



**Membership Meeting Tuesday June 28, 7:00pm**

**Doors Open at 6:00pm**

**Come Early. Meet Members. Talk Fishing. Go Fishing**

**Program: Making Your Own Lures**

Not only can it save you some money, its fun, easy and rewarding to catch a fish on a lure or fly you made yourself. Also, it's a great activity for those cold winter nights when you are not out fishing. Additionally, developing your own custom fly or lure can often out produce what is commercially available.



**This month some of the old timers ... Stuart, Glenn & Fred M. will demonstrate how they make some of their favorites ...**

**Fred's "Shad Fly", Glenn's "Bladebaits" and Stuart's "Kinnard Jig"**

## President's Message

At the recent "Small River Wade Fishing Expedition", we had 13 members attend. In all, 15 species of fish were caught. The most surprising was a walleye. From beginning to end, this was a great VAC outing. As president of the VAC, it is clearer now more than ever how important Expeditions are for the future of this club, and a "Call to Action" is at hand.

At the Board of Directors meeting we continued the discussion of offering Events and Time for members to meet each other, talk and fish. The following is what came out of our discussion .... We are opening the doors an hour early to the monthly meetings (6pm) and inviting people to show up early as an opportunity to meet each other, talk fishing and go fishing. Another opportunity is to informally meet outside of the membership meetings. A dinner meet up perhaps. Since there is no monthly meeting in July, we are looking at a Tuesday in July to set up a dinner meet up at Park Place Tavern in Short Pump. They have decent space for larger groups and the inexpensive (Tuesday night only) Fish & Chips meal that was popular when the VAC met there a hand full of times.

Save the date as we have an Oyster Roast and BBQ on October 8, 2022. A group of members are going to be doing the cooking. New Member Dinkus Deane and his wife Ronnie have offered to host the event at their house in Hanover County. Look for more details soon.

And now, for the "Call to Action." Now is the time for organization and passion to cross paths. We need to set up Expeditions and your help is needed! Wade fishing, shore fishing, pier fishing, boat fishing, head boat fishing .... it does not matter. Let's work together and create an incredible offering of fishing trips. The goal is ten Expeditions a year. It's time to step forward and share your idea for an Expedition. You only need to come up with idea, details and potential date of the Expedition. The Board of Directors is full of folks who want to help so this is not something you need do alone.

The easiest way to get your Expedition started is to call Frank Hart or me. Franks phone number is (859) 808-0431 and mine 804-938-2350. Thanks so much and let's go fishing. -Mike O.

**\*\*\*Save the Date\*\*\***

**VAC Fall Oyster Roast & BBQ**

**October 8, 2022**

Details coming soon!



# WADE TRIP Highlights, June 11, 2022



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Largemouth bass, 3lb, 8oz



Spotted bass



One of many catfish and carp for this guy, blue catfish here.



Frank is all wet ...in his heroic effort to save a tangled carp.

# Fishing Memories 2022

Steve Knox



"Small Fish, Big Sky,"  
Missouri River, Cascade, MT

David Howard



Red-eared Sunfish, 1lb, 1 oz  
David's 22nd Virginia species  
with at least one citation!

Anita Schepker



Big Red, 26 inches

Bob Shepherd



47lb RED off of Virginia's Barrier Islands

Mike Ostrander



Bluegill, 1lb, 1oz

Cliff Phipps



Citation Yellow Perch

Jay Hiel



Smallmouth, Saint Lawrence river, NY



Eddy Johnson's grandson, Noah, learning how to catch gar from the master!

Jay Hiel



Northern Pike, Saint Lawrence river, NY

Cliff Phipps



Chain Pickerel, 24 inch

Pat Quisenberry



Largemouth bass, 3lb, 9oz

A fine collection of recent photographs! Please keep them coming!  
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## Lines Out – Gary Donahue

By John Wetlaufer, Sr.

Former Virginia Anglers Club Gary Donahue, 84, pulled lines for the final time on Thursday, January 27, 2022. Gary will likely be remembered by members of long standing.

Gary was a Member of the VAC for 30 years and was most active from the late 1980's thru the early 2000's. Gary joined the VAC as a resident member in 1987 and ended his membership in 2017 due to declining health.

Gary entered only one saltwater entry in his 24 entries in the club data base. Five of Gary's entries still stand as VAC Club Records (a 3-2 croaker 4 lb. gen., a 31-5 chinook salmon on 16 lb. gen., an 8-2 walleye on 4 lb. spin, a 12-0 northern pike on 12-0 on 2 lb. spin. and a 2-14 crappie on 2 lb. fly.). Gary's record crappie was caught in 1991 and his record croaker was caught in 2004. The other three records have stood since 1993.

Lines out, Gary. You will be well remembered by those members who knew you.