



# ALBANY AREA B.A.S.S. TIMES

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## Rob Richards Rules the Mohawk

Finish	Member	Weight	Lunker
1st	<b>Rob Richards</b>	12.97lbs.	3.13lbs.
2nd	Tim Bantham	11.56lbs.	2.92lbs.
3rd	Jim Greeley	10.94lbs.	
4th	George Locke	10.40lbs	2.68lbs.
5th	Charlie Curcurito	9.90lbs.*	2.51lbs.
6th	Bill Greeley	9.65lbs.	2.57lbs.
7th	Bill Swinton, Jr.	9.89lbs.*	
8th	Frank Maher	9.27lbs.	
9th	Al Dickinson	9.20lbs.	
10th	Paul Pflieger	8.16lbs.	2.94lbs.

\*Weight before dead fish penalty

On August 4th Albany Area Bassmasters held their 4th points tournament of the year.

It was a blue bird day which made the summer fishing on the Mohawk even more difficult

than we've come to expect. Only 11 limits were weighed in out of the 35 anglers field.

Rob Richards took a chance and sacrificed some fishing time by going through 2 locks to reach a

honey hole.. His strategy paid off; Rob boated several limits worth of fish and was able to cull his way to a tournament winning 12.97 pound bag.

Tim Bantham turn in another strong showing on the Mohawk. Tim followed his first win of the year on Champlain with a 2nd place finish on the Mohawk. Tim's limit was anchored by some quality top water bites in the early hours of the tournament.

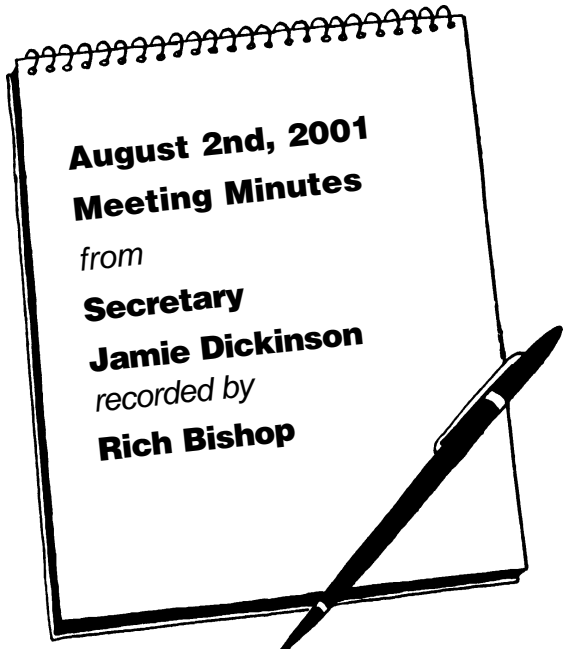
Jim Greeley in his first year as a club member turned in another impressive performance as a non-boater with his third place finish.

## Current Bassman Standings

Place	Member	Total Points
1st	<b>Tim Bantham</b>	370
2nd	Frank Maher	364
2nd	George Locke	364
3rd	Greg Allen	344
4th	Charlie Curcurito	334
5th	Rob Richard	328
6th	Jim Underhill	326
7th	Blasè Ragina	318
7th	Allen Dickinson	318
8th	Bob Simek, Jr.	304
8th	Tom Haley	304
9th	Jim Greeley	302
10th	Bill Swinton, Jr.	298

Over the past 4 or 5 years Tim Bantham has turned in several top finishes at summer Mohawk River tournaments. Tim's 2nd place finish in this years tournament was enough to put him on top of the Bassman of the Year standings after 4 tournaments.

Tim will have to stay at the top of his game for the remaining tournaments with anglers like Frank Maher and George Locke just a few points behind.



The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by President Tim Bantham

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

Minutes from the July meeting were accepted as written by Anthony Curcurito 2nd by Leo Godin.

#### **Club News**

Tim announced that Don VanTassle has been selected to fish the B.A.S.S. top 150 on the Hudson River.

Tim reviewed the Results of the He/She tournament on Cassauna Lake. The tournament (and a \$5 dollar side bet with Charlie) was won by Frank and Rose Maher.

Tim then reviewed the top 10 finishers in our points tournament on Lake Champlain.

The top finishers from the State tournament at Lake Champlain was then reviewed by Tim. Frank Maher had the best finish for our cub with 11.24 lbs. Jim Underhill was our next highest finisher in 78th place with 6.37 lbs. Charlie Curcurito also stayed in the top 100 with his 98th place finish.

Frank Maher passed out shirts for all the members of the club team to be worn at the club team event in August.

#### **Membership Report - Joey Curcurito**

Joey reported that there are no new perspective members at this time.

#### **Technology Report - Greg Allen**

Greg reported that he has posted the results of the He/She tournament on the club web site.

#### **Banquet Committee - Tony Curcurito**

Tony informed the club that banquet is all set for Saturday November 17th.

#### **Break**

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

Bill reviewed the rules and safety precautions for the Mohawk River tournament which included the various no wake zones and the no fishing zone inside the bouys below the locks.

The boat draw for the Mohawk Tournament was then completed.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bill LaRose and seconded by Frank Maher.

# OFF LIMITS REMINDER

The tournament committee would like to remind club members that there will be no practice fishing on Lake Champlain on Memorial Day.

Despite the fact that we have permitted practice on holidays in the past, we saw no reason to extend the practice days for this tournament beyond the one week rule.

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## State Federation's 2001 Tournament Schedule

**9-16-01**

Niagara River, Small Boat Harbor

**10-14-01**

Lake George, Silver Bay

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

**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

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

# Meeting Reminder...

The next meeting of the Albany Area Bassmasters will be **Thursday**, September 6th at the Watervliet K of C hall at 8:00 PM sharp.

**Thursday Night Meeting in September!!!**

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