



December 2016

# VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLERS CLUB

# Tight Lines

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### Monthly Meeting:

**When:** Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:30pm.

**Where:** Foundry United Methodist Church. 2801 Virginia Beach Blvd. In Virginia Beach next to Beach Ford.

**December Christmas Social:** Our annual Christmas social is again upon us!

There is no speaker and limited topics will be covered prior to celebrations.

**Please bring a covered dish to share with your fellow club members. That can include an entrée and/or dessert.** Club elections will take place. The Stuff-A-Boat Toy drive will be collected for the last time and the church also needs food donations for their year-round food drive. See you there!

## Cape Hatteras Anglers Club Surf Tournament – November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>

The Cape Hatteras Angler's Club's Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament was held in Hatteras NC November 2-5, 2016. This is the largest surf fishing tournament in the world with 120 teams and a waiting list of probably 40 or 50 teams. Our team did well again this year – finishing in 31st place. The team caught 25 fish for 68 points. The weather Thursday was sunny and breezy but that all changed on Friday. Friday the wind was blowing down the beach at about 30 mph and it was spitting rain on and off. Thanks to all the team members for dealing with and making a good showing for the VBAC.

Butch Eason and I were not fortunate enough to be drawn for this year's team so we decided to go down and serve as judges. I have fished in various surf fishing tournaments for 30 years but had never judged in one before. This experience showed me that just like in fishing, the sites you have is everything. We had good sites with some fish being caught in every session and by most teams. We were not slammed as could happen with a blitz going on or bored to death with no fish at all being caught. Butch has judged tournaments in the past and showed me what was going on and how to be consistent in the judging process. The most interesting session was the third on Friday morning. We had the number 1 and 2 teams, after Thursday's fishing, in sites next to each other and they were in our best 2 sites. The number 1 team scored 30 points and the number 2 team scored 27 points. It was easy to see why they were at the top. I don't think any of the teams in our sites scored more than 5 points during that same session. I really enjoyed the experience and would certainly do it again. I would also suggest that anyone who wants to see a surf fishing tournament from a different perspective give it a try.

A nice little Black Drum and Puppy Drum caught by Carl McCoy is shown to the right.

Tight Lines!

Robbie



## VBAC In-Club Striper Tournament – December 10<sup>th</sup>

The club has decided to keep our annual striper tournament in house this year.



Date: **Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

Headquarters: **Long Bay Point Bait & Tackle**

**2109 W Great Neck Road, Va Beach**

Lines In: **6:00 AM**

Weigh In By: **3:00 PM**

Prize: **\$100**

Tournament Chairman: **George Gabriel (757) 619-1638**

Contact George with any questions about the event or if you plan to participate. Free to all members.

# Meeting Information

## VBAC Club T-Shirts

The club has some fresh inventory of T-Shirts! There are various sizes in three colors. All shirts are \$15 each or 2 for \$25 while supplies last! We have various sizes but the majority is Large and Extra Large. The mango colored shirt is required for all fall surf fishing team participants. The club needs to know whether you are interested in purchasing long sleeve shirts or sweatshirts before the cold weather is here. There are many options available to the club and individuals may order specific colors and sizes of their choice. If there is no interest in long sleeve shirts or sweat shirts, the club will not order more apparel until sometime in 2017.

**Jerry Hughes – (757) 567-8728**

**Butch Eason – (757) 681-6019**



## Christmas Trees

The church is selling their live Christmas trees again this year. The trees have been excellent in years past. Please support them if you plan to buy a tree!

## Food Drive

The church collects food year round to support families and local homeless. Please bring something to help support our community and end local hunger.

## Club Calendars

The 2017 Virginia Beach Anglers Club calendars are now available! We have limited supplies, but each membership will receive one free calendar. Additional calendars are only \$5 each! Bob Burstein will have them at the meeting this Thursday. Make sure you stop by and pick one up. **Be sure to use any coupons you have left for 2016.**

## VBAC Elections

It's December and that means it's election time again! Each year, the Virginia Beach Anglers Club holds an annual election at the December Christmas Social meeting. You should contact Butch Eason, Beth Synowiec, or Kelly Hoggard if you are interested. The positions that are voted on consist of all officer and board positions and any club member is eligible. More details about the requirements of each position are listed in the club by-laws. You can access the club documents by visiting our club webpage or by [clicking here!](#)

## VBAC Member of the Year Award

It is time for nominations for the VBAC Member of the Year Award. The Functions and Activities Manual states the purpose of this award as follows: “This award recognizes an outstanding VBAC member who has given much time and effort to improving the quality of the VBAC. This award is not based on angling efforts and excludes from consideration those duties performed in conjunction with an elected office”. Please submit a written statement with details about anyone you would like to nominate as Member of the Year to Robbie Parks before December 13th. The nominees and their recommendations will be read to the Board of Directors at their December 15th meeting. That presentation will be followed by a secret ballot.

The name of the recipient will be announced at the Annual Awards Banquet on February 25th, 2017. Nominations can be given to me at the December 1st club meeting or emailed to me at either:

**ellenandrobbie@aol.com or rjparks45@gmail.com.**

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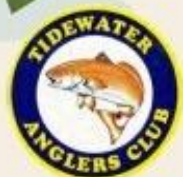
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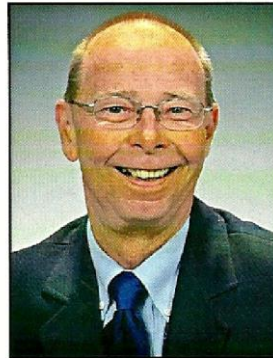
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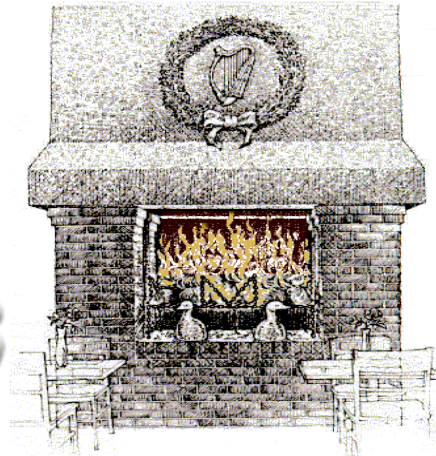
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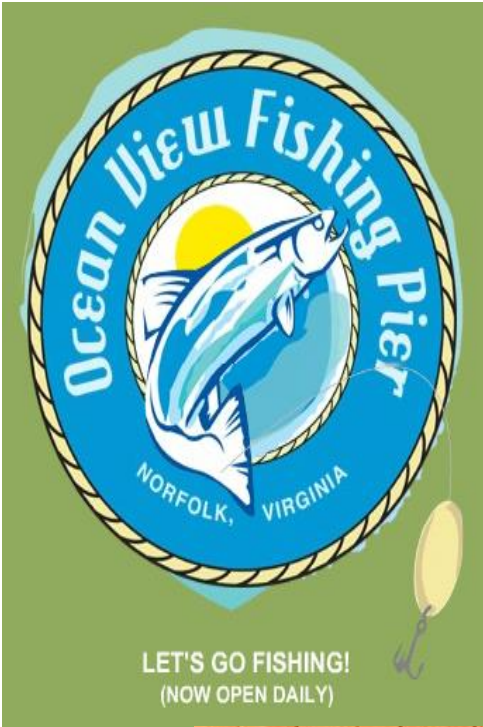
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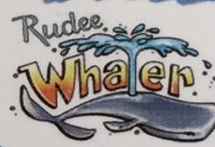


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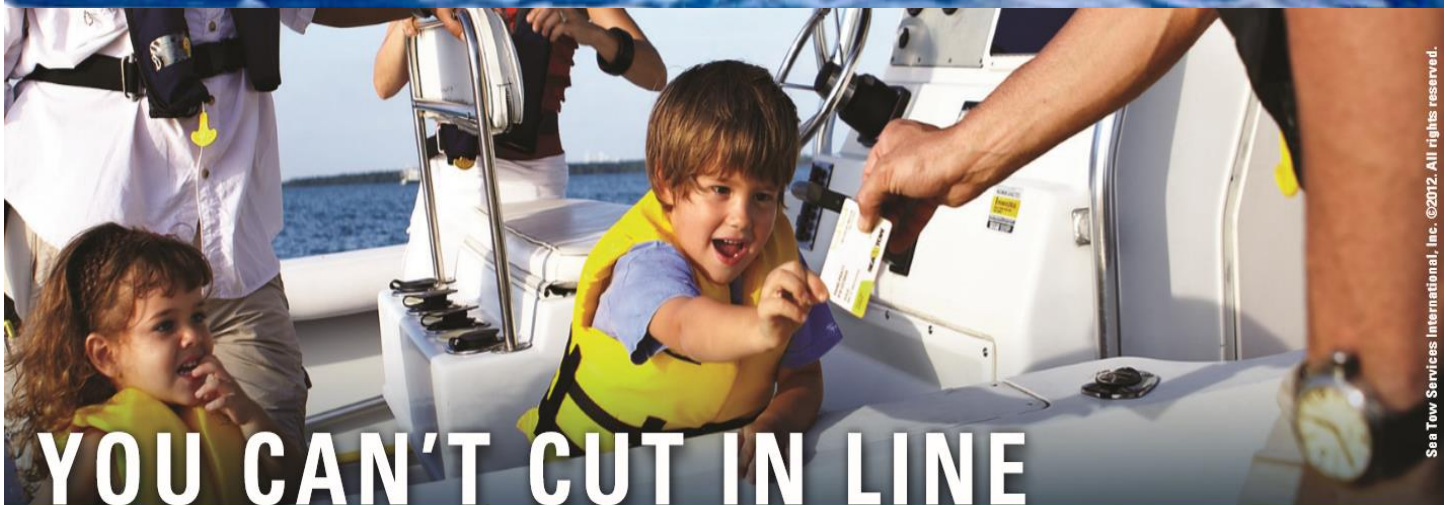
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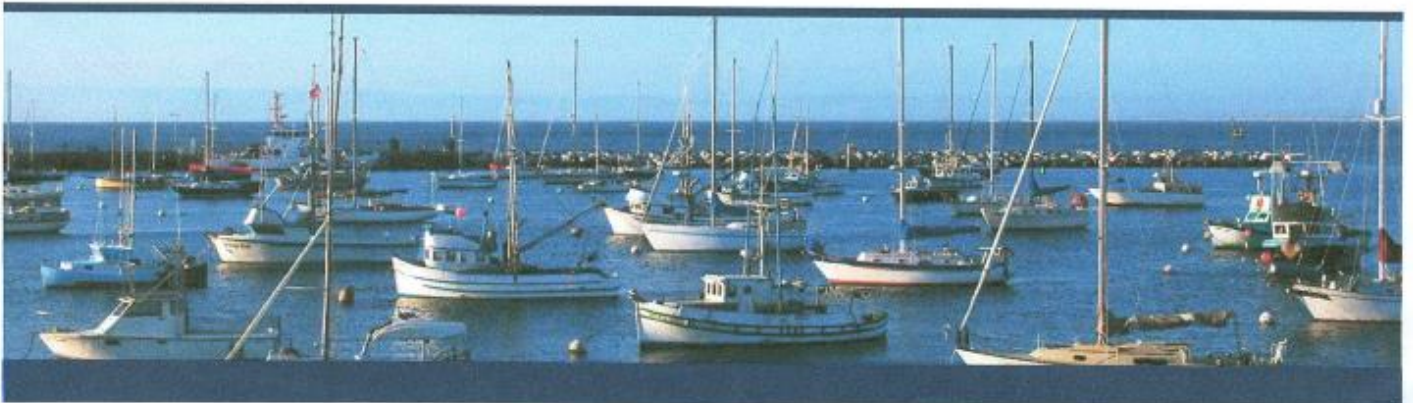
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# VBAC Fishing Roulette 2016

(Updated November 1<sup>st</sup>)

<u>Species</u>	<u>Current Leader</u>	<u>Weight</u>
<b><u>Saltwater:</u></b>		
Croaker	David Reynolds	1lb. 05oz.
Puppy Drum	Ike Eisenhower	2lb. 11oz.
Roundhead	Kelly Hoggard	1lb. 03oz.
<b><u>Freshwater:</u></b>		
Crappie	Steve Harding	2lb. 07oz.
Sunfish	Ike Eisenhower	2lb. 04oz.

To All Participants! A reminder that this is a yearlong fishing contest. Please remember, all puppy drum weighed must be no greater than the legal slot size length when the weight is recorded.

If you have any questions, call Chris at 737-1115.

## Catch-A-Ride

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## Participation Needed!

Listed below are many of the committees and their respective captain (or co-captains) that represent each committee. All of these hard working club members need help fulfilling their goals for the events that are planned during the year. No matter your current role in the club, everyone is encouraged to help in any way possible. There are no special skill requirements needed... It just requires a little bit of time and input. Take an active part in the club and help make a difference in our community.

Thank you all for your consideration - VBAC Officers and Directors

## 2015 Virginia Beach Anglers Club Committees:

Boat Show:	<b>Chair - Russell Willoughby</b>
Calendar:	<b>Chair - Bob Burstein</b>
Crab Creek Clean-Up:	<b>Chair - Ronnie Nixon</b>
Great Bridge Flea Market:	<b>Chair - Preston Mangum</b>
VBAC Flea Market:	<b>Bob Stuhlman</b> <b>Bob Burstein</b>
Banquet/Oyster Roast:	<b>Chair - Jerry Mariano</b>
Seton Youth:	<b>Chair - Bob Burstein</b>
Raffles:	<b>Chair - Preston Mangum</b>
Audit Committee:	<b>Chair - Mike Anderson</b>
Surf Tournaments:	<b>Chair - Robbie Parks</b>
Club Tournaments:	<b>Chair - George Gabriel</b> <b>Co. Chair - Bob Burstein</b>
Lynnhaven Pier Tournaments:	<b>Chair - Gary Doerhoff</b> <b>Co. Chair - NEEDED</b>
T-Shirts:	<b>Chair - Jerry Hughes</b> <b>Co. Chair - Butch Eason</b>
Prize Fish:	<b>Chair - Chris Schneider</b>
Nomination Committee:	<b>Chair - Butch Eason</b> <b>Co. Chair - Kelly Hoggard</b> <b>Co. Chair - Beth Synoweic</b>

## VBAC Fishing Contest!

Our new Monthly Fishing Contest is open to all club members in good standing. One fish is selected by the tournament committee prior to the month of competition. **The largest fish by weight will determine the winner** and must be submitted via the standard VBAC fish entry form. [The form is available on our website](#). Eligible anglers compete for a monthly prize of \$30. All entries must be received by the start of the next general membership meeting in order to qualify. The contest requires the fish to be weighed on a **certified scale**. A **photo and short story or caption** are required as part of the contest rules. There is **no minimum size limit except for the fish to meet state regulation requirements** (i.e. No flounder less than 16 inches). Submissions to the newsletter can be sent to our club email address: VBAnglersclub@gmail.com

December: **Striped Bass – Go get em!**

November: **Speckled Trout – Still up for grabs!**

October: **Puppy Drum – No Entry**

September: **David Reynolds – 0 lb. 07oz. Spot**

August: **FLOUNDER – No Entry**

July: **CROAKER – No Entry**

June: **Rick Hoggard – 61 lb. Cobia**

May: **Robbie Parks – 1 lb. 09 oz. Bluefish**

April: **Kevin Synowiec – 19lb. 06oz. Tautog**

## Fishing Reports for November Hot Striper Action!

Larry Regula went out with Max King on Monday after the winds settled on the last cold front. The weather was nice and the fishing was productive across the fleet. Dozens of nice fish around 40 pounds were caught and a couple topping 50# were weighed in at Chris's Bait and Tackle on the Eastern Shore. It is shaping up to be a nice season. You've got to be fishing to catch one so get your butt out there!



## Offshore Adventure

Kevin and I got a late start deep dropping today leaving the dock just before 7am (probably due to all that turkey from yesterday..., ha!) It took us a few hours to get to location but we were both greeted with a very nice class of sea bass that primarily hit on cut bait. We cranked those in for a little while, which was a blast, but we had some other areas that needed to be investigated so we decided to go to a deeper location. By the time we arrived we only had time to do four drops but still managed 3 nice sized Golden's & some nice Rosie's too. I think we were both happy that we made that choice. Kevin was asking to get back before dark so we had to leave to head back home. I only wished we could have stayed for another hour or two to fish because two thirds of the bait we brought was still in the cooler sealed and untouched due to lack of time (rare moment). We left the fish biting and headed back. Below is some of our catch from today. Sea bass rigs were double bottom rigs with 5/0 j hooks and gold rigs were 6/0 circle hooks. We did very little jigging today. Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving!



## Fishing Reports for October Offshore Anglers

A few of our fellow club members took a trip out to the blue water and got a mess of Mahi trolling the open waters. There was hope for more but the Mahi bite dominated the action. Well Done!



Looking for that special holiday gift for a fellow fisherman? Consider giving a copy of club member Mike Halperin's definitive book on Virginia Beach fishing, ***True Tales of the Tide: An Angler's Lifelong Quest***. Mike's book chronicles true fishing adventure stories about cobia, flounder, Spanish mackerel, marlin, tuna, striped bass, spot and sharks. Insider Captain's Tips are included and Mike donates a percentage of sales proceeds to the Healing Waters Fly Fishing Program which teaches wounded veterans and PTSD victims to fly fish as recovery therapy. Mike appreciates any support you can lend to this worthwhile program for our veterans!

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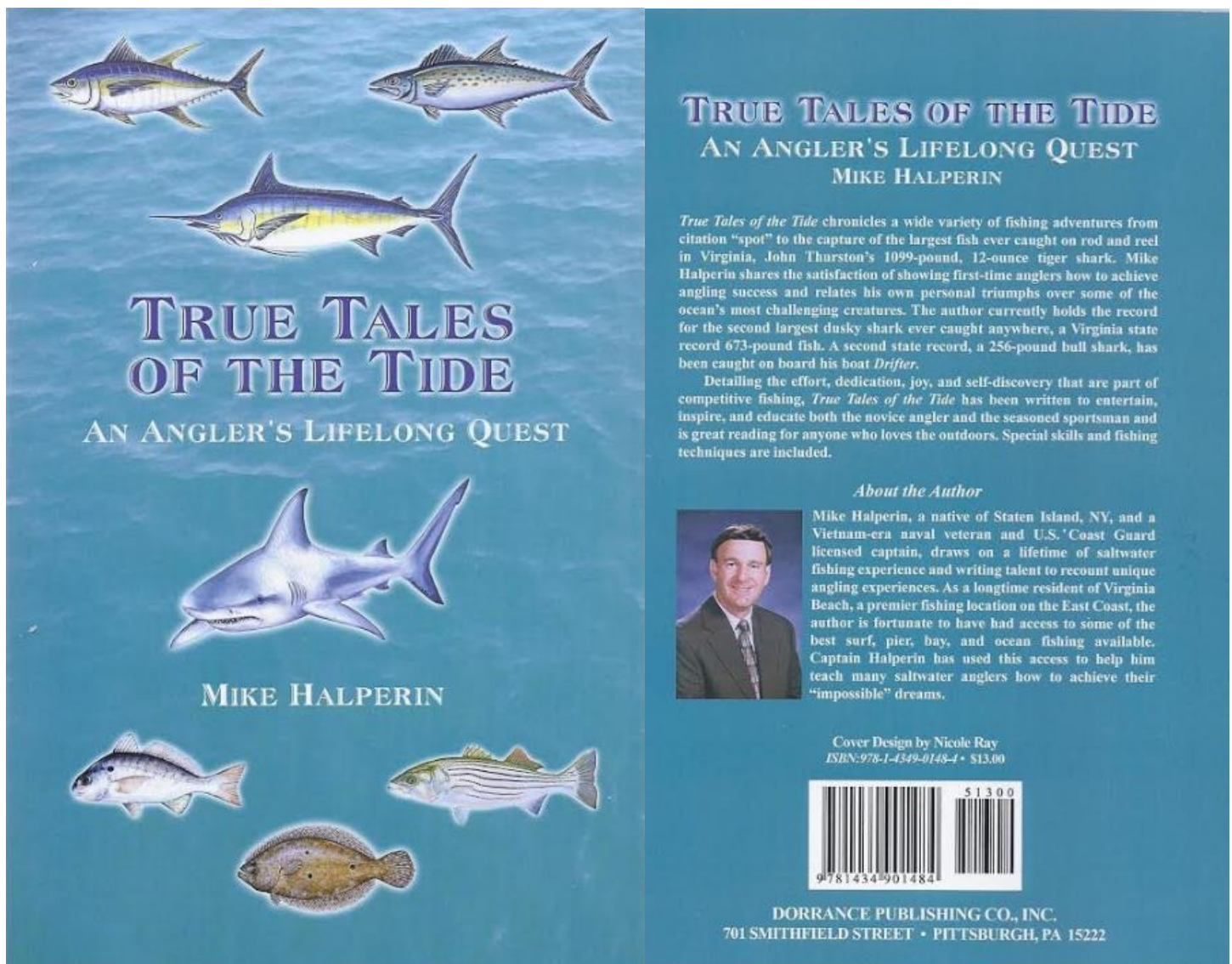
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## Our Objectives:

Monitor legislative and regulatory activities relating to management of local and regional fisheries and participating actively, where appropriate, to assure the adoption of sound management policy and practices that best serve the interests of VBAC members.

Promote interest and participation in recreational angling by conducting programs and activities that encourage sport fishing.

Educate members and others in the techniques of sport fishing to enhance their enjoyment of the sport.

Conduct social activities that create a wholesome climate for deriving the maximum pleasure from sport fishing by members, their families and guests.

Plan and conduct fund raising activities to provide the revenues needed to support these objectives.

## 2016 VBAC Elected Officials

### Officers:

President: Larry Regula

First Vice President: George Gabriel

Second Vice President: Bob Stuhlman

Treasurer: Mike Anderson

Recording Secretary: Russell Willoughby

Corresponding Secretary: Kelly Hoggard

### Board of Directors:

Bob Burstein

Gary Doerhoff

Butch Eason

Pete Federico

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Jerry Mariano

Ronnie Nixon

Robbie Parks

Chris Schneider