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"\$16,000 on fishing equipment this year. It's time I took your credit card away from you."

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New Game Warden...

There's a new Game Warden in town and his name is "Chip." Now none of us should have any fear of being caught violating any Local, State or Federal Rules & Regulations. However, in case that we are forgetful, surely our new Warden will be out to provide us with unforgettable parting gifts and reminders.

According to our fellow Tidewater Anglers, he has already been working hard and issuing Citations; we're not talking fish citations either. Since this is the beginning of the new year, everything needs to be renewed and checked. Here are a few items to check for to ensure they are up-to-date:

- Fishing Licenses
- Boat Permits
- Boat Registration
- Personal Life Preservers (PFD)
 - To include a Throw Cushion
- Fire Extinguisher
- Sound Producing Device
- Cut off Safety Device



These are just a few items that can be overlooked, but should be adhered to. The lack of abiding by these Rules & Regulations will not only have Warden "Chip" issuing citations, they are a violation in most Club Tournament Rules, which may lead to disqualification.

Warden "Chip" has made mention that he is aware of our Tournament Schedules, particularly the Bass Jons and Boot'Legg Schedules. However, all Clubs need to be aware that he will more than likely be paying visits to their events as well. For those anglers who plan on fishing the Boot'Legg Open Team Trail Events, understand that if you are caught in violation or cited by the Game Warden during one of our events, this will lead to a disqualification and forfeiture of Entry and Big Fish Fees.

You have been WARNED and INFORMED!!! The Boot'Legg Tournament Directors are letting it be known that ANY "Violation" leading to a "Citation" will be grounds for a "Disqualification"

The 2005 Club Schedules Are Completed

The area Clubs & Organizations have all put in there 2005 Schedules and they are all OFFICIAL with dates and times. The schedules have been posted on the Boot'Legg Trail Website for anglers convenience at the <http://www.bassjons.com/bootlegg/bootleggindex.html>. Once there, locate the Schedule or the Events Link.

The Schedules page sorts out the area Clubs/Orgs and their tournament events. It also provides contact information for those clubs.

The Events Page sorts Tournament Events by the months. This is easier for those trying to gauge who's having a tournament for the upcoming months.



February 2005 Boot'Legg Tournament

The Boot'Legg Trail will be having its first Tournament in only a few short weeks; February 27th. So prep your boats & gear and come on out for the seasons first Team Tournament. Remember, anglers must meet at the Route 460 Truck Stop— "The Sentry" to register for the event. This is where the lake drawing will take place for the days event.

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Official Sunrise is at 0639hrs, so NLT 0545hrs will the Tournament Director draw the name of the lake to be fished. With that, make every effort to be at the Truck Stop no later than 0530hrs. Depending on the amount of boats registered, it can take approximately 1-hour to launch all the boats, this is the reason for the early drawing.



Anglers who do not know who the Tournament Directors are for Registration, look for someone with a Boot'Legg T-Shirt and they can point the way to the Registration Table. Upon registration, the Tournament Directors will provide a copy of the Rules and the Liability of Release. Please read them and abide by them. Once anglers have read and agreed to the Terms & Conditions that they will be fishing under, both the Boat Captain and the Co-Angler **MUST** sign the registration form. Anglers that do not agree with the Terms & Conditions will not be allowed to fish the tournament. Anglers, or any member of that Team, who fails to Sign the Registration form, will be grounds for disqualification and forfeiture of Entry & Big Fish Fees. So it is imperative that both the Boat Captain and Co-Angler **MUST** comply with our terms and sign the registration.

If for some reason or another, anglers wishing to fish in the tournament are running late, keep in mind that registration is still open so long as they register prior to Blast Off. Anglers will have a chance to run from lake-to-lake to find out our location to register or they can contact the Tournament Directors via Cell Phone. Prior to the "Blast Off" announcement, here are the numbers that the Tournament Directors can be reached...

James Williams—757.503.2210

Neal Robinson—757.870.5431

Once "Blast Off" has been announced, registration is officially closed. It behooves anglers to be early and register. It should also be known that the Trail will only accept a maximum of 50-boats, so the first 50-boats registered will be allowed; others will be turned away. For further information about the Boot'Legg Trail visit our website at <http://www.bassjons.com/bootlegg/bootleggindex.html>.

Sunday February 6th— Lake Prince "Single Man" Tournament Results

Although the weather is still somewhat chilling, this past weekend was pretty mild considering. Mild enough to still bring out a few of the 'Die-Hard' anglers for this past Single Man Tournament that was held on Lake Prince.

There were few fish to be caught, but it only took 1 fish to win it all for, Gary Kinsey as well as taking Big Fish. This was followed up by John "Rebel" Plyler who also only weighed in 1 fish for the tournament.

POF	Angler	Fish	Weight
1st	Gary Kinsey	1	5.90lbs
2nd	John "Rebel" Plyler	1	4.55lbs
Big Fish	Gary Kinsey		5.90lbs



← Gary Kinsey



Rebel →
Good Fish!!!

Sunday February 13th— Western Branch “Single Man” Tournament Results

Another tough fishing day for the Sunday’s “Single Man” Tournament Event. Other than the windy conditions, the day wasn’t too bad for those 7 anglers that participated. The morning started off with some sunshine and warm temps, only to succumb to the clouds creating an overcast afternoon and dropping the temperature. Water temps are still a bit cold hanging around 43-degrees or so.

Of the 7 participants, only 3 managed to bring in 8 fish to be weighed in, but they were some whoppers. Those weighing in fish were Gary Kinsey, Rick Williams and Bubba Driscoll.

Gary Kinsey busted into the winners circle in back-to-back tournaments, but Bubba Driscoll was not to be outdone completely, he weighed in the biggest fish of the day going a monstrous 7.30lbs. So far, that is the biggest tournament fish for 2005 and will be tough to topple for other area Tournament Anglers, but the year is still young and the bar has been set, the 2005 “Big Fish” to beat is on the boards.

Here’s how the standings went for those that weighed in fish...

POF	Angler	Fish Caught	Weight
1st	Gary Kinsey	3	14.80lbs
2nd	Rick Williams	3	12.95lbs
3rd	Bubba Driscoll	2	10.20lbs
Big Fish	Bubba Driscoll		7.30lbs

The day may have been tough, but those fish that are being caught are some good fish.

Even the fish brought in from last week were some nice heavies. With just the eight brought in from this event totaled out at nearly 38lbs, giving up an average weight of close to 4.75lbs per fish weighed in. All around the area people are catching some nice fish, not necessarily the numbers of fish, but chunky. Thanks to, Bob Bullen of Bass Jons, for being able to provide these reports for us.

Hawg Sighting at Lake Whitehurst?!

Can this be?! Is it true?! Yes it is. It has been reported that Larry King has caught a Virginia Weight Citation, Largemouth Bass, at Lake Whitehurst that went 8lbs 11oz, a rarity for this lake to give up such a gem. This Monster was fooled into biting a 3/8oz, Black & Blue, Jig’N Pig combination. Larry had also managed to capture a couple other nice fish going 2lbs 5oz and 3lbs.

Beaver Dam Swamps catches...

Not much has been going on at Beaver Dam in the numbers, but those who are willing to take the time out are catching some huge fish. Orece Robinson recently went out and nabbed a 6lb 4oz fish; Gerald Gentry brought in a 9lber earlier in the month and more reports of fish weighing in over 5lbs from various anglers have been brought to the scales. The 2005 Season is looking real good so far and it’s still early.



Bubba Driscoll holding up his catch, topped off with 7.30lbs worth of MULE!!!



Courtesy of Bob Bullen



“King For A Day”