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Woodie Walker joined Friends of the Rappahannock as Volunteer and Membership Coordinator in August 2013. A lifelong advocate for environmental stewardship, Woodie's participation in grassroots efforts dates to the 1980s, while he was serving with the U.S. Air Force in Alaska. In 2001 he helped found the Blackwater/Nottoway Riverkeeper Program, the first Waterkeeper Alliance program in Virginia. His work with Riverkeeper led to his selection as a finalist for the 2004 National River Hero Award (River Network).

Woodie has worked in the conservation field on the local, state, and federal levels. His duties have included helping agricultural producers implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) and managing erosion and sediment control/storm water programs for local governments. Most recently, he spent 2 years in West Virginia as an AmeriCorps volunteer, working with non-profits and the U.S. Forest Service in the Monongahela National Forest in Pocahontas County. Much of his time in the mountains was spent organizing volunteers for watershed restoration projects.

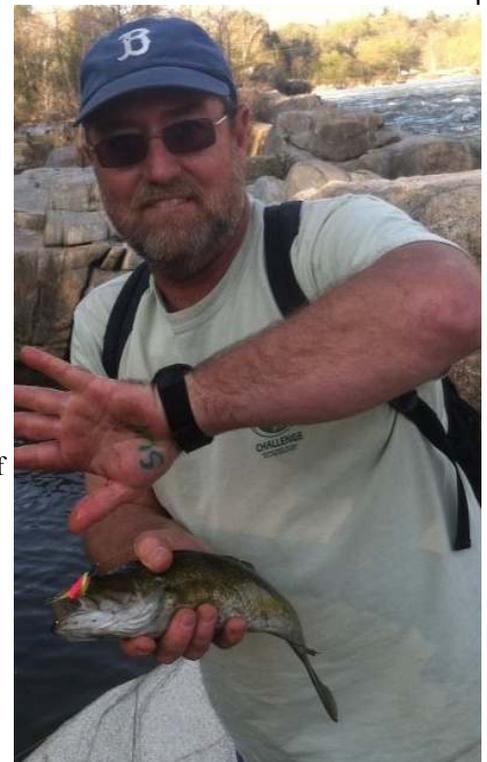
A native of Tidewater, Va., Woodie became fascinated with waterways and wildlife as a child, tagging along behind his father and grandfathers on many outdoor adventures. His father was a BASS club member in the '70s and most of his weekends were spent at campgrounds so his father could fish tournaments. So Woodie naturally loves fishing clubs and the folks they attract. He has two daughters and two grandsons, all of whom love to fish.

Woodie has an associate's degree from New River Community College (Dublin, Va.) and enjoys guitars, fly fishing and Little League baseball. Woodie told me, "I'll fish with a cane pole and crickets, but I prefer fly fishing." He also told me that he's "a big fan of smallmouth bass. Fished 'em on the New when I was in school in Blacksburg and on the Greenbrier in West Virginia for the past 2 years." He is a member of the Falmouth Flats Fly Fishers.

Friends of the Rappahannock (FOR) was formed in 1985 as a non-profit, grassroots conservation organization. It includes citizens from all walks of life, whose common goal is to maintain the water quality, living resources, and scenic beauty of the Rappahannock River and its tributaries. It works with a wide variety of stakeholders, from local governments to elementary students, to educate about the river and to advocate actions and policies that will protect and restore the values that make the Rappahannock River so special.

Woodie's presentation will be on the past, present, and future of the FOR. He'll also discuss volunteer activities, FOR's many interpretive trips for the public, and ways FOR can improve cooperation with sports fishermen. He'll also pass on information from VDGIF biologist John Odenkirk regarding the smallmouth populations on the Rapp and the Rapidan.

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# Upcoming Items

## Potomac River Smallmouth Club - See You in August

**September 24, 2014, 7:30pm.** Join us in September for what should be a terrific presentation. Our speaker will be Jeff Kelble, newly installed as the Potomac Riverkeeper. He will be talking about the organization's efforts on behalf of the river. Please join us for what will be an informative and entertaining evening.

## PRSC Picture Raffle - Mark Susinno Print

As a fund raiser, PRSC is raffling off a Mark Susinno print. It is signed by the artist, and numbered 309/400. Tickets are \$2 per ticket, 3 tickets for \$5 and 7 tickets for \$10. We will be selling tickets until we have the drawing at a PRSC meeting later this year. We will have the print at the upcoming meetings. Here is a photo of the print.



## Potomac and Shenandoah Riverkeeper

### Algae Complaint Campaign

On August 5th, 2014, the Shenandoah Riverkeeper, Jeff Kelble, initiated a legal challenge (litigation) against the United States Environmental Protection Agency to compel them to do something about our algae problems on the Shenandoah. Jeff is now looking for our help to write letters to send to the EPA. Please see his letter asking for help later in this issue of The Buzz. He needs letters by September 1, so please write them and send them to him as soon as you can. For more information visit their website at [www.potomacriverkeeper.org](http://www.potomacriverkeeper.org).

## Potomac Conservancy

### Partner Event: Paddle for the Potomac

**Sunday, September 21 - 2:00pm-7:00pm.** Paddle for the Potomac is an afternoon of on-the-water fun for all ages at Key Bridge Boathouse. Come sign up for the day and canoe, kayak, and paddleboard all afternoon for one very low price! Make sure you make it out early, as there will be a guided paddle led by Whit Overstreet.

Proceeds will support Potomac Riverkeeper's efforts to make the Potomac swimmable, drinkable, and fishable.

As it is also Coastal Cleanup day, Riverkeeper will be providing clean-up materials to anyone interested in making the river a little more beautiful. Come down for a day of on-the-water fun, and get a great deal while you support a great cause. You can find more information at <http://www.potomac.org>.

# Shenandoah Riverfest

By Herschel Finch

Well, I gotta say, the Shenandoah Riverfest went off without a hitch this year, and it's all the more shocking because yours truly was supposed to be sorta/kinda in charge.

I know...Frightening...right?

But to be honest it wasn't all that hard nor all that much work. A solid foundation has been laid down by my fellow board members, past and present, over the past seven years or so of this event's history and it was mostly make a few phone calls, make a few stops here and there to pick up posters, put up the posters, get the banner to the town public works to get it strung up over the main drag in town etc., etc. (Oh that reminds me...I gotta go take down the posters and get the banner back!) Insurance issues popped up at the last minute and threatened to throw a monkey wrench into the works, but thanks to Sarah at the Potomac/Shenandoah Riverkeeper's office in DC...all was resolved in fairly short order.

Our showcase event, the Cardboard Boat Race was a rousing success with even more people involved this year. If you have never been to this event, you need to be here next year. It's a lot of fun. Many thanks to the club members who came out to help support the booth and who gave me a hand as a volunteer. A very special thanks to Jamie Gold who came out, manned the booth and served as safety boater during the race and just in general, busted his butt for us. Next year...Bigger and Better!



# Cacapon River

Article and Photos by Richard Mrstik

On 27 and 28 June, club member Don Maeyer organized and hosted two separate days of float trips on the Cacapon River near Paw Paw, West Virginia. In addition to the offer of overnight lodging at his cabin, Don provided transportation and pick up for four kayak fisherman each day, two of whom went to an upstream put-in and two of whom went to the main put-in at a bridge near Don's cabin.

This was my first club-sponsored float trip and my first time fishing the Cacapon. It's a relatively small stream, a very good float for a new kayak fisherman, and the weather was perfect for late June. I was paired up with Marty Burkard and we set out from the main put-in for the shorter of the two floats. This section of the river fishes very nicely from a kayak, and I began getting bites right away from 8-9" smallmouths, rockbass and bluegill that were eager to hit a 1/4 oz. Strike King Rocket Shad spinner bait in green and white, cast from a lightweight Fenwick rod topped with a Pflueger President reel (more on this rod later).

There were several nice riffles further downstream that warranted stops for some wade fishing. This proved successful for picking up slightly larger smallmouths in the 10-12" class using a 5" Zoom Super Fluke in watermelon red, cast from a medium action St. Croix Mojo Bass rod. But no fishing story is complete without a little adventure, and mine was a short distance

Richard with a very nice Cacapon River smallmouth bass.



# r Trip by PRSC

past our mid-float riffle. It started with me hooking a 12" smallmouth while drifting aimlessly toward the only significant "rapid" on this section of stream. Picture taking was in order as this was my best fish of the day so far. Blissfully distracted, I continued to drift toward the worst side of the rapid. I snapped a few pictures, released the fish, and realized this wasn't going to be good. About that time, I hit a large boulder in the main chute of the rapid and tipped over, losing the Fenwick rod but preserving all else but a water bottle, which Marty dutifully retrieved. I had told him near the beginning of our float that he would see plenty of interesting stuff while fishing with me, but this wasn't what I had in mind!



Just below the pull-out point was what proved to be my favorite fishing spot of the whole day. Don had told us there was a nice riffle below that we could fish if we chose. I pulled my kayak into the bank and wade fished the head of the riffle for nearly an hour, getting several hard strikes on a soft-plastic, Strike King Swimmin' Caffeine Shad in pumpkin green before finally hooking up with my best fish of the trip. This nice smallmouth measured 15 inches and made up a little bit for the loss of a nice rod. If you ever get a chance to float the Cacapon, I highly recommend it, as well as Don's hospitality. Keep an eye out for my Fenwick . . . .

# Send a Letter to Help Fight

Jeff Kelble

Dear PRSC and Shenandoah Riverkeeper Members,

Are you tired of the algae in the Shenandoah River? I know I am, and I need your help doing something about it. On August 5th, 2014 the Shenandoah Riverkeeper initiated a legal challenge (litigation) against the United States Environmental Protection Agency to compel them to do something about our algae problems.

## **NOW IS OUR TIME TO BE HEARD.**

**Background:** Every year I hear endless citizen complaints about murky green Shenandoah River water, snot-grass or slimy algae covering the bottom of the river, floating algae clumps that smell, etc. I'm told the algae ruins people's time, and diminishes their use and enjoyment of the river whether they're fishing, swimming, wading, paddling or just picnicking and walking their dogs.

**These algae blooms are caused by polluted run-off and I am trying to get Virginia to:**

- a) Recognize that the river has this problem
- b) Add it to their 303D/305B list of "impaired" or unhealthy waters
- c) Develop a plan to solve it, and then solve it

**Please write a complaint letter including the eight pieces of information below then email or mail it to me by September 1, 2014.** Please follow each number and relay all experiences you have had with algae by September 1st. Please include the details of your experience as outlined below:

- 1) You must include your name and address (other contact information could be helpful too)
- 2) Describe when and how often you use the river and describe what you do (fish, swim, walk dog, etc.)
- 3) Provide a description of specific locations and times you've experienced problems with algae (when, how often and what the impact this has had on your use and/or enjoyment of the river). I cannot emphasize this enough, please be as specific as possible about dates or months of the year, exactly what stretches of river, etc.
- 4) Tell me if the algae makes you less likely to use the Shenandoah River for recreation
- 5) Tell the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VA DEQ) if the algae has diminished your use or your enjoyment of the river. Please use the words "has diminished my use" and/or "has diminished my enjoyment" if in fact the algae has impacted your enjoyment or use of the river
- 6) Tell me anything else about the algae (ie. dog got sick after ingesting, made your picnic smell, etc.)
- 7) Request that VA DEQ include the North Fork, South Fork and/or Main Stem on its impaired waters 303D/305B list
- 8) Tell DEQ if you believe the algae is worse in the Shenandoah than other rivers

# t Algae on the Shenandoah

**Address the top of your letter to:**

John M. Kennedy  
DEQ Office of Water Monitoring and Assessment  
P.O. Box 1105  
Richmond, Virginia 23218-1105  
RE: Draft 2012 305(b)/303(d) Water Quality Assessment Integrated Report

**Email or mail your letter TO ME by September 1st here:**

Jeff Kelble – Shenandoah Riverkeeper  
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Boyce, VA 22620  
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Thank you, and let me know if you have questions,  
*Jeff Kelble*

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## SAMPLE ALGAE COMPLAINT LETTER

John M. Kennedy  
DEQ Office of Water Monitoring and Assessment  
P.O. Box 1105  
Richmond, Virginia 23218-1105  
RE: Draft 2012 305(b)/303(d) Water Quality Assessment Integrated Report

Dear Mr. Kennedy,

I am writing to request that Virginia's Department of Environmental Quality add the North Fork, South Fork and Main Stem of the Shenandoah as impaired waters on the 2012 305(b)/303(d) Water Quality Assessment Integrated Report because of the severe algae problems the river experiences every year.

I fish the North Fork, South Fork and Main Stem of the Shenandoah extensively and I also use all three rivers to take my family canoeing and camping. However, for much of the year, large sections of each river seem to experience a series of noxious algae blooms that seriously diminish my use and enjoyment of the rivers.

# Algae Letter (cont'd)

In each of the past six years during late winter a planktonic algae blooms, usually after a high water event, but not always. Over the course of the year I use the entire river system and have seen this on all three rivers from Port Republic down to Front Royal, from Broadway to Front Royal and from Front Royal to the Confluence with the Potomac River. This bloom turns the river a dark murky green color, like green paint, from late winter until about July. When the algae blooms I often choose not to swim or fish and I don't like to take my family swimming because they don't like the off-color murky water. When I do fish I find the fishing is poor and I don't enjoy the experience as much. Whenever the river is this murky color, it's disturbing to fish and the fish are usually lethargic and often they don't feed at all. Activity in the river drops to near zero. For the past two years I simply could not fish the lower south fork or the entire MainStem from July through August because of the plankton green water. I have never seen these problems on other Virginia Rivers.

By mid May or June each year as the river clears the planktons seem to die back. But then a filamentous algae (rock snot) takes hold and covers the river bottom and the native grasses which are trying to emerge. The native grasses turn brown and lose their leaves and remain bare the rest of the year. Additionally, a floating bubbly type of algae (I'm told its Cynabacteria or Blue Green Algae) comes at this time. Clumps rise up to and float on the water surface and then accumulates on anything sticking out of the river and in back eddies. This algae smells like sewage or rotting broccoli. When these algae are blooming I literally do not want to be anywhere near the river and I often choose to go somewhere else. When I have no other place to go then it just takes all the enjoyment out of my day. The fishing is frustrating because you cannot fish without fouling your line on the algae, the fish won't bite lures or bait with algae sticking to it. I find being around the river very unpleasant due to the odors and annoyance. I found this problem in the following areas last year from July through August; Broadway, Lupton, Deer Rapids, Edinburg, Woodstock, Strasburg, Front Royal, Goods Mill, Luray Dam, 211, Alma, Port Republic, Warren Dam, Shenandoah, Route 50, Route7 among other places.

Finally, in the fall each year the native grasses die back and a bright green filamentous algae again covers the entire bottom of the river from Broadway to Strasburg. All three of these algae make it nearly impossible to fish and again diminishes and sometimes eliminates my ability to enjoy the river.

This cycle of algae diminishes both my use and my enjoyment of the Shenandoah River system. As a result I would like to ask that DEQ include the three sections of the Shenandoah River on 305B/303D list, determine why we are having these algae problems, and to develop and implement a plan to make them go away. Thank you for considering my comments,

Mr. Tired'of Algae

102 East Main Street

Boyce, VA 22620

Email: [Reallyreallytiredofalgae@itstinks.com](mailto:Reallyreallytiredofalgae@itstinks.com)

Phone: 555-555-1234

# Potomac River Trip

By: Leon Kates, Photos by Wallace Harvey

I arrived early at the Potomac Way-side since I've never launched there before, and I like to take my time getting my gear ready. I heard the sound of serious rushing water which concerned me at first. As I walked down the trail I noticed a small water fall to the left of the trail and found the launch site fairly flat and wide which calmed my mind. The access trail is pretty wide and is comprised of gravel but the first 30 yards of the trail is on a steep downhill slope. Nine of us assembled for the trip and assisted folks carrying their kayaks/pontoons down to the launch. After staging our cars at the Brunswick Campground the River and Trail Outfitters Company drove us back to the launch to begin our float.

The day was sunny and very cool with low humidity for an August float. We launched at about 8:45am and proceeded to paddle up river towards Harpers Ferry to the base of some rapids about a quarter of a mile upstream. There were numerous boulders with pools holding fish and fast moving water. The river is very wide so accommodating nine kayakers was very easy with plenty of room to spare. I started with a 4" swim bait and hooked something that felt good but it unbuttoned before I could land it. My best lure on the upper section was a Silver Mepps #3 spinner and I caught two 14" smallmouth with that.

We met together at mid-day for a riverside lunch and exchanged fish stories while we ate. Most reported good numbers of fish, most on the small side, and Steve Kimm had a 17" at that point. The three series of rapids below the Route 340 Bridge presented the usual challenges. On the second set I took the advised center section and encountered a bigger drop than anticipated but the scupper holes did their job. More experienced paddlers assisted the novices, some gear was lost but everyone came through safe which is the important thing.

The lower section was shallower and a hellgrammite on a sliderhead hook worked extremely well for me (a tip from PRSC's Expert Night provided by Randy Chandler). I joined up with Wallace and Yam along the lower section and we were picking up good numbers at a smaller size. Wallace was really enjoying a good top water bite.

As we came to the Brunswick ramp the campers were enjoying the day and we had to be careful not to mow any swimmers down. It was close to 6:45 PM when everyone was accounted for and we packed our gear away. Steve Kimm mentioned a nice Mediterranean restaurant in town so six of us gathered there for the drinks of our choice and a nice meal. The food was excellent, unexpected for such a small town. Everyone agreed each caught between 20-25 fish, and the 17" was the biggest of the day. As usual it was a great outing.

A special thanks to Mark Myers for conducting the trip, keeping everyone advised via MeetUp, and arranging the shuttle.



# PRSC On the Water

By: Jamie Gold

Members of PRSC have been busy this past month catching and photographing some awesome fish. Enjoy, and feel free to submit pictures of fish that you've caught for next month's Buzz.

Beautiful Smallmouth Bass.



Maria Schaupp. Photo by Chris Schaupp.

Nice Fat Bluegill on the Fly Rod.



Anthony Taitz.

Chesapeake Bay Stripped Bass



Anthony Taitz.

Help is What We Do.



PRSC Fishing Group. Photo by Wallace Harvey.

Another Great Bass for this Angler.



Maria Schaupp. Photo by Chris Schaupp.

Fishing the Potomac River in a Kayak.



Bill Amshey. Photo by Bruce Ingram.

Occoquan Reservoir Largemouth Bass - 4lbs. 9 oz.



Phil Maisel.

Lake Anne Largemouth Bass.



Jamie Gold. Photo by Phil Maisel.

Fly Fishing on the Potomac River.



Jamie Gold. Photo by Bruce Ingram.

Early Summer Smallmouth Bass.



Jamie Gold.

# Doah Trip - Rte 50 to Locke's

By Jamie Gold and Wallace Harvey

On Saturday, July 26, the Club did a float trip on the Shenandoah River. The trip was led by our President, Steve Kimm. Having hit the South Fork a few times already this Summer, we decided to try our luck on the Main Stem, North of Front Royal. Also on the trip were fellow PRSC members Kris Anderson, Wallace Harvey, Hank Firey, and Terry Cooney.

The Rte 50 Bridge to Locke's Landing stretch is one of my favorite floats on the Shenandoah River. This is a long float, but the top holds some uninteresting water, so I tend to float through it, fishing as I go. But the second half of the trip contains lots of ledges and riffles, so I like to take my time to really work those prime smallie holding spots.

While the weather and water conditions turned out to be quite good, the fishing was challenging. Terry Cooney did well on his 3" (or smaller senkos) - the man has no shame. The rest of us caught fish, but we did not really find any big fish. This has been a disturbing pattern on the Shenandoah this Summer. From the reports I'm hearing (and my own experience), big fish were being caught early in the year (around March), but since the start of the Summer the big fish seem to have disappeared. There is speculation that we may have had a fish kill this year, but that is speculation right now. I have not heard that it has been confirmed.

Still, we had a great time on the water. Here are some comments from Wallace Harvey, "My comments: A beautiful day on the river. Not as many fish as I had hoped for, but enough to keep my interest up. The largest was 14.5". I caught fish on plastic worms, my favorite pumpkin green with



chartreuse tail. I also caught a few to top water in the morning when we had overcast sky. When the full sun came out, top water fishing quit. My biggest frustration was catching about a 12 inch smallie and watching another almost twice the size follow it to the boat. One look at the boat, and it was gone. UG!

The water clarity was great, the temp was good. level was perfect. All in all a nice day!"

# Conservation Corner

By Herschel Finch

So, has anyone else noticed the absolute plethora of stories on water quality lately?

Seems like I can't turn the TV to a news channel these days without there being at least one story or mention of water quality issues somewhere; be it Algae in the Great Lakes, fracking water being illegally discharged into a creek in PA, a containment pond collapse in Kentucky, or Toledo having to drink and bath in bottled water for 3 days, Water quality issues have moved to the front page of the media.

We had a minor incident resulting in a fish kill on a local small tributary known as Happy Creek in the middle of town. Folks in Front Royal were warned to stay away from the water and to not come in contact with the water until it was thoroughly investigated. It was determined pretty quickly that the culprit was detergent from a local car wash that is located mere yards away from the creek. The local do-it-yourself car wash (locally know as "the Bypass wishy-washy") is currently shut down until some piping and drain issues get fixed, and then gets inspected by DEQ office in Verona. And speaking of local issues, Allan Lehman, Shenandoah Riverkeeper's Agricultural Projects Manager, investigated a minor fish kill on Black's Run where it runs through the heart of Harrisonburg. Seems a chemical cleaning agent that doubles as a pesticide called "Twelve Plus" was used on the old local jail exterior. The used cleaning solution was allowed to run off, straight into a sewer drain and then into Black's Run, causing a minor panic, not to mention that fish kill.

I mention all these recent incidents because I'm noticing a subtle shift in public attitude I think. Just a few years ago, few of these would have even made the local radar screen, let alone national, or even state-wide news media. But people are starting to pay attention to how often these incidents of point source pollution are occurring. And when they \*do\* occur, they make the front page of the newspaper, the opening segments of the TV news, and they make ALL of the Internet sources. I get more questions at work as well. Everyone in my office comes by to talk fishing on a regular basis. But lately they stick their heads in to ask if I had heard about this spill, or that particular problem...and what did I know about it. My email inbox gets 3 or 4 pieces a day alerting me to this story, or that incident, or this piece of state legislation that's been proposed to fix 'X' problem or regulate 'Y' chemical and/or process.

It just seems that we're being overwhelmed right now with water quality reports. But to me, it seems like most of them have to do with algae growth. Algae is the latest assault on our waters, from Miami : [http://www.salon.com/2014/08/13/florida\\_threatened\\_by\\_the\\_biggest\\_red\\_tide\\_in\\_nearly\\_a\\_decade/?utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_medium=socialflow](http://www.salon.com/2014/08/13/florida_threatened_by_the_biggest_red_tide_in_nearly_a_decade/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=socialflow) to a Red Tide bloom on Bondi Beach in Australia...to our own beloved Shenandoah and Potomac Rivers.

Recently Brendan Young, our Potomac RiverKeeper Algae Research Specialist wrote a nice blog post breaking down the issue into a nice understandable piece that's well worth reading: <http://potomacriverkeeper.org/updates/story-shenandoah-algae-told-algae-research-specialist-brendan-young>

All this is prologue for an effort that will begin very soon in conjunction with our own Potomac/Shenandoah Riverkeeper's lawsuit against the EPA concerning Algae in our watershed. Jeff will be sending out a letter template in near future that we're going to use to kick this campaign off. I don't have a lot of details yet, but when I do, you can be sure that we're going to be sending each and every one of you a copy of this template you can use, and it'll also be placed on the website and our FaceBook page. Like Jeff told me at Riverfest, this past weekend, I want to make sure that everyone in my sphere of concerned fishermen, Facebook and other friends, and anyone who I know who cares about the river writes a letter.

You can be sure that I will...will you?

**PRSC**  
**P.O. Box 1240**  
**Vienna, VA 22183**

This is my favorite picture that I received this past month. This is PRSC member Michael Courtney with an 18" smallmouth he caught on the Upper Potomac River. He caught this beauty and four other great fish from his paddle board. These may be the first smallies caught by a PRSC member from a paddle board...at least that I've heard of. Great job Michael.



# 2014 Contest Results

## August 2014 Report By Wallace Harvey

Hot Diggity Dog! We have two new entries for our contest this month. First, we finally have an entrant for New Member Andrew Jennings. Andrew has taken up fly-fishing and now has a 14-inch Smallie on the fly. Unfortunately not big enough for the fly category, but certainly puts him in the lead for new member. Keep your line wet, Andrew. Second, long-time member George Moran leads Section I with a 20.5 inch smallie. Not only does George lead in Section I, but now he is the leader for overall Big Fish. Way to go George!

Although a slow year, we are getting good entrants for our contest this year. It took a while as spring was hard on us all. However, as the summer wears on, we are getting out there on the water. Even though the water is a bit low, we are fishing. As I write this about low water, I look out the window it is raining. What a weird world we live in.

This coming weekend I have the pleasure to join another group of fine gentlemen from the PRSC fishing on the Potomac River. These member sponsored trips are what our club is all about. With almost no work involved and lots of fun, we need more members to step up and lead a trip. I am learning we have lots of new faces that want to go fishing. Some of you "older" guys in the club that have not lead a trip need to step up to the plate. The new guys need your expertise on river conditions and were to go. We all have favorite stretches of river. Lets show others our rivers.

## 2014 Results

<b>Section 1, Biggest Fish:</b>	George Moran, 20.5"
<b>Section 1, Best 5 Fish:</b>	Dave Lockard, 84"
<b>Section 2, Biggest Fish:</b>	Bill Pearl, 19"
<b>Section 2, Best 5 Fish:</b>	Bill Pearl, 84.5"
<b>Section 3, Biggest Fish:</b>	Wayne Tate, 20"
<b>Section 3, Best 5 Fish:</b>	Wayne Tate, 92"
<b>Largest on Fly:</b>	Wayne Tate, 20"
<b>Best 5 Fish on Fly:</b>	
<b>New Member:</b>	Andrew Jennings, 14"
<b>Grover Cleveland Contest:</b>	Jack Cook, 19.5"
<b>William Shriver Award:</b>	Jack Cook, 92"

For contest rules and information, visit  
<http://www.prsc.org/fishing-contest/>

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.