray and John Wetlaufer, Sr.. Our club is as strong as the efforts we members put into it. The time commitment is not extensive and almost all work is accomplished during the monthly Board of Director's meetings. BOD meetings start at about 6:30 PM sharp and very rarely run beyond 8:30 PM. Quite a few of the leadership team come early and enjoy some extra fellowship over a meal at the Skilligalee.

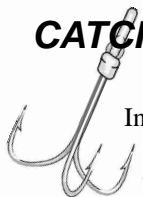
Tournament Ideas Solicited By Angling Activities Chairman Bob Brown

Angling Rules Chairman Bob Brown is roughing out the 2006 Tournament Schedule. He would like to hear suggestions for new tournament formats or venues. He wants to hear about tournaments you think are best kept and which tournaments you think are good to dump. Maybe you want to have a cook out or meeting at a watering hole after tournaments. Please help Bob in his work. Bob can be reached on his cell phone or on his e-mail account.

For the Leadership of the Virginia Anglers Club,
John Wetlaufer, Sr.

CATCHY COMMENTS

by Dennis Cline



In a way, I feel like a kid on the last day of school, who has a whole summer of fun ahead. I have decided that this will be my last Catchy Comments and will be turning over the Angling Rules job to someone else once the angling year is over. Twelve years was probably too much, and it's time to let someone else step up to the plate and take a swing at it. I hope everyone has enjoyed the column. I look forward to being on the outside

looking in for a while. Who knows, just like lots of kids, once the summer is over, I may look forward to a new school year.

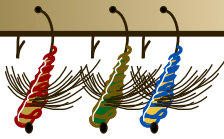
September was a slow month for entries. In saltwater, just a few croakers, a dolphin and a flounder to report. **Dr. Jim Wright** caught our largest croaker of the year at the first island of the CBBT. It was a 3-8 caught on 12 general. **Eddy Johnston** boated a 2-2 croaker on 4-spin at Oregon Inlet of all places. I wonder if the Carolina croaker chasers know about Eddy's fish! They could plug the whole inlet with boats if the word gets out. **Bruce Henderson** set a new club record with a 14-8 dolphin on 6-plug! Gee Bruce, where was that spinning rod when you needed it? My contribution this month was a 3-15 flounder on 2-spin. It was supposed to be a speckled trout. Since red drum action has been so poor this fall, I have resorted to speck fishing! Turns out its relaxing and lots of fun.

Elly Robinson's almost big enough bass is the freshwater news for this month. It was a 7-4 on 16-plug that came just 4 ounces and 5 points short of the coveted target! Looks like a few more trips to the pond will be coming up soon! **Vic Skakandy** released a 0-12 white perch on 4-spin on the Piankatank. **Steve Luterek** set a club record with a 25-0 Chinook salmon on 16 general. Steve was trolling his home waters on Lake Ontario, NY.

My 3-15 flounder on 2-spin won the September Angler of the Month contest, scoring 328 points. Bruce Henderson was just 6 points back in second with his dolphin on 6-plug and Elly's bass placed third with 145 points.

VAC Member Tom Barnett Passes

Virginia Anglers Club Member **Tom E. Barnett** passed away October 1, 2005. A member of the club for 26 years, Tom held both freshwater and saltwater club records. Many members remember Tom's efforts to see that new members were given an invitation to fish with him, thereby giving many their first taste of the VAC's angling program. Tom was a skilled and active deer hunter. Tom drew on his first hand knowledge of angling and hunting when he wrote professionally for local, state and national outdoor periodicals. Tom was a member of the American Outdoors Writers' Association, The Southeastern Outdoor Press Association and the Virginia Outdoor Writers' Association. All of these Associations support professionalism and respect of natural resources in outdoor writing. Tom has pulled lines for the last time. Many VAC Members who knew him well will miss him.



Member Mike Cline Organizes Katrina Relief Trip

Once in a while a member of the **Virginia Anglers Club** has a chance to answer the call for help in situations not related to angling or natural resources. **Ex-President and Director Mike Cline** is such a person. Driving a dealer-donated 3/4 ton Chevy pick up and towing a dealer-donated enclosed trailer, Mike and good friend **Ronnie Waddell** delivered 9000 pounds of relief supplies to the Long Beach (Mississippi) Fire Department. Long Beach is a coastal town located about in the middle of the Mississippi Gulf Coast and a town devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

During a phone conversation with the LBFD, Mike was told by Chief **Tommy Step** that the major need was cleaning supplies. Mike passed the word around the Hopewell area seeking donations of the items needed. Abundant donations of supplies and cash flowed in to Mike. By departure time, both the truck and trailer were literally loaded to capacity. VAC Members and guests at the September VAC Membership meeting spontaneously dug deep and donated \$333.00 in cash to help Mike cover expenses of his relief program.

Mike and Ronnie pulled out at 9:00 PM, Thursday night, September 29th and drove straight thru, arriving about 1 PM Friday afternoon in Long Beach. After unloading the 4-1/2 tons of supplies, the two men were given a two-hour tour of the devastated area provided by a veteran LBPD police officer. Teachers from the Long Beach Middle School came to the fire house to collect supplies needed to clean up the school. Mike and Ronnie's compassion put the cleaning supplies directly in the hands of those needed them.

Later Friday afternoon, Mike and Ronnie climbed in the Chevy "Dualie" and arrived back home at about 10:00 AM on Saturday morning, October 1st. The 1900-mile long round trip and time in Long Beach amounted to about 37 hours. Mike said he was pretty well pumped during the trip and really did not sleep all of that much. Ronnie was able to sleep any time he was riding shotgun. Mike has digitally documented the devastation he witnessed. He will gladly share with you the details of the entire 9 days of his involvement from his first thoughts about what he could do to help to when he pulled back into his driveway.





Upcoming Angling Events

James River Catfish

Sat-Sun, November 19 & 20, 2005

Location: James River

Awards: 1- cup highest point catfish (100pt.min)
1- cup highest point fish, other than Catfish.
(any species 100pt.min.)

Report in: Call chairman within 5 Days.
Chairman: Bob Brown - Cell: 804-833-2786
Home: 804-746-1934

JUNGLE RULES Fish may be taken with any hook and line tackle used in a sportsman like manner. All line material and breaking strength is acceptable.

Deltaville-Norview J* Rockfish

Sat-Sun, December 3 & 4, 2005

Location: Norview Marina / Chesapeake Bay

Time: Dawn to Dusk each day

Awards: 1 cup Jungle Rules for heaviest Rockfish.
Can be caught on any legal tackle.
1 cup Highest point Rockfish (100pt.min)
* one cup per fish

Weigh-in: Call chairman within 5 Days.
Chairman: Bob Brown - Cell: 804-833-2786
Home: 804-746-1934

Member Bio: **Mike Cline**

Age: 45

Address: 14600 Jefferson Ave
Chester, Va 23836

Spouse: Kathleen Cline

Home Phone: (804) 530-3931

Daughters: Amanda and Aimee

Office Phone: (804) 530-6008



Background: Married, 2 girls ages 15 and 9, Maintenance Supervisor at Honeywell. I was President of the club in 2000 and served two terms as 1st Vice President, I have been Conservation and Legislation Chairman, Membership Chairman, and am currently a Board Member.

Boats: I own 3 boats: a 14 foot john boat, a 19 foot Skiff, and a 24 foot Cuddy Cabin.

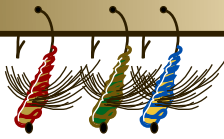
Specialty: Used to be offshore fishing, now inshore saltwater fishing and freshwater fishing for most species caught in rivers and lakes in Virginia.

Fishing Preferences: I enjoy fishing our early spring freshwater tournaments. In the Summer months I turn to mostly saltwater fishing. I enjoy fishing with my oldest daughter. Over the past couple of years, I have been fortunate to fish with fellow club member Elly Robinson, who has taught me alot about light tackle fishing. Elly invited me along on a wreck fishing trip out of Ocracoke this past summer that I enjoyed immensely and hope to do more of.

Membership Goals: To one day achieve Master Angler status.

September Angler Of The Month Awards

A little catch-up is in order here to announce the Angler Of The Month Awards for September 2005. **Denny Cline** clinched first place with a 3-15 flounder he boated on 2 # spin that yielded 328 points, caught while he was speckle trout fishing. Just six points behind in second place was **Bruce Henderson's** 14-8 dolphin on 6 # plug (322 points). And somewhere back in the wake was **Elly Robinson** in third place with a 7-4 largemouth on 16 plug worth 145 points. The AOM is a fun program with entries made at each Membership Meeting. Remember, a separate card is requested for entry into Angler Of The Month award. Congratulations, guys. Keep those cards rolling in.



BILL DUVAL EARNS MASTER ANGLER

Congratulations to **Bill DuVal** who has completed the requirements for Master Angler. He joins **Bill Rewalt, Stuart Lee, Mickey Kodroff** and the **late Louis Pendleton** as the club's fifth Master Angler. I'm sure Bill would agree that it has been a long and enjoyable quest. Bill joined the club in 1961, and in the last 44 years he has literally fished all over the world!

His initial club entry was a mighty 1-2 crappie caught on 8-spin at Chickahominy Lake in March of 1963! Before that year was over, he had added his first of many white marlin to his entry card file, which has grown to a stack about 6 inches high. Over the years, Bill has owned dozens of world records and hundreds of club records. He currently holds 144 of the club's 669 saltwater club records. There is no question that he is the club's most accomplished saltwater angler! The following is a list of Bill's Master Angler entries.

Freshwater Fly

Smallmouth Bass	2-0	4# tippet	New River, VA	6/1/05	181 points
Rainbow Trout	4-8	6# tippet	Good News River, AK	8/22/97	327 points
Coho Salmon	14-0	8# tippet	Seward, AK	8/19/04	437 points

Saltwater Fly

Tarpon	Rel.	2# tippet	Key West, FL	6/17/90	321 points
Bluefish	15-0	8# tippet	Hatteras, NC	11/24/96	300 points
Amberjack	36-8	8# tippet	Dry Tortugas, FL	3/16/92	456 points

Spinning

American Shad	3-4	4# spin	James River, VA	4/17/71	162 points
Dolphin	12-4	4# spin	Hatteras, NC	5/29/83	245 points
Spotted Seatrout	9-3	8# spin	CBBT, VA	11/11/71	459 points

Plug

Largemouth Bass	8-0	16# plug	Bronson, FL	10/17/69	200 points
Cobia	73-0	16# plug	Dry Tortugas, FL	3/20/94	405 points
Amberjack	73-4	16# plug	Key West, FL	3/7/71	916 points

General

Atlantic Sailfish	Rel.	6# general	Miami, FL	2/2/02	625 points
Barracuda	32-14	4# general	Ocracoke, NC	8/14/90	548 points
Red Drum	41-8	8# general	Ocracoke, NC	5/15/83	519 points

Surf

Red Drum	51-0	surf	Wreck Island, VA	10/9/71	255 points
Bluefish	13-8	surf	Cape Hatteras, NC	11/28/72	168 points
Shark	122-12	surf	Oregon Inlet, NC	9/5/82	409 points

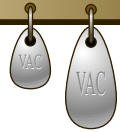


Bill DuVal and a Smallmouth

The tarpon on fly was estimated at 150 pounds! Bill's amberjack on fly and red drum on general were both world records. His spotted seatrout on spin was a state record when caught. Wow!! What a list of fish! Congratulations Bill!!!!

C.V. KINNARD AWARD COMPETITION - 2005

ANGLER	FIRSTS	SECONDS	THIRDS	PLACES	POINTS	AVERAGE
ELLY ROBINSON	2	4	2	8	4280	535
BUDDY NOLAND	1	1	2	4	2699	675
FRED COUSINS	1	1	1	3	2147	716
DENNIS CLINE	1	1	2	4	1395	349
BRUCE HENDERSON	2	1	0	3	1249	416
DANNY NOLAND	1	0	0	1	769	769
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TOTALS	8	8	7	23	12539	545



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<u>2005 SPECIES LEADERS - SALTWATER</u>								
AMBERJACK	B. HENDERSON	33-0	12	PLUG	6/4/05	OCRACOKE, NC	220	JIG
BARRACUDA	B. HENDERSON	34-0	6	SPIN	7/23/05	HATTERAS, NC	523	TUBE
BASS, BLACK SEA	D.N. NOLAND	2-10	2	PLUG	7/10/05	TRIANGLE WRECK, VA	308	JIG
BASS, STRIPED	D. CLINE	41-0		SURF	5/12/05	COBB ISLAND, VA	410	PEELER
BLUEFISH	A.R. HORSLEY	14-8	12	SPIN	5/31/05	CBBT, VA	161	JIG
COBIA	J.C. WRIGHT	60-0	30	GEN	6/30/05	13 MILE POST, CBBT, VA	193	CUTMENHADEN
CROAKER	ROB ROBINSON	2-1	2	SPIN	6/8/05	CBBT, VA	275	JIG/GRUB
DOLPHIN	B. HENDERSON	14-8	6	PLUG	9/22/05	OREGON INLET, NC	322	JIG
DRUM, BLACK	ROB ROBINSON	31-0	8	PLUG	6/8/05	CBBT, VA	248	JIG/TWIST TAIL
DRUM, RED	D. CLINE	54-0		SURF	6/1/05	COBB ISLAND, VA	385	PEELER
FLOUNDER	D. CLINE	6-10	2	GEN	8/4/05	OFF CAPE CHARLES, VA	441	B'TAIL/FISHBITE
GROUPE, GAG	E.S. ROBINSON	9-12	12	GEN	7/21/05	OCRACOKE, NC	183	JIG/CUT BAIT
GROUPE, OTHER	B. HENDERSON	21-8	12	GEN	6/4/05	OCRACOKE, NC	404	JIG/CUT BAIT
MACKEREL, KING	J.C. WRIGHT	10-8	50	GEN	6/28/05	HOT DOG, VA	30	BALLYHOO
MARLIN, WHITE	J.C. WRIGHT	REL.	30	GEN	8/16/05	THE "CIGAR", VA	148	BALLYHOO
POMPANO, AFRICAN	D. CLINE	19-4	6	PLUG	8/13/05	HATTERAS, NC	427	BUCKTAIL
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F. COUSINS	3-1	2	SPIN	01/16/05	ELIZABETH RIVER, VA	204	GRUB
SHARK, OTHER	E.S. ROBINSON	96-0	12	GEN	6/4/05	OCRACOKE, NC	213	JIG/CUT BAIT
SHEEPSHEAD	D. CLINE	4-0		SURF	5/13/05	MYRTLE ISLAND, VA	133	PEELER
SPADEFISH	J.P. ROUNTREY	8-4	6	GEN	7/28/05	OREGON INLET, NC	263	CLAM
SPOT	W.S. JOHNSTON	0-8	4	FLY	7/11/05	PIANKATANK RIVER, VA	172	CLOUSER
TARPON	D. CLINE	81-0	20	GEN	8/17/05	OYSTER, VA	270	CUT CROAKER
TAUTOG	J.C. WRIGHT	9-2	12	GEN	5/10/05	OFF VA BEACH, VA	152	CLAM
TUNA, BLUEFIN	J.C. WRIGHT	REL.	50	GEN	6/28/05	HOT DOG, VA	50	CEDAR PLUGS
TUNA, YELLOWFIN	J.C. WRIGHT	REL.	30	GEN	7/26/05	NORFOLK CANYON, VA	50	BALLYHOO
TUNNY, LITTLE	J.C. WRIGHT	REL.	50	GEN	8/30/05	THE "CIGAR", VA	50	BALLYHOO
WAHOO	J.C. WRIGHT	49-0	50	GEN	8/30/05	THE "CIGAR", VA	98	BALLYHOO
WEAKFISH	B.L. NOLAND	9-0	6	GEN	6/1/05	THE "CELL", VA	217	CLAM

2005 SPECIES LEADERS - FRESHWATER

BASS, LARGEMOUTH	D. CLINE	6-0	6	PLUG	03/19/05	PRIVATE POND, VA	240	RAPALA
BASS, ROCK	ROB ROBINSON	0-9	6	FLY	05/05/05	JOHNS CREEK, VA	127	WOOLY BUG'R
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	W.B. DUVAL	2-0	4	FLY	06/01/05	NEW RIVER, VA	181	CLOUSER
BASS, WHITE	G.N. CARTER	0-14	4	FLY	08/07/05	LAKE GASTON, VA	118	CLOUSER
BOWFIN	E.S. ROBINSON	3-14	2	PLUG	02/05/05	YARMOUTH CREEK, VA	193	SILVER BUDDY
CARP	E.S. ROBINSON	12-8	2	SPIN	02/15/05	YARMOUTH CREEK, VA	390	POWER GRUB
CATFISH, BLUE	J. FARRELL	36-8	4	SPIN	01/02/05	JAMES RIVER, VA	486	PLAST. GRUB
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F. MURRAY	21-8	4	FLY	01/09/05	JAMES RIVER, VA	455	HALF & HALF
CRAPPIE	ROB ROBINSON	1-6	2	SPIN	02/02/05	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	218	POWER GRUB
GAR	E.S. ROBINSON	13-8	2	PLUG	04/19/05	CHIPPOKES CREEK, VA	490	SILVER BUDDY
PERCH, WHITE	E.S. JOHNSTON	1-0	4	FLY	04/22/05	JAMES RIVER, VA	270	SHAD FLY
PERCH, YELLOW	E.S. ROBINSON	1-0	2	PLUG	02/15/05	YARMOUTH CREEK, VA	263	CRAZY BLADE
PICKEREL, CHAIN	F. COUSINS	3-5	2	SPIN	01/13/05	LEE HALL RESERVOIR, VA	331	GRUB
SHAD, AMERICAN	D. CLINE	3-8	2	FLY	04/27/05	NOTTOWAY RIVER, VA	350	SHAD FLY
SHAD, HICKORY	G.N. CARTER	2-1	2	FLY	04/10/05	JAMES RIVER, VA	294	SHAD FLY
SUNFISH	T. BARNETT	1-2	2	FLY	04/17/05	PRIVATE POND, VA	375	FLY
TROUT, BROOK	E.S. ROBINSON	1-10	2	FLY	04/17/05	JOHNS CREEK, VA	232	WOOLY BUG'R
TROUT, BROWN	D.N. NOLAND	3-5	4	FLY	02/27/05	JOHNS CREEK, VA	192	FLY
TROUT, RAINBOW	B.L. NOLAND	6-11	2	FLY	05/06/05	JOHNS CREEK, VA	891	WOOLY BUG'R
WARMOUTH	L.J. SPURLIN	0-14	2	SPIN	06/18/05	DRAGON RUN, VA	230	PLAST. WORM

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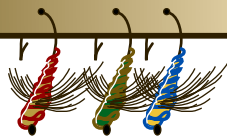
STRIPED BASS	G.N. CARTER	16-0	8	FLY	12/30/04	DUCK, NC	266	CLOUSER
FLOUNDER	D. CLINE	6-10	2	GEN	8/4/05	OFF CAPE CHARLES, VA	441	B'TAIL/FISHBITES
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GAR	F. COUSINS	16-0	2	GEN	05/07/05	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	465	MINNOW
GAR	E.S. ROBINSON	13-8	2	PLUG	04/19/05	CHIPPOKES CREEK, VA	490	SILVER BUDDY
CATFISH, BLUE	J. FARRELL	36-8	4	SPIN	01/02/05	JAMES RIVER, VA	486	PLAST. GRUB

NEW CLUB RECORDS - SALTWATER

BASS, STRIPED	S.C. LEE	25-8	16	FLY	12/6/04	OFF CURRITUCK, NC	255	DECEIVER
BASS, STRIPED	J.P. ROUNTREY	19-0	2	GEN	12/7/04	OREGON INLET, NC	380	EEL
CROAKER	W.S. JOHNSTON	2-4	8	FLY	7/11/05	PIANKATANK RIVER, VA	218	CLOUSER
DOLPHIN	B. HENDERSON	14-8	6	PLUG	9/22/05	OREGON INLET, NC	322	JIG
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LADYFISH	Q. CORBETT	2-8	8	SPIN	2/15/05	KEY WEST, FL	166	JIG
MACKEREL, CERO	W.B. DUVAL	4-0	6	GEN	3/19/05	KEY WEST, FL	127	BALLYHOO
MACKEREL, CERO	W.B. DUVAL	5-8	8	GEN	3/19/05	KEY WEST, FL	146	BALLYHOO
MACKEREL, SPANISH	W.B. DUVAL	3-0	8	SPIN	2/23/05	KEY WEST, FL	136	BUCKTAIL
MACKEREL, SPANISH	W.B. DUVAL	4-0	12	GEN	2/23/05	KEY WEST, FL	114	BALLYHOO
PERMIT	F. GOTTWALD	20-8	12	GEN	5/11/05	LITTLE TORCH KEY, FL	170	LIVE CRAB
POMPANO, AFRICAN	D. CLINE	19-4	6	PLUG	8/13/05	HATTERAS, NC	427	BUCKTAIL
POMPANO, AFRICAN	D. CLINE	20-0	8	PLUG	7/30/05	HATTERAS, NC	363	BUCKTAIL
POMPANO, COMMON	B. CARTER	2-1	8	GEN	4/21/05	GOODLAND, FL	109	SHRIMP
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	W.S. JOHNSTON	2-10	8	FLY	5/18/05	PIANKATANK RIVER, VA	109	CLOUSER
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	J.C. WRIGHT	5-0	6	GEN	3/10/05	ELIZABETH RIVER, VA	159	JIG
SHARK, OTHER	E.S. ROBINSON	96-0	12	GEN	6/4/05	OCRACOCKE, NC	213	JIG/CUT BAIT
SHEEPSHEAD	D. CLINE	4-0		SURF	5/13/05	MYRTLE ISLAND, VA	133	PEELER
SPOT	W.S. JOHNSTON	0-4	2	FLY	8/16/05	PIANKATANK RIVER, VA	119	CLOUSER
SPOT	W.S. JOHNSTON	0-8	4	FLY	7/11/05	PIANKATANK RIVER, VA	172	CLOUSER

NEW CLUB RECORDS - FRESHWATER

BASS, ROCK	ROB ROBINSON	0-9	6	FLY	05/05/05	JOHNS CREEK, VA	127	WOOLY BUG'R
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	W.S. JOHNSTON	3-0	12	FLY	08/09/05	NEW RIVER, WV	130	NYMPH
BOWFIN	S.C. LEE	3-9	6	FLY	08/07/05	LAKE GASTON, VA	137	SEADUCER
CATFISH, BLUE	J. FARRELL	36-8	4	SPIN	01/02/05	JAMES RIVER, VA	486	PLAST. GRUB
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F. MURRAY	21-8	4	FLY	01/09/05	JAMES RIVER, VA	455	HALF & HALF
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	ROB ROBINSON	28-0	4	GEN	08/05/05	JAMES RIVER, VA	379	LIVE BAIT
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	W.F. GALLASCH	25-0	8	GEN	08/21/05	JAMES RIVER, VA	256	BLUEGILL
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	E.S. ROBINSON	21-8	16	GEN	08/05/05	JAMES RIVER, VA	148	LIVE BAIT
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F. MURRAY	22-8	4	PLUG	01/02/05	JAMES RIVER, VA	381	SILVER BUDDY
GAR	ROB ROBINSON	13-0	6	GEN	04/28/05	CHIPPOKES CREEK, VA	226	LIVE MINNOW
GAR	E.S. ROBINSON	13-8	2	PLUG	04/19/05	CHIPPOKES CREEK, VA	490	SILVER BUDDY
GAR	ROB ROBINSON	8-0	12	PLUG	04/19/05	CHIPPOKES CREEK, VA	109	SILVER BUDDY
PERCH, WHITE	E.S. JOHNSTON	1-0	4	FLY	04/22/05	JAMES RIVER, VA	270	SHAD FLY
PERCH, YELLOW	S. LUTEREK	1-4	6	GEN	07/15/05	LAKE ERIE, NY	181	EM'RLD SHINER
SALMON, COHO	B. CARTER	7-14	8	GEN	08/18/05	SEWARD, AK	157	CUT BAIT
SALMON, COHO	B. CARTER	9-2	12	PLUG	08/18/05	SEWARD, AK	182	LURE
TROUT, RAINBOW	B.L. NOLAND	6-11	2	FLY	05/06/05	JOHNS CREEK, VA	891	WOOLY BUG'R
TROUT, RAINBOW	D.N. NOLAND	8-5	4	FLY	04/17/05	JOHNS CREEK, VA	769	FLY
TROUT, RAINBOW	R.K. DALE	7-0	6	FLY	02/27/05	JOHNS CREEK, VA	496	FLY
TROUT, RAINBOW	D.N. NOLAND	6-8	8	FLY	02/27/05	JOHNS CREEK, VA	371	FLY
TROUT, RAINBOW	E.S. ROBINSON	6-6	12	FLY	04/17/05	JOHNS CREEK, VA	264	WOOLY BUG'R
TROUT, RAINBOW	B. CARTER	3-2	8	SPIN	08/19/05	KENAI RIVER, AK	143	SPINNER
WARMOUTH	L.V. SPURLIN	0-14	2	SPIN	06/18/05	DRAGON RUN, VA	230	PLAST. WORM

2005 HIGHEST POINT NON-LOCAL CATCHES - SALTWATER

COBIA	Q. CORBETT	REL.	20	GEN	2/15/05	KEY WEST, FL	134	THREADFIN
CRAVALLIE, JACK	B. CARTER	14-0	12	GEN	4/20/05	GOODLAND, FL	127	PILCHER
DRUM, RED	B. CARTER	5-0	8	SPIN	3/22/05	GOODLAND, FL	62	JIG
GROUPE, GAG	Q. CORBETT	REL.	8	SPIN	2/15/05	KEY WEST, FL	50	JIG
LADYFISH	Q. CORBETT	2-8	8	SPIN	2/15/05	KEY WEST, FL	166	JIG
MACKEREL, CERO	W.B. DUVAL	5-8	8	GEN	3/19/05	KEY WEST, FL	146	BALLYHOO
MACKEREL, SPANISH	W.B. DUVAL	3-0	8	SPIN	2/23/05	KEY WEST, FL	136	BUCKTAIL
PERMIT	F. GOTTWALD	20-8	12	GEN	5/11/05	LITTLE TORCH KEY, FL	170	LIVE CRAB
POMPANO, COMMON	B. CARTER	2-1	8	GEN	4/21/05	GOODLAND, FL	109	SHRIMP
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	B. CARTER	2-10	8	SPIN	3/22/05	GOODLAND, FL	87	JIG
SNAPPER, OTHER	B. CARTER	4-2	12	GEN	4/20/05	GOODLAND, FL	59	PILCHER
SNOOK	B. CARTER	7-1	8	GEN	3/23/05	GOODLAND, FL	88	PILCHER
TARPON	R. MCDANIEL	REL.	12	GEN	7/7/05	KEY WEST, FL	195	PINFISH

2004 HIGHEST POINT NON-LOCAL CATCHES - FRESHWATER

PERCH, YELLOW	S. LUTEREK	1-4	6	GEN	07/15/05	LAKE ERIE, NY	181	EM'RLD SHINER
SALMON, CHINOOK	S. LUTEREK	25-0	16	GEN	09/11/05	LAKE ONTARIO, NY	133	MAG. SPOON
SALMON, COHO	R. MCDANIEL	10-12	6	FLY	08/23/05	ALASKA	383	STREAMER
TROUT, RAINBOW	B. CARTER	3-2	8	SPIN	08/19/05	KENAI RIVER, AK	143	SPINNER

2005 TOP SPOUSE CATCHES - SALTWATER & FRESHWATER (LOCAL)

CRAPPIE	ELAYNE KODROFF	1-6	2	SPIN	02/26/05	EAST LAKE, NC	218	JIG
BARRACUDA	KATHI SHEFFIELD	24-8	8	SPIN	09/02/05	HATTERAS, NC	306	TUBE
BARRACUDA	JENN HENDERSON	32-0	12	GEN	07/22/05	HATTERAS, NC	228	TUBE

2005 YOUTH CATCHES - SALTWATER & FRESHWATER (LOCAL)

PERCH, WHITE	MIRANDA CLINE	0-13	2	SPIN	03/27/05	JAMES RIVER, VA	213	SILVER BUDDY
SHAD, HICKORY	MIRANDA CLINE	1-8	2	SPIN	04/17/05	JAMES RIVER, VA	170	SPOON

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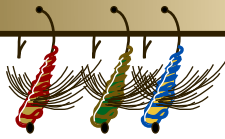
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Species	Angler	Weight	Angler	Weight
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	Elly Robinson	7-4	Dr. Mickey Kodroff	10-12
BASS, ROCK & ROANOKE	Robbie Robinson	0-9	Eric McDuffie	1-7
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	Scott Johnston	3-0	Bob Shepherd	5-8
BASS, STRIPED HY			Bill Ross	6-10
BASS, STRIPED LL			Gary Anderson	23-6
BASS, WHITE	Glenn Carter	0-14	John Wycoff	2-12
BOWFIN	Eddy Johnston	4-4	W.H. McCarthy	12-11
CARP	Elly Robinson	12-8	Fred Cousins	25-8
CATFISH, BLUE	Dennis Cline	39-0	Dennis Cline	55-0
CATFISH, CHANNEL			Fred Murray	12-4
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	Robbie Robinson	28-0	Lynn Spurlin	27-8
CATFISH, HISTORIC			D.N. Jones	22-12
CRAPPIE, ALL	Robbie Robinson	1-6	Gary Donahue	2-14
GAR, ALL	Fred Cousins	16-0	Dick Goode	17-8
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL			Bob Shepherd	28-7
PERCH, WHITE	Robbie Robinson	1-0	Eric McDuffie	1-7
PERCH, YELLOW	Steve Luterek	1-4	Robbie Robinson	1-13
PICKEREL, CHAIN	Fred Cousins	3-5	Reggie White	7-10
PIKE, NORTHERN			L. Kesteloo	17-8
SALMON, ATLANTIC			H.A. Claborne	19-0
SALMON, CHINOOK	Steve Luterek	25-0	Scott Johnston	34-0
SALMON, COHO	Rich McDaniel	10-12	P.W. Hughes	16-8
SHAD, AMERICAN	Dennis Cline	4-8	P. Dasher	7-4
SHAD, HICKORY	Glenn Carter	2-1	Dr. Mickey Kodroff	3-4
SUNFISH, ALL	Tom Barnett	1-2	Roy Jones	2-4
TROUT, BROOK	Elly Robinson	1-10	Joe Brooks	8-0
TROUT, BROWN	Danny Noland	3-5	Bill Barnett	28-0
TROUT, CUTTHROAT			H.O. Mather	3-12
TROUT, LAKE			Mark Sosin	30-0
TROUT, RAINBOW	Danny Noland	8-5	Danny Noland	8-5
TROUT, STEELHEAD			Stamford Niou	15-0
WALLEYE			Steve Luterek	9-0
WARMOUTH	Lynn Spurlin	0-14	Lynn Spurlin	0-14
AMBERJACK, GREATER	Bill DuVal	39-0	Bill Rewalt	91-2
BARRACUDA, GREAT	Bruce Henderson	34-0	Reggie White	48-0
BASS, BLACK SEA	Dr. Jim Wright	4-8	Jim Sheffield	7-4
BASS, STRIPED	Dennis Cline	41-0	C.V. Kinnard	48-0
BLUEFISH	Tony Horsley	14-8	Paul Richie	22-0
BONEFISH			F.W. Lawrence	13-14
COBIA	Dr. Jim Wright	60-0	Bill DuVal	77-0
CROAKER	Dr. Jim Wright	3-8	Dr. Jim Wright	4-0
DOLPHIN	Bruce Henderson	14-8	A.M. McCarthy	60-0
DRUM, BLACK	Robbie Robinson	31-0	Robbie Robinson	82-8
DRUM, RED	Dennis Cline	54-0	Dennis Cline	62-0

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FLOUNDER, SUMMER	Dennis Cline	6-10	Pat Dudley	10-5
GROUPE, GAG	Elly Robinson	9-12	Elly Robinson	9-12
GROUPE, HISTORIC			Bill DuVal	63-8
GROUPE, OTHER	Bruce Henderson	21-8	Bruce Henderson	21-8
JACK, CRAVELLE	Bill Carter	14-0	Ronnie Sides	34-0
LADYFISH	Quentin Corbett	2-8	Tom Barnett	3-12
MACKEREL, CREO	Bill DuVal	5-8	Bill DuVal	5-8
MACKEREL, KING	Dr. Jim Wright	10-8	Bill DuVal	62-0
MACKEREL, SPANISH	Bill DuVal	4-0	Bill DuVal	4-0
MACKEREL, SPANISH (HIST.)*			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	Floyd Gottwald	20-8	Bill DuVal	42-0
POMPANO, AFRICAN	Bill DuVal	23-0	Elly Robinson	33-0
POMPANO, COMMON	Bill Carter	2-1	Parks Rountrey	1-8
ROOSTERFISH			W.C. Askew	50-8
RUNNER, RAINBOW			Pat Quisenberry	20-5
SAILFISH, ATLANTIC			C.O. Mather	86-3
SAILFISH, PACIFIC			J.F. McNeace	140-0
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	Dr. Jim Wright	5-0	Virgil Hughes	11-14
SHARK, MAKO			C.O. Mather	486-0
SHARK, OTHER	Elly Robinson	96-0	L. Kesteloo	500-0
SHEEPSHEAD	Dennis Cline	4-0	Dr. Jim Wright	14-0
SNAPPER, CUBERA			Bill DuVal	48-8
SNAPPER, MUTTON			Herb Ratner	18-12
SNAPPER, OTHER	Bill Carter	4-2	Bill DuVal	32-0
SNAPPER, RED			none yet	
SNOOK	Bill Carter	7-1	Dick Stephenson	29-0
SPADEFISH	Parks Rountrey	8-4	Elly Robinson	11-15
SPOT	Scott Johnston	0-8	Scott Johnston	0-8
SWORDFISH			Stuart Lee	363-0
TARPON	Dennis Cline	81-0	E. Dunham	120-0
TAUTOG	Dr. Jim Wright	9-2	J.C. Wright	15-8
TRIGGERFISH			Bill DuVal	10-0
TUNA, BIGEYE ATL			F.C. Willson	215-0
TUNA, BLACKFIN			Ronnie Hogge	38-0
TUNA, BLUEFIN			R.L. Gilliam	1080-0
TUNA, SKIPJACK			Bill DuVal	18-0
TUNA, YELLOWFIN			Bill Rewalt	231-0
TUNNY, LITTLE			Buddy Noland	19-8
WAHOO	Dr. Jim Wright	49-0	Bill DuVal	98-0
WEAKFISH	Buddy Noland	9-0	Bill Gallasch	15-6

* Includes Cero and Narrow Barred Mackerels



"For What It's Worth" by Bob Shepherd

Ah, November -- my favorite fishing month of the year. . . or is it October, or December, or March or April or May? At any rate, November has always been a favorite muskie fishing month for me. There are a number of reasons that make November great for both fishin' and catchin'. With regard to fishin' the climate is great, not too hot and not too cold. The days are short so that idiots like me that stay on the water from dawn 'til dark aren't completely exhausted at the end of the day, and the river isn't very crowded because many muskie hunters have resorted to hunting land based creatures for a while. With regard to catching, as the water cools, the muskies begin to make a transition from their summer hunting grounds to their winter grounds and are hungry as well. The other factor that I find attractive about this time of year is that after several months of hot weather and water, I finally feel better about the mortality of these fish after they are released in the cooler water.

When I refer to "the river" of course I am referring to the New River near Blacksburg. Earlier this week I had the pleasure of reading a Doctorate Dissertation regarding Muskies in Virginia. The New River is the most prolific stretch of muskie water in the state. To narrow it down even further, the stretch of river near Whitethorn has the greatest population density within the river. That's the stretch where I concentrate my efforts.

The ramp at Whitethorn is off of McCoy road. I have seen muskies within casting distance of the ramp and heard of several caught simply walking up and down the bank at the small recreational park around the ramp. Of course, fishing from a shallow draft jon boat is ideal. Almost everyone who fishes that stretch of river regularly now uses a jet drive to help avoid the rocks that are scattered about just under the water's surface (for those who don't know the river -- beware!).

This time of year the muskies can be almost anywhere. Grass is still available for ambush sites, but some fish have moved into the deeper water for the winter. Knowing the depth of the water you're fishing and selecting the correct bait is critical. A lure that runs shallow is essential to fish over the shallow grass beds, but few fish will come up in deep water to crash a surface bait this time of year. A deeper running bait is needed in the deep water, but if it runs too deep it will be constantly fouled with weeds. The river depth changes dramatically, suddenly, and often unobviously. Learning the river, knowing where and how much the water depth changes is a big key in successful muskie angling.

Large plugs are the lure dejour. Light line is not combatible with throwing the size lures that will attract the big fish. The smallest and lightest lure that I have been able to fish with any success on light line (4 pound test) is the Rapala J13. It can be cast fairly well on this line, but I have lost several nice fish with the light line -- not because the fish has broken off, but because I was unable to pull the lure through the fishes clinched, sharp teeth to set the hooks.

Interestingly, in the dissertation I referred to earlier, it mentioned that muskies are stocked in the river when they are about 5 inches long and grow very rapidly to a legal creel size (36 inches I believe?) within two to three years. It has been my experience that the average muskie caught in the New weighs in the 11 to

14 pound range. For those interested in that 150 point fish, I'd recommend 12# test. With 12# you can cast all but the largest of lures. These larger lures will increase the odds of a strike. With 12# there is also enough power to pull the plug through the teeth and imbed the hooks (usually).

If the fish is stuck well and with any luck at all, most can be landed even with light tackle. Muskies don't make long runs. They don't run for cover. They usually don't jump (except in the summer). Like most fish, muskies will pull back as hard as you pull on them. With heavy line and lots of pressure, muskies will generally wear themselves out and can be easily netted when they eventually come boat side. When fishing light line, the fish will often come boat side with very little fight. BUT DON'T BE FOOLED it seems that they are just checking things out. When you try and net one at this point then the fight begins. When the net hits the water they often will make sudden dashes or jumps that will result in a lost fish if you're not prepared. I never try and net a fish like this when it first comes to the boat. I usually try and provoke a fight by making sudden changes in the direction of force of pressure on the fish. That usually is enough to let him know that I'm trouble and motivates him to fight.

Its not all about catching either. Just seeing a muskie is a thrill. Whether just drifting over the top of one of these magnificent creatures lying on the bottom of the river or seeing one following a lure all the way to the boat (with their nose almost touching it sometimes) is the stuff memories are made of. One day in November several years ago resulted in one of my most memorable trips, even though I didn't have a single strike. On that day I had twelve "follows" including one that I thought was well over thirty pounds.

And then there's night fishin'. Well, if fishing for one of the rarest, largest, and toothiest freshwater fish in Virginia on light line isn't enough of a challenge, try it at night. I don't recommend this for beginners, but after learning the ins and outs of muskie fishin'-- and more importantly the river, muskie fishing at night can result in hook ups. I have fished stretches in the water all day with no success, only to return at night and hook fish in the same area. Darkness however, does make fishing a little more frustrating and significantly cuts down on the odds of getting a fish in the boat after it's hooked. If you haven't fished at night, backlashes that didn't appear all day suddenly appear after dark. Sometimes when casting toward the bank at night the trees will actually reach out and grab a lure, rocks will jump up out of the water and hit the bottom of the boat when you least expect it, or a muskie might come out of the water to attack your lure as you're lifting it out at the end of a retrieve (as one actually did to me one night -- necessitating a change into a clean pair of pants). Then, there is getting back to the ramp at night. Even with a powerful flood light, it ain't easy navigating the shallow water at night. If you don't know the river, I'd recommend concentrating nighttime fishing efforts near the ramp.

Well, I could go on an on about muskie fishin' and stories of the big ones that got away, but I'd better get back to work. Anybody that would like to know more, just catch up with me some time. I'd be happy to bend your ear.

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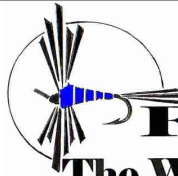
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