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## ONEIDA WON ON LARGEMOUTHS

Ignoring conventional thought, Bob Richard went for the gusto and bagged some big largemouths to claim his first victory this year and help boost his overall standings. By a margin of over four pounds, his 17.92 lb. weight blew away the field. In second place we saw Bobby Simek Jr. put up 13.85 lbs. from the back of the boat. Finishing third was our current leader Frank Maher with 13.78 lbs. Fourth went to Russ Camadine with 12.99 lbs. and Al Dickinson finished 5th with a respectable 12.92 pounds. Lunkers for the tournament were a 4.38 pound largemouth caught by Bob Richard and a lucky cast produced a 3.7 pound smallmouth for the one and only Charlie Curcurito.

## HUSBAND/WIFE

July 20th found some dedicated women out fishing with their partners on Cossayuna Lake in our annual husband/wife, guy/gal, significant other, etc event. The winning weight was boated by the team of Donna & Mike O'Brien with 13.17 lbs. Donna also had the lunker for the gals with a 2.95 pound largemouth bass. Second place was claimed by the team of Sue & Brady Moy with a weight of 12.82 pounds and third saw Bob Burns and his partner Lynne bringing 12.51 pounds to the scales. Lunker for the guys was caught by Brother Frank with a 3.67 lb. largemouth. It should also be noted that my favorite sister-in-law, Rose, finished ahead of Charlie Curcurito again. Congratulations on keeping that "streak" alive!

## GOOD LUCK TO OUR CLUB TEAM

August 3rd & 4th will find our top 6 finishers from the 2001 season matching their skills against some of the state's top anglers on one of our favorite bodies of water, Lake Champlain @ Ticonderoga. The six man team of Frank Maher (Captain), George Locke, Al Dickinson, Charlie Curcurito, Greg Allen & Tim Bantham will be hard to beat. The tournament is run on a team format, where the total weight of the six guys (fish weight that is) is tallied up for the two competition days and the team with the most weight wins the trophy and some nice cash. With the amount of tournaments that have already been on that body of water, fishing may be tough but I know these guys can figure it out.

## BASSMAN 2002

Our Bassman of the Year race is in full swing, now that we've had three tournaments behind us. We've had three different winners for each event but our top two guys have been super consistent. Here are our top six guys in points.

1 Frank Maher	284	4 Paul Pflieger	254
2 Al Dickinson	274	5 Jim Underhill	248
3 Tom Haley	256	5 Bob Richard	248
3 Mike Ellrott	256	6 Jim Greeley	240

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

The Monday morning after! Ending a two week vacation with a tournament was not good planning on my part. Two 4 AM mornings, two 8 hour fishing days and a 2 hour plus drive home (after visiting with a friend following the tournament) sent me back to work wore out. It didn't help that when I got home I put away my tackle, unpacked my bag and stripped down to my shorts to go take a shower and then made the mistake of lying down on the bed to watch five minutes of TV before my shower. Those 5 minutes ended at 5:30 AM when my alarm went off getting me up for work. When I got to the office I was greeted by a short stack of paper mail, mostly promotional ads from vendors, 6 phone messages, two from Tony Curcurito, and 243 email messages! Yep, 243 email messages! I was able to discard 98 without reading them: spams, promotional mail and offers from unrecognized sources. I was intrigued by the offer of a sure fire way to enlarge my penis, but discarded that without opening it too. There were a couple of notes from Frank and Paul, but the rest were real work. Eight hours later I was on my way home where another 29 email messages awaited me on my personal computer, including email from some smart-ass kid who says he likes bass fishing and wants to find out how he can join the Albany Area Bassmasters. Oh yeah, he attached two photos of him holding large smallmouths. I refrained from telling him the easiest way to get voted in was to run for President and sat down to write this piece for the newsletter. By the way I'm typing this on my laptop because my desktop doesn't like to work on hot evenings and has a very annoying way of showing you.

I have a few mid-season reflections to share with you. I think we have had three very good tournaments. The tournaments have been very competitive and we have caught a lot of fish. We've had three different winners: Al Dickinson at Rouses Point, George Locke at Saratoga, and Bob Richard on Oneida. Mother Nature has treated us very well for all three tournaments; and I say that to thank her, not to dare her to give us bad weather. Most importantly the tournaments have been fun. The comradery before, during and after the tournaments is one thing that sets us apart from other clubs. Al and George did great jobs at the last meeting discussing the secrets to their success, and I certainly hope Bob Richard is there meeting night to discuss his winning methods with equal candor. There have been enough of missteps and mishaps to give us stories to last the winter. The first half of the season certainly has me looking forward to the second half.

I also think you need to be commended for getting your boats in the water and the tournament underway in record time on Sunday. I took a quick look at my watch and I think we launched 16 boats and were ready to go in less than 20 minutes. Incredible! Weigh-ins have all gone very well thanks to your cooperation and the work of a very good tournament committee. They have been a pleasure to work with.

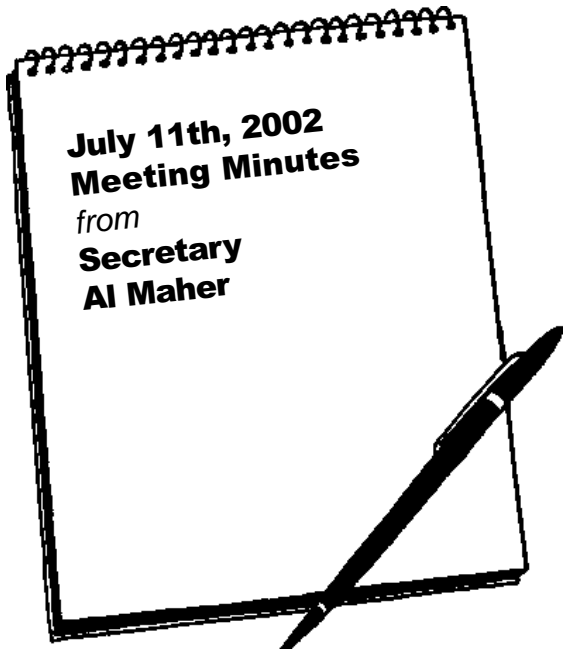
Gees, I'm quitting before I get sappy. It must be the ten hours of staring at a PC monitor today. I hope to see you all August 9<sup>th</sup>. I hope Bob Richard is there to tell us how he bagged a limit of monster large-mouths while we were all chasing smallmouths. We will be drawing partners for the Ticonderoga tournament. With all the pressure on those fish this season this tournament is sure to present challenges unlike those we faced there before. See you at the meeting.

## **MEETING CHANGE !!!!!**

Our next meeting will be on **Friday, August 9th** at the usual place. The boat draw for Lake Champlain will take place that evening. **THIS EVENT WILL BE DIFFERENT BECAUSE WE ARE GOING OUT OF PORT HENRY ON SATURDAY AND THE TI LAUNCH ON SUNDAY. PLEASE LEAVE EXTRA EARLY SATURDAY MORNING TO MAKE UP FOR THE ADDITIONAL TRAVEL TIME TO PORT HENRY.**

# ALBANY AREA BASSMATERS - 2002 ROSTER

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Tim Bantham	34 Carriage Way	Ballston Spa	NY	12020	518-884-8069	518-884-6573
Richard Bishop	439 Morris St.	Albany	NY	12208	518-438-6521	
Bob Burns	476 Garfield Road	E.Nassau	NY	12062	518-766-6113	
Russ Camadine	164 West Shore Dr.	Valatie	NY	12123	518-784-2087	
Anthony Curcurito	2E Rosemary Drive	Albany	NY	12211	518-434-8032	
Charlie Curcurito	101 Ten Eyck	Guiderland	NY	12084	518-464-1970	
Joey Curcurito	38 Larkspur Drive	Ballston Spa	NY	12020	518-899-4119	
Brian Dengler	32 Orchard Ave.	Ravena	NY	12143	518-270-4703	
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Mike Ellrott	1825 Devendorf Rd.	Schenectady	NY	12303	518-356-0949	518-474-1301
Terry Fleming	44 Park Drive	Greenwich	NY	12834	518-692-7549	
Leo Godin	32 Hazelhurst Ave.	Albany	NY	12203	518-482-6181	
Arthur Grant	37 Quevic Dr.	Saratoga Springs	NY	12866	518-584-1240	
Bill Greeley	340 Crandall Road	Petersburg	NY	12138	518-658-9720	
Jim Greeley	340 Crandall Road	Petersburg	NY	12138	518-658-9720	
Tom Haley	72 Skylark Drive	Ballston Spa	NY	12020	518-885-3159	
Scott James	11 Wilson St.	Greenwich	NY	12834	518-692-9747	
William LaRose, Jr.	909 Main Street	Great Barrington	MA	01230	413-528-4706	
George Leibach	164 Congress St.	Cohoes	NY	12047	518-237-8691	
George Locke	29 Buell Ave.	Ballston Lake	NY	12019	518-399-7866	
Al Maher	22 Norbrick Drive	Albany	NY	12205	518-459-4510	
Frank Maher	288 Connecticut Ave.	Pittsfield	MA	01201	413-442-2656	
Brady Moy	1379 King Rd.	Cambridge	NY	12816	518-677-8623	
Mike O'Brien	155 Caluin Cole Rd.	Stephentown	NY	12168	518-733-9153	
Paul Pflieger	336 Shirlwood Dr.	Schenectady	NY	12306	518-355-3334	518-478-1094
Bill Pigott	5 Grape Street	Pittsfield	MA	01201	413-443-4938	413-637-1031
Frank Polomaine	1978 Marlette St.	Schenectady	NY	12303	518-355-8074	
Wayne Price	77 Vanness Rd.	Mechanicville	NY	12133	518-664-6293	
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Rob Richard	520 Bouie Hill Rd.	Hoosick Falls	NY	12090	518-686-5318	
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Bill Swinton, Sr.	245 Wilbur Rd.	Schuylerville	NY	12871	518-584-8331	
Jim Underhill	107 Clarkson Ave.	Pittsfield	MA	01201	413-442-6089	
Don VanTassel	P.O.Box 554	N.Egremont	MA	01252	413-528-0117	



The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by President Mike Ellrott.

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

Motion to accept the Minutes from the May 31st (June) meeting by George Liebach and 2nd by Wayne Price.

**Treasurer's Report - Mike Ellrott**

Mike reported that the Club has a balance of \$6238.18

**Membership Report - George Locke**

No report.

**Conservation Report - Mike Ellrott**

the Oneida tournament.

Mike mentioned that we would be using release boats for

**Safety Report - Bob Simek**

Went over conditions at Oneida Lake. Be careful of shoals, do not run the shoreline.

**Kid's Tournament & Husband/Wife - Bill Swinton**

Kid's tournament finally held. The kids caught a total of 163 pounds of fish.

The Husband/Wife event will go out of the Cossayuna State launch 6:30AM - 1:00PM. 6 fish limit with two separate lunkers (guys & gals). Entry fee is \$25 per boat.

**Federation Report - Mike Ellrott**

Chautauqua Lake event was held. 751 fish were caught with a total weight of 1,571 lbs. 13 guys didn't weigh a fish. 5.06 lb largemouth took lunker. 19.41 lbs was first. 17.91 was second & 16.93 lbs was third. Tom Haley finished in 25th with 12.28 lbs.

**Club News/New Business**

Went over rules & "do's and don'ts" for the upcoming club team event on Lake Champlain. You can't use cell phones or two-way radios during tournament hours for you or your team's benefit.

The August meeting will be moved to FRIDAY, AUGUST 9th to avoid having the meeting during the club team event.

We had a special presentation given by Mike Ellrott. He awarded Charlie Curcurito with not one but two "BASSHOLE of the Year" awards for backing up his boat into a sliding glass door at the motel that he was staying at for the Chautauqua Lake event. These were recycled awards that Mike & Bob Richard had received at the 2001 banquet for similar mishaps.

15 minute break.

Mike went over the results of the Rouses Point tournament. 132 fish caught on day 1 for a total weight of 282.73 pounds with a 4.53 lunker largemouth. Day 2 saw us weigh in 138 fish for a total weight of 290.23 pounds and a 4.70 pound largemouth for lunker. Mike's report was followed by Al Dickinson explaining what he did to win on Rouses Point.

Mike also went over the results of Saratoga Lake. 41 guys entered the event, only one guy stayed home. 137 fish were caught for a total weight of 272.27 pounds. 17 out of 41 entrants brought limits to the scales. This was followed by George Locke giving a very detailed discussion of what he did to win the Saratoga Lake tournament.

Mike read the 2002 Bassman of the Year standings. Brother Frank leading with Al Dickinson in second.

Boat draw for Oneida Lake was held. Charlie Curcurito finally got a good boat draw, he is first boat out. Tournament is to be held on Sunday, July 28th at the Oneida Shores Park. Prefish day on Saturday the 27th, must be off the water by 3:00PM. Gates for the site will not open before 6:00AM. 16 boats entered, one guy fishing alone.

50/50 won by Bob Simek Jr. - \$29

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

# Meeting Reminder...

The next meeting of the Albany Area Bassmasters will be **Friday, August 9th** at the Watervliet K of C hall at 8:00 PM sharp.

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