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## AABM's 2002 Tournament Committee and Officers:

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## **SPORTSMEN SHOWS**

**March 15th - 17th:  
Northeast Great Outdoor  
Show @ The Egg  
featuring Mark Davis**

## **ICE PUTS THE FREEZE ON FEBRUARY'S MEETING**

In case you've been living under a rock, the February meeting was cancelled due to some miserable northeast weather. Try to make the March meeting to hear the unveiling of the 2002 Tournament Schedule and other points of discussion.

## **CHANGES, ALREADY!**

The Tournament Committee has had to make a change in order to avoid a conflict with the Rhode Island Federation that is scheduled to go out of the Ti State ramp on Saturday, the first day of our two day Ti event. *We will go out of the Port Henry ramp on Saturday only and out of the Ti ramp on Sunday.* This will still be a two day event counting as a single tournament. Plan on leaving more time Saturday morning for the the additional travel up to Port Henry. It's not that far but the road isn't exactly a straight shot, either. Keep your eyes and ears open for other possible changes.

Also, keep in mind that most of the times were not listed in the tournament schedule and don't take for granted that the time printed will still be valid 4 to 6 months from now. Try to make the meeting before the tournament or contact a committee member to see if there will be any change in starting times, etc.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Scott James and his wife on the arrival of their new baby boy. Rumor has it that Scott was offered \$100 to name their son after a certain member of our club, thank God he didn't. One Charlie C. is enough for this state.

*At the time of our meeting, the annual Pike, Pickerel & Walleye Tournament will only be 65 days away.... I can almost smell the 2 cycle oil burning now.*

# **A Message From the "Prez"**

Well this gig hasn't been too bad so far. I cancelled the February meeting because the forecast did not look good for those of you who had to travel. As I feared the forecast was close to being totally wrong, but as it turned out the cancellation may have been a blessing in disguise. Bill didn't get to formally present the tournament schedule that the Tournament Committee has since had to change. The process gets more complicated and frustrating every year. The changes are not major and the Tournament Committee did a nice job of resolving the problems quickly. I'll let Bill give you the details at the meeting.

The plan is to have Nate talk about his adventure at our April meeting, this month we will discuss the schedule and the changes we had to make. We'll also take time to discuss State Federation business. Our banquet plans are coming together but we encountered some difficulties similar to those we faced with the tournament schedule.

The good news is the Springfield Show is behind us so Spring is not far off. I hope to see everyone at the March 1 meeting.

## **State Federation Boat Raffle**

Don't know what to do with that tax refund???? Well, Brother Frank can help you out on that. 100 bucks will get you a ticket and a chance to find yourself in a new Triton or Skeeter bass boat. The drawing will take place at the Federation 2002-03 banquet. You don't have to be present to win but it would be in your best interest to attend. The banquet is always a fun time with plenty of laughs with the enjoyment lasting well into the morning hours, just ask Brother Frank.

## **State Federation Dues**

Charlie tells me that he has everyone's membership cards for the State Federation. If you are still interested in joining but didn't get the chance, speak to Charlie and he can tell you what you need to do to become a member. He may even be able to offer you some tips on how to avoid paying \$35 for an ugly pair of shorts. OR, even worse, like how to avoid waxing another man's boat in a pair of Speedos. I just hope there are no small children around when that is happening.

## **Federation's 2002 Tourn. Schedule**

**6-16**

Chautauqua Lake @ Long Pt. Park

**7-14**

Oneida Lake @ Marion Mannor

**8-3&4**

Club Team - Lk. Champlain @ Ti

**8-25**

Cayuga Lk. @ Cayuga Lk. State Park

**9-15**

Lk. Champlain @ Chazy Landing

## **Lunker of the Year**

Here's another good idea for your tax refund if \$100 is too steep for you. \$15 will get you into the Albany Area Bassmasters' lunker pool which also pays out for the biggest and second biggest fish caught for that year. Jim Greeley was our lucky winner in 2001 with a Vermont monster weighing over 8 lbs! Al Dickinson was our runner up with another Vermont pig pushing 6.5 lbs! We're going to be hitting some fantastic water at possibly their best times, so don't miss out on what could be a nice pay day for one fish.

## 2002 Tournament Schedule *Rev1*

<b>Saturday May 4th</b>		<b>Pike Tournament @ State Launch 6AM-2PM</b>
<b>Saturday May 18th</b>		<b>Kids Tournament @ Saratoga Lk. Fish Creek Marina</b>
<b>Sat. &amp; Sun. June 8th &amp; 9th</b>	<b>POINTS</b>	<b>Rouses Point @ Chazy River 5:30AM-1:30PM</b>
<b>Saturday June 29th</b>	<b>POINTS</b>	<b>Saratoga Lk. @ State Launch 5:30AM-1:30PM</b>
<b>Saturday July 20th</b>		<b>Husband/Wife, Etc. @ State launch Cossayuna Lk.</b>
<b>Sunday July 28th*</b>	<b>POINTS</b>	<b>Oneida Lk. @ State Shores Park *Saturday, July 27th will be an official practice day.</b>
<b>Sat. &amp; Sun. August 17th &amp; 18th</b>	<b>POINTS</b>	<b>Port Henry on Saturday &amp; the Ti state launch on Sunday</b>
<b>Saturday September 28th</b>	<b>POINTS</b>	<b>Lk. Bomoseen @ The Edgewater</b>
<b>Saturday October 12th</b>	<b>POINTS</b>	<b>Mohawk River @ Schoharie Xing</b>
<b>Saturday October 19th</b>		<b>Frankie &amp; Charlie &amp; Sandy, Etc. Invitational! Site &amp; time TBA</b>

### PLACES TO STAY

Rouses Pt.  
The Anchorage      (518) 297-4211

Ticonderoga  
Circle Court      (518) 585-7660  
Stonehouse      (518) 585-7394  
Super 8      (518) 585-2617

Oneida Lake  
Belair Motel      (315) 699-5991

Bomoseen  
Edgewater Inn      (802) 468-5251

# Meeting Reminder...

The next meeting of the Albany Area Bassmasters will be **Friday**, March 1st at the Watervliet K of C hall at 8:00 PM sharp.

Place  
Postage  
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