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### NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING – June 26, 2018 7:00 pm

Doors open at 6:30 PM  
Meeting Starts ~ 7:00 PM

#### BASS PRO SHOP “UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM”

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### NEXT-UP VAC ANGLING ACTIVITY ALERT

- June 26 - Membership Meeting – Fly Fishing For Snakeheads – Grant Alvis
- June 30 - Expedition – Small River Wade Fishing – Mike Ostrander Leader (Sold Out)
- July 17-18/18 - Guided Trip On New River With Wes Hodges (Contact Robert Thomas)
- July 29 - Kid’s Day – Bobby Broughton



### **BACKLASH**

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

**\* NO JULY MEMBERSHIP MEETING –  
NEXT MEETING AUGUST 28, 2018 \***

### SCALE CERTIFICATION AVAILABLE NOW BY “APPOINTMENT ONLY”

If you have any new or un-certified scales on which you will be weighing catches for submission for catch credit, please contact the below for scale certification.

Larry Allen at: (804)-781-0907 (H), (804)-241-3706 (C) or allenhouse75@comcast.net

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Please remember to be sure your scales are in working order, the barrels are oil free and are placed in a Zip-Loc type sealable plastic bag with your name on the outside.

July is the month in which the VAC does not hold a Board of Directors Meeting or a Membership Meeting. The next Membership Meeting will be held August 28th. The Angler will not publish in July. If a Member has an item that needs the attention of the Leadership Team, please bring it to the attention of President Bobby Broughton.



## MAY PROGRAM REPORT – FISHING OPPORTUNITIES IN SUFFOLK, VA

Biologist Chad Boyce from the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries presented a great deal of information about fishing in the lakes in the Suffolk, VA area. Here is one of the slides that Chad shared with us. The slide is a great directory of what fresh water species are best fished for in what lake.

If you would like a copy of this slide, please do a “Reply” while this issue of The Angler is open and you will receive a copy of the slide by return E-Mail.



## JUNE PROGRAM – FLY FISHING FOR SNAKEHEADS – GRANT ALVIS

VAC Member Grant Alvis is going to be talking about Snakeheads, their environments, where in the environments they tend to be, tackle to use as well as some places to target them. He will touch on both fly and spinning gear.

## JUNE EXPEDITIONS

SMALL RIVER WADE FISHING –  
LEADER MIKE OSTRANDER

SATURDAY, JUNE 30TH

[All 8 slots in this Expedition have been claimed]

## JULY EXPEDEITIONS

SPECIAL 2 DAY FLOAT TRIP EXPEDITION  
GUIDED BY WES HODEGES ON THE NEW  
RIVER

JULY 17TH & 18TH

[All five places have been claimed]

## CHICKAHOMINY LAKE EXPEDITION REPORT

SATURDAY, JUNE 2ND

(By Art Conway)

The Virginia Anglers Club’s expedition to Chickahominy Lake set out from Ed Allen’s Boats and Bait mid-morning on Saturday (6/3/2018). Water temperatures were in the mid 80’s in the main lake in the morning, ranging into the low 90’s in the shallows by mid-afternoon. The lake level was a few inches above the top of the dam, and the water was dark brown and slightly turbid in the lower lake. The weather was sunny with scattered clouds and relatively light winds, a beautiful day but a bit on the warm side. Bluegills were dispersing from spawning clusters on the banks into 3 to 4 feet of water, and were infrequently interspersed with a scattering of other species, some of which hit a variety of wet flies on fly rods and small jigs on light spinning gear. Karen Anderson, Jerry Davis, and Art Conway released 42 bluegills, 1 shellcracker, 1 crappie, and 1 bass. At mid-day we repaired to Lakeside Restaurant for lunch, after which we continued fishing until run off the lake by thunderstorms about mid-afternoon. We had a really fun day and plan to reassemble the crew to do it again as soon as schedules permit.





## KID' FISHING DAY – LEADER BOBBY BROUGHTON

### 2nd Annual Kids' Fishing Day

**Point of contact: Bobby Broughton (brbroughton@gmail.com)**

**Date: Sunday, July 29, 2018**

**Time: Meet at 12:30 p.m.**

**Location: 4300 Old River Trail in Powhatan**

Last year was so much we decided to do it again. This expedition is geared specifically for the young anglers, and I'm not talking about the young at heart. This is an opportunity for our members (and their spouses) with young kids or grandkids to get together and enjoy fishing in a 15-acre private farm pond in Powhatan. Since this is for the little guys and gals, the plan is fairly simple. We will meet at the property around 12:30 p.m., and the kids can fish as long as they want. We will have the pond to ourselves, with a covered pavilion and a place to grill hotdogs for lunch. Please let Bobby Broughton know if you plan to attend by July 25 so that we can plan accordingly and also provide an official head count to the property owner.

## JUNE 2018 CONSERVATION AND LEGISLATION REPORT

Suzanne Lucas – C&L VP

DGIF 2018 Aquatic Wild Life Regulation Review and Amendment  
Call for Public Comments

The DGIF is seeking public comments on some fishing regulation amendments being proposed by the DGIF. The comment period opened April 30th and will close July 28th. If you wish to review the regulation, the proposed amendments and comment on the changes, please open:

[https://www.dgif.virginia.gov/regulations/2018-aquatic-wildlife-regulation-proposals/?utm\\_source=dgif\\_homepage&utm\\_medium=slider](https://www.dgif.virginia.gov/regulations/2018-aquatic-wildlife-regulation-proposals/?utm_source=dgif_homepage&utm_medium=slider)

You can register your comments while at this website.

## FUTURE MEMBERSHIP MEETING PRESENTATIONS

<b>Month</b>	<b>Presentation</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
June 26	Fly-fishing for Snakeheads	Member Grant Alvis
July	No meeting	
August 28	Fly-fishing for False Albacore in North Carolina	Member Andrew Campbell
September 25	<b>OPEN</b>	
October 23	Kayak Fishing the Back Bay	Cory Routh
November 27	Purchasing and building a custom boat/Oregon Inlet Fishing	Brendan Strum
December	No meeting	

## MISCASTS – MAY ANGLER

Member Andy Bagwell attained DGIF Master Level III in 2017. A typo in the May issue of The Angler incorrectly noted Andy at Master Level II.

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



## “Catchy Comments”



- by *Stuart Lee*

We all suffered through the bitterly cold weather that we had around the start of the New Year. For speckle trout fishermen, that weather will have consequences long after that miserably cold weather has been forgotten. Super cold weather and rapid drops in water temperatures result in what is called cold stunning which leads to large die-offs in speckle trout. Unlike many other fish, these trout winter in relatively shallow water. In North Carolina, they congregate on the western side of the sounds. The water in these areas is typically 20 feet or less. It seems to me that the fish in North Carolina are even more susceptible to these kills than in Virginia, and this could be that wintering trout in Virginia waters have access to some close-by deeper water.

While these episodes do not kill all of the trout, they do have a significant impact on the population. On January 3, 2018, the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries closed all recreational and commercial fishing for Spotted Sea Trout until June 15, 2018. The proclamation stated that their intent was to allow the surviving fish to spawn before being targeted by fishermen. In 2014, a similar proclamation was made, after a significant cold stun event, and the fishery was allowed to open on June 15.

My log reveals that in 2016, I caught 718 trout, and in 2017, 696 trout, but after the cold stun in 2014, I caught 205 fish. This is a very small sample, but it explains why a speckle trout fisherman fears the dramatic fall in winter temperatures about as much as an IRS audit.

I have always heard that the larger fish were the first to die in these cold stun events, and the smaller fish were impacted less, which is the opposite of what one would suspect. As a rule of thumb, a speckle trout grows about one pound per year; that rate slows some in the upper ranges of age. In North Carolina, we had been seeing an increase in the size of fish for the last two years, but there were very few larger fish, which would point to those fish being killed in the 2014 freeze. Looking forward to this year, I would expect to see fewer and smaller fish than we have seen in the last two years.

For those of you who may be interested in trying the Platypus Pre-test Braid line this year, I have good news. The folks at Platypus Fishing Lines – USA have offered our club a 25% discount on their Pre-test Braid, which is now allowable in the Club’s line classes with monofilament. The lightest line available in this Pre-test Braid is 8Lb (4kg).

To get the discount, you need to purchase through their website:  
[www.PlatypusFishing.com](http://www.PlatypusFishing.com) and enter this code at checkout: VAC2018.

While even with the discount, this line remains expensive, I am guessing that some of you are thinking about applications that may justify the expense, I know I am.

I hope to see you at the banquet.

Stuart



## “IGFA Royal Slam”

*By Fred Cousins*

In early May, Reggie White and I went to Knoxville, TN to fish for hybrid bass. Reggie was looking to achieve an IGFA Royal Slam, which involves catching eight different subspecies of a particular type of fish, in this case bass. Reggie was successful! We caught at least 35 to 40 hybrid bass ranging in size from 4 to 8 pounds. In addition, we caught some land lock stripers and white bass. The hybrid bass that Reggie caught gave him his 8th bass, all of which he caught on fly rod.

Reggie and I recently went back to Knoxville to catch large land lock stripers (20+ pounds) but recent rains had disbursed the fish. We caught some small fish but could not locate any large fish so we switched our focus to muskies. In the two days that we fished, we saw at least 2 dozen fish but most were not interested in what we had to offer. I say most because “horse-shoe” Reggie managed to land a 42”, 17.5 # fish on 4# plug tackle! He also had another fish pull lose at the boat and a third fish throw his lure while leaping out of the water shortly after being hooked.

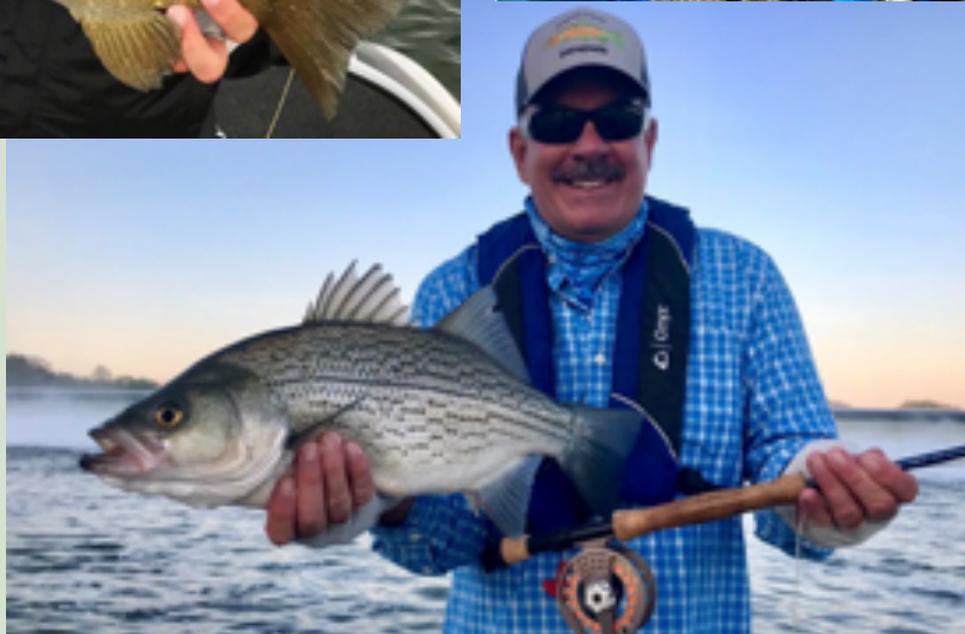
Attached are some pictures of Reggie’s fish.

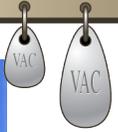
By the way, fishing activity by club members has continued to pick up from recent years. In the first almost 7 months of the 2018 fishing year, club members have submitted 87 entries that include 27 different species.

Keep up the good work.

Fred Cousins







Jacob Nixon with a nice gar on fly



Rob Choi with a chopper bluefish

Rob Choi trying get a big red drum on the kayak



## ANNUAL AWARDS 2018



## President's Award Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL	RL WHITE	17lb-8oz	4	PLUG	486	2018-06-13	CLINCH RIVER, TN	Savage Gear Soft Shad

## President's Award Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
DRUM, RED	R CHOI	53lb-0oz	20	FLY	441	2018-05-14	EASTERN SHORE, VA	Half and Half Fly

## Division Awards Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
CARP	J NIXON	15lb-8oz	6	FLY	403	2018-04-18	RICHMOND CITY, VA	Self tied topwater fly
CATFISH, BLUE	B SHEPHERD	31lb-0oz	4	GEN	330	2018-02-24	JAMES RIVER, VA	cut shad
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL	RL WHITE	17lb-8oz	4	PLUG	486	2018-06-13	CLINCH RIVER, TN	Savage Gear Soft Shad
PERCH, YELLOW	DN NOLAND	1lb-2oz	2	SPIN	296	2018-02-15	PISCATAWAY CREEK, VA, VA	Grub

## Division Awards Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BLUEFISH	R CHOI	13lb-8oz	50BR	GEN	67	2018-05-20	RUDEE INLET, VA	Live spot
DRUM, RED	BL NOLAND	32lb-0oz		SURF	228	2018-05-13	HATTRAS POINT , NC	Tuna belly
DRUM, RED	R CHOI	53lb-0oz	20	FLY	441	2018-05-14	EASTERN SHORE, VA	Half and Half Fly
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	LR ALLEN	5lb-11oz	8	SPIN	189	2017-12-22	CORROTOMAN RIVER, VA	mirrolure

## "Highest Point" Species Awards Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	C CLEVINGER	2lb-4oz	2	SPIN	150	2018-06-13	PRIVATE POND, VA	Slider Grub
BASS, STRIPED (HYB)	F COUSINS	4lb-7oz	4	SPIN	221	2018-05-01	CHEROKEE RES., TN	Topwater Plug
BASS, WHITE	F COUSINS	2lb-5oz	4	SPIN	248	2018-06-13	TENNESSEE RIVER, TN	silver buddy
BOWFIN	ROB ROBINSON	6lb-12oz	2	PLUG	337	2018-02-18	CHICK RIVER, VA	blade
CARP	J NIXON	15lb-8oz	6	FLY	403	2018-04-18	RICHMOND CITY, VA	Self tied topwater fly
CATFISH, BLUE	B SHEPHERD	31lb-0oz	4	GEN	330	2018-02-24	JAMES RIVER, VA	cut shad
CRAPPIE, ALL	R CHOI	1lb-12oz	2	GEN	224	2018-02-11	PISCATAWAY CREEK, VA	Minnow
GAR, ALL	F COUSINS	11lb-8oz	2	PLUG	418	2017-12-22	JAMES RIVER, VA	Grub
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL	RL WHITE	17lb-8oz	4	PLUG	486	2018-06-13	CLINCH RIVER, TN	Savage Gear Soft Shad
PERCH, YELLOW	DN NOLAND	1lb-2oz	2	SPIN	296	2018-02-15	PISCATAWAY CREEK, VA, VA	Grub
PICKEREL, CHAIN	DL NOBLES	2lb-14oz	2	GEN	230	2018-02-21	CHICKAHOMINY LAKE, VA	minnow
SHAD, HICKORY	G ALVIS	2lb-4oz	2	FLY	321	2018-04-12	JAMES RIVER, VA	Shad Fly
SUNFISH	J NIXON	0lb-14oz	4	SPIN	190	2018-05-29	PRIVATE LAKE GOOCHLAND, VA	1/32 Jig
SUNFISH, REDEAR	A BAGWELL	1lb-6oz	4	SPIN	171	2018-05-29	PRIVATE LAKE GOOCHLAND, VA	1/32 Jig
TROUT, BROWN	J NIXON	3lb-8oz	6	FLY	156	2017-12-17	SOUTH HOLSTON RIVER, VA	Brown Prince nymph (gold beaded)
TROUT, RAINBOW	C CLEVINGER	4lb-12oz	4	SPIN	215	2017-12-21	BULL PASTURE, VA	Joe's Fly
WARMOUTH	J NIXON	0lb-8oz	4	SPIN	108	2018-05-29	PRIVATE LAKE GOOCHLAND, VA	1/32 Jig

## "Highest Point" Species Awards Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, STRIPED	SC LEE	11lb-0oz	6	SPIN	169	2017-12-22	JAMES RIVER, VA	Bucktail Jig
BLUEFISH	BL NOLAND	11lb-8oz		SURF	164	2018-05-18	CAPE POINT , NC	Tuna Belly
DRUM, RED	R CHOI	53lb-0oz	20	FLY	441	2018-05-14	EASTERN SHORE, VA	Half and Half Fly
POMPANO, COMMON	RN NOLAND	2lb-3oz		SURF	218	2018-05-19	FRISCO, NC	Sand flea
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	LR ALLEN	5lb-11oz	8	SPIN	189	2017-12-22	CORROTOMAN RIVER, VA	mirrolure



### "Heaviest" Species Awards Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	DL NOBLES	5lb-8oz	8	GEN	146	2018-04-18	PRIVATE POND, VA	blue gill
BASS, STRIPED (HYB)	F COUSINS	4lb-7oz	4	SPIN	221	2018-05-01	CHEROKEE RES., TN	Topwater Plug
BASS, WHITE	F COUSINS	2lb-5oz	4	SPIN	248	2018-06-13	TENNESSEE RIVER, TN	silver buddy
BOWFIN	ROB ROBINSON	6lb-12oz	2	PLUG	337	2018-02-18	CHICK RIVER, VA	blade
CARP	J NIXON	15lb-8oz	6	FLY	403	2018-04-18	RICHMOND CITY, VA	Self tied topwater fly
CATFISH, BLUE	B SHEPHERD	31lb-0oz	4	GEN	330	2018-02-24	JAMES RIVER, VA	cut shad
CATFISH, CHANNEL	DL NOBLES	2lb-8oz	8	PLUG	49	2018-05-10	CHICKAHOMANY RIVER, VA	plastic worm
CRAPPIE, ALL	R CHOI	1lb-12oz	2	GEN	224	2018-02-11	PISCATAWAY CREEK, VA	Minnow
GAR, ALL	F COUSINS	11lb-8oz	2	PLUG	418	2017-12-22	JAMES RIVER, VA	Grub
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL	R CHOI	19lb-0oz	20BR	GEN	115	2017-12-07	JAMES RIVER, VA	Hellhound Lure
PERCH, WHITE	J NIXON	0lb-4oz	2	FLY	83	2018-04-14	JAMES RIVER, VA	Shad fly
PERCH, YELLOW	SC LEE	1lb-2oz	4	SPIN	244	2018-01-26	PISCATAWAY CREEK, VA	Hair Jig
PICKEREL, CHAIN	A CONWAY	3lb-2oz	4	SPIN	229	2018-02-14	CHICKAHOMINY LAKE, VA	Bobby Garland Baby Shad Swimr
SHAD, HICKORY	G ALVIS	2lb-4oz	2	FLY	321	2018-04-12	JAMES RIVER, VA	Shad Fly
SUNFISH	J NIXON	0lb-14oz	4	SPIN	190	2018-05-29	PRIVATE LAKE GOOCHLAND, VA	1/32 Jig
SUNFISH, REDEAR	A BAGWELL	1lb-6oz	4	SPIN	171	2018-05-29	PRIVATE LAKE GOOCHLAND, VA	1/32 Jig
TROUT, BROOK	DL NOBLES	0lb-12oz	2	SPIN	85	2018-06-07	SPRING CREEK BATH COUNTY, VA	Jig
TROUT, BROWN	J NIXON	3lb-8oz	6	FLY	156	2017-12-17	SOUTH HOLSTON RIVER, VA	Brown Prince nymph (gold beaded)
TROUT, RAINBOW	C CLEVINGER	4lb-12oz	4	SPIN	215	2017-12-21	BULL PASTURE, VA	Joe's Fly
WARMOUTH	J NIXON	0lb-8oz	4	SPIN	108	2018-05-29	PRIVATE LAKE GOOCHLAND, VA	1/32 Jig

### "Heaviest" Species Awards Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, STRIPED	SC LEE	11lb-0oz	6	SPIN	169	2017-12-22	JAMES RIVER, VA	Bucktail Jig
BLUEFISH	R CHOI	13lb-8oz	50BR	GEN	67	2018-05-20	RUDEE INLET, VA	Live spot
DRUM, RED	R CHOI	53lb-0oz	20	FLY	441	2018-05-14	EASTERN SHORE, VA	Half and Half Fly
POMPANO, COMMON	RN NOLAND	2lb-3oz		SURF	218	2018-05-19	FRISCO, NC	Sand flea
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	LR ALLEN	5lb-11oz	8	SPIN	189	2017-12-22	CORROTOMAN RIVER, VA	mirrolure
TAUTOG	W MOSLEY	7lb-10oz	50BR	GEN	0	2018-04-22	CBBT, VA	Crab

### New Club Records Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
CATFISH, BLUE	W THOMPSON	13lb-0oz	8	PLUG	136	2018-02-18	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	Blade bait
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL	R CHOI	19lb-0oz	20BR	GEN	115	2017-12-07	JAMES RIVER, VA	Hellhound Lure
PICKEREL, CHAIN	J NIXON	2lb-12oz	8	FLY	165	2018-03-10	SWIFT CREEK RESERVOIR, VA	Black clouser with green flash

### New Club Records Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
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### Non-Local Award Fresh or Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
POMPANO, COMMON	RJ BROWN	2lb-8oz	4	SPIN	250	2018-04-13	IMPERIAL RIVER BONITA SPRINGS	Jig

### New Member Award

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
CARP	J NIXON	15lb-8oz	6	FLY	403	2018-04-18	RICHMOND CITY, VA	Self tied topwater fly
PERCH, WHITE	J NIXON	0lb-4oz	2	FLY	83	2018-04-14	JAMES RIVER, VA	Shad fly
PICKEREL, CHAIN	J NIXON	2lb-12oz	8	FLY	165	2018-03-10	SWIFT CREEK RESERVOIR, VA	Black clouser with green flash
SHAD, HICKORY	J NIXON	1lb-4oz	2	FLY	178	2018-04-01	JAMES RIVER, VA	Purple Shad Dart
SUNFISH	J NIXON	0lb-14oz	4	SPIN	190	2018-05-29	PRIVATE LAKE GOOCHLAND, VA	1/32 Jig
TROUT, BROWN	J NIXON	3lb-8oz	6	FLY	156	2017-12-17	SOUTH HOLSTON RIVER, VA	Brown Prince nymph (gold beaded)
TROUT, RAINBOW	J NIXON	3lb-6oz	4	FLY	191	2018-01-28	SOUTH HOLSTON, VA	Size 18 rainbow warrior
WARMOUTH	J NIXON	0lb-8oz	4	SPIN	108	2018-05-29	PRIVATE LAKE GOOCHLAND, VA	1/32 Jig

**Total** **1474**

# Robert Thomas

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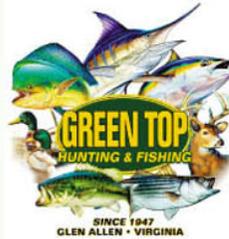
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