



May 2003

## May Meeting and Program Topic – Flounder, Fish Fry and Fun

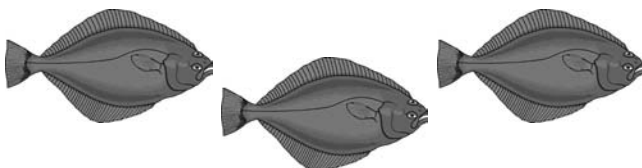
This month's meeting will be held at the **Maymont Robins Nature and Visitor Center** where we will be treated to a fish fry and a seminar on catching flounder. Be sure to mark your calendars for **May 27<sup>th</sup>**!

Dr. Greg South will share his secrets for catching these tasty fish in very shallow water using techniques he has developed. Buddy and Danny Noland will be our cooks for the evening and they just ask us, great fishermen that we are, to provide enough filets for the group. The get together begins at six o'clock and goes till all the fish, beer and BS is gone. This should be a fun evening and a good chance to bring any new prospective members to meet the group. In addition the Maymont aquarium will be open for viewing (not fishing). We hope to see everyone there for this fun evening.

Directions to Robins Nature and Visitor Center at Maymont 2201 Shields Lake Drive:

From Interstate 64 (East and West) &  
from Interstate 95 (North and South)  
Take exit 78 to Boulevard south (Route 161)  
Go south 2.8 miles to Shirley Lane and go left  
Follow signs to Nature Center entrance

From Powhite Parkway  
After the Chippenham toll plaza get in right lane  
Bear right onto 195 East (Downtown expressway)  
Take Maplewood Exit and bear right onto Maplewood  
Go one block to Sheppard and take a right  
Go one block and merge on to Blanton Av. (route 161)  
Go south to Shirley Lane and turn left  
Follow signs to Nature Center



**Flounder are here!**

## CATCHY COMMENTS

by Dennis Cline



**Mike Cline** won the April Angler of the Month contest with a 1-0 white perch on 2-spin that scored 266 points. There were no other entries, so second and third places went unclaimed! Congratulations Mike! Hopefully the May contest will be more spirited.

On the freshwater front, **Rich McDaniel** booked his first blue catfish entry with a nice 27-4 on 12 general. White perch are all over the James, but only one new entry to report from **Bruce Henderson** for a 0-12 on 2-fly. The hickory shad entries have also slowed. Bruce released a 1-4 on 2-fly and **David English** released a 1-10 on 4-fly. A trio of sunfish entries on 2-fly came from **Tom Barnett** for a 0-15, **Elly Robinson** for a 0-14 and **Scott Davis** for a nice 1-4 that scored 400 points. All were caught in private ponds.

**Mickey Kodroff** registered a dozen American shad releases from the Tar River, which has been high and

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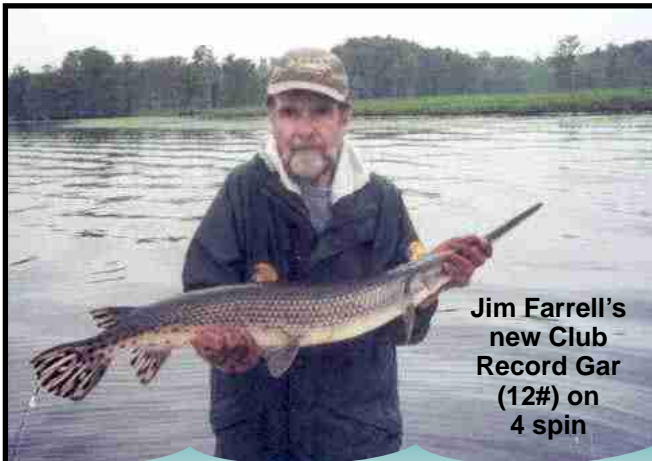
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un-fishable most of the spring. His best fish was a nice 5-0 on 4-spin. The Nottoway has also been too high to fish most of the spring. I did manage one successful trip and released five Americans to 4-3 (on 2-fly) before a nasty thunderstorm ran me off.

**Jim Farrell** set a new club record with a 12-0 gar on 4-spin from the Chick. Another club record goes to **Scott Johnston** for a super 13-8 gar on 8-fly from the James. This could be Scott's forth IGFA fly rod world record for gar since he currently holds the 2,4 and 6 tippet records and the 13-8 easily tops the current 8-8 record on 8-tippet. Congratulations Scott!

Saltwater action is ready to bust wide open. **Robbie Robinson** entered the first croaker of the year, which was a big 2-10 on 2-spin! **Dr. Jim Wright** released a weakfish estimated at over 10 pounds in Rudee Inlet in late April. He also scored with a pair of black sea bass citations as the month ended. There has been little to report from the surf so far this spring, but a few red drum have been caught.

The best catches over the past month have come from Florida and New York. **Reggie White** had a super time on a Miami area charter. He scored with a 41-0 cobia on 8-general and released five sailfish caught on live bait. Four of the releases were on 8-general and the fifth on 6-general! At Oak Orchard, NY, **Stamford Niuou's** 15-0 steelhead on 8-fly set a club record. Stam's fish bested **Ronnie Sides'** 14-0 and became the heaviest steelhead ever entered in the VAC! Congratulations guys! By the way, there is a complete list of all time heaviest VAC fish included in this newsletter that I am calling the **Lunker Club!** (see page 3.)



**Jim Farrell's  
new Club  
Record Gar  
(12#) on  
4 spin**

## Backlash

*(Commentary from the President - John Wetlaufer)*

We just aren't working Team Sides hard enough this year. Ronnie and Glenn are our Orientation and Membership Chairmen, respectively. So far this year, only 3 new candidates have been oriented and welcomed as new members in the club. We have a lot to offer as an angling club. It should not be too hard to think of a personal friend, a son or angling buddy who would enjoy being part of our club. Please take a little time to think about someone you know that would enjoy this club and participating in our angling fun. This month's Membership Meeting featuring a fish fry and a program by Greg South is a great opportunity to let a buddy check us out.

The club's leadership group has been acutely aware that we are loosing too many new members too soon. We want to turn this loss around. If you have any ideas on how to encourage new members to retain their membership, please pass them along to any officer or director.

One reason for the quick turn around that the leadership team has identified and discussed at length is that a new member may initially be intimidated by our annual tournament, our catch records, our angling rules and the whole light tackle thing. The leadership group is working to identify new ways to get new members off to an active, acknowledged start in a club angling program. By offering opportunities for new members to feel comfortable to participate in a club angling program, the new member, if interested, will be able to become knowledgeable, skilled and active in the light tackle aspects of fishing. For starters, you will see more "Jungle Rule" opportunities included in our tournaments. I am sure we will find ways to get new members active from the get go. At the same time, we will not compromise the challenges and accomplishments in our long standing angling program.

Tight lines and good fun,

John



# The Luncker Club (heaviest fish)

Species	Angler	Weight	Angler	Weight
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	Rich McDaniel	6-2	Mickey Kodroff	10-12
BASS, ROCK & ROANOKE			Eric McDuffie	1-7
BASS, SMALLMOUTH			Bob Shepherd	5-8
BASS, STRIPED HY			Bill Ross	6-10
BASS, STRIPED LL			Gary Anderson	23-6
BASS, WHITE			John Wycoff	2-12
BOWFIN	Robbie Robinson	7-0	W.H. McCarthy	12-11
CARP	Jim Farrell	16-4	Fred Cousins	25-8
CATFISH, BLUE	Bob Shepherd	50-0	Dennis Cline	55-0
CATFISH, CHANNEL			Fred Murray	12-4
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	Fred Murray	24-8	Ronnie Sides	25-0
CRAPPIE, ALL	Robbie Robinson	2-4	Gary Donahue	2-14
GAR, ALL	Scott Johnston	13-8	Dick Goode	17-8
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL			Bob Shepherd	28-7
PERCH, WHITE	Scott Johnston	1-0	Eric McDuffie	1-7
PERCH, YELLOW	Robbie Robinson	1-13	Robbie Robinson	1-13
PICKEREL, CHAIN	Matt Bruington	4-12	Reggie White	7-10
PIKE, NORTHERN			L. Kesteloo	17-8
SALMON, ATLANTIC			H.A. Claiborne	19-0
SALMON, CHINOOK			Scott Johnston	34-0
SALMON, COHO			P.W. Hughes	16-8
SHAD, AMERICAN	Mickey Kodroff	5-0	P. Dasher	7-4
SHAD, HICKORY	Quentin Corbett	2-0	Mickey Kodroff	3-4
SUNFISH, ALL	Scott Davis	1-4	Roy Jones	2-4
TROUT, BROOK	Danny Noland	1-0	Joe Brooks	8-0
TROUT, BROWN	Eddy Johnston	0-12	Bill Barnett	28-0
TROUT, CUTTHROAT			H.O. Mather	3-12
TROUT, LAKE			Mark Sosin	30-0
TROUT, RAINBOW	Rich McDaniel	4-10	Randy Matthews	6-4
TROUT, STEELHEAD	Stamford Niou	15-0	Stamford Niou	15-0
WALLEYE			Gary Donahue	8-12
WARMOUTH			Lynn Spurlin	0-13
AMBERJACK, GREATER			Bill Rewalt	91-2
BARRACUDA, GREAT			Reggie White	48-0
BASS, BLACK SEA			Jim Sheffield	7-4
BASS, STRIPED	Reggie White	38-3	C.V. Kinnard	48-0
BLUEFISH			Paul Richie	22-0
BONEFISH			F.W. Lawrence	13-14
COBIA	Reggie White	41-0	Bill DuVal	77-0
CROAKER	Robbie Robinson	2-10	J.C. Wright	4-0
DOLPHIN			A.M. McCarthy	60-0

Species	Angler	Weight	Angler	Weight
DRUM, BLACK			Robbie Robinson	82-8
DRUM, RED			J.C. Smith/S.C.Lee	60-8
FLOUNDER, SUMMER			Pat Dudley	10-5
GROUPEr, ALL			Bill DuVal	63-8
JACK, CRAVELLE			Ronnie Sides	34-0
LADYFISH	Scott Johnston	1-12	Tom Barnett	3-12
MACKEREL, KING			Bill DuVal	62-0
MACKEREL, SPANISH			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			Bill DuVal	42-0
POMPANO, AFRICAN			Elly Robinson	33-0
POMPANO, COMMON			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	Fred Cousins	4-0	Virgil Hughes	11-14
SPADEFISH			Elly Robinson	11-15
SHARK, MAKO			C.O. Mather	486-0
SHARK, OTHER			L. Kesteloo	500-0
SHEEPSHEAD			J.C. Wright	14-0
SNAPPER, CUBERA			Bill DuVal	48-8
SNAPPER, MUTTON			Herb Ratner	18-12
SNAPPER, OTHER			Bill DuVal	32-0
SNOOK			R.S. Stephenson	18-0
SPEARFISH				
SWORDFISH			Stuart Lee	363-0
TARPON			E. Dunham	120-0
TAUTOG			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			Bill DuVal	98-0
WEAKFISH			Bill Gallasch	15-6

VAC 2003 Angling Year Club Historical Record

# Virginia Anglers Club

## VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 5/14/03

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>ANGLER</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>LN</u>	<u>DIV.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u>BAIT</u>
<b><u>2003 SPECIES LEADERS - SALTWATER</u></b>								
BASS, BLACK SEA	B. HENDERSON	4-9	6	PLUG	01/13/03	102 TOWER, NC	243	STINGSILVER
BASS, STRIPED	R.L. WHITE	38-3	4	PLUG	01/11/03	VA. BEACH, VA	763	BUCKTAIL
CROAKER	ROB ROBINSON	2-10	2	SPIN	04/29/03	PIANKATANK RIVER, VA	350	POWER GRUB
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F. COUSINS	4-0	2	SPIN	01/26/03	ELIZABETH RIVER, VA	266	FIN-S
<b><u>2003 SPECIES LEADERS - FRESHWATER</u></b>								
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	R. MCDANIEL	6-2	2	GEN	03/22/03	POND, VA	350	MINNOW
BOWFIN	ROB ROBINSON	7-0	2	PLUG	03/06/03	JAMES RIVER, VA	350	GRUB
CARP	J. FARRELL	16-4	4	PLUG	12/15/02	JAMES RIVER, VA	464	BLADE BAIT
CATFISH, BLUE	B. SHEPHERD	50-0	6	GEN	12/08/02	JAMES RIVER, VA	487	CUT SHAD
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F. MURRAY	24-8	2	SPIN	12/31/02	JAMES RIVER, VA	816	GRUB
CRAPPIE	ROB ROBINSON	1-12	2	SPIN	03/06/03	JAMES RIVER, VA	280	JIG
GAR	E.S. JOHNSTON	12-0	4	PLUG	12/29/02	JAMES RIVER, VA	342	SILVER BUDDY
PERCH, WHITE	M. CLINE	1-0	2	SPIN	04/05/03	JAMES RIVER, VA	266	GRUB
PERCH, YELLOW	ROB ROBINSON	1-13	2	SPIN	02/21/03	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	483	GRUB
PICKEREL, CHAIN	L. KIMBROUGH	4-0	4	FLY	03/22/03	POND, K&Q COUNTY, VA	400	CLOUSER
SHAD, AMERICAN	D. CLINE	4-3	2	FLY	04/25/03	NOTTOWAY RIVER, VA	372	SHAD FLY
SHAD, HICKORY	E.S. ROBINSON	1-15	2	FLY	04/05/03	JAMES RIVER, VA	258	SHAD FLY
SUNFISH	S. DAVIS	1-4	2	FLY	04/30/03	PRIV. POND, CHESTFLD., VA	400	POPPING BUG
TROUT, BROOK	D.N. NOLAND	1-0	2	FLY	03/22/03	ESCATAWBA FARMS, VA	160	FLY
TROUT, BROWN	E.S. JOHNSTON	0-12	4	FLY	03/22/03	ESCATAWBA FARMS, VA	50	WOOLYBUGGR
TROUT, RAINBOW	R. MCDANIEL	4-10	2	FLY	03/21/03	POND, KING WILLIAM, VA	616	WOOLYBUGGR
<b><u>2003 DIVISION LEADERS - SALTWATER</u></b>								
BASS, STRIPED	R.L. WHITE	24-2	6	FLY	01/11/03	VA. BEACH, VA	482	MEGACLOUSER
BASS, STRIPED	R.L. WHITE	38-3	4	PLUG	01/11/03	VA. BEACH, VA	763	BUCKTAIL
BASS, STRIPED	S. DAVIS	18-4	4	SPIN	12/07/02	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	365	BUCKTAIL
<b><u>2002 DIVISION LEADERS - FRESHWATER</u></b>								
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F. MURRAY	21-0	4	FLY	02/03/03	JAMES RIVER, VA	646	HALF & HALF
CATFISH, BLUE	B. SHEPHERD	50-0	6	GEN	12/08/02	JAMES RIVER, VA	487	CUT SHAD
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	J. FARRELL	21-0	4	PLUG	02/02/03	JAMES RIVER, VA	525	SASSY SHAD
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F. MURRAY	24-8	2	SPIN	12/31/02	JAMES RIVER, VA	816	GRUB
<b><u>NEW CLUB RECORDS - SALTWATER</u></b>								
BASS, BLACK SEA	B. HENDERSON	4-9	6	PLUG	01/13/03	102 TOWER, NC	243	STINGSILVER
BASS, STRIPED	R.L. WHITE	24-2	6	FLY	01/11/03	VA. BEACH, VA	482	MEGACLOUSER
BASS, STRIPED	S.C. LEE	18-8	16	FLY	12/18/02	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	185	BUNKER FLY
BASS, STRIPED	S.C. LEE	24-12	20	FLY	01/05/03	OFF RUDEE INLET, VA	206	HALF & HALF
BASS, STRIPED	R.L. WHITE	38-3	4	PLUG	01/11/03	VA. BEACH, VA	763	BUCKTAIL
BASS, STRIPED	B. HENDERSON	29-0	6	PLUG	01/13/03	OREGON INLET, NC	446	MANN-A-LURE
BASS, STRIPED	L. HOUSER	28-8	8	PLUG	12/30/02	ATLANTIC OCEAN, VA	356	JIG
LADYFISH	W.S. JOHNSTON	1-12	6	FLY	01/22/03	JUPITER, FL	175	CLOUSER
LADYFISH	W.S. JOHNSTON	1-12	8	FLY	01/29/03	JUPITER, FL	140	CLOUSER
<b><u>NEW CLUB RECORDS - FRESHWATER</u></b>								
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	B. HENDERSON	3-4	2	PLUG	03/08/03	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	216	SILVER BUDDY
BOWFIN	ROB ROBINSON	7-0	2	PLUG	03/06/03	JAMES RIVER, VA	350	GRUB
CARP	W.S. JOHNSTON	7-0	6	FLY	03/06/03	JAMES RIVER, VA	175	WOOLYBUGGR
CARP	R.J. BROWN	10-8	2	PLUG	02/08/03	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	350	SILVER BUDDY
CARP	J. FARRELL	16-4	4	PLUG	12/15/02	JAMES RIVER, VA	464	BLADE BAIT
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CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F. MURRAY	24-8	2	SPIN	12/31/02	JAMES RIVER, VA	816	GRUB
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F. MURRAY	19-8	6	SPIN	12/31/02	JAMES RIVER, VA	390	SILVER BUDDY
CRAPPIE	ROB ROBINSON	2-4	4	GEN	03/05/03	JAMES RIVER, VA	200	LIVE MINNOW
CRAPPIE	E.S. ROBINSON	1-8	2	PLUG	03/24/03	ELLY'S POND, VA	240	JIG-N-MINNOW



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GAR	J. FARRELL	12-0	4	SPIN	05/10/03	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	342	WHITE GRUB
PERCH, WHITE	W.S. JOHNSTON	0-14	6	FLY	03/11/03	DRAGON RUN, VA	155	PERCH FLY
PERCH, WHITE	W.S. JOHNSTON	0-12	8	FLY	03/08/03	DRAGON RUN, VA	109	GLD STREAMER
PERCH, WHITE	W.S. JOHNSTON	1-0	12	FLY	03/11/03	DRAGON RUN, VA	123	PERCH FLY
PERCH, YELLOW	W.S. JOHNSTON	1-2	2	FLY	02/21/03	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	360	STREAMER
PERCH, YELLOW	W.S. JOHNSTON	1-2	6	FLY	03/08/03	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	200	WOOLYBUGGR
PERCH, YELLOW	T. HENDERSON	0-8	2	PLUG	03/08/03	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	133	SILVER BUDDY
PERCH, YELLOW	ROB ROBINSON	1-13	2	SPIN	02/21/03	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	483	GRUB
PERCH, YELLOW	ROB ROBINSON	1-7	12	SPIN	02/21/03	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	164	GRUB
PICKEREL, CHAIN	L. KIMBROUGH	4-0	4	FLY	03/22/03	POND, K&Q COUNTY, VA	400	CLOUSER
SHAD, HICKORY	E.S. ROBINSON	1-14	2	PLUG	04/04/03	JAMES RIVER, VA	214	SPOON
SUNFISH	ROB ROBINSON	0-13	2	PLUG	04/03/03	ELLY'S POND, VA	216	JIG-N-MINNOW
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### 2003 HIGHEST POINT NON-LOCAL CATCHES - SALTWATER

COBIA	R.L. WHITE	41-0	8	GEN	04/15/03	MIAMI, FL	372	LIVE
LADYFISH	W.S. JOHNSTON	1-12	6	FLY	01/22/03	JUPITER, FL	175	CLOUSER
MARLIN, STRIPED	J.W. REWALT	REL.	16	GEN	12/06/02	SAN CRISTOBAL, GAL. ISL.	400	MACKEREL
SAILFISH, ATLANTIC	R.L. WHITE	REL.	6	GEN	04/17/03	MIAMI, FL	625	LIVE

### 2003 HIGHEST POINT NON-LOCAL CATCHES - FRESHWATER

TROUT, STEELHEAD	S. NIOU	15-0	8	FLY	04/14/03	OAK ORCHARD, NY	272	FLY
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### 2003 TOP SPOUSE CATCHES - SALTWATER & FRESHWATER (LOCAL)

PICKEREL, CHAIN	E. KODROFF	1-8	2	SPIN	03/04/03	SOUTH LAKE, NC	150	GRUB
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## C.V. KINNARD AWARD COMPETITION - 2003

ANGLER	FIRSTS	SECONDS	THIRDS	PLACES	POINTS	AVERAGE
FRED MURRAY	1	1	0	2	1124	562
RICH McDANIEL	1	0	1	2	966	483
BOB SHEPHERD	0	1	0	1	487	487
ROB ROBINSON	0	0	1	1	483	483
M. CLINE	1	0	0	1	266	266
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3326</b>	<b>475</b>

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Contact Scott Davis if interested.  
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Upcoming Angling Events

**Eastern Shore Red Drum / Flounder**

**May 31 & June 1, 2003**

Location: Barrier Island surf and inlets, Eastern Shore, Va.

Awards: 1 cup for the highest point red drum in the surf (must be released).  
1 cup for the highest point other species (surf or boat -100 point minimum).

Bait: You will need to provide your own. Top spring drum bait is peeler crab. Other choices are fresh spot, bunker or bluefish. Minnows & squid are always a good bet for flounder. Try Chris' bait & tackle at Edgewood Motel (757-331-3632).

Launches: For Smith & Myrtle islands - Shell ramp on Inter-coastal waterway is now closed. Use mud ramp at Raccoon Creek for johnboats, or Kiptopeke State Park ramp for larger boats. Also, larger boats can use public ramp at Oyster (if you know the way across South Bay).

For Wreck & Cobb islands use public ramps at Oyster or Willis Wharf.

Motels: Sunset Beach Motel - 757-331-1776  
Day's Inn at Kiptopeke - 757-331-1000  
Edgewood Motel - 757-331-3632 (has bait also)  
Cape Motel - 757-331-2461  
Peacock Motel - 757-331-2121

Also check with Dennis on availability of room at his place or neighbor's rental.

Tips: Fish upper ends of inlets and creek mouths for flounder. Good spring spots include Big Ebb Drain, Ship Shoal Inlet and the inter-coastal near Oyster. Just look for the boats! Hit the beaches about two hours before through two hours after low water for drum. Then try flounder again on the rising tide. If you are only interested in drum, they bite on all tides.

Tides for Ship Shoal Inlet are: Saturday (H) 9:21 am, (L) 3:04 pm & Sunday (H) 10:00 am, (L) 3:43 pm. Be sure to pay attention to the tides when running and anchoring. Call Dennis for fishing report and bait availability at 757-331-3037.

Get-together: Bring your fish and drinks to our cottage for a cookout starting about 7 pm on Saturday. Please call ahead to help us with a count and to get directions if you need them.

Report-in: Call Chairman within 5 days.

Chairman: Dennis Cline (H) 526-8736, (Eastern Shore) 757-331-3037

**Chesapeake Bay**

**J\* Black Drum**

**Spade Fish**

**Weakfish**

**Start Friday June 6, 6 pm**

**End Sunday June 8, 6 pm**

Location: Chesapeake Bay

Awards: 1 cup highest point Black Drum.  
1 cup highest point Weakfish.  
1 cup highest point Spadefish.  
1 cup Bay Master Highest cumulative points on Five (5) different species, no restrictions on tackle type.  
All cups / species 100 point minimum.

Tips: **Black Drum:**  
cabbage patch/CBBT islands.  
**Weakfish:**  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Islands and concrete ships.  
**Spadefish:**  
Light tower/3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Island / Cell.  
**Red drum:**  
12 ft. shoal.  
**Cobia:**  
12 ft. shoal//bluefish rock.  
**Spanish mackerel:**  
4<sup>th</sup> Island ocean side.  
**Croaker:**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Island pilings.  
**Bluefish:**  
no idea.

Report-in: Call Chairman within 5 days

Chairman: Elly Robinson  
(H) 804-590-3043  
(O) 804-383-3636



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## **Best Buy on the Outer Banks**

by Mike Ostrander

On a recent trip to Cape Hatteras, my first in quite a while, I found the 'Best Buy' you can find on great casting, 'Hopkins' type lures. (Other than the fifteen cent shrimp and ice cold draft beer at the Pelican Restaurant, on Ocracoke Island, this was my favorite discovery).

While fishing the south beach of Hatteras Island, I began talking with a fellow surf fisherman. I mentioned that I had forgotten a few lures, mostly Hopkins, and was just going to bait fish for red drum and blue fish. He proceeded to tell me that he knew of a guy who sold new, 'Hopkins' type lures at a bargain price. The only catch, he stated, was that you had to buy a dozen at a time. When I found the place and began looking over the lures, it wasn't a question of which twelve lures I wanted, but how many dozen!!!

The directions to this 'Best Buy' on the Outer Banks go a little something like this. On Highway 12, at the south end of Buxton, or the north end of Frisco, you'll see the only school around. I believe it's Cape Hatteras School. Anyway, it's the only school around and is located on the west side of the road. Across the road (Hwy 12) from the school's ball field, you'll see a small 'NAPA' sign. If you are heading south, turn left at the

'NAPA' sign. Directly ahead of you is a repair garage, while to the right of you is a house. Go to the back yard of the house, park, and you'll see a small shed in the backyard. Go to the shed and knock. If no one is in the shed, go to the back door of the house and knock. When you find the husband or wife, let them know you would like to buy some lures.

When you get into the shed, you'll find an array of great casting lures. This huge inventory of lures, as I was told, is sold to tackle shops along the Outer Banks, packaged as a name brand and sell from \$3.50 to nearly \$5.00 each. He cannot advertise that he sells these lures and word of mouth is all he has.

These 'Hopkins' imitations are available with or without added color (pink, green, pink/green combo, etc.) as well as small, medium and large sizes. He also has, on occasion, used Mirror Lures and other odd ball lures for sale. The 'Best Buy', though are the 'Hopkins' imitations. The price ... \$17 a dozen.

Good luck ... I bought two dozen and didn't make a dent in his inventory. Oh, and if you talk nice to the guy, (love the yard, great lures, nice shed), he'll give an extra lure or two for free!!! Take care and happy fishing.

## **Ukrop's Golden Gift Program**

Our club has once again registered in the Ukrop's Golden Gift Program. The Program began on February 3 and ended March 29. Certificates are mailed to customers during the month of May. The deadline for receiving credit is June 1. Please save your certificates and bring them to the May membership meeting. If you cannot make the May meeting, please mail your certificate to the VAC, PO Box 31494, Richmond, VA 23294-1494. Special Activities Chairman Rich McDaniel will handle the certificate redemption.



## **IGFA Records Search**

Members wishing to research world record catches via the IGFA website may do so by signing in with the following information. At the email address prompt type in Virginia Anglers Club. Password is fishing. The link to IGFA is <http://www.igfa.org>



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