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CHARLIE CURCURITO...WINS!

Snapping a winless streak that dated back to the mid 80's, Charlie Curcurito bagged enough "weighty" smallmouths to edge out George Locke in a close event at Rouses Point on June 14th & 15th. The prevailing south wind and rain on day 1 gave way to sun and a northwest wind on day 2. Tom Haley brought in an impressive limit of smallmouths weighing 15.74 pounds and in close company was Al Dickinson weighing in a 15.27 lb limit of smallies. Mike Ellrott, from the back of the boat, hoisted 14.17 pounds to the scales and it was looking like 30 pounds would be needed to win it.

Day 2 saw morning clouds and then sun. Winds shifted out of the northwest and it was a different ballgame for most. Turning in the heaviest limit for day 2 was Charlie Curcurito with 14.04 pounds. Adding that to his first day weight gave him a total of 27.02 pounds and his first tournament win in years. He also collected 1st place calcutta money of \$174. Always near the top of the standings, George Locke was Mr. Consistency for both days weighing 13 lbs+ the first day and 12 lbs+ the second day for a total of 26.25 lbs and second place, along with calcutta money of \$116. Third place found Tom Haley with 26.07 pounds, fourth went to Mike Ellrott with 25.84 pounds and 5th place was filled by Al Dickinson with 25.37 pounds. The weights were very close, like last year and 20 pounds never made the top ten again. 6th and 11th place were separated by a mere .43 pounds.

Sacandaga will be our next event and I'm sure will not put up the weights like we saw at Rouses.

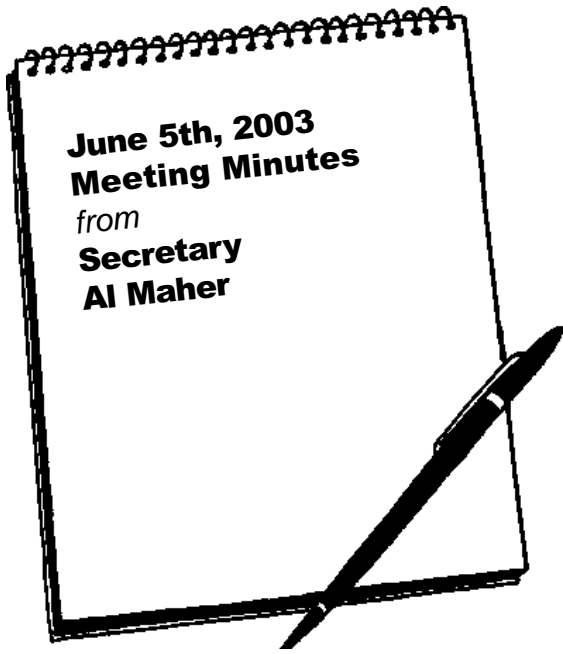
A Message From the "Prez"

One tournament is history and the next is days away as we prepare this Newsletter. Your officers and tournament committee team breathe a collective sigh of relief once Rouses Point is behind us. Not only did we have a successful tournament in terms of weight and number of fish caught, but the weather cooperated and everyone made it home safely. The Tournament Committee worked out some bugs and hopefully we can speed up the weigh-ins just a bit.

I want to thank everyone who helped with the release boats. I think there are a lot of smallmouth bass that would like to thank you as well. Using release boats does complicate and delay our weigh-in process a bit, but I think the added advantage for survival we give the fish is well worth it. We won't be using release boats at Sacandaga, but we will again at Oneida Lake. Rather than relying on volunteers, we will use the first four boats drawn each day as release boats. If you have already been a release boat and do not want to do it again, we will move on down the draw order for a replacement. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sacandaga is as treacherous as any body of water we fish. With changing water levels, no reliable navigational charts available, the sometimes confusing marking of hazards, and the potential for strong winds and high waves, it is important that you be as alert and cautious as you are anywhere.

At our July 3rd meeting we will discuss the upcoming Self/Significant Other Tournament on Cossayuna Lake. We will also draw for the two-day Oneida Lake Tournament on July 26 and 27. We will also make time for Charlie Curcurito to share the strategies that led to his Rouses Point victory and hear from our Sacandaga Champion. See you on the 3rd!



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 May 2nd meeting by Bill Larose and 2nd by Brady Moy.

Meeting change for July. Thursday, July 3rd will be our next meeting. Changed because of the 4th of July weekend.

Treasurer's Report - Paul Pflieger

Checkbook balance is \$4,328.81

Membership - George Locke

Two members were attending their 5th functions. Gene Lavigne & Nash Alexander will be voted on tonight.

Conservation - Frank Maher

Frank was looking for volunteers as release boats fro Rouses Point. We will not need any for Sacandaga.

Safety - Mike Ellrott for Tim Bantham

Tim prepared a written report for Mike which he read to the membership present. It described the dangers of running rough water and the treacherous shoals that we will be contending with in our first two points tournaments. Also, mentioned the dangers of boat traffic on Sacandaga in addition to the stump fields that exist around the eastern shore.

Tournament Committee - Bill Swinton Jr.

Rouses Pt. tournament 5:30am - 1:30pm out of the state launch at the Great Chazy River. Pay attention to no wake areas, particularly around bridges and close to shore. We will be using our running lights in the morning. Sacandaga will be our second points tournament out of Sunset Bay 5:30am - 1:30pm. Use the second entrance. We can also use the ramp the week before. Be quiet and stay quiet! People there are trying to enjoy a peaceful setting and don't want to hear the mouths of noisy fishermen.

State Federation - Frank Maher

There will be a meeting at Hague with state reps. ESPN basically wants to tell the federations what to do, when to do it, etc. Just like a typical corporation.

New Business:

Mike expressed our condolences to Frank Polomaine on the loss of his brother. Ed Noonan reported that NY and VT have come to terms on Lake Champlain and fishing licenses. You will not need a Vermont license if you are fishing Lake Champlain and have a valid NY license. NYDEC will have a family event on Sunday, June 8th. Tim Bantham & Tom Haley will try to represent the club at the event. Mike went over the top 5 of the pike tournament.

George Locke told of his and Brady's winning tactics in the pike tournament.
Mike also went over the results of the kid's tournament.

Nash Alexander & Gene Lavigne were voted into membership.

Boat Draw for Rouses Point & Sacandaga

- 10 minute break -

50/50 was won by Frank Maher - \$31

Motion to adjourn by Frank Maher and 2nd by Frank Rosetti.

Meeting Reminder...

The next meeting of the Albany Area Bassmasters will be **Thursday, July 3rd** at the Watervliet K of C hall at 8:00 PM sharp.

Place
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