



Virginia Coastal Fly Anglers

DECEMBER 2015

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NEXT MEETINGS:

January 16, 2016. Dinner at the Teppanayaki Grill

February 18, 2016. Colby and Brian Trow, Virginia Trout and Smallmouth

February 18, 2016. Fly tying class with Colby Trow. 11:00 - 4:00.

Working with deer hair.

March 17, 2016. Captain Jake Jordan. techniques for Fighting fish

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Happy New Year! I just wanted to send a short message to wish all members and friends of the Virginia Coastal Anglers a very Happy and Blessed New Year filled

and tight lines! We have a full year of club outings and excellent fishing water. We are always looking forward to new outings so if you have the club to participate in, we can get the planning ball rolling on Jan 16 and I



with lots of fishing adventures full year scheduled with lots of guest speakers and I look forward to seeing you all out on the water looking for new trips and something you would like please let us know and we will be rolling. Don't forget our annual banquet on Jan 16 and I hope to see you all there.

Thanks and tight lines,

Mike Buss



BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Mike Buss, President; Noel Horne, Vice-President; David Dembicki, Treasurer; Larry Clemens, Secretary;

MEMBERS AT LARGE: Jonathan Bowden, Mike LaHorner, Kenkall Osborne, Ed Pacheco, Scott Reppert, Ron Russell

DINNER:

January 16

Teppanyaki Grill, Tidewater Drive
7525 Tidewater Drive Ste 18, Norfolk, VA 23505
757-588-0588

We are back at the Teppanaki Grill for our 2016 banquet. Last year was a lot of fun and the sentiment to return was overwhelming. This year looks to be another good one with our bucket raffles, door prizes and the Teppanaki Buffet. We have items donated by The Great Outdoor Provisions Company, and a TFO rod donated by Wild River Outfitters. There will be many other items for the raffles. Larry Clemens will again put together a video presentation for the past year. Send him any pictures or short video that you would like included in the presentation. It can be anything (fly) fishing related in 2015. Send any items to lawrenceclemens@gmail.com. As a bonus, if you renew your membership at the dinner, you receive 10 free raffle tickets.

TRIPS:

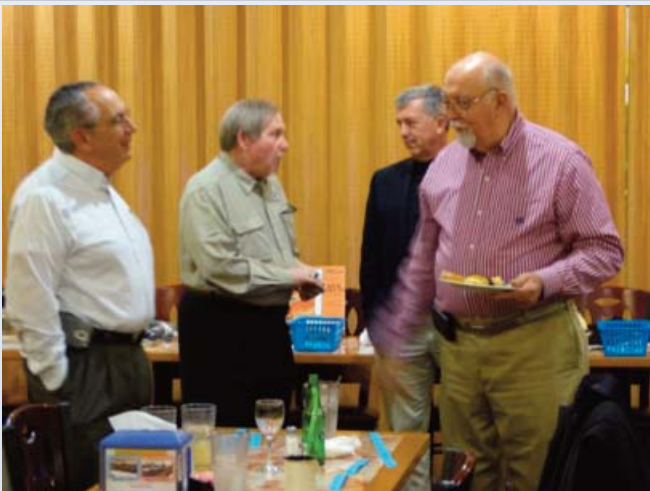
SHAD TRIP: The club will be heading up to Fredericksburg to fish the Rappahannock River for shad again this year. This will be a trip on a Sat in April and will be weather dependent. This is a wading trip so dress accordingly. We typically travel up there in the morning and fish all day for shad and then switch over to schoolie stripers in the early evening. It's not unusual to catch 50 to 75 shad and a dozen stripers in a day before heading home.

JONES POND: The club has planned a trip to Jones Pond on Chesapeake Annex Naval Base. This will be a freshwater bass trip and will be weather dependent in Mid to late June. Jones pond is a real nice clear lake located on the Annex and we will be fishing out of 14' jon boats with electric motors. We plan to travel up there on a Sat, rent the jon boats and motors and also rent one of the cabins available on the base to spend Sat nite. We will have a cookout Sat nite and then get up early to fish Sun before heading home Sun afternoon. I have had some very good days there catching large mouth bass up to 6 lbs on top water poppers.

GWYNN'S ISLAND: The club will again travel to Gwinns Island in Sept to fish for trout, stripers, puppy drum and bluefish. This will be weather dependent also, but we plan to travel up there early Sat morning and meet at the ramp on Gwinns Island and then pair up to head out to fish all day before meeting again at the ramp late in the afternoon and heading in to the Sea Breeze restaurant to discuss the successes or failures of the day of fishing

HARKER'S ISLAND: The club rents a beautiful house on Harkers Island every year and it is open to club members. You can stay one day or any number of days to suit your schedule. The cost is \$30 per nite plus a share of food and boat costs if you go out in a boat. Food costs are usually \$5 per day. Also, if you stay more than 4 days, we usually ask that you be responsible for an evening meal. Most of the time that involves bringing something the wife has made and frozen so you just need to pop it in the oven. This year we have rented the house for 3 weeks from Fri. nite, Oct 14, thru Sun. morning, Nov 6. Please contact Mike Buss, mike4519@verizon.net if you are interested.

2015 DINNER



FISHING REPORTS



This year was a mixed bag at Harker's Island. There were plenty of fish to be had and some days were phenomenal with numbers and size of fish having been caught. Even as I write this on December 27th the water temperature is in the 60's with fish still showing up for the taking.

As we turn our attention to the home waters, signs of life are abundant. In our number of trips to Gwynn's Island, we have had days of 50 and 100 fish. Small schoolies, but the number of them is impressive after a several year slump. Although I am no fan of the Mid-Atlantic Rockfish Tournament and the slaughter that goes on, the poundage and numbers of big fish catches my attention. Although Speckled Trout have all but vanished due to the extreme cold the last two years, and wholesale poaching in the Elizabeth River last year, Even they are showing up in small numbers. Bottom line, if you are not catching fish, you are not getting out. Take a day and enjoy a trip in our wonderful fishery.



OTHER EVENTS TO BE MARK ON YOUR CALENDARS!

MARCH 12, 2016 - LEGENDS OF THE FLY

This will be an all day event held at The Museum of Contemporary Art in Virginia Beach

OCTOBER 8 & 9, 2016 - WATERWAYS HERITAGE FESTIVAL IN GREAT BRIDGE

Lefty Kreh is scheduled to be the guest for this years festival. He will give casting seminars, tips, and autographs over the two day festival. There is no fee for this event.

VIRGINIA FLY FISHING AND WINE FESTIVAL

MARCH 12 and 13, MAY 14 and 15, JULY 9 and 10, SEPTEMBER 12 and 13, 2016

We again join forces with Wild River Outfitters to offer beginning fly fishing instruction on Saturday and Sunday. Classes are two hours long with a presentation for the first 45 minutes and casting the remainder of the time. There is no fee for this class.

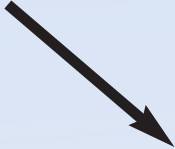


MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2016

- January 16 **ANNUAL DINNER**
- February 18 Virginia Trout and Smallmouth with Brian and Colby Trow
- March 17 Techniques for fighting fish on a fly with Captain Jake Jordan
- April 21 Getting ready for Shad with Mike Buss
- May 19
- June 21 Fly Fishing School
- August 20
- September 15 Annual Picnic
- October 20
- November 17 Chesapeake Bay Stripers with Kendall Osborne
- December 15 **NO GENERAL MEETING**



Schedule changes may occur. Any change and/or addition will be posted on our webpage at vcfa.org and facebook page.



In conjunction with the February 18 meeting, Colby Trow will offer a fly tying class for those interested. Class size is limited to 10 (once 10 places are booked - class is closed) and it will be held from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. We will then have a dinner break prior to the meeting. Colby will focus on working with deer. Cost is \$35.00 for the class. Contact Larry Clemens if you would like to register at lawrenceclemens@gmail.com.

Virginia Coastal Fly Anglers **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Date: _____ (dd/mm/yyyy)

Membership is **\$30.00** annually and includes all family members. Please complete this form with a check made payable to VCFA. You can bring the completed form and check to the next meeting, or mail it to our club treasurer at VCFA, P.O. Box 2866, Virginia Beach, VA 23450-2866

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