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Next Membership Meeting:

May 25, 2010 - 5:30pm

Maymont Nature Center

BACKLASH

(Commentary from the Board of Directors)

ANNUAL FISH FRY AT MAYMONT RETURNS IN MAY

Don't miss this fun annual event at the Maymont Nature Center. Once again the Noland Team has agreed to do their magic and all you have to do is show up

JUNE AND JULY PROGRAMS BEING CONFIRMED

Speakers for the June and July VAC Membership Meetings are identified but have not been confirmed as of this writing. When on the hook, information on these two meetings' programs will be communicated.

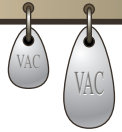
ERIC SMITH – LATEST VAC NEW MEMBER

Eric ("Smitty") Smith was voted into membership in the Virginia Anglers Club at the Board of Directors Meeting held on May 11, 2009. "Smitty" was the guest of Buddy Noland at the April Membership Meeting and is wrapping up a co-op assignment at the Dupont Plant here in Richmond. A Junior Chemical Engineering student at VA Tech, Eric currently lives in Cleveland, Ohio, while not at Tech. His angling interests center on fresh water fishing with spin and fly tackle being his main interest. "Smitty" hopes to purchase a kayak or a small Jon Boat from which to fish while at Tech. Eric has his sights set on snagging a world record catch.

NO CONTRY STORE AT THE MAY MAYMONT FISHFRY

Country Store Keeper Eddy Johnston advises that the Country Store will not be open at the May Maymont Fish Fry. The Store will reopen at the June 22 Membership Meeting.

For the Leadership Team
John Wetlaufer, Sr., Director



CATCHY COMMENTS

by Buddy Noland

The James River continues to produce the most catches for the month of April and early May.

Reports of increased Saltwater fishing activity is stepping up as I write this article.

Fred Cousins started off the month fly fishing Elly's Pond and landed a 9 ounce Sunfish worth 187 points. He finished off in the James River with a 1-12 pound Hickory Shad on 2# fly. The Shad scores 187 points.

Johnny Wetlaufer gave the American Shad a break and landed a nice 1-12 pound Hickory Shad on 2# spin, using a gold spoon for 205 points. I'm sure a lot cheaper than keeping the American Shad.

Scott Johnston had a tremendous month of fishing using 4# fly. Scott entered several Hickory Shad with a huge 2-10 fish scoring 312 points on a clouser. The entry will lead the "species", "heaviest", and "fly" divisions with very little time remaining in the spring run for anyone to beat it. **Scott** also entered a 236 point White Perch and a 4-0 pound Channel Catfish. The catfish will take the lead for the species "highest point" and "heaviest" divisions.

Before the White Perch completed their travels up the James River, **Eddy Johnston** caught a 15 ounce perch on 2# fly for 312 points. A quality catch, but it's going to be difficult to knock **Fred Cousin's** 1-9 pound White Perch out of the lead.

Billy Nicar finally took some time off from working at Greentop's to fish the James River and fill out some entry cards. First entry was a 1-13 pound Black Crappie caught on 2# line using a minnow for bait worth 232 points. **Billy** followed this catch up with several Blue Catfish. The largest was a 43-0 pound fish on 20# line. The highest point catfish was a 35-8 pound fish on 12# plug using a 7" saltwater grub worth 308 points. Fishing with his special fly he tied on 2# tippet, **Billy** managed a 10-4 pound Blue Catfish for 197 points. The last two catfish were also new Club records.

Saving the best for last, the nicest catch this past month was by **Claire Watkinson**. She is 3-1/2 years old and caught a 10 ounce White Perch on 2# spin fishing with her grandfather, **Parks Rountrey**. The catch is worth 164 points and leads the 0-6

year "youth" division. Hope **Parks** got plenty of photos!

With reports of the Cobia off Hatteras and the Black and Red Drum being caught off the eastern shore islands, the saltwater catches will surely be on the increase.

Best of luck,

Buddy



David Nobles with a nice New River Smallmouth



Legislation and Conservation

By Matt Balazik



Local News:

Striped bass trophy season:

While the coastal striped bass trophy season ended on May 15th the season continues in the Chesapeake Bay and tributaries until June 15th. There is a one per person possession limit of 32" plus fish except for the Potomac where the limit is 28". There are some restriction areas considered spawning reaches where possession is still illegal.

Spawning Reaches:

1. James River from a line connecting Dancing Point and New Sunken Meadow Creek upstream to a line connecting City Point and Packs Point.
2. Pamunkey River from the Route 33 Bridge at West Point upstream to a line connecting Liberty Hall and the opposite shore.
3. Mattaponi River from the Route 33 Bridge at West Point upstream to the Route 360 Bridge at Aylett.
4. Rappahannock River from the Route 360 Bridge at Tappahannock upstream to the Route 1 Falmouth Bridge.

When you do catch and keep a trophy striped bass it **MUST BE REPORTED** to VA Saltwater Journal. Report them online at: www.vasaltwaterjournal.com or download the paper form at: <https://www.vasaltwaterjournal.com/sbtrophy.pdf>

Tautog:

The tautog season is closed until June 24th.

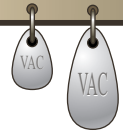
Sturgeon Report:

Still no big breakthroughs with the spring spawning run. We did have a fish that was tagged two years ago show up around Westview Manor. Still very frustrated but I have a feeling good news is right around the corner.

More great donations helping with sturgeon research, I would like to extend my gratitude to John and Johnny Wetlaufer, Glenn Carter, Leroy Houser, and The Virginia Anglers Club donation.
<http://www.vcu.edu/rice/research/research-sturgeon.html>

Virginia Fisherman Identification Program:

"When the new VMRC program is up and running later this year, those who buy Virginia recreational saltwater fishing licenses will be required to furnish their contact information. Those who fish legally without a license (i.e. those who are exempt from having to buy a Virginia saltwater fishing license) will be required to call and register with the VMRC, provide their contact information, and receive a Virginia fisherman identification number to carry with them while fishing so they have proof, if stopped by law enforcement, that they have registered, as required under the new state law. All that contact information then will be provided to the federal government as part of an impending agreement to exempt all Virginia anglers next year from having to register directly with the federal government annually and pay the yearly federal registration charge of up to \$25 each. The state program will be free, and will save anglers the cost of registering with the federal government."



May25 Membership Meeting- Maymont Fish Fry

Doors open at 5:30 dinner served around 6:00

Don't miss this fun annual event at the Maymont Nature Center. Once again the Noland Team has agreed to do their magic and all you have to do is show up (preferably with some thawed filets) to eat, drink and enjoy. The menu will also consist of "slaw", Jeff's famous "hushpuppies", and "sweat potato fries". We do ask each attendee to contribute \$15 which covers the meal, cold beverages and rental cost for the facility. In addition to the normal species don't be afraid to bring in that exotic or unusual fish to have it prepared by the masters. This crew really eats a lot of fish so please bring what you can and please have donated fish completely "thawed".

As an added feature this year we will have some casting contests going on during the evening. Think you can cast better than your fellow members? Come and find out.

QUIZ NO. 1	
<u>VAC 2010 Entry Card Submissions</u> (TOP TEN BY SPECIE)	
<u>Specie</u>	<u>Submission Rank</u> (Most to Least)
BASS, STRIPED	
CATFISH, BLUE	
CRAPPIE, ALL	
DRUM, RED	
PERCH, WHITE	
PERCH, YELLOW	
PICKEREL, CHAIN	
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	
SHAD, AMERICAN	
. SHAD, HICKORY	



New Member Eric Smith



Captain's Corner

By Mike Ostrander

It's an exciting time of the year for anglers (but isn't it always?). We have had a chance at the early spring season for many species like blue cats on the James, yellow perch on the Chick, or maybe sunfish & bass in a favorite pond. Most of us have that special species or time of the year we cherish, whether it's in spring, summer, fall, or winter ... regardless ... it's an exciting time just because we fish. **That is also what makes the Anglers Club so special ... the variety of anglers and angling knowledge we have within our walls.**

Being president of the Angler's Club is an honor, and it's also something very new for me. One of my goals is to find ways to help get new members involved in the club, who want to become involved. There are plenty of opportunities to compete for those who want to compete ... but there are also opportunities for involvement on the business side. Each year an office or committee is in need of a chairman, so if you have an interest, now is the time to share that interest.

Upon reading this, if you have any questions about getting involved, don't hesitate to call or email and I'd be happy to speak with you.

Speaking of getting involved, how about bringing some fish to the next meeting ... The **Virginia Angler's Club premier event ... the annual Fish Fry at Maymont** on May 25. We will be in need of thawed fish for the event, so if you have something in the freezer, or plan on heading out the weekend before ... bring it on!

Be sure to give a world record sized thank you to the cooks, who put a ton of effort into bringing all the different pieces of equipment and ingredients needed to fry fish for 75 guys. And then masterfully cook it all. And a citation sized thanks to Fred Murray for getting all the ducks in a row at Maymont ... as usual, great job Mr. Itieuglyflies. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Fish Fry. Until then, Happy Fishing.

Mike Ostrander

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ps – Don't hesitate to call about getting involved.



VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 5/13/10

SPECIES	ANGLER	WEIGHT	LN	DIV.	PTS	DATE	LOCATION	BAIT
2010 SPECIES LEADERS - SALTWATER								
BASS, STRIPED	JP Rountrey	35-8	8	Gen	394	12/30/09	Kiptopeke, Va.	Eel
DRUM, RED	M Balazik	4-12	2	Spin	118	1/14/10	Elizabeth River, Va.	Jig
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F Cousins	4-11	2	Spin	312	3/14/10	Elizabeth River, Va.	Wildeye

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2010 SPECIES LEADERS - FRESHWATER								
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	M Balazik	4-0	2	Spin	266	2/27/10	Chickahominy River, Va.	Jig
CATFISH, BLUE	B Shepherd	63-0	6	Gen	592	1/1/10	James River, Va.	Cut Bait
CATFISH, CHANNEL	WS Johnston	4-0	4	Fly	148	4/12/10	James River, Va.	Clouser
CRAPPIE, ALL	M Cline	1-13	2	Plug	287	3/20/10	Chickahominy River, Va.	Silver Buddy
GAR, ALL	F Cousins	8-12	2	Plug	318	3/19/10	James River, Va.	Grub
PERCH, WHITE	F Cousins	1-9	2	Spin	411	12/30/09	Elizabeth River, Va.	Grub
PERCH, YELLOW	WS Johnston	1-0	4	Fly	270	3/2/10	Chickahominy River, Va.	Clouser
PICKERAL, CHAIN	JP Rountrey	1-8	2	Spin	150	3/19/10	Chickahominy River, Va.	Jig
SHAD, AMERICAN	M Kodroff	3-4	2	Spin	260	3/24/10	Tar River, NC	Dart
SHAD, HICKORY	WS Johnston	2-10	4	Fly	312	4/12/10	James River, Va.	Clouser
SUNFISH, ALL	RJ Brown	0-9	2	Fly	187	4/12/10	Taylors Pond, Va.	Popper

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2010 SPECIES LEADERS LARGEST - SALTWATER								
BASS, STRIPED	L Houser	44-5						
DRUM, RED	M Balazik	4-12						
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F Cousins	4-11						

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2010 SPECIES LEADERS LARGEST - FRESHWATER								
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	M Balazik	4-0						
CATFISH, BLUE	B Shepherd	63-0						
CATFISH, CHANNEL	WS Johnston	4-0						
CRAPPIE, ALL	M Cline	1-13						
GAR, ALL	F Cousins	8-12						
PERCH, WHITE	F Cousins	1-9						
PERCH, YELLOW	W Nicar	1-3						
PICKERAL, CHAIN	WS Johnston	2-0						
SHAD, AMERICAN	M Kodroff	3-4						
SHAD, HICKORY	WS Johnston	2-10						
SUNFISH, ALL	RJ Brown	0-9						

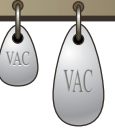
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NEW CLUB RECORDS - SALTWATER								
BASS, STRIPED	L Houser	44-5	16	Gen	276	12/7/09	Chesapeake Bay, Virginia	Eel
BASS, STRIPED	R Choi	36-0	50	Braid	120	12/18/09	Kiptopeke, Va.	Eel

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NEW CLUB RECORDS - FRESHWATER								
PERCH, WHITE	F Cousins	1-9	2	Spin	411	12/30/09	Elizabeth River, Va.	Grub
CATFISH, BLUE	W Nicar	35-8	12	Plug	308	4/19/10	James River, Va.	7" SW Grub
CATFISH, BLUE	W Nicar	10-4	2	Fly	197	4/26/10	James River, Va.	Fly

SPECIES	ANGLER	WEIGHT	LN	DIV.	PTS	DATE	LOCATION	BAIT
TOP YOUTH CATCHES - FRESHWATER (LOCAL)								
PERCH, WHITE	Claire Watkinson	0-10	2	Spin	164	4/14/10	James River, Va.	Jig

C.V. KINNARD AWARD COMPETITION - thru 4/28/09

ANGLER	FIRSTS	SECONDS	THIRDS	PLACES	POINTS	AVERAGE
Fred Cousins	1	2	0	3	1041	347
Parks Rountrey	0	1	1	2	685	342
Fred Murray	1	0	0	1	586	586
Billy Nicar	1	0	0	1	308	308
Eddy Johnston	0	0	1	1	285	285
Scott Johnston	0	0	1	1	270	270



Quiz Answers

ANSWERS TO QUIZ NO. 1		
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ANSWERS		
<u>Specie</u>		<u>Year-To-Date Number of Cards Submitted</u>
. SHAD, HICKORY	1	6
PERCH, YELLOW	2	4
BASS, STRIPED	3	3
DRUM, RED	4	3
CATFISH, BLUE	5	3
PICKEREL, CHAIN	6	3
SHAD, AMERICAN	7	2
PERCH, WHITE	8	2
CRAPPIE, ALL	9	2
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	10	2

Robert Thomas

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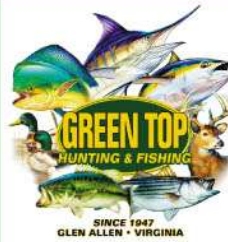
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