



July 2002

## July Meeting

The July meeting will be held at the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries Building, 4010 West Broad Street at **7:00 PM, Tuesday July 23rd**. The entrance and parking are at the rear of the building.

## TAG TEAM MATCH FEATURED AT JULY VAC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

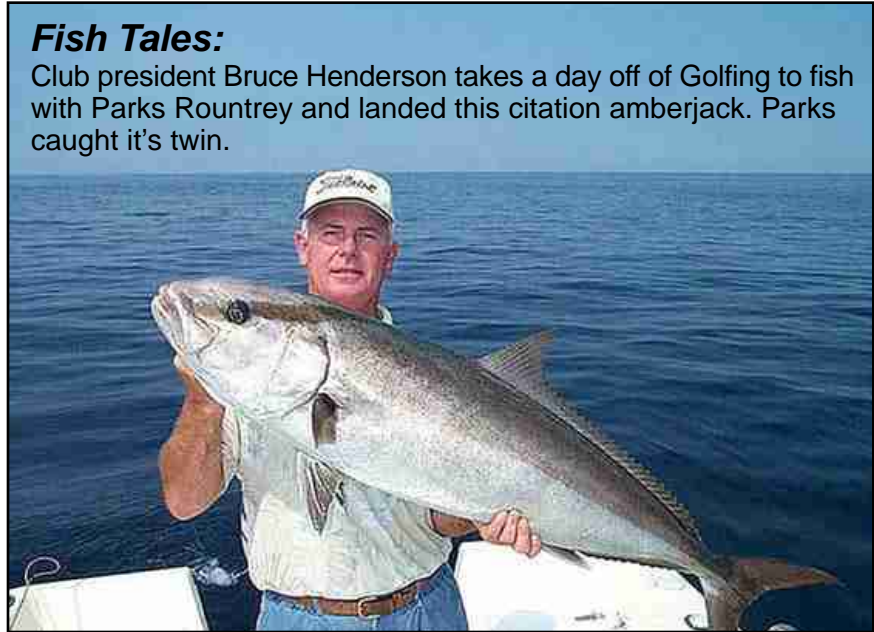
Sorry, boys, professional wrasslin' is not coming to the VAC membership meeting on Tuesday, July 23, 2002. We will feature a presentation about catch, tag and release in sort of "now, the rest of the story format". If we do all we say we are about, my guess is the VAC does tag a respectable amount of fish each year. This year was not an exception either.

Our speaker for the July Membership Meeting will be John Lucy, a Marine Recreation Specialist with the Sea Grant Recreational Advisory Program. John has been working in the recreational marine field for 30 years and is gladly given a complimentary membership by the VAC to acknowledge all he does and has done to improve recreational fishing in the Commonwealth. John works at the College of William and Mary's Virginia Institute of Marine Science facility at Gloucester Point, VA and certainly is a good friend of he club.

We normally see the last of any tag

## Fish Tales:

Club president Bruce Henderson takes a day off of Golfing to fish with Parks Rountrey and landed this citation amberjack. Parks caught it's twin.



we slip into a fish fading away as the fish swims off to roam free again. Ever wonder where "roam free" really ends up? John will speak about the Virginia Gamefish Tagging Program and will tell us about tag recoveries that have been made. He will concentrate on data about recoveries from (in alphabetical order and not in any order of nobility of the specie) flounder, red drum and spade fish. The tagging we have done over the years has helped John and his fellow marine biologists generate programs based on actual data. We thank John for giving us an evening of his time and getting up what will be a very informative and enjoyable program.

Get on the Tag Team and support catch, tag and release.

## CATCHY COMMENTS

by Dennis Cline



Even though I am writing this a couple of weeks early, there is still a lot to report! We are off to Iowa for the first half of July, so I'll catch you up on club catches, etc. in August.

**Buddy and Danny Noland and Ricky Dale** are sporting new colors after their recent weeklong adventures off Virginia Beach – black and blue! Or, as Danny put it, "we're getting too old for this"! Black is for lots of nice black sea bass (but no world records this time), and blue is for bluefish. They entered several nice black sea bass from 2-8 to 5-0 pounds, with Danny's 4-6

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## CATCHY COMMENTS

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on 4 plug topping the list for a new club record. Buddy tied a club record with his 5-0 on 12 plug. Ricky also earned a new club record with his 18-0 bluefish on 12 spin! Spadefish were also on the menu, with Danny's 3-1 on 4 fly taking another club record and potentially an IGFA world record!!

**Dr. Jim Wright** has been busy at the Norfolk Canyon and elsewhere. He had blue and white marlin releases on one trip to the canyon and a 27-11 dolphin on another. These were the first local club billfish catches in several years! He has also recorded releases for cobia and a nice 6-11 sheepshead on 12 general. **Scott Johnston's** club record 5-0 dolphin on 4 fly caught off Hatteras has the dolphin lead. Scott was fishing aboard **Captain David Holsclaw's** Unbound! and had scads of dolphin to shoot at. **Parks Rountrey** and **Bruce Henderson** took advantage of light winds and ran 60 miles to the South Tower on July 2<sup>nd</sup> for AJ's. Also Herb Gordon was there on Pretty work, Jim and David Wright on High Hopes, and a few others. There was too much traffic around to get the jacks up on the

surface for the flyrods, so they got out the heavy stuff and caught a few jacks on bucktails and live croakers. Both had release citation AJ's. Also had a cobia on for a while and got bit off several times by monster barracuda.

From calmer, inshore waters, **Scott Davis** released a nice 12-0 striper on 2 spin on the Mobjack. **Fred Murray** took the croaker lead with a 2-3 on 2 spin from the Rappahannock. **Stuart Lee** had a great day at Hatteras with a 4-0 Spanish on 6 spin and a club record 33-0 jack crevalle on 16 plug. I spent the middle of June soaking my feet in the eastern shore surf, as usual. My reward was a couple dozen red drum. Most were yearlings, but there were five over 40 pounds and one I'll call "Bubba" that went 58!

Bubba earned me the June angler of the month honors, scoring 414 points. **Scott Davis** captured second with his 1-2 sunfish on 2 fly that scored 360 points. **Fred Murray** was third with his 2-3 croaker on 2 spin that scored 291 points.

## BUBBA AND MICKEY MOUSE

by Dennis Cline

The forecast for light easterly winds for most of the week had me optimistic. If only I could find some bait! Saturday and Sunday had been good days, but I had used the last of the mullet. Monday found me waiting for the pound-netters and hoping they had some bunkers to spare. I was in luck. With a cooler full of large, fresh bunker, I spent Tuesday and Wednesday catching yearling drum and fighting huge stingrays and sharks. I did manage one nice 44-0 late in the day. I was starting to wonder if this was the end of the spring run?

I was on the beach early on Thursday and the fish were waiting for me. I released three yearlings in the first half hour. Then it went dead. For the next three and a half hours, I spent my time baiting empty hooks. Small bluefish had taken over, and if there were drum out there, they couldn't get to the baits before the bluefish. I finally hooked one of the little buggers and used its head for bait. Maybe it would last longer than the bunker chunks.

I left the bluefish head out for a long time. After about 30 minutes, I reeled it in for inspection. The little buggers had chewed it up some, but there was still some meat left. Since bunker chunks were only lasting

a minute or two, I cast the head back out and waited. I was getting really pessimistic. I gave up trying to keep the bunker on the hooks and sat down on my beach cart for a rest.

The sound of the clicker woke me abruptly! The rod was bowed and bucking in the sand spike as the bluefish head went for a ride. I grabbed the rod and set the drag. My first impression was big stingray. The brute was on a long, steady run that went a good 60-70 yards. I kept inching up the drag, cursing the winged demon that had so rudely interrupted my nap. Finally it stopped and turned back toward the beach. I reclaimed about half the line, but then it went on another run. This one was shorter and soon I was reclaiming line again. Now it was coming in, but heading down the beach. Again I thought, damned stingray. So did two guys down the beach from Delaware, who had been watching with glee after battling a few stingrays themselves.

Now it was getting into some shallower water and, for the first time, I felt the brute shake its head. I caught a glimpse of what looked like a fin and thought it must be a big shark! Then I clearly saw the tail. **Holy Cow!** It was a **drum** and it had to be a big one!! I quickly

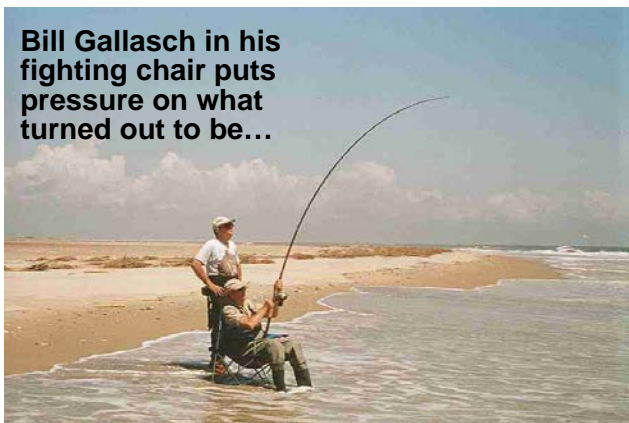
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eased off on the drag and prayed the hook would not pull out. After a few hair-raising minutes, “**Bubba**” was on the sand. We measured, weighed and tagged Bubba and quickly returned it to the water. The drum was 51” long and scaled out at 58 pounds!! My biggest drum ever. What a magnificent animal!

After casting out new baits, I returned to my seat on the cart not really caring if another fish bit. Such is the feeling of total, unequivocal satisfaction. As I sat on the cart, I noticed the stiff, northeast wind was blowing an object onto the beach. A few minutes later, it washed up at my feet. It was a **Mickey Mouse** party balloon. One side was pretty weather beaten. The other side had the inscriptions “**Gotta hand it to ya**” and “**You did it**”! Indeed I had. I gathered my gear and the balloon and went home.

## Congratulations

The latest IGFA newsletter lists world records for two club members! **Bob Shepherd’s** 47-9 blue catfish captured the 4-pound record. Bob also holds the 2-pound record. **Ricky Dale’s** 8-7 spadefish was awarded the fly rod world record on 12-pound tippet. Congratulations guys!!



**Bill Gallasch in his fighting chair puts pressure on what turned out to be...**



**... a 53 pound red drum!**

## Upcoming Angling Events

After a busy spring tournament schedule we had no official VAC outings scheduled for July. Our next tournament will be August 24 for Smallmouths/Flatheads on the James River (that is, if there is any water left in the river by then). Watch for details in the August newsletter. New member Mike Baucom has been snorkeling the James recently with his daughter Kelly and spotting a good number of flatheads. He reports that his daughter actually hand fed a sunfish to one they found! Mike and I waded the river one evening and he managed to land a beautiful 25lber. on 4 General. Scott Davis reported catching one by hand. Perhaps we need to have a noodling tournament.....no hooks allowed.



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# Virginia Anglers Club

## VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 6/26/02

SPECIES	ANGLER	WEIGHT	LN	DIV.	DATE	LOCATION	PTS	BAIT
<b>2002 SPECIES LEADERS - SALTWATER</b>								
AMBERJACK	D. CLINE	14-0	4	PLUG	06/10/02	65 DEGREE TOWER, NC	254	BUCKTAIL
BASS, BLACK SEA	D.N. NOLAND	4-6	4	PLUG	06/11/02	TRIANGLE WRECK, VA	291	JIG
BASS, STRIPED	R.L. WHITE	34-0	4	PLUG	01/12/02	VIRGINIA BEACH, VA	680	BUCKTAIL
BLUEFISH	D.N. NOLAND	12-8	4	PLUG	12/23/01	RUDEE INLET, VA	312	BUCKTAIL
COBIA	J.C. WRIGHT	REL.	30	GEN	06/13/02	12 MILE MARKER, CBBT,VA	112	MENHADEN
CROAKER	F. MURRAY	2-3	2	SPIN	06/09/02	RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER,VA	291	GRUB
DOLPHIN	W.S. JOHNSTON	5-0	4	FLY	06/18/02	OFF HATTERAS INLET, NC	166	CLOUSER
DRUM, BLACK	B. SHEPHERD	32-0		SURF	05/10/02	EASTERN SHORE, VA	266	PEELER CRAB
DRUM, RED	D. CLINE	58-0		SURF	06/20/02	EASTERN SHORE, VA	414	BLUEFISH HEAD
FLOUNDER	B. SHEPHERD	6-8	4	GEN	05/10/02	EASTERN SHORE, VA	325	MINNOW
JACK, CRAVELLE	S.C. LEE	33-0	16	PLUG	05/26/02	HATTERAS, NC	275	BUCKTAIL
MACKEREL, SPANISH	G.D. SIDES	1-12	2	FLY	05/27/02	CAPE LOOKOUT, NC	175	CLOUSER
MARLIN, BLUE	J.C. WRIGHT	REL.	80	GEN	06/11/02	NORFOLK CANYON, VA	156	BALAO
MARLIN, WHITE	J.C. WRIGHT	REL.	50	GEN	06/11/02	NORFOLK CANYON, VA	122	BALAO
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F. COUSINS	3-0	2	SPIN	01/26/02	ELIZABETH RIVER, VA	200	FIN-S
SHEEPSHEAD	J.C. WRIGHT	6-11	12	GEN	05/30/02	ANGLO-AFRICAN WRECK	111	CLAM
SPADEFISH	M. CLINE	9-2	8	GEN	06/01/02	"THE CELL", VA	228	CLAM
WEAKFISH	B. SHEPHERD	8-8	2	FLY	05/23/02	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	425	DECEIVER

### 2002 SPECIES LEADERS - FRESHWATER

BASS, LARGEMOUTH	W.S. JOHNSTON	3-6	2	SPIN	03/07/02	PAMUNKY RIVER, VA	225	JIG
BASS, ROCK	B.L. NOLAND	0-13	2	SPIN	05/23/02	NOTTOWAY RIVER, VA	216	PLASTIC WORM
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	G.N. CARTER	4-9	2	SPIN	02/25/02	PAMUNKY RIVER, VA	456	SMOKE GRUB
BASS, STRIPED (LL)	M. KODROFF	7-0	4	PLUG	04/24/02	LAKE GASTON, VA	175	RICO TOPWATR
BASS, WHITE	R. MATTHEWS	1-2	2	SPIN	03/09/02	YADKIN RIVER, NC	150	SASSY SHAD
BOWFIN	B. SHEPHERD	4-1	2	SPIN	01/27/02	YARMOOUTH CREEK, VA	203	JIG
CARP	E.S. ROBINSON	7-4	2	SPIN	01/27/02	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER,VA	241	SILVER BUDDY
CATFISH, BLUE	D. CLINE	55-0	4	GEN	03/09/02	JAMES RIVER, VA	687	CUT SHAD
CATFISH, CHANNEL	S. DAVIS	7-8	4	FLY	04/24/02	PRIVATE POND, CHFLD,VA	272	MICKY FINN
CRAPPIE	ROB ROBINSON	2-0	2	SPIN	01/31/02	JAMES RIVER, VA	320	TUBE JIG
GAR	ROB ROBINSON	13-12	2	GEN	06/04/02	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	423	DEAD MINNOW
PERCH, WHITE	F. COUSINS	1-0	2	FLY	04/19/02	JAMES RIVER, VA	320	SHAD FLY
PERCH, YELLOW	ROB ROBINSON	1-4	2	SPIN	01/22/02	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	333	JIG PWR GRUB
PICKEREL, CHAIN	B. HENDERSON	3-8	2	SPIN	02/09/02	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	350	SILVER BUDDY
SHAD, AMERICAN	D. CLINE	3-4	2	FLY	04/24/02	NOTTOWAY RIVER, VA	288	SHAD FLY
SHAD, HICKORY	M. KODROFF	3-0	2	FLY	03/14/02	ROANOKE RIVER, NC	400	SHAD FLY
SUNFISH	S. DAVIS	1-2	2	FLY	06/10/02	PRIVATE POND, CHFLD,VA	360	WOOLY WORM
TROUT, BROOK	B.L. NOLAND	2-9	2	FLY	12/02/01	MEADOW RUN CREEK, VA	410	WOOLYBUGGR
TROUT, BROWN	J.P. ROUNTREY	2-8	4	FLY	12/18/01	SMITH CREEK, VA	166	NYMPH
TROUT, RAINBOW	R. MATTHEWS	6-4	2	SPIN	12/22/01	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	625	SPINNER

### 2002 DIVISION LEADERS - SALTWATER

WEAKFISH	B. SHEPHERD	8-8	2	FLY	05/23/02	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	425	DECEIVER
BASS, STRIPED	R.L. WHITE	20-0	4	GEN	01/12/02	VIRGINIA BEACH, VA	333	BUCKTAIL
BASS, STRIPED	R.L. WHITE	34-0	4	PLUG	01/12/02	VIRGINIA BEACH, VA	680	BUCKTAIL
BASS, STRIPED	S. DAVIS	12-0	2	SPIN	06/08/02	MOBJACK BAY, VA	300	ZOOM FLUKE
BASS, STRIPED	D. CLINE	43-0		SURF	12/23/01	EASTERN SHORE, VA	430	LIVE EEL

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SHAD, HICKORY	M. KODROFF	3-4	4	PLUG	03/14/02	ROANOKE RIVER, NC	325	DART
TROUT, RAINBOW	R. MATTHEWS	6-4	2	SPIN	12/22/01	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	625	SPINNER

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BASS, STRIPED	R.L. WHITE	34-0	4	PLUG	01/12/02	VIRGINIA BEACH, VA	680	BUCKTAIL
BASS, STRIPED	F. COUSINS	26-0	6	PLUG	01/12/02	VIRGINIA BEACH, VA	400	BUCKTAIL
BASS, STRIPED	L.J. SPURLIN	29-0	12	PLUG	01/09/02	RUDEE INLET, VA	241	BUCKTAIL
BASS, STRIPED	D. CLINE	43-0		SURF	12/23/01	EASTERN SHORE, VA	430	LIVE EEL
BLUEFISH	R.K. DALE	18-0	12	SPIN	06/10/02	TRIANGLE WRECK, VA	200	JIG
DOLPHIN	W.S. JOHNSTON	5-0	4	FLY	06/18/02	OFF HATTERAS INLET, NC	166	CLOUSER
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BASS, SMALLMOUTH	G.N. CARTER	4-9	2	SPIN	02/25/02	PAMUNKY RIVER, VA	456	SMOKE GRUB
BASS, WHITE	W.S. JOHNSTON	1-0	4	FLY	05/29/02	DETROIT RIVER, MI	114	CLOUSER
BASS, WHITE	W.S. JOHNSTON	1-6	8	FLY	05/29/02	DETROIT RIVER, MI	100	CLOUSER
CATFISH, BLUE	D. CLINE	55-0	4	GEN	03/09/02	JAMES RIVER, VA	687	CUT SHAD
CATFISH, BLUE	R.J. BROWN	14-0	4	PLUG	02/03/02	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	311	SILVER BUDDY
CATFISH, CHANNEL	S. DAVIS	4-13	2	FLY	04/24/02	PRIVATE POND, CHFLD,VA	240	MICKEY FINN
CATFISH, CHANNEL	S. DAVIS	7-8	4	FLY	04/24/02	PRIVATE POND, CHFLD,VA	272	MICKEY FINN
GAR	ROB ROBINSON	11-4	16	GEN	06/04/02	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	102	DEAD MINNOW
PERCH, WHITE	D.D. COMPTON	1-1	12	GEN	03/23/02	COHOKE MILLPOND, VA	106	MINNOW
PERCH, WHITE	R.J. BROWN	1-3	4	PLUG	04/02/02	JAMES RIVER, VA	237	SPOON
PERCH, YELLOW	W.S. JOHNSTON	1-2	4	FLY	02/06/02	DRAGON RUN, VA	257	CLOUSER
PERCH, YELLOW	C. PETERS	1-7	4	GEN	03/07/02	PAMUNKY RIVER, VA	230	MINNOW
PERCH, YELLOW	L. HOUSER	1-7	6	SPIN	03/02/02	PAMUNKY RIVER, VA	230	ROADRUNNER
PERCH, YELLOW	G.N. CARTER	1-6	12	SPIN	03/02/02	PAMUNKY RIVER, VA	157	ROADRUNNER
SHAD, HICKORY	M. KODROFF	3-0	2	FLY	03/14/02	ROANOKE RIVER, NC	400	SHAD FLY
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TROUT, STEELHEAD	J.R. SIDES	14-0	8	FLY	04/02/02	OAK ORCHARD CREEK, NY	254	EGG SUCK LCH
TROUT, STEELHEAD	J.R. SIDES	12-0	12	FLY	04/02/02	OAK ORCHARD CREEK, NY	171	EGG SUCK LCH

### 2002 TOP SPOUSE CATCHES - SALTWATER & FRESHWATER (LOCAL)

PICKEREL, CHAIN	J. JOHNSTON	3-8	2	SPIN	01/29/02	DRAGON RUN, VA	350	SASSY SHAD
FLOUNDER	S. CLINE	3-0	4	GEN	04/27/02	OYSTER, VA	150	MINNOW
DRUM, RED	S. CLINE	REL.		SURF	04/26/02	MYRTLE ISLAND, VA	142	PEELER CRAB

### C.V. KINNARD AWARD COMPETITION - 2002

ANGLER	FIRSTS	SECONDS	THIRDS	PLACES	POINTS	AVERAGE
DENNIS CLINE	3	1	2	6	2366	394
BOB SHEPHERD	2	1	0	3	1382	461
GLENN CARTER	0	1	1	2	716	358
JOHN FOSTER	0	0	1	1	420	420
SCOTT DAVIS	0	1	0	1	360	360
ELLY ROBINSON	0	1	0	1	300	300
FRED MURRAY	0	0	1	1	291	291
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5835</b>	<b>389</b>

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