



February 2005

*Next Meeting:
February 22nd at Skillagallee.*

*February Membership Meeting To Feature
2004 Awards Ceremony and Raffles*

Date & Time: Tuesday, February 22, 2005 – 7:00 PM

Location: Skillagallee Restaurant (west side of Glenside Ave, just north of Broad Street).

Major Agenda Items:

1. Membership Vote On A Proposed Dues Increase, Effective 12/01/2005

The Board of Directors proposes and supports a change in the By-Laws of the Virginia Anglers Club to increase annual Resident Member Dues from \$50.00 to \$60.00 and to increase annual Non-Resident Member Dues from \$35.00 to \$40.00. Increases will start December 1st, 2005. There has been no change in dues for over 10 years. A quorum was not present when this item was presented for a vote in December.

2. Awards Ceremony for the 2004 Angling Year.

Cups, Trophies and Plaques for significant angling accomplishments during the 2004 Angling Year will be presented. Raffles missed with the cancellation of the 2005 Banquet will also be held. Please pick up your information packs at this meeting. The next speaker will be present at the March Membership Meeting (details below).

Note: No meal will be a formal part of the rescheduled program. Those wishing to eat before the meeting are encouraged to meet at 5:30 pm at the Skillagallee and order from the menu. The food selection is outstanding and the service is efficient and friendly.

3. Scale Certification for the 2005 Angling Year.

Weigh Master Larry Allen and his lovely assistants will make certifications for 2005.

Backlash

(Commentary from the Board of Directors)

Lot's a Neat Stuff Featured In Raffles At The February Membership Meeting.

The tradition continues. Two fly boxes, one containing flies by Bill Gallash and the other containing flies by Ronnie Sides, will be raffled as will a \$50 gift certificate redeemable at any store or restaurant at the Stony Point Fashion Park. Greentop Sporting Goods has generously donated a very nice Shimano tackle bag crammed full of all types of fishing accessory items like baits, etc. Be sure to see Eddy Johnston when you arrive at the meeting and purchase your raffle tickets from him.

Please Help The Weigh Master

Too many scales are disqualified because of poor condition. Be sure your scales are clean and in good working order. If you seriously plan to use your scales for IGFA entry purposes, please request that the special IGFA certification be made for a particular scale(s). We try to avoid "just in case" IGFA certification. Please present your scales in a Ziploc or similar bags with your name on a card inside the bag or written on the bag. Scales will be certified during the meeting and be ready for pick-up at the close of the meeting.

Dues for 2005 Are Now Due

Your annual dues for 2005 are now due. Dues for in-state residents are \$50.00 and dues for out of state residents are \$35.00. Since the opportunity to vote on a dues increase for the 2005 angling year slipped us by (see below comments), the Board has suggested that an additional, one time, donation be included with your current dues payment. Dues payment can be sent to Treasurer Fred Cousins at his home or at the club's post office box. Please remit dues by check made out to Virginia Anglers Club. In an effort to save postage, no dues notices were sent out to members this year. Dues will be considered in arrears as of March 1, 2005.

March Meeting Speaker's Topic, - Dead Zones of the Chesapeake Bay

John Paige Williams of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation will present a program about the dead zones in the Chesapeake

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Bay. This will be an interesting topic, especially for those that fish Bay. John brings a wonderful knowledge of the Bay to our meeting. We are always interested in providing you with speakers that cater to your interests. If you have topics or speakers to recommend for club meetings this year, please let John Wetlaufer, Sr. know what you recommend.

Annual Banquet Cancelled – Mother Nature Won

Based on a strong probability that roads would be covered with ice on Saturday night, January 22nd and the headcount deadline falling on the 20th, the 2005 Annual Banquet was cancelled for reasons of driving safety and financial prudence. The cancellation by the deadline avoided committing the VAC to full banquet costs. Banquet Chairman Eddy Johnston negotiated a temporary cancellation payment (vs. full banquet costs) of \$300 to cover food already purchased by the Meadowbrook Country Club for our banquet. Next year the club will receive a \$300 credit toward the cost of the 2006 VAC Banquet. The Awards Ceremony and accompanying four raffles have been moved to the February Membership Meeting. Cash paid for reservations has been refunded. Checks mailed in payment of reservations will be voided, shredded and not returned.

Newsletter Printing Moved To New Facility

The Board of Directors wishes to thank member Bob Shepherd for offering the services of his company, Medivisuals, for publishing digital and hard copies of the Angler. All production and publication of the Angler now takes place at Medivisuals at a savings to the Club. If you experience problem with receipt of the Angler, please let Bob or News Letter Secretary Mike Ostrander know. Articles, for sale items, etc. still need to be submitted to Mike Ostrander, Newsletter Secretary. Digital submission is preferred but not required.

New Club Officers and Directors Sworn in at January Board of Directors' Meeting

Outgoing President Fred Murray swore in the 2005 Officers and the 3 new Directors at the February BOD Meeting. New President Lynn Spurlin is now at the helm. Regrettably, no member has accepted nomination for nor stepped forward to take on the responsibilities of the office of 1st Vice President. If you are interested in this office or want to suggest a good candidate, please see Lynn Spurlin.

For the Leadership of the Virginia Anglers Club,

John Wetlaufer, Sr.

CATCHY COMMENTS

by Dennis Cline



Brrrrrr! That about sums it up for January's fishing and for UVA's basketball team.

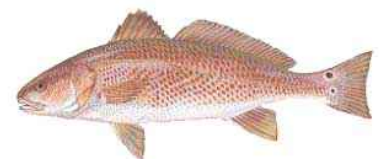
But even the hapless Hoos can't touch the "Rockfish trip to Hades" that I endured aboard the Time Out with **LeRoy Houser**. It started with an icebreaking cruise through Owl Creek, followed by a 30 mile run to Currituck light that was prompted by what must have been lies told by a few charter boat captains who were trolling the area. Instead of the hogs that one crew bragged about, we found a couple of small keepers and a dink. Wisely, LeRoy steamed back to Rudee and we pulled out just as a few flakes started to fall. We thought we had timed our departure just right to beat the rush hour traffic and the storm. Well, that was just way wrong!!! Before we could reach I-64, we hit ice! It quickly became a parking lot. Five hours later, we reached 460 and pulled off for gas and to fix a blown fuse that had shut down the trailer lights. Of course we knew about the lights because dozens of people kept shouting at us and pointing at the boat as they crept by! A mere three hours later, we skated into LeRoy's driveway with two frozen rockfish and the need for a stiff drink! As LeRoy summed it up, "Don't even tell me you had a good time"!!!

The only January saltwater entries came from the "hot ditch", where **Fred Cousins** caught a 3-1 speckled trout on 2-spin and a 2-12 on 2-plug. **Dr. Jim Wright** posted the largest speck, with a 4-12 on 6-spin.

The Johns Creek action cooled off in January, with no more entries. So, guess what took over. Yeah, you guessed it, them slimy old catfish. **Jim Farrell** lead the way with a club record 36-8 blue cat on 4-spin that scored 486 points! That fish put a damper on my 39-0 on 6 general. **Fred Murray** notched two club records for flatheads. His 22-8 flathead sets a new standard for 4-plug. Better yet is the 21-8 on 4-fly, which bettered his old club record and his current IGFA record!!

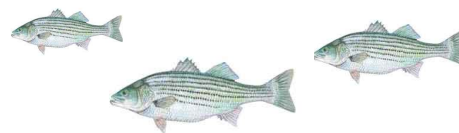
Last week's warm spell has spurred some activity on the Chick. A few members have found good numbers of small perch and bass. Hopefully, bigger catches are just around the corner. **Elly Robinson** reports a 3-14 bowfin and a 0-14 yellow perch on 2-plug. **Robbie Robinson** posted the first crappie of the year with a 1-6 on 2-spin.

Finally, on an even warmer note, I am happy to report that my 7-5 flounder caught last July was approved as the new 2-pound line class record by IGFA!



VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 2/9/05

| <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> |
|--|---------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|------------------------|------------|--------------|
| <u>2005 SPECIES LEADERS - SALTWATER</u> | | | | | | | | |
| BASS, STRIPED | J.P. ROUNTREY | 19-0 | 2 | GEN | 12/07/04 | OREGON INLET, NC | 380 | EEL |
| BLUEFISH | S.C. LEE | 14-0 | 16 | FLY | 12/06/04 | OFF CURRITUCK, NC | 155 | DECEIVER |
| SEATROUT, SPOTTED | F. COUSINS | 3-1 | 2 | SPIN | 01/16/05 | ELIZABETH RIVER, VA | 204 | GRUB |
| <u>2005 SPECIES LEADERS - FRESHWATER</u> | | | | | | | | |
| BOWFIN | E.S. ROBINSON | 3-14 | 2 | PLUG | 02/05/05 | YARMOOUTH CREEK, VA | 193 | SILVER BUDDY |
| CATFISH, BLUE | J. FARRELL | 36-8 | 4 | SPIN | 01/02/05 | JAMES RIVER, VA | 486 | PLAST. GRUB |
| CATFISH, FLATHEAD | F. MURRAY | 21-8 | 4 | FLY | 01/09/05 | JAMES RIVER, VA | 455 | HALF & HALF |
| CRAPPIE | ROB ROBINSON | 1-6 | 2 | SPIN | 02/02/05 | CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA | 218 | POWER GRUB |
| PERCH, YELLOW | E.S. ROBINSON | 0-14 | 2 | PLUG | 02/05/05 | YARMOOUTH CREEK, VA | 230 | |
| PICKEREL, CHAIN | J.C. WRIGHT | 1-8 | 6 | PLUG | 01/04/05 | ELIZABETH RIVER, VA | 87 | PLUG |
| TROUT, RAINBOW | E.S. ROBINSON | 6-8 | 2 | FLY | 01/07/05 | JOHNS CREEK, VA | 866 | WOOLY BUG'R |
| <u>2005 DIVISION LEADERS - SALTWATER</u> | | | | | | | | |
| STRIPED BASS | G.N. CARTER | 16-0 | 8 | FLY | 12/30/04 | DUCK, NC | 266 | CLOUSER |
| STRIPED BASS | J.P. ROUNTREY | 19-0 | 2 | GEN | 12/07/04 | OREGON INLET, NC | 380 | EEL |
| SEATROUT, SPOTTED | F. COUSINS | 2-12 | 2 | PLUG | 01/16/05 | ELIZABETH RIVER, VA | 183 | STRM WILDEYE |
| SEATROUT, SPOTTED | F. COUSINS | 3-1 | 2 | SPIN | 01/16/05 | ELIZABETH RIVER, VA | 204 | GRUB |
| STRIPED BASS | D. CLINE | 36-0 | | SURF | 12/12/04 | MYRTLE ISLAND, VA | 360 | LIVE EEL |
| <u>2005 DIVISION LEADERS - FRESHWATER</u> | | | | | | | | |
| TROUT, RAINBOW | E.S. ROBINSON | 6-8 | 2 | FLY | 01/07/05 | JOHNS CREEK, VA | 866 | WOOLY BUG'R |
| CATFISH, BLUE | D. CLINE | 39-0 | 6 | GEN | 01/11/05 | JAMES RIVER, VA | 366 | CUT SHAD |
| CATFISH, FLATHEAD | F. MURRAY | 22-8 | 4 | PLUG | 01/02/05 | JAMES RIVER, VA | 381 | SILVER BUDDY |
| CATFISH, BLUE | J. FARRELL | 36-8 | 4 | SPIN | 01/02/05 | JAMES RIVER, VA | 486 | PLAST. GRUB |
| <u>NEW CLUB RECORDS - SALTWATER</u> | | | | | | | | |
| STRIPED BASS | S.C. LEE | 25-8 | 16 | FLY | 12/06/04 | OFF CURRITUCK, NC | 255 | DECEIVER |
| STRIPED BASS | J.P. ROUNTREY | 19-0 | 2 | GEN | 12/07/04 | OREGON INLET, NC | 380 | EEL |
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| TROUT, RAINBOW | D.N. NOLAND | 7-13 | 4 | FLY | 01/07/05 | JOHNS CREEK, VA | 723 | FLY |
| <u>2005 HIGHEST POINT NON-LOCAL CATCHES - SALTWATER</u> | | | | | | | | |
| (no entries yet for 2005) | | | | | | | | |
| <u>2004 HIGHEST POINT NON-LOCAL CATCHES - FRESHWATER</u> | | | | | | | | |
| (no entries yet for 2005) | | | | | | | | |
| <u>2005 TOP SPOUSE CATCHES - SALTWATER & FRESHWATER (LOCAL)</u> | | | | | | | | |
| (no entries yet for 2005) | | | | | | | | |
| <u>2005 YOUTH CATCHES - SALTWATER & FRESHWATER (LOCAL)</u> | | | | | | | | |
| (no entries yet for 2005) | | | | | | | | |



For What It's Worth...

In March, it's pretty obvious what two species are the topic of anticipation in Richmond ... hickory shad and American shad on the James. But, this month's tip comes from Vic DiCenzo (via Gary Martel at DGIF). There are some mighty big largemouth bass about an hour away from Richmond in Briery Creek Lake.

Vic, who is a state biologist for DGIF, states the largemouth bass fishing in Briery Creek is temperature dependent. When the water temp reaches the mid to upper 50's big bass start biting at depths of 12-20'. Jigging lures and live minnow fishing works well at these depths this time of year. When the water temperature reaches 60 degrees, largemouth head to shallow water to spawn. When on the beds, they're pretty easy to see and cast to, but some people make the mistake of casting spinnerbaits to these fish. Most of the time, spinnerbaits spook the fish. He suggests using soft plastics and slowly working the bait.

Briery Creek is full of submerged timber and is a tough light line fishery. Be prepared to fish in heavy cover. The lake is located just a few miles south of Farmville off of Rt. 15 via Rt. 790 or Rt. 701. If you have any questions about Briery Creek call DGIF's Farmville field office at 804-392-9645. Good luck!

The Luncker Club (heaviest fish)

| Species | VAC 2003 Angling Year | | Club Historical Record | | VAC 2003 Angling Year | | Club Historical Record | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|--------|------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|--------|------------------------|--------|
| | Angler | Weight | Angler | Weight | Angler | Weight | Angler | Weight |
| BASS, LARGEMOUTH | | | Dr. Mickey Kodroff | 10-12 | FLOUNDER, SUMMER | | Pat Dudley | 10-5 |
| BASS, ROCK & ROANOKE | | | Eric McDuffie | 1-7 | GROUPER, GAG | | none | |
| BASS, SMALLMOUTH | | | Bob Shepherd | 5-8 | GROUPER, HISTORIC | | Bill DuVal | 63-8 |
| BASS, STRIPED HY | | | Bill Ross | 6-10 | GROUPER, OTHER | | none | |
| BASS, STRIPED LL | | | Gary Anderson | 23-6 | JACK, CRAVELLE | | Ronnie Sides | 34-0 |
| BASS, WHITE | | | John Wycoff | 2-12 | LADYFISH | | Tom Barnett | 3-12 |
| BOWFIN | | | W.H. McCarthy | 12-11 | MACKEREL, CROO | | none | |
| CARP | | | Fred Cousins | 25-8 | MACKEREL, KING | | Bill DuVal | 62-0 |
| CATFISH, BLUE | | | Dennis Cline | 55-0 | MACKEREL, SPANISH | | none | |
| CATFISH, CHANNEL | | | Fred Murray | 12-4 | MACKEREL, SPANISH (HISTORIC)* | | C.O. Mather | 18-3* |
| CATFISH, FLATHEAD | | | Lynn Spurlin | 27-8 | MARLIN, BLACK | | F.D. Gotwald | 1075-0 |
| CATFISH, HISTORIC | | | D.N. Jones | 22-12 | MARLIN, BLUE ATL & PAC | | Steve Hutchins | 691-5 |
| CRAPPIE, ALL | | | Gary Donahue | 2-14 | MARLIN, STRIPED | | C.O. Mather | 266-0 |
| GAR, ALL | | | Dick Goode | 17-8 | MARLIN, WHITE | | C.O. Mather | 113-7 |
| MUSKELLUNGE, ALL | | | Bob Shepherd | 28-7 | PERMIT | | Bill DuVal | 42-0 |
| PERCH, WHITE | | | Eric McDuffie | 1-7 | POMPANO, AFRICAN | | Ely Robinson | 33-0 |
| PERCH, YELLOW | | | Robbie Robinson | 1-13 | POMPANO, COMMON | | Parks Rountrey | 1-8 |
| PICKEREL, CHAIN | | | Reggie White | 7-10 | ROOSTERFISH | | W.C. Askev | 50-8 |
| PIKE, NORTHERN | | | L. Kesteloo | 17-8 | RUNNER, RAINBOW | | Pat Quisenberry | 20-5 |
| SALMON, ATLANTIC | | | H.A. Claiborne | 19-0 | SAILFISH, ATLANTIC | | C.O. Mather | 86-3 |
| SALMON, CHINOOK | | | Scott Johnston | 34-0 | SAILFISH, PACIFIC | | J.F. McNeace | 140-0 |
| SALMON, COHO | | | P.W. Hughes | 16-8 | SEATROUT, SPOTTED | | Virgil Hughes | 11-14 |
| SHAD, AMERICAN | | | P. Dasher | 7-4 | SHARK, MAKO | | C.O. Mather | 486-0 |
| SHAD, HICKORY | | | Dr. Mickey Kodroff | 3-4 | SHARK, OTHER | | L. Kesteloo | 500-0 |
| SUNFISH, ALL | | | Roy Jones | 2-4 | SHEEPSHEAD | | Dr. Jim Wright | 14-0 |
| TROUT, BROOK | | | Joe Brooks | 8-0 | SNAPPER, CUBERA | | Bill DuVal | 48-8 |
| TROUT, BROWN | | | Bill Barnett | 28-0 | SNAPPER, MUTTON | | Herb Ratner | 18-12 |
| TROUT, CUTTHROAT | | | H.O. Mather | 3-12 | SNAPPER, OTHER | | Bill DuVal | 32-0 |
| TROUT, LAKE | | | Mark Sosin | 30-0 | SNAPPER, RED | | none | |
| TROUT, RAINBOW | | | Danny Noland | 7-13 | SNOOK | | Dick Stephenson | 29-0 |
| TROUT, STEELHEAD | | | Stamford Niou | 15-0 | SPADEFISH | | Ely Robinson | 11-15 |
| WALLEYE | | | Steve Luterek | 9-0 | SPOT | | none | |
| WARMOUTH | | | Lynn Spurlin | 0-13 | SWORDFISH | | Stuart Lee | 363-0 |
| AMBERJACK, GREATER | | | Bill Rewalt | 91-2 | TARPON | | E. Dunham | 120-0 |
| BARRACUDA, GREAT | | | Reggie White | 48-0 | TAUTOG | | J.C. Wright | 15-8 |
| BASS, BLACK SEA | | | Jim Sheffield | 7-4 | TRIGGERFISH | | Bill DuVal | 10-0 |
| BASS, STRIPED | | | C.V. Kinnard | 48-0 | TUNA, BIGEYE ATL | | F.C. Willson | 215-0 |
| BLUEFISH | | | Paul Richie | 22-0 | TUNA, BLACKFIN | | Ronnie Hogge | 38-0 |
| BONEFISH | | | F.W. Lawrence | 13-14 | TUNA, BLUEFIN | | R.L. Gilliam | 1080-0 |
| COBIA | | | Bill DuVal | 77-0 | TUNA, SKIPJACK | | Bill DuVal | 18-0 |
| CROAKER | | | Dr. Jim Wright | 4-0 | TUNA, YELLOWFIN | | Bill Rewalt | 231-0 |
| DOLPHIN | | | A.M. McCarthy | 60-0 | TUNNY, LITTLE | | Buddy Noland | 19-8 |
| DRUM, BLACK | | | Robbie Robinson | 82-8 | WAHOO | | Bill DuVal | 98-0 |
| DRUM, RED | | | Dennis Cline | 62-0 | WEAKFISH | | Bill Gallasch | 15-6 |

* Includes Cero and Narrow Barred Mackerels

Upcoming Angling Events

Chickahominy Grab Bag

Sat-Sun, February 19 & 20, 2005

Location: All of the Chickahominy River
From the dam to the Rt. 5 bridge

Awards: 1 cup most cumulative points
(min. of 3 fish, min. 100pts. each)
Limited to one entry per species
1 cup J* catfish

Report in: Call chairman within 5 Days.
Chairman: Bob Brown - Cell: 804-833-2786
Home: 804-746-1934

Weather date: February 26-27 (Bob Brown will make call).

*Jungle rules: Fish may be taken with any hook and line tackle used in a sportsman like manner. Any line material and breaking strength is acceptable.

Rod & Gun Club Tournament

(Date to be announced at Feb. meeting)

Location: King & Queen Rod & Gun Club

Time: Club house at 7am

Awards: 1 cup highest point Bass
1 cup highest point Crappie
1 cup highest point Pickerel
1 cup highest point fish on Fly.

Comments: Limited to about 15-20 people
Having a cook out. \$ 10.00 charge
(\$ 5.00 club guest pass, \$ 5.00 food.)
Club has 3 lakes with john boats, need to bring
trolling Motors (no gas) or paddles. No boat
ramp carry your canoe or small john boat.

Directions: Out Rt. 360 East, going to Tappahannock.
Turn Right at Rt. 14 (King & Queen county).
About 10 miles turn Left at the State Fish
Hatchery Sign.
Go about 1 mile. Club house is on the right
past 1st lake.

Reservations: Bob Brown - Cell: 804-833-2786
Home: 804-746-1934

Report: Bob Brown within 5 Days



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