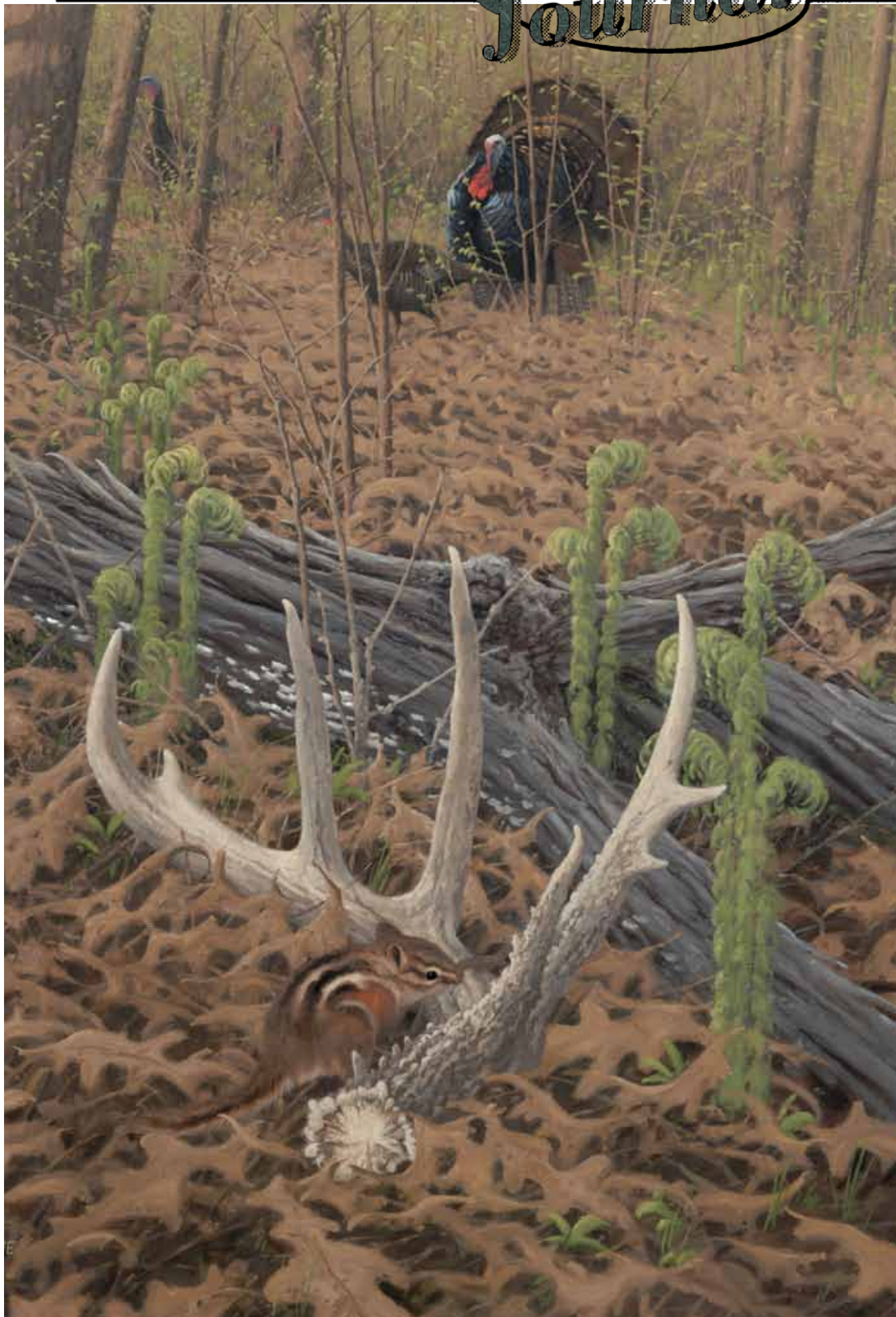


Fishing & Hunting TM Journal

IN THIS ISSUE

- NEW RECORD TAUTOG IN MD
- AN OHIO BUCK TO REMEMBER
- CHRIS PRICE AT THE CLASSIC
- WILL IT COST MORE TO HUNT IN THE "FREE STATE"?
- WHO IS DEVIN ANGLEBERGER???
- RECORD BLUE CATFISH SHATTERS RECORD IN MD



FREE

THIS ISSUE COMPLIMENTS OF

Maryland DNR substantially reduces proposed cost of boat registrations

New cost structure will allow the State to precede with the most critical infrastructure projects

Annapolis, Md. – After meeting with and listening to the concerns of stakeholders, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will propose amendments to House Bill 1307 to substantially reduce the proposed cost of registering a boat in Maryland. DNR introduced the proposed legislation to address the State's critical boating infrastructure needs.

"We hope these proposed fee reductions strike a better balance among the competing factors of affordability to boaters, recession impacts on boat sales and the growing unmet needs to maintain our boating assets," said DNR Secretary John Griffin, "With some of the most magnificent waterways in the country, we must work together to keep boating safe and enjoyable."

"We appreciate the Department taking into consideration the concerns of the Maryland Boating Industry by significantly reducing the proposed

boat registration costs to a level that is acceptable to our boat dealers and marinas," said Susan Zellers, executive director of the Marine Trades Association of Maryland.

Since 1965, the State's 5 percent excise tax on vessels has served as the major source of funding for the Waterway Improvement Fund, the State's program for financing projects and activities that promote, develop and maintain Maryland's waterways for the boating public. DNR needs \$41 million annually to maintain boating services and operations. This includes dredging and maintaining 265 channels, more than 400 public boating facilities, 3,600 buoys and marine police operations. DNR is also responsible for removing hazardous abandoned boats and debris, funding marine sewage pumpout stations, local fire and rescue boats and providing icebreaking services for boaters when necessary.

Due to the dramatic decrease in boat sales, fund revenues have declined by 50 percent to only \$15 million, leaving Maryland unable to fund these critical projects. The agency was only able to fund 11 percent of State and local grant requests for FY 2012.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recently indicated that they can no longer provide the estimated \$6 mil-

lion in annual federal funds needed to maintain more than 60 shallow water boating channels used by recreational boaters, commercial watermen and other marine-related businesses.

"This legislation is critical to maintaining channels and boat access sites throughout Maryland," said Bob Willis, Mayor and owner of the Sailing Emporium Marina in Rock Hall. "Less channel dredging means less income and jobs for marinas, boatyards and other waterfront businesses."

Because the cost of registering a boat in Maryland has not been in-



creased since 1983, DNR has been working with boaters, the marine industry and legislators to address these funding needs. In response to public input, DNR will propose to substantially reduce the amount of the proposed cost structure, which is

based on the size of the boat.

Boat registration currently costs \$24 every two years. Under the proposed changes, boats under 16 feet would cost \$25 every two years to register in Maryland. Boats between 16 to less than 21 feet would cost \$50 every two years, 21 to less than 32 feet would cost \$75 every two years, 32 to less than 45 feet would cost \$100 every two years, 45 to 65 feet would cost \$200 every two years and boats more than 65 feet would cost \$300 every two years. The bill also includes a voluntary non-motorized decal for boats such as kayaks and canoes for \$12 every two years. The proposal eliminates the second tier of phased-in registration increases, meaning the new costs would start in 2013. In addition, amendments will increase the one-time boat title price to \$35 as well as some other costs to boat dealer.

"These revenues are critical to providing local communities with safe and reliable access to the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries," said Bob Whitcomb, President of the Anne Arundel County Waterway Restoration Alliance. "As boaters we support fees that are needed to maintain our channels."

For a map highlighting boating projects across the State visit www.dnr.state.md.us/boating/access_stats.html

Introducing The Fish Bomb!



- MSSA Rock Fish Tournament-3rd and 6th Place \$50,755.000
- Ocean City Maryland Shark Tournament
- 1st Place-approx \$30,000
- 2nd Place \$2,000
- Mid Atlantic Rockfish shoot out-Va Beach 2nd Place \$17,864.00
- 1st 2nd and 3rd OC Marlin Club-Rockfish and Bluefish Category
- Fish For the Cure 1st place \$6000

Fish Bomb has over \$165,000 in tournament wins attributed to the product in its first year!

Available at a sporting good near you or visit us at fishbomb.com



Works in Fresh and Saltwater!



“HOOKED ON FISHING”

Game On!

By Lenny Rudow

It's here, folks: **SPRING HAS SPRUNG!** What little there was of winter is long-gone, the warm weather is getting warmer, and our favorite fish—stripers, of course—are in migration mode. We've been waiting for this for many months, and now it's time to get down to business. Chances are you already know how to set a standard Chesapeake Bay trolling rig, but have you tried the LTT? Light tackle trolling can be just as productive as using traditional gear, and it's a ton of fun; let's check this technique out.

Francis Zell get credit for pioneering the LTT, and he didn't do it purely for fun: "I didn't have the money to go out and buy a bunch of rods and reels," Zell said, "so my friend Andrew Turner and I got together and pooled as much gear as we could find. We had nine or 10 spinning rods, a beat up, old 21' Whaler, and a handful of lures—and

we wanted to catch trophies."

Necessity is the mother of invention, and Zell and his buddies started inventing their spread. Working with 20-pound class gear that consisted mostly of spinning rigs with a few conventional reels in the mix, their first and toughest

challenge was getting some lines to run deep; you can't just put a pound of lead on a 20-pound spinner, or something's going to break. And although shallow lines take more fish most spring trips, incorporating deep lures is a must for any spring troller who wants to reliably catch fish because on those days when the usual offerings don't produce, it's often the deep lines that save the day. They solved this problem by rigging downrigger cannonballs to 50' to 70' of line, and running

them off the aft cleats. At first they ran one line from the gunwale off of each ball—tandem rigs—but as they amassed more rigs they started stacking two gunwale lines on each downrigger ball, with a tandem down low and a single lure several feet above it. Both were set to run 30' to 40' behind the ball, attached with rubber bands.

Four to six regular tandem and parachute rigs can be run directly off the transom and gunwale holders, while a way-back or two with a swimming plug (such as a Stretch 25 or a Swim Whiz) or a big spoon (like a Tony Acetta #21 or a Crippled Alwive) can run from T-top and/or leaning post rodholders.

Planer boards account for the rest of the lines. And if you're on a relatively small boat, follow Zell's lead: "We run the planers off the bow cleats, since the back of the boat is already taken up with the downrigger and transom lines. Pushing the planers up forward keeps the back of the boat uncluttered, and when a fish is hooked there's always a lane of clear water to bring it up in without having to take in a bunch of other lines."

Anywhere from two to five lines can be run from each planer board—as many lines as you have rods. The



Big spring fish on light rods - what could be better?

See Rudow Page 5

Catch 22
Sportfishing



41' Custom
Trolling & Bottom Fishing for
Rockfish • Mackerel • Blues
Flounder • Croaker




*Booking
Now For
Spring 2012*





Captain Mitch Quillen
410-708-4005 - www.catch22sportfishing.com
Docked at Kentmoor Marina, Kent Island, Maryland

DON TRAVIS TAXIDERMY
Price Rollback to 2008 Prices



Stop By and See Don's Showroom!



Quality You Can Trust!!!
www.travistaxidermy.com
Over 30 Years Experience
State & Federally Licensed
410-778-4107
Chestertown, MD.

In This Issue...

Fishing & Hunting Journal

Volume 21, Number 9 April 2012

FISHING

- Game On!** by Lenny Rudow Page 3
- Stripers On The Flats** by Tim Sherman Page 6
- Fishing Private Water** by Jim Gronaw Page 12

HUNTING

- Hunt Turkeys Like Deer** by Mike Monteleone Page 8
- Fishing Plans for The Summer** by Andy Aughenbaugh Page 10
- Will It Cost More To Hunt In**
- "The Free State"** by Steve Huettner Page 33

REGULARS

- Coastal Report** by Capt. Mark Sampson Page 22
- Mid Bay Forecast** by Chuck Prahel Page 24
- Sportsman's Classifieds** Page 34

CREDITS

Editor & Publisher:

Capt. M. Mitchell G. Quillen

Contributing Editors:

Steve Huettner, Chuck Prahel, Lenny Rudow, Capt. Mark Sampson, Tim Sherman, Jim Gronaw, Andy Aughenbaugh, Mike Monteleone

Regional Sales Representatives:

MD: Capt. Lee Buckel 410-708-1616

Creative Director: Capt. Marc Van Pelt

Advertising Information: driftrock@verizon.net

(410)778-6575

Fishing & Hunting Journal

P. O. Box 399 • Crumpton, MD 21628

www.fishingandhuntingjournal.com

Fishing & Hunting Journal Name and Logo are Registered Trademarks wholly owned and operated by Fishing & Hunting Journal c/o Mitch Quillen, P. O. Box 399 Crumpton, MD 21628. All rights reserved. © 2011, Fishing & Hunting Journal. Reproduction in whole or in part without written permission of the publisher is strictly prohibited.



*April's
Promise-
Turkey & Shed
Antler
by M. Sieve*

“Springtime is turkey hunting time and lately it is shed hunting time also. It seems as if everyone wants to find them, even the chipmunks.”

Limited edition of 750 signed and numbered prints.
Image size, 20" x 16". Certificate of Authenticity.
A Wild Wings exclusive.
www.wildwings.com



The Sportsmen's Best Friend in Annapolis
www.mdsportsmen.com

Annapolis is where all policy-related decisions impacting the traditional rights of Maryland sportsmen to hunt, fish, trap and enjoy the lawful use of their firearms are decided each year. And who represents the sportsmen's interests in Annapolis?

It is the Maryland Legislative Sportsmen's Foundation—a non-profit organization comprised of volunteer sportsmen who advise the Maryland Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus...the largest Caucus in the Maryland General Assembly dedicated solely to protecting these traditional rights on the statutory, regulatory and budgetary front. This unique PARTNERSHIP has resulted, among other things, in the following achievements since its inception four years ago:

Enactment of the Maryland *Hunting Heritage Protection Act*

Sunday Hunting of Deer Authorized for the First Time Since 1723

Defeated Efforts to Impose a Black Bear Hunting Moratorium

Fishing Opportunities on the Chesapeake Bay Protected by the *Freedom to Fish Act*

"First" State to Earmark Hunting License Fees for the

Farmers & Hunters Feeding the Hungry Program

Defeated Efforts to Prohibit the Use of Leghold Traps

Opened up 58,000 Acres of Chesapeake Lands for Public/Private Hunting

Prohibited Offshore Mooring of Boats by Duck Blinds during Waterfowl Hunting Season

To learn more about the Maryland Legislative Sportsmen's Foundation and how you can help protect the interests of Maryland sportsmen: (1) visit our website—www.mdsportsmen.com; (2) contact the Foundation's Vice-Chairman (Bill Miles)—billmiles@chesapeake.net; or (3) write to us at:

Maryland Legislative Sportsmen's Foundation

404 Friendship Lane • Centreville, Maryland 21617

OUR HERITAGE AS CONSERVATION-MINDED SPORTSMEN MUST NEVER BE COMPROMISED.

Rudow ...

Continued from Page 3

planers themselves run on 200' weed-whacker lines, and the lures should be set to run just 50' to 70' back behind them. These lines commonly hold tandem or single parachutes from three to eight ounces; that's enough to stress out most light spinning gear, but the planers actually take most of the weight. What about those umbrella rigs? Leave 'em high and dry. If one of the rubberbands or clips holding it to the planer board line pops prematurely, these rigs have so much water resistance they might snap off your spinner.

Otherwise, most of the usual trolling tactics remain the same. Boat speed should be somewhere between three and four MPH, but you should always hold a lure in the water next to the boat and watch to be sure it's running properly; if not, speed up or slow down as necessary. Run your usual trolling pattern(s) over relatively deep water, cross-current whenever possible. And when you see fish down deeper than usual on the meter, make a relatively a quick turn so your lures on the inside drop down deeper. As far as the lures go, stick with chartreuse and white for the bulk of your spread, and use plenty of dark purple or black when the water is muddy and churned up.

So, just how effective is the LTT? Could it possibly hold up to traditional trolling methods? According to Zell, it's kept him on a par with other anglers using more common techniques. "I really have to give Captain Greg Buckner (of the Miss Susie, www.missusiecharters.com) credit, too" he mentioned, "because without his input we never would have ever been so successful. The basic principal is the same as regular trolling: drag a large number of baits through the water, most near the surface but a few down deep. The big difference comes when a fish is on. Man, it's nice to fight a big striper on that light gear. Especially when you just can't afford to go out and buy two dozen new rods and reels!"

Spring Pro Troller LTT Tip: tie your lures directly to the main line. There's no need for leaders and you can eliminate hand-lining, since a light spinning rod will bend and absorb the stress, if a fish surges at the last moment.



Jake Brown with an impressive Prince George's County, MD. Buck taken during bow season. Photo Courtesy of Clyde's Sport Shop



Big lures, little rods, and the LTT - give it a try this spring, and you won't be disappointed.



First choice of Eastern Shore anglers and hunters!



Kent Island's Largest Full-Service Sporting Goods Store

FISHING • ARCHERY • HUNTING



Get Your Spring Fishing Tackle Here!

Bait - Nightcrawlers, Bloodworms, Razor Clams, Frozen bait!

Come shoot the The 2012 Matthews Helim: 20 Years in the Making



Get ready for turkey Season now! We have a full line of accessories in stock!



Complete line of early Rockfish and Perch bait and tackle!

www.chesapeakeoutdoors.com

MD FISHING LICENSES • RAMP PERMITS • FROZEN BAIT • ACCESSORIES • CRABBING SUPPLIES

Chesapeake Outdoors

Rte 50 E, Exit 39B Chester, Maryland 21619

Phone: 410-604-2500 • e-mail: john@chesapeakeoutdoors.com

In Season Hours: Mon - Sat 5am - 7pm, Sun 5am - 5pm



"TACKLE BOX TIM"

Stripers on the Flats

By Tim Sherman

For many anglers, fishing during the Susquehanna catch and release striped season is a rite of passage. From Turkey and Sandy Points to the south and Lapidum and Tome's Landing to the north, you can find many small flotillas of fishermen casting in quest for early spring stripers. Fly casters and plug casters alike look to catch good numbers of male fish, and possibly that fish of a lifetime female bass as she heads into the river to feed. She'll then return through the flats to spawning grounds to the south.

The last few catch and release seasons have been quite a disappointment. Weather patterns, flood waters, and combinations thereof took their toll on the river and the fishery. Captain Mark Galasso of Tuna the Tide Charters has participated in the annual fishery since its inception and knows that nature

plays a huge role in how productive the season will be.

Captain Mark says, "Sometimes it helps to look back to predict the upcoming season." Drawing from his late season fishing spent at the mouth of the bay he recalls that the winter of 2010/2011 was cold and windy. Stripers huddled in a few different areas. Baitfish headed quickly down the coast with stripers close on their fins. Most were off the coast of North Carolina by mid-December. Wintering off of North Carolina, stripers have a long migration route up into the Chesapeake, especially to the head of it.

Galasso also points out that spring snow melt off and heavy rains can muddy the waters. In fact, the Susquehanna River was a wash as heavy rains that accelerated spring thaw from as far away as New York. With all the elements against them, anglers suffered through the 2011 spring season.

Baitfish are as an important factor as the elements. White perch, herring, and shad that were once abundant as they, too, head to the area to spawn have dwindled in numbers the last few years. One can only speculate that elements affect their migration

and spawning habits as well. Without the abundance of baitfish, stripers have no need to lie in the ditches on the flats as they have been known to do. A moratorium has been placed on blue back herring, which were often used for live lining. Hopefully, if their numbers rebound, there will be more forage for the stripers.

Captain Mark knows that this feed-

waters of the flats so the roe will mature.

They will then join the males below the fishing boundary to spawn. Surveys show that last year, while the male fish never seemed to show up north of Turkey Point, one of the best spawning indexes in history occurred.

By contrast, this past winter has been vastly different. Galasso says, "This past winter has been extremely



Sara Salephour shows a Susquehanna Striper caught and released while fishing with Captain Mark Galasso.

ing circle is crucial to the behavior of stripers. "Small bait such as peanut bunker (small menhaden) no longer show up on the flats as they once did in the spring. So the smaller male fish (stripers) that aren't big enough to feed on perch and herring stay well below the Spring Catch and Release line." He knows the male fish wait there for the females to go up river and feed. After the lady stripers are well fed upriver, they warm their bodies in the shallow

mild. The migratory striper population never left the CBBT, hence shortening their spring migration by 50 miles or more. In fact large stripers are already filtering up the Bay the first week of March." He is hopeful that the stripers will be on an early spawning run. Things can change quickly though. The

See Sherman Page 7

ARUNDEL FIREARMS & PAWN

7427 Balt. & Annap. Blvd. • Glen Burnie, MD 21061

- GUNS -

BOUGHT • SOLD • TRADED • PAWNED

-USED GUNS-
Rifles • Shotguns
Black Powder
Handguns • Barrels

SCOPE MOUNTING
Speciality & Hard-To-Find AMMUNITION
LAY-AWAY

(410)761-6381

Complete
Gunsmith
Service

Newly
Renovated
Showroom and
Ranges
Now Open.
Check Us Out!

ON TARGET Inc.

FIREARMS for Home Protection, Target Shooting &
Hunting Pistols • Rifles • Shotguns
High Capacity Magazines are Back!

FREE

Handgun Safety
Course & 1 Hour
of Range Time
with each Purchase.

INDOOR PISTOL RANGE

Memberships — Individual \$200.00 1st year, Renewal \$175.00 / Family \$250.00 1st year, Renewal \$225.00
Active Duty Military \$175.00 1st year, Renewal \$150.00
Law Enforcement \$150.00 1st year, Renewal \$125.00

2618 Annapolis Rd. • Route 175 and Ridge Road • Severn, MD 21144
Severn Square Shopping Center—Behind Pizza Hut 1 mi. East of I-295, 4 mi. East of I-95

BALT. 410-551-7777 www.ontarget.biz WASH. 301-621-7777

AMMUNITION • HOLSTERS & ACCESSORIES • SAFES • GUN CASES • GIFT CERTIFICATES

Sherman . . .

Continued from Page 6

captain knows that moderate spring rains can muddy the Susquehanna quickly. "The fact of the matter is, the Conowingo Dam is no longer a sediment trap," he laments.

Galasso looks to the positive and knows that every year is different. He looks forward to the opportunity for his clients to cast for the large female stripers that traverse the flats. He uses an assortment of artificial baits to entice them. When fishing on the flats, there is nothing more exciting than seeing a larger striper explode through the surface after a topwater lure.

Captain Mark's favorite lure for causing commotion on the surface

is the large Stillwater Lures Smack It. For less aggressive fish, he ties on a Yo-Zuri Crystal Minnow jerkbait. If he has any doubt as to the level of striper activity, he casts a Tony spoon in the 17 or 18 size. It gives him something to grab hold of when landing a striper, as opposed to a popper or jerkbait adorned with large treble hooks. Certainly not least amongst his lure selection is a large Bass Assassin threaded in a 1/4 to 1/2-ounce jig head.

The elements have been kind to the mid-Atlantic region. The outlook for a successful catch and release striper season is good. Should the food source for stripers return in good numbers across the flats, anglers -- with Captain Mark Galasso chief amongst them -- should have a better than average to very good spring season.

29th annual MSSA spring tournament "Championship on the Chesapeake"

This three day tournament begins May 4th and ends May 6th. Anglers from all over the East Coast descend on Maryland to participate in this event and, more importantly, cast their lines in hopes of catching a Trophy Rockfish.

"This tournament showcases what the Chesapeake Bay has to offer recreational anglers", Dave Smith, Executive Director of the MSSA said.

Eleven weigh stations scattered throughout the bay will accommodate the thousands of anglers as they bring in their catches. New to the tournament this year is the increase in guaranteed prize money for first place, now set at \$15,000.

MSSA will again be issuing text message alerts to the captains to inform them of the standings. "The use of text messaging and other technologies has dramatically reduced the number of fish brought to the scales. If we can let our captains and crews know what kind of fish they need to win, there will be more fish released", Smith said.

Smith also noted that the MSSA is very proud of its ratio of fish per boat numbers. The past three years they have seen less than one fish per boat weighed in.

MSSA tournaments attract thousands of anglers every year who hope to come home with one of the many different prizes available including the potential \$100,000 check. Along with the overall prizes, the Tournament includes daily prizes, weigh-station prizes, catch and release prizes, and of course youth prizes. Also new to this year's tournament is the introduction of the Lady's Division. "We are seeing an increase in the number of ladies participating in our tournaments, we hope this will encourage more to enter and get involved in recreational fishing", Smith noted.

Participants may attend one of five Captains Meetings held throughout Maryland from Solomons Island to Middle River in the days just prior to the tournament.

For more information you may visit www.mssa.net or call MSSA's main office at 410-255-5535.



STRIPER TACKLE!

Bay Trolling • Fly Fishing
Freshwater Tackle
Lead Molds, All Sizes
Waders & Hip Boots for
ALL Sizes

Visit Our
Distinctive Fly
Fishing Room

Since 1916... First Choice of Fishermen Around the World

(410) 327-6942

ALL FISHING! ALL THE TIME!

Bay • Surf • Bass •

Trout • Panfish

SPECIAL ORDERS

OUR SPECIALTY

E-Mail Questions and Tackle Inquiries

Welcomed: tochtermans@aol.com

ROD & REEL REPAIRS & SERVICE

Over 200 Different Do-It & Cast Iron Molds in Stock

Over 600 Different Reels In Stock

Complete Selection of

FLY FISHING TACKLE

Rods • Reels • Tying Supplies & Equipment

• How-To Books & Videos

Rage Outdoors introduces two new turkey broadheads

SUPERIOR, Wis. — With the introduction of the new Rage 2-blade and 3-blade Turkey Broadheads, archers in search of the mighty gobbler now have the perfect broadheads to bring Tom home. These rear-deploying broadheads are designed with extra-long blades and extreme cutting diameter for massive entry holes and quick kills.

Designed exclusively for turkey hunting, the 2-blade Turkey Broadhead has a 2.25-inch cutting diameter, and the 3-blade Turkey Broadhead has a 1.75-inch cutting diameter. Both broadheads feature 1.25-inch blade edges.

The two new Rage Turkey Broadheads offer the ShockLock® blade-retention system. This proprietary system allows the blades to lock in place by using an O-ring that acts as a shock absorber for the blades. They remain locked in place until the moment of impact.

The new Rage Turkey Broadheads are easily recognizable by their green ferrule design. They will be available at retailers nationwide this spring, and the MSRP for a Rage 2-blade Turkey Broadhead 3-pack with practice head will be \$44.99. And the Rage 3-blade Turkey Broadhead will be \$44.99 for a 3-pack with a practice head.

Don't leave the woods empty handed this Spring. Go in prepared with the new Rage Turkey Broadheads, and return with your bird!

Rage Outdoors is headquartered in Superior, Wis. For more information on the full line of revolutionary SlipCam Rage Broadheads and the Ghost Quiver, contact Rage Outdoors, 1230 Poplar Avenue, Superior, WI 54880; call (715) 392-2860; or visit www.ragebroadheads.com.



Solomon "Skully" Henson shot this (unofficial) 148" 9pt buck in Baltimore County in warm January weather.



"HUNTING PASSION"

Hunt Turkeys like Deer

By Mike Monteleone

Though I have no hard data to corroborate it, my own experience and observations lead me to believe that a great majority of turkey hunters also hunt deer. Given that assumption, it has always surprised me that more turkey hunters don't borrow a page or two from the deer hunting handbook when it comes to turkey hunting.

First let's dispense with some significant differences between the two species, beginning with the observed fact that turkeys have little, if any, sense of smell. The keen senses of smell processed by deer leads deer hunters to be correctly obsessed with wind direction and scent control, something that is virtually unnecessary when turkey hunting.

In addition to having no sense of smell, turkeys have negligible curiosity. Most experienced deer hunters have watched as deer approached them out of curiosity. More than a few deer have been arrowed as they cautiously approached a hunter in the shadows, bobbing their heads and stamping their feet in an effort to provoke a reaction. If a wild turkey ever exhibited that degree of inquisitiveness, it was eliminated from the gene pool long before I began hunting them.

Turkeys appear to have eyesight superior to deer - certainly they see color better. They seem to detect motion more quickly too, or perhaps they are simply more wary. There is much truth in the old blade that a deer sees a man in the woods and thinks he's a stump, while the turkey sees a stump in the woods and thinks it's a man.

One critical difference: while bucks usually chase does, in the case of turkeys it is far more often the hen seeks out the gobbler.

There are other differences that can influence hunting strategies. Turkeys cannot be tracked for any distance, except in snow. Turkeys are accustomed to danger from above (in the form of hawks and owls), so if hunting them from treestands was legal there would be no direct advantage. Turkeys are much smaller than deer, making them a more challenging target and limiting the range that bowhunters can arrow them.

Serious deer hunters go to great lengths to avoid spooking deer. Certain stands are hunted at specific times of the day or the season, or in accord with wind direction or other conditions. In addition, deer hunters carefully plan their travel route to and from each stand to avoid alerting deer to their presence. When the hunt is over for the day,

they will remain in their stand if deer are nearby, to avoid spooking them as they leave.

Deer hunters strategize - not just for one days hunt, but with the remainder of the season in mind. Strategies are tailored to time of the year and the behavior patterns of deer. Aggressive hunting strategies may be employed, but only when other methods have failed, or when there is reason to think a more aggressive tactic will increase the odds of success.

By contrast, many turkey hunters lack any real hunting logistics. They enter the woods before daylight, proceed to a good listening spot, then move toward the first gobbler that sounds off from the roost. In La-La-Land, that gobbler always pitches off the roost and comes strutting and gobbling straight in. In the real world, however, this happens only on the rare occasion. More often than not, the gobbler moves away, often faster than the hunter can circle around to relocate, or it clams up right after fly-down, never to be heard from again. At this point, most hunters begin "prospecting," or walking down a logging road or ridge-top trail, stopping now and then to use locator calls or hen calls in hopes of eliciting a gobble.

This can be an effective approach, especially for the gun hunter in a national forest, a large timber company lease, or the holdings of a commercial hunting lease - that is a large expanse of property with relatively light hunting pressure. For any hunter on a smaller holding of private property, say 250 acres or less per hunter, I would argue that "prospecting" is not a strategy at all, but is more often a case of wandering around flushing turkey off roosts, bumping them off trails and logging roads, spooking them in fields, and probably causing them to associate calling with humans. With two or three days of employing this tact (maybe sooner depending on the number of hunters accessing the area) turkeys gobble less frequently, become call shy, and are generally much warier.

On top of that, while the gun hunter can quickly set up almost anywhere with some expectation of getting off the shot, the bowhunter must be much more selective in picking a setup, since he must bring the bird much closer, must get an open shot at an unalerted bird, and must be able to come to full draw without being spotted.

Essentially, while turkey hunting with a strategy in mind can be helpful for gun hunters, it is critical for bowhunters. What strategies can bow-toting turkey hunters borrow from the deer hunting handbook? For starters, they can plan their entry and exit routes to create the

least possible disturbance and reduce the chances of flushing gobblers off roosts and having unexpected encounters with them on trails and logging roads.

Turkeys are not entirely predictable, but they do have favored roosting areas, which can be discovered through scouting and hunting. These can be avoided. They tend also to travel along logging roads, ridge-top trails, and benches along hillsides. Every turkey hunter knows that birds frequent open areas, especially pastures, ag-fields, and meadows. Naturally, these are good areas to hunt, but hunting them shouldn't mean walking across them or through them while traveling from one place to another.

Deer hunters sometimes still hunt, or spot and stalk their quarry, but most of them spend a majority of their time hunting from treestands, waiting for the deer to come to them. They do that for one simple reason: time and experience demonstrate this to be the most effective tactic for most times and places.

The most consistently successful bow and arrow turkey hunters do much the same thing. They find strut zones - usually forest openings, logging roads,

photographer who has taken thousands of photos of wild turkeys from a blind. It took several years to sink in, but during that time it became apparent that in the long run, assuming he had scouted properly and found good locations, He saw at least as many turkeys from his blind as he did outside it.

Furthermore, the turkeys he saw from the blind tended to come nearer, stay in the open, and remain relaxed, offering much preferred shot opportunities.

Years ago I shared a hunting lease of 500 acres on the Eastern Shore of Maryland with a couple good friends who came to the same conclusions as I, but more quickly. When we slipped carefully into our separate hunting location and remained in one spot, or at least limited our hunting to a couple of carefully selected spots, gobbling activity remained high, and turkeys did not become call shy or extremely wary. The quality of hunting was as good in the last week of the season as it had been in the first - sometimes better. That was a noticeable contrast to our early seasons on the place, when hunting seemed to get progressively tougher as the season wore on.

OK, so turkeys don't rut. They have a breeding season though, and comparing that season with deer experience in the rut reveals similarities that are obvious to any deer hunter. Prior to the beginning of breeding season, for instance, the genders are segregated, with gobblers usually traveling together and hens traveling in flocks consisting of other hens and sometimes immature birds

from the previous spring?

In late winter and in early spring, gobblers begin displaying and occasionally gobbling, seemingly more to establish dominance than to attract hens. Eventually, the large flocks of winter break



pastures, crop fields, and meadows then set up a blind, and wait for the turkeys to show up. It takes no small amount of discipline to sit in a blind waiting while gobblers sound off in the distance. At some point, the temptation to leave the blind and go play cat and mouse with the gobbler becomes almost overwhelming.

A good friend of mine is a wildlife

See Monteleone Page 9



MACROTECH
410-789-7777

Macrotech
Archery Pro Shop

5826 Ritchie Hwy. - Baltimore, MD 21225 • 410-789-7777 • 1/2 mile North of Beltway Exit 3-A



Special Tooling for Professional Installation of ALL Drop Away Rests!

Authorized dealer for...

INTERNATIONAL BOW TUNING INSTRUCTOR

MISSION Archery



BOWTECH



HOYT



ASAT

FREE Bow Check-Up
Bow Tuning & Repairs on Premises Complete
Laser Tuning System
www.macrotecharchery.com

One of Maryland's Largest heated & Air Conditioned INDOOR BOW RANGES

MACRO KNOW BOWS

Monteleone ...

Continued from Page 8

up. Gobbling activity then becomes increasingly frequent, peaking before hens respond to the gobblers. When hens are responsive, gobbling activity diminishes. As hens begin leaving the gobblers to nest, gobbling builds to second peak, only to decrease as spring gives way to summer and testosterone levels decrease.

Deer hunters rely on sign such as rubs and scrapes, along with direct observations, like does and fawns traveling alone, or bucks chasing does, to tell them the phase of the rut. Turkey hunters can make similar observations. Are gobblers alone or are they in small bachelor groups? Are hens flocked-up? How much gobbling is going on, and when?

Gobblers that sound off a few times on the roost, then clam up, is one indication that toms may be henned up. Often hens can be heard clucking and yelping near roosted gobblers. Are hens seen moving toward gobblers? Flushing a nested hen, or finding broken turkey eggs, is an indication that toms may be getting lonely, though of course not all hens nest at the same time.

Just as deer hunters adjust their tactics to the phase of the rut, savvy turkey hunters use different tactics depending

on the phase of the breeding season. For instance, in many areas a late spring or unseasonably cold weather early in the spring can cause birds to flock up and behave much as they did in the late winter. Seductive hen calls will probably be less effective under these conditions. What does work? Gobbling or drumming, where safe, can sometimes bring dominant birds in, as can simulated gobbler fights. If that doesn't work, try observing flocks from a distance. Pattern them over time, or figure out where they are going, and get there first to set up an ambush.

During peak gobbling periods, set up in strut zones and try basic hen calls, with an emphasis on yelps. If quiet, subtle calling doesn't get a response, this is a time when aggressive calling can often bring gobblers in – literally on the run.

Hunting turkeys between gobbling peaks, when gobblers are henned-up, is difficult. Challenging the hens can sometimes work, causing dominant hen to lead her entire group, including one or more gobblers, to the caller. Other hunters believe that quiet, non-threatening yelps, clucks, and purrs, are more likely to induce a hen to lead gobblers into danger. Pattering birds and waiting them out at an ambush point is another fall back tactic in this situation.

Of course, just as weather can bring a temporary halt to the rut, or make deer almost exclusively nocturnal, cold

fronts and cold rain can temporarily halt gobbling activity and mating. The birds are still there, and can still be brought to a call, but tactics must sometimes be adjusted to accommodate the changes in behavior.

When it comes to taking turkeys with a bow, the right gear can be the difference between challenging and nearly impossible. First and most important is a good quality, full-enclosed blind. Without a blind, the bowhunter must wait for the turkey to step behind a solid rock or tree trunk - brush is see through and you'll most likely get busted. The

ideal blind has a black interior lining, sets up quickly, and is taut, to avoid flapping in even the slightest breeze. Wear a black hat a black shirt and paint your face black to avoid being detected when setting up for the shot.

Turkey vitals are small targets. Add to that the fact that turkeys are notorious for running or flying away after taking fatal hits, and that they are virtually impossible to track, and the importance of anchoring them to the spot or putting them down quickly is clear. I highly recommend large, open-on-impact broadheads for turkey hunting.



Doug Rider has a little hoof & mouth problem showing off his 4 point taken in Kent County, MD. Photo Courtesy of Clyde's Sport Shop



Cypress Creek Archery
410-928-3871
32719 Cypress Rd
Millington, MD

**Come check our inventory
all new Hoyt Carbon Element
Bows & the all NEW Hoyt CRX**

Maryland Hunting & Fishing Licenses
Black Powder Guns & Supplies
Large Selection of Deer Calls & Deer Lure
Local Info / Bow Accessories
Shotgun Shells / Parker Crossbows
Tree Stands & Blinds / Range Finders
Binoculars / Scouting Cameras











BOW TUNING
Also Custom Strings & Arrows











AND MUCH MORE - STOP IN!

ARCHERY LEAGUES • 410-928-3871
Hours: Tuesday-Friday 10-7; Saturday & Sunday 10-5;
Closed Monday - www.cypresscreekarchery.com



Where the Hunt Never Ends



**FOUR STAR
RATED RANGE**

Motion Targets
Indoor
3-D Tournament and
IRON BUCK CHALLENGE #10
results 1st place Eric Brown
2nd place - Shawn Johnson
3rd place - Justin Foster
IRON BUCK CHALLENGE #11
May 20th. 2012

Rated by The National Shooting Sports Foundation
Pro Shop Mathews & Mission Bows • Equipment Rentals
featuring



A+

George E. Bennett, Owner
3021 Churchville Road (Rt. 22) •
Churchville, MD 21028
410-734-9554
www.deercreekarchery.com





“ON THE SCENE”

Fishing plans for the summer

By Andy Aughenbaugh

Winter was pretty wimpy. Fishing nuts took to the water early this spring chasing yellow perch on those warm days in February, and then it was off fighting the winds of March to find freshly stocked trout. My fishing rods don't like to leave the cave until the warmer days of real spring. The shad runs of April historically mark the beginning of my fishing season. This year will be no exception.

The bigger question is not when or how the season will start, but what is in store for the fishing season ahead. We are blessed to be living in an area with so many choices so readily available. Ponder the possibilities for a minute. If you are like most of us living mid-state, in a few hours you could be lightly offering a tiny #22 fly to brook trout on a mountain stream or trolling the Atlantic for monster billfish.

So much to do and so little time. Time to get a little proactive and plan a few trips.

So, what is on your schedule for this year? I learned the hard way that it was best to sit down on a cold winter day and mark off several weekends for fishing trips. Instead of “wanting to do's when there is time” I won the game by placing

fishing trips on the calendar before other things grabbed hold of available time. Through this practice, I would lay out my plans for the summer and depending on the mood of the time could plan ahead for the trips I wanted to take.

Maybe the trout fishing in the far reaches of Garrett County has been on the back of your mind for a few years. Beautiful remote trout streams meander through the mountains of Western Maryland just waiting for fishermen. Places like the Savage River, the upper reaches of the north and south branches of the Potomac, Laurel Run and countless others hold rainbows, browns and even native brook trout just waiting for a fly or spinner.

Closer to the central part of the state, feisty jumping and fighting smallmouth bass await the canoe paddler or wader in the Potomac,



Antietam creek, Monocacy and the Patapsco Rivers. There is no better way to spend a hot summer evening than wet wading one of these rivers tossing surface lures to hungry smallmouth.

Then we have the popular large-mouth. From the cold water lakes

of Western Maryland to the dark waters of the lower shore ponds, the largemouth bass fishing in Maryland is some of the best in the country. A morning a sunrise with the kids fishing a local pond catching bass and panfish is what makes lasting summer memories.

One of the largest salt water fisheries in the country resides right in our own backyard, the Chesapeake Bay. Beginning with trophy Rockfish season in April through the autumn schools of marauding Rockfish of the Chesapeake, Maryland is known for our rockfish. Depending on environmental factors like the salinity of the bay and water temperatures, other game fish like, bluefish and red drum will arrive in fishable numbers for those fishermen on the lookout. If this year is going to be anything like last, the Bay should have plenty of white perch, croakers and spot for those looking to fry some fresh fish for dinner.

Heading all the way east, the Atlantic is the next and last stop for world renowned off shore fishing. Why not add an offshore fishing trip to the Ocean city vacation this year? The Atlantic is on the top of my list this fishing season. In February I placed the new beach access sticker to my truck's windshield. While not part of the plan when I placed it there, it got me to

thinking. I've always wanted to really spend some time shark fishing from the beach. There have been a few attempts in the past with mixed success.

However, the big part of my fishing calendar this season will be paddling the kayak out past the breakers leaving fresh baits behind with hopes of hooking into and beaching a large dorsal fin carrying fish.

Summer time fishing can be as intense as kayak shark fishing in the Atlantic to, as lay back as, presenting night crawlers to panfish



in a western Maryland pond. The importance is not the fishing but the time with friends and family enjoy-

See Aughenbaugh Page 11



Matt Rider was on a youth hunt when he bagged this 161 lb., 10 point buck in Kent County, MD. Photo courtesy of Clyde's Sport Shop

• All Licenses - All The Time!
• Come Check Out Our New Deals!

LOW PRICES EVERYDAY!

Ron's Bay Pro Shop Southern Maryland's Premier Outdoor Sports Store
 301-855-0351

MUZZLELOADING GUNS & SUPPLIES
ARCHERY SUPPLIES

Benelli **ORSHOLT** **Motherson** **BOWTECH** **TEN POINT**

Now Selling Handguns
• Complete Line of Rockfish, Perch Bait and Tackle
• Rod & Reel Combos
• Fresh Bait

DISCOVER **MARSHFIELD** **VISA**

All YOUR Turkey hunting supplies are ready and in stock!
April 18-May 23

HOYT **EXCALIBUR** **PARKER**

Crossbows in Stock / Parker / Ten Point / Excaliber / Bow Tech Striker
Spring Trophy Season April 21 - May 15

Rt. 260, 1 Block off Rt. 4 - Dunkirk, Maryland
301-855-0351 / www.bayproshop.com

Aughenbaugh ...

Continued from Page 10

ing the summer time out of doors.

As the gas prices continue to rise, limiting the range of our travels, we are lucky enough to have such a wide array of fishing opportunities so close at hand. There is no reason to be intimidated with thoughts of not having the exact equipment claimed required by those so called experts. A medium weight rod and reel combination will work in most fishing situations.

With just a few well researched lures, a fisherman can expect good results. Lure examples like a Mepps spinner for trout, a minnow jerk bait

for smallmouth, or a rubber worm or spinner bait for largemouth are the mainstays and will steadily catch fish.

On the salt water scene, why not book a fishing trip with one of the many captains for hire. These guys fish daily and know the waters and the fish. A day on the Chesapeake Bay catching rockfish can be a real family adventure.

The captain will provide the fishing rods and bait. All you need to bring is some snacks, drinks and a camera to take those all-important photos of the kids holding a fish as big as them.

Summer is just around the corner. The fish will be biting. Are you going to be there?



Abigale Webster with a nice 119 lb. buck taken during the 2011 youth day. Photo Courtesy of Winks Sporting Goods

MD DNR certifies new record Tautog fish

Ocean City, Md. — Charles Donohue of Philadelphia caught a 23-pound tautog on January 11, setting a new State record. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) confirmed the catch, naming Donohue the new record holder, breaking the previous record of 20-pounds, 11-ounces set by Sam Beauchamp in 2007.

“The fish slammed the bait and the rod went straight down in a tough fight,” said Donohue. “I had no idea it was going to be such a big deal. Everyone on the boat was congratulating me and wanting a picture with me and the fish.”

Donohue caught his record 33-inch fish aboard Captain Monty Hawkins’ boat, Morning Star, over an artificial reef about 12 miles east of Ocean City. He was using a whole green crab as bait. Captain Hawkins said he felt the fish was a new record. The other anglers and crew agreed they should return to shore to get the fish weighed on a certified scale at AKE Marine. DNR biologist Steve Doctor met the crew at the dock to witness and certify the weight and species.

“It was a beautiful fish,” said Captain Hawkins. “The whole crew limited-out by 9:30, showing that the habitat work and reef building efforts have taken this fishery to new heights.”

“Tautog fishing is excellent on the near-shore artificial reefs and wrecks off of Maryland’s coast,” said DNR biologist, Keith Lockwood. “The winter months provide some of the best action for trophy tautog. Several headboats are running out of Ocean City when the weather permits.”

For more information on where to find a fishing charter visit, ocfishing.com



4 people Charters - Docked at Kent Narrows

Twin Engine Carolina Classic

Brambles Charters

Call For Pricing

443-496-1959

Captain Doug Bramble

GUN SHACK / CROSSWINDS

FULL PRO SHOP SALES AND SERVICE

Arrows by Beman, Easton, Gold Tip and Carbon Express • Crossbows & Accessories

Bows & Accessories from:



A Turn of The Century Store:

101 S. Main St. - Mt. Airy, MD 21771

301-829-0122 • www.gunshackinc.com

Helen H 2012 Hyannis Spring Porgy Run

SAILING DAILY 5:30 AM & 2:30 PM

STARTING MAY 11, 2012

2 DAY PORGY PACKAGE

2 DAY FISHING/MOTEL/BREAKFAST DINNER
\$ 187.00 PER PERSON (2 PERSONS, WEEKDAYS ONLY)



100' HELEN H
OPEN BOAT

50' MONOMOY
18 MAN CHARTERS
35' ISABELLA H
6 MAN CHARTERS

Information & Reserv.

508-790-0660

Website: helenh.com





By Jim Gronaw

A few years ago, my son Matt and I were doing some demos at Bass Pro Shops at Arrundel Mills and we had an interesting, if not brief, conversation with some local bass tournament anglers. They were fully decked out in their tournament shirts, complete with sponsorship patches and names on their backs. Truly, they appeared to be professionals. As they went by our booth, they hung on one of our displays that had photos of quality largemouth bass we had caught the past few seasons.

'How big is that one?' asked one of the anglers, pointing to a picture of Matt with a huge bass.

'About nine pounds' said Matt. 'Where did you catch him at?' Matt told him that he had got the fish, a personal best, at a local farm pond only 10 minutes from our home. The anglers looked at each other and one of them said...'That doesn't count.' And with that they walked on, only



The solitude and peace of the private water is unmatched.

"FISHIN' BACK EAST"

FISHING PRIVATE WATER... WHAT IT IS, WHAT IT ISN'T

to return a few more times later to stare at the very same photo.

It seems odd, if not even disdainful, that some fishermen tend to look down on fishing in private water. Indeed, there are many public venues where outstanding bass and panfish opts reign. But there is a lot more to fishing private water than meets the speculative, or even the jealous, eye.

For some reason, a percentage of anglers view private water angling as 'cheating', 'easy' or like 'shooting fish in a barrel'. It has been associated with 'priveledged' folks who have an inside track to sensational private lakes and ponds where only the chosen few can venture. You have to know somebody, get an 'in' for fishing rights, and, of course, the fishing is always 'out of this world' and you never leave there without 'slaughtering them'. What's odd is that a very large percentage of deer hunting in parts of the Mid Atlantic is done on private land, with a lot of very impressive, trophy whitetails being harvested and mounted, and photos rightfully published in many outdoor magazines to distinguish the hunter's success. Like anglers, hunters have to work and gain relationships with land owners in order to attain hunting priveledges. It's not a cakewalk.

Growing up in rural Carroll County (Maryland) in the 1960's and 70's, I was fortunate to associate with farmers and landowners who had ponds and lakes that they allowed us kids and teenagers to fish. Even as young people, we began to develop relationships with the pond owners, and would offer bluegill fillets or help around the farm to show our

appreciation. Some would readily accept our offers, but many were just glad to see people enjoy the resource and were happy to see a hunting and fishing heritage continue. In a lifetime of fishing, I have been fortunate to fish over 100 private lakes and ponds in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia and North Carolina.

I would say that 50% of them were 'good' lakes, and maybe 15% could be classified as truly exceptional. That leaves a lot of marginal or even poor water that we scouted and fished over the years. Not every private lake is a 'gem'.

I will be the first to tell you that, on more than one occasion, I have

permission of fishing private water should never be is abused by the assumption that all your fishing buddies are now privy to a new fishing hole. I once had a pond owner tell me I could bring my wife, my son, but 'never bring a friend'. Believe me, I never brought a friend. Other pond owners don't seem to mind giving fishing rights to several anglers, provided all personal regulations are met. Common sense really plays a big role here. Most of the contacts I have are from people I have known over a period of years, and a relationship aside from fishing often emerges. Many lake and pond owners don't fish, and the idea of learning from an experienced angler, like yourself, can be appealing.

Different pond owners tend to have separate harvest restraints governing their waters. Most tend to favor the release of adult bass, but others may request an effort to remove the bluegill numbers if they appear to be stunted or too high in number. Currently, I have been assigned to a private lake that has an overabundance of large channel catfish that seem to be predated on a high percentage of young-of-the-year bass and panfish. Although I have no desire to keep and eat these 30-inch plus fish, we will make an effort to relocate them to other waters where the catch



This 8 pound bass was caught five minutes from Jim's house in a local pond.

and release of these fish will bring joy to other anglers. Other than the catching, the fun part, it's going to take work and effort to get them transported safely to other waters. Pond management on a budget.

Everybody always assumes that private water is the home to big fish, and the catching is no more than kid's stuff. But the truth is that small waters react quicker to cold fronts and seasonal changes and high pressure systems, thus making them a tough call at times for tactical approaches. I have been skunked at ponds I knew had numbers of 5 pound bass in them. It is not always easy street when fishing the smaller, less pressured waters. It is, however, always worth the investigative effort.

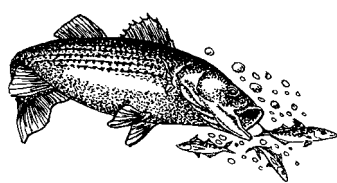
Do yourself a favor this year and go back to your roots in fishing. I bet there's a pond or private lake near you that has good fishing, and start making memories where it really all began.

As mentioned, one thing that the

seen angling opportunities squelched because 'a friend of a friend' kept bringing 'another friend' along to fish, without ever running it by the pond/lake owner. Throw in the disrespect of overharvesting the fish stocks, be it bass or panfish. Add to that the leaving of trash...yes, this STILL happens to this day. Sadly, some anglers who get permission actually think they are in co-ownership of the land and lake. Who wouldn't blame the owner for shutting it down?

As mentioned, one thing that the

TROPHY BAIT AND TACKLE



Rockfish
Rigs and
Bait



Live Bait
Clam Bags

All Crabbing
Supplies

805 Eastern Blvd. • Baltimore, MD 21211

410-238-3825



Mallard Decoy killed by John Doyle of Essex, MD. and mounted by a hunting buddy, Tom O'Brien.

Maryland Flounder Regulations

proposal.

Maryland will have a 17-inch fish... 3 fish per person/ per day... season will run from April 14th to December 16th.



Eric Sutton of Rock Hall, MD is one proud father, his son Nate is pictured here with his first fish. Congratulations go out to Nate.

Hall's Taxidermy

Ronnie Hall

Over 25 years experience

Mobile: 443-510-0792

Phone: 410-798-9390

3345 Oak Drive

Edgewater, MD 21037

hallstaxidermy@gmail.com



Fishbone's bait and tackle inc.

4729 mountain road - Pasadena, MD 21122

(410) 360-0573

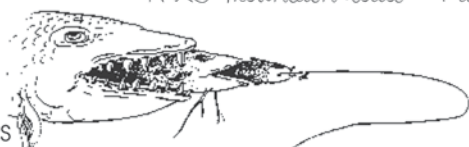
- Fresh Live Bait - ALEWIVES
- SOFT CRABS
- PEELERS
- RAZOR CLAMS

- Crabbing Supplies

- Rods, Reels, Lures - Lure Making Supplies

- Complete Line of Marine & Boating Supplies

- EXIDE Marine Battery Distributor... & Much Much More!



LIVE BAIT

Eichler Charter Services

"SOUTHPAW"

Sailing out of
Kentmoor Marina
Kent Island, MD
5 minutes from Bay Bridge

Capt. Jeffrey Eichler
USCG Licensed Captain



Call for more information
410 490-1485 or 410 827-6676
www.FishingSouthpaw.com

Mention this ad
and receive
FREE
Breakfast.

Great
trophy
dates
still open!

NOW OPEN – 7 days a week

110 Pier One Rd., Stevensville, MD 21666

Turn right at light on Pier One Rd, off Rt 8, 1/8 mile south of Bay Bridge, before airport. Rear entrance near Ace Allen's Automotive.

**New Items
for 2012 Season**

**LUCKYS
TACKLE**

**410-604-2663
8- 6 Daily**

**BIG Bloodworms, Ice, Tackle for
Chesapeake Bay Fishing
Bait After Hours - Matapeake Fishing Pier
Bait Machine**

Maryland DNR announces Deer Season Harvest for 2011-12

Annapolis, Md. — Maryland deer hunters harvested 98,029 deer during the 2011-2012 bow, muzzleloader and firearm seasons combined. This figure is similar to last year's harvest of 98,663 deer. The antlered harvest increased 3 percent to 34,416 this year, while the antlerless harvest declined 3 percent to 63,613 deer. The harvest totals include 2,657 sika deer; a 4 percent decrease from last year's total for this species.

"Deer harvest results this year were the fourth highest on record and similar to last year," said DNR's Deer Project Leader Brian Eyler. "All data indicate that we have a healthy and abundant deer herd in most areas. Hunters are becoming very aware that putting venison on the table provides an excellent source of healthy and sustainable food while contributing to the overall management of these species."

In Deer Management Region A — Garrett, Allegany, and western Washington counties — hunters reported taking 10,358 deer this year, up 11 percent from 2010-11. The antlered harvest increased 8 percent to 5,827 this year, and the antlerless harvest increased 16 percent to 4,531.

The reported harvest in the remainder of the State, Region B, declined 2 percent to 87,671 deer this year. While the antlered harvest increased 2 percent to 28,589 deer this year, the antlerless harvest decreased 4 percent to 59,082 deer.

Frederick County once again led the harvest totals for the State with 8,378 deer, followed by Baltimore County with 6,804 and Washington County with 6,753 deer.

Sunday deer hunting continues to help deer management in Maryland. The Junior Deer Hunt, traditionally held on a Saturday, included the following Sunday in 20 of 23 counties for the first time this year. Sunday hunting accounted for a total of 6,278 deer, 6 percent of the 2011-12 harvest.

Maryland Reported Antlered and Antlerless Deer Harvest for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 Hunting Seasons

County	Antlered			Antlerless			Total		
	2010-2011	2011-2012	Change %	2010-2011	2011-2012	Change %	2010-2011	2011-2012	Change %
Allegany	1,850	2,024	9.4	1,307	1,685	28.9	3,157	3,709	17.5
Anne Arundel	831	940	13.1	2,058	1,934	-6.0	2,889	2,874	-0.5
Baltimore	1,915	2,078	8.5	5,004	4,726	-5.6	6,919	6,804	-1.7
Calvert	608	674	10.9	1,203	1,331	10.6	1,811	2,005	10.7
Caroline									
Whitetail	881	812	-7.8	2,143	1,993	-7.0	3,024	2,805	-7.2
Sika	1	0	*	1	0	*	2	0	*
Carroll	2,041	2,158	5.7	3,810	4,060	6.6	5,851	6,218	6.3
Cecil	1,101	1,211	10.0	2,413	2,494	3.4	3,514	3,705	5.4
Charles	1,655	1,480	-10.6	3,301	2,936	-11.1	4,956	4,416	-10.9
Dorchester									
Whitetail	947	1,018	7.5	2,165	2,054	-5.1	3,112	3,072	-1.3
Sika	1,204	1,207	0.2	1,364	1,244	-8.8	2,568	2,451	-4.6
Frederick	2,701	2,938	8.8	5,241	5,440	3.8	7,942	8,378	5.5
Garrett	2,709	2,629	-3.0	2,189	2,278	4.1	4,898	4,907	0.2
Harford	1,200	1,143	-4.8	2,619	2,480	-5.3	3,819	3,623	-5.1
Aberdeen Prv. Grds.	145	165	13.8	360	416	15.6	505	581	15.0
Howard	841	874	3.9	2,161	2,092	-3.2	3,002	2,966	-1.2
Kent	1,230	1,225	-0.4	2,585	2,523	-2.4	3,815	3,748	-1.8
Montgomery	1,649	1,676	1.6	4,320	3,895	-9.8	5,969	5,571	-6.7
Prince George's	897	899	0.2	1,973	1,906	-3.4	2,870	2,805	-2.3
Queen Anne's	1,310	1,254	-4.3	2,944	2,943	0	4,254	4,197	-1.3
Saint Mary's	1,134	1,048	-7.6	2,463	2,145	-12.9	3,597	3,193	-11.2
Somerset									
Whitetail	774	761	-1.7	2,060	1,848	-10.3	2,834	2,609	-7.9
Sika	0	1	*	1	1	*	1	2	*
Talbot	826	955	15.6	2,282	2,086	-8.6	3,108	3,041	-2.2
Washington	2,613	3,069	17.5	3,422	3,684	7.7	6,035	6,753	11.9
Wicomico									
Whitetail	992	962	-3.0	2,539	2,367	-6.8	3,531	3,329	-5.7
Sika	30	52	73.3	34	35	2.9	64	87	35.9
Worcester									
Whitetail	1,212	1,111	-8.3	3,259	2,952	-9.4	4,471	4,063	-9.1
Sika	44	52	18.2	101	65	-35.6	145	117	-19.3
Total	33,341	34,416	3.2	65,322	63,613	-2.6	98,663	98,029	-0.6



Adam Boyles, 8 yrs. old, first goose ever, shot with .410 single shot.

McGinnity Marine Art



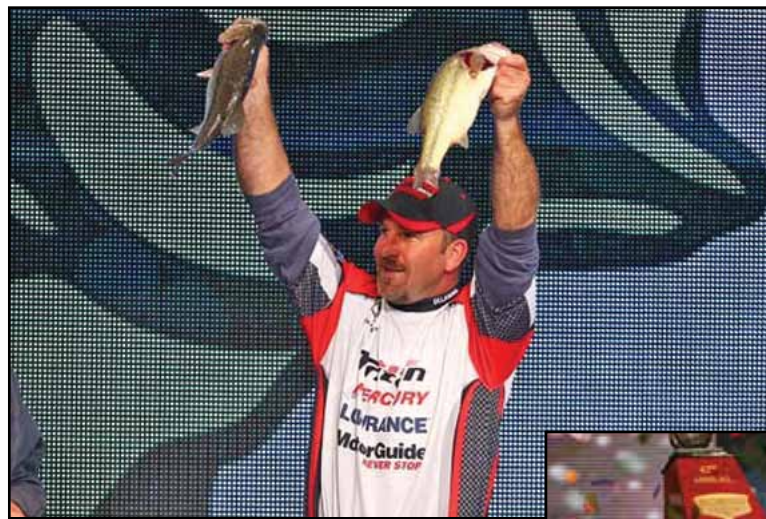
Fish Mounts are our Specialty!

Visit our website to see all - www.mcginnitymarineart.com

19717 Five Forks Road | New Freedom, PA 17349

Phone: 717-993-2373 | george@mcginnitymarineart.com

Chris Price places 23rd in 2012 Bassmaster Classic




Chris Price placed 23rd. out of 49 anglers at the 2012 Bassmaster Classic. His weight total was 34 lbs. good for \$12,200. Pictured left is Chris weighing in on day three. Only the top 25 qualify for the last day weigh in. The winner was Chris Lane (pictured below) with a total weight of 51.6 lbs. worth \$500,000.

Jamie Horton (pictured above) and Chris Price of Church Hill, MD. (pictured right) both qualified for the 2012 Bassmaster Classic through the B.A.S.S. Federation Nation. The last time they made it to the championship was in 2002, also through the Federation Nation. The 10-year gap between appearances is one of the longest in Classic history. All Photos by James Overstreet




MARYLAND



Trophy Whitetail Deer
Quality Deer Mgmt Assoc.

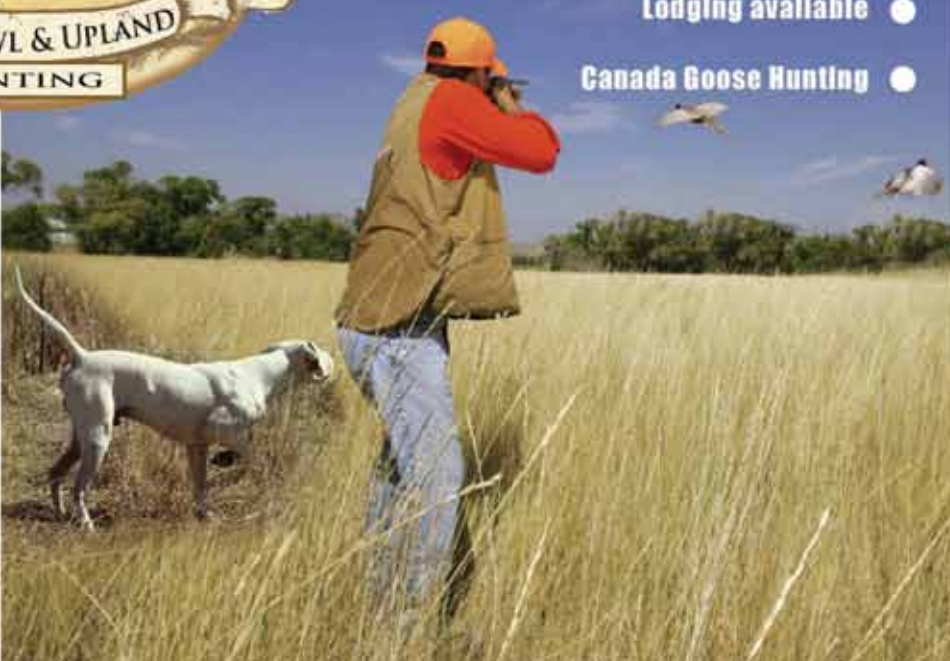
- Rifle, Shotgun, Bow, Muzzleloader



MARSHTOWN
WATERFOWL & UPLAND
HUNTING

DELAWARE

- Upland Hunting
- Kennel services
- Lodging available
- Canada Goose Hunting



Contact Bobby Burris, Gen. Manager: (302) 528-1977

DEVIN'S WORLD:



One day I thinking to myself why don't I create a website that helps others out with fishing in Mid-Maryland, I named it Devin's Fishing Reports (www.devinsfishingreports.com) I thought it might get turned down by some at first just because the creator/writer just had his 15th birthday. But nope, that wasn't the case; from November 1 to March 1, the site has received over 4600 views and had 14 members. I try to have a report out at least every three or four days and a lot of other fishing related articles come in between.

Let me tell you you a little about me, I am a high school freshman living in Frederick, an avid fisherman, kayaker, fly fisher, hiker, and of course blogger. I actually have only been fishing for two years now, but I believe that I learned so much in those two years. My biggest accomplishment probably has to be being three pounds away from the IGFA Grass Carp 2lb Test World Record. I had a three hour fight with that 34lb Grass Carp, I will beat that record this spring. I also tie some flies and sometimes make hand crafted spinners.

Some other accomplishments of mine are catching a 23" Rainbow Trout, 15lb Channel Catfish, 36" Thresher Shark, 8" Native Brook Trout, and a 16" Wild Brown Trout. My favorite species has to be the Trout, it doesn't matter to me what kind I guess because they all live in the same type of water... streams. Wading along a small stream in Spring up in the Catoctin National Park fishing dry flies for skiddish little Brookies is by far my favorite type of fishing. Since November, I have added a lot to the site, like local fishing events, other blogs, my top destinations for each species, and a few gear reviews will be on there later. I also have a link there for my other site:

Quest for 1500. This is where I record all my fishing info, like how many fish I caught, where at, and what species. I am still doubting that I will catch 1500 fish this year, it is a big number. I post reports on everywhere from the Potomac to the headwaters of little Catoctin streams. Even though I target Trout a lot, I also fish for Carp, Catfish, Bass, and occasionally Crappie. I do all my fishing from shore or from my Ascend FS10 Sit In Angler Kayak. I must admit, some streams I do not reveal the name on my blog only because if it were to receive to much pressure than the whole population would vanish.

This is the first time I'm telling anyone, but I am currently in the middle of writing and publishing two books. Not sure which one to publish first though; if you like the information on my website/blog, you will love the info in the books. You can expect them to be out by Fall, maybe. I also make my own "homemade spinners" for Trout and have whipped up a few jars of my own Trout Dough bait, but I haven't fished with it yet. I am a all Catch and Release guy, I know that most of the stocked Trout that I catch will die anyway either from the July sun or from another angler, but I feel that is best.

I started the blog in the hopes that it would bring more fish to the net, and I hope it continues doing that. I just hope all of you guys like it and you can contact me at devin@devinsfishingreports.com, and the web site is www.devinsfishingreports.com.



Paul Tarkington of Old Field Hunt Club shot this 6 point Sika on Nov.29,2011 weighing 85 pounds on the Eastern Shore, Chambridge, Md.

FISH FEAR US Charters

www.fishfearus.com

Docked at Harbor Shack Restaurant,
Rock Hall, Maryland
Captain Bob Ritchie III
410-708-7751 / bob@fishfearus.com

Book Now
For 2012
Spring Trophy
Season!



46' Carmen
Inspected for up to 35 passengers!

Trolling & Bottom Fishing for Rockfish,
Blues, Croaker and Mackerel

We accommodate large or small groups for
fishing or cruising - Sunset Cruises -
Weddings - Birthday Parties -
Bachelor Parties - Anniversaries etc...

Purchasing a Maryland hunting or fishing license just got easier

Annapolis, Md. — Purchasing hunting and fishing licenses, along with off-road vehicle registrations, is becoming incredibly easy thanks to a new online licensing and registration system called COMPASS. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) recently began a pilot program, using the new system at seven regional service centers and 27 sports license agent locations. DNR will kick off the full program, which will allow customers to buy licenses from home, at the end of the month.

"We are excited to have COMPASS — a modernized and upgraded licensing and customer service platform," said Len Singel, Chief Information Officer of DNR. "When deployed fully, this system will use the latest technology and green practices to better serve our customers and sports license agents.

We believe COMPASS will raise the bar for similar systems developed for our sister agencies throughout the U.S."

COMPASS is easier and more convenient than the system it is replacing. COMPASS emails customers an electronic copy of their license within

30 minutes of purchase and automatically issues customers a new DNRid card, creating an easy way to renew or make new purchases. With the DNRid card, customers will not have to go through the process of filling out all of the original forms. Additionally, any DNR service center or sports license agent can provide a new copy if the card is lost.

To ensure the changeover runs smoothly, DNR transferred the last three years of purchases and customer information from the current system to COMPASS — more than 750,000 customers and 2 million licenses. Since DNR started the pilot program a week ago, agents have already issued more than 1,300 transactions worth more than \$100,000.

Customers can currently use COMPASS at pilot program locations. At the end of March, DNR will roll out the full program, meaning customers can use COMPASS to buy licenses from home online and by live operator telephone.

The Department will no longer charge convenience fees to customers enrolling and purchasing online or from the 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. call cen-

ter. DNR will release additional information as it prepares to fully deploy COMPASS. Sports License Agent locations will be added on a regional rotation, starting with those managed by the Salisbury Regional Service Center.

DNR encourages hunters and anglers to visit any of the locations, listed at dnr.state.md.us/dnrnews/pdfs/COMPASSPilotLocations.pdf, to purchase their licenses through COMPASS. Customers should be sure to bring a government-issued form of identification to access their customer record and sign-up. Enrollment is a one-time process, where the system

Example of new DNRid Card:



verifies the customer's information for compliance and purchase eligibility. Once the system is fully established, users will be able to self enroll from the convenience and comfort of their homes.

COMPASS, a DNR Major Information Technology Project, is being developed in partnership with JMT Technology Group in Sparks, Maryland as part of a 2-year Consulting and Technical Services II contract.

TIDEWATER TAXIDERMISTRY

Don't 'fowl' around with other shops!

We can take care off ALL YOUR Taxidermy Needs!

From Fowl, to Mammals, to Fish!

**Call Carlton
at 410-438-3737**

**10% OFF
Junior Mounts
for 2012
Season!**

*Master Taxidermist
Licensed & Insured
Located in Barclay, MD.*

*Visit www.tidewatertaxidermy.com
To see more top quality mounts!*



Angler catches state record Blue Catfish in the Potomac River

Shawn Wetzel, 27 of Orrtana, Pennsylvania, caught a whopping 80-pound, 12-ounce blue catfish on February 23 in the Potomac River near Fort Washington. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) confirmed that the blue catfish was a new State record, annihilating the previous record holder by 13 pounds.

"The rod went down hard, and I knew it was something big," said Wetzell. "At one point, I was on my knees trying to lift the fish, and my back was burning."

The previous record fish weighed just over 67 pounds and was caught in 2008 by Ron Lewis in the Potomac not far from where Wetzel caught his fish.

Blue catfish are native to the Mississippi River Valley and were introduced to the James and Rappahannock Rivers in the 1970s. Since then, the fish have reproduced and spread throughout the tidal Potomac River system. Flathead catfish, another non-native invasive species, and blue catfish have subsequently turned up in the Nanticoke, Susquehanna and Northeast Rivers, Upper Chesapeake Bay and other waters.

"We recognize the enthusiasm and economic impact of anglers in search of record catfish," said DNR Fisheries Service Director, Tom O'Connell.

"However, we don't want to encourage the development and spread of this species. As top predators, they are a serious threat to native species, which provide ecological and economic benefits to the region."

Blue and flathead catfish are invasive, non-native species that are long-lived, fast growing and opportunistic feeders. Consequently, State and Federal fisheries managers are concerned about their affect on the ecosystem, and are working together to develop strategies to mitigate their impact.

The Chesapeake Bay Program's Sustainable Fisheries Goal Team, which includes representatives from Virginia, Maryland, the Potomac River Fisheries Commission, District of Columbia, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Marine Fisheries Service, and Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, recently adopted a Chesapeake Bay blue and flathead catfish policy to reduce these catfish populations and to stem their spread. The Chesapeake Bay Program recently issued a news release on this new policy in conjunction with National Invasive Species Awareness Week - chesapeakebay.net/blog/post/scientists_to_develop_management_plan_for_invasive_blue_and_flathead_catfis

Last August, The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission approved a resolution expressing concern about the impacts of blue and flathead catfish to Atlantic coast migratory fish species - asmfc.org.

Anglers should know that it is illegal to transport live blue and flathead catfish for the purpose of introduction into another body of water. Additionally, DNR officials are asking anglers to remove and kill any blue and flathead catfish that they catch. This is a fishery where the practice of catch and release is discouraged by resource managers.

To stay up-to-date on regulatory



Shawn Wetzel, 27 of Orrtana, Pennsylvania, displays the Maryland record, 80-pound, 12-ounce blue catfish he caught on February 23 in the Potomac River near Fort Washington.

proposals and other important DNR Fisheries topics, subscribe to the DNR Fisheries Email list by visiting dnr.state.md.us/fisheries/emailcontact.asp

To learn more about invasive, non-native species and to see a list of species prohibited from transport go to dnr.maryland.gov/invasives.

Mann's acquires the Alabama Rig

Slick Lures, LLC, the owner and developer of The Alabama Rig®, and Mann's Bait Company Inc. have concluded an agreement which designates Mann's as the sole and exclusive licensee for the manufacture, marketing and sale of The Alabama Rig® to the fishing tackle trade.

Andy Poss, the inventor of The Alabama Rig®, explained "It was vitally important to our company and to the long term success of The Alabama Rig® to affiliate with a high profile company having a widely recognized brand throughout the fishing tackle industry. In these uncertain times, we are particularly pleased to be able to partner with a company that is committed to making 100% of its products in the U.S.A."

Mann's Bait Company, a leading manufacturer of a broad range of artificial lures for both freshwater and saltwater fishing, has sold its high quality products to recreational fishermen around the world for over 50 years.



The original Alabama Rig that started it all - the Mann's Slick Lures Alabama Rig is the same rig that Paul Elias used to run away with the win at the October 2011 Lake Guntersville FLW Tour Open, and the rig that every angler and pro has been clambering to get their hands on ever since.

An old standby for saltwater and striper anglers, Elias proved its deadly effectiveness on the normally finicky, suspended Fall bass that are feeding on shad. Designed to simulate a school of baitfish, it features five super strong wires with swivels and snaps to attach your choice of swimbaits, grubs, spinnerbaits or jigs. Rest assured, it's also durable enough to not tear up once you get into fish, and you can even throw it on a stouter, standard rod. Taking the bass fishing world by storm - get the original - the Mann's Slick Lures Alabama Rig.

Other recent, notable tournament wins on the Alabama Rig, include Dan Morehead at the Kentucky Lake EverStart Championship, and Scott Brummett at the Walmart BFL Wheeler Lake Regional.

**Don't forget to check your State's fish and game rules and regulations - a fully rigged umbrella rig is illegal in some States.



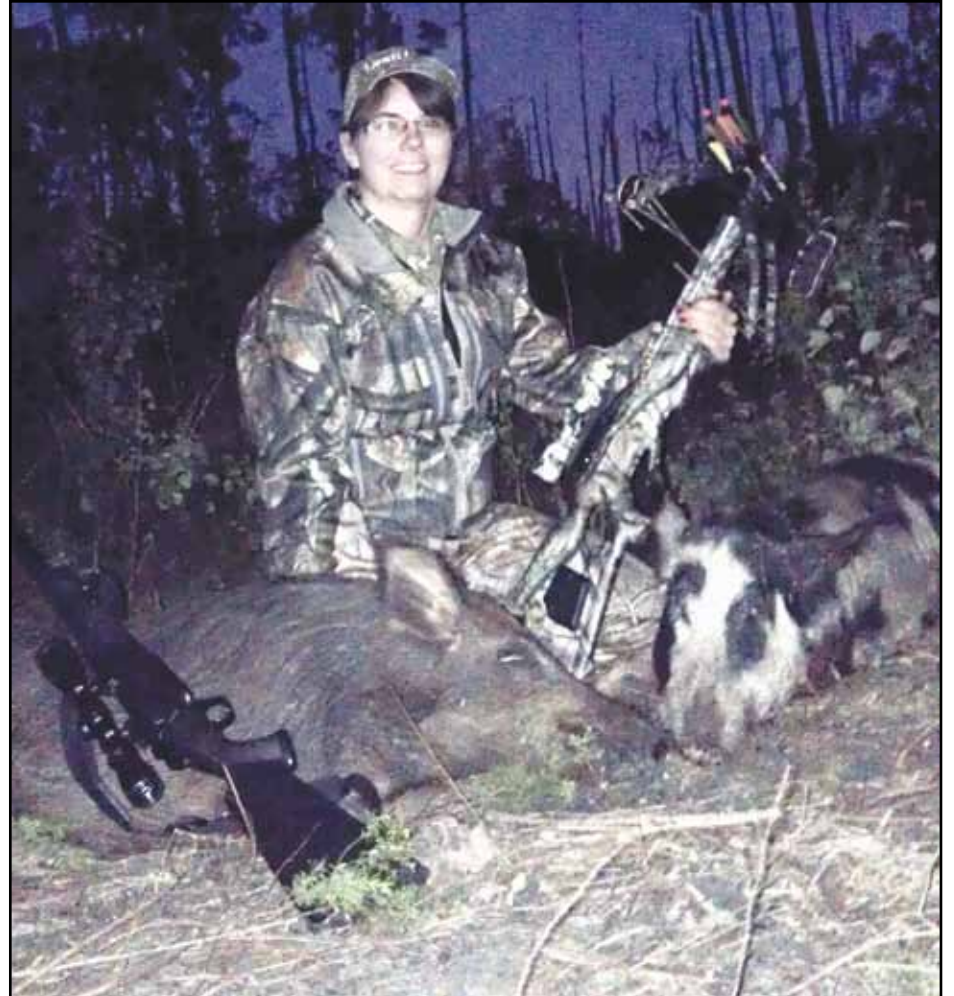
Jason Oertly with his nice Sika Stag taken this past season. Photo Courtesy of Chesapeake Outdoors.

29th Annual
CHAMPIONSHIP
on the
Chesapeake



REGISTER NOW!

WWW.MSSA.NET



Jay Hastings (left) got his hog in Florida in January. Nicki Lowe above shot her two hogs at the same time. One with a crossbow. Jay also has had some luck with the stripers, pictured below his hog is a nice 33.5 inch fish.

Bowley's Bait & Tackle

Live Bait • Licenses

2917 Eastern Blvd. • Baltimore, MD 21220
410-687-2107

Now a Booking Agent for Local Charter Boat Fleet. Call for information.

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK



Beechwood Enterprises

Sprayed Polyurethane Foam

*Energy Efficient Insulation
for YOUR Residential and
Commercial Needs!*



New Construction, Additions

Crawl and Attic Spaces

*Over 25 Years Experience in the Foam
Industry!*

ABBA Certified

lancaster4foam@gmail.com

310 Baxter Rd

Sudlersville, MD 21668

410-928-5177

KINGFISH II
CHARTER FISHING PARTIES
SEA-DUCK HUNTING

**NOW BOOKING SPRING TROPHY ROCK
EARLY SUMMER CROAKER/DRUM TRIPS**
Departing from Deal Island, Maryland
www.fishandduck.com
Call Captain Harry
443.871.3499

FISHING LOWER CHESAPEAKE BAY/TANGIER SOUND

Mississippi decoys pop up on turkey hunting market

By: John J. Woods

The trick to turkey hunting is what the hunters colloquially call "tomfoolery." The ploy is for the hunter to sit still in a totally camouflaged manner making hen calls to fool a gobbler into thinking this is a hen. If the calling is seductive enough

and the gobbler a little overzealous in his love life, then he may well stroll in for a closer look-see. This is what we turkey hunters refer to as a "fatal attraction."

Advancing the Game

The advanced tactical strategies of turkey hunt-

ing brought the advent of using fake turkey decoys to attract lonesome gobblers into gun range. At first the game was to stick up a couple hen decoys to give the impression to woods wandering tom gobblers that the "red light district" was open for business. Hen decoys have fooled many a tom.

As time progressed the use of hen decoys was refined and the decoy products greatly improved. Realism was paramount. Some of the early decoys were pretty pitiful and not very realistic. Today this has been much enhanced.

Next on the tomfoolery agenda came the use of gobbler and jake (young toms) decoys to supplement the hen layout. In both theory and practice the observation of a "gobbler" in the territory was highly insulting to the real thing.

Hence, this sighting by the real gobbler often induced a fast approach to the decoy to defend the stomping grounds and the honor of the "hens" on display as well. Thus again producing an opportunity for the hunter to score after what can often only be described as a wild few moments of turkey hunting experience.

Along with the enhanced realism of hen decoys came the development of truly lifelike gobbler decoys. However, the downside of many of these turkey hunting products was portability and display issues. Either they were molded from rather hard plastics and therefore heavy and cumbersome



Mark Rohme with his 10 pt. taken in late archery season with his bow. Photo Courtesy of Wink's Sporting Goods.



to carry to the field, or they were quite flimsy often blowing over in the wind or easily torn up.

Enter the Mississippi Decoys Company

"For the past 30 years, I have spent every morning during the Mississippi spring turkey season chasing the elusive wild turkey. My dad often joined me and always asked me to bring along a decoy. I didn't mind but those things were heavy and noisy, not easy to set up quickly or move around on the go. I got to thinking I needed a better decoy, but I was going to have to figure it out myself," says Charlie Thomas III of Mississippi Decoys Incorporated of Starkville, MS.

"After seven months of research and development, Mississippi Decoys Incorporated was started and we introduced the "Big Daddy" strutting gobbler and the "Double Trouble" hen. I am convinced I have created the perfect decoy! It's easy to transport, fast to set up and real enough to draw the big gobblers in."

What makes the turkey decoys by Mississippi Decoys so unique? They actually function like an umbrella. The idea came to Charlie Thomas one day after a turkey hunt out in the garage. He spotted an old umbrella and the idea popped into his head. Eventually this concept led him to using realistic photos for the umbrella cover material.

The gobbler decoy even has a molded gobbler head secured on the tip of the umbrella that gives the decoy a very real looking 3-D effect.

EXPERIENCE THE ARTISTRY OF MIKE TRAVIS, PREMIER TAXIDERMIST



410-708-1140



VISIT US AT UPPERBAYTAXIDERMISTRY.COM



Coastal Report

By Capt. Mark Sampson

Some of the tides we experienced this past winter were the lowest I can remember as shorelines and sandbars that are usually underwater were exposed to the air for (maybe) their very first time. At times like that it's really interesting to put a pair of boots on and poke along the edge of a familiar bulkhead, shoreline, or dock and see what's been revealed. The view from the Rt.50 Bridge can be amazing, not only can you clearly see all the bars to the immediate north and south but, as long as the water is clear, by looking straight down over the railing one can see the concrete rubble and other debris that is so attractive to the fish that we'll pursue later in the season.

While shallow water is interesting to look at from the land, if you're in a boat it's not usually what you want to see. Every boat has a minimum depth or "draft" that they can operate in without striking bottom and when the depth of the water is less than the draft of the boat that boat is going to come to a grinding halt!

Running aground or "grounding" is something every boater in every size boat anywhere on the planet needs to be wary of because no matter if they're paddling a canoe that needs three-inches beneath the hull to float or steering a cruise ship that requires thirty-feet, at some point they might find themselves in the wrong place during the wrong state of the tide and "oops" suddenly slam to a complete stop, or at the very least start churning mud.

Anyone who spends much time navigating the back-bay waters around Ocean City must accept the fact that sooner or they'll run aground, there's just too many shoals and shallow water not to. I've grown up on these waters and still find myself grinding sand more than just a few times each year. Channels fill in, sandbars shift, new shoals form after storms, or sometimes you just don't pay close enough attention to where you are and suddenly two feet of draft meets one foot of water. Depending upon the vessel and what's going on aboard it at the time, running a boat aground can result in a minor inconvenience or catastrophic event – I think an Italian cruise ship recently proved that one out.

Fortunately most of the boats that operate in our local bay waters are either outboards or inboard-outboards that have the wonderful

ability to lessen their draft by raising the lower unit. With just the push of a button a two-foot draft can be reduced to a foot and allow the operator to slowly motor their way out to deeper water. The key word there is "slowly" because with motor trimmed up the boat simply won't perform any other way. Even if it cannot be powered out of the shallow water, raising the lower unit allows a boat to be more easily pushed or pulled from the shallows with little risk of damage.

Inboard boats with fixed running gear (propellers, shafts, rudders)



typically fair worst in a grounding because nothing is retractable. When an inboard is "stuck" she's typically going to be there until the tide rises enough to float the boat up or another vessel pulls it off. Unless the vessel has a deep keel to protect the running gear, grounding an inboard often leads to costly repairs if the prop, rudder or shaft strike bottom hard enough to be bent or broken. Plenty of inboard boats are used in our back-bays but the operators typically know that they must take extra caution to stay in deep water to avoid the inherent pitfalls of their vessel's design.

Operators of vessels propelled by water-jet type engines such as small (or large) jet-boats or personal watercraft (jet-skis) have the advantage that they have no prop, rudder or lower unit projecting below the hull and so are able to skitter across much shallower water than other vessels of the same size. That's the "good" part about that type propulsion system.

The downside is that even though a jet-boat can shoot over a sandbar just inches of water, when that vessel is not running up "on plane" the hull will settle back down into the water and have a deeper draft. For example; a 20-foot jet-boat that draws 12-inches of water going slow might only need five inches under the hull when it's running hard so it should be able to easily get across a sandbar that's 6-inches deep. However, if that boat were to slow down or stop in 6-inches of water it now needs 12-inches under the hull to float and it's going to be very high and very dry and will in no way be able to get off the bar without a lot of help either by Mother Nature in the form of a rising tide (let's hope they didn't ground at high tide!) or by a strong pull by a towboat (let's hope they didn't ground so far up on a shoal that a tow line won't reach them). Jet-boats can be great for traveling across shallow water, but every boat, even a canoe, has its minimum operating depth, and when a jet-boat grounds – it's grounded!

Every boater must consider the risk of grounding and take steps to minimize the risk as well as have a plan of action in case a grounding does occur. Getting a small skiff unstuck might be as simple as hopping off and pushing out to deeper water, but that simple act gets more complicated in the winter when the water is dangerously frigid or if no one in the crew is physically capable of doing such. In some cases a stout boat-hook or push-pole might be all that's needed to get to deep water without getting wet. Big boats can rarely be pushed off by hand so the knowledge of how to get towing assistance is crucial. Of course the best option is not to get stuck in the first place, knowing the water will help with that.

Preparing ahead of time and always traveling at a safe speed can go a long way to ensure that if a vessel does find the bottom that the result is only a minor inconvenience - not a major catastrophe.

KAREN-RAY II

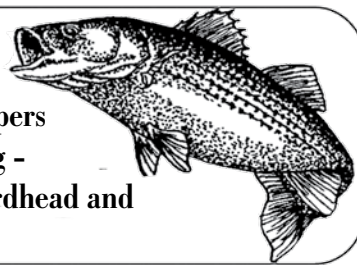
CUSTOM 51' SPORTFISHER
Small or Large Parties • 6-49 Passengers
Crisfield, Maryland



We Welcome Individual Charters
Business Outings • Office Parties

- CHUMMING
- LIVE BAITFISHING
- SPINCASTING
- LIGHT TACKLE
- BREAKING FISH

Now
Booking
for Spring Stripers
Bottom Fishing -
Flounder / Hardhead and
Spot



CAPTAIN CURTIS JOHNS
410-623-2310
www.captcurtisjohns.com

COUNCELL CHARTERS
410-708-4241

Book Now for Spring 2012
We Follow the FISH!

Captain

Brian Councill

www.councillcharters.com

brian@councillcharters.com





- CUSTOM MADE HEAVY DUTY BATTERY CABLES (SOLDERED OR CRIMPED).
- OLDER TRACTOR PARTS AVAILABLE.
- GOLF CART BATTERIES.
- HYDRAULIC HOSES MADE WHILE YOU WAIT.
- FRAM AND WIX FILTERS.
- DEKA & EXIDE BATTERIES AUTO/FARM/INDUSTRIAL.
- CASTROL & PENNZOIL LUBRICANTS.

Now Offering
308 NORTH 6TH STREET DENTON, MD. 21629
410-479-3322

**MENTION
 THIS AD
 WITH
 YOUR
 ORDER
 FOR A
 10%
 DISCOUNT**



Kenny Long made his annual spring trophy trip aboard Fish Fear Us Charters out of Rock Hall, Md. a memorable one. Photo Courtesy Captain Bob Ritchie.

FISH FINDER

A D V E N T U R E S

Specializing in Shark Fishing



- Tuna, Marlin, Dolphin
- Wreck Fishing
- Saltwater Fly Fishing

410-213-2442
www.bigsharks.com

& more with Captain Mark Sampson out of the Ocean City Fishing Center



Welcome to Canadian Prairie Outfitters

Canadian Prairie Outfitters offers first-class goose and duck hunting in Saskatchewan, Canada, and on Maryland's Eastern Shore, two of the most desired waterfowl hunting destinations in the world. Whether you are an avid hunter or a first time waterfowler, we have the package to suit your needs

Your guide will be three-time World Goose Calling Champion and two-time World Live Duck Calling Champion, Mitch Hughes. Mitch has been guiding hunters in Maryland since he was 15 and in 2005 took over Canadian Prairie Outfitters. Mitch has been on Drake Waterfowl's Elite Team since 2006. You will never forget hunting with Mitch due to his desire for waterfowl hunting, and his great personality and amazing calling.



Let Canadian Prairie Outfitters show you the hunt of a lifetime. From early September to the first of November, stay at our brand new lodge in Saskatchewan, Canada, while you experience the best waterfowl hunting in the world!

Hunt ducks, giant Canadian geese, Snow geese, Specks and Sand Hill cranes. This is a real dream come true for serious waterfowl hunters. Can you imagine thousands of Mallards and Pintails decoying at your feet?

The sound that 100 Ross geese make as they flip through the air? It's something that can't be written or spoken of, it's something that you have to experience.

Canadian Prairie Outfitters
 Attn: Mitch Hughes
 7258 Calves Acre Lane
 Easton, MD 21601

410-310-9436

410-822-3791

Email: mitchH@worldclasswaterfowl.com



Mid-Bay Report

Trollers have been gearing up for the spring striper season all winter. If you have been to any of this

By Chuck Prah

past winter's fishing flea markets, you

know what I am talking about.

The trophy season generates about 75% of all the tackle sales at these events. Umbrellas, parachutes,

big bucktails, trout rods, beefy level wind reels, and tons of big shad bodies dominate the shows.

April 21st is opening day of the spring season. Most of the above gear will be spread across the Middle Bay Channel by possibly hundreds of boats on that date. The name of the game is how to deploy as many lines as possible across a swath of water, in some cases, as wide as 75 yards.

Planer boards facilitate the means to do this. They have been perfected over the years and now are used on a larger percentage of the Charter boat fleet as well as many of the larger private boats.

We have all heard the horror stories about the tangled mess

that any mishap with these rigs can trigger. Amazingly, it happens less often than one would imagine. Boats soon learn to hunt fish in patterns that avoid confrontations. Most boats fish across the Channel, rather than parallel to it. That pattern allows coverage of more depths and intercepts more migratory fish than any other method.

One area where boats do not always adhere to that pattern is the often lucrative False Channel which angles southeast out of the mouth of the Big Choptank river. It is a narrow channel, but famous for concentrating migrating stripers that trade between the Upper Choptank spawning grounds, and the Main Bay.

Captains and mates who fish the trophy season get their kicks just watching a rod go down. They then know they've done their job right. Managing the lines before and after hook-ups is a work of art. Pulling in the fish is for the guests who probably enjoy this part of the trip, but everyone knows who really caught the fish.

Pre-season fishing is permitted prior to April 21st, but certain rules must be adhered to in order to protect spawners on their way up to the spawning grounds.

- No stinger hooks
- Barbless hooks only when trolling
- Non-offset circle or j-hooks with less than a 1/2" gap are required when using bait
- No more than six lines per boat allowed when trolling

Most of my pre-season fishing will likely take place in the Honga. No stripers can be legally kept here until June 1st, but the shallow water catch & release fishing can be fabulous and the likelihood of a spotted sea trout or a lunker flounder make for an exciting trip.

Fishing the undercut banks and the many rips throughout the Honga gives Middle Bay anglers a taste of Lower Bay shallow water angling not usually found in rivers north of Taylor's Island.

Spring fishing in the Honga shallows usually ceases about May 15th when huge schools of cow nose rays invade the river. They muddy the shallows so bad that casting



becomes impossible. Deeper waters in the Honga give up large numbers of croakers and huge white perch are found on the shell beds.

Everyone is wondering if the spotted sea trout is making a comeback. Last fall we saw more specks in the Big Choptank than we have seen for probably 20 years. Many fish were pushing 20 inches and if you were casting or bait fishing with peeler in shallow water, you likely would catch one. I had heard of as many as 10 caught on one trip.

The first trout in the Middle Bay usually come from the Honga or waters surrounding Bloodsworth Island on or about April 15th. They feed on small crabs and silversides in

See Prah Page 25



CAROLINA SKIFF

DANNY'S MARINE

Super Service Award 1999-2005 & Cutting Edge Award Dealer

SUZUKI MARINE

Now stocking Carolina Skiffs powered by SUZUKI

SPECIAL BOATING EXPERTISE:

- 30 Years of Sales and Service Experience
- Repower Experts • Off Shore & Fishing

dannysmarine@comcast.net • www.dannysmarine.com
3559 Chateau Drive • East New Market, MD 21631
410-228-0234 • Fax 410-228-1519

FAST SERVICE

TAYLORS ISLAND

P.O. Box 156 • Bayshore Road
Taylors Island, MD 21669
410-397-3275

Located on Chesapeake Bay
across from Power Plant

FAMILY CAMPGROUND

— STAY WITH US! —

Boat Ramp Access to Lower Chesapeake Bay

Public Hunting Close By



BAIT • FISHING TACKLE
25 SLIP MARINA
ICE • BOAT RAMP • GAS & DIESEL
GROCERIES • COLD BEER & WINE
CRAFTS • PROPANE
LICENSES & PERMITS
SHOWERS & RESTROOMS
MARINE PUMP-OUT STATION

3 BEDROOM APARTMENT AVAILABLE FOR RENT BY THE DAY, WEEK OR WEEKEND.

Come visit the
Taylors Island Bayshore Country Wine Cellar



Casey Michelle Charters LLC
Captain Brady Sweitzer

Full / Half Day Trips
for Rockfish, Bluefish,
Spanish Mackerel

Leaving from Kentmorr Marina
Kent Island, Maryland

Cell (410) 829-9816
caseymcharters@gmail.com
www.caseymichellecharters.com

USCG Licensed & Insured for up to 6 passengers

Prahl ...

Continued from Page 24

the shallows. We usually catch one or two per trip in April, but we actually are targeting stripers in shallow water. The specks come as a bonus.

If there were actually enough specks to fish for exclusively, I don't know what I'd do different. Peelers and soft crabs are not available until May, but bait fishing can be quite rewarding.

Suspending plugs like Mirro Lures are widely used where trout are plentiful. While fishing with Kevin Josewhans out of Crisfield last fall, we used 4" shad bodies with good success, but again, we were primarily catching small stripers.

The spotted trout is easily the most beautiful fish that visits the Chesapeake. Unlike this species in many of the southern and gulf states, it has always been somewhat scarce in Maryland waters. Perhaps with global warming becoming a real factor, we will be seeing this fish in greater numbers.

Probably unknown to most east coast recreational anglers, Charles Hutchinson of Cambridge, Maryland passed away March 1st, this year. He was, to us who personally knew him, a great guy and a fierce fighter for the protection of menhaden, "the most important fish in the sea". Every angler who fishes saltwater will benefit from the work Charlie did on behalf of this obscure little fish that actually feeds nearly every game fish that swims. It is the vital link in the food chain, but its flesh and oil also made it a valuable resource to the Reduction Industry.

Charlie was a bulldog who fought the fight that had to be won to save this fish from an industry that saw it only as a source of money. Charlie lived long enough to see his work pay off with the passage of the first meaningful regulations to curtail the commercial catch of menhaden.

To me, he was a friend and great fishing partner. We spent many hours together on the Big Choptank and I'll miss his presence every time I leave the dock.



Brent Nagy with a fine 13 oz. 11 3/4" white perch caught in the Severn River. Photo Courtesy of Clyde's Sport Shop.

Virginia fish committee confirms new state record Spotted Bass



Reported by the fishing wire: The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) State Record Fish Committee has certified a new state record, a spotted bass weighing in at 4 pounds, 7 ounces and measuring 20 inches long.

The new record was caught Saturday, March 10, 2012, on Claytor Lake by Rod Kegley of Dublin, Virginia. Kegley's prize catch easily exceeded the past state record of 3 pounds, 10 ounces, which also came out of Claytor Lake and was caught by Mike Ritter in 1993.

Kegley, an avid angler, wasn't aware of his record breaking accomplishment until he returned to Rock House Marina. After watching a local tournament weigh-in, Kegley was alerted by another angler that his catch, which looked very much like a largemouth bass, was actually a huge spotted bass.

Marina owner Mike Burchett weighed the fish and then held it in the marina's bait tank. VDGIF Aquatic Biologist, John Copeland, and VDGIF Conservation Police Officer Jeff Peake verified Kegley's catch that afternoon.

Kegley, who was casting in deep water along a flat in the 'Peaks Creek' arm of the lake, caught his record spotted bass using an Alabama-style rig called the Yumbrella by Yum Baits. The castable multi-lure is a wire rig similar to a saltwater umbrella rig that is popular among anglers targeting big striped bass and other game fish along Virginia's coast.

Kegley said he regularly likes to "bring a mess of fish home" to cook, but decided his prized catch was too special to hit the frying pan. The record spotted bass was released unharmed back into Claytor Lake for others to enjoy.

Kegley stated that spotted bass fishing on Claytor Lake has improved in recent years. The fish are getting larger and Kegley expects it will not take another 19 years to see the record broken again.

For more information about Claytor Lake and Virginia's Angler Recognition Program and other state fish records visit: www.HuntFishVA.com.

Delaware's 2011-12 deer harvest down slightly from last season

DOVER – Delaware hunters harvested 13,559 deer during the 2011-12 season, a 4.4 percent drop from the previous season's 14,183, but well within the harvest totals for the past five years, the DNREC Division of Fish and Wildlife announced today. The 2011-12 deer harvest ranks as the seventh all-time highest deer harvest for Delaware.

"We expected the harvest to be lower this season compared to last year. Two years ago, Delaware experienced two major nor'easter storms during the October muzzleloader and November shotgun seasons, significantly impacting hunting success and bringing the 2009-10 season's overall harvest numbers down," said Deer and Furbearer Biologist Joe Rogerson, Division of Fish and Wildlife. "As a result, more deer were available to hunters during the 2010-11 season, and harvest numbers rose to the third all-time highest level. This season, the deer population returned to levels similar to those before the 2009-10 season and so did the harvest numbers."

During the 2011-12 season, hunters harvested more does than bucks, with 52 percent female (7,054) and 48 percent male (6,505). Antlerless deer, comprising as a group females, juvenile bucks without antlers (button bucks), and bucks with antlers both measuring less than three inches, represented 70.9 percent of the total harvest.

"The November shotgun season remains the most productive and popular season with hunters. This year, 6,144 deer were harvested during the November shotgun season," said Rogerson. "Delaware's deer season is five months long, with the archery season opening on Sept. 1 and closing on Jan. 31, and it still amazes me that nearly 50 percent of the total harvest occurs during the eight-day November shotgun season. None of our other seasons produce nearly as many deer harvested as the November shotgun season."

The 2010-11 season was the first year for Delaware's five-month-long cross-bow season, and hunters harvested 398 deer. This year, 516 deer were taken with crossbows, a 29.6 percent increase. When combined with the harvest from vertical bows (compound, recurve and longbows), the total archery harvest was 1,653 deer, ranking as the third highest archery harvest ever.

For more information about the Delaware deer harvest or any other deer-related issue, please contact Joe Rogerson at 302-735-3600 or visit the Division's white-tailed deer information page at <http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/fw/Hunting/Pages/DeerInfo.aspx>.



Quality Seed, Exceptional Service

As your local seed company, we offer more than just a wide variety of high yielding products: we provide personalized service.



Our number-one trait as a seed company is our commitment to our customers.



Freeman & Sons Seed Company

324 Hackett Corner Rd., Sudlersville, MD

Phone: 410-928-3641 Cell: 410-739-7797

email: freemansseed@hughes.net

Delivery Available

Steve Freeman - Owner



Joe Light with a 41", 30lb. rockfish caught near buoy 72A aboard the *Kingfish II* with Captain Harry Nield at the helm.



How to Can Fresh Trout

[Submitted by: Gary P. from Scenery Hill, PA]

Ingredients: Whole fresh trout, 1 Tbs. Kraft Catalina dressing, 1 tsp. Olive Oil

Prep Time: 30 min

Cook Time: 4 hours or 1 hr. 15 min

Ready In:

Yields:



Directions: Clean fish and remove head, tail, and fins. No need to remove bones, they will cook down during canning process. Leave skins on. Dry fish and cut in 1 in. thick pieces. Stuff trout pieces in pint canning jars. Add olive oil and Catalina dressing. Cook for 1 hour and 15 minutes in pressure canner or 4 hours using water bath canning method.

Recipe submitted by Sportsman's Table, the outdoor enthusiast's resource for preparing, cooking and serving fish and game, located in HellertownPA. For more information Visit www.SportsMansTable.com or Call 1-866-640-6802.

Browning introduces new OutDry® waterproof hunting gloves

Morgan, Utah – New in Browning's diverse line of outdoor apparel is the addition of the OutDry® waterproof/breathable membrane to its hunting gloves for 2012. OutDry technology allows a sleeker fit and improved finger dexterity to allow you to load and shoot with greater confidence.

Outdry patented technology achieves a fully waterproof, windproof and breathable laminated glove outershell due to the membrane being bonded to the shell, sealing the stitching and other water entry points. This eliminates gaps between membrane and shell where water can stagnate and create a wet, cold sensation. It also prevents torn or loose fitting liners that can create a soggy glove and prevent cold fingers.

Browning will offer OutDry gloves for big game hunters in its XPO big Game line that will be offered in Mossy Oak® Break-Up Infinity and Realtree® AP camo patterns.



The XPO Big Game Insulate Glove also features PrimaLoft® insulation on the palm and back for maximum warmth. Articulated pre-curved fingers and hook and loop cuff closures are also featured. Available in sizes S- XL, Suggested Retail, \$93.00.

Browning will also offer OutDry gloves for the waterfowler in its new Dirty Bird waterfowl line of apparel that will include Dirty Bird Insulated Decoy Gloves, Dirty Bird Gunners Gloves and Dirty Bird Insulated Gloves for 2012. All

models will be offered in Mossy Oak Duck Blind or Realtree Max-4 camo patterns.

The Dirty Bird Insulated Decoy Gloves feature PrimaLoft One insulation on palm and back of hand and finger. The Decoy length gauntlet design has a unique one-handed cord lock closure and they also feature an overlay on palm, thumb and fingers. Available in sizes S-XL, Suggested Retail, \$105.00. The Dirty Bird Gunners Gloves will feature Articulated fingers with Sensi-Flex trigger fingers, Sizes S-XL, Suggested Retail, \$93.00. The Dirty Bird Insulated Glove also features PrimaLoft One insulation with overlay on palm, thumb and fingers along with an elasticized wrist for snug fit, Sizes S-XL, Suggested Retail, \$93.00.

Hunting for a Good Quality Truck?

Call Rich Bramble Today!

410-778-2484 - Cell 410-708-3167

We are ready to DEAL!

Ramsey Pontiac
GMC Truck
Chestertown, MD



Wink's Sporting Goods

Stoeger, Avery, Carbon Express, Beretta, Ten Point, Meopta, Benelli, PSC, Drake, Under Armour, Lacrosse, Parker, Weatherby, Hoyt.

Princess Anne, MD

410-621-0400 • gwink222@aol.com

Book of the Month

SURF AND SALTWATER FISHING IN THE CAROLINAS

Just in time for spring 2012 a new book has been released aimed at both experienced Carolina anglers and tourists who want to go to the coast and learn all the tips, tactics, and secrets for some great saltwater fishing.

Surf and Saltwater Fishing in the Carolinas is the ultimate all-in-one guide to inshore saltwater fishing in North and South Carolina. Written by long-time Brunswick Beacon newspaper fishing columnist Jeffrey Weeks this book is packed with all the information you need to know about surf and saltwater fishing in our Carolina waters.

Inside you will find tips and tactics for catching flounder, redfish, speckled trout, bluefish, pompano, sea mullet, Spanish mackerel, spot, croaker, black drum and even the lesser known fish of the Carolina inshore saltwater scene.

Whether you choose to fish from the surf, the shore, the pier, or in a boat Surf and Saltwater Fishing in the Carolinas is the most complete and detailed resource you are going to find.

The book includes some select secrets from local Carolina fishing guides, the lowdown on what lures to buy and use for inshore fishing, tips for bait, tackle, and rigging, and where to go for all the updated fishing reports on the internet.

As an extra bonus Surf and Saltwater Fishing in the Carolinas contains some of the most delicious seafood recipes Jeffrey has collected over the years for each fish, so you can cook whatever you catch.

Jeffrey Weeks is an award-winning North Carolina newspaper columnist who writes about saltwater and freshwater fishing, southern seafood cooking, and fisheries politics and management. Jeffrey has fished the Carolinas' coast for over 35 years. He got his start fishing out of Southport, NC and now fishes during the season out of Ocean Isle Beach, NC while living the rest of the year in Denver, NC just above Charlotte. He is a featured contributor for Yahoo Sports.

Surf and Saltwater Fishing in the Carolinas is available on Amazon.com and at bookstores like Barnes & Noble. For review copies or for discounted copies for bookstore owners use the contact information below.

ISBN 1463778228

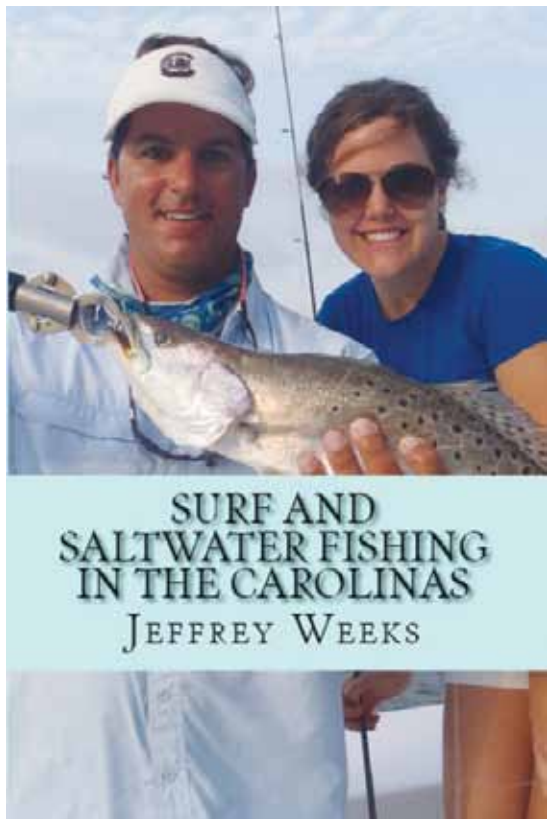
Contact: Jeffrey Weeks

704-483-7848

saltyweeks@gmail.com

www.saltyweeks.com

www.surfandsalt.com



Annapolis chapter of the Maryland Saltwater Sportfishing Association hosts Third Annual Wounded Warriors Rockfishing Tournament

The Annapolis Chapter of the Maryland Saltwater Sportfishing Association will host 40 wounded warriors

from Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and their caregivers on Sunday, April 22, 2012, for a day of rockfishing on the Chesapeake Bay. This is the third year for "Rock On Warriors," an event that pays tribute to the nation's wounded veterans.

Ten boats displaying large American flags will depart the Annapolis Basin at 9 a.m. for a five-hour fishing trip.

"Last year's event proved to be an incredible day for our guests -- many of whom were joined by their family members -- and gave them the opportunity to spend a day away from the confines of the hospital.

We're delighted to have this opportunity to show our appreciation to these brave fighters," said John Thibodeau, chairman of the event.

The MSSA is inviting area residents, boaters and fishermen to look for the boats at the dock or on the bay, and wave to thank the warriors for their service. A motorcycle escort from the Anne Arundel County Police will escort the warriors' bus into the downtown area.

Following the tournament, an awards reception at the Fleet Reserve Club will feature trophy and gift certificate presentations to the warriors catching the three biggest fish. All warriors will receive a plaque for their participation, a "Rock On Warriors" t-shirt and other mementoes commemorating the day.

Due to the success of the past two tournaments, the 2012 event has attracted numerous personal, business and corporate sponsors. Their monetary, in-kind and merchandise donations will make this year's event even more memorable for the warriors.

The MSSA is dedicated to providing a unified voice to preserve and protect the rights, traditions and future of recreational fishing. The Annapolis Chapter of the MSSA is one of the organization's largest and most active with 500 local members. Information on the chapter, fishing reports and upcoming events can be found at www.mssaannapolis.com and via Twitter at www.twitter.com/RockOnWarriors.



Bennett & Cohey
AUTO SALVAGE & RECYCLING
CHESTERTOWN, MD

- Roll-off Service
- Buy and Sell All Scrap Metal
- New and Used Tires
- Foreign & Domestic Used Auto Parts
- Full Service Mechanic Shop

W.O. Coxon III

W.O. Coxon IV

410-778-3462

5639 Church Hill Road

Chestertown, MD 21630

New Up-N-At-Em blind seat from Final Approach gives waterfowl hunters a new edge

Overland Park, Kan. — Final Approach, a reputable leader in the waterfowl industry since 1993, has introduced a new spring-loaded seat for layout blind hunters. The lightweight seat is compact and easy to transport, and helps waterfowl hunters get in shooting position quicker.

With a history of innovation in the waterfowl industry, Final Approach is at it again with the new Up-N-At-Em Blind Seat. Constructed of rugged, lightweight aluminum and pre-assembled, the spring-loaded seat assists hunters as they sit up to shoot, helping them improve their success rate in the field.

The new Up-N-At-Em blind seat fits all Final Approach blinds in the X-2 series and larger, as well as a wide range of layout blinds on the market today. The padded seat offers the hunter added comfort in the field and quickly folds flat for easy storage and transport.

The new Final Approach Up-N-At-Em Blind Seat will be available in May 2012 for a suggested retail price of \$129.99. To learn more about the Up-N-At-Em Blind Seat, visit the product page online. For more information about Final Approach and its complete line of waterfowl blinds, high-definition decoys and accessories, visit www.fabrand.com or call 1-800-423-3537.



Smaller flounder will be allowed this year in Virginia

The Virginia Marine Resources Commission lowered the minimum size limit for summer flounder. The new regulations started March 1.

Anglers last year could keep four fish a day that each measured at least 17.5 inches in length. **The new limit will be 16.5 inches.**

The daily bag limit of four fish remains the same and, as last year, there is no closed season.

Many anglers last year complained that they were catching lots of fish between 16 and 17 inches.

With the new length requirement, those anglers will be allowed to keep more of those fish if they aren't fortunate enough to find larger flatties. And with the weather as warm as it's been this winter, spring catches could start way before they usually do.



Nick Rider is all smiles with his 8 point buck taken in Kent County, MD. Nick is the nephew of Clyde's from Clyde's Sport Shop.



Captain Brian Cuncell (left) was guiding this party in Kent County, MD, when they limited out on Canada Geese this past January. Brian is now booking for spring Striper season.



"Stop in here before you head out there."

8232 Ocean Gateway • Easton, MD 21601

Next to West Marine on Rt. 50

410-820-5599 • 800-263-2027



The Outdoor Insurance Specialist
P.O. Box 647 Riviera Beach, MD 21123
P: 410-439-8110 | F: 410-439-3110
1.800.433.5473



Kiser Commercial Agency,
an Elite Agency for McNeil & Company's AdvenSure

Insurance Program for Outdoor and Recreational risks invites inquiries from the following eligible business classes: KCA

- Now insuring hunting trips for travel, firearm and medical.
- Rod & Gun Clubs
- Outfitters & Guides
- Hunting Leases
- Hunting Preserves
- Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays
- Bed & Breakfasts



To learn more about this program, please contact the
Kiser Commercial Agency...

P.O. Box 647, Riviera Beach, MD 21123
Ph.: 410.255.8100 • 800.433.5473
edkiser4463@yahoo.com
www.outdoorinsurancespecialist.com

FROM OHIO:

A deer story nearly 9 years in the making:

By ART HOLDEN

Permission from Daily Record Outdoor Editor

If you hunt long enough, you'll come to realize that it's sometimes better to be lucky, than good.

While luck is often the result of preparation, being in the right place at the right time always trumps hard work.

This is a story of just such circumstances, neighbors in pursuit of the same thing, just different approaches.

It's a story you can't make up.

It's a tale of a late-season muzzleloader hunt that produced the biggest deer of the year, and the best story in a long time.

The details stretch over 8 1/2 years, and also includes a monster buck from yesteryear.

The successful hunter is 72 years old and has just one arm, while the hunting-savvy neighbor comes up empty again.

It all started when I got a call from Bob Yoder. He said his neighbor had shot a monster buck down by the Killbuck Marsh Wildlife Area refuge. In the conversation, Yoder often mentioned that the buck was similar to the Kaser Buck.

That bruiser was shot in 2003 by then 17-year-old Jeff Kaser. News of that harvest quickly spread, and even Gordon Whittington of North American Whitetail magazine showed up to get a look at the 27-pointer. The deer was scored several times, as high as 244, while the Buckmasters BTC score sheet tapes it out at 229 3/8.

Kaser wound up selling his buck to Cabela's, and it now sits in the Wheeling, W.Va., store as part of the outdoor chain's homage to whitetail deer.

After hanging up the phone from Yoder, I went back and revisited the Kaser story that I wrote, and one peculiar point came out of it -- a Bob Yoder helped the teenager track down his deer on that late October night in 2003.

So, I called Yoder back, and asked him: "Are you the same Bob Yoder that I wrote about in the Kaser story?"

And thus, the story begins....

Back in 2003, Yoder had been hunting a monster buck day and night on his property off of County Line Road on the Wayne and Holmes County border. He knew the buck well, but never got the chance to harvest it.

"Jeff, who is a friend of my son, asked one night if he could hunt on my property," remembered Yoder. "So, I set him up in a deer stand that I'd hunted out of many times.

"Later that night, I get a call, saying Jeff had shot a deer and he needed help April 2012

tracking it."

Yoder, Kaser and several others managed to track down the beast, which eventually turned the teenager into an instant legend, and a rich one at that.

Though Yoder was happy for Kaser, he admitted he was dumbfounded by his luck.

"I put in all that time, and a kid in my tree stand shoots it with a K-Mart bow," said Yoder.

Fast forward to 2011, when another monster buck is roaming the same grounds. It's a graybeard of a buck, well up in age, but still smart and cun-



Dean Anderson (right) made history with the harvest of this 24-point buck during last weekend's muzzleloader season. The Holmes County hunter was "the lucky one" who finally tagged the elusive deer, that some say is from the bloodline of the massive 2003 deer shot one property over by then 17-year-old Jeff Kaser. Holding up the deer is Anderson's friend Steve James, who was sitting in the blind when Anderson shot the deer.

ning. Why else would it grow to over 20 points and a score in excess of 200?

Again, Yoder spends every day in search of the ghost. And, he's not alone.

Across the way, neighbor Dean Anderson heads to the woods a handful of times during the archery season, more regularly in gun season, and several Amish neighbors have set their sights on the prized specimen as well. They've seen it on their trail cameras, but have never been able to tag it.

And, with Yoder's and Anderson's property both close to public hunting within the Killbuck Marsh Wildlife Area, who knows how many other hunters have set their sights on Kaser Buck No. 2?

Yoder, for sure had.

"I've been watching it for 12 1/2 years," he admitted. "I've had it in my sights twice. The first time was a half hour before the gun season opened. It was 30 yards and looking right at me. I was praying it would stay out in the field. I kept looking at my watch, but it walked into the woods."

Yoder is well aware of what can happen when one shoots a buck before the season opens, as the No. 1 buck of all-time out of Holmes County, the famed 1975 Hochstetler Buck, which scores 261 6/8, was eventually confiscated by the Ohio Division of Wildlife after a lengthy court battle for being shot before legal shooting hours.

"The second time I had it in my sights," said Yoder, "was during archery season, but it was 67 yards, too far for a bow shot."

The pursuit of the Kaser Buck, and then this big buck, has forced Yoder to watch some fine specimens come and go unharmed over the years.

"I've passed up 170-class deer to get this buck," said Yoder.

Then "this buck" finally fell prey to a hunter, but it wasn't Yoder that killed the buck. No, it was his neighbor, Anderson, hunting on the farm that's been in the Anderson family for 112 years.

The stand it was shot out of is specially suited to allow Anderson to shoot with his one arm. The 72-year-old can drive his ATV to the stand, cover up the vehicle, and sit comfortably watching out over a field. It's even outfitted with a wood burner for all the comforts of home.

"I've got arthritis, so 60 degrees is even cold," said Anderson. "I just fire up the wood burner."

"Dean and I hunt that stand," said Yoder. "Sometimes I hunt out of it, sometimes he hunts out of it. He was the lucky one."

"Yep, the neighbors are jealous, but happy for me," said Anderson. "I would have been just as happy if someone else got it."

Anderson still isn't sure what all the fuss is about over his deer, and like the Kaser Buck, word spread fast of his harvest. Hunters flocked to Anderson's house within the hour, taking cell phone pictures and scoping out the huge rack.

"I enjoy hunting whether I see something or not," said Anderson, who

still hasn't made up his mind if he's going to have the trophy mounted or not. "Everyone else was more excited than I was."

And while the monster buck has

been the envy of hunters for years, Anderson said his hunt didn't last "15 seconds."

"He came out and I shot him," said Anderson. "It was 5:10 p.m. They don't come out till that time. He came out to feed in an open field. He made the mistake and I got him."

"Dropped him in his tracks ... I was born without an arm 72 years ago. Believe me, I can shoot."

Anderson, who levels his .50 cal Thompson Center muzzleloader on a rest in his stand, was ready and waiting when the buck came up out of the swamp all muddy.

And more

importantly, all antlers.

So, what does the buck score?

At Fin, Feather, Fur Outfitters in Ashland, the store taped it out at 214. Some have counted 24 points, others 23.

"We're thinking the buck was 6 1/2-7 years old," said Anderson. "It was starting to go the other way."

The impressive part of the buck is the mass of its rack, and its height. It has mass like the Kaser Buck, but is much taller.

"I think diet and genetics" is how it got that big, says Anderson.

In Yoder's mind, there's no question it comes from the Kaser Buck bloodline.

"I've got pictures of both deer, and you can tell they're similar," said Yoder.

Yoder is hoping the bloodline continues, and that the third time he devotes his life to the pursuit of a bruiser buck, it's he who puts the antlers up on the wall.

"This buck's been breeding for four years now," said Anderson. "I'm sure there's some good bucks coming up."



Bob Yoder has hunted this buck for the past 2 1/2 years, but wasn't the lucky hunter who harvested it. Instead, his neighbor, Dean Anderson, shot the buck during the muzzleloader season. Still, Yoder is happy that Anderson got the deer, and was all smiles when he was allowed to pose for a picture with it. It was on Yoder's property 8 1/2 years ago that what is believed the second-biggest buck in Holmes County history was shot — the Kaser Buck. This buck, and the Kaser Buck, are believed to be from the same bloodline.

Beretta A400 Xcel Sporting wins "Shotgun of the Year" from American Hunter

Accokeek, MD Beretta USA is the proud recipient of the prestigious 2012 NRA Golden Bullseye Award



for "Shotgun of the Year" from American Hunter Magazine for the A400 Xcel Sporting shotgun. The National Rifle Association presents the Golden Bullseye Awards for products that epitomize excellence and innovation in the firearms and firearms accessories industry. "It is an honor to have our newest sporting shotgun, the A400 Xcel Sporting recognized by the NRA, and it is with great pride that we accept the prestigious 2012 Golden Bullseye Award for 'Shotgun of the Year' from American Hunter Magazine," said Ryan Muety, Director of Marketing and Consumer Direct.

The A400 Xcel sporting shotgun from Beretta features many of the same innovative technologies found on the ground-breaking A400 family of shotguns. These three revolutionary shotguns share: the Blink® operating system that allows the shotgun to cycle 36% faster than any inertia driven system; the recoil dissipating Kick-Off® system which reduces felt recoil by 60%; the lightweight Micro-Core recoil pad and the very best cold-hammer forged barrels in the world featuring the Optima Bore HP® geometry, delivering unparalleled ballistic performance.

Competition shooters however will find three features unique to the A400 Xcel; the pioneering Gun Pod, the Balance Cap System and the receiver, both of which feature a unique finish exclusive to Beretta. Available as both a standard feature and as an aftermarket addition, the Gun Pod delivers a digital readout of the ambient air temperature, the cartridge pressure of the round fired and the overall number of rounds fired through the shotgun; vital information the serious shooter cannot live without.

Three interchangeable weights comprise the Balance Cap System allowing shooters to achieve that perfect point where the shotgun becomes but an extension of them. An anodized finish on the balance cap protects the system from the elements allowing the shooter to compete anytime, anywhere.

Chambered for 2 3/4" and 3" shells, the Xcel performs time and again from the endless practice rounds to that final round, making it the perfect semi-automatic competition shotgun. The royal blue anodized finish featured on the receiver, as well as on the balance cap, announces to the world that you chose the Beretta Xcel.



Dale Krupla of Millington, MD got up at sunrise a few Sunday mornings ago — balmy 33 degrees and sunny, bone chilling Wind—grabbed the dog and a bucket of minnows and headed down to the Chester. Didn't have high hopes as it was the lowest tide I have ever seen. Threw in the line and got an immediate hit, fished around 20 minutes and got my limit of keeper Yellow Perch, biggest 12.5 inches. First three hits were double headers, and they just kept coming. Always dreamed of a morning like this.



Michael Hutchison center, and his 8 year old son Jarin were with Mike Travis and a couple of his stuffers did the trick on these two Tom's. It was Jarin's first turkey.

Golden Hill...

Primary Home, Weekend Adventures, Retirement Home

WHAT IS YOUR PLEASURE?

These properties have it all!



- Outdoor Storage Building
- 2 bedrooms • 1 bathroom



- 5+ Acres • 2 Ponds
- Solid Construction

Crocheron...

- Hunting • Fishing • Boating
Or Lounging

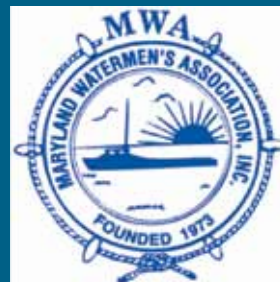


Just sit on YOUR lawn or in front of a favorite window and enjoy the beautiful water views. • Custom Built 2004 Home • Pergo Laminate Floors • Oversized Master bedroom • Attention to detail and design - And MUCH MORE!

Coldwell Banker Chesapeake
8707 Commerce Drive, Suite A
Easton, MD 21601



Listing Agents:
Judy Dinges - 410-479-2128
Joyce Kirkley - 410-330-0668



17th Annual PRO-AM Maryland Watermen's Association

Rockfish Tournament
at Rock Hall, MD

Tournament Calcutta

1st, 2nd and 3rd

Cash prizes will be awarded for the largest fish checked in on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
CASH PRIZES WILL BE DETERMINED BY NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING BOATS.

Trophies for Youth Division

JUNE 8, 9, 10, 2012

Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Limited to 200 Boats Per Day

For an application to sign up - go to...

https://marylandwatermen.com/Rockfish_Tournament.html

For More Information call Melissa

@ 1-800-421-9176



Delmarva Sporting Scays

Open 7 Days A Week - 9 am to Sunset

• 55 Stations • N.S.C.A. Certified Instructors

Instruction Available • 300 Yard Rifle & Pistol Range

Don't Wait - Sight in Your Deer Rifle Now

410-742-2023 • 1-800-310-2023

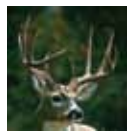
US Rt 50, 23501 Marsh Rd. Mardela Springs, MD 21837



4x4 Panel of Fast Grass
\$16.95



Dealer for
Ten Point
Crossbows



Distributor for

ZEKE'S 200 PROOF DEER LURE

Available at Fine Sporting Goods Stores

NONE BETTER! FRESHEST AVAILABLE!

Big 2oz. Size - More Bucks for Your Bucks!

(Most Deer Lures Come in 1oz. Size)

Dealer Inquiries Invited

410-742-2023 • 800-310-2023

Outpost 544

Rt. #544 & 290 Crossroads

Crumpton, MD 21628

410-778-4200

*One Stop Store for
all your daily needs!*

Open
Early
Every
Morning



Hot & Cold Foods

Beer, Wine & Liquor

Groceries & Cigarettes

Gasoline, Diesel & Kerosene

Bill Payment, Money Orders

Check Cashing, Western Union

Dump Tickets, QA Co. Ramp Stickers

Lottery, Keno, ATM, Fishing Bait

Prepaid Cell Phone Cards

Very Fresh Hot
Morning Coffee



Hunting for a special deal?

We've got a

SPORTSMAN SPECIAL!

\$69.95+tax per night

(Bayside and 1st floor rooms \$10 additional)

Free Deluxe Continental Breakfast

Pets Welcomed (pet fee applies)

Walking Distance to great Seafood

Restaurants & Dock Bars

PRESENT THIS AD AT CHECK-IN

Offer valid Sunday - Thursday,

Call for weekend availability and rates.

Not valid with other offers or discounts.

May be required to present valid hunting or fishing
license to receive discount.



Kent
Narrows
Inn

We ♥



3101 Main Street - Grasonville, MD
410-827-6767

TUCKAHOE SPORTSMAN

WE HAVE YOUR Spring
Rockfish Supplies!

"YOUR OUTDOOR ADVENTURE STORE"

BUY LOCAL!



Muck Boots
In Stock!



Large
Selection of Bows In Stock!



All the Turkey Supplies ARE
IN STOCK AND READY TO GO!

Tuckahoe Sportsman provides the highest quality outdoor sporting gear to the Eastern Shore area.

For over 8 years, our family owned and operated shop has specialized in providing superior customer service to all our clients in Caroline and the surrounding counties.

Stop by today to check out our extensive selection of hunting and fishing supplies.

22145 SHORE HIGHWAY - DENTON, MD. - CORNER OF ROUTE 404 & ROUTE 480

410-364-9005

Maryland 2012 midwinter waterfowl survey results

Annapolis, Md. — Each winter, during the first week of January, pilots and biologists from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) count ducks, geese and swans along Maryland's Chesapeake Bay shoreline and Atlantic coast. This year the survey teams counted 633,700 waterfowl, which is slightly lower than the number of waterfowl observed during that time last year (651,800).

"It is important to remember that the Maryland survey results are ultimately pooled with results from other states to provide a measure of the distribution and population size of waterfowl wintering in the Atlantic Flyway," said Larry Hindman, DNR's Waterfowl Project Leader. "The survey is conducted in a coordinated manner across the Atlantic Flyway to provide information on the population size for important waterfowl species like black ducks, Atlantic brant and tundra swans."

Despite the unusually mild weather this year, the number of recorded waterfowl was only slightly lower than last winter. Overall, higher numbers of diving ducks were counted in 2012 (125,300) compared to last winter (115,100), mainly attributed to larger numbers



of scaup. In contrast, the canvasback totals this year (14,300) were much lower than last winter (46,100) and were the second lowest ever recorded.

"The decline in canvasbacks was likely related to the mild winter weather in the eastern half of the United States," said Hindman. "However, they did arrive in the Chesapeake in greater numbers after the survey was completed."

Survey teams counted slightly fewer Canada geese (342,600) along bay shoreline habitats compared to last year (397,700). Mild temperatures, an abundance of open water and a lack of snow in the northern portion of the Atlantic flyway caused a delay in goose migration and contributed to lower numbers of wintering Canada geese in Maryland. However, like canvasbacks, substantial numbers of Canada geese arrived in Maryland after the survey was done.

The Midwinter Waterfowl Survey has been conducted annually throughout the United States since the early 1950s. The survey provides information on long-term trends in waterfowl.

Maryland's survey data is noted below.

Species	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mallard	55,500	58,300	34,200	55,100	57,400
Black Duck	23,000	24,900	22,500	23,000	27,700
Gadwall	3,000	2,800	2,000	6,400	5,000
Widgeon	800	500	300	200	1,400
G-W Teal	4,600	1,400	600	600	3,700
Shoveler	600	400	100	100	200
Pintail	2,000	800	500	1,200	1,200
Total Dabblers	89,500	89,000	60,100	86,600	96,600
Redhead	11,900	12,400	3,400	4,700	4,500
Canvasback	40,100	51,300	26,400	46,100	14,300
Scaup	140,000	51,600	43,500	37,100	69,200
Ring-neck	2,100	1,700	900	1,600	1,300
Goldeneye	800	1,000	600	300	900
Bufflehead	18,400	15,900	13,700	7,800	19,800
Ruddy Duck	19,700	23,600	13,400	17,500	15,300
Total Divers	233,000	157,600	102,000	115,100	125,300
Scoters	2,900	2,900	900	200	5,100
Long-tailed Duck	400	400	200	300	800
Mergansers	4,300	8,900	10,600	7,800	2,800
Total Ducks	330,100	261,000	173,700	210,000	230,600
Brant	1,400	800	1,000	1,500	500
Snow Goose	108,000	61,200	78,600	28,200	43,400
Canada Goose	373,100	498,200	519,500	397,700	342,600
Tundra Swan	11,700	14,200	14,000	14,400	16,600
Total Waterfowl	821,500	836,900	787,100	651,800	633,700

Change could boost bear hunt permits in 2 Maryland counties

CUMBERLAND, Md. -

Maryland wildlife officials say a new formula for allocating bear hunting permits could mean about half of the permits will be awarded to Allegany and Garrett counties, the counties where hunting is allowed.

The Cumberland Times-News reports that the Maryland Wildlife and Heritage Service will award the first 25 percent of permits to applicants from the bear hunt zone. Those who aren't selected will compete in a drawing for the remaining 75 percent.

Residents of Allegany and Garrett counties draw an average of 35 percent of the permits, but service Director Paul Peditto says the new formula will boost that percentage.

With more local hunters with better access to private hands where nuisance bears tend to live, Peditto expects hunting to become a more efficient bear management tool.



Corey McMillen took this bear with a Matthews Z7 - 22 yards - 30 yard recovery - Photo Courtesy of Gun Shack.

Maryland volunteers win prestigious award at NWTf convention

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Maryland State Chapter claimed a prestigious L.A. Dixon Memorial Chapter Award at the NWTf National Convention and Sport Show at Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville, Tenn.

The Maryland State Chapter was honored for winning the Best State Chapter Award with its fund raising efforts for chapters with less than 1,999 members.

The annual L.A. Dixon awards recognize local, state and provincial chapters that excel in conservation fund raising, education and outreach events. The theme of this year's convention is: "Hunters: Champions of Conservation."

"Considering all the great work completed by NWTf chapters, winning an L.A. Dixon award is an extraordinary achievement," said George Thornton, NWTf CEO. "The NWTf is blessed to have such a strong corps of volunteers dedicated to conservation and the preservation of our hunting heritage."

The L.A. Dixon awards are named in honor of the NWTf's North Carolina State Chapter founder, who traveled throughout the country at his own expense spreading the NWTf message.



“THE LAST WORD”

Will it cost more to hunt in the “Free State”?

By Steve Huettner

Come August, when you go to purchase your hunting license it may cost you a few dollars more if House Bill (HB) 1419 passes the legislature and is signed by the Governor. Depending on whom you speak with, an increase is either no big deal or the end of the world as we know it.

The bill was released late in the legislative process much to the chagrin of sportsmen statewide. An early draft of the bill and fee structure had been released by DNR’s press office without any prior vetting or consultation by the hunting community. Add to the fact this bill was released after all of the other fee and tax bills were introduced by the governor and you have the makings for a perfect storm of anger. An initial view of the bill proved to be quite confusing, and had many people thinking that license costs would go up 100%, along with changes in stamps and licenses.

Sensing they had lost control of the message, and facing an increasingly angry group of hunters, DNR held a meeting on April 3rd to explain their reason for an increase and to listen to the opinions of hunters. At the meeting Wildlife and Heritage Director Paul Peditto stated the base hunting license cost had not been raised in 20 years and resident hunting license sales have remained steady at 80,000. The other two funding sources for Wildlife and Heritage are general funds (which now is less than \$200,000) and federal funds via the Pittman Robertson Act (which is also decreasing).

Mr. Peditto did stress that all monies derived from hunting license sales stay in DNR. They cannot be transferred to the general fund and cannot be used in for non wildlife purposes. Those funds

are audited every 4-5 years by the Feds.

Also addressing the meeting with Secretary of DNR John Griffin who apologized for the way the bill was released and for

not doing a better job to maintain a higher level of general funding. Hunters expressed their frustration at the amount of fees and taxes being proposed this year (gas tax, income tax, flush fee, toll hike, boat registration) and the frustration of being the sole provider of funds for wildlife and heritage.

After listening to the hunting community DNR submitted amendments to the bill. Things of significance that were removed were a turkey stamp, a consolidated license, and the non-resident waterfowl stamp.

Also proposed was a decrease of the resident and non-resident youth license in order to allow a family to afford to hunt together and remove some financial barriers for new hunters. Senior hunters and disabled vets/POW would remain the same also. Below are the proposed fees and some scenarios and what hunter would pay.

A look at the tables shows that the range of increases would range from \$15.00 to \$26.50. For me personally I think that a \$26.50 increase after almost 20 years for what I am offered is

fair. Maryland offers me roughly seven months afield (Sept- Feb, April-May) for a cost of about \$10 a month. I can hunt deer, fox, turkey, geese, ducks, squirrels, sika, rabbits, varmints, and bear if I can get a tag.

No one likes to pay more money, especially when it seems your paycheck is getting squeezed tighter and tighter. I am especially loathe paying more monies when they are spent not how they were intended to, (the flush tax and gas tax come to mind). In the end, knowing that the money cannot be transferred into the general fund, knowing they go toward the critters I hunt and the land they live on makes this nimrod comfortable with paying an increase of a box of shotgun shells to ensure we maintain what we have.

In the end, the bill will either pass or fail based on the wishes of the hunting public. Regardless if you support or oppose the bill, take the time to contact your legislator and let them know.

The process is better for your involvement.

License type	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Difference
Resident License	\$24.50	\$40.00	\$15.50
Junior Resident Consolidated	\$31.50	\$10.50	(-\$21.00)
Non Resident License	\$130.00	\$160.00	\$30.00
Junior Non Resident	\$124.00	\$65.00	(-59.00)
Non Resident 3 day	\$45.00	\$60.00	\$15.00
Bow Stamp Resident/Non resident	\$6.00/\$25.00	\$10.00/\$30.00	\$4.00/\$5.00
MZ Resident/Non resident	\$6.00/\$25.00	\$10.00/\$30.00	\$4.00/\$5.00
Migratory Game Bird Stamp	\$9.00	\$12.00	\$3.00
Non Resident Trapping	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$25.00

License Hunting Scenario Resident	Current	Proposed	Difference
Firearm Deer Only	\$24.50	\$40.00	\$15.50
Small Game Only	\$24.50	\$40.00	\$15.50
Deer (Gun, Bow, MZ)	\$36.50	\$60.00	\$23.50
All deer and turkey	\$36.50	\$60.00	\$23.50
Firearm deer and waterfowl	\$45.50	\$72.00	\$26.50
All deer, small game, turkey, fowl	\$45.50	\$72.00	\$26.50
Junior resident (all seasons)	\$31.50	\$10.50	(-21.00)

TUSCARORA

410-708-1616 410-643-0885

OUTFITTERS

Now Booking for Chesapeake Bay Rockfish and Offshore Fishing at it's best!





**2012 Classifieds
are FREE
20 words
or less**

Fishing & Hunting Journal Classifieds

**2012 Classifieds
are FREE
20 words
or less**

Mail your classified to driftrock@verizon.net - Sell your boat, gun dog, truck, equipment or anything in the garage!

FOR SALE

2000 SEA PRO CC T-Top 150mercury front trolling motor galv roller trailer \$11900.00 303 hours 301-829-8980.

2005 40' 4 SLIDE OUT'S 5TH WHEEL MONTANA - Sleeps 6-8 - Only used it two seasons - new carpet - \$28,500 OBO - 240-237-0311 or 410-231-9941

NWTF 2008 GUN OF THE YEAR - Weatherby 300 Mag. - new in box - \$995.00 also - Call Bill 410-242-6108

New King Strut Turkey Decoy - \$59.95 - Call Turkey Bud - 410-356-7980

Brand new, never fired **weatherby vanguard bolt action 30/06**. Synthetic stock, blued barrel. Comes with case, sling, and scope. **\$500**

Call Steve at 410 593 9587

2001 38 ft. Deckleman Aluminum Work Boat - Furono NavNet and depth finder. V.H.F., 8V92TTI 650 HP Detroit, recent rebuild. Trolling valve, 30 kt cruise, \$90,000. 410-708-3416.

14' JON BOAT W/TRAILER 6HP JOHNSON O/B 24LB. TROLLING MOTOR GOOD SHAPE \$2000 OBO 301.748.5536

1970 REMINGTON 1100 12 GAUGE, magnum, 30 inch barrel Great condition, \$500.00 OBO

Call Mike @ 443-786-5286

48' X 13'6" Custom Chesapeake Deadrise Built by JOHN TALL - Hoopers Island 1991

Total Refit/Makeover in 2001
2002 Detroit iesel, Relibuilt -natural -
Approx 395 HP 3700 HRS -

30' COCKPIT WITH 15' CANOPY INCREDIBLE

Charter/Fishing/Pleasure Boat or commercial boat

Call for full details

410-708-7751

or e-mail bob@fishfearus.com

BENELLI MONTFELTRO Silver 12 ga. wood stock. \$1,000 240-338-1605

MISC.

LEAD FOR SALE - Recovered from rifle range. Excellent for fishing and decoy weights. Any quantity. Tons available. 410-742-2023.

12 Ft. Barnegat Bay featheredge sneakbox, built 2010 cedar, on oak ribs for more info. call 410-886-9891 or E-mail mjones8243@verizon.net

ELIMITRAX - Don't let the deer smell were you walk - check out Elimitrax leaves no ground scent. www.elimitrax.com - 302-697-1752

INSURANCE-Yates Sportsmen's Ins.

The leader in providing insurance for Hunting & Shooting clubs, G&O, Ranges, land lease and reenactment groups. Buy direct and save. 866-505-2663, sportsmens@yates-usa.com

DEER HUNTING - Cecil County Farms, 558 Ac. \$900/yr per hunter for all seasons. Good hunting. Call 302-462-1505.

Hunting Property for lease - Dorchester County - Waterfront farms and inland farms with ponds. Waterfowl, Turkey, Sika, Whitetail and small game - 410-228-6965.

Hunting farms for rent - Call 410-

708-9715.

Illinois deer & turkey hunting in Adams County. Meals and lodging incl. www.McKeeCreekWhitetails.com.

Waterfowl Hunting - Farms and blinds available for lease or by the day hunting on the Eastern Shore. Call 410-708-1276.

Private hunting club Memberships available. 1200 acres Talbot, QA Counties. Deer, turkey & waterfowl. Impoundments, ponds, offshore and shore blinds, and flooded timber. 410-708-9851.

Outfitters, guides, gun clubs, and hunt clubs - looking for affordable and accurate insurance? Call Kiser Commercial Agency for a quick quote at 410-255-8100.

Waterfowl hunting club in Kent Co, MD is looking for new members. Visit our website www.rockhallgunningclub.com or Call Phil @ 410-708-2831.

DORCHESTER COUNTY - 110 acres waterfront - 130 acres with 2 ponds - Sika - Whitetail - Waterfowl - Turkey - Dove - Small game - 410-228-6965

HUNTING CLUB MEMBERSHIP - Equity membership for 10 person hunt club available on Asquith Island, Dorchester County. Great duck, white-tail, sika hunting. 250+ acres, lodge, impoundments, woods, marsh, 6 deer towers, deer stands, shore blinds, boat ramp. \$79,500. deckrod@yahoo.com, 703-462-2360

**2012 Classifieds are
FREE
20 words or less**



Pending Pope & Young World's Record Stone's Sheep

It's down to final paper work and then a Judges Panel, but it looks like a new Pope & Young World's Record Stone's sheep was taken in northern British Columbia.

Stanley Walchuk, Jr. took the current Pope & Young World's Record Stone's sheep from the Tetsa River region of British Columbia in 1992. This ram scores 174-2/8. Jim Hens arrowed a ram in northern BC on November 7th, 2011 that P&Y Officials have scored at 179-1/8. Before becoming the official new P&Y World's Record there is additional paperwork pending and a judges panel will convene, which is protocol for all pending World's Record trophies.

The Boone and Crockett Club World's Record Stone's sheep remains the L.S. Chadwick ram taken in 1936 from the Muskwa River in BC. This legendary trophy scores 196-6/8 and is considered by many to be North America's greatest trophy.

St. Croix new panfish series rods delivers superior performance

Park Falls, WI – St. Croix has developed a complete line of high-performance ultra-light and light-powered spinning rods designed specifically for fishing crappie, bluegill and other small game fish species. The new collection, appropriately named Panfish Series, includes two design platforms from which to choose.

The first consists of 5 spinning rods up to 7' in ultra-light and light powers with precise, crisp actions. The second features 4 spinning rods from 8'-11' with light powers and moderate-fast actions. The Panfish Series retails from \$100-\$180.

"For years we felt like the panfish market has been underserved with high-performance rods" states St. Croix's Jeff Schluter, vice president of marketing and sales, "So we went to work designing a highly refined series targeted at the hard-core panfish angler."

These premium rods feature blanks built with a combination of SCII graphite and high-modulus/high-strain SCVI graphite for optimal weight, sensitivity and balance. Outfitted with Pac Bay Minima guides that provide greater sensitivity and a 20-30% weight savings over ceramic guides, the new Panfish Series come with premium-grade cork handles and Pac Bay Minima reel seats for improved sensitivity and comfort.

All St. Croix Panfish Series rods are designed in Park Falls, Wisconsin and handcrafted in Fresnillo, Mexico, and come with a 5-year warranty backed by St. Croix Superstar Service.



Trophy Season Opens April 21st! ROCKFISH BLITZ!

PENN REELS

MODEL	Price
309	P.O.R.
209	P.O.R.
320GTI	P.O.R.
330GTI	P.O.R.
330LD	P.O.R.

TROLLING COMBO

- Shakespeare TWW66 3/0
 - 20#-40# Class Rod w/Roller Stripper & Tip
 - Penn 309 filled w/40#Test
- Reg. \$114.95

SALE \$99.95



Penn 330 GT-2 + Ande 6' Rod 20-50 lb. \$139.95



NEW! 7" Umbrella Rig!

NEW MANN'S Stretch 18s, 25s & 30s Parachute Bucktails

w/Glass Eyes, 7/0 - 8/0 - 10/0 - 12/0

NEW! Mega Parachute w/Swing Hook & 9" Shad Body!

Tony Accetta & Crippled Alewives Trolling Spoons
9" Shad Bodies & Heads • Umbrella Rigs • Licenses

NEW! Storm 9" Shad Bodies leaders, Rigs, & HOW-TO INFORMATION

SPRING GOBBLER HEADQUARTERS



REMINGTON 870 Express Super Magnum 3" Turkey Shotgun

Turkey Hunting Season Dates
April 18-May 23

Remington.

12-gauge Pump Action, 23" Barrel with Turkey extra Full Rem Choke Fully Camo Multi Oak Breakup Stock & Forearm... **\$429.95** code 5152

Remington Hevi-Shot Turkey Loads

Winchester Supreme Turkey Loads, XX Magnum 3" & 3 1/2" - #4, #5 & #6

Diaphragm, Slate & Box Calls by Quaker Boy & Penns Woods

Turkey Decoys • Camo Clothing • Headnets & Gloves • Patterning Targets



SUSQUEHANNA FLATS CATCH & RELEASE ROCKFISH NOW OPEN!



CLYDE'S SPORT SHOP



2307 Hammonds Ferry Road • Baltimore, MD 21227

410-242-6108 • www.clydessports.com



• GUNS • AMMO • CLOTHING • HUNTING LICENSES • BOOTS • KNIVES

1957-2011 "54 Years Serving Maryland's Fishermen & Hunters"

24 HOUR FISHING HOTLINE 410-247-FISH



Avian-X has arrived!
The bar has been raised.



Molly's has ALL YOUR Turkey Supplies!



**Fishing Supplies
Now in Stock!
We are YOUR Spring
Rockfish Headquarters!**

**TUESDAY
Mystery Sale!**
Stop In...Something
Different is
ON SALE
Every Tuesday!

**ALL UNDER ONE ROOF
YOUR ONE STOP SHOP
HUNTING & FISHING**



12503 Augustine Herman Hwy, Kennedyville, MD 21645
410-348-9160