



The Southern Classic

A Mission (that's not) Impossible: The 911 Bass Anglers' Southern Classic



Want a lunker largemouth over eight Pounds? Than Lake Anna, Virginia is the place for you.

Lake Anna is one of the largest freshwater fisheries in Virginia and covers approximately 13,00 acres. The lake is located about 70 miles south of Washington D.C. and was formed when the North Anna River was dammed in 1968. Lake Anna is divided into two asymmetrical pieces. The public

Remembering Our Past

No trip to lake Anna would be complete without remembering all those who've made this trip before us, but who are no longer here to make the journey again. That said, we wish to remember Ed and Tom Hartman. Ed Hartman, Michael Hartman's dad, and Tom Hartman, Mike's uncle, were two of the original attendee at the Southern

side of the lake, known as the "cold side", feeds the Dominion Nuclear Power Plant; while the private side, which is known as the "hot side", is the discharge point and holding pond for the heated water released from that facility. Lake Anna offers a diverse selection of habitat to fish, with the most prominent being the many, many boat docks that dot the lake's shoreline.

Classic. They are always remembered and missed when we head south. Both men were great anglers and great people too, and the club still feels the loss of both of them to this day. Lest we also forget, there's one other person to remember as well, our old friend Gene Ballantyne. Gene was a good friend of both the Club and the firehouse, and will always be remembered for his good heart and great personality. RIP guys.

Above Top Secret!

Your mission Classic Anglers, should you decide to accept it, will be to locate, capture and then set free the elusive *Micropterus salmoides* and his partner *Micropterus dolomieu*. Both fugitives have been sighted in and around Lake Anna, Virginia multiple times since April of last year. Attempts, however, by local pros to bag the group's leader, the ever elusive "Mr. Big", have thus far hit a snag. Although many of the gang's small fry have been caught and released in the interim. (pun intended)



Efforts to capture these predators this year will be headed up by Special Agent in Charge of Angling, Mr. Allen "AC" Cirard.

Collaborating with him will be Special Agents: Brian Cirard, Mike Hartman, Tracy Grogan, Aaron Grogan, Elvin Martes, Vinny Martes, Bruce Paone, Tracker Joe Altimanti, & Joe Metzger

This message is for your eyes only and should be considered **Above Top Secret. Good Hunting!**



THE LAKE ANNA TRADITION CONTINUES: VIRGINIA EXPEDITION 2016



Figure 1: *Outlaw Southern Classic*
Figure 2: *Michael Hartman with the winning lunker bass of 2007*

Beginning in the early part of the decade a handful of intrepid 911 Bass Anglers began a tradition that's lasted almost 20 years, and that's become a convention, which has now spanned two full generations of 911 Bass Angler's.

Be it club president Allen "AC" Cirard and his son Brian Cirard; or our master chef Tracy "Olly" Grogan and his son Aaron "Pony Boy" Grogan; or Elvin Martes and his sons Vinny and Anthony Martes, the practice of 911 Bass Angler dads, spending quality time with their sons, outdoors, fishing and catching lunker bass is a custom that both generations of anglers (fathers and sons) enjoy, appreciate, and look forward to year in and year out no matter what.

catch big bass the opportunity to be passed down from one group of 911 Anglers' to another, it's also facilitated interpersonal communication between these two groups of men that might not have occurred otherwise; not to mention the ability of these family members to bond and create cherished father/son memories that will endure the test of time.

It's the hope of everyone involved in this year's 911 Bass Anglers Southern Classic, that this great tradition of fathers and sons fishing, and catching giant bass together, will continue well into the future of every participant.

Michael Hartman's 2007 lunker bass weighed just under 6 pounds and stands as a 911 Bass Anglers Southern Classic

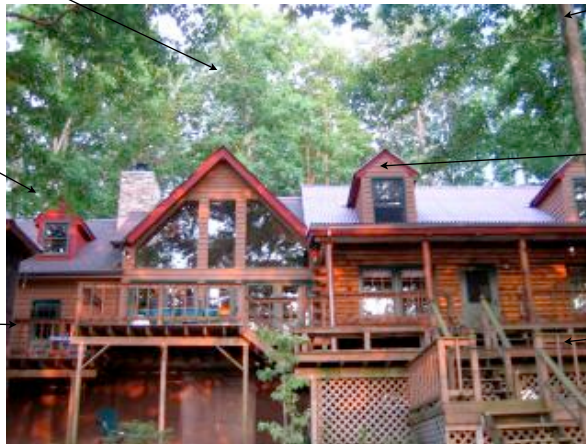
Not only has this ritual allowed the skill sets needed to

ACCOMMODATION ON THE HOT SIDE OF LAKE ANNA ARE MAGNIFICENT!

Lush giant maple trees line the 1.5 mile private driveway leading to the home's private boat lunch, dock and cabana.

This home is surrounded by a five acre front lawn maintained by a team of 12 Hot Lake Girls for our guest's convenience.

The indoor/outdoor kitchen with wet bar and Jacuzzi is a real bonus after a hard day's fishing.



The house has 10 bedrooms with a bathroom and sauna adjacent to each space.

Each room has its own climate control with central heat and air conditioning.

A full size porch runs around the entire perimeter of the home. An entrance from the porch into the game room, billiard room and media center is a major convenience.



Deerfield Prison for Women

The grounds of our private accommodations on the hot side of Lake Anna are maintained in a joint agreement between the Deerfield Correctional Center for Women and the Lake Anna Gentlemen's Association. Ladies from the Work Center, also known as the "Hot Lake Girls", groom and manicure the home's grounds daily from May through September.



WHAT YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT LAKE ANNA

DID YOU KNOW?

◆ Lake Anna is 13,000 acres and boasts more than 250 miles of shoreline.

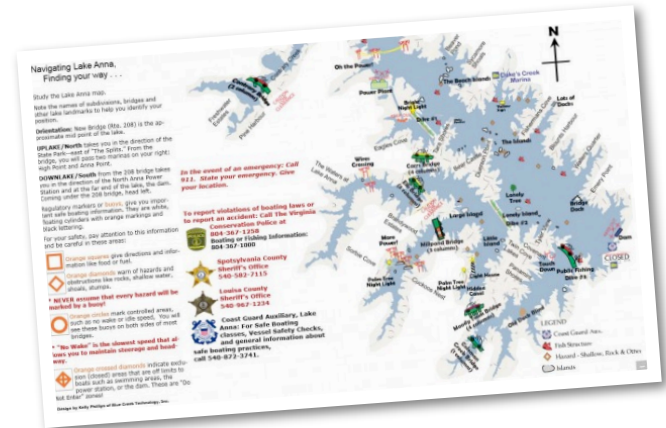
◆ 9,000 acres of the lake are public and 4,000 acres are private.

◆ Evaluating trends in state fishing license sales around the lake reveals that approximately fifty percent of all fishing license sales are to out-of-state anglers.

◆ In 1971 the lake was created for the purpose of providing cooling waters for the North Anna Power Plant.

◆ The lake was expected to take three years to fill, to the full pond, but heavy rains (14") from Hurricane Agnes in 1972 filled the lake two years ahead of schedule.

◆ There are 40 species of fish inhabiting Lake Anna.



◆ The largemouth bass record for Lake Anna is 13 pounds even and was set in 1986

◆ The Average high temperature for May is 77.7 Fahrenheit.

◆ In 2006 biologists electro-fishing Lake Anna recorded catch rates of 29 largemouth bass per hour at 15 inches in length.

◆ Some anglers refer to Lake Anna as “The Dead Sea”.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO LAKE ANNA INTERSTATE NINETY-FIVE

Directions to Lake Anna from I-95

Lake Anna is located 18 miles west of I-95, approximately mid-way between Washington D.C. and Richmond VA. Following are directions to Lake Anna’s “mid-point” the Route 208 bridge.

Take exit 118 Thornburg (Route 606) off Interstate 95. Turn onto Route 606 West. Proceed approximately 5 miles to the stoplight at Snell. Continue straight through the light on Routes 208 west and 606 west. Continue about 4 more miles following 208 west signs. Make a

90 degree left hand turn at Post Oak, staying on 208 west... (Route 606 goes straight at this point...) Continue on 208 West for approximately 11 miles to the 208 bridge.



The Story of Bass Fishing On The Hot Side

When fishing the hot side of Anna, I like to target the main lake points and rocky dropoffs. A dropoff into 15+ feet of water with rocks and stumps will hold lots of fish. Patience will be needed to catch them.

In Pond One, I like to fish the point opposite the warm water discharge with ¼ oz. Rat-L-Traps. There are normally lots of fish here, feeding on baitfish. <https://www.google.com/maps/@38.0599284,-77.7871271,281m/data=!3m1!1e3> (or) <https://www.google.com/maps/@38.0506949,-77.7830961,505m/data=!3m1!1e3>

After fishing this point, I head for the left end of the riprap on Dyke One. I fish this with a large slow-rolled spinnerbait and a Rattling Rogue jerkbait, fished parallel to the riprap. <https://www.google.com/maps/@38.0496917,-77.7779804,1029m/data=!3m1!1e3>

I will then head for the Canal and fish the left side with small plastic worms and drop shot rigs. When I get to the bridge, I like to toss a Hopkins ¾ oz. Shorty Spoon to the base of the pilings. I pick up the spoon and if no weight is felt, let it fall again. I repeat this until I have either caught all the fish or determine there are no fish there. <https://www.google.com/maps/@38.0407275,-77.7763403,676m/data=!3m1!1e3>

Leaving the canal, I head to the right and under the bridge into Elk Creek. I fish the points on the both sides, paying particular attention to rocky points.

<https://www.google.com/maps/@38.0302928,-77.7818669,1292m/data=!3m1!1e3> (I think the name of the creek is Beaver Creek.)

After fishing Elk Creek (Beaver Creek), I head back out and around to the right between Barkleys and Busbees Islands and into Millpond Creek. <https://www.google.com/maps/@38.0235454,-77.7668135,1292m/data=!3m1!1e3>

I generally stop at the first cove on the right before the bridge. This cove is the reason for the creek name. <https://www.google.com/maps/@38.023436,-77.7740366,830m/data=!3m1!1e3> It contains a millpond that was inundated when the lake was filled. The dam goes across the cove about 2/3 back. It comes up to about 6 feet and then plunges to 25+ feet on the outside and 15+ feet on the inside. This dam, combined with the riprap of the bridge, is good bass habitat. Bottom fishing plastics is the best method. <https://www.google.com/maps/@38.0227386,-77.7743306,315m/data=!3m1!1e3>

Going under the bridge, I like to fish the points on the left side <https://www.google.com/maps/@38.0133384,-77.7794023,1387m/data=!3m1!1e3> with Rat-L-Traps, spinnerbaits and jerk baits all the way back to the first cove beyond the last boat dock. <https://www.google.com/maps/@38.0085287,-77.7895271,1099m/data=!3m1!1e3>

Next, I head for the canal to Pond Three. <https://www.google.com/maps/@38.0080901,-77.7502753,4979m/data=!3m1!1e3>

This canal makes a dogleg to the left and the riprap drops into 20+ feet of water. <https://www.google.com/maps/@37.9989253,-77.7635273,2369m/data=!3m1!1e3> I like to fish a Carolina rig, Shaky Head or split shot rig at the outside bend of this dogleg. Lots of fish here. <https://www.google.com/maps/@37.9990308,-77.7642381,398m/data=!3m1!1e3>

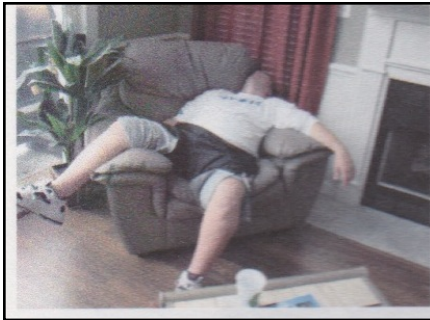
Continuing, I like to fish the right side at the bridge pilings <https://www.google.com/maps/@37.9971407,-77.7640345,131m/data=!3m1!1e3> and down to the next inlet with docks. <https://www.google.com/maps/@37.9929109,-77.7647177,370m/data=!3m1!1e3> This point drops into 13 feet and has lots of rocks on it. Fish this, as well as the inlet with the docks.

Coming out of the creek, I turn left and head for Rock Creek. You will recognize it by the gazebo on a point. <https://www.google.com/maps/@37.9921177,-77.7558083,129m/data=!3m1!1e3> Head for the left bank directly opposite the gazebo. This bank drops into 25+ feet of water and is loaded with stumps all the way down. I like casting drop shot rigs and Shaky Heads up in the shallows on this bank and fishing them all the way down to 27 feet. Most of my fish come from 20+ feet of water.

Heading into Rock Creek, you will see a number of downed trees in the water on the right side. <https://www.google.com/maps/@37.9911324,-77.752888,140m/data=!3m1!1e3>



ANOTHER SATISFIED CUSTOMER AT CHEF OLLY'S DEWDROP INN...



Saturday May 7, 2016

Opening ceremonies of the 2016 Southern Classic Bass Fishing Tournament. Guest speakers Roland Martin and Rick Clunn will follow the invocation and toast by Father Allen "AC" Cirard (pictured above). A gala ball takes place immediately after our formal cocktail party. - **Evening attire is required!**

Sunday, May 8, 2016

Olly starts us off with a steak and egg breakfast-in-bed, follow by a call to your boats at 04:30am. 11:30am we return to the dock for some Mimosa champagne cocktails and an entree of crab hush puppies with tartar sauce and pecan pie for dessert. First day weigh-in is at 6:00pm sharp with dinner at midnight - God willing. A menu of oyster casserole accompanied by braised greens turnips and apples. For dessert it's Chef Olly's famous Virginia baked Shoefly pie.

Monday, May 9, 2016

Day 2, Maestro Grogan offers members, once again, a breakfast-in-bed choice of hot chicken and waffles or a fig and walnut salad. Blastoff on Monday is at 05:00am. You'll return to the dock, again at

11:03am sharp, for a luncheon entree of peppercorn roast pork with vermouthe pan sauce and peach prosecco spritzers. Return to the ramp at 6:00pm, and you'll be fed beef tenderloin stuffed with mushroom shallot dressing. Chef Olly kills and butchers the steer himself - on site while you wait!

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

You'll awaken today just in time to have your breakfast served in the main dining hall and for a 5:00am blastoff. Breakfast today is french toast raisin bread, or a fresh fruit crepe. Lunch will be chive shortcakes with smoky corn and okra stew, washed down with melon coolers. Dinner at 6pm will be lobster tail poached in butter with a side of salmon roulade.

Wednesday May 11, 2016

Today is Mediterranean/Italian heritage day. Breakfast again at 4:30am begins with Mediterranean Shrimp served in a bed of bell peppers, onions, kalamata olives, grape tomatoes and a feta cheese crepe. A light lunch of dainty sundried tomato rolled in baked eggplant with fresh mint tea juleps to help wash them down. A midnight dinner of veal scaloppini lightly sautéed in a wild mushroom (hand-picked by the chef himself) cream sauce.

Thursday, May 12, 2016 & Friday, May 13, 2016

The last two days of our stay at Lake Anna will be "special order" days. Chef Olly will prepare whatever your heart's desire (breakfast, lunch and dinner) the last two days of our stay. Ask and you shall receive, that's Olly's moto. Chef says, "nothing is too much work or too much to ask." "Trust me, I'm a liar!" bon appétit!

Calendar

Arrive Lake Anna, Saturday, May 7, 2016 - Tournament cocktail party. Meet & greet with Rolland & Rick.

Sunday, May 8, 2016, first full day of fishing. Open bar sunrise to midnight.

Monday, May 9, 2016 Day one of the Southern Classic tournament begins.

Tuesday, May 10, 2016 - Day two of SCT. Open bar sunrise to midnight.

Wednesday, May 11, 2016 - Day three of SCT. Open bar sunrise to midnight.

Thursday, May 12, 2016 - Final day of the SCT. Trophies & prize money awarded, followed by a group picture. Tournament dinner and cocktail party is held.

Friday, May 13, 2016 - Open day of fishing for all competitors. Open bar all day long, or until you fall over drunk.

Saturday, May 14, 2016 - Contestants depart for home.

The Chefs

MASTER CHEF



Master Chef Tracy "Olly" Grogan will be catering our event again

this season. So make your reservation well in advance of the time you expect to eat.

SOUS CHEF



Assisting Maestro Olly, and playing the cattle prod, is his son Aaron "Pony Boy" Grogan.

"ON THE MENU"



Master Chef Olly says, "I endorse Masterpiece Original

Barbecue Sauce, only because the fuckin' store was out of Bullseye... Bullseye is what you want'ta cook with man!"

THE UNKNOWN CHEF: WOULD YOU TRUST THIS MAN TO COOK YOUR BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND DINNER?



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