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John Odenkirk is a Senior Fisheries Biologist with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, and he is a Certified Fisheries Scientist through the American Fisheries Society.

John has spoken to the Club several times in the past; the last time about the growing numbers of snakehead fish in the Lower Potomac. This time he wants to talk about a new topic that we Smallmouth chasers will find germane. In August, John will be helping Region 2 with extensive depletion surveys of the Staunton River (aka Roanoke River) in Southern Virginia. This is a Smallmouth Bass fishery that many folks are not aware of and has had excellent size structure in

past years. John plans to take copious photographs during the week and create a talk about the survey and the Staunton fishery. Obviously, John will also discuss local issues and items of interest, including Shenandoah and Rappahannock River fishery updates as well as Lake Thompson and other Old Dominion fishing spots.

John was born and raised in Northern Virginia. He grew up fishing Burke Lake and Pimmit Run in Fairfax. He obtained a B.S. in Forestry and Wildlife Management from Virginia Tech in 1985 and an M.S. in Biology from Tennessee Tech in 1987.

In recognition of his service, John has received awards from Trout Unlimited, the Virginia Wildlife Federation, and the Virginia Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. John is also a member of the Virginia Chapter's executive committee.

Hope you can join us at the Vienna Firehouse the evening of 25 September. John is in a perfect position to know about fishing in our great state, and he is very willing to share that info. It will be an informative evening.

In Memoriam - by Robert Gazzola

Skee Zuchowski, one of the original members of PRSC, passed away recently. Skee was an ardent fisherman whose loyalty to grubs was unmatched in the Club. He loved both salt and freshwater fishing all of his life. His Memorial Service reflected this as well as his son-in-law's eulogy when he said Skee asked him two questions when they first met. The first had to do with his intentions and the second was: "Do you fish?" The front page of Skee's Memorial Service brochure reflects his priorities. It was a photo of Skee behind two signs: "Bait" and "Tackle". Skee participated in organizing Club trips, group "mailing sessions" in the olden days of group mail and no email and other Club activities. He also had the patience of Job proven by his response on a Club fishing trip I organized on the South Fork of the Shenandoah when, at the put-in, his Club partner, the owner of a jon boat, stepped on the tips of several of his rods and broke them. Skee was fun to know and be with and a good friend. We shall all miss him.



| Club Executive Board | <h1>Upcoming Items</h1> |
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| President John Lipetz (h) (703) 609-8083 president@prsc.org | |
| Vice-President Kristen Sorensen vp@prsc.org | Potomac River Smallmouth Club - Next Meeting Join Us Wednesday, October 30 for PRSC's next meeting. We will be at our usual spot, the Vienna Firehouse, and meeting at our usual time, 7:30pm. The speaker will be Whit Overstreet of the Potomac Riverkeeper organization. Please join us for a great meeting. |
| Secretary Dave Lockard (h) (301) 656-1964 secretary@prsc.org | Fly Fest at the Harpers Ferry Adventure Center October 4th, 5th, and 6th. Harpers Ferry Adventure Center, located at the intersection of Rt 671 and Rt 340, bordering Harper's Ferry National Park. |
| Treasurer Jamie Gold C (571) 213-4699 treasure@prsc.org | Co-sponsored by John Kelly of Kelly's White Fly shop, the Fest will have a wide variety of activities, including knot tying demonstrations, food, music, ziplines, and a trout pond. Seminars will be offered by local experts such as Bryan Kelly, William Heresniak, Colby Trow, and others. There will be fly casting instructions from Dusty Wissmath and fly tying demonstrations by local tyers. For more information, please contact them at 540-668-9007. |
| Trip Coordinator Steve Kimm trip_coordinator@prsc.org | Potomac Conservancy Canal Stewards at the River Center Sun. 10/13/2013 - 10:00am-12:00pm. River Center at Lock 8, 7906 Riverside Drive, Cabin John, MD 20818. They will be meeting at the River Center to clean up the lockhouse area and nearby towpath. This cleanup is open to all ages, and they will provide all the necessary supplies. You can find more information at http://www.potomac.org . |
| Program Chair Bill Amshey Programs@prsc.org | 6th Annual Potomac River Jam Sun. 10/20/2013 - 12:00pm-4:00pm. River Center at Lock 8, 7906 Riverside Drive, Cabin John, MD 20818. Join Potomac Conservancy for their 6th Annual Potomac River Jam - an afternoon celebration of natural beauty, culture, and history of the Potomac River and C&O Canal. Live music and canoe trips will be offered, along with face painting, games and crafts. All events are free. |
| Conservation Chair Herschel Finch (H) (540) 635-7636 Conservation@prsc.org | Friends of the North Fork Friends 9th Annual Fish Fry Fundraiser and 25th Anniversary Celebration: Moose Lodge, 152 Moose Road, Woodstock, VA. Saturday, October 19 - 6pm-9pm. Join them for their 9th Annual Fish Fry Fundraiser and 25th Anniversary Celebration. This is their once a year fundraiser and a celebration of their 25 years of river protection work. Your support of this event enables Friends to continue to do their river protection work. Enjoy great food and an auction featuring the work of prominent valley artists. |
| Librarian Chip Comstock Librarian@prsc.org | Tickets are \$45 per person or you can sponsor the Fry for \$150 or choose another sponsorship level. Please consider a sponsorship for this event. It is their one major fundraising effort for the year. For more information, please visit their website at http://www.fnfsrc.org/ . |
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Harper's Ferry Fly Fest

Fly Fest 2013

October 4th, 5th, and 6th

Friday, 3:00pm - 7:00pm, Saturday 10:00am - 6:00pm, Sunday 10:00am - 6:00pm

Welcome to Harpers Ferry Fly Fest!

A True Fly Fishing Show

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Highlights of Activities include: Fishing for Smallmouth Bass and Trout, Rent Kayaks by the Hour, Wine Tasting and Sales, Food Vendors, Trout Pond for Kids, Discounts on Zip Line, Bonfire Saturday Night, Microbrew Beer Garden, Potomac River access and Two Miles of Private Brook Trout Stream, and over thirty fly fishing exhibits and local experts on Display.

Highlights of Events include: Seminars offered by local experts, Fly Casting Instruction by Dusty Wissmath, Fly Tying Demos by Local Tyers, Meet Celebrities Bob Clouser and Curtis Flemming, and a Door Prize with the winner Announced on Saturday.

Speakers for the seminars include Bryan Kelly of Kelly's White Fly and The Anglers Inn, William Herezniak of Eastern Trophy Adventures, Colby Trow of Mossy Creek Outfitters, and others.

For more information, check out their site on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/HarpersFerryFlyFest>.

Fishing with

Article and Photos by Chris Schaupp

I suppose some people enjoy fishing as a way to get away from it all. "All" being the stress of daily life ... work, bills, home, and perhaps family? Fishing, similar to hunting, is not really known as a common family activity. Parent & child maybe, but the whole family fishing together is not exactly the typical scenario.

I became interested in fishing at about the age of nine when an older neighborhood friend of mine showed me how to dig up some worms for bait and use a small hook with sinker at a local river/brook to catch whatever would bite, mostly small perch and sunfish. After my first trip I thought fishing was just about the most exciting activity I had ever done and it probably was. After that, the seed was planted and my interest in the sport continued to grow.

Seems like things back then were a bit different than now. My summers were not filled with many scheduled activities. It was pretty much go outside and play and try to keep from getting bored. Neither of my parents did any fishing, but fishing became something I could always do, either with friends or by myself. It didn't matter that the local fishing hole was about a mile away and I would have to run across a busy four lane highway to get there. Sometimes I rode my bike to the water. I learned to hold the fishing rods in one hand while steering with the other. There was no such thing as bicycle helmets. If I got hot, I could just jump in the water and swim around, often by myself. There were no life vests, lifeguards, or any adult supervision. My most common companion was my dog, who I'm pretty sure didn't know CPR. As a nine year old boy, it was easy to fall in love with fishing because I owned it. There was not too much else to do in the summer and it was up to me to make it happen. If something went wrong, I knew I would be suffering the consequences so I learned to be careful. Somehow I survived all that without harm or injury and now I'm lucky enough to have kids of my own.

Today my children's summer days are filled with scheduled activities. From



all the typical types of American sports, to art's & craft's camps, to robot building. Like most parents these days, we wouldn't dream of letting our kids walk or bike independently to a body of water to spend the day on their own, unsupervised, doing what they please. Our kids are not allowed to go more than 50 yards from our house without an adult and we barely let them out of our sight. Things have changed since I was a kid, perhaps the world has gotten a bit more dangerous and we are all a lot more focused on safety. I put the safety of my kids above all else. That's the way it has to be, but I have to admit there is a price for all this caution and something is being lost.

After living in in the LA California area for almost 15 years, fishing became a long lost art to me as I focused on catching waves as a surfer rather than catching fish. Then suddenly a career change brought me to the DC - Maryland area. I found the surfing in Rockville MD terrible, but in 2007, a friend of mine asked me if I wanted to try fishing for smallmouth bass in the Potomac. I said sure, had a great day, and the rest was history. Suddenly all the passion I had for fishing as a kid came rushing back. I joined the PRSC, bought a

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kayak, then another kayak, then a canoe, then a Ranger bass boat, then yet another fishing kayak. You can imagine the dynamics of my garage have change a bit since 2007.

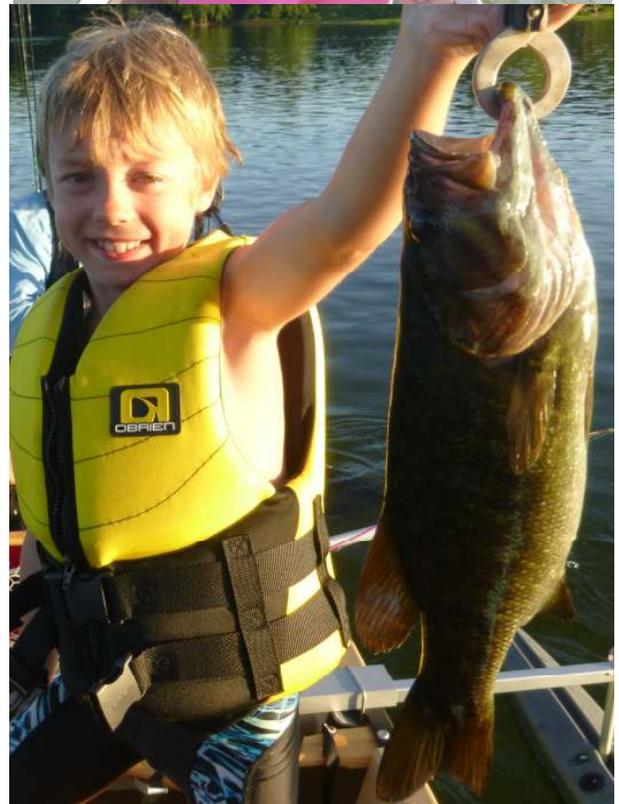
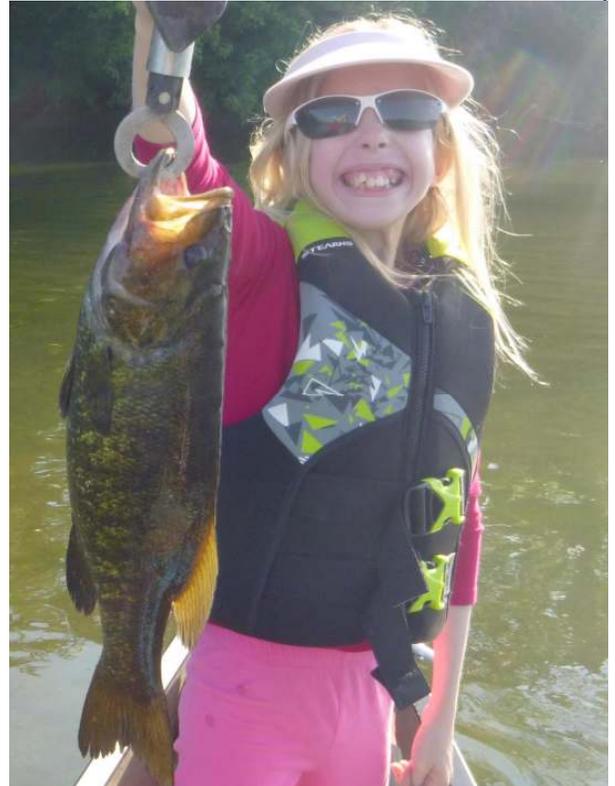
At the same time my interest in smallmouth was growing, so was my family. With a beautiful wife and three young wonderful kids, I don't want to miss a minute of the family life I love so much. So how do I balance my passion for fishing with my desire to not miss out on precious family time? For me the answer has been, take the family fishing. I think most kids are born with an interest in catching and possibly learning something about a wild creature. I don't think my wife was extremely excited about fishing the first time I got her out on the river. However she does love the outdoors, and lucky for me, she tends to keep an open mind about things. In the past few years she has become quite the fisherwoman and has surpassed my record largest Potomac smallie by two inches.

I really enjoy taking folks out on the water and introducing them to bass fishing (or whatever is biting). It seems to never fail to bring excitement to folks the first time they feel that fish rush off with their lure and try to pull the rod out of their hands. It also never fails to bring a smile to a first timer's face when they actually land that first fish. Although kids are no different than adults in this respect, I feel that children do require a few different strategies when introducing them to being out on the water and fishing in general. Here are a few of the strategies I've developed....

Whether I'm going to the local pond, the river, or saltwater fishing, I never take any newbie out (child or adult) unless I'm quite confident that conditions will be good and the action will be plentiful. Kids tend to require even more constant action than newbie adults; however, it is important to remember that for kids, size does not matter. Any action is good action and it should be happening at a minimum every 5 - 10 minutes, otherwise most young kids will not be able to keep up their concentration and excitement levels. I've been known to resort to a worm and bobber to ensure some sure fire action.

Almost every newbie will be excited by fishing if the action level is high enough, but if the best laid plans are falling short and the fish aren't cooperating, remember it's really not about the fish, it's about the experience. A tasty snack, reading a book or having some good music, learning how to steer or paddle the boat, and taking some cool pictures are just a few of the ways to enhance the experience.

It's easiest for me to take each child fishing one at a time, but in my situation that means leaving my wife and two other kids at home, so depending on schedules, that only works some of the time. We have been known to fit our entire family of five plus a babysitter in our 17ft canoe (its rated up to 1200 pounds). If conditions are right, boogie boarding or just wading around can also be a great way for kids to entertain themselves while out on a fishing trip.



Fishing with the Family (cont'd)

You can see the videos of my daughters fishing and having fun on the water at [Fishing with Sarah](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZuXQXx4e3uo) at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZuXQXx4e3uo> and [Fishing with Maria](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KEHa17BQ9FA&feature=c4-overview&list=UUujx3prCR6pTonywV47U7LQ) at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KEHa17BQ9FA&feature=c4-overview&list=UUujx3prCR6pTonywV47U7LQ>

Beware the parking lots next to playgrounds. I've spent a lot of time preparing for fishing trips only to take my children to fishing spots with a playground next to the parking lot. As soon as the kids see the new playground, thoughts of fishing goes out the window and I get the request, "Dad can we play on the playground?" At that point I've learned to say "yes" and sometimes we've never even made it to the water. But was it a successful fishing trip? If we left with the idea of having a fishing trip, and we've come home with smiles on our faces, I believe it was a good fishing trip, even if we never fished at all. And most important, everyone will be excited to go again and eventually we will actually get our lines in the water.

My son Max has really started to enjoy fishing this year as well. Now 8 years old, he's developed the ability to cast and retrieve lures on his own and that has really excited him. This spring I set up some targets in the backyard and held some casting contests to see who could hit or come closest to hitting the targets with a small weight. Every-



one won a prize!

I guess my children will never hop on their bikes and take off for a day of fishing on their own. They won't get the chance to self-learn and own fishing the way I did, at least not as kids. I'm glad they will be safer than I was as a child. Although they are being introduced to it in a very different manner, at least the members of my family have all found fishing to be something they can enjoy. I hope we will all enjoy fishing together long into the future. The kids are still small now, but they are growing fast. Hmmm - perhaps that will give me an excuse to buy a bigger boat :))



A Day on the Water

By Wallace Harvey

On September 15, 2013 a few brave souls joined me on a float from Brunswick to Point of Rocks on the Potomac River. Again, I had the honor of meeting a new member that joined the club just go fishing with us. Hershel Finch brought Mat Johndrow whom he met on River Smallies.com. Welcome aboard Mat. Along with us were Steve Kimm and Leon Kates. Not a large group, but a bunch of really nice guys that like to fish. What more could we ask for?

The day started a bit cool. The temperature was in the mid 50's that morning. However, the good news is that the day was to be sunny and warm up to the mid 70's and be sunny. A good plan, but we forgot about the wind. We had a nice cool breeze most of the day. A few clouds drifted by, but all in all good weather. That was real nice for me as the last three times I have been fishing, it rained.

Leon told us he floated this section a couple weeks ago and the fluke was a good choice then. He stayed with it for the day. Others kept switching from flukes to plastic worms. As is my habit, I really wanted to use top water, but there was a minor problem, GRASS! The grass in the river must have exploded this past week. It was everywhere! Finding a spot with rocks and no grass was the real challenge. Even though the water level was low, the fish seemed a bit scattered. The best fishing was either in push water or pool behind a rock. There were some out in the grass, but they seemed smaller.

I did learn one new trick I want to pass along. I picked an old straight shank worm hook for use. As is my habit, I flatten the barb, just to increase the challenge. Using that combination, I learned that when I lift the fish out of the water and grab the line near the hook, it only takes one flip by the fish for it to get off. As I use a pontoon boat that has no real bottom, that flip puts the fish back in the water. A quick way to catch and release. Luckily no fish swallowed the hook to worry about today.

How did we do? Well, I report, you decide. Steve Kim had nine fish, with the largest being 15". Leon landed fifteen fish with two that were 18". Hershel got five fish and the largest was 15". Mat got five fish with the largest of 10". And myself, I caught eight fish with the largest being 14".



From left to right: Steve Kimm, Hershel Finch, Mat Johndrow, and Leon Kates. Photo by Wallace Harvey.

Rt. 50 to Locke's Landing

Article by Jamie Gold and Others



On Saturday, August 17 of 2013 several PRSC members ventured out to hit the main stem of the Shenandoah River. We decided to do the Rte. 50 bridge to Locke's Landing stretch of river, a stretch of water that has consistently yielded good numbers of fish, and good sized fish. The group included Steve Kimm, John Lipetz, John's son Quinn, Dave Lockard, Herschel Finch, and Jamie Gold.

We all had a terrific day of fishing...in fact one might use the word epic. While the day started off as a beautiful morning, with a mist on the water, the fishing was a little slow at the start. However, at about 2pm the clouds rolled in and the fish really turned on.

Early on folks were getting fish on Jacks Worms. Then when the clouds rolled in, flukes became a hot bait. White seemed to be the go to color. A few of us admitted to using white Senkos, and they produced a few fish. Later on as the cloud cover deepened, Herschel switched to a watermelon red flake Fluke because another of us in the group was tearing them up on that Red Flake watermelon fluke with the red tail, and the bite picked up again for him.

The fish seemed to be mostly hanging in current, usually in deeper water a little ways back from the ledges. We didn't catch anything right up against the ledges. We also got a few in deep water around heavy structure (the undercut ledges and boulders on that float). Herschel ended the day with about thirty fish, four of them were 14" one was 15"...the rest were 10-12 inch except for the few 8 inchers in the early AM. He lost one that would have been better than 17" but.... but wouldacouldashoulda. We know how that goes. Everybody else caught somewhere in the neighborhood of 30+ fish. While we didn't have any trophy catches, we had enough 15"-18" fish to keep everyone happy. It was so much fun that we ended up staying on the water for about 12 hours. We were all sore and tired...but grinning from ear to ear.



Fishing with the "Seldom Seen"

By Herschel Finch

No, not the Bluegrass group...Pete Pfothenauer. As some of the longer tenured members know, Pete was a VERY active club member at one time. But in recent years, Pete ran for, and won, the presidency of the Spotsylvania Education Assoc. and as a result his fishing time has been greatly curtailed. Pete and I went from fishing twenty to twenty five weekends a year to maybe three...if we're lucky. Recently, with everyone else I know either out of town for the Labor Day weekend or otherwise engaged, the planets aligned down on the Rappahannock River and Pete and I arranged a float down on his water for a change.

As I've gotten older, I've shied away from fishing the Rappahannock, mostly because the floats are so long and the put in and take outs tend to be hard on an old guy (there, I said it), so I've grown partial to places with good ramps, nice parking lots and easy access these days. But a chance to fish with Pete and even to use actually improved access points on the Rappahannock was too good to pass up. It was still going to be a long float, but that was okay, I had a couple of days to recover afterwards.

We started out VERY early, even before "O-dark-30", and entered a calm deep pool to start with. I was banging wood with a spinner bait since that was the only thing I could see to actually target and came up with 3 largemouth right off the bat. They were decent sized, in the pound and half range, and one went about 3 lb. But I started to get nervous because I figured Jack Cook could show up at anytime and take my Smallmouth card away from me if I didn't come up with some bronze fish soon, so I moved to a topwater bait to see what was going on there. A few rises kept it interesting but most were short strikes. I caught a couple of smaller fish on the buzz bait before I switched to the fluke as we entered the big rock garden at the confluence.

Water was at a good level so negotiating the area wasn't that difficult and it gave us a LOT of structure and cover to work as we moved thru the Water Willow. I got to one spot that actually looked like someone had built a large calm area in the middle of the river. Lots of rocks, Water Willow were arranged in an almost perfect circle. Pete said to work that hole well, as there seems to always be a decent fish in there. I could see why. First toss of the fluke into the far edge produced nothing, but the next one, good LORD! This bruiser must have watched the fluke go by the first time and had resolved not to let the next one get away. He pounced hard on the second cast and immediately tried to get back to his hidey-hole. It's been a long time since my drag screamed like it did with this fish. After a couple of trips around the pool and even trying to hide under my Cuda, he eventually tired. I had called Pete to come over with his net because I wasn't having much luck getting a hand on him, and Pete netted him. At 19 inches he'll probably be the best of the year for me.

The rest of the day was anti-climatic after that. Most of our fish were in the 11-14 inch range and not a lot of them because we only had a few puffy clouds to hide the sun. Water got low and boney in places and couple of boat exits were necessary to get moving thru one area. Later in the day, I violated a cardinal rule of kayakers (not paying attention during a retie) and got sideways on a mid-shoal rock and of course you know what happened after that...an unscheduled 'swim call'. Luckily this wasn't the old 'DoahRat's first rodeo. I only dropped a few bait bags and one rod. Pete picked up the bags and my rod was only two feet down right in front me. Everything else was tied in or bungee-d to the Cuda. The only thing I lost was my seat pad that cost all of five bucks. The little bit of dignity I lost was even cheaper, but the lesson that was reinforced was invaluable... It pays to pay attention and keep stuff tied in boys and girls.

In any event, it was a great day on the water with a guy who introduced me to the PRSC way back when and who I truly miss fishing with more often. Hopefully once Pete's duties with SEA wind down he'll once again be a regular fixture at the meetings and on my fishing schedule.

Herschel with a 19" smallmouth. Photo by Pete Pfothenauer.



Conservation Corner

By Herschel Finch

So much stuff going on right now I don't really know where to begin. So if this gets sloppy and disjointed, ask me at the meeting and I'll try to clarify.

There is still time to comment on the National Forest Service's next multi-year plan. As most of you already know, they're being 'coerced' into considering allowing Hydraulic Fracturing to be done inside the National Forest. They were supposed to release this plan back in June, but have put it off three times now and the latest plan is to release it (as you're reading this) in two days. Please don't let this date past without getting your comments on record and sent to your representative in Congress and to the Forest Service themselves. You can find the website to make comments on Jeff Kelble's website:

<http://potomacriverkeeper.org/take-action-keep-fracking-out-GW-national-forest>

Our next call to action is concerning Coal ash and waterborne pollution from coal-fired power plants. The Water Alliance is mounting a petition to ask the EPA to enforce the Clean Water Act of 1972 and require coal-fired power plants to cease dumping unlimited toxins in our waters. From the Water Alliance website:

“Did you know that over half of all toxic water pollution discharges in the United States come from hundreds of coal-fired power plants? Currently coal plants in the United States are allowed to dump an unlimited amount of arsenic and other lethal poisons into our waterways. Existing standards that apply to coal plant wastewater were established **over three decades ago and do not cover most of the worst pollutants.”**

Lets see if we can make a difference: https://salsa3.salsalabs.com/o/50474/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=11630

And finally, I paid a visit to Jay Eiche back at the end of August at his beautiful place out on the north fork of the Shenandoah River. We had an opportunity to talk with Don Kain, Water Monitoring and Assets Manager for the VA. Dept. of Environmental Quality for about an hour and half and well, to make a long story short; I mentioned to the club a couple of years ago that there may be a slim chance we could get some better access to the north fork in the Seven Bends area. Well, that slim chance seems a little more possible in the next few years. In the process of replacing some of the older low water bridges in the Valley, VDOT is teaming up with VDGIF and small parking lots and canoe launches are being installed on the abandoned roadbeds after a replacement bridge has been installed. The model for this approach is the recently completed replacement of the bridge at Deer Rapids just above Strasburg. The next candidate will be the low water bridge being replaced at Bentonville, even as I type this. The heavy pads have already been laid for the heavy equipment and the river bed is being prepared to receive the concrete supports that will underpin bridge. So it looks like access on the river is definitely looking up.

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This is my favorite picture that I received this month. PRSC member and manager of the Club's website Mark Myers sent me this picture of a 17.5" smallmouth that he caught on a fly rod. If you look carefully, you'll see the Walt Carey popper he caught it on in the corner of the fish's mouth. Great job Mark. As a fellow long rodder, I'm jealous.



2013 Contest Results

September 2013 Report By Wallace Harvey

Jack Cook is happy to report that this is still a fishing club. Two of our members went fishing and actually caught fish. Jay Eiche caught five fish on Section I for a total of 86 inches. Randy Chandler floated Section II and did a bit better for five fish for a total of 87 inches. Congratulations to these two fishermen.

Did this report change the lead in our fishing contest? Only those who have kept up with the report will know. What does it matter? It matters a lot to those of us who like to know what is happening on our rivers. This year has been the wettest summer in a long time. How has that affected our rivers? As I have not been able to get out there since early summer, I don't know. However, a few friends, and, yes, I have few, plan to go down the Potomac River on a Saturday in September. We got a bit more rain prior to going down the river. As I write this, I have yet to go, but the river should be in fair to good shape. Hopefully, we will have a good day. Stay tuned.

As we move into the fall of the year, it is usually a time when we find more large fish. So, what is your problem that you are not leading a group of eager members down our wonderful rivers? It is a beautiful time on the river, not too hot, not too cold. If you are lucky, the leaves begin to change color to add their bounty of color. Fish need to fatten up that last bit before the winter sets in. Let's get out there. Life is short. Don't regret that you did not participate in it. See you there!

2013 Results

- Section 1, Biggest Fish:** Jay Eiche, 21.5"
- Section 1, Best 5 Fish:** Jay Eiche, 86"
- Section 2, Biggest Fish:** Bill Pearl, 18"
- Section 2, Best 5 Fish:** Randy Chandler, 87"
- Section 3, Biggest Fish:** Jack Cook, 21.5"
- Section 3, Best 5 Fish:** Bill Pearl, 92.5"
- Largest on Fly:** Wayne Tate, 20"
- New Member:** Bill Szymanski 19.5"
- William Shriver Award:** Jay Eiche, 21.5"
- 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.