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## Greg Allen Tops at Rouses Point

Finish	Team	Weight	Lunker
1st	<b>Greg Allen</b>	32.76lbs.	3.83
2nd	Frank Maher	31.83lbs.	3.93
3rd	Paul Pflieger	27.96lbs.	4.87
4th	Tim Bantham	27.87lbs.	3.72
5th	Al Dickinson	27.41lbs.	
6th	Jim Underhill	26.91lbs.	3.33
7th	Tom Haley	26.89lbs.	3.98
8th	George Locke	25.78lbs.	3.18
9th	Bill Swinton Sr.	24.72lbs.	3.31
10th	Rob Richards	24.66lbs.	

On June 9th and 10th Albany Area Bassmasters held it's first points tournament of the year.

The most unusually thing about this tournament may have been the weather. The windy, cold, unstable weather we've come to expect from northern Lake Champlain in early June gave way to warm, sunny and unusually calm conditions.

The change in weather had no effect on the fishing. The club weighed in some of the largest bags in resent years. The top ten finisher's averaged over 12 lbs. of fish a day.

There were several limits each day that surpassed 15 lbs. and Greg Allen's winning total catch averaged over 16 lbs. per day.

Greg was able to catch Frank Maher's day one leading 17 lb. limit with a 17.05 lb. of his own on the second day of the tournament.

One angler (who shall remain nameless, but initials are CC) took a new approach to culling fish at Rouses Point on the first day of the tournament. He started culling after catching his 4th fish instead of waiting for his 5th.

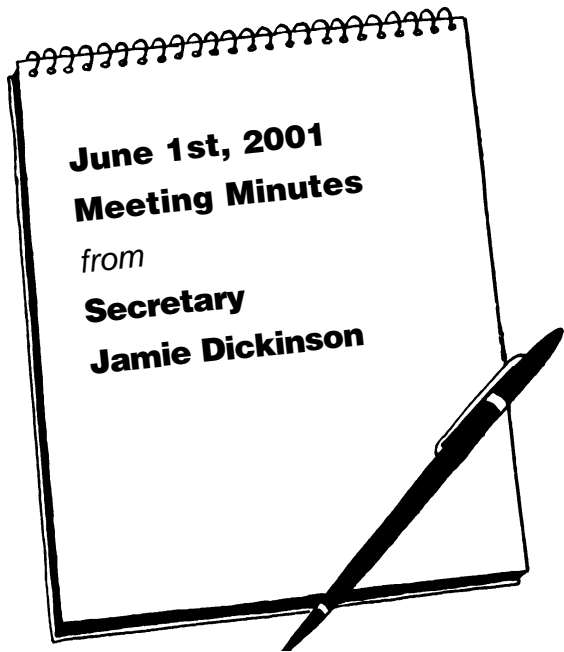
On June 24th our club held its second points tournament of the year at Sacandaga Lake. This was the first time our club held a tournament at Sacandaga in almost a decade.

## Frank Maher Takes Sacandaga

Finish	Team	Weight	Lunker
1st	<b>Frank Maher</b>	8.71lbs.	
2nd	Brady Moy	8.61lbs.	2.22
3rd	Jim Underhill	8.26lbs.	
4th	Bill Swinton Jr.	8.07lbs.	1.98
5th	Al Dickinson	7.86lbs.	1.73
6th	Jim Greeley	7.78lbs.	1.78
7th	Charlie Curcurito	7.63lbs.	
7th	Bob Simek Jr.	7.63lbs.	
9th	George Locke	7.61lbs.	1.61
10th	Bill Swinton Sr.	7.49lbs.	

Even though the limits were small most of the field was able to bring 5 fish to the scales.

After being inched out a Rouses Point Frank Maher was able to bring enough to the scales to surpass his own boat partner Brady Moy to capture his first win of the season.



The meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM by President Tim Bantham

Officers Present: Tim Bantham, Bill Swinton Jr., and Jamie Dickinson. Officers absent: Paul Pflieger.

Minutes from the May meeting were accepted as written by Wayne Price 2nd by Russ Camadine.

#### **Club News**

Tim informed the club that Jim Underhill's father-in-law has passed away. The club will be sending flowers and a card to offer it's condolences.

Tim reviewed the Results of the Pike Tournament.

Tim reviewed the Results of Kids Tournament and thanked all the club members and thier wives that helped make it a speical day for all the kids who participated.

#### **Treasurer's Report - Tim Banatham**

Tim reported that the Club has a balance of \$4073.13.

#### **More Club News...**

Charlie Curcurito read off all members that have entered the Lunker of the Year pool. Charlie also announced that your last opportunity to enter would be to give him the money before the first day of the Rouses Point Tournament.

Tim informed the club that the old scale has been sent to be converted to hunderths at a cost of \$85.00 and \$6.00 extra for a rain cover for our new scale.

Tim asked for a show of hands for changing the July meeting to Thursday July 5th because of the Ticonderoga tournament on the 7th & 8th. All club members present agreed to change the meeting night.

#### **Federation Report - Frank Maher**

Frank reported that the early entries for the first federation tournament are down more than a hundered entries from last years first event. He also reported that the Federation is finacially sound and the new line of federation clothing is now available at Federation events and meetings. Frank also informed club members that are planning to fish the Federation Ticonderoga tournament that they will be parking down town with a shuttle bus bring them back to the launch.

#### **Membership Report - Tim Banatham**

Tim reported that Frank Rossetti was attending his fifth club function and would be voted on during the break. Tim also reported that Tom Haley and Bill Greeley were attending their forth club function.

#### **Break**

(The club voted on and welcomed in Frank Rossetti as the newest member of our club.)

#### **Tournament Committee - Bill Swinton Jr.**

Bill reviewed the rules and safty precautions for Rouse's Point and Sacandaga Tournaments. The boat draws for both tournaments where then completed.

50/50 was won by George Locke earning him \$27.

Motion to adjourn was made by Frank Maher and seconded by Brady Moy.

## Birdnests and Backlashes:

by Mike Ellrott

### Rouses Point

We're baaaack.....the eyes are older and the ears don't hear as well anymore, but we'll see what they can do.

It's amazing what we'll do to retrieve a \$14 Japanese bait out of the tooth filled mouth of one of those slimy critters. Yours truly is guilty of doing everything short of an autopsy to extract the rear treble hook from a pickerel only two thumbs thick. The slimy snake somehow managed to get each hook point buried deep in his throat, just before his gullet. Some gentle probing quickly lead to a full extraction. All body parts were replaced before gently releasing pickerel.

Does it mean that your boat partner might not be fully prepared for the tournament, or that he has absolutely no respect for your fishing ability, when you open your livewell on the way to the send-off only to find an empty twelve pack of Coors Light rattling around where you hope to keep your catch??? I'm leaning toward the second explanation since he did check his livewell the evening before and removed a full 30 pack he forgot was there.

And it's one, to, tree, fore, .....that Champion's livewell must have more nooks and crannies than

Sandy sees come to bed every night! But if you can't find them in a box of water, they ain't worth weighing anyway!

It wasn't his 24+ pound catch that his father was proud of. It was the fact that one of his fish had a usable jerkbait dangling from the side of his face when netted. Now that's a catch that makes an elder Simek proud!

### The Weighmaster is not a Master of Weights

If we're moving into the 21st century, then we've got to jump with both feet. Just to clarify things, the weight recorded on our new scale is in pounds and hundredths of a pound. A weight of 17.05 should be read 17 and 5 one hundredths pounds. Commonly this is short-

ened to 17 and 5 hundredths pounds or 17.05 pounds.

If you are compelled to think in terms of pounds and ounces, all you need to do is multiply the fractional measure (.05) times 16 ounces and you will get the number of ounces the fraction represents. For example,  $.05 \times 16 = 0.8$  ounces. Another example is the weight of 11.90 pounds, eleven and 90 hundredths pounds, can be converted to 11 pounds,  $.9 \times 16 = 14.4$  ounces.

These comments are not intended to insult anyone. Moving to decimals requires a change in the way we view things. And by the way, Greg's winning weight was 14.86 kilograms! Do I hear metric?

## State Federation's 2001 Tournament Schedule

### 7-22-01

Lake Champlain, Ticonderoga, NY

### 8-18&19-01

Club Team Event - Chautauqua Lake

### 9-16-01

Niagara River, Small Boat Harbor

### 10-14-01

Lake George, Silver Bay

## A.A.B.M. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2001

### July 7th & 8th

Lake Champlain @ Ticonderoga

Bass (Points)

### July 28th

Cossayuna Lake @ State Ramp

He/She (No Points)

### August 4th

Mohawk River @ Schoharie Crossing

Bass (Points)

### September 8th

Lake Champlain @ South Bay

Bass (Points)

### October 20th

Lake Bomoseen @ Edgewater

Bass (Points)

### October 27th

TBA

Partners

## SUGGESTED MOTELS FOR OUR CLUB TOURNAMENTS

Ticonderoga	Circle Court	518-585-7660
	Super 8 (Ticonderoga)	518-585-2617
Lake Bomoseen	Edgewater	802-468-5251

\*The week before this tournament will still be closed for practice.

# Meeting Reminder...

The next meeting of the Albany Area Bassmasters will be **Thursday**, July 5th at the Watervliet K of C hall at 8:00 PM sharp.

**Thursday Night Meeting in July!!!**

Place  
Postage  
Here

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