

Social Distance by
Going Fishing!



March 2020

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MARCH MEETING CANCELLED

NEXT-UP VAC ANGLING ACTIVITY ALERT

April – Dr. Jan McDowell and Ms. Susanna Musick from the VMSI to speak on the genetic differences and similarities between NC and VA speckled trout.

Febuary Program Report

Keith Wray

Keith shared stories and techniques from his many years fishing on Buggs Island Lake. He explained in detail spider rigging for Crappie for example using a 3/4oz weight, 1/16oz jig head and .3 to .5 trolling speed with a 16ft rod. We discussed spawning water temperatures for Crappie their first spawn at 58 to 60 degrees and the second spawn is at 70 degrees. Keith also gave tips on fishing Low pressure vs High pressure, what is the best material for building brush piles, and electronics with the new live scope. I saw quiet a few members taking notes!





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Please remember to be sure your scales are in working order, the barrels are oil free and are placed in a Zip-Loc type re-sealable plastic bag with your name written on the outside.

REMINDER - THE VAC HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE NOW – GO TAKE A LOOK

You can visit the VAC Facebook page for a look by clicking on:
<https://www.facebook.com/vaanglers/>

NEW MEMBER



Jarad Mitchell

New member Jarad Mitchell is a 17-year-old student at Cosby High School who mostly fishes in farm ponds and lakes in the Summer. Jarad's membership goals are to pick up some fishing tips and knowledge that will help him become a better angler. Please Join me in welcoming Jarad to our fine club!



President's Message

March 2020

The new buzz word seems to be social distance. To me, social distance depends on how long of a fishing rod you are casting, 6' or 7'? To be safe, a 14' Jon boat with one angler in the bow and one in the stern is about right. In all seriousness, I hope you and your family are healthy and happy during these odd times we are experiencing. If you have not already been informed, our next membership meeting, March 24, 2020 has been cancelled, and it is suggested by the Board for all to go-a-fishin' if you can.

The main focus of the March Board meeting was to discuss the 2020 Budget which included many of our communication outlets as well as our social events, the Banquet and Fish Fry. The budget talk brought on interesting changes to our annual format of communication. A decision was made to move the VAC Newsletter to a Quarterly Newsletter. However, we will have a newsletter this month, in March and then next month, April and then go quarterly ... July and October will round out the 2020 mailings. We will continue to enhance and use the other three communication avenues; Website, Facebook and Ecast to maximize the effectiveness of our communications.

Our website was due for an overhaul, but the estimate came in a bit high, so we are in the process of reevaluating our immediate needs. One of the main needs is a connecting link from the website to the VAC Facebook Group page. Thanks to Eric Webster and Carter Clevinger for working on connecting these two valuable avenues of communication.

The VAC Banquet was an excellent event this year and having such a wonderful gentleman angler like Glenn Carter receive his Master Angler Award there was icing on the cake. For the next Banquet, we will have little to no change to including next year's price, which will remain at \$40. We had over 50 paid attendees this past year, and the hope is to have even more members in attendance next year. There was talk about raising the Banquet raffle to include a silent action. While Suzanne Lucas and Gary Green have done a great job bringing the Banquet to its current form, Chuck Koch is joining in the effort to help with a potential silent auction. On a side note, Stuart Lee and his excellent smoked rockfish will only happen if we catch one. We will not be buying one next year ... so if you catch a 25 pounder when the time is right ... contact Stuart.

The Fish Fry will go on with one change. The "donation" of \$10 will now be an attendance fee from every adult in attendance, with children free. This includes all the dang fish you can eat, drinks and fellowship. Best buy in town if you ask me. We are confirmed at Maymont for May 19, 2020 for our Fish Fry and remember, this is the THIRD Tuesday of the month due to Memorial Day being the following week. As always, bringing fish to this event is encouraged and when everyone pitches in on this, the variety of fish you can sample is matched by very few fish fry's out there.

The idea of a Fishing Yard Sale was also talked about again, and Gary Green has checked out a Fishing Yard Sale in Poquoson this weekend and look forward to hearing more about it. We also want to thank member Hunter Wells for filing our State Corporation Commission paperwork ... having someone in the know makes these things way easier.

Good luck fishing this spring and hope to see you on the river catching shad, or perhaps a jaunt up the James to tackle some Muskie.

Mike
President, Virginia Anglers Club
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PROGRAMS AND EXPEDITIONS SCHEDULE FOR 2020

PROGRAMS AND SPEAKERS

April – Dr. Jan McDowell and Ms. Susanna Musick from the VMSI to speak on the genetic differences and similarities between NC and VA speckled trout.

May – VAC Fish Fry

EXPEDITIONS

June 6th - Chickahominy Lake fishing with Art Conway.

June 27th – Small River wade fishing trip with Mike Ostrander.

VAC SCALE CERTIFICATION TEAM





Artwork by Ron Shearer.

What is the Virginia Trout Slam?

The Virginia Trout Slam is a challenge to anglers to catch all three species of trout (Brook Trout, Rainbow Trout, and Brown Trout) all in the same day. Both stocked fish and wild fish of any size count toward the slam but catching all three in a wild trout stream is the ultimate trifecta. Chasing the slam not only offers a new challenge to anglers, but it also promotes some of our lesser known trout fisheries. It adds adventure to a fishing trip by forcing the angler to explore new streams in an attempt to complete the slam.

Trout Slam Submissions

Once anglers complete the slam, they are encouraged to submit their catch to the DGIF Trophy Fish Program, via Go Outdoors VA. Log In, click on make a purchase, Click on Fishing, and choose Trout Slam Application. Once the form is processed, the angler will be mailed a Virginia Trout Slam sticker. Display it proudly, and don't forget to tag us on Instagram (@VirginiaWildlife) and use #vatroutslam!



VAC MEMBERS PICTURES









ANNUAL AWARDS 2020

President's Award Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
GAR, ALL	F COUSINS	16lb-12oz	2	PLUG	558	2019-12-27	JAMES RIVER, VA	Grub

President's Award Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
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Division Awards Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
CATFISH, BLUE	F COUSINS	33lb-0oz	4	GEN	351	2020-01-31	JAMES RIVER, VA	Cut Shad
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F MURRAY	24lb-0oz	8	FLY	331	2020-02-04	JAMES, VA	Fred fly
GAR, ALL	F COUSINS	16lb-12oz	2	PLUG	558	2019-12-27	JAMES RIVER, VA	Grub
PERCH, YELLOW	G ALVIS	1lb-12oz	2	SPIN	460	2020-02-29	MATTAPONI RIVER, VA	Grub

Division Awards Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
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"Highest Point" Species Awards Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	G ALVIS	9lb-4oz	8	PLUG	308	2020-02-04	KING WILLIAM, VA	Suspending Jerkbait
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	C CLEVINGER	2lb-1oz	6	SPIN	117	2020-03-09	JAMES RIVER, VA	Crank Bait
BASS, STRIPED (LL)	RL WHITE	4lb-2oz	4	SPIN	103	2019-12-06	BUGGS ISLAND, VA	Jig
BASS, WHITE	RL WHITE	1lb-6oz	4	SPIN	147	2019-12-06	BUGGS ISLAND, VA	Jig
CARP	F MURRAY	11lb-0oz	8	FLY	245	2020-02-04	JAMES, VA	Fred fly
CATFISH, BLUE	F COUSINS	33lb-0oz	4	GEN	351	2020-01-31	JAMES RIVER, VA	Cut Shad
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F MURRAY	24lb-0oz	8	FLY	331	2020-02-04	JAMES, VA	Fred fly
CRAPPIE, ALL	F COUSINS	1lb-4oz	2	SPIN	198	2019-12-06	BUGGS ISLAND LAKE, VA	Hair Jig
GAR, ALL	F COUSINS	16lb-12oz	2	PLUG	558	2019-12-27	JAMES RIVER, VA	Grub
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL	M OSTRANDER	16lb-8oz	8	SPIN	275	2020-02-29	JAMES RIVER, VA	6" Jointed Hard Bait
PERCH, WHITE	M OSTRANDER	0lb-14oz	4	SPIN	190	2020-02-12	PRIVATE POND, VA	White Grub
PERCH, YELLOW	G ALVIS	1lb-12oz	2	SPIN	460	2020-02-29	MATTAPONI RIVER, VA	Grub
PICKEREL, CHAIN	F COUSINS	4lb-3oz	2	SPIN	418	2020-02-04	POCOMOKE RIVER, MD	Grub

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"Heaviest" Species Awards Freshwater

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BASS, LARGEMOUTH	G ALVIS	9lb-4oz	8	PLUG	308	2020-02-04	KING WILLIAM, VA	Suspending Jerkbait
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BASS, WHITE	RL WHITE	1lb-6oz	4	SPIN	147	2019-12-06	BUGGS ISLAND, VA	Jig
CARP	M OSTRANDER	13lb-6oz	6	GEN	222	2020-03-09	JAMES RIVER, VA	Part of a Ham sandwich
CATFISH, BLUE	F COUSINS	33lb-0oz	4	GEN	351	2020-01-31	JAMES RIVER, VA	Cut Shad
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F MURRAY	24lb-0oz	8	FLY	331	2020-02-04	JAMES, VA	Fred fly
CRAPPIE, ALL	RL WHITE	1lb-8oz	4	SPIN	187	2019-12-06	BUGGS ISLAND, VA	Jig
GAR, ALL	C CLEVINGER	16lb-12oz	6	SPIN	335	2019-12-27	JAMES RIVER, VA	Finesse Grub
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL	R HART	19lb-4oz	16	PLUG	178	2020-02-29	UPPER JAMES RIVER, VA	Glide bait
PERCH, WHITE	M OSTRANDER	0lb-14oz	4	SPIN	190	2020-02-12	PRIVATE POND, VA	White Grub
PERCH, YELLOW	G ALVIS	1lb-12oz	2	SPIN	460	2020-02-29	MATTAPONI RIVER, VA	Grub
PICKEREL, CHAIN	F COUSINS	4lb-3oz	2	SPIN	418	2020-02-04	POCOMOKE RIVER, MD	Grub

"Heaviest" Species Awards Saltwater

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New Club Records Freshwater

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MUSKELLUNGE, ALL	R HART	19lb-4oz	16	PLUG	178	2020-02-29	UPPER JAMES RIVER, VA	Glide bait
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL	M OSTRANDER	16lb-8oz	8	SPIN	275	2020-02-29	JAMES RIVER, VA	6" Jointed Hard Bait

New Club Records Saltwater

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Non-Local Award Fresh or Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
SAILFISH, ATLANTIC	BW STRUM	0lb-0oz	30	GEN	151	2020-02-04	ISLA MUJERES, MEXICO, OTHER	Ballyhoo

New Member Award

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	M MASON	4lb-2oz	20BR	GEN	55	2020-01-25	SWIFT CREEK RESERVOIR, VA	Spinner bait
Total					55			

Robert Thomas

Fishing Adventures

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Equipment: Rods, Reels, Lines, etc.

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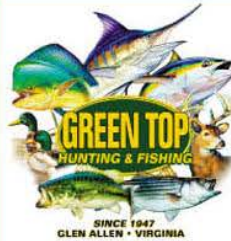
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