



The Angler

Newsletter

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The official newsletter of the Virginia Anglers Club

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Josh Dolin with his State Record Fallfish, 3lb, 9oz.

May 24, 2022 Meeting 7PM

In Person at Department of Wildlife Resources,
7870 Villa Park Drive, Henrico
Zoom Invitation is on Page 3

Speaker: Grace LeRose

Program Manager for Regulatory Compliance

Richmond's Department of Public Utilities

will speak on the sewage overflows into the James River



President's Message

It's an honor serving as the President of the Virginia Anglers Club. With so many outstanding members giving their time to the club, and to programs and projects outside of the club, it continues to give the Virginia Anglers Club a good name, and builds upon a brand that we can all be proud of. That's the kind of stuff that gives me drive to do better, and to do more.

When a passion crosses paths with skill, knowledge and a little luck, special things can happen. In the angling world, Josh Dolin offers up a perfect example of this. He recently caught the new state record Fallfish, or as some call them ... Bath County Bonefish. Josh's new record weighed in at 3-9 and he wrote up a special story for the newsletter. Check it out, and Congrats Josh ... well done! (page 12)

One of our new members, Capt. Chris Dollar is money. No pun intended here ... he's just money. Chris is deeply involved working as VAC Conservation & Legislation Chairman and right alongside the VMRC, ASMFC, Virginia Saltwater Sportsmen Association (VSSA), CCA and other conservation groups. Chris is in tune with real time issues, and what needs to happen. He also happens to be an excellent writer ... look for his article on speckled trout in this newsletter! (page 5)

Recently, Virginia's Governor appointed a few new members to the VMRC Board. The appointees are heavily skewed towards the commercial menhaden industry, with the recreational side left undermanned. Steve Atkinson, President of the VSSA, wrote an article about the recent appointees. It's a great letter and you can read it by [clicking here](#).

Chris Dollar considers the lack of recreational angling representation worrisome, but also sees it as an opportunity to rally the VA & Chesapeake anglers, guides/charter skippers and fishing businesses. He's spot on. He also wants to make Virginia Anglers Club members aware of other issues on the radar, those being:

- Stop Net loophole: Not yet closed—in fact not even discussed—as promised in Nov. 2021. This might be a tricky one. If we demand action, could result in potential for unintended consequences; meaning commercials might ask to codify it or similar method. Not unthinkable given heavily commercial representation on VMRC.
- Commercials apparently want & will ask for an increase speckled trout quota. Not warranted, or fair since rec. community lowered our creel in both Bay states a few years back.
- Potential pending request by ASMFC & States to NOAA (FY23 appropriations via US Senate Appropriations

sub-committee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies) to fund a combo aerial/hydroacoustic survey to est. menhaden biomass in Chesapeake. It's needed. Few years back ASMFC funded UMCES' CBL to design one but only had enough \$\$ for design, not implementation.

On a more local front, our Annual Fish Fry was fantastic! The weather that night had other thoughts and the torrential rains and storms kept some folks away, but for those that attended, the event was fulfilling (for both the mind and stomach). Congrats to the winners of the fundraising efforts (and thanks to the team that put this together). Tom Franco won Rob Choi's Gyotoku print of the largemouth bass. Mark Davis won the 50/50 raffle, and donated much of the winnings back to the club! Lynda Richardson outbid the room and took home the custom boat speakers donated by Andy Bagwell. The Fish Fry is a signature event for the club, and would never be possible if not for the cooks, who do an amazing job from beginning to the very end. Thank you Buddy, Jeff, Ryan and Danny! (page 7)

The VAC's Kids Fishing Day, hosted by Dinkus and Ronni Dean, was enjoyed by a dozen or more kids who caught bluegill and bass. Parents attended and enjoyed the day as well, and as I understand it, a couple of parents even got into the fishing action! Look for a story on the Kids Fishing Day by Stuart Lee and accompanying photos in the newsletter. (page 10)

On Saturday June 11, we have the Small River Wade Fishing Expedition. This Expedition offers private access to a local river that has been a treat to fish. The focus of this expedition is to get new members together fishing, but is also open to all members. At the time of this writing, we have four spots left. If I tried to name the species of fish we have caught in the mile or so we cover, I think we'd have about 15 species. It's a magical place and offers something for everyone.

I hope to see you at the meeting next Tuesday, May 24 at the Department of Wildlife Resources. If you want to grab a bite to eat before the meeting, Jerry Davis will be at Plaza Azteca on Brook Road at 5:30pm, hosting our speaker Grace LeRose. If interested in going, please contact Jerry directly so he can count you when getting a table. If you only have time for a drink and want to swing by Final Gravity Brewing, come on by. Folks will show up there between 5 and 6pm. Thank you for reading and Happy Fishing!

Mike Ostrander

2022 Program Schedule

May 24 - Grace LeRose

“Sewage Overflows in the James River”

June 28 - Open

“Program Ideas Always Welcome”

July - No Meeting

“Share your program ideas with Jerry Davis”

**May 24
HAPPY HOUR**

A few members are meeting at
Final Gravity Brewing
between 5:00-6:00 for a short get together
before the meeting. Hope to see you there!

Final Gravity
6118 Lakeside Ave, RVA 23228

Let's Get Happy!

May Membership Meeting

In Person or Join by Zoom

May 24, 2022 7:00PM

In Person

Department Wildlife Resources - Boardroom

7870 Villa Park Drive, Henrico, 23228

OR

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87649034771?pwd=NmQidTYbF2ID5mwdYUXEQ1u_hKAiA.1

Meeting ID: 876 4903 4771

Passcode: 099932

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2022 March/April BIG FISH

March - Freshwater

Highest Point: Frank Hart - White Perch 1lb 1oz, 2 spin, 279pts

Heaviest: Glenn Carter - Bowfin, 4lb, 5oz

March - Saltwater

Highest Points & Heaviest

Reggie White - Atlantic Sailfish, 20 fly, 357pts

April - Freshwater

Highest Point & Heaviest

Mason Vanoy Catfish, Blue 38lbs 12 Gen 264pts

April - Saltwater

Highest Point: Carter Clevinger - Speckled Trout

5lbs 4oz 4spin 420pts

Heaviest: David Howard - Shark, 100+ Pounds



Carter Clevinger
with an
April BIG FISH winner.
A nice speckled trout
weighing in at 5lb 4oz on 4-spin,
worth **420** points!

WILD CHESAPEAKE

By Captain Chris D. Dollar

A Consciousness of Speck, Chesapeake Bay Magazine, Spring 2022

I looked at my fishing partner with a predatory smile, and he returned it. The facial contortions were more like conspiratorial sneers, as if The Grinch and his twin brother just swallowed Little Cindi LooHoo.

“Man, that’s a fishy spot, gotta be holding specks, right?” I hissed at my fishing partner.

The skiff’s trolling motor pushed us along a jagged “marsh tump,” a word I’ve heard used to describe a slice of saltwater marsh jutting out into deeper water. The dull, almost soothing slap of water pinged against the small skiff’s hull, like pans gently clanging together in the distance. A flooding tide carried ocean waters deep into stands of spartina, eel grass swayed gently below the surface. On the shoal extending from the marsh point, if wet wading you’d only have a few yards before your knee-deep walk turned into an over-your-head soaker.

Water pushed past the marsh point with determination, yet the backside eddy remained calm and inviting. The water was nearly gin clear, with the sun low and fading behind clouds. Other key parameters—water temperature, presence of baitfish—combined for perfect conditions to catch speckled trout, also called specks or spotted seatrout.

My partner had tied on a hookless surface plug. I stood at the bow with my fly rod at the ready. Why was my companion’s lure hookless? We were playing the “pop n’ swap” game in which a spin caster and fly angler team up to fool a game fish into attacking the topwater lure. When it misses, you fire the fly at it. It’s a decades-long proven tactic, and fun as hell. Not exactly sure what the plug caster gets out of such an arrangement; perhaps a sense of angling altruism.

My friend’s cast was flawless, inches from the shoreline. Mere yards into the retrieve, his erratic retrieve drew the ire of a predator: A swirl the size of a pizza



pan erupted behind his plug. I quickly I shot the fly, a charreuse foam popper, loaded on an eight-weight fly rod, as close to the spot of eruption as I could. My retrieve was equally fitful, trying my best to mimic a wounded baitfish.

Success. Angrily, the fish peeled off line, making a good showing that belied its relatively short stature. Once to hand, I admired the pretty speckled

trout that stretched to twenty inches before releasing it back into the brine. We moved from marsh bank to marsh bank, and for the next several hours we both enjoyed outstanding marsh fishing before the tide quit.

During that hiatus, for some reason Johnny Cash’s killer rendition of Kris Kristofferson’s “Sunday Morning Comin’ Down” broke through my brain. Billowy clouds strewn with contrasting deep and faint hues of grays wafted past the horizon. The air was idyllic, washing over my pores. There wasn’t a better place to be—among the Chesapeake’s magical marshes, where the salt meets the fresh and game fish run wild.

Fish Where The Specks Are

In my halcyon days of deep marsh excursions, each meandering twist convinced me I’d run out of water, forcing a retreat. Some times it did, others times not. Either way, fishing marsh guts, rips, and channels unleashes an upwelling of exploratory joy in me. Willets, egrets and herons flushed into flight by the boat’s wake. A marsh hawk slung low in the sky, scouring the black needlerush for its next meal. A crab pot lay orphaned against the lush, verdant spartina. Who knows what unseen gems were hidden from view further back in the wetlands.

Out in the marsh, there are days when there is no rhythm or reason to the tides; they pour in and out at a relentless pace, immutable to tide tables and theoretical laws of lunar astrophysics.

Your voyage needn't have such a Joseph Conrad feel to it. Public ramps with easy access to fishing the marsh for specks abound on both sides of the Chesapeake. On the Delmarva Peninsula, the spring of the year brings good fishing for speckled trout and other game fish that prowl the marshy waters from the Honga and Annesemex rivers down to Onacock and Hungars Creek. Watts, Tangier, Smith and Fox islands are all noted speckled trout grounds.

On the western shore, Chesapeake fishermen can find speckled trout, as well as red drum and some rockfish, cruising the marsh guts and oyster lumps in the Lynnhaven and Piankatank rivers. Fish the shorelines south of the York River, Mobjack Bay, lower Rappahannock, just to name a few places.

A key to successful speckled trout fishing, at least in my experience, is finding clear water. If it stained or roiled, you got a real challenge. A moving tide is important, too, with each specific location having its preferred tide cycle for the best odds at catching. I love the beginning of an outgoing tide at the mouth of a creek or marsh gut.

Seven-foot rods with reels loaded with fourteen to twenty pound test line and eight-weight fly rods are ideal in my view. Lure options are numerous. I carry a selection of topwaters, soft plastics paddletails, popping corks, and of course live bait. If you pinned me down, I'd fish three- to four-inch paddletails. I fish a lot of Z-Man and D.O.A.s on the lightest jigheads I can get away with. On overcast days or at lowlight, I throw a topwater plug like Stillwater's Smack Jr. or Heddon's Super Spook, Jr. Slow-sinking twitch plugs, such as X-Raps and Mirrolures 52 series, can be effective, too. I like flies that resemble baitfish like menhaden, silver-sides and minnows. Throwing crab or shrimp patterns work as well.

Hunting speckled trout in skinny water requires stealth; don't spook your quarry. I fish out of a kayak, so I use a small anchor that I quietly slip overboard using an anchor trolley. For center consoles, stern-rigged power poles are popular nowadays.

Prized Game Fish

You never forget your first one. I certainly haven't. Years back a client pulled in a trophy fat-bellied gator topped eight pounds. The fish's slivery flanks and gorgeous rounded spots, initially caught my eye. The two teeth protruding from its upper jaw, almost the size of a tiny cat's fangs, made me chuckle. It pounced on

a plastic paddletail on a light jighead among the grass flats just north of Ewell, the tiny Smith Island fishing village.

Within the past decade, more Chesapeake anglers have discovered the joys of shallow water fishing for specks. That's great, but also means more pressure is being put on this great sport fish, so sensible regulations and angler ethics are critical to ensure populations remain stable.

Trout face other challenges, however. We've lost much of the Bay's key shallow water habitats, so its urgent we build more three-dimensional oyster reefs, and protect more marshes and grass flats. Trout are also susceptible to cold stuns and red tides. And like other drums, specks school up, making them targets for commercial netting operations, and prone to being locally "fished-out."

Last year, using a loophole in regulations, commercial fishermen used haul seines as "stop nets," an illegal technique in which large quantities of speckled trout are kept alive in the net's pocket to be harvested multiple times over several days." The sport fishing community alerted the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to the destructive practice. As a result, the agency issued a letter to participants to cease the practice. The Commission has also pledged to adopt language before the 2022 season clarifying the Commonwealth's netting regulations. Given all of these factors, we should manage them—and, for that matter, all gamefish and forage—for maximum abundance, not for maximum harvest.

Although I enjoy other fishing styles, in my heart of hearts I'm a shallow water guy who much prefers the solitude of the marshes. The fewer crowds the better. That's why I'm enamored with speckled trout, which ply their trade in these relatively peaceful settings. Amen to that.

Capt. Chris Dollar is a fishing guide, tackle shop owner, and all-around Chesapeake outdoorsman with more than 25 years' experience in avoiding office work.



Fish Fry Highlights, April 26

On the evening of April 26, members gathered at Maymont Park's Education Center for another fabulous fish fry. A great time was had by all!



Congratulations to Tom Franco who won Rob Choi's awesome Gyotoku print of a largemouth bass!



**NO MORE
TOURNAMENTS
SCHEDULED
AT THIS TIME**

2022 Tournament Schedule

All VAC members are eligible to enter, at no cost, to fish club sponsored tournaments for prizes. Tournaments are open to all Virginia waters and submitting a catch card for fish caught during the tournament dates. Current VA DWR regulations apply.

Winners will receive a \$25 Green Top gift card for:

The heaviest target fish

The highest point target fish

The highest point other (non-target) fish.

The same fish *cannot* win both highest point and heaviest fish. In the event of a tie, the first fish caught will win (not the first fish submitted). Electronic card submissions must be turned in no later than Tuesday March 8th for the yellow perch tournament and no later than April 26th for the Shad Tournament.

Tight Lines, Frank Hart

Winners of the Shad Tournament

The results and write-up for the 2022 Shad tournament are as follows:

Winners of the Virginia Anglers Club 2022 Hickory Shad Tournament:

- ◆ Highest Point Hickory Shad – **Glenn Carter** 1 lb. 10 oz, caught on 4-Fly 193 points
- ◆ Heaviest Hickory Shad – **Stuart Lee** 1 lb. 12 oz, caught on 8-fly 154 points
- ◆ Highest Point Other – **Bobby Broughton** 3 lb. 10 oz, Chain Pickerel caught on 6-spin for 211 points

A \$25 Green Top gift card will be presented at the next membership meeting to Glenn, Stuart, and Bobby. Congratulations gentlemen on your prize winning catches! I also want to say a great big thank you to everyone who participated in this years tournament. I look forward to doing this again in years to come.

Best Regards, Frank Hart

Other Club Tournaments

Croaker Tournament - Saturday, June 11, 2022

Register now for the Tappahannock Rotary Club's 18th Annual Rappahannock River "Big Croaker" Tournament will be held on Saturday, June 11th, 2022. Thousands of dollars in prizes, and great fun for young and old anglers! All proceeds benefit support charitable causes. Fishing will be between the bridges at Tappahannock and White Stone from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Boat entry fee is only \$135 before May 1st/\$175 thereafter.

Full details and online registration/payment online at www.bigcroaker.com. Questions? Contact: **Wright Andrews**, Tournament's Public Information Officer at 202-441-6012, or wandrews@andrewsdclaw.com.

2022 Up-Coming Expeditions

June 11 - Small River Wade Fishing Trip

Contact Mike Ostrander if you are interested. There are four spots left available on this trip. (804) 938-2350 or mike@discoverthejames.com

December 20 & 21- TROPHY TROUT at Cedar Springs/Cripple Creek!

Sign up fast as there is limited space for this is a very popular trip. Contact Frank Hart at 859-808-0431 for additional details.

If you would like to lead an expedition or have an idea for one, contact **Frank Hart**. Click the following to email - teach2hart@aol.com.

A fine example of a rainbow trout caught at Cedar Springs. Cripple Creek is flowing left to right in the background.
**BIG FISH....
JUST SAYING.....**



2022 Kids Fishing Day Highlights



The kids fishing event was held Sunday, May 15, with 13 youth participants and at least that many adults. We were lucky that we got a break in the weather, and we had a gorgeous day. The kids all had success; some catching their first fish ever. After a few hours fishing, we retreated to a cookout and picnic supper. Dinkus and Ronni Deane were our hosts, and the venue could not have been better. Many thanks for their hospitality. -Stuart Lee



SO...WHO DO YOU THINK
HAD MORE FUN?
THE KIDS OR
THE ADULTS?



JOSH DOLIN'S REPORT ON STATE RECORD 3-9 FALLFISH

By Josh Dolin

I have talked about chasing down the Longnose Gar record over the past two years. Friday, May 6 was supposed to be another trip for them however, an overnight change in the weather made me drop that plan and head west to try and knock off one of my 8 species left in my Virginia Master Angler hunt.

Fallfish were the target for this short, one day outing. I knew of a pretty solid area that has large Fallfish and after a 2.5 hour drive and about a mile or so hike in I dropped my gear and made exactly two casts. On that second cast I got slammed by my eventual record fish. After a brief fight, I landed and weighed the fish, immediately realizing I had a new state record and only later finding out that it had world class caliber.

I broke out the camera and snapped a few shots right before the skies opened up and soaked me to the core. I hiked back out with the fish and pointed my truck back towards home. About 15 minutes later I proceeded to cut down one of my brand new tires, leaving me with a flat on a gravel road in the middle of nowhere in the mountains with civilization about a 30 minute drive away. My new rims and tires, purchased the week prior, came with locking lug nuts. Naturally, I left the locking lug socket back at home in Richmond... So, I was basically stranded with the new state record in a cooler and no way to get anywhere.

Luckily, I broke down in the one spot on that desolate road that had intermittent cell service. I was able to make some calls to fellow club members Grant Alvis, Andy Bagwell, and my girlfriend Harley, letting them know of my position and to send help my way. After about 4 hours of sitting there with absolutely nothing to do but reflect on my situation and what I could potentially accomplish, my brother and his friend showed up with the tools to get me back on the road.



We got back to Richmond and set out to officially weigh the fish the next morning. After trying 3 separate locations to find a scale that measured in proper increments per the Virginia Game Department, we finally ended up at Dance's Sporting Goods. They had the proper Chatillon scale certified by the Virginia Department of Agriculture.

The fish weighed in at 31lbs 9.5oz and qualifies as the new Virginia State Record and a potential World Record pending IGFA certification. The fish doesn't exceed the current record by 2 ounces, so per IGFA rules the best I can hope for with this fish is a tie. That's alright with me though. It saves some room for improvement in the future. It's been an absolutely crazy experience and one that I won't forget as long as I live... and of course, it comes with that ridiculous story to boot! LOL!

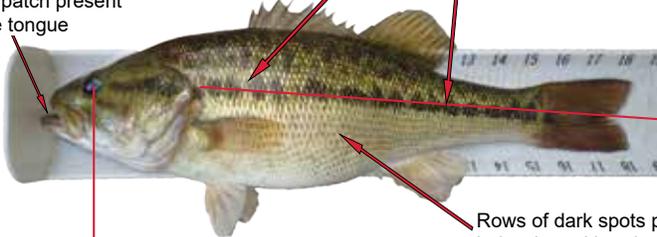
VDWR FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

So, How Can I Tell The Difference Between These Three Bass?

Alabama Bass *INVASIVE*

Tooth patch present on the tongue

Dark blotchy lateral band present from head to tail



Lateral band

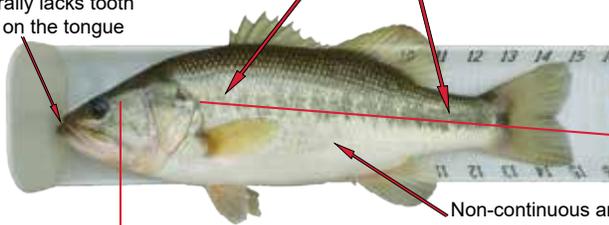
Jaw fully closed extends to middle rear of eye

Rows of dark spots present below lateral band

Largemouth Bass

Generally lacks tooth patch on the tongue

More continuous lateral band from head to tail



Lateral band

Jaw fully closed extends past the eye

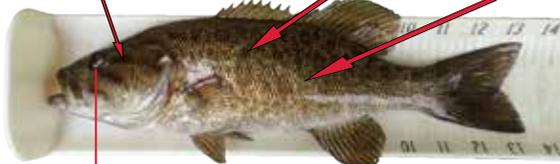
Non-continuous and uneven spots below lateral band if present at all.

Smallmouth Bass

Dark vertical bars usually present along sides

Often has 3 diagonal dark stripes extending behind eye across the gill plate

Brown to bronze colored sides sometimes with a yellow or olive tint



Jaw fully closed extends to middle of the eye



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ALERT TROUT FISHERS:

*Gill Lice Have Been Detected in
Rainbow Trout in Virginia*



Fisheries biologists with the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) recently identified gill lice on rainbow trout in Blue Springs Creek, a tributary to Cripple Creek, located in Smyth and Wythe Counties. For more info go to:

https://dwr.virginia.gov/fishing/trout/gill-lice/?utm_source=mailchimp&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=nftf&utm_content=gill_lice

Check out the...

TROUT SLAM CHALLENGE at



dwr.virginia.gov/fishing/virginia-trout-slam-challenge/

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Fishing Memories 2022



Glen Carter & Mason Vanoy

April Highest Point & Heaviest Blue Catfish, 38lb, 12oz



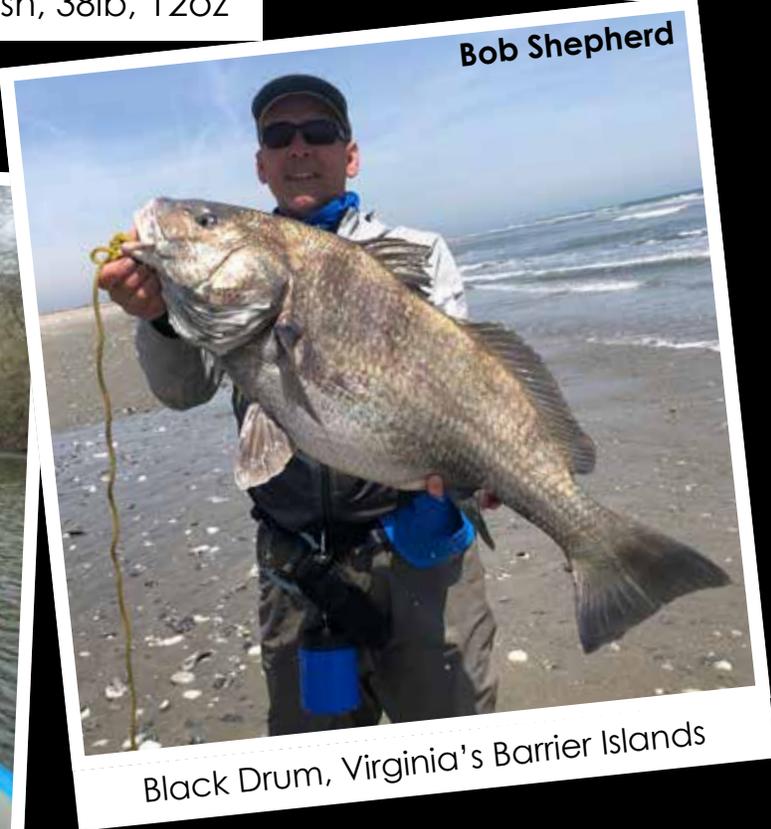
Lynda Richardson

Crappie, 11oz, Cohoke



Steve Knox

Smallmouth Bass, 3lb, 14oz, 20 1/4 inches



Bob Shepherd

Black Drum, Virginia's Barrier Islands



Frank Hart

Largemouth Bass, 7lb, 5oz



Stamford Niou

Brown trout caught in NY



Bob Brown

Sunfish, Private Pond



Cliff Phipps

Blue Catfish

Mickey Kodroff

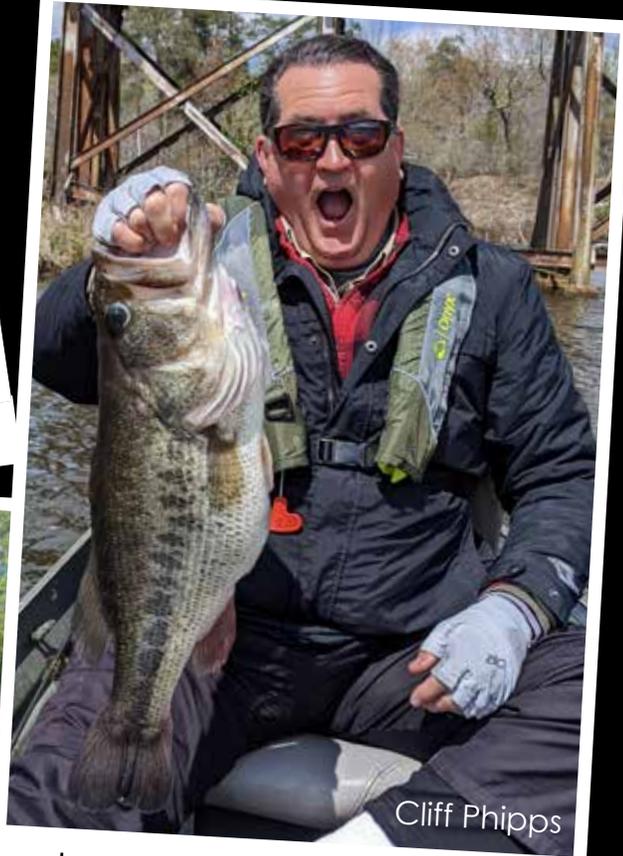


Nice spring run shad from NC

Mike Ostrander



Walleye from the James River



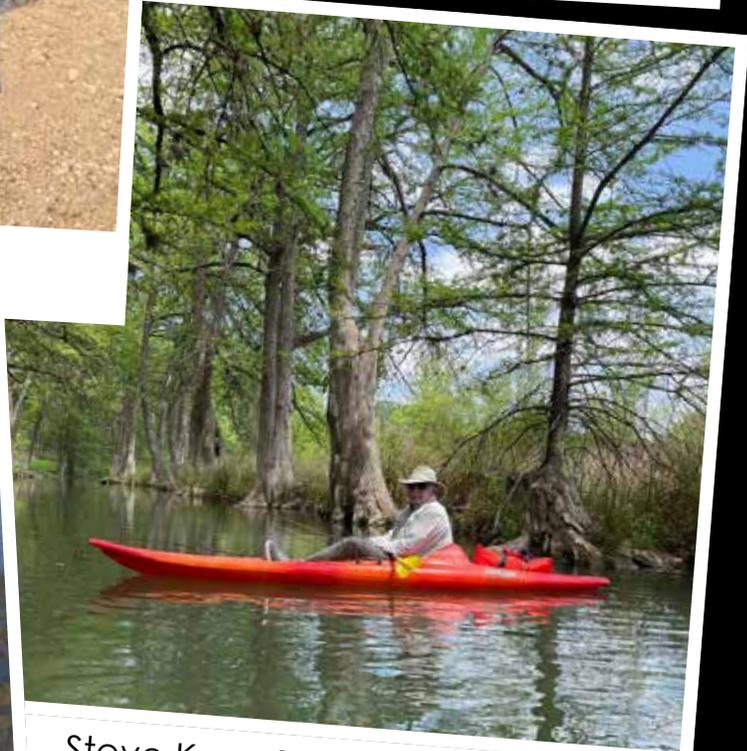
Cliff Phipps

Largemouth Bass, 7lbs, 22"

Bob Shepherd



Striper, 46lb. off Virginia's Barrier Islands



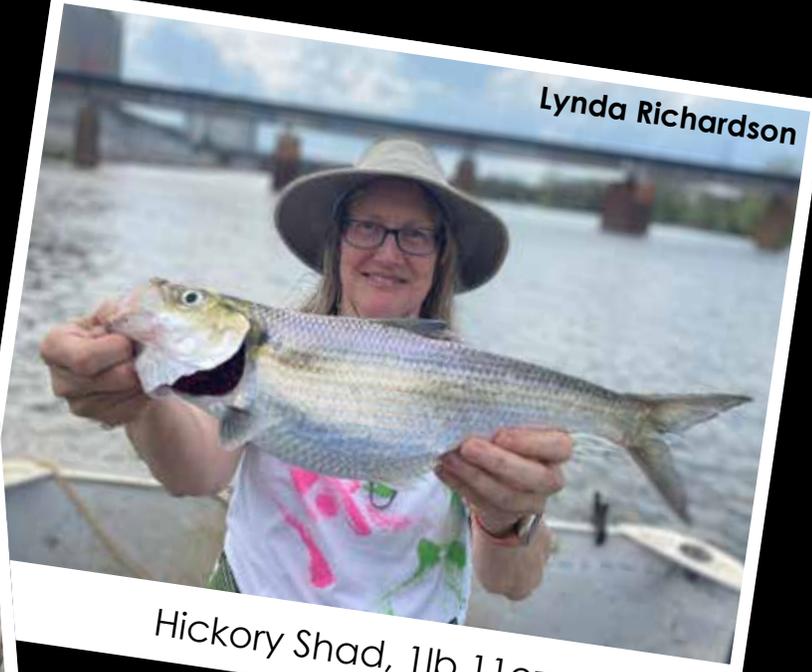
Steve Knox fishing in Texas ?

David Howard



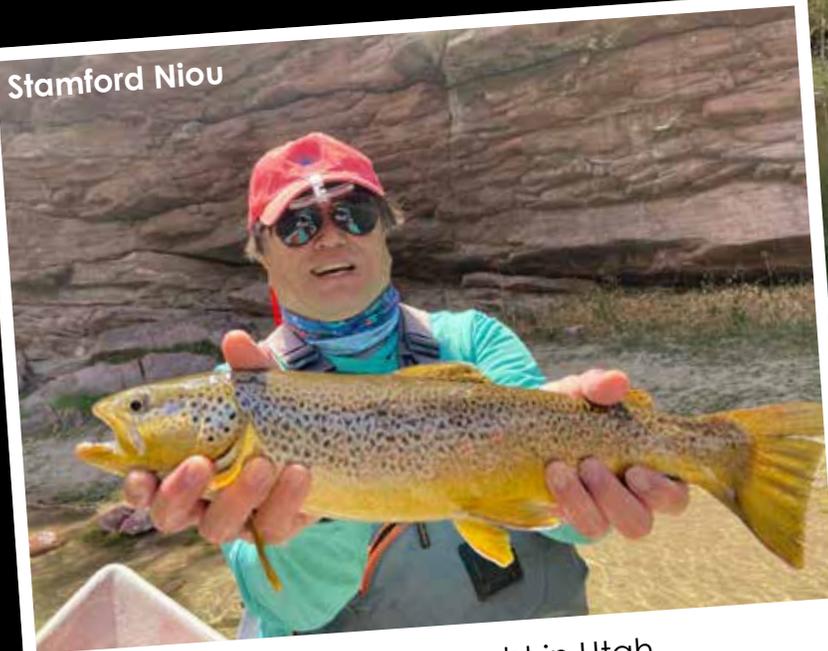
Freshwater Drum, 15lb, 7oz

Lynda Richardson



Hickory Shad, 11lb, 11oz

Stamford Niou



Brown Trout caught in Utah

Carter Clevinger



Two Puppies

A fine collection of recent photographs!
Please keep them coming!
lynda.richardson@dwr.virginia.gov

2022 ANNUAL AWARDS LEADERBOARD

| PRESIDENT'S AWARD FRESHWATER | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------|--------|------|----------|--------|------------|----------------------|------------|
| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
| CARP | GN CARTER | 14-4 | 4 | PLUG | 356 | 2022-02-03 | PIANKATANK RIVER, VA | Blade Bait |

| PRESIDENT'S AWARD SALTWATER | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|------|----------|--------|------------|-----------------|------------|
| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
| SEATROUT, SPOTTED | SC LEE | 5-0 | 6 | SPIN | 333 | 2021-12-17 | JAMES RIVER, VA | Zoom Fluke |

| DIVISION AWARDS FRESHWATER | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-------------|--------|------|----------|--------|------------|----------------------|------------|
| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
| CARP | GN CARTER | 14-4 | 4 | PLUG | 356 | 2022-02-03 | PIANKATANK RIVER, VA | Blade Bait |
| CATFISH, FLATHEAD | F COUSINS | 29-14 | 6 | GEN | 349 | 2021-12-17 | JAMES RIVER, VA | Cut Shad |
| TROUT, BROWN | M OSTRANDER | 5-7 | 2 | SPIN | 339 | 2021-12-20 | CRIPPLE CREEK, VA | Joe's Fly |
| TROUT, RAINBOW | F MURRAY | 7-12 | 6 | FLY | 345 | 2021-12-20 | CRIPPLE CREEK, VA | Mop Fly |

| DIVISION AWARDS SALTWATER | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|------------|--------|------|----------|--------|------------|----------------------|------------|
| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
| DRUM, BLACK | B SHEPHERD | 20-0 | | SURF | 166 | 2022-04-25 | SMITH ISLAND, VA | Peeler |
| SEATROUT, SPOTTED | SC LEE | 3-8 | 6 | FLY | 280 | 2021-12-28 | PIANKATANK RIVER, VA | Streamer |
| SEATROUT, SPOTTED | SC LEE | 5-0 | 6 | SPIN | 333 | 2021-12-17 | JAMES RIVER, VA | Zoom Fluke |

| "HIGHEST POINT" SPECIES AWARDS FRESHWATER | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|--------|------|----------|--------|------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
| BASS, LARGEMOUTH | R HART | 5-0 | 2 | SPIN | 333 | 2022-02-05 | COHOKE MILL POND, VA | Blade Bait |
| BASS, SMALLMOUTH | S KNOX | 3-14 | 12 | SPIN | 134 | 2022-04-06 | NEW RIVER, NARROWS, VA | Jerkbait |
| BASS, WHITE | D HOWARD | 1-8 | 6 | GEN | 107 | 2022-04-19 | BUGGS ISLAND, VA | Live Minnow |
| BOWFIN | GN CARTER | 4-5 | 2 | PLUG | 215 | 2022-03-16 | MATTAPONI RIVER, VA | Blade Bait |
| CARP | GN CARTER | 14-4 | 4 | PLUG | 356 | 2022-02-03 | PIANKATANK RIVER, VA | Blade Bait |
| CATFISH, BLUE | S KNOX | 61-0 | 20BR | GEN | 314 | 2021-12-01 | JAMES RIVER, VA | Cut Shad |
| CATFISH, CHANNEL | D HOWARD | 5-8 | 6 | GEN | 104 | 2022-04-19 | BUGGS ISLAND, VA | Live Minnow |
| CATFISH, FLATHEAD | F COUSINS | 29-14 | 6 | GEN | 349 | 2021-12-17 | JAMES RIVER, VA | Cut Shad |
| CRAPPIE, ALL | C PHIPPS | 1-7 | 4 | SPIN | 179 | 2022-04-13 | COHOKE MILL POND, VA | 2 Inch Swim Bait |
| FALLFISH | D HOWARD | 1-8 | 6 | FLY | 340 | 2021-12-06 | SOUTH RIVER, VA | Golden Retriever |
| GAR, ALL | GN CARTER | 12-4 | 12 | PLUG | 126 | 2022-02-03 | PIANKATANK RIVER, VA | Blade Bait |
| PERCH, WHITE | R HART | 1-1 | 2 | SPIN | 279 | 2022-03-05 | COHOKE, VA | White Grub |
| PERCH, YELLOW | C CLEVINGER | 0-15 | 2 | PLUG | 246 | 2022-03-04 | POWHATAN CREEK, VA | Blade Bait |
| PICKEREL, CHAIN | GN CARTER | 2-8 | 2 | PLUG | 250 | 2022-03-04 | MATTAPONI RIVER, VA | Blade Bait |
| SHAD, HICKORY | F MURRAY | 2-2 | 6 | FLY | 214 | 2022-04-01 | JAMES, VA | Fred Fly |
| SUNFISH | DL NOBLES | 1-1 | 2 | SPIN | 279 | 2022-02-22 | PRIVATE POND, VA | Crappie Jig |
| TROUT, BROWN | M OSTRANDER | 5-7 | 2 | SPIN | 339 | 2021-12-20 | CRIPPLE CREEK, VA | Joe's Fly |
| TROUT, RAINBOW | F MURRAY | 7-12 | 6 | FLY | 345 | 2021-12-20 | CRIPPLE CREEK, VA | Mop Fly |

"HIGHEST POINT" SPECIES AWARDS SALTWATER

| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
|-------------------|------------|--------|------|----------|--------|------------|------------------|------------|
| DRUM, BLACK | B SHEPHERD | 20-0 | | SURF | 166 | 2022-04-25 | SMITH ISLAND, VA | Peeler |
| SEATROUT, SPOTTED | SC LEE | 5-0 | 6 | SPIN | 333 | 2021-12-17 | JAMES RIVER, VA | Zoom Fluke |

"HEAVIEST" SPECIES AWARDS FRESHWATER

| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
|-------------------|-------------|--------|------|----------|--------|------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| BASS, LARGEMOUTH | C PHIPPS | 7-11 | 8 | SPIN | 256 | 2022-02-26 | COHOKE MILL POND, VA | 3.75 Inch Swimbait |
| BASS, SMALLMOUTH | S KNOX | 3-14 | 12 | SPIN | 134 | 2022-04-06 | NEW RIVER, NARROWS, VA | Jerkbait |
| BASS, WHITE | D HOWARD | 1-8 | 6 | GEN | 107 | 2022-04-19 | BUGGS ISLAND, VA | Live Minnow |
| BOWFIN | GN CARTER | 4-5 | 2 | PLUG | 215 | 2022-03-16 | MATTAPONI RIVER, VA | Blade Bait |
| CARP | R HART | 29-7 | 16 | PLUG | 334 | 2022-02-12 | COHOKE , VA | Jerk Bait |
| CATFISH, BLUE | S KNOX | 61-0 | 20BR | GEN | 314 | 2021-12-01 | JAMES RIVER, VA | Cut Shad |
| CATFISH, CHANNEL | D HOWARD | 5-8 | 6 | GEN | 104 | 2022-04-19 | BUGGS ISLAND, VA | Live Minnow |
| CATFISH, FLATHEAD | F COUSINS | 29-14 | 6 | GEN | 349 | 2021-12-17 | JAMES RIVER, VA | Cut Shad |
| CRAPPIE, ALL | D HOWARD | 1-11 | 6 | GEN | 137 | 2022-03-15 | BUGGS ISLAND, VA | Live Minnow |
| FALLFISH | D HOWARD | 1-8 | 6 | FLY | 340 | 2021-12-06 | SOUTH RIVER, VA | Golden Retriever |
| GAR, ALL | GN CARTER | 12-4 | 12 | PLUG | 126 | 2022-02-03 | PIANKATANK RIVER, VA | Blade Bait |
| PERCH, WHITE | R HART | 1-1 | 2 | SPIN | 279 | 2022-03-05 | COHOKE, VA | White Grub |
| PERCH, YELLOW | GN CARTER | 1-6 | 16 | PLUG | 137 | 2022-03-07 | MATTAPONI, RIVER, VA | Blade Bait |
| PICKEREL, CHAIN | B BROUGHTON | 3-10 | 6 | SPIN | 211 | 2022-04-15 | SANDY RIVER RES., VA | Rage Swimmer |
| SHAD, HICKORY | SC LEE | 2-4 | 8 | FLY | 199 | 2022-04-04 | JAMES RIVER, VA | Murray Shad Fly |
| SUNFISH | DL NOBLES | 1-1 | 2 | SPIN | 279 | 2022-02-22 | PRIVATE POND, VA | Crappie Jig |
| TROUT, BROWN | M OSTRANDER | 5-7 | 2 | SPIN | 339 | 2021-12-20 | CRIPPLE CREEK, VA | Joe's Fly |
| TROUT, RAINBOW | F MURRAY | 7-12 | 6 | FLY | 345 | 2021-12-20 | CRIPPLE CREEK, VA | Mop Fly |

"HEAVIEST" SPECIES AWARDS SALTWATER

| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
|-------------------|------------|--------|------|----------|--------|------------|------------------|------------|
| DRUM, BLACK | B SHEPHERD | 20-0 | | SURF | 166 | 2022-04-25 | SMITH ISLAND, VA | Peeler |
| SEATROUT, SPOTTED | SC LEE | 5-0 | 6 | SPIN | 333 | 2021-12-17 | JAMES RIVER, VA | Zoom Fluke |

NEW CLUB RECORDS FRESHWATER

| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
|-------------------|-------------|--------|------|----------|--------|------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| BASS, WHITE | D HOWARD | 1-8 | 6 | GEN | 107 | 2022-04-19 | BUGGS ISLAND, VA | Live Minnow |
| CARP | R HART | 29-7 | 16 | PLUG | 334 | 2022-02-12 | COHOKE , VA | Jerk Bait |
| CARP | GN CARTER | 12-0 | 6 | PLUG | 250 | 2022-02-03 | PIANKATANK RIVER, VA | Blade Bait |
| CATFISH, BLUE | S KNOX | 61-0 | 20BR | GEN | 314 | 2021-12-01 | JAMES RIVER, VA | Cut Shad |
| CATFISH, CHANNEL | D HOWARD | 5-8 | 6 | GEN | 104 | 2022-04-19 | BUGGS ISLAND, VA | Live Minnow |
| CATFISH, FLATHEAD | F COUSINS | 29-14 | 6 | GEN | 349 | 2021-12-17 | JAMES RIVER, VA | Cut Shad |
| CRAPPIE, ALL | D HOWARD | 1-11 | 6 | GEN | 137 | 2022-03-15 | BUGGS ISLAND, VA | Live Minnow |
| FALLFISH | D HOWARD | 1-8 | 6 | FLY | 340 | 2021-12-06 | SOUTH RIVER, VA | Golden Retriever |
| GAR, ALL | GN CARTER | 12-4 | 12 | PLUG | 126 | 2022-02-03 | PIANKATANK RIVER, VA | Blade Bait |
| PERCH, YELLOW | GN CARTER | 1-6 | 16 | PLUG | 137 | 2022-03-07 | MATTAPONI, RIVER, VA | Blade Bait |
| PERCH, YELLOW | GN CARTER | 1-0 | 6 | PLUG | 181 | 2022-03-03 | MATTAPONI RIVER, VA | Blade Bait |
| SUNFISH | T FRANCO | 0-12 | 6 | SPIN | 136 | 2022-02-23 | COHOKE POND, VA | Single Blade Spinner /Grub |
| TROUT, BROWN | M OSTRANDER | 5-7 | 2 | SPIN | 339 | 2021-12-20 | CRIPPLE CREEK, VA | Joe's Fly |
| TROUT, CUTTHROAT | D HOWARD | 10-1 | 12 | FLY | 419 | 2022-02-23 | PYRAMID LAKE, NV | PWT |

| NEW CLUB RECORDS SALTWATER | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|----------|--------|------|----------|--------|------------|----------------------|----------|
| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
| SEATROUT, SPOTTED | SC LEE | 3-8 | 6 | FLY | 280 | 2021-12-28 | PIANKATANK RIVER, VA | Streamer |
| SHARK, OTHER | D HOWARD | 100-0 | 30 | GEN | 111 | 2022-04-07 | ATLANTIC OCEAN, FL | Mullet |

| YOUTH FRESHWATER | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|---------------------|--------|------|----------|--------|------------|----------------------|-----------|
| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
| CATFISH, BLUE | MASON VANOY 7_12 | 38-0 | 12 | GEN | 264 | 2022-04-05 | JAMES RIVER, VA | Cut Shad |
| SHAD, HICKORY | ASHER BROUGHTON 0_6 | 1-8 | 4 | SPIN | 142 | 2022-04-09 | APPOMATTOX RIVER, VA | Shad Dart |

| YOUTH SALTWATER | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|------|--------|------|----------|--------|------|----------|------|
| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |

| NON-LOCAL AWARD FRESH OR SALTWATER | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|--------|------|----------|--------|------------|-------------|------|
| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
| SEATROUT, SPOTTED | C CLEVINGER | 5-4 | 4 | SPIN | 420 | 2022-04-26 | INSHORE, FL | Zman |

| NEW MEMBER AWARD | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|----------|--------|------|----------|-------------|------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
| BASS, LARGEMOUTH | C PHIPPS | 4-9 | 2 | SPIN | 304 | 2022-01-06 | COHOKE MILL POND, VA | 2 Inch Swim Bait |
| CRAPPIE, ALL | C PHIPPS | 1-7 | 4 | SPIN | 179 | 2022-04-13 | COHOKE MILL POND, VA | 2 Inch Swim Bait |
| PERCH, YELLOW | C PHIPPS | 0-12 | 2 | SPIN | 197 | 2022-03-05 | COHOKE CREEK, VA | Grub |
| PICKEREL, CHAIN | C PHIPPS | 3-8 | 6 | SPIN | 204 | 2021-12-03 | PRIVATE POND , VA | 3.5 Soft Plastic SwimBait |
| TROUT, RAINBOW | C PHIPPS | 5-5 | 2 | SPIN | 332 | 2021-12-21 | CRIPPLE CREEK, VA | Mini Jig |
| Total | | | | | 1216 | | | |

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