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Juan Veruete will be the guest speaker at the March 27 meeting of the Potomac River Smallmouth Club. He is an accomplished angler with over 40 years of on-the-water experience in Pennsylvania and beyond. His specialty is kayak fishing for smallmouth bass in moving water. He is an American Canoe Association-certified kayak instructor and owner of Kayak Fish PA, LLC. The core focus of Juan's guiding service is conducting Guided Kayak Fishing Classes, which are a unique blend of kayaking and fishing instruction aimed at helping anglers get the most out of their kayak as a fishing tool. Juan calls the Juniata and Susquehanna Rivers his home in central Pennsylvania.

Juan holds pro-staff positions with Wilderness Systems, Temple Fork Outfitters, Kokatat, Winco's Custom Lures, YakAttack, and HOOK1 Kayak Fishing Gear. In addition, images of his kayak fishing exploits have appeared in Pennsylvania Angler & Boater Magazine, and he has published several articles in Kayak Angler Magazine.



Juan's enthusiasm for kayak fishing and smallmouth bass has landed him TV and video appearances. Most recently, Juan was a featured contributor for a seasonal kayak fishing tactics DVD series released in 2013 by Blue Ridge Kayak Fishing.

Among other subjects, Juan will speak about Pennsylvania's smallmouth waters, essential river and safety gear, and picking the right kayak for you.

Juan holding a gorgeous river smallmouth bass.

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PRSC Updates

By Jamie Gold

Steve Moore Steps Down and John Lipetz Returns

Steve Moore has resigned as the President of PRSC. Steve stepped down because family obligations have required him to move out of the area to relocate to North Carolina. We on the Board would like to thank Steve for his service to the Club and wish him the best of luck in his new endeavors.

Former PRSC President John Lipetz has kindly agreed to step back into the role to complete Steve's term in office. He did an excellent job as President during his previous tenure, and we on the Board appreciate his willingness to step in during this time.

Program Chair

Bill Amshey, PRSC's Program Chair, will be stepping down later this year. He also will be moving out of the Washington, DC area. First, we would like to thank Bill for his excellent service to the Club. He has done an terrific job as Program Chair during his tenure. At the same time, we are looking for someone to step up and take over his role. Bill already has speakers lined up for most of the year. And we can do a transition period of several months to make it a smooth process. Please contact any of the Board members if you are interested.

New Officers Needed

Finally, the Club will holding elections for Board positions this year. We will need a new President. Also, we will need a new Program Chair, and may need to fill a few other positions as well. If you have been a member for several years, yet have never served in a leadership position, it is time for you to step up and volunteer.

The Board will be creating a Search Committee and reach out to members to find new officers. However, the Committee's job would be made much easier by members stepping up to fill the roles.

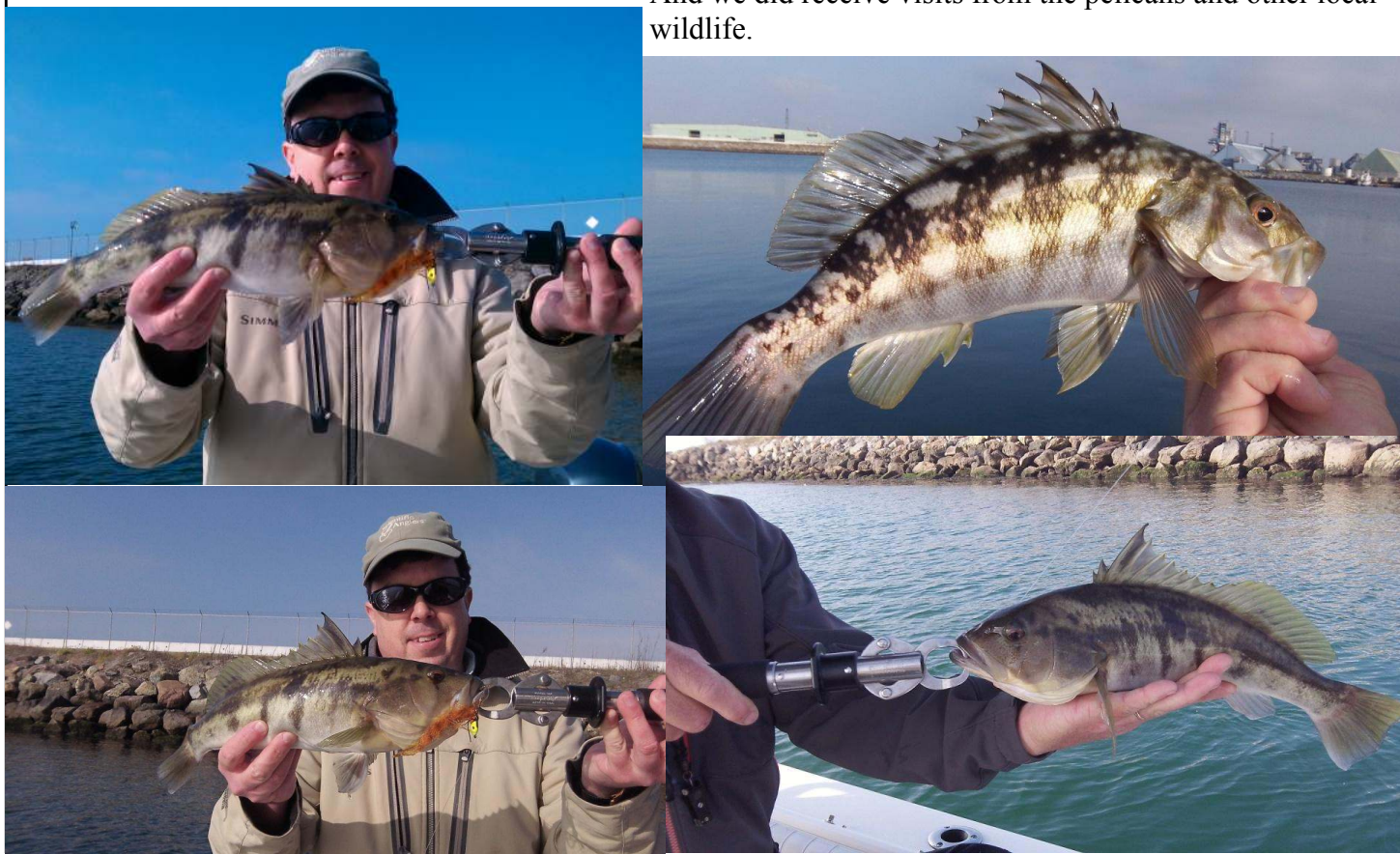
Fly Fishing California Style

By Jamie Gold

Some people celebrate St. Patrick's day by drinking and partying; I decided to celebrate by taking a three-day trip to Los Angeles for some warm weather and saltwater fly fishing. After consulting with fellow PRSC member Steve Adams, I got in touch with Capt. Vaughn Podmore of SaltyFly Guide Service (www.saltyflyfishing.com) to set up a day of guided fly fishing. At this time of year the target saltwater species are Calico Bass, Sand Bass, and Spotted Bay Bass. Calico Bass (*paralabrax clathratus*), also referred to as Kelp Bass, are related to Groupers. They prefer shallow water, and relate to kelp (hence the name) and also rocky areas and hard structures. They are typically caught in the 14" range, but can get as long as 28". Sand Bass (*paralabrax nebulifer*) are a type of Sea Bass located along the coast of California, that can be caught around structure in bay areas.

We agreed to meet at 6am at the Sunset Aquatic Marina in Huntington Beach. For equipment we used 8 wt fly rods with shooting head lines. The shooting heads were to get the fly down as we were fishing in 20-40 feet of water, and the fish were mostly hanging around the bottom. We were using streamer patterns that Vaughn ties (though I've been forbidden from giving further details about them), using a variety of strip and pause patterns and speeds to induce strikes. We targeted rock walls, pylons, kelp beds and other structure. In total I landed around 12 fish, including both Calico and Sand Bass, while missing a few others. Overall, I had a great time fishing with Vaughn, and I strongly urge you to contact him if you want to do some saltwater fishing in the Los Angeles area. One interesting aspect of the trip was the scenery. We were fishing in a busy bay area, with lots of huge cargo ships and oil tankers around. Also, there is a large amount of oil drilling in the area, so the water was peppered with oil derricks...something I'm not used to seeing on the Chesapeake Bay.

And we did receive visits from the pelicans and other local wildlife.



Potomac Riverkeeper Event

Raise a Glass to Clean Water: A Benefit for Potomac Riverkeeper

Sunday, April 28, 2013 | 3:00pm--6:00pm

SNR Denton Penthouse

1301 K Street NW | Washington, DC 20005



This year, the Riverkeeper will be hosting its 11th Annual Event at the SNR Denton Penthouse in Downtown Washington DC. They are excited to offer tastings from local breweries and wineries this year, in addition to a light buffet generously provided by Clyde's.

There will also be a small live auction, music, awards and more!

[Buy Tickets or Become a Host!](#)

More information to come, make sure to save the date!

River Access and Related

By Jay Eiche

River access and related trespass issues are frequently a flash point between river users and riverfront landowners. I've been a river user/fisherman in the Mid Atlantic for 30 years and a riverfront landowner for about 10 years now, so I've pretty much seen or heard it all. What I hear the most is a fair amount of confusion and misinformation. Some of that is attributable to the internet, where there is no shortage of folks offering up conflicting advice on these issues. But much of the confusion is a result of the fact that the law often varies from state to state, and can treat boaters differently from fishermen. My intent here is to provide some basic guidance, not a law review article for attorneys and courts. If you need specific legal advice, you should contact an attorney of your choice.

So as an initial common sense starting point, never argue with a badge and/or a gun. That would include the local police, sheriff, state police, game warden (badges and guns) + local landowners and fellow river users (duck hunters for example) that have a gun visible during any "discussions". That seems pretty obvious, but needed to be said up front. If you carry a cell phone and are lucky enough to have service on the river, once you get down river and out of sight you might chose to call the local law enforcement to report a run-in with a gun toting landowner or river user. However, it's never a good idea in the heat of the moment, not even to take a photo.

Second - don't assume, ask. If you park your truck down at the bridge near the river and there is a house in sight, go up and talk to the home/landowner. Not at 5:30 in the morning before you shove off to fish the morning's first light, nor at the end of the day after you've had a few beers, your feet are caked in mud, and you smell like fish and sweat. Be polite, ask where best to park your truck (and park there), perhaps give him some contact information, and maybe even offer to pick up some trash down by the bridge. Generally I've gotten positive responses, including getting the landowner to keep an eye on my truck, which is a good thing. Parking vehicles in isolated areas can be an invitation to break-in and/or for vandalism.

Third – While on the river, don't invite trouble. During a typical day's float, most folks may need to stop and answer nature's call, have lunch, or just stretch their back and wade a little bit. In all of these aforementioned instances, be discrete. This advice also applies in spades to camping along the river. If there is a farmhouse, cabin, or person in view, pick another spot to stop and get out – period. Second, trash goes in the boat, not in the river or along the shoreline. Finally, screaming at the top of your lungs, or bringing along the boombox to jam your favorite songs at high volume generally does not make you any friends.

Fourth - some good sources of basic information are guidebooks such as those written by PRSC president Steve Moore or Roger Corbett's book – Virginia Whitewater. Another good source of information is to consult with a local outfitter, or fishing guide. Finally, materials

Trespass Issues (in Virginia)

produced by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) should provide good “general” advice. However, as the recent dust up on the Jackson River shows, none of those folks are going to step in and represent you in a criminal or civil action should it come to that, hence the use of the word “general or basic” information. Additionally, remember that the right to boat or float may be treated differently from the right to fish.

Finally, some thoughts on two websites – one I would recommend, a second I would avoid. I would recommend the American Whitewater website:

<http://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/Wiki/access:va?>

I would avoid any reliance on the information provided on the NORS website which if it isn't out of date, is often nothing more than wishful thinking in many cases:

<http://www.nationalrivers.org>

Once again, remember the law can treat boating and fishing very differently. This brings me to the set of original questions posed and some basic guidance and comments:

1. Assuming a body of water allows public use, may a fisherman or boater cross private property to access that river/lake? Not without the permission of the landowner. See the second paragraph above - “Don't assume, ask” for your best approach.
2. Does it matter whether the property is posted “No Trespassing”, or not? No. The only difference between private property which is posted and that which is not posted is the severity of the penalty for violation.
3. Is trespassing enforceable both as a crime and a civil action? Yes, criminal trespass is enforced by the state through the Sheriff's office (arrest) and the Commonwealth's Attorney (prosecution); civil actions are private lawsuits where the landowner hires an attorney to pursue the trespasser. Both the Kraft v. Burr case and the recent Jackson River case were civil actions. At its most basic level, the worst case for criminal trespass is conviction and jail time; civil trespass is most likely to be a declaratory judgment, maybe a restraining order and a monetary judgment.
4. May a fisherman or boater make use of public utility land or other easements to gain access to rivers/lakes? Not unless permission is first obtained from the easement holder/owner; and the use is consistent with the terms of the easement.

River Access and Related Tres

5. May a fisherman or boater make use of property owned by the Federal, State, County or City government to gain access to rivers/lakes? Sort of sounds like a trick question doesn't it? The problem here is there are just too many variations to make many meaningful generalizations. National Forest, most likely yes. A fenced and posted military installation, probably no. The local high school which borders a river or a pond – maybe. Good idea in all cases - "Don't assume, ask".
6. May a fisherman or boater make use of a private bridge to gain access to a river/lake? No, unless given permission by the landowner(s).
7. May a fisherman or boater make use of a public bridge to gain access to a river/lake? Depends on how the state/Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) obtained ownership of the bridge, and whether they allow public use of any right of way next to the bridge. According to VDOT, if they own the bridge and land adjacent to the bridge in fee simple, VDOT may allow the public to use that land to access the river/lake. However, many low water bridges taken into the state system under the Byrd Act only provide for a prescriptive easement for the maintenance of the bridge. In those cases, VDOT cannot allow uses inconsistent with, or superior to, those granted the state via the prescriptive easement.
8. May a boater float any navigable river in VA? Yes. However, the definition of "navigable" is not a common sense one, it a legal term of art defined by whether the body of water had (or was susceptible to having) a historical commercial use at the time that the state entered the Union (Equal Footing Doctrine). Clear huh? Its almost easier to define what probably does not matter – which is your present day recreational use or ability to float a canoe or kayak successfully down the river/stream. The VDGIF offered this advice to determine navigability in Virginia:

<http://www.virginiariversdefensefund.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/Navigable-Water.pdf>

9. May a fisherman or boater make use of non-navigable rivers and streams?
No, unless permission is obtained by the riparian landowner.
10. In Virginia, does the landowner own to the high water mark, or the low water mark? Low water mark. However, you are allowed to portage an obstruction in the

Pass Issues (in Virginia), cont'd

river. That use doesn't include eating lunch there, or fishing there (for example), only to portage the obstruction.

For one of the best legal articles written on a broad cross section of these issues, I'd recommend Robin Craig's August 2007 article – "A Comparative Guide to the Eastern Public Trust Doctrines: Classifications of States, Property Rights, and State Summaries." Which can be found here:

http://works.bepress.com/robin_craig/1/

Additionally, for the attorneys and wannabe attorneys, I would also suggest reviewing:

Parm v. Shumate, 513 F. 3d 135, (Ct of App. 5th Cir. 2007)

And,

PPL MONTANA, LLC v. Montana, 132 S. Ct. 1215, (2012).

A few concluding comments – the fishermen in the Jackson River case state that their dispute with adjacent landowners generated legal bills of \$150K. For their efforts and expense, the decision of the court was to order an injunction prohibiting them from wading or walking the disputed section of the Jackson River. Now, one might perhaps claim that the court did not enjoin the fisherman from fishing the river from a boat not anchored to the river bottom, but I would assume that at this point no one is interested in racking up another \$150K on the off-chance they might get a different result. For more information on the latest Jackson River Case:

<http://www.virginiariversdefensefund.org/>

So what to do? Beyond the advice proffered above, I'd suggest you support efforts to establish more public access to the rivers and lakes of Virginia. The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries is actively seeking new access points at public bridges. If you know of a great place for an access point, contact the VDGIF. Additionally, there are various legislative efforts underway to both reverse the case law on private ownership of navigable waters, and to require VDOT to include in their plans for new bridges or bridge improvements, boating access to navigable waters for the public. You should support both efforts.

Friends of th

By Jay Eiche

My wife and I are active members of the Friends of the North Fork of the Shenandoah River. Our mission is to enhance and protect the beauty, purity and natural flow of the incredible North Fork of the Shenandoah River and its watershed. My wife is the co-chair of the Friends' DC area fundraiser which will be held April 11th (see save the date flyer below). On the next page is the ticket form. Basic tickets are \$50 a person, \$90 a couple and this event is being held at the Georgetown Boathouse, where a few of the Potomac Riverkeeper events have been held in past. There will be some fishing items in the silent auction as I've spoken to Harry Murray at Murray's Fly shop and Walt Cary about some poppers as well plus maybe a guided fishing trip or two. Hope to see you there.

SAVE the DATE! - Shenandoah Spring Fling Thursday, April 11 from 5:30-8:30pm

Help Friends of the North Fork kick off our 25th Anniversary of Water Protection at the Beautiful and Historic Potomac Boat Club in Washington D.C. on Thursday, April 11, 2013 from 5:30-8:30pm.

**Join us for an evening of music, a light buffet and wine and a silent auction including a canoe/kayak clinic and rentals,
B and B stays and more.....**

Invitation to follow soon.

the North Fork



Shenandoah River Spring Fling

April 11, 2013

5:30 - 8:30 pm

Come help us celebrate the

**25th Anniversary of Friends of the North Fork of the
Shenandoah River!**

Potomac Boat Club in Georgetown

3530 Water Street NW, Washington, DC 20007

Enjoy beautiful springtime views from the historic Potomac Boat Club, delicious food, beer and wine, and a silent auction to kick off Friends' 25th year of river protection.

Suggested Donation: \$50/person, \$90/couple

Sponsorships: **\$150/North River Ally (2 guests)**
 \$250/North Fork Steward (4 guests)
 \$500/North Fork Guardian (6 guests)
 \$1,000/ Shenandoah River Star (8 guests)

Silent Auction items include:

Trout fishing trip for 2 by Tenkara guide Tom Sadler of Mossy Creek Fly Fishing
Guided fishing trip on the North Fork of the Shenandoah by Jay Eiche
Ross Reels Journey Youth Outfit fly rod (4wt, 7'6") from Urban Angler, Ltd.
**3 River Guide DVDs for River Smallmouth Patterns (Summer, Fall & Winter) from
 Blue Ridge Kayak Fishing and Jeff Little**
Rustic Fort Valley Cabin Getaway from The Knipling Family
A Day on the River with Front Royal Canoe Company & Lucky Star Lounge Certif.
Kayak (or canoe) clinic & float for 4 by Skyline Canoe & Lucky Star Lounge Certif.
\$100 gift certificate from Front Royal Canoe & Lucky Star Lounge Certificate
Autographed Fly Fishing Book from Harry Murray's Fly Shop in Edinburg
A dozen fishing "Poppers" from Walt's Poppers
Signed print of Scotts Run in Virginia from Frank Morgan
Framed fishing and hunting prints by Roy Mason, America's "Sporting Artist"
Framed fishing art from The Pink Elephant in Woodstock
Two one-hour massages from Woodstock Massage
Two hour landscape consultation by Copper Forest, LLC
Box of exclusive cigars from John B. Hayes - Tobacconist

RSVP by April 8. Mail check to FNFSR, Box 746, Woodstock, VA 22664, or donate online at www.fnfsr.org. For more information see www.fnfsr.org, or call 202 364-3045 or 540 514-0037. This is an unticketed event. Your name will be on a list at the door.

Urban Angler - Drake Magazine Fly Fishing Film Tour

Editor's Note: The folks at Urban Angler have been very good friends and supporters of PRSC ever since they moved into the Northern Virginia area. They are sponsoring the local showing of the Drake Magazine 2013 Fly Fishing Film Tour. Please come out to support them and see this excellent film tour.

Drake Magazine Fly Fishing Film Tour

Thursday, March 28, 2013

[Arlington Cinema & Draft House](#)

2903 Columbia Pike, Arlington, VA

Hosted By Urban Angler

It's here - The annual Drake Magazine Fly Fishing Film Tour will be hosted by Urban Angler in Arlington, VA once again at the Arlington Cinema N Draft House. Featuring over 90 minutes of fly fishing excitement, drama, and lore. Trout, redfish, tarpon, steelhead, bonefish, pike, atlantic salmon... you name it, you'll see it.

Door prizes and cool swag at the event.
Food, drink, beer, and tall tales available.
Ages 21 and older (minors MUST be accompanied by a parent for entry).

Come meet the staff at Urban Angler, and a few film makers, stars of past and present movies, and sponsors on Thursday March 28th, 2013.

Ticket Price: \$20 advance / \$25 door. To buy your tickets in advance visit their website at <http://www.urbanangler.com/news/120.html>

Doors open 6:00pm, film starts 7pm.



Conservation Corner

By Herschel Finch

Recently, I seem to have been immersed in the subject of Hydraulic Fracturing, or Fracking, again. Not because I chose to but more because of circumstance. Given the importance of the subject and what it's related to (energy independence here in the U.S.) this is well and good I think.

The first Monday of this month I had a chance to meet Kate Wolford at the Izaak Walton League Chapter meeting in Warren County, VA. Kate is the director of the Shenandoah Valley Network, a non-profit cooperative network of environmental, governmental, and other community groups working on rural land preservation, water and farming issues, and rural transportation and zoning issues. Kate gave a presentation on Fracking in western Virginia over the sliver of Marcellous Shale that lies just west of Interstate 81. Her presentation did not really cover any new ground as far as the technique or progression of the wells in Virginia, which so far here in Virginia seems to be nil. But I was very surprised to learn that there are already 3,800 or so acres already under lease in the state for the purpose of gas drilling. This does not mean that these properties are going to be drilled in the immediate future. Many of these leases are inside the boundary of the George Washington National Forest (GWNF). To date, the US Forest Service does not permit any kind of drilling inside the National Forest boundaries. However, given heavy lobbyist activities on behalf of oil and gas development companies in Washington, that could change at some point. The Forest Service wants a minimum 15 year moratorium on drilling inside the Forest. Many say there should be no drilling ever inside these preserved lands because the GWNF protects the head water springs and runoff sources for the water that serves 262,000 people in the Shenandoah Valley, and of course on into the Potomac River. However, given the current pressures for energy in this country, I suspect Kate, the Izaak Walton League, and all the other organizations and groups that are working together out there are going to be very busy in the coming years. If you would like to know more about the Shenandoah Valley Network and the work they're doing, they have a website and an RSS feed if you care to sign up: <http://www.svnva.org/>.

An interesting aside about Kate; she is the wife of the Chief Fisheries Biologist for the Shenandoah National Park. I suspect Kate and I are going to be seeing more of each other in the coming years at various meetings and seminars.

The second time Fracking came into my sites was a news item from Pennsylvania. Apparently there are some drilling companies who thought it would a wonderful idea to use the contaminated water running out of old abandoned coal mines as fracking water! You know this stuff. It's that bright rusty orange water and sediment that coats rocks and stream bottoms and kills every living thing in the stream. The rationalization from the drilling companies is that they are helping the environment by diverting this contaminated water from entering into any more streams and using it as their fracking water, mitigating the need for drawing fresh water from other sources. Needless to say environmentalists, county officials and others in the vicinity of these wells are up in arms about this practice. Personally speaking, I think this is not only terribly shortsighted, given that the combination of Fracking and horizontal drilling is only in its infancy, but it also helps get the original polluters off the hook. Just stop and think for a moment; the slurry of water and chemicals they pump down these wells to fracture the rock is suspect to begin with, but now imagine that they start with carcinogenic water.

I decided to 'share' this article on my Facebook page and got an immediate reaction from a lot of folks, especially my fishing/conservation-minded friends up in Pennsylvania. PA is normally, a very business-friendly state, but I suspect a backlash is brewing among the voters against the free-wheeling access the gas drilling companies enjoy and very cozy relationships they seem to have with state level regulators and politicians up there. One of my PA friends said to me over the Facebook messenger: "Whatever you have to do to stop these gas drilling cowboys from getting your state politicians in their pockets...do it. We didn't realize how much we had lost until it was too late."

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After a hiatus to thank those who have supported PRSC, the picture of the month is back.

This is my favorite picture that I received this month. This is an action shot of me hooked up with a Calico Bass during my saltwater fly fishing trip to Los Angeles, CA. I caught this while fishing with Vaughn Podmore of SaltyFly Guide Service



2013 Contest Results

March 2013 Report By Wallace Harvey

There is good news in Virginia today. We have two people that admit to fishing this year. Bill Pearl and Lenie Machowski have entered the 2013 Fishing Contest for the Club. Bill is slightly ahead with a 20.5-inch smallie. Lenie had a 19.5 incher. Both were caught on Section II, one of our favorite places to fish. For the five best fish for the day, Bill set the pace with 92.5 inches, and Lenie is close behind with 90 inches. Hats off to both men. Who else has been out there?

The weather is appearing to break into Spring. I am starting to see the early flowers bloom. It is getting warmer. Days are longer, not counting Daylight Savings Time. The waters are starting to warm up, not counting the snow melt. I know I have complained of the cold weather through the winter, but now as things warm up, I'm ready to go fishing. There is that last minute rush to get all my gear in order. With luck, I'll be ready in a month or so to wet that new line.

As this is your contest, we are looking for more entrants as the year progresses. It seems as if only the "Old Guard" participate. I am now speaking to the new members. I want to hear from you as to your catch. You don't have to enter only 20 plus inch fish. Last year no new members participated in the contest. You could have won with a 6-inch smallie. Nothing to be ashamed of, just an easy win. If you have been a member for less than two years, you are eligible to win in the New Member category. Don't let that category go unchallenged this year. Call Jack Cook at (703) 573-4403, or email me at wwharvey@comcast.net. We look forward to hearing from you.

2013 Results

Section 1, Biggest Fish:

Section 1, Best 5 Fish:

Section 2, Biggest Fish: Bill Pearl, 18"

Section 2, Best 5 Fish: Bill Pearl, 80"

Section 3, Biggest Fish: Bill Pearl, 20.5"

Section 3, Best 5 Fish: Bill Pearl, 92.5"

Largest on Fly:

New Member:

William Shriver Award:

Grover Cleveland Award:

The Potomac River Smallmouth Club was founded in 1988 as a non-profit recreational club in accordance with IRS section 501(c)(7). Dues are \$35/year. Monthly meetings are held at 7:30 PM on the last Wednesday of each month (except December) at the Vienna Volunteer Firehouse. Club by-laws and member rosters are published once a year and available during meetings or upon request. The Club newsletter, "The Buzz", is emailed to all members prior to each month's meeting and is available at local fishing/tackle shops. Articles, photographs and general information relating to smallmouth bass fishing are solicited. The Buzz reserves the right to edit all materials submitted for publication. Observations, conclusions and opinions expressed in The Buzz are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect those of the club, its officers, or the editor. All materials submitted become the property of the club. Every effort will be made to return photographs at the monthly meetings, however the printing process occasionally results in the destruction of a photograph. Send copies and make sure YOU have the negative.