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June 2013

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## Next Membership Meeting: June 25, 2013 - 7:00 PM

**Skilligalee Restaurant**  
**Glenside Ave. just North of Broad Street**  
**Come ~ 5:30 PM and enjoy good**  
**company over dinner from the menu**



### **BACKLASH**

*Commentary from the  
Board of Directors  
-By John Wetlaufer, Sr.*

### **JUNE PROGRAM – SKINNY WATER ANGLING DESTINATIONS WEST OF I-95**

Lee Walker, Outreach Director for the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fishers will present a very informative program at the June Membership Meeting that compliments his presentation last June. Last June, Lee covered light tackle fresh water fishing opportunities EAST of I-95 and all within about two hours or less of Richmond.

This year he will cover similar opportunities WEST of I-95. The charts that Lee uses in his presentation are from the Virginia Delomere Atlas and Gazetteer. His charts are annotated with specific features like drop offs, shoals, etc. where he has had successful catches, times of the year to fish and what to expect to catch. For more information on where to find this Atlas and where his information is posted on the VAC website, please turn to page 5 of this Angler.

### **BERNIE SKYDANEK MEMORIAL EASTERN SHORE VA SURF TOURNAMENT – FISHED ON BLOW DATES**

The weather on the original dates forced the Bernie Skydane Memorial to the blow dates of May 25th and 26th. Three members toughed it out and ventured to the Barrier Island beaches. Bob Shepherd, Vic Skakandy and Fred Murray fished for two days. Fred was the hot pole with a 31 pound red drum to snatch the win from the others, who were skunked both days. These three Members are to be congratulated for their stick with it angling.



*"Fishing is much more than fish. It is the great occasion when we may return to the fine simplicity of our forefathers."*

*-Herbert Hoover*

*"There's a fine line between fishing and just standing on the shore like an idiot."*

*-Steven Wright*

**UPCOMING TOURNAMENT –  
VA / NC FLOUNDER**

Virginia/Carolina Flounder: July 20-21  
(blow date following weekend)

The next tournament in the VAC 2012 Tournament program is a flounder tournament with fishing encouraged in both Virginia and North Carolina waters. Angling Activities Lee Rothgeb's very complete review of the flounder tournament is found on page 7 of this issue of The Angler.

**FORMER VAC MEMBER "ANDY" GIBBS PULLS  
LINES**

Former Virginia Anglers Club Member Thomas "Andy" Gibbs passed away on Tuesday, June 4, 2013. Andy was a member of the VAC for twenty-one years from 1984 to 2005. Andy was a long time member of the Virginia Gentlemen Surf Fishing Team, a team that was made up of VAC members and that fished for 27 years in friendly competition with the VAC Surf Team in the Cape Hatteras Anglers Club Invitational Tournament. Often the two teams would rent the same cottage during the tournament. The VA Gentlemen has since disbanded. Andy was also a member of the Hardluck Bass Club. He and his son won the Hardluck Club's tournament just three weeks before Andy passed away.

**MAY FISH FRY - AGAIN A GREAT EVENT**

The Annual Fish Fry was usual enjoyable gathering of Members, wives, guests and little anglers. The Fish Fry was again held at the Maymont Nature Center and under a new tent. Thanks go out again for the official VAC Cooking Crew made up of Buddy, Danny and Ryan Noland, Billy Nicar and Jeff and Angie Doughty who brought and set up their amazing field kitchen and demonstrated their world class culinary skills. Thanks to all Members who dove into their freezers and donated a varied and ample supply of fillets. If you even wondered what this or that species of fish tasted like, this was the placed to be.

Those participating in the Annual Casting Contest were again pitted against the dead aim and mighty arm of host Fred Murray. Let just say Linda Richardson (Mike Ostrander's wife) almost beat the VAC members participating in the Casting Contest. Bird nests are part of the Nature Center and one proved her undoing. When all the lines were reeled in and the scores tallied up, Bob Brown squeaked out a win in the accuracy contest and Fred Murray lucked out with the distance casting with the fly rod. The winners were awarded \$25 gift cards from Green Top.



### VAC MEMBERS HELP WITH JAMES RIVER ASSOCIATION LAWN PARTY

Member Mike Ostrander put out a call for volunteers from the VAC to help with the youth fishing event at the annual Lawn Party held by the James River Association on the ground of Westover Plantation. Member Lee Rothgeb, New Member Tyson Clary and Tyson's roommate, Chase Galderise helped Mike man the youth fishing event. The assistance of all of these men let the community see the commitment of the VAC to youth angling. The Annual Lawn Party is the largest fund raising event for the JRA.

### VDGIF BOAT OPERATOR'S LICENSE – UNDER FORTY YEAR OF AGE?? DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT!

A reminder that on July, 1, 2013, all PWC operators 14 years of age and older as well as motorboat operators age 40 and younger who operate boats with motors of 10 horsepower and greater must have completed a boating safety education course and carry such proof in their possession while operating the vessel. More info at: [dgifweb@dgif.virginia.gov](mailto:dgifweb@dgif.virginia.gov)

For The Leadership Team  
John Wetlaufer, Sr., Secretary



## “Catchy Comments”

*By Buddy Noland*

The lines are out and the fish are biting! Cobia are being caught all the way from Hatteras to a few showing inside the Chesapeake Bay. Last week, a 104 pounder was landed off Oregon Inlet. It is being reported that Yellowfin's are plentiful off Oregon Inlet. Recently, there have been rumors of Spade-fish off the Virginia inshore wrecks. Mobjack Bay is the current “hot spot” for Specs and small Puppy Drum. Captain Chris Newsome, our monthly meeting speaker for March, recently took a friend of mine's Dad to Mobjack and caught all the Speckled Trout and Puppies he wanted...all on fly!

An end of April fishing trip on the James Rives brought notoriety to **Steve Knox** with his catch of a 74 pound Stripped Bass. As noted in the Richmond Times-Dispatch article, **Steve** was fishing with cut Shad for bait off Rocket's Landing in the middle of the day on April 30th, when he hooked into the huge Striper. Because the fish was caught in the upper reach of the James River during the spawning season, it will not be eligible as an entry in our Club. In season, the fish would have counted for 308 points. Immediately after the battle, Steve took a few photos, weighed the fish on his 100 pound scale, and then “released it”, so the big female could finish its journey. Great job!

While fishing from the surf of the Virginia Barrier Islands, **Bob Shepherd** had several nice entries. **Bob's** first entry is a 42 pound Black Drum worth 350 points and the “surf division” lead and new Club Record. Several weeks later fishing with our old friend, **Dennis Cline**, **Bob** landed a 33 pound Red Drum for 235 points. Peeler crab was the bait of choice for both entries that currently lead both the “species” and “heaviest” categories.

**Sal Peluso** went to New York to complete the requirements for his “Angler's Rating” in our fishing club. **Sal's** final three fish of the ten required, were a Yellow Perch, Northern Pike, and a Rainbow Trout, each worth 50 points. Congratulations!





Fishing the Suffolk Lakes, **Billy Nicar** had a couple of entries late in May. From Western Branch, **Billy** caught a 1 pound, 13 ounce, Chain Pickerel worth 147 points. Then, he traveled to Lake Prince to get a 1 pound, 4 ounce, Shell Cracker for 125 points. The Redear Sunfish was caught with a live night crawler and leads the “species” and “heaviest” categories.

**Andrew Campbell** traveled to Rudee Inlet to catch his 5 pound Spotted Seatrout on 12# fly tippet. **Andrew's** 156 point fish was caught using a Puglisi type pattern fly.

**David Nobles** has submitted the only Brook Trout of the season. **David** was using a nymph on a spring creek and landed his 15 ounce, 133 point, entry. In fact, it has been several years since a 100 point Brookie has qualified.

The “heaviest” and “highest point” Spotted Seatrout entry of the season weighs 8 pounds and was caught by **Robbie Robertson**. **Mike Cline** and **Robbie** were fishing Mobjack Bay at the end of May using 2# spin and a jig-jerk bait combination for three different species. The Speckled Trout “spin division” leader is worth 533 points, a 1 pound, 5 ounce, Croaker for 175 points and a 2 pound, 14 ounce, Puppy drum.

**Ryan Noland** and I fished out of Oregon Inlet several weeks ago with past club member **Frank Wilson** and friend, **Gary Gilmore**. We went to the 900 line and I had never seen so much bait and activity in one area. Acres of Porpoise, several Pilot and Humpback Whales, and numerous Hammerhead Sharks were everywhere. The day ended with a nice Mako Shark, Yellowfin Tuna, and Dolphin. All in all, a beautiful day on the water with friends!

Keeping it reel,

Buddy

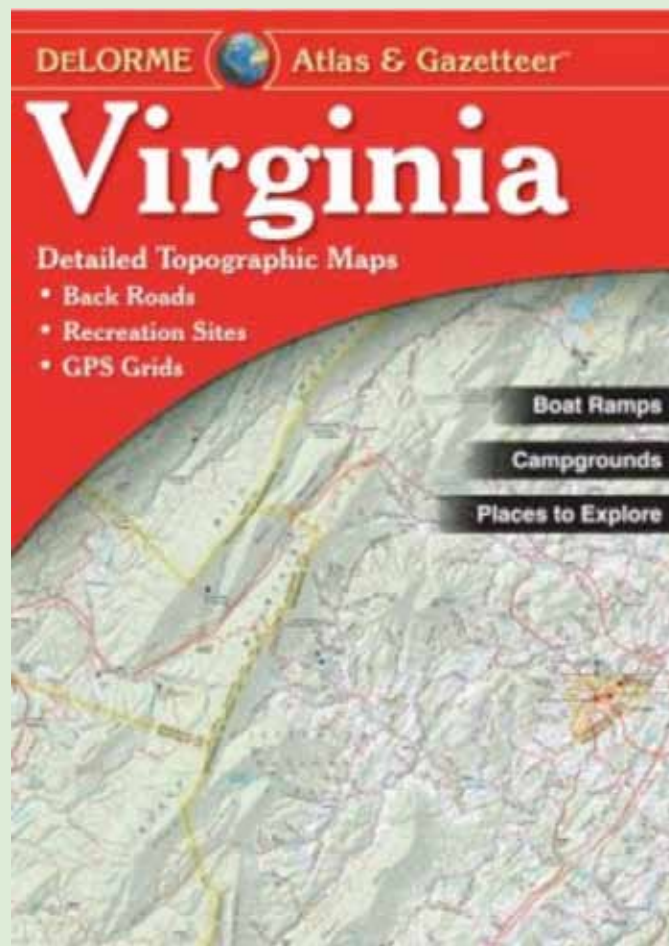




## **JUNE PROGRAM – SKINNY WATER ANGLING DESTINATIONS WEST OF I-95**

Lee Walker uses maps in the below Atlas in his presentation. The charts he shows are well marked with locations, structure and other indicators of where he has found fish during his many years of fishing. If you Google Virginia Delorme Atlas and Gazetteer you will find many sources from which to purchase this Atlas and at modest prices too. After Lee's presentation last June, he generously shared his spread sheet of east and west fishing spots with the VAC. This spread sheet is posted in the Members Area of the VAC website ([www.virginiaanglersclub.com](http://www.virginiaanglersclub.com)). Look for "Angling Site Information" and then click on Skinny Water Angling Destinations West of I-95. Each entry on Lee's spread sheet has a column in which Atlas page number and grid identifications are listed. If you have a copy of this Atlas with you, you can mark it up as Lee shares his vast store of angling knowledge near to the Richmond Area.

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### **HELP KEEP ANGLING LEGAL – REPORT VIOLATIONS**

#### **Freshwater**

**If you suspect or witness an angling or hunting violation, report it to  
VADGIF Wildlife Crimeline at 1-800-237-5712.**

#### **Saltwater**

**If you have a need to report to the VA Marine Resources Commission any emergency,  
boating accident or other violation, call the Marine Police Dispatch Center  
toll free at 1-800-541-4646**



## **FROM THE 5-22-13 OUTDOOR REPORT**

### **2013 FRESHWATER FISHING REGULATIONS NOW AVAILABLE**

The new 2013 Freshwater Fishing in Virginia (Fishing Regulations) book has been published and a copy can be obtained at the upcoming fishing and hunting shows, all license agents and Department offices. This publication not only contains the fishing regulations, but an extensive 'Let's Go Fishing' section, with information about major sport fish, public fishing lakes, major fishing rivers, and the trout stocking program. Also, you can find information about fish citations, state records, angling education programs, exotic species, and more." The Freshwater Fishing Regulations section, including the complete Trout Fishing Guide, on our website have also been updated for 2013

### **HERCULES LANDING ON NOTTOWAY RIVER NOW OPEN**

The Hercules Boat Landing at Rt. 671 on the Nottoway River is NOW OPEN. The closure was necessary because the ramp at Hercules sat adjacent to a VDOT bridge that is being expanded and will occupy the area where the old ramp was located. The new ramp is much improved and will provide service far into the future. In addition to better boating access, the new ramp offers improved safety to vehicles and trailers entering and exiting the facility.

### **USE CAUTION AT CARTERS WHARF BOAT RAMP EXTREME SANDING BUILD-UP**

John Kirk, VDGIF Boating Access Maintenance Supervisor for Region I Tidewater area, advises boaters to use caution at Carter's Wharf ramp on the Rappahannock River due to extreme sand build-up on the ramp and beyond. The ramp is only navigable by small jon-boats, canoes, and kayaks. This sand build-up is currently beyond the abilities of VDGIF equipment to clear. VDGIF Infrastructure staff is currently working to determine the potential for a project that would remove the sand and result in a long-term fix. We apologize for any inconvenience and suggest using Hoskin's Creek as an alternative launch in the area. Updated information will be posted on the VDGIF Facility Closures & Alerts page and the Outdoor Report as soon as new information becomes available.

### **ATTENTION TROUT ANGLERS - SPECIAL REGULATION PERMIT CARDS AVAILABLE ONLINE**

VDGIF is pleased to announce that special regulation written landowner permit cards to fish Mossy Creek, Buffalo Creek, and Upper South River are now available online. A link to maps of each of these areas is also new function on the agency website.

NOTICE: All anglers are reminded to acquaint themselves with a good description of the northern snakehead fish. If you should manage to catch one of these exotic imports, please kill it immediately and report the catch to either the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries or the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

View video about the snakehead



# TOURNAMENT NEWS

BY LEE ROTHGEB

## Virginia Flounder: July 20-21 (blow date following weekend)

Doormat flounder action will peak in mid-summer and we have a tournament right on time. The tournament is open to all Virginia and North Carolina waters. Popular spots for large flounder this time of year include the buoy 36 area and the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel in VA. Inlets and wrecks are most popular in NC.

We will recognize three places for heaviest weight fish and three places for highest point fish. First = 3 pts. Second = 2 pts. Third = 1 pt. These points will apply towards the annual Saltwater Tournament Angler of the Year competition. A fish can be entered by weight or points (angler must declare which category) but not both ways for 1 fish. One angler can enter only two fish. It is possible to win both weight and points divisions by entering 2 different fish.

Call in entries within 24 hours from end of tournament to Angling Activities Chairman Lee Rothgeb 804-314-2990 or email to Garbakk1021@aol.com. You cannot change the entry category once you have registered it with the Chairman.

### Note:

You do not need to fill out cards. Tournament First Place Awards for weight and points = Anglers Choice: Traditional pewter cup, \$40 Green Top gift certificate or a VAC Banquet ticket.

### THE VAC NEEDS A NEW CONTRY STORE KEEPER (NO RETAIL EXPERIENCE NECESSARY OR EXPECTED)

The Virginia Anglers Club needs someone to make Eddy Johnston's other retirement wish to come true. Eddy's business responsibilities have grown to the point that he has to relinquish his 20 year custodianship of the VAC Country Store (CC). Eddy has kept the inventory up over the years and has, by so doing, established contracts with the companies that produce the various items of VAC "gear" you find in stock at the CC at each membership meeting. All pricing is up to date and the inventory is up to standard. Eddy's need retire is real and present and, if the store is to continue to offer VAC hats, T shirts, beverage cuffs and the like, a member has to assume Eddy's stewardship of the store. Remember, members are the only source from which the leadership of the club comes. If any member is infested in helping Eddy personally and the VAC membership in its entirety, please talk with Eddy or President Glenn Carter.

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## VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 6/10/13

SPECIES	ANGLER	WEIGHT	LN	DIV.	PTS	DATE	LOCATION	BAIT
<b>2013 SPECIES LEADERS - SALTWATER</b>								
BASS, STRIPED	F. Cousins	45-0	4	Gen	750	12/17/12	Chesapeake Bay, VA	Live Eel
CROAKER	Robbie Robertson	1-5	2	Spin	175	5/26/13	Mobjack Bay, VA	Jig-Jerk Bait
DRUM, BLACK	B Shepherd	42-0	30	Surf	350	4/26/13	Barrier Islands, VA	Peeler Crab
DRUM, RED	B Shepherd	33-0	30	Surf	235	5/12/13	Barrier Islands, VA	Peeler Crab
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	Robbie Robertson	8-0	2	Spin	533	5/26/13	Mobjack Bay, VA	Jig-Jerk Bait

## 2013 SPECIES LEADERS - FRESHWATER

BASS, LARGEMOUTH	B Shepherd	3-10	2	Spin	241	3/11/13	Private Pond, VA	Grub
CATFISH, BLUE	RJ Brown	43-0	8	Gen	361	4/3/13	James River, VA	Cut Bait
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	L Rothgeb	26-0	20	Gen	154	4/10/13	James River, VA	Cut Bait
CRAPPIE, ALL	M Cline	1-11	2	Plug	267	1/12/13	Chickahominy River, VA	Blade Bait
PERCH, YELLOW	RJ Brown	1-1	2	Spin	279	1/22/13	Chickahominy River, VA	Grub Tail
PICKERAL, CHAIN	M Cline	4-10	2	Plug	462	2/2/13	Chickahominy River, VA	Blade Bait
SHAD, AMERICAN	M Kodroff	3-12	4	Spin	224	3/21/13	Tar River, NC	Dart
SHAD, HICKORY	R Choi	2-2	4	Fly	252	3/24/13	James River, VA	Shad Fly
SUNFISH, ALL	JP Rountrey	0-10	2	Fly	208	4/17/13	Private Pond, VA	Shad Fly
SUNFISH, REDEAR	W Nicar	1-4	4	Gen	125	5/23/13	Lake Prince, VA	Night Crawler
TROUT, BROOK	D Nobles	0-15	2	Fly	133	5/24/13	Spring Creek, VA	Nymph

## 2013 DIVISION LEADERS - SALTWATER

SEATROUT, SPOTTED	Robbie Robertson	8-0	2	Spin	533	5/26/13	Mobjack Bay, VA	Jig-Jerk Bait
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F. Cousins	4-2	2	Spin	275	12/28/12	Elizabeth River, VA	Mirrolure
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	S. Lee	4-12	8	Plug	158	12/4/12	James River, VA	Zoom Cluke
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	S. Lee	5-0	8	Fly	208	12/24/12	James River, VA	Half and Half
BASS, STRIPED	F. Cousins	45-0	4	Gen	750	12/17/12	Chesapeake Bay, VA	Live Eel
DRUM, BLACK	B Shepherd	42-0	30	Surf	350	4/26/13	Barrier Islands, VA	Peeler Crab

## 2013 DIVISION LEADERS - FRESHWATER

PERCH, YELLOW	RJ Brown	1-1	2	Spin	279	1/22/13	Chickahominy River, VA	Grub Tail
PICKERAL, CHAIN	M Cline	4-10	2	Plug	462	2/2/13	Chickahominy River, VA	Blade Bait
SHAD, HICKORY	R Choi	2-2	4	Fly	252	3/24/13	James River, VA	Shad Fly
PERCH, YELLOW	JP Rountrey	1-3	2	Gen	252	1/20/13	Chickahominy River, VA	Live Minnow

## 2013 SPECIES LEADERS LARGEST - SALTWATER

BASS, STRIPED	F. Cousins	45-0
CROAKER	Robbie Robertson	1-5
DRUM, BLACK	B Shepherd	42-0
DRUM, RED	B Shepherd	33-0
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	Robbie Robertson	8-0

## 2013 SPECIES LEADERS LARGEST - FRESHWATER

BASS, LARGEMOUTH	B Shepherd	8-4
CATFISH, BLUE	RJ Brown	43-0
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	L Rothgeb	26-0
CRAPPIE, ALL	M Cline	1-11
PERCH, YELLOW	JP Rountrey	1-3
PICKERAL, CHAIN	M Cline	4-10
SHAD, AMERICAN	M Kodroff	3-12
SHAD, HICKORY	JH Sheffield	2-6
SUNFISH, ALL	RJ Brown	0-12
SUNFISH, REDEAR	W Nicar	1-4
TROUT, BROOK	D Nobles	0-15





## VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 6/10/13

SPECIES	ANGLER	WEIGHTLN	DIV.	PTS	DATE	LOCATION	BAIT
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### NEW CLUB RECORDS - SALTWATER

SEATROUT, SPOTTED	S. Lee	4-12	8	Plug	158	12/4/12	James River, VA	Zoom Cluke
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	S. Lee	5-0	8	Fly	208	12/24/12	James River, VA	Half and Half
BASS, STRIPED	F. Cousins	45-0	4	Gen	750	12/17/12	Chesapeake Bay, VA	Live Eel
MACKEREL, CERO	JP Rountrey	9-0	20	Gen	120	1/15/13	Fort Lauderdale, FL	Live Bait
DRUM, BLACK	B Shepherd	42-0	30	Surf	350	4/26/13	Barrier Islands, VA	Peeler Crab

### NEW CLUB RECORDS - FRESHWATER

PICKERAL, CHAIN	M Cline	4-10	2	Plug	462	2/2/13	Chickahominy River, VA	Blade Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	A Campbell	7-8	12	Fly	234	2/9/13	Private Lake, VA	Half & Half Clouser
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	L Rothgeb	26-0	20	Gen	154	4/10/13	James River, VA	Cut Bait

### HIGHEST POINT NON-LOCAL CATCHES - SALTWATER

MACKEREL, CERO	JP Rountrey	9-0	20	Gen	120	1/15/13	Fort Lauderdale, FL	Live Bait
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	D. Nobles	3-12	8	Spin	125	4/15/13	Mosquito Lagoon, FL	DOA Plastic

### 2013 C.V. KINNARD AWARD COMPETITION - THRU 4/13/13

ANGLER	FIRSTS	SECONDS	THIRDS	PLACES	POINTS	AVERAGE
Bob Brown	3	1	1	5	1211	242
Bob Shepherd	1	0	1	2	516	258
Parks Rountrey	0	2	0	2	460	230
Fred Cousins	0	1	0	1	248	248
Andrew Campbell	1	0	1	1	234	234
Billy Nicar	0	0	1	1	147	147

# Robert Thomas

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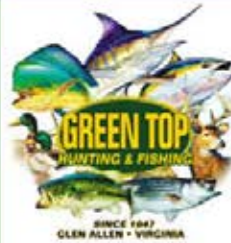
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