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GREG ALLEN CLAIMS BOMOSEEN

Mother nature showed mercy on us and held off with the serious wind until late in the day. Greg Allen took advantage of the favorable conditions and boated a mixed limit weighing 15.43 pounds to land him a win on Lake Bomoseen along with \$156 for first place calcutta. Jim Underhill also had a mixed bag and good weight. 13.67 pounds was enough for second place and \$104 for 2nd calcutta. Bobby Simek, making his debut as a boater in the ol' man's rig, placed third with 13.16 pounds. Tom Haley, having a strong season, finished 4th with 10.44 and George Locke rounded out the top five with 10.20 pounds. Total weight for fish caught was 203 pounds and only 3 anglers failed to weigh in a fish.

CONGRATULATIONS!

A big round of applause goes out to Don VanTassel who through hard work has qualified for the BFL Regional Event on Lake Gaston in North Carolina. Don had an 8th place finish on the Cayuga Lake Super Tournament which ensured him a spot in the Lake Gaston event. By finishing within the top % 15 that day, Don qualified to compete the following day, also on Cayuga. Apparently this is for a little fun and spending money for the guys that were up near the top. Never letting up, Don was able to boat 7 keepers with his best 5 weighing in at 13 pounds, 5 ounces and earning him a victory from the back of the boat! Don brought home a nice trophy, a check for \$3,365 and a helluva cold from fishing in two days of rain.

BANQUET 2002

Get your baby sitters, dog sitters & grandkid sitters lined up. For Saturday, November 16th is the night of our annual banquet at The Best Western on Western Ave. in Albany. The cost of the banquet is free for members and \$25 per guest. Cocktail hour will be from 6 - 7PM. There are rooms available. \$73 for a two occupant room which includes a full breakfast. Call 489-2981 to make reservations and mention you're with the Albany Area Bass Masters.

Here is one possible way to get there if coming from the east. I haven't checked these directions for accuracy, so use them cautiously. I90 west to the Fuller Road exit. Make a left at the end of the ramp (traffic light) on to Fuller Rd. Stay on Fuller Rd. to the end (T intersection) and make a left on to Western Ave. Continue about 1/2 to 3/4s of mile. The Best Western will be on your right

I WANTED TO THANK BILL PIGOTT FOR STANDING IN AND TAKING THE MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER MEETING. HE DID A GREAT JOB WITH THE NOTES.

FINAL POINTS TOURNAMENT

Our final points tournament for the 2002 season is less than two weeks away and will be the deciding factor on who our 2002 Bassman of the Year will be. Also to be determined will our Back of the Boat Angler. The tournament will be on the Mohawk River at the Schoharie Crossing site off of Rte 5S on Saturday, October 12th. Be at the meeting for the partner draw and launch time. As always, inform a member of the tournament committee if you intend to fish but can't make the meeting.

END OF THE YEAR PARTNER TOURNAMENT DATE CHANGE

The Partner event date has changed! The date and place will be Sunday, October 20th at the State launch on Saratoga Lake. Plan on a launch time of 7:00AM and coming back at 3:00PM. Entry fee is \$50 per boat which will include luncheon.

DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR NY STATE FISHING LICENSE

STATE FEDERATION BOAT RAFFLE

This is a good way to spend all that calcutta and luncheon money you guys have been winning. Brother Frank still has tickets for the Federation Boat raffle. Each ticket costs \$100.00. Here's how it goes:

Raffle: A brand new Triton or Skeeter Bass Boat w/ 200 HP Mercury or Yamaha motor; fully rigged package boat.

Buying a ticket will also get you into the 2002-03 Federation Banquet that will be in Syracuse, which will also be the site of the draw for the boat.

The first 50 tickets drawn will have their choice, if they are present at the draw, of \$150 or they can choose to have their ticket put back into the draw. If they are not present they will receive \$100.

The 51st ticket drawn is the 2nd place winner and wins \$2,500

The 52nd ticket drawn is the grand prize winner and receives a certificate for the boat or they may elect \$20K in cash.

The disclaimer is that if less than 400 tickets are sold then the raffle is cancelled and money will be returned. There are also cash prizes to the club and individual selling the winning ticket.

FOR SALE

MotorGuide 52" stainless steel trolling motor shaft. \$40. Call Tony Curcurito.

A Message From the "Prez"

Whoops, this Newsletter almost slipped by. We usually fish a tournament before Al needs my comments, but the September 28th date tricked me.

I've got nothing for you, nada, no words of wisdom, no important message to share. Al will cover the business end of things in the Newsletter. The upcoming banquet, the next tournament, Don VanTassel's success in his latest BFL tournament. He might even mention that we're getting close to Club elections again. That in two months you need to nominate the guys you want to run the Club and our tournaments next year. He'll probably thank Bill Pigott for covering the meeting for him last month and doing a great job as substitute secretary. That leaves me a blank.

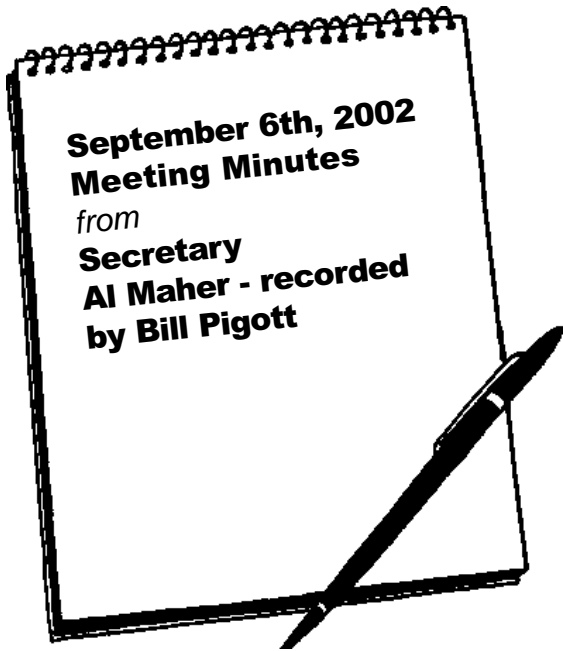
I've been distracted. Had a new roof put on my house last week. Had to burn two vacation days to watch my money be spent, you know, make sure I got what I paid for and with good workmanship. I've been distracted. I have to put a roof on the camp next week, or the first dry weekend we have. Coordinating the schedules of my nephews and my son-in-law all who volunteered to help put the roof on, who know how to do it and know that they will do most of the work! I've been distracted. Buying an extended warranty for my Explorer on the advice of my Vice President. What an experience that was. Once you selected one of the 57 warranty options available, you have to shop around because the price from dealer to dealer varied by as much as 40 % for the same warranty. Oh, it didn't help that I waited until I had 100 miles left on the factory warranty before I finally bought the extended warranty. I've been distracted. At work I've been trying to do the job that three people used to do. And to make matters worse my secretary/administrative assistant was out for a week while she moved into a new home. And I've been distracted by Lake Bomoseen and our upcoming tournament. The last few years tournaments this late in the season didn't distract me. The problem with doing well is that I then become driven to keep doing well. I try not to let tournaments be important to me, to just fish for fun, but if we didn't have some competitive spirit we wouldn't be fishing tournaments to begin with. I've been distracted. After two days of practice I'm trying to figure out how I can get 75 pounds of plastic and hardbaits into Al Maher's boat without him noticing. Maybe he won't see that extra bag under the 10 rods I'll have stacked on it. I just hope he doesn't wonder what happened to his boat's hole shot when he tries to plane off with me and my tackle next to him.

So I've been distracted. And I apologize for not having anything wise or witty to share with you this month. Please make the next meeting. We will talk about the banquet, the elections, our last points tournament and the partners tournament. We'll raffle off another ticket for the federation boat raffle and most important, we'll put aside all those distracting things and have a good time.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN YANKEE STADIUM AND FENWAY PARK?

IN YANKEE STADIUM, YOU CAN STILL BUY A HOTDOG IN OCTOBER.

I thought that was a good one and I'm a Red Sox fan.....Sorry Dad.



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

Officers Present: Mike Ellrott, Bill Swinton Jr., Paul Pflieger. Bill Pigott sitting in for Al Maher.

Motion to accept the Minutes from the August 9th meeting by Charlie Curcurito and 2nd by Wayne Price.

Treasurer's Report - Paul Pflieger

Paul reported that the Club has a balance of \$7,384.58 not including entry fees for the Bomoseen Tournament.

Membership Report - George Locke

Don Yarter completed his second function.

Banquet Report - Paul Pflieger

Paul reported that the banquet will be on November 16th, 2002 at the Best Western on western Ave in Albany.

Conservation Report - Bill Pigott for Frank Maher

Franks report commended the membership on doing a fine job with the care of our catch in this years tournaments. Noting that the water temps have been pretty high and increasing the stress that the fish are under. He also did not see any reason for release boats on Bomoseen since there is sufficient water depth at the end of the docks.

Safety Report - Bobby Simek

Bobby reported on limited dock space at the Edgewater.

Tournament Committee - Bill Swinton

Bill reported that September 28th on Lake Bomoseen, 6:30AM -2:30PM going out of the Edgewater. Bill also reported that we may have some representatives from Vermont's DEC to check our fish for the Largemouth Bass virus.

Federation Report - Mike Ellrott for Frank Maher

Mike read the results of the Cayuga Lake tournament. That will be no raffle ticket drawing for the boat raffle tonight. The raffle will occur at the next meeting.

Old Business

Mike reported that we have 41 club members paid and 24 paid into the State Federation.

New Business

New York State fishing licenses expire at the end of September.

Mike reported that clubs and organization are scheduling tournaments much earlier than in the past which will make the tournament committee's job even more difficult. He stated that he has already heard of events slated in for Lake Champlain for the 2003 season.

Linda Pflieger sent a thank you to the club, she is doing fine after surgery.

Mike Ellrott made a motion to have the club pay for each members' dinner at the banquet. The motion passed.

Mike read through the top ten guys of our Lake Champlain tournament on August 17th & 18th.

Blase Regina gave a very animated recap on how his two days of fishing went.

Mike read the current Bassman of the Year standings.

Boat draw for Lake Bomoseen event.

50/50 won by Mike O'Brien - \$31

Motion to adjourn by George Leibach and 2nd by Wayne Price.

Meeting Reminder...

The next meeting of the Albany Area Bassmasters will be **Friday, October 4th** at the Watervliet K of C hall at 8:00 PM sharp.

Place
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Here

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