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MOHAWK FINALE

George Locke, just to make sure that he wasn't forgotten about, added another victory to his resume by weighing 14.94 lbs. in a tough tournament on the Mohawk River October 12th. He also earned himself \$168 for first place calcutta. Rich Bishop, who has missed most of the year, finished well with 13.72 pounds, \$112 for second place calcutta & \$54 for tournament lunger which weighed 3.85 lbs. In third place we saw Charlie Curcurito with his limit weighing 12.11 pounds. Rounding out the top five were Tim Bantham, 4th place, 11.75 pounds and Mike Ellrott, in 5th, with 11.43 lbs. Mike also had 2nd lunger weighing 3.47 pounds earning him \$36.

BASSMAN 2002

Turning in a strong season (544 points) and cashing in every tournament except for Ticonderoga was this years Bassman of the Year, Frank Maher. He definitely gave a lesson in consistency by finishing in the top ten in every event. His best finishes were third on Rouses Point & Oneida Lake.

Mike Ellrott with 512 points, finished in second place overall and is our Back of the Boat Angler of the Year. This is also the best finish that I can remember (in 16 years) that was ever turned in by a guy from the back of the boat. Mike finished in the top ten in every event except for one and cashed in three of them.

Here are the rest of our top ten finishers.

3.	Tom Haley	508 points
4.	Charlie Curcurito	490
5.	Al Dickinson	480
6.	Jim Underhill	478
7.	Paul Pflieger	474
8.	Bill Swinton Jr.	466
9.	Bob Richard	460
10.	Bob Simek Jr.	454

ELECTIONS

Don't miss this month's meeting. We will be accepting nominations for individuals to run for offices and tournament committee positions. All candidates must have attended at least 50% of meetings this year and participated in at least 3 of our points tournaments.

THE BANQUET

The annual award banquet is Saturday, November 16th at The Best Western in Albany on Western Ave. Members are free and guests are only \$25. **Payment is due this meeting!** Cocktail hour will be from 6PM to 7PM at poolside. I wonder how long we could try out our new Lucky Craft jerkbaits in the pool before we got tossed out? Call (518) 489-2981 to make reservations for rooms.

FOR SALE

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

Call Tony Curcurito.

A Message From the "Prez"

Going, going, gone!

It's hard to accept that the 2002 season is over. It happened so suddenly, yet it happened with certainty. The Mohawk Tournament turned out to be very difficult. Catches were down, weights were down. It was a struggle. And if the Mohawk left any doubt, the following weekend resonated that it was getting very near time to put away the rods and reels for the off-season. Saratoga proved to be as challenging as the Mohawk. It felt a little like winter early in the day and the bite certainly was slow. We had a great turnout, 16 boats, but I think for a lot of guys it was one of their last ventures for the year. Snow on the grass and frost on the pumpkin will end the season for all but the hardiest.

The upcoming meeting is very important as you all know. We will be accepting nominations for officers and Tournament Committee positions. At our last meeting I encouraged everyone to participate in the process and to consider running for office or the Tournament Committee. I want to make it clear that the encouragement was in no way intended to be slight against the current officers and Tournament Committee members. This was one of the best teams I have ever worked with in the Club and since I intend to run for president again, I certainly hope they will all accept nominations to work with me again if I am elected.

We will review the last two tournaments of the year and the final standings. The Banquet Committee will be collecting \$25 for each guest who will be attending the banquet and provide the final details for the evening. We have some other business to discuss, but I promise not to keep you until the wee hours of the morning. I hope to see you there.

SARATOGA LAKE

On October 20th we had our annual Charlie & Frankie, dump the job of running the tournament on our wives, invitational on Saratoga Lake. In what seemed to have been the norm all year, wind and unstable weather was what the competitors faced. I apologize for not having the weights or even who placed where but Andrew Zima & Mike O'Brien teamed up to put together enough weight to win the event. Mike will have the info on the rest of the field at the meeting. I think we'll all need to send our GPS units & compasses back to be recalibrated because that was the most southerly west-northwest wind that I've ever seen.

ANNUAL DUES

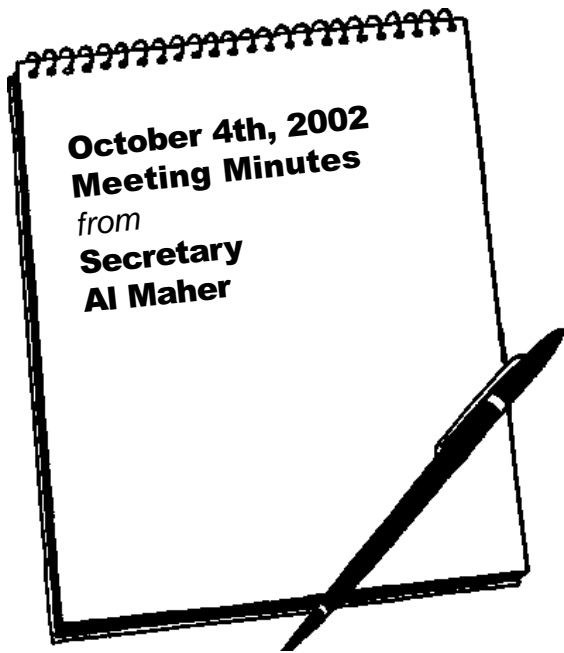
Hopefully most of you guys have stashed away some of your tournament winnings so that you can pay your dues on time. We really need this paid by the December meeting. Total payment is \$45 (\$30 to the club and \$15 to National BASS). Everyone that didn't pay by December last year were not considered to be a member of National BASS and never received BASS Times....heck some of you still aren't getting it. Please help me by paying up by December so that I don't have to ask Mike to do my job. Also, let me know if I have incorrect information for you. Such as, email address, address, phone number, etc.

STATE FEDERATION BOAT RAFFLE

Time is running out if you want to buy a ticket for your chance to win a fully rigged Triton or Skeeter bass boat with a 200 HP Merc or Yamaha outboard motor. You can also take the \$20,000 alternate prize if you don't need a new boat. The disclaimer is that if less than 400 tickets are sold, then the raffle will be canceled and all money will be returned. See Brother Frank if you are interested.

**2002 Standings
Albany Area Bassmasters**

	Name	Rouses Pt		Saratoga		Oneida		P.Hen Tic		Bomoseen		Schoharie		Total	Total	Pos.
		Wgt	Pts.	Wgt.	Pts.	Wgt.	Pts.	Wgt.	Pts.	Wgt.	Pts.	Wgt.	Pts.	Wgt	Pts.	
1	Frank Maher	26.55	96	11.85	92	13.78	96	20.26	82	8.85	88	10.12	90	91.41	544	1
2	Mike Ellrott	23.55	90	11.15	84	10.95	82	21.86	90	6.9	74	11.43	92	85.84	512	2
3	Tom Haley	21.63	84	14.75	98	10.66	74	19.61	80	10.44	94	5.63	78	82.72	508	3
4	Ch. Curcurito	20.96	78	4.97	50	11.28	86	23.68	94	8.68	86	12.11	96	81.68	490	4
5	Allen Dickinson	29.33	100	10.4	82	12.92	92	13.13	66	7.48	76	2.99	64	76.25	480	5
6	Jim Underhill	20.42	74	13.16	96	10.84	78	20.74	84	13.67	98	1.19	48	80.02	478	6
7	Paul Pflieger	24.39	92	9.44	78	11.11	84	25.03	96	6.89	72	2.43	52	79.29	474	7
8	Bill Swinton Jr.	17.02	68	6.03	58	11.4	88	25.28	98	8.03	78	5	76	72.76	466	8
9	Bob Richard	13.05	54	12.45	94	17.92	100	14.55	72	6.2	66	4.81	74	68.98	460	9
10	Bob Simek Jr.	26.76	98	0	26	13.85	98	6.95	48	13.16	96	9.66	88	70.38	454	10
11	George Locke	0	0	15.61	100	12.41	90	13.2	68	10.2	92	14.94	100	66.36	450	11
12	Jim Greeley	20.87	76	11.5	88	10.71	76	12.29	60	2.98	52	1.02	46	59.37	398	12
13	Al Maher	22.36	88	11.16	86	4.1	48	13	62	4.55	62	1.96	50	57.13	396	13
14	BradyMoy	26.53	94	6.05	60	10.86	80	17.11	76	8.62	84	0	0	69.17	394	14
15	Will Backes	21.58	82	5.3	54	7.42	60	8.19	54	4.2	60	8.09	84	54.78	394	15
16	Blasé Regina	16.23	64	4.31	48	8.96	68	25.97	100	1.09	38	2.92	62	59.48	380	16
17	Frank Polomaine	15.92	62	6.05	60	5.76	56	17.17	78	2.77	50	3.55	68	51.22	374	17
18	Joey Curcurito	21.05	80	8.1	68	9.68	70	1.42	40	3.01	54	2.81	56	46.07	368	18
19	Bob Burns	6.18	40	3.45	44	8.34	66	5.35	46	9.35	90	6.41	82	39.08	368	19
20	Russ Camadine	12.48	50	1.27	32	12.99	94	13.72	70	2.11	44	4.66	72	47.23	362	20
21	Bill Swinton Sr.	20.22	72	7.75	66	7.85	62	7.21	52	5.16	64	0	44	48.19	360	21
22	Greg Allen	15.17	60	8.44	74	0	0	22.3	92	15.43	100	0	0	61.34	326	22
23	Terry Fleming	13.18	58	5.72	56	9.88	72	21.18	88	0	0	0	44	49.96	318	23
24	Wayne Price	8.29	46	6.14	64	5.32	54	4.76	44	1.62	42	3.46	66	29.59	316	24
25	Don VanTassel	21.58	82	1.16	30	6.78	58	16.19	74	6.44	70	0	0	52.15	314	25
26	Frank Rossetti	18.57	70	9.06	76	1.59	42	0	0	1.17	40	6.01	80	36.40	308	26
27	George Leibach	13.11	56	1.56	34	3.06	46	2.79	42	8.46	82	0	44	28.98	304	27
28	Ralph Sommers	0	0	10.04	80	0	0	13.02	64	8.34	80	3.57	70	34.97	294	28
29	Bob Simek Sr.	0	0	11.63	90	8.12	64	10.6	58	0	0	2.81	56	33.16	268	29
30	Arthur Grant	11.15	66	2.88	40	0	0	7.19	50	0	0	9.03	86	30.25	242	30
31	A. Curcurito	8.75	48	8.18	70	4.67	52	0	0	0	0	2.86	58	24.46	228	31
32	Bill Greeley	22.25	86	2.83	38	3	44	0	0	2.49	48	0	0	30.57	216	32
33	Brian Dengler	13.02	52	3.22	42	0	0	0	0	3.39	56	2.67	54	22.30	204	33
34	Tim Bantham	0	0	5.13	52	0	0	0	0	0	36	11.75	94	16.88	182	34
35	Rob Richard	7.28	42	0	0	4.22	50	21.03	86	0	0	0	0	32.53	178	35
36	Rich Bishop	0	0	8.21	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	13.72	98	21.93	170	36
37	Scott James	7.75	44	6.08	62	0	0	0	0	3.56	58	0	0	17.39	164	37
38	Bill LaRose Jr.	0	0	0	26	0	40	8.58	56	0	36	0	0	8.58	158	38
39	Leo Godin	0	0	0.84	28	0	0	0	0	6.21	68	2.9	60	9.95	156	39
40	Bill Pigott	0	0	4.06	46	0	0	0	0	2.16	46	0	44	6.22	136	40
41	Mike O'Brien	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0.00	62	41
42	Jamie Dickinson	0	0	2.34	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.34	36	42



The meeting was called to order slightly after 8:00 PM by President Mike Ellrott due to guys lingering at the bar.

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

Motion to accept the Minutes from the September 6th meeting by Greg Allen and 2nd by Art Grant.

Treasurer's Report - Paul Pflieger

Paul reported that the Club has a balance of \$7840.88

Membership Report - George Locke

There were no prospective members in attendance.

Banquet Report - Tony Curcurito

The night of our annual banquet will be Saturday, November 16th at the Best Western on Western Ave. in Albany. Cocktail hour is from 6:00-7:00PM at "pool side". There will be a disk jockey. \$25 per guest, members are free. Tony needs to have payment by next meeting if you plan to attend.

Conservation Report - Frank Maher

Frank once again commended the members on a job well done in handling our fish. Release boats will not be needed on the Mohawk since there is ample water depth near the dock.

Safety Report - Bobby Simek

Bobby cautioned the membership on the conditions of the Mohawk River. There is and will be alot of debris if we continue to get heavy rains.

Tournament Report - Bill Swinton Jr.

Bill informed the membership that the tournament hours will be 7:00AM or safe light to 3:00PM.

Partners Event - Frank Maher

The annual partners tournament will be on Saratoga Lake @ the state launch. Hours will be from 7:00AM-3:00PM. 6 fish limit, \$50 will be the entry fee and include luncker.

Federation Report - Frank Maher

Frank read the results of the Lake Champlain tournament held out of the Chazy River. Charlie Curcurito was the only man representing the Albany club and finished in 48th place. Top man from our club was Tom Haley who finished 39th in the overall points standings for 2002.

Old Business

41 club members paid.
24 state federation members.

New Business

Mike reminded everyone that next month is the time to nominate members for offices and tournament committee positions. He also encouraged the members to run for a position. In December, we will reopen the floor for further nominations before having our elections at that meeting.

Mike informed the membership that the locks on the Mohawk River will close on November 3rd. The lock operators have also started their fall schedule hours which are 7:00AM to 5:00PM.

Don VanTassell gave a recap on his experience on fishing the BFL Super Tournament on Cayuga Lake.

Mike read the results of our Lake Bomoseen tournament. 117 bass were caught, 203 lbs total weight (1.7 pound average)-our lowest average weight of the season. 62 largemouth and 55 smallmouths were caught. He also mentioned how different the fishing was and how low our weights were compared to other years. It was agreed that the lingering summer weather was behind the absence of the mammoth largemouth that we usually bring in to the weigh-in.

Greg Allen gave a recap of his winning strategy.

Mike read off the top ten in the standings.

10. Jim Greeley
9. Bobby Simek
8. Bob Richard
7. Bill Swinton Jr.
6. Brady Moy & Charlie Curcurito
5. Al Dickinson
4. Mike Ellrott
3. Paul Plfieger
2. Tom Haley & Jim Underhill
1. Frank "Heavy F" Maher

10 Minute Break

Boat raffle ticket raffle draw won by Joey Curcurito. \$25 was made for the club.

Boat draw for the Mohawk River. Hours will be 7:00AM - 3:00PM. One boat-to-boat draw. Bill Pigott and Russ Camadine.

50/50 won by Al Maher \$29

Motion to adjourn by Jim Greeley, 2nd by Frank Rossetti.

Meeting Reminder...

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

Place
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Here

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