

“Panfish Derby” at Cohoke Pond

Nat Burgwyn, David Bagby, and Winn Will have come through once again for the FFV membership and arranged for a “Panfish Derby” to be held at The Cohoke Club Pond on Sunday June 2, 2002.

For the very reasonable fee of \$3.00 for each adult participant, FFV members will be allowed to do their very best to reduce the bream, crappie, yellow perch, and white perch populations of the pond. Active fishing for bass and pike is not allowed and those species must be returned to the pond immediately.

Fly rods, spinning gear, and even bait are allowed. This is a BYOB (Bring Your Own Boat) event. Electric motors or paddle power only. Remember to bring life preservers. Anglers need to provide their own lunch and beverages. The derby starts at 8:00 a.m.

To get to The Cohoke Club Pond take U. S. Route 360 east from Richmond to Central Garage. Turn right on U.S. Route 30 and travel 17 miles. Turn right on State Route 632 and go about 2 miles to the pond.

To register call Nat 741-1597; David 784-6711; or Winn 908-5966
A sign-up sheet will be available at the May 16th meeting.

FRESHWATER REPORT by DAN GENEST

So far, it has been a great spring for fresh water fishing. The shad run on the James was fantastic with more large American shad landed than in any year in the recent past. Hope you got to enjoy it.

The club trip to the Rappahannock with Smith Coleman was a great success. Ten members made the trip and all of them caught shad. Ask Vance Joyner about the big one he hooked. Next year, we may try an early morning trip. If I had one complaint about this trip it was how spread out we all were on the river. I think if we could be grouped closer together it would be even more fun. Getting there early in the morning should give us more options on picking fishing stations.

Trout fishing in the mountains has been pretty good and stream flows have been close to normal thanks to a lot of much needed rain. Ground water levels, however, are still below normal and without more rains many of the creeks will quickly drop back to below normal levels.

By the time you read this, light cahills, pale morning duns and caddis flies should be hatching on the trout streams