

Northern Neck Anglers Club

June 2014 Newsletter

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This year's second member meeting was held at 7pm on Saturday June 7th at the Lancaster Library in Kilmarnock. The speaker for the meeting was Dr. Joseph Bessler of Kilmarnock, a local internist, avid kayak angler and speckled trout enthusiast. Dr. Bessler made an outstanding presentation, covering the recent speckled trout kill, resulting in emergency closure of the speckled trout season through July 31, and kayak angling opportunities in the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula. Two new members were added during the meeting.

The next member meeting is scheduled for 7pm on Saturday August 9th at the Transportation Building in Heathsville. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. The speaker for this meeting will be announced in the July newsletter.

The NNAC Board of Directors met prior to the June 7th meeting. Due to low attendance in past years, the Board decided not to schedule a member picnic this year. The Board is continuously looking for ways to expand member fishing opportunities and increase tournament participation. The Board received a member suggestion that the two day weekend (Saturday and Sunday) tournaments be expanded to three day (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) tournaments to allow those who live outside the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula areas an additional fishing day since some regularly travel home early Sunday to avoid later traffic congestion. Acting on this suggestion, the Board approved, on a trial basis and subject to member approval, the expansion to three days of either the August Spanish Lessons (August 15-17) or September Grab Bag (September 12-14) Tournaments. Members present at the June 7th meeting unanimously approved the trial expansion for both tournaments.

The next scheduled tournament is the Target Ship Shootout June 21-22, sponsored by Surfside Bait & Tackle of Mechanicsville. Target species for the tournament will be bluefish, croaker and flounder. Prizes will be awarded for the top two fish (by weight) for each species. Angler of the Year points will be awarded for each species, with 4 points for first place, 3 for second, 2 for third and 1 point for all other entries.

Tight lines !!

John O'Connor, NNAC President