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PIKE TOURNAMENT

Sunday, May 4th found us on the calm waters of Saratoga Lake. The team of George Locke and Brady Moy again were collecting the winners' checks with a total weight of 30.62 pounds. Nothing big, just solid pickerel & pike. 2nd place was the team of Rich Bishop & Frank Rossetti with 29.17 pounds. Helping that bag along was a 6.88 lb. Northern Pike. In third place was Bob Simek Sr. & Terry Flemming. There was nothing but heavy pickerel in that bag...27.02 pounds. Rounding out the top five: 4th place - Greg Allen & Bob Simek Jr. 25.41 lbs. 5th place - Bob Richard & George Liebach 24.95 lbs. Lunker pike went to Greg Allen & Bobby Simek with an 8.62 lb. Northern Pike boating them \$90. Lunker Walleye went to Jim Greeley & Mike Richard, 2.45 pounds, also worth \$90. 1st place paid \$140, 2nd \$96, 3rd \$72, 4th \$56 and 5th \$25. 1st place calcutta paid out \$102 to George Locke & Brady Moy. Rich Bishop & Frank Rossetti collected \$68 for second place calcutta.

KID'S TOURNAMENT

We were again on Saratoga Lake, this time for the annual kid's tournament. For the second time in a row, we were blessed with beautiful weather. How long can that last? Kicking butt in the 10 - 15 year old age group was Anthony Curcurito with 5 fish limit weighing 18.99 pounds. He also had a pike that would have collected lunker at our partner's tournament! Robert Swinton came in second place with 4 nice pickerel weighing 10.75 pounds. Amanda Osberg finished third with 15 panfish weighing in at 6.88 pounds. In the under 1 - 9 year old age group, Nicole Maher took first with 5 pickerel & 15 panfish weighing 13.17 pounds. Mike Curcurito came in second with 1 pickerel & 6 panfish weighing 9.21 lbs. Shane Richard finished 3rd with 5 pickerel weighing in at 8.32 lbs. There was a grab bag for the kids and pizza & soda at the end of the weigh in. Special thanks to everyone that made this event special for the kids.

ROUSES POINT IS THE NEXT TOURNAMENT. BE SURE TO HAVE YOUR VERMONT LICENSE BY THE JUNE MEETING WHICH IS THURSDAY, JUNE 5TH!!

The AABM Kids Tournament on Saratoga Lake

By Robert Swinton

On Saturday May 17, Albany Area Bassmaster held its annual Kids Tournament on Saratoga Lake. The Tournament started at 7:00A.M. It was a cool morning, but turned into a beautiful sunny day. Finally no 3 foot waves, snow or rain like the past few years.

14 kids showed to fish in two age groups 0 to 9 and 10 to 15. Everyone caught a lot of fish and had tons of fun. The weight-in was at 1:00. Charlie bellowed out each kid's weight. He blocked the scale from everyone's view with his shoulder or big belly. After Sandy and my Dad, Bill calculated the winners, trophies were presented for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each age group. Every child received a lure from the grab bag.

Thanks to Joey and Ann Curcurito for delivering the great tasting pizza. Tony Curcurito picked up the soda and Sandy made great brownies.

Thank you to all the club members who showed up and helped out. You made for a great day for us kids. Many family members and friend showed up to cheer us kids on.

PS, It is rumored that some club members will be recruiting kids for next year's pike tournament.

A Message From the "Prez"

With the tournament season finally days away I wanted to take a few minutes to remind us of key points we all know that may have gotten dusty sitting in the recesses of our mind over the long winter.

Over the last few years the waters we fish have become very crowded, we are never alone on the water. There are other anglers, pleasure boaters, personal water crafts, water skiers, etc. Begrudgingly we have to acknowledge that they also are entitled to be there and to pursue enjoyment in whatever manner they choose.

We have an obligation as "bass anglers" to represent our sport, fellow anglers and most importantly our Club to the highest degree possible. Be safe and respectful on the water and at the ramp. Have patience with those less experienced and less considerate than you are.

We especially need to be respectful at our tournaments. We all know how sound travels over water. Launching boats, finding partners, giving instructions creates plenty of noise, but let's try to be considerate of those campers and residents around the launch site. Remember that there may be little kids in the home, or that the adult's idea of a good weekend may be sleeping in on Saturday morning.

Review the Club tournament rules and obey them. The rules are not intended to be restrictive, their purpose is to assure everyone is competing on a "level playing field", that no one has an unfair advantage.

Be respectful of your fellow club members. That doesn't preclude good natured teasing and "busting on". But know the limits, don't let it become disrespectful or hurtful. Back off if the object of your attention is not taking it well.

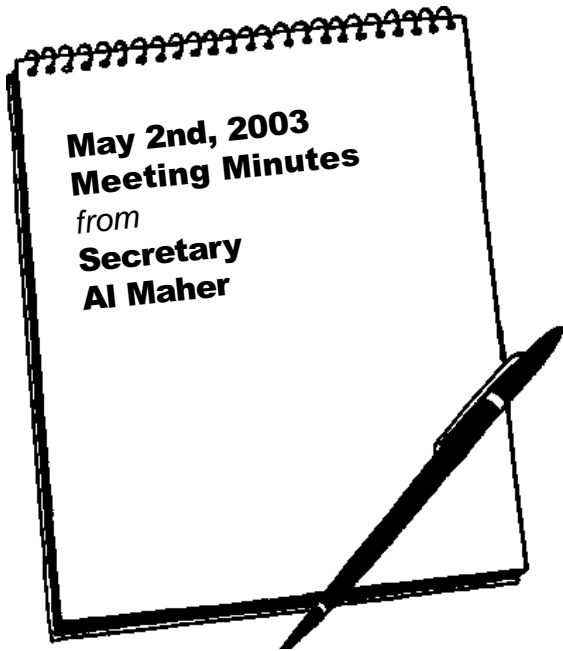
Boaters, be respectful of your BOBA partner. Remember he isn't holding on to the steering wheel for security and his tackle may not be stowed as safely as yours. We're also getting older and more brittle. BOBA's be respectful of your boater partner. His equipment is expensive and obviously important to him. Do everything you can to protect it. You also need to respect the fact that in most cases he has put in far more time than you preparing for the tournament. Practicing, locating fish and maintaining his boat and motor requires a huge commitment. Keep that in mind during the day in the event he doesn't necessarily want to explore new areas you suggest or position the boat just the way you want it. If you haven't pre-fished and are not bringing real, on the water experience to the tournament day, be understanding if you don't get the reaction you want.

Remember we are all doing this for fun. Even our top money winners don't earn enough to cover their expenses for the season. After a while the plaques get dusty. The best prizes are the memories you take away from the experience.

Let's have a great season, lots of fun and create good memories for everyone.

Saratoga Lake Pike
Tournament 2003

Boater	Partner	Boat	Pike	Pickarel	Walleye	Lunker Pike	Lunker Walleye	Total Wgt	Finish	Prize Money
George Locke	Brady Moy	15	2	8				30.62	1	\$140.00
Rich Bishop	Frank Rossetti	10	2	8		6.88		29.17	2	\$96.00
Bob Simek Sr	Terry Fleming	7		10				27.02	3	\$72.00
Greg Allen	Bob Simek Jr	1	1	9		8.62		25.41	4	\$56.00
Bob Richard	George Liebach	4		10				24.95	5	\$25.00
Frank Maher	Mike Ellrott	16	1	9				24.77	6	
Jamie Dickinson	Gene Lavigne	14		10				24.02	7	
Jim Underhill	Mike O'Brien	2		10		3.83		23.79	8	
Blasé Regina	F. Polomaine	8	1	9				22.85	9	
Tony Curcurito	Art Grant	11		10				21.6	10	
Jim Greeley	Mike Richard	17		9	1		2.45	21	11	
Al Dickinson	Bill Swinton Jr	13	1	9				20.9	12	
Tim Bantham	Bill Larose	9	2	8				20.78	13	
Tom Haley	Nash Alexander	5	1	9				19.9	14	
Al Maher	Leo Godin	12	1	9				19.34	15	
Ch. Curcurito	Joey Curcurito	18		10				18.16	16	
Bill Swinton Sr	Don VanTassel	3		10				17.14	17	
Paul Pflieger	Brian Dengler	6		3				4.13	18	
			12	160	1			395.55		
Greg Allen	Bob Simek Jr	LUNKER PIKE				8.62				\$90.00
Jim Greeley	Mike Riichard	LUNKER WALLEYE				2.45				\$90.00
George Locke	Brady Moy	1st CALCUTTA								\$102.00
Rich Bishop	Frank Rossetti	2nd CALCUTTA								\$68.00



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

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

Motion to accept the Minutes from the April 11th meeting by Art Grant and 2nd by Tony Curcurito.

Meeting change for June. Thursday, June 5th will be our next meeting. Changed because many guys will be fishing Rouses on the weekend.

Treasurer's Report - Paul Pflieger

Checkbook balance is \$4,680.34.

Membership - George Locke

We had three (3) prospective members in attendance. Mike Richard was making his 5th function and will be voted on tonight. Nash Alexander & Gene Lavigne were attending

their 4th.

Conservation - Frank Maher

With the pike tournament coming up, Frank mentioned the delicate nature of the Pickerel & Northern Pike. He stressed on treating them gently and keeping the aerators running so that we wouldn't have dead fish.

He also talked of how Lake Erie was having another bout of dead water but this time due to high concentrations of Zebra Mussels.

Safety - Tim Bantham

There will be a vessel safety check after our weigh-in. Tim reminded everyone of the 45 MPH speed limit on Saratoga Lake and to be careful heading back in at the end of the day. We will be heading out with no wake until we reach the concrete wall. Mike reiterated the emphasis on safety and asked for a show of hands from guys that were running 200HPs or better. He commented on how these were mostly older guys (sorry) with slower reflexes, weaker eye sight (that's the second thing that goes), etc.

Tournament Committee - Bill Swinton Jr.

There will be 3 boat draws coming up at the June meeting and he is checking VT licenses. Prepay the tournaments if you can. If you can't make a meeting where a partner draw is to occur, then let someone know your intentions so that Bill is not left wondering whether or not to include you in the partner draw. Also mail your entry fee to Paul Pflieger if you cannot make the meeting.

Kid's tournament is May 17th, 7AM-1PM at Saratoga Lake, state launch. There will be two age groups. 5 pike, pickerel, walleye or combination, plus 15 panfish. There will be trophies for the top three finishers of each age group and a grab bag at the end for all of the children.

State Federation - Frank Maher

There was no meeting since we last met. There will be no Friday practice on Lake George since the season is not open yet on that day.

Lunker Pool - Charlie Curcurito

28 guys have paid. Last chance is the June meeting.

New Business:

Hats are in and sell for \$8 per hat. Bill Pigott will be the "carrier". See him for all your head gear needs.

Gene Lavigne is looking for a roommate to share in the expenses of the Lake Champlain tournaments.

Vote on Mike Richard.

- 10 Minute Break -

Mike Richard was voted into membership

There will possibly be another meeting change for July. We're looking at Thursday, July 3rd.

Jim Greeley spoke of a telethon being run by St. Jude's in Vermont and was asking for donations. A good chunk of change was collected. Cash was given to Paul & in turn a club check for the amount was given to Jim Greeley. Ask Paul for exact amount.

Tournament Committee, again - Bill Swinton Jr.

6AM - 2PM, Sunday, May 4th at the Saratoga Lake state launch site. He still has not received the parking tickets. We will instead collect the parking money from the membership, pay the attendant directly and receive a ticket for each member that drove. There is a ten (10) fish limit. 15" for pickerel & walleye, 18" for pike. Lunker pay-out for biggest pike and walleye. Sandy is collecting for calcutta. Pay attention as to who is the boat in front of you so that we can proceed in an orderly fashion in the morning. Safety check before we go out. Lights & life jackets on, livewells pumping and pull the kill switch.

-Boat Draw-

50/50 was won by Mike Ellrott - \$40

Motion to adjourn by Brady Moy and 2nd by Tim Bantham.

Meeting Reminder...

The next meeting of the Albany Area Bassmasters will be **Thursday, June 5th** at the Watervliet K of C hall at 8:00 PM sharp.

Place
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Here

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