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MR. ONEIDA

Bob Richard did it again on July 26th & 27th and blasted an 18.18 pound limit to the scales on day 1 and came back the second day with another good limit of 12.85 pounds to give him his 2nd victory on Oneida Lake in two years. Included in his catch on day 1 was the tournament lunker and current lunker of the year, a 5.58 pound largemouth. His total weight of 31.03 gave him a winning weight margin of nearly three pounds. Frank Maher gave a solid performance for two days. Weighing 14.22 & 13.85 pounds on each day, placed him in second with a total of 28.07 pounds. Don't count out our Non-Boaters. Brady Moy turned in great limits from the back of the boat on each day for a total weight of 27.57 lbs and third place. Also turning in fantastic limits on each day was Paul Pflieger. His total weight was 27.54 pounds and was good enough for fourth. Finishing in fifth was Jim Underhill with a total two day weight of 25.51 pounds.

Second lunker for day 1 went to Don VanTassel who brought in a 4.32 pound largemouth from the back of the boat. He also had the second best weight for day 1...14.36 pounds. Day 2 lunkers were a 4.61 pound largemouth brought in by Jim Greeley and Joey Curcurito had a 4.04 largemouth for second lunker. We had some outstanding weights brought in for the two days. 20.87 pounds would only get you 15th place. As long as that east wind doesn't whip up, it's a great place to be...for most. I felt like a one legged cat trying to bury turds on a frozen pond out there on day two.

THE WEB GUY, CHAMPION BASS FISHERMAN

Greg Allen, fine tuned his presentation skills in front of the cameras on Saratoga Lake and lived up to expectations by bringing in a five fish limit weighing 13.65 pounds, giving him a first place finish & \$204 of calcutta money August 10th on Saratoga Lake. Always in the hunt, George Locke brought in 12.67 pounds and the tournament lunker of 5.18 lbs. George also netted \$136 for his second place finish. Frank Maher, back to his usual form, weighed in 11.25 pounds for third. Fourth went to Mr. Spinnerbait, Charlie Curcurito, with 11.17 and finishing fifth was Bob Simek, Jr. with 10.61 pounds. Making his debut as a boater, Mike Ellrott, brought in a 4.29 largemouth for second lunker.

Compare this: 38 guys fished Saratoga for a total of 224 pounds of fish caught. 29 guys fished Oneida for a total weight of 292 pounds on day 1 and 286 pounds on day 2. I think it's safe to say that we had a tough bite on Saratoga. Great job by the guys that managed to scrape up a limit.

HUSBAND/WIFE TOURNAMENT

Cossayuna Lake was the site for our annual Husband/Wife/Significant Other Tournament. Team Maher (Frank & Rose) weighed in a whopping 6 fish limit of 20.61 pounds for 1st place. Outfishing Charlie again, Rose brought the tournament lunker to the scales which went 5.46 pounds. Frank also did his part by boating a 5.1 lb. largemouth. Charlie & Sandy finished in second with 10.63 pounds. I'm sure if Sandy had a better guide, she would have done better. Nash & Leann finished third with 9.19 pounds.

A Message From the “Prez”

How we measure things, assess their value, varies a great deal from individual to individual. Sometimes it is difficult to understand another’s values, what makes them tick, what drives them to do what ever it is they do. No where is that more evident than in tournament fishing.

I have always maintained, and I know many of my closest friends still don’t understand, that winning is not important to me. I certainly try to win and like to do well. I am disappointed when I do very poorly, but for me fishing is all about fishing. There are others who must win or be close to winning to consider the competition a success.

I do not judge people based on what drives them, I just want them to understand there are those of us who fish tournaments for our own reason. With my philosophy as the backdrop, I want to make a few comments about the recently completed Club Team Event.

First the statistics: Our Team finished 6th out of 29 teams, just out of the money. Crown City won with 118.74 pounds, we finished with 104.00 pounds. Al Dickinson was our top man with 21.59 pounds and I was the low man on the team with 13.02 pounds.

I fished with two guys, one who had never had his boat on the St. Lawrence and had limited federation experience; the second who thought he was going to be the next Mike Iaconelli. The CTE was the first time he ever had his Triton TR20 on water where he could open it up. It was his first boat and he had absolutely no experience. That didn’t stop him from driving 70 mph, never slowing down or taking an angle to cross a boat wake, no matter how large, or from driving through a damn slough at 60 mph. I had two of the worst rides I have ever had in bassboats.

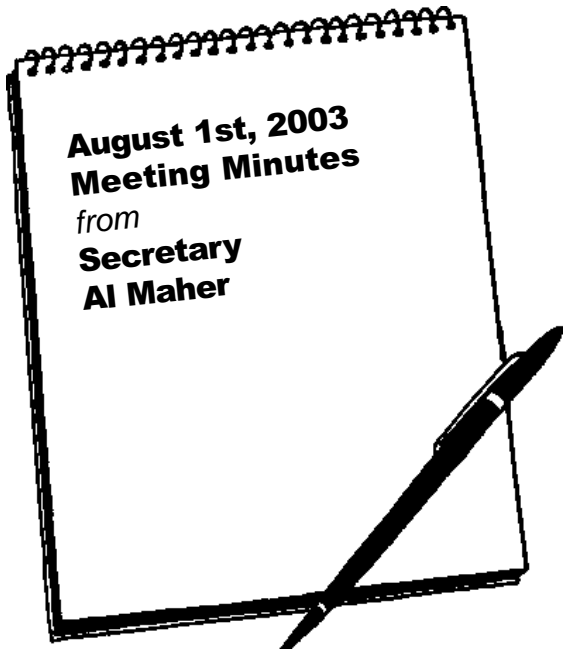
In spite of that, I really enjoyed the experience, particularly where our team was concerned. In this tournament it was an extended Team effort. We practiced hard and shared information. On the first practice day Frank led the entire team on a 45 minute run so everyone knew how to get to the Lake of the Isles and Chippewa Bay. We checked in with each other and organized our search for good fish. The second day, the three of us who were likely to be non-boaters headed north together to familiarize ourselves with the water in that direction. Charlie was our guide.

This was truly a Club effort, because we shared maps that Paul Pflieger had shared with us. We fished areas that George Locke had identified and told us how to fish. Everyone pulled their share of the load both on and off the water. Rides to meet partners, launching and retrieving boats and preparations for the next day were shared without a grumble. The three wives who attended Rose Maher, Sandy Curcurito, and Jennifer Haley all played key roles and certainly were members of our team. Perhaps their most important contribution was finding us a place to eat on Thursday when the power went out.

For me the fishing was the least satisfying part of the five days. I worked hard, caught fish in spite of my partners and survived. But this is a trip I will look back on with fond memories for years to come.

Saturday & Sunday, September 27th & 28th	POINTS	Port Henry, Lake Champlain 6AM - 2PM
Saturday, October 18th	POINTS	Lk. Bomoseen, The Edgewater Inn 7AM - 3PM
Sunday, October 26th	Pick-your-Partner	Mohawk River, Schoharie Crossing 7AM - 3PM

	Name	LM	SM	Short	Dead	Lunker	Scale	Penalty	Net	Finish	Prize Money		Total
		Bass	Bass	Bass			Weight	Weights	Weight	Position	Finish	Lunker	Points
1	Gregg Allen	4	1			3.7	13.65	0.00	13.65	1	\$75.00		100
2	George Locke	4	1			5.18	12.67	0.00	12.67	2	\$55.00	\$65.00	98
3	Frank Maher	5				3.09	11.25	0.00	11.25	3	\$45.00		96
4	Ch. Curcurito	1	4			3.42	11.17	0.00	11.17	4	\$35.00		94
5	Bob Simek, Jr.	1	4		1	2.99	10.86	0.25	10.61	5	\$30.00		92
6	Tom Haley	3	2				9.94	0.00	9.94	6	\$25.00		90
7	Don VanTassel	4	1				9.76	0.00	9.76	7	\$20.00		88
8	Mike Ellrott	2	1			4.29	9.37	0.00	9.37	8		\$43.00	86
9	Bob Simek	3	2		1		9.48	0.25	9.23	9			84
10	Jim Underhill	4	1				9.03	0.00	9.03	10			82
11	Brady Moy	2	3				8.74	0.00	8.74	11			80
12	Jim Greeley	5			1	3.76	8.43	0.25	8.18	12			78
13	Frank Rossetti	4	1		1		8	0.25	7.75	13			76
14	Allen Dickinson	3	2				7.36	0.00	7.36	14			74
15	Bob Richard	3				3.8	7.33	0.00	7.33	15			72
16	Frank Polomaine	4					6.94	0.00	6.94	16			70
17	Al Maher	4					6.88	0.00	6.88	17			68
18	William Backes	1	1			4.1	6.66	0.00	6.66	18			66
19	A. Curcurito	4	1				6.66	0.00	6.66	18			66
20	Ralph Sommers	3	2				6.42	0.00	6.42	19			64
21	Bill Swinton	2	1			3.77	5.89	0.00	5.89	20			62
22	Gene Lavigne	1	1				4.62	0.00	4.62	21			60
23	Arthur Grant	2	1		1		4.69	0.25	4.44	22			58
24	Paul Pflieger		3				4.34	0.00	4.34	23			56
25	Terry Fleming	2	1				4.22	0.00	4.22	24			54
26	Richard Bishop	2					3.54	0.00	3.54	25			52
27	Rob Richard	3					3.45	0.00	3.45	26			50
28	Bill Swinton Sr.	1	1				2.63	0.00	2.63	27			48
29	Joey Curcurito	1					2.36	0.00	2.36	28			46
30	Geoge Leibach		1				1.99	0.00	1.99	29			44
31	Tim Bantham	1					1.9	0.00	1.90	30			42
32	Mike Richard		1				1.49	0.00	1.49	31			40
33	Mike O'Brian	1					1.39	0.00	1.39	32			38
34	Bill Pigott	1					1.32	0.00	1.32	33			36
35	Don Yarter	1					0.89	0.00	0.89	34			34
36	Nash Alexander	0	0				0	0.00	0.00	35			32
37	Brian Dengler	0	0				0	0.00	0.00	35			32
38	Leo Godin	0	0				0	0.00	0.00	35			32
39		82	37		5				224.07				
40	1st Calcutta	Greg Allen									204		
41	2nd Calcutta	George Locke									136		



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

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

Motion to accept the Minutes from the July 3rd meeting by Brady Moy and 2nd by Bob Richard.

Treasurer's Report - Mike Ellrott

Checkbook balance is \$6,995.33

Membership - George Locke

No prospective members applying for membership.

Conservation - Frank Maher

Frank thanked the guys that have been running as release boats. He also reminded us that if you have a dead fish,

it is your responsibility to take care of it. Either find someone who wants it or take it home. Do not leave it at the launch or at the weigh-in site. Run your aerators all day due to the warm water.

Safety - Tim Bantham

Watch your speed and heavy boat traffic on Saratoga. Also, watch for kids jumping off the 9P bridge into the channel. Also brought up: If you're listed as one of the individuals as an emergency contact, then please turn your phone on at least a couple of hours before the tournament stop time.

Tournament Committee - Bill Swinton Jr.

Sunday, August 10th: Saratoga Lake, state launch, 5:30AM - 1:30PM.

State Federation - Frank Maher

Albany had two guys fish the Oneida Lake event. Frank Polomaine and Charlie Curcurito. They finished 106th & 168th, respectively. There is more to come on the BASS/ESPN issue. The federation is planning to raffle off another boat this year.

New Business:

Bob Richard is leading the lunger of the year race with a 5.58 pound largemouth.

Mike read off the names of the top finishers for the Husband/Wife event, the Oneida Lake tournament and our current Bassman standings.

Saratoga Lake boat draw.

Bob Richard spoke of his winning experience on Oneida.

50/50 won by Terry Flemming, \$26.

Motion to adjourn by Jim Greeley, 2nd by Tony Curcurito.

Meeting Reminder...

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

Place
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Here

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