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V.P. SWINTON #1 ON SACANDAGA

Bill Swinton Jr. found enough “chunky” smallmouths to land himself a first place finish and a boost in the overall Bassman standings with 11.41 pounds on the Great Sacandaga Lake, Saturday, June 28th out of Sunset Bay Resort. He also added \$180 to his wallet for his 1st place finish. In second place, we saw Art Grant bring in the only other limit to break 11 pounds. His adjusted weight limit went 11.07 lbs. We had a tie for third place. Greg Allen, after an adjustment and Al Maher were locked at 10.48 pounds and split the second place calcutta money of \$120. (Ask Art Grant why this happened if you need further clarification, sorry Art). Bob Simek Jr. and Jim Underhill also tied. 10.41 pounds gave them fourth place and Joey Curcurito finished 5th with 10.56 pounds. He also had tournament lunker with a 2.7 pound smallmouth netting him an additional \$60. Tom “Big Fish” Haley kept his lunker catching streak alive by bringing in a 2.59 pound smallmouth for second lunker and \$39. 30 out of 40 competitors brought in limits and nobody “skunked”.

This is a much different lake from what I remembered back in ‘85....it actually has fish in it now. The great cook-out and cold drinks, courtesy of the owners of Sunset Bay Resort, was a welcome surprise after a hot day of fishing that everyone appreciated.

Our next tournament will be held on Oneida Lake, July 26th & 27th where I’m sure the weights will be heavier. Be at the August 1st meeting to hear the results and enter the Saratoga Lake partner draw.

CATCH & RELEASE

The New York State Bass Federation has posted its “catch & release timeline” for the actions that clubs need to take to help implement this change. Here is a brief synopsis:

July 2003-NYSBCF will provide affiliated clubs with letters to be sent to local legislators regarding a catch & release season.

September 2003-Would like all clubs to have mailed out letters.

December 2003-NYSBCF to follow up with DEC bureau chief about the July 2004 proposal requesting a state wide catch & release season from December 1st to the 3rd Saturday in June.

June 2004-NYSBCF will draft a follow up letter for all clubs to send to all legislators regarding the upcoming proposal for a catch & release season.

July 2004-DEC bureau chief to propose a change to implement a catch & release season.

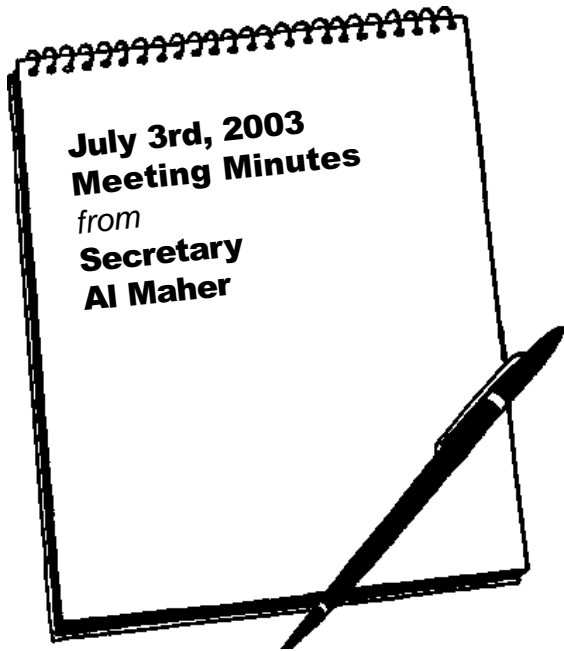
August 2004-NYSBCF will again draft a letter for all clubs to send to their regional DEC managers asking them to implement a state wide catch & release season.

July 2005-DEC bureau chief will submit an official proposal for DEC processing/review, etc. for a catch & release season.

Oct 2006-Provided that the proposal passes, there will be a state wide catch & release season starting December 1st, 2006.

Our club voted “NO” over the winter to a catch & release season.

		LM	SM	Short			Scale	Penalty	Net	Finish	Prize Money		Total
	Name	Bass	Bass	Bass	Dead	Lunker	Weight	Weights	Weight	Position	Finish	Lunker	Points
1	Bill Swinton		5			2.4	11.41	0.00	11.41	1	\$75.00		100
2	Arthur Grant		5		1		11.32	0.25	11.07	2	\$55.00		98
3	Gregg Allen		5		1		10.73	0.25	10.48	3	\$45.00		96
4	Al Maher		5			2.39	10.48	0.00	10.48	3	\$45.00		96
5	Bob Simek, Jr.		5			2.24	10.41	0.00	10.41	4	\$35.00		94
7	Jim Underhill		5				10.41	0.00	10.41	4	\$35.00		94
8	Joey Curcurito		5		1	2.7	10.56	0.25	10.31	5	\$30.00	\$60.00	92
9	George Locke		5				10.24	0.00	10.24	6	\$25.00		90
10	Bill Pigott		5		1	2.24	10.42	0.25	10.17	7	\$20.00		88
11	Brady Moy		5				10.09	0.00	10.09	8			86
12	Mike O'Brian		5			2.39	10.02	0.00	10.02	9			84
13	Tom Haley		5		1	2.59	10.14	0.25	9.89	10		\$39.00	82
14	Bob Richard		5			2.27	9.83	0.00	9.83	11			80
15	Don VanTassel		5				9.8	0.00	9.80	12			78
16	Allen Dickinson		5				9.76	0.00	9.76	13			76
17	Frank Maher		5				9.52	0.00	9.52	14			74
18	Mike Ellrott		5			2.47	9.42	0.00	9.42	15			72
19	Frank Rossetti		5		1		9.67	0.25	9.42	15			72
21	Jamie Dickinson		5				9.4	0.00	9.40	16			70
23	Paul Pflieger		5				9.16	0.00	9.16	17			68
24	Blasé Regina		5		1		9.11	0.25	8.86	18			66
25	Bob Simek		5				8.69	0.00	8.69	19			64
26	Brian Dengler		5				8.64	0.00	8.64	20			62
27	William Backes		5				8.5	0.00	8.50	21			60
28	Tim Bantham		5			2.06	8.34	0.00	8.34	22			58
29	Frank Polomaine		5				8.07	0.00	8.07	23			56
30	Bill Swinton Sr.		5				8.06	0.00	8.06	24			54
31	Jim Greeley		5				7.87	0.00	7.87	25			52
32	Leo Godin		5		1	2.17	7.31	0.25	7.06	26			50
33	Geoge Leibach		4				7.05	0.00	7.05	27			48
34	A. Curcurito		4				6.82	0.00	6.82	28			46
35	Rob Richard		5		1		6.61	0.25	6.36	29			44
36	Nash Alexander		3				5.87	0.00	5.87	30			42
37	Gene Lavigne		3				5.84	0.00	5.84	31			40
38	Ch. Curcurito		4				5.49	0.00	5.49	32			38
39	Terry Fleming		3				4.18	0.00	4.18	33			36
40	Russ Camadine		3				4.1	0.00	4.10	34			34
41	Mike Richard		3		1		3.39	0.25	3.14	35			32
42	Richard Bishop		2				3.05	0.00	3.05	36			30
	Don Yarter		2		1		2.55	0.25	2.30	37			28
			181		11				329.58				
	1st Calcutta	Bill Swinton									180		
	2nd Calcutta	Al Maher-Greg Allen									60		



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 June 5th meeting by Brady Moy and 2nd by Bob Richard.

Treasurer's Report - Paul Pflieger

Checkbook balance is \$6,334.13

Membership - George Locke not present

No prospective members applying for membership.

Conservation - Tom Haley

Tom had intended to report on the NYSDEC study on released tournament bass but instead referred us to BASS Times which published the report. Four locations were used as study sites; Hudson River, St. Lawrence River, Cayuga Lake & Saratoga Lake.

Safety - Tim Bantham

Tim cautioned everyone on the numerous shoals on Oneida Lake. Suggestions were made to launch at least once from the tournament site to familiarize yourself with the area and staying closer to Frenchman & Dunham Islands when running the southern shore.

Tournament Committee - Bill Swinton Jr.

Also, coming up in July is the annual husband/wife, significant other, etc tournament. July 19th, 6AM - 1PM at the state launch on Cossayuna Lake. There will be a 6 fish limit.

State Federation - Mike Ellrott

Mike informed the membership that the meeting between the state federations and ESPN had occurred. For detail regarding the meeting content check out the Bassfan.com website. The NY State Federation is pushing for the "catch & release" season here in NY. Interestingly, our club was the only one opposed to such a season. The first state tournament of 2003 was held on Lake George. The club finished 19th out of 40 clubs (a big change from years past). Paul Pflieger was our high-man, finishing in 22nd out of 239 anglers. Paul also won the Senior Tour which added an additional \$531 to his winnings.

New Business:

Tim Bantham spoke of the "family fishing day" that DEC organized and that he attended. Tim brought his boat and explained the features that are found in modern bass boats. DEC and the club are grateful for his attendance.

The reciprocal license agreement between NY & VT is not as great as it sounds. You will still need both licenses in certain areas of Lake Champlain. Seeing that we fish waters that are entirely in Vermont anyway, this is irrelevant.

Mike spoke of the tournaments that we have competed in so far. Read off the top finishers for both Rouses Point & Sacandaga. Charlie Curcurito told of his winning "strategy" on Rouses and Bill Swinton gave his presentation on Sacandaga. We caught 181 smallmouths on Sacandaga,

weighing 330 pounds. 11 were dead

- 10 minute break -

Tournament Committee - *Bill Swinton Jr.*

Boat draw for Oneida Lake. 2 day tournament on July 26th & 27th at Oneida Shores Park. \$6.50 parking/launch fee. 6:30AM - 2:30PM. Boats 1 -4 will be the release boats.

Tournament 50/50 was won by Jim Underhill \$25.

Motion to adjourn by Art Grant and 2nd by Bill Pigott.

Meeting Reminder...

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

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