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### **March Membership Meeting: "Catching Shad on the James with Russ Cress"**

Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 7:00 PM

#### **Skilligalee Restaurant**

Glenside Ave, just North of Broad Street  
Come ~ 5:30 PM and enjoy good company  
over dinner from the menu

## **BACKLASH**

*(Commentary from the Board of Directors)*

### **"CATCHING SHAD ON THE JAMES WITH RUSS CRESS"**

Local angling guide Russ Cress will present sure fire methods for catching shad in the James during their eagerly awaited run up to and thru Richmond. Russ is an experienced fisherman and guide on central and eastern Virginia waters and is a licensed US Coast Guard Captain. The shad are headed this way. Russ' talk will be most timely for the shad season that is just around the bend. For additional information about Russ, Google The Rebel Fly LLC.

### **CHARLIE FASANO AND BILLY NICAR NEWEST CLUB MEMBERS**

The Board of Directors voted Charlie Fasano and Billy Nicar into membership in the Virginia Anglers Club at the March 10<sup>th</sup> BOD meeting. Charlie was the guest of Mike Ostrander at the February Membership Meeting, liked what he saw and, after orientation, applied for membership.

Billy is on the staff of Green Top Sporting Goods and is known to many members of the club already. Billy and his lovely wife attended our Annual Banquet representing Green Top and won the raffle for the Bill Gallash fly box. Both are experienced anglers, so expect to feel the heat from them soon. Please make your selves known to them when you see them at the March Meeting.

### **DUES PAYMENT NOW AVAILABLE ON-LINE**

Webmaster Johnny Wetlaufer has added a feature to the VAC Website that allows current members to make payment of dues electronically via PayPal or credit card. Details appear elsewhere in this edition of the Angler.

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### Scale Certification Available During the March 24th Meeting

It's time to check over your scales and get them in order for their annual certification. Weigh master Larry Allen and his crew of talented assistants will be at the March Membership Meeting ready to certify your scales for the 2009 Angling Year. Bring your scales in a Ziploc® style bag with your name on or in the bag. Give the bag and scales to Larry and your scales will be certified by the end of the meeting. Be sure the outside of the barrel is free of oil, WD-40, etc. Brake cleaner or carburetor cleaner is recommended for oil removal

### Special Raffle March Membership Meeting

#### One Dozen Capt. Tommy Matioli Flies!!!

Friend of the VAC Capt. Tommy Matioli has hand tied a dozen assorted flies and graciously donated them to the club for a special raffle. The raffle will be held at the March Membership Meeting with the drawing to be held at the break. Pictured below is the fly assortment donated by Tommy. See Don West for raffle tickets... same standard price... \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.



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#### SPECIE CUPS AVAILABLE FOR INDIVIDUAL PURCHASE

At the request of the Board of Directors, Angling Rules Committee Records Custodian Danny Noland has established a procedure by which pewter Jefferson specie award cups can be individually purchased from Bunkie Trinite Trophies, the official supplier of engraved items for the Virginia Anglers Club. If you won a species award (points or weight) during the 2008 Angling Year, a simple visit or a phone call sets the engraving of a species cup in motion. Please see the details for ordering individual cups in another part of issue of this Angler.

#### 2009 MEMBERSHIP DUES WERE DUE DECEMBER 1, 2008

Membership dues for the 2009 Angling Year are due and payable on December 1, 2008. Dues may be paid by check or in the members' area of the VAC web site by PayPal or by credit card. Please make checks out to The Virginia Anglers Club and hand them to Treasurer, Clif Williams, or sent to the Club PO Box.

**VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB  
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**ATTN: CLIF WILLIAMS, TREASURER**

#### MOTIONS OF INTEREST PASSED AT THE FEBRUARY BOD MEETING

As the result of a visit to our web site, the owners of a bed and breakfast have asked if they could advertise on our web site. The BOD voted 5-1 in favor of accepting this advertising on a trial basis to see if there is enough traffic generated so other revenue producing advertising can be attracted to the web site. This initial advertisement will run or a year and bring the club \$60 in revenue.

#### SPECIAL COUNTRY STORE ORDER ITEMS AVAILABLE IF ENOUGH INTEREST IS SHOWN

Country Store Keeper Eddy Johnston is not planning, for the time being, to order in any new "standard" stock for the Country Store. However, he will do special orders if there is enough volume of the items to make an attractive price possible. Often special order items involve a one time set up fee. This fee has to be spread over a number of items to keep the final price reasonable. Contact Eddy if you have requests or questions. There are many items in inventory that are worth a look and a nice addition to any tackle box.

For the Leadership Team

John Wetlaufer, Sr., Director





## CATCHY COMMENTS

by Buddy Nolan



Evidently, not much has been happening in Saltwater since the last membership meeting because of the recent snow and high winds. Marlin Mania, out of Hatteras, continues to catch *Blackfin Tuna*, *Amberjack*, and *Little Tunny* jigging with metal and 80# braid outfits.

**Ricky Dale** recently went with him and caught a limit of the *Blackfin* with the *Amberjack* and *Little Tunny* mix over the Southeast Rocks about 30 miles out.

In Freshwater, the *Yellow Perch* were slow starting this year with just a few entries. **Ryan Noland** had several good days on the Northwest River with a variety of species. He leads the *Yellow Perch* with a 0-15 perch on 2# spin for 246 points. **Ryan** also landed a 3-5 *Largemouth Bass*, a 2-11 pound *Chain Pickerel*, and a 4-3 *Bowfin* all on jigs and 2# line. The *Pickerel* leads the Freshwater Spin Division with 268 points. **Danny Noland** also fished the Northwest River and entered a 0-7 *Rock Bass* for 115 points which is now the current 2# plug Club Record.

**Will Mosley** has several nice entries from the Dragon Run part of the Piankatank River recently. His best catch being a 22-0 *Carp* on 2# plug worth 687 points for a new Club record and Plug Division lead. Great catch! **Will's** other entry was a 4-0 *Gar* on 2# plug for 145 points. Several days later, **Will** fished the James River and caught the first *Flathead Catfish* entry for this year. The fish weighted 36-0 pounds and on 6# plug is worth 525 points.

**Parks Rountrey** and **Mike Ostrander** were *Crappie* fishing on the James River recently. The largest entry was a 1-11 on 2# spin worth 267 points on a plastic grub. **Mike** entered a 1-8 *Crappie* on 2# spin for 238 points.

From the Chickahominy River, **Mike Cline** entered a 0-15 *Yellow Perch* on 2# plug worth 246 points caught on a Silver Buddy. Since **Ryan** had the earliest entry for *Yellow Perch*, he will still maintain the Specie lead.

**Will Mosley** and **Danny Noland** have been each fishing the Nottoway River for the early *Shad*, but no luck to date with the high water from the snow runoff. The Nottoway should be good by the weekend!

By the way, if anyone is interested in gathering "scallops" from Pamlico Sound off Hatteras, check with **Jeff Doughty**. He has become quite the expert lately. The *Puppy Drum* like them also.

Take care

Fred Cousins with a 5lb 7oz Puppy Drum



George Atkinson's  
4lb 6oz Speck

Fred Cousins with a 3lb 3oz Chain Pickerel



## PAY DUES OR MAKE A DONATION ON LINE

If you have not yet paid your 2009 dues, you can do so quickly and easily now by paying online with your credit card. Go to the VAC website and open the Members' Area.

At the bottom of the Members' Area home page you will see a rectangular buttons that offer the opportunity to pay dues or make a donation. Click on the appropriate button and fill in the information on the next page that pops up. Follow the instructions for either payment choice and your payment selection will come automatically to the VAC for payment credit. Your credit card statement should have an entry confirming the charge.

## BEHIND IN DUES??? NO CREDIT FOR CATCH SUBMISSIONS

Any Entry Cards submitted for personal, club record or tournament credit **on or after March, 1, 2009** will be **disqualified** for credit if the Member submitting the card is not current with his/her dues. When the dues are paid after March 1, 2009, then credit will be given for catches made on or after the date the delinquent dues are received by the VAC Treasurer, as long as these catches are properly submitted on entry cards.

## JEFFERSON CUPS FOR SPECIES AWARDS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

The Board of Directors has approved a way for winners of annual species awards (both points and weight) to individually purchase engraved pewter Jefferson Award cups from Bunkie Trinite Trophies. Bunkie-Trinite Trophies is the source of all engraved awards given by the Club and are located at 12 E. Grace Street in downtown Richmond. Their phone number is (804)-648-2416. When you visit the store or call to place your order, ask for Chris Trinity. VAC Records Custodian Danny Noland has provided Chris with a list of the 2008 Angling Year specie award winners. Tell Chris what award(s) for which a Jefferson Cup is desired. Chris will work out pricing, payment and delivery with the individual member requesting a cup(s). Chris will know the text, font and layout necessary to produce the Jefferson Cup. The Seal of the Virginia Anglers Club will also be engraved on the cup. All cups individually ordered will match species cups awarded in the past.

## TOURNAMENT NEWS

### Yellow Perch Tournament Results

Participants: (est. 6)

Winners:

#### Points Division

1<sup>st</sup> Mike Cline: 15 oz on 2 plug. = 246 pts.

(wins \$40 Green Top Giftcard)

2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Ostrander:

3<sup>rd</sup> Parks Rountrey

#### Weight Division

1<sup>st</sup> Mike Cline: 13 oz (wins \$40 Green Top Giftcard)

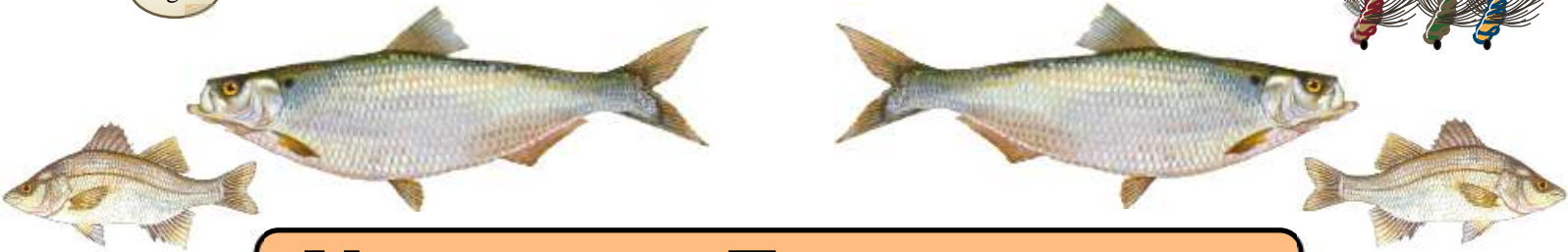
2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Ostrander

3<sup>rd</sup> Parks Rountrey

## FRESHWATER FISHING VIRGINIA A GREAT SUCCESS

Saturday, March 7, 2009 was the date of the special Freshwater Fishing Virginia program sponsored by Green Top Sporting Goods, Fly Fishers of Virginia and our own Virginia Anglers Club. Speaking were Bill Pearsall (FFV) and VAC members Robert Thomas, Gary Martell, Capt. Mike Ostrander, Bob Shepherd and Eddy Johnston. A Bass Fishing for Kids program rounded out the series of seven subjects and was put on by three youth graduates of VCU's "Go Fish" Summer Program taught each summer by VAC's Capt. Mike Ostrander. Class attendance ranged upwards of 25 students for each class. Rob Choi and Bob Shepherd produced an informative and attractive full color handout about the club as well as a very large display scroll featuring images of many members and their notable catches. These latter two items will be available for use anytime the Club wants to set up an information center about the VAC. A good showing of prospective members is expected as a result of this effort. Special thanks to all of the above and other members who manned the booth and otherwise contributed to a very successful day.





## Upcoming Tournament

### JAMES RIVER HICKORY SHAD & WHITE PERCH

APRIL 4-5

(blow date APRIL 18 - 19)

The shad run usually extends from mid-March to the beginning of May. The tourney date is near peak shad time and just slightly before traditional peak perch time. If we are early in the runs fishing may be better down river as opposed to the I-95 area. The only potential problem is potential high muddy floodwaters that can sometimes make the James un-fishable for a few days in the spring. Small spoons, shad darts and very small plastic grubs can be effective on ultra-light spinning and plug gear. Fly fishing is sometimes more productive than the spinning outfits. Various flies work well, mostly with sinking lines, and just enough rod to throw the sinking line. Perch are often caught while targeting shad with the same lures. In deeper water silver buddies are very effective on white perch. Contact Chairman to confirm event dates if weather or River conditions are questionable.

This is essentially 2 tournaments on the same weekend. A fish can be entered by weight or points (angler must declare which category) but not both ways for 1 fish.

One angler can win both weight and points divisions by entering 2 different fish.

One angler can only turn in two fish of each species (4 total).

Call in entries within 24 hours from the end of tournament to Angling Activities Chairman Parks Rountrey 804-349-6001. You can not change the entry category once you have registered it with the Chairman.

You do not need to fill out cards.

Tournament First Place Awards for both species by weight and points are Anglers Choice:

Traditional pewter cup,  
\$40 Green Top gift certificate,  
or a VAC Banquet ticket.



## VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 3/1/09

<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>2009 SPECIES LEADERS - SALTWATER</b>								
BASS, STRIPED	F Cousins	39-0	4	Gen	650	12/30/08	Chesapeake Bay, Va	Live Eel
BLUEFISH	SC Lee	10-0	12	Plug	111	12/29/08	Rudee Inlet, Va.	Bucktail
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	R Noland	7-10	2	Plug	508	12/23/08	Elizabeth River, Va.	Mirrolure

### 2009 SPECIES LEADERS - FRESHWATER

BASS, LARGEMOUTH	R. Noland	3-5	2	Spin	220	2/17/09	Northwest River, Va.	Grub
BASS, ROCK & ROANOKE	D. Noland	0-7	2	Plug	115	2/15/09	Northwest River, Va.	Silver Buddy
BOWFIN	R. Noland	4-3	2	Plug	209	2/17/09	Northwest River, Va.	Grub
CARP	W. Mosley	22-0	2	Plug	687	2/7/09	Piankatank River, Va.	Jig
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	W. Mosley	36-0	6	Plug	525	2/9/09	James River, Va.	Jig
CRAPPIE, ALL	JP Rountrey	1-11	2	Spin	267	2/13/09	James River, Va.	Plastic Grub
GAR, ALL	W. Mosley	4-0	2	Plug	145	2/7/09	Piankatank River, Va.	Jig
PERCH, YELLOW	R. Noland	0-15	2	Spin	246	2/17/09	Northwest River, Va.	Jig
PICKERAL, CHAIN	R. Noland	2-11	2	Spin	268	2/17/09	Northwest River, Va.	Jig
CATFISH, BLUE	B Shepherd	51-0	4	Gen	543	1/10/09	James River, Va.	Cut Shad

### 2009 DIVISION LEADERS - SALTWATER

SEATROUT, SPOTTED	R Noland	7-10	2	Plug	508	12/23/08	Elizabeth River, Va.	Mirrolure
BASS, STRIPED	F Cousins	39-0	4	Gen	650	12/30/08	Chesapeake Bay, Va	Live Eel

### 2009 DIVISION LEADERS - FRESHWATER

PICKERAL, CHAIN	R. Noland	2-11	2	Spin	268	2/17/09	Northwest River, Va.	Jig
CARP	W. Mosley	22-0	2	Plug	687	2/7/09	Piankatank River, Va.	Jig
CATFISH, BLUE	B Shepherd	51-0	4	Gen	543	1/10/09	James River, Va.	Cut Shad

### 2009 SPECIES LEADERS LARGEST - SALTWATER

BASS, STRIPED	JH Sheffield	43-8
BLUEFISH	SC Lee	10-0
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	R Noland	7-10

### 2009 SPECIES LEADERS LARGEST - FRESHWATER

BASS, LARGEMOUTH	R. Noland	3-5
BASS, ROCK & ROANOKE	D. Noland	0-7
BOWFIN	R. Noland	4-3
CARP	W. Mosley	22-0
CATFISH, BLUE	B Shepherd	51-0
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	W. Mosley	36-0
CRAPPIE, ALL	JP Rountrey	1-11
GAR, ALL	W. Mosley	4-0
PERCH, YELLOW	R. Noland	0-15
PICKERAL, CHAIN	R. Noland	2-11

### NEW CLUB RECORDS - SALTWATER

SEATROUT, SPOTTED	R Noland	7-10	2	Plug	508	12/23/08	Elizabeth River, Va.	Mirrolure
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	R Noland	5-10	6	Plug	225	12/23/08	Elizabeth River, Va.	Mirrolure
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	R Noland	4-6	8	Plug	145	12/23/08	Elizabeth River, Va.	Mirrolure
BASS, STRIPED	JH Sheffield	43-8	8	Gen	483	12/17/08	Fisherman's Island, Va.	Live Eel

### NEW CLUB RECORDS - FRESHWATER

CATFISH, BLUE	ES Johnston	33-0	2	Plug	507	12/3/08	Chippokes Creek, Va.	Jig
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	W. Mosley	36-0	6	Plug	525	2/9/09	James River, Va.	Jig
BASS, ROCK & ROANOKE	D. Noland	0-7	2	Plug	115	2/15/09	North River, Va.	Silver Buddy
CARP	W. Mosley	22-0	2	Plug	687	2/7/09	Piankatank River, Va.	Jig

# Robert Thomas

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