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AL DICKINSON BEST ON ROUSES PT.

Rouses Point lived up to its reputation by whipping up a strong south wind on Saturday and a screaming west wind by the end of the day on Sunday. It also gave up some darn good weight; 20 pounds didn't even break the top ten. Undaunted by it all, Al Dickinson managed to put together a solid two day performance on our first bass tournament of the year. Coming to the scales with over 14 lbs. both days, his total weight of 29.33 pounds was enough to distance himself by over two pounds from our second place finisher, Bob Simek Jr. Bobby, our 2001 Non-Boater of the year, posted a two day weight of 26.76 pounds with the help of his 14.70 pound limit on Sunday. Frank Maher, our 2001 Angler of the Year, also brought in a hefty limit on Sunday (14.06 lbs.) to keep him toward the top with a combined weight of 26.55 lbs. for third place. Rounding out the top five were Brady Moy, 4th place with 26.53 lbs, Paul Pflieger, 5th place with 24.39 lbs. Honorable mention goes out to Bill Greeley for his Day 1 limit of 15.82 pounds and Brady, also on Day 1, putting up a 15.72 pound sack of fish. This was definitely a good tournament for our back-of-the-boat anglers with five of them filling the top ten spots and all lunker money going to a non-boater - way to go! We also saw "Eagle-Eye" Bobby Simek nail a contestant at the weigh in with a sub-legal fish earning Bobby a crisp \$5 bill. I'm sure he used it wisely by purchasing a bottle of Gatorade or putting it toward a pack of Senkos.

GEORGE "LOCKES" ON THE LARGEMOUTH

It makes me feel good, like the universe is in order, when I see George Locke bring the winning weight to the scales on Saratoga. It's what I remember most when I was a rookie. His 15.61 pound limit was enough to claim first place along with 1st place money prize (\$75) and 1st place calcutta \$198! Not bad for 8 hours of fun. Also, having a nice pay day was a relatively new-member Tom Haley, who finished in second place with 14.75 lbs. which was anchored by the tournament lunker weighing 4.68 pounds. 2nd place prize money (\$55), lunker (\$67) and 2nd place calcutta \$132.....not too shabby. It pays to get into those calcuttas. Doing his best Shaw Grigsby imitation gave Jim Underhill 13.16 pounds and enough weight for 3rd place. 4th place was Bob Richard with 12.45 pounds and Brother Frank was 5th with 11.85. Second lunker went to Rich Bishop with a nice "chunk" going 4.18 pounds.

SOME THINGS MONEY CAN'T BUY

G. Loomis graphite rod.....\$250. Team Daiwa baitcast reel..... \$199. Ranger Bass Boat.....+ \$25,000. Forgetting to put in the drain plug and launching your boat in front of all your club members and other bystanders and seeing your boat fill with water....PRICELESS. I also heard that if you don't install the drain plug on a Champion, that they will also float when filled with water.

WHERE THE @*%# IS THE TOURNAMENT?!?

Maybe I didn't stress this hard enough but you should all be following the schedule that is titled "**2002 Tournament Schedule Rev 1**". The "**Rev 1**" meaning that it supersedes all previous schedules. The only problem I see with it is the kid's tournament, which is a moot point now. I don't know where the schedule that had the conflict in it came from. I checked back files and couldn't find the Saratoga Lake event going out of Fish Creek. At any rate, destroy all schedules that are not titled as above, either by burning (please follow all town ordinances), shredding or microwaving. I'll bring more "Rev 1" print-outs to the meeting just in case someone does not have one.

A Message From the "Prez"

June is gone and the Spring-that-wasn't with it. We've already fished a third of our tournament schedule, two down and four to go. I am very pleased with how these first two went. **We had a nice mix of humor:** Russ assuring me his boat was ready to go only to have me slowly sink into the sunrise with a perfectly dry livewell. And just to prove that we don't all pay attention, Jamie sinking his boat on the ramp at Saratoga. Some thought it was funny that Scott went back to bed on the first morning at Rouses only to wake up and find everyone gone to the launch. Scott didn't find it funny. A special thanks to Joannie Fleming who rescued Scott and got him to the launch in plenty of time...Russ' boat was still draining on the trailer. **We had some confusion:** a mix up in the printed and web posted schedules that had some guys go to Fish Creek Marina and the rest to the State Boat Launch. We're not sure how that happened and while Greg has taken the blame, the printed schedule hanging in my office says Fish Creek Marina. We ended up waiting for Bill and Don to find their way from Fish Creek to the State Launch. The reassuring thing is that if you were at the meeting and paid attention you made it to the correct launch, no matter what the schedule said. Unfortunately, Bill and Don couldn't make the meeting. **We had some "interesting" weather:** after blowing guys off the water the weekend before the tournament, Rouses saved just enough wind to make things interesting on Saturday. A lot of small mouths were spared because those points were just too windy to fish. Sunday was a redeeming day weather-wise. Guys could get where they wanted to, fish how they wanted to, and get back safely without getting beat up. Saratoga was just plain Summer. It was a sunburn, dry you out day. **We had some very good fishing:** it took two 15 pound limits to win on Champlain and a 15 pound limit to win on Saratoga. In two days of fishing on Champlain there was only one zip, on day one when Bobby Burns had boat problems. On Saratoga three guys didn't weigh any fish, but that was out of 41 competitors.

I want to congratulate our winners: Al Dickinson on Lake Champlain and George Locke on Saratoga. I'm asking both of them to share with you how they succeeded at the next meeting.

The Tournament Committee has done a great job and I want to thank them for that. And as a Club, you've been terrific.

The Club also had a very successful Kids Tournament on Saratoga Lake. There was plenty of fun, plenty of food and plenty of fish.

We're off to a great start, let's keep it going. See you on the 11th.

INFORMATION NEEDED!

I need input from a number of guys regarding some important information, such as, where the heck you live, phone number, etc. I'd like to get an updated roster out by next months news letter, so please try to get this info to me at the next meeting. If you can't, then please call me at home (459-4510) or email me at amaher@tycoint.com. And thank you for your support.

OOOPS!

My apologies to all our email recipients of the newsletter. I was hoping to include the Rouses Point & Saratoga Lake results in this edition but I unfortunately don't have the program necessary to open it in order to include it on the electronic version of the newsletter....bad planning on my part. I'll see what I can do and hopefully we'll have some up to date standings in the coming months.

STATE FEDERATION

Just a quick mention.....Congratulations to Tom Haley on his Chautauqua Lake showing. I don't know his exact finish but I understand that he made the money. Good job.

MEETING CHANGE !!!!!

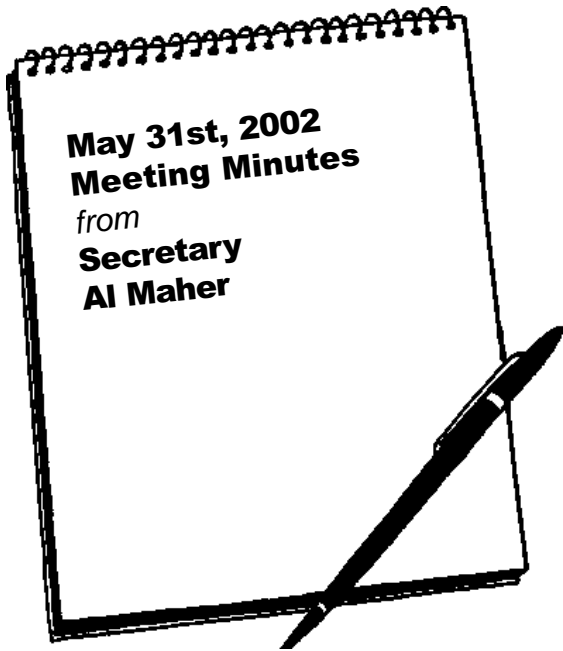
Our next meeting will be on **THURSDAY, JULY 11th** at the usual place. The boat draw for Oneida Lake will take place that evening. The tournament will be on Sunday, July 28th. The lake is off limits as of sundown July 21st but you may take advantage of Saturday, July 27th which is an official practice day. Again, if you can't make the meeting and you wish to fish the tournament, please let a member of the tournament committee know so that you will be included in the boat draw. There is also the Husband/Wife event on Cayuga Lake on July 20th, out of the state launch. Please let Bill Swinton Jr. know if you plan on fishing that one also.

AABM'S 2002 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

07/20	Husband/Wife, etc.	Cossayuna Lk, State Launch
07/28	Bass/Points	Oneida Lk, St. Shores Park
08/17&18	Bass/Points	Lk. Champ, Port Henry&Ti
09/28	Bass/Points	Bomoseen, The Edgewater
10/12	Bass/Points	Mohawk R., Schoharie Xing
10/19	Invitational	Site & Time TBA

Federation's 2002 Tourn. Schedule

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



The meeting was called to order at 8:15 PM by President Mike Ellrott.

Officers Present: Mike Ellrott, Bill Swinton Jr. and Alan Maher.

Motion to accept the Minutes from the May meeting by Art Grant and 2nd by Charlie Curcurito.

Treasurer's Report - Mike Ellrott

Mike reported that the Club has a balance of \$4,783.93

Membership Report - George Locke

George announced that there were 2 prospective members in attendance. Bob Simek Sr. and Terry Flemming were making their 6th function and would be voted on later in the evening.

Conservation Report - Frank Maher

Frank obtained a permit from NYSDEC to possess more than the legal limit of bass so that we could use release boats in the Rouses Point tournament.

Lunker Pool - Charlie Curcurito

This was Charlie's last report, everyone was very disappointed about this. 38 members payed \$15 into the lunker pool. 1st place is worth \$380 and 2nd is worth \$190.

Safety Report - Bob Simek

No report.

Federation Report - Frank Maher

Deadline for the Chautauqua tournament entry is June 1st. Also doing another raffle tonight for a boat raffle ticket.

Kids Tournament - Bill Swinton

Cancelled due to inclement weather. Rescheduled to June 22nd.

Club News

Bill Larose was recovering from shoulder surgery. Hopefully, he'll be back in business by the Saratoga tournament.

Don VanTassel was fishing the FLW tournament on the Potomac River.

Mike discussed the pike tournament and commended the boaters in our club for their fine showing during the boat inspection. Mike was told by the Coast Guard that we were "light years" ahead of other groups that they had inspected in the past.

Greg Allen and Bobby Simek (actually Greg) "told all" about their pike tournament win on Saratoga Lake.

We had a lively boat draw for Rouses Point courtesy of Charlie & Frank. Neither was reprimanded for looking in the hat before pulling a name.

15 minute break.

The July meeting will be on THURSDAY, JULY 11th !!

Boat draw for Saratoga Lake. Out of the State launch.

Bass boat raffle ticket raffle, won by Ralph Sommers.

50/50 won by Jamie Dickinson - \$23

Motion to adjourn by Tony Curcurito and 2nd by Art Grant.

Meeting Reminder...

The next meeting of the Albany Area Bassmasters will be **Thursday**, July 11th at the Watervliet K of C hall at 8:00 PM sharp.

Place
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Here

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