

FISHIN' POLE, PACK & PADDLE

FLOAT FISHERMEN OF VIRGINIA

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2011 DUES ARE PAST DUE!

It's that time of year again!
Please send your payments to
your chapter treasurer.

We look forward to seeing you
on the river!

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PRESIDENT'S PADDLE

Dear Fellow Paddlers,

Well Memorial Day weekend is right around the corner again and I know I'm looking forward to several great days of camping and canoeing. Directions to the Memorial Day float are posted on page 4 of this newsletter.

The Scott's Creek chapter had a good turnout for our annual Douthat/Back Creek paddle trip in the beginning of April. We were able to paddle Goshen Pass on Friday with a couple of Coastal Canoeists we met on the side of the river above the kitchen. Several small snow flurries were seen while on the Maury throughout the afternoon. On Saturday half a dozen of us scraped down Back Creek and then on Sunday back to Goshen again.

The following weekend's rain did not keep the

George Dickel chapter from having a great turnout at the Spring Fling on the Rockfish River. There was plenty of food for all to share as well as lots of great entertainment (thanks Bob Peck). That was my first trip down the Rockfish, what a beautiful float.

It seems that Bill Tanger got a lot of people in an uproar over an alleged boat tax. In case you didn't hear it was an April fool's joke.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone for the Memorial Day weekend float. Paddle safe and I will see you on the river.

Your President,
Brian Vande Sande

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RIVER PROJECTS EVERYWHERE!

Projects we are working on: (and can always use help on)

- Chesapeake Bay Conference: Rivers and bay issues like TMDL, WIP, Clean Water Act renewal, attacks on EPA, etc. Jan 10-12 meet. Ongoing action on federal bills.
- Clean Water Network Conference: March 1 and 2. Ongoing action on bills.
- Price Park: we have been gifted with 45 acres along Stroubles Creek in Montgomery County. Developing a public park with conservation easement.
- National Park Service/New River Gorge/Gauley: met with new Chief Ranger on issues of safety, a new gauge, better information on fatalities, etc. 3/10/11. Ongoing.
- West Virginia Wildwater Association: met with WVWA on same issues above plus access on the Gauley River on river left at Woods Ferry. Working on this.
- Virginia Invasive Species Committee: met on invasives poster, copy approved, layout approved, going well. We even have the money to print 2500 copies (11" x 17").
- Jackson River Kings Grant/Trespass Lawsuit: met with defendant float fishers, plus DGIF, UVa Environmental Law Clinic, Riverkeeper, etc. 3/14/11. Ongoing.
- Roanoke River Access: Making some progress on public access on the Roanoke at Explore Park. Possible lawsuit, but may avoid. Improved access approved!
- Albemarle/Pamlico Basin: attended workshop in NC on ecology and problems of this basin, especially river inputs. March 23 & 24 meeting.
- James River access: working with CSX on donation of land for put-in at Locher Landing. Hopefully this is moving forward.
- State of Our Rivers Report: need to get on this but have been overloaded. Ongoing.
- Dam Safety: Helping to create group to work on the Blackwater Dam fatalities. Hopefully this group will expand to consider statewide issues.
- Corps Reform Network: worked on new name, slogan and logo. Now CRN is the Water Protection Network, with an expanded agenda and mission.
- Menhaden ad: Plan B: looking at mailing a copy of the menhaden ad to the legislators who took money from Omega, promising that the ad would run next year if they took money again. The idea of running the Payola Politics ad ran short of funds. We needed \$5,000, but came up with only \$1750. That is why we are looking at plan B, above.

To sum up, there is so much going on, I do not have time to report on all of it. If you would like more info on any of these issues, let me know and I will fill you in.

Bill Tanger
Conservation Chair

2011 CALENDAR AND RESPONSIBILITIES

April 1-3: Jackson/Back Creek Weekend

Location: Douthat State Park Contact: Rick Mattox

April 8-10 Dickel Spring Fling on the Rockfish

Location: Bob and Ginnie's place Contact: Ginnie Peck

April 29-May 1: Cajun Weekend on the Rappahannock

Location: R5

Contact: Randy Carter Chapter members

May 7: Appomattox River Clean Up

Location: TBD

Contact: Ginnie Peck

May 27-29: Memorial Day Weekend at R5

Location: R5

Contact: Frank Owens

June 11: Annual Kids' Float on the James

Location: James River Contact: Erica Simms Goode

Float will be Warren's Ferry to Hatton's Ferry. Please see website for more details.

September 2-5: Labor Day Weekend on the New

Location: Whitt Riverbend Park

Contact: Aaron Mittel

December 3: State Winter Meeting

Location: Cumberland State Forest (tentative)

Contact: Brian Vande Sande

Details: Potluck at noon; meeting at 1 PM

NOTE: When River Tax is collected for state meeting weekends, tax will be \$5 per person and \$15 per family; when daily fees are required, at campsites, fees will come out of river tax that is collected.

PET PHOTO CONTEST ENTRIES



all photos courtesy of Wendy Jones

CAN YOU GUESS WHO THE WINNER WILL BE?

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FROM CHARLOTTESVILLE:

Take US 29 North to Culpepper. Take Bus. 29/15 just before Remington. Turn **RIGHT** on SR 673(<.25 mi.). Turn **LEFT** into the campground < .5 mi. after railroad crossing.

FROM FREDERICKSBURG:

Take US 17 North towards Warrenton. At Bealeton **LEFT** on SR 28 to US 29/15. **LEFT** on US 29/15(South) past Remington. Turn **LEFT** after crossing Rappahannock River onto Bus. 29/15. Turn **RIGHT** on SR 673(<.25 mi.). Turn **LEFT** into the campground < .5 mi. after railroad crossing.

FROM WARRENTON:

US 29 South toward Charlottesville. Turn **LEFT** after crossing Rappahannock River onto Bus. 29/15. Turn **RIGHT** on SR 673(<.25 mi.). Turn **LEFT** into the campground < .5 mi. after railroad crossing.

