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## BANQUET 2003

Start making preparations for our annual banquet being held on November 15th. It will be at the same place as last year, the Best Western in Albany on Western Ave. They are currently holding ten rooms but you must make your reservations before October 26th and be sure to tell them you are with the Albany Area Bassmasters. Tony will also need payment for the banquet. The cost is \$25 per guest, the club is picking up the cost for the membership. If you can't make the meeting, then please mail a check to Tony, payable to the Albany Area Bassmasters for the \$25 per guest. Call the hotel for reservations at (518) 489-2981.

## A Message From the "Prez"

We have not said enough about the very competitive race for Bassman of the Year this season. The last several seasons have been dominated by Frank Maher and George Locke and as we enter the last two tournaments of the season only two points separate them. Frank is in front with 340 points and George is in hot pursuit with 338 points. What is different this season is that right now they are competing for third place. There are some new names at the top of the list and they deserve to be there. As we head to Ticonderoga Jimmy Underhill and Tom Haley are in a dead heat for first place, each with 358 points. Tom has the weight advantage with 71.35 pounds. Jim is less than three pounds back with 68.03 pounds. Weight is our tie breaker.

Hot on their heels in second place is Greg Allen with 350 points and 67.86 pounds. Brady Moy is right there with Frank with 340 points and 66.40 pounds. Brady stands as our top Back of the Boat Angler.

Needing some help from those ahead of him, Bobby Simek is in fifth place with 328 points. He is in great position to qualify for the Club's Top Six.

All of this may have changed by the time you read this, but that's okay. These guys deserve some recognition for their performances in the first four tournaments. No one puts more time on the water or works any harder than our leaders. There are still plenty of fish to weigh, but hats off to these top seven anglers. This should be an entertaining finish!

**Saturday & Sunday,  
September 27th & 28th**

**POINTS**

**Ticonderoga, Lake Champlain  
6:30AM - 2:30PM**

**Saturday, October 18th**

**POINTS**

**Lk. Bomoseen, The Edgewater Inn  
7AM - 3PM**

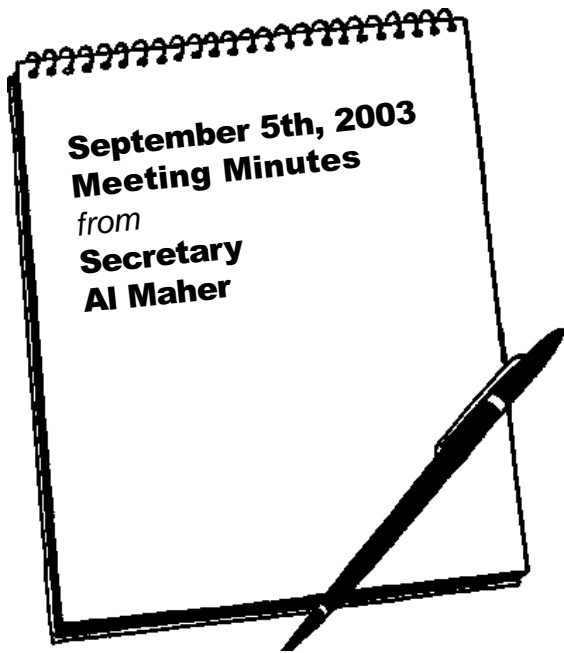
**Sunday, October 26th**

**Pick-your-Partner**

**Mohawk River, Schoharie Crossing  
7AM - 3PM**

**2003 Standings**  
**Albany Area Bassmasters**

| Name             | Rouses Pt |      | Sacandaga |      | Oneida Lake |      | Saratoga |      | Port Henry |      | Bomoseen |      | Total | Total | Pos. |
|------------------|-----------|------|-----------|------|-------------|------|----------|------|------------|------|----------|------|-------|-------|------|
|                  | Wgt       | Pts. | Wgt.      | Pts. | Wgt.        | Pts. | Wgt.     | Pts. | Wgt.       | Pts. | Wgt.     | Pts. | Wgt   | Pts.  |      |
| Jim Underhill    | 23.08     | 90   | 10.41     | 94   | 25.51       | 92   | 9.03     | 82   | 0.00       | 0    | 0.00     | 0    | 68.03 | 358   | 1    |
| Tom Haley        | 26.07     | 96   | 9.89      | 82   | 25.45       | 90   | 9.94     | 90   | 0.00       | 0    | 0.00     | 0    | 71.35 | 358   | 1    |
| Gregg Allen      | 22.92     | 84   | 10.48     | 96   | 20.81       | 70   | 13.65    | 100  | 0.00       | 0    | 0.00     | 0    | 67.86 | 350   | 2    |
| Brady Moy        | 20.00     | 78   | 10.09     | 86   | 27.57       | 96   | 8.74     | 80   | 0.00       | 0    | 0.00     | 0    | 66.40 | 340   | 3    |
| Frank Maher      | 19.45     | 72   | 9.52      | 74   | 28.07       | 98   | 11.25    | 96   | 0.00       | 0    | 0.00     | 0    | 68.29 | 340   | 3    |
| George Locke     | 26.25     | 98   | 10.24     | 90   | 12.75       | 52   | 12.67    | 98   | 0.00       | 0    | 0.00     | 0    | 61.91 | 338   | 4    |
| Bob Simek, Jr.   | 18.62     | 70   | 10.41     | 94   | 20.87       | 72   | 10.61    | 92   | 0.00       | 0    | 0.00     | 0    | 60.51 | 328   | 5    |
| Bob Richard      | 16.69     | 62   | 9.83      | 80   | 31.03       | 100  | 7.33     | 72   | 0.00       | 0    | 0.00     | 0    | 64.88 | 314   | 6    |
| Allen Dickinson  | 25.37     | 92   | 9.76      | 76   | 19.83       | 68   | 7.36     | 74   | 0.00       | 0    | 0.00     | 0    | 62.32 | 310   | 7    |
| Ch. Curcurito    | 27.02     | 100  | 5.49      | 38   | 23.14       | 78   | 11.17    | 94   | 0.00       | 0    | 0.00     | 0    | 66.82 | 310   | 7    |
| Mike Ellrott     | 25.84     | 94   | 9.42      | 72   | 15.99       | 56   | 9.37     | 86   | 0.00       | 0    | 0.00     | 0    | 60.62 | 308   | 8    |
| Paul Pflieger    | 22.99     | 86   | 9.16      | 68   | 27.54       | 94   | 4.34     | 56   | 0.00       | 0    | 0.00     | 0    | 64.03 | 304   | 9    |
| Don VanTassel    | 15.58     | 52   | 9.80      | 78   | 23.57       | 86   | 9.76     | 88   | 0.00       | 0    | 0.00     | 0    | 58.71 | 304   | 9    |
| Bill Swinton     | 19.78     | 76   | 11.41     | 100  | 19.03       | 62   | 5.89     | 62   | 0.00       | 0    | 0.00     | 0    | 56.11 | 300   | 10   |
| Al Maher         | 22.65     | 80   | 10.48     | 96   | 15.82       | 54   | 6.88     | 68   | 0.00       | 0    | 0.00     | 0    | 55.83 | 298   | 11   |
| Bill Pigott      | 23.04     | 88   | 10.17     | 88   | 23.44       | 80   | 1.32     | 36   | 0.00       | 0    | 0.00     | 0    | 57.97 | 292   | 12   |
| Frank Polomaine  | 16.55     | 60   | 8.07      | 56   | 23.52       | 84   | 6.94     | 70   | 0.00       | 0    | 0.00     | 0    | 55.08 | 270   | 13   |
| Frank Rossetti   | 16.54     | 58   | 9.42      | 72   | 19.13       | 64   | 7.75     | 76   | 0.00       | 0    | 0.00     | 0    | 52.84 | 270   | 13   |
| Joey Curcurito   | 10.31     | 44   | 10.30     | 92   | 23.46       | 82   | 2.36     | 46   | 0.00       | 0    | 0.00     | 0    | 46.43 | 264   | 14   |
| Jim Greeley      | 16.26     | 54   | 7.87      | 52   | 22.77       | 74   | 8.18     | 78   | 0.00       | 0    | 0.00     | 0    | 55.08 | 258   | 15   |
| Mike Richard     | 19.57     | 74   | 3.14      | 32   | 24.00       | 88   | 1.49     | 40   | 0.00       | 0    | 0.00     | 0    | 48.20 | 234   | 16   |
| Rob Richard      | 22.92     | 82   | 6.36      | 44   | 5.13        | 46   | 3.45     | 50   | 0.00       | 0    | 0.00     | 0    | 37.86 | 222   | 17   |
| Bob Simek        | 0.00      | 0    | 8.69      | 64   | 19.32       | 66   | 9.23     | 84   | 0.00       | 0    | 0.00     | 0    | 37.24 | 214   | 18   |
| Bill Swinton Sr. | 13.61     | 48   | 8.06      | 54   | 18.77       | 60   | 2.63     | 48   | 0.00       | 0    | 0.00     | 0    | 43.07 | 210   | 19   |
| Geoge Leibach    | 9.49      | 38   | 7.05      | 48   | 23.04       | 76   | 1.99     | 44   | 0.00       | 0    | 0.00     | 0    | 41.57 | 206   | 20   |
| Terry Fleming    | 18.14     | 66   | 4.18      | 36   | 11.05       | 50   | 4.22     | 54   | 0.00       | 0    | 0.00     | 0    | 37.59 | 206   | 20   |
| William Backes   | 16.55     | 60   | 8.50      | 60   | 0.00        | 0    | 6.66     | 66   | 0.00       | 0    | 0.00     | 0    | 31.71 | 186   | 21   |
| Nash Alexander   | 4.97      | 36   | 5.87      | 42   | 16.74       | 58   | 0.00     | 32   | 0.00       | 0    | 0.00     | 0    | 27.58 | 168   | 22   |
| Gene Lavigne     | 17.51     | 64   | 5.84      | 40   | 0.00        | 0    | 4.62     | 60   | 0.00       | 0    | 0.00     | 0    | 27.97 | 164   | 23   |
| Brian Dengler    | 18.35     | 68   | 8.64      | 62   | 0.00        | 0    | 0.00     | 32   | 0.00       | 0    | 0.00     | 0    | 26.99 | 162   | 24   |
| Arthur Grant     | 0.00      | 0    | 11.07     | 98   | 0.00        | 0    | 4.44     | 58   | 0.00       | 0    | 0.00     | 0    | 15.51 | 156   | 25   |
| A. Curcurito     | 9.64      | 40   | 6.82      | 46   | 0.00        | 0    | 6.66     | 66   | 0.00       | 0    | 0.00     | 0    | 23.12 | 152   | 26   |
| Tim Bantham      | 14.37     | 50   | 8.34      | 58   | 0.00        | 0    | 1.90     | 42   | 0.00       | 0    | 0.00     | 0    | 24.61 | 150   | 27   |
| Don Yarter       | 9.82      | 42   | 2.30      | 28   | 1.73        | 44   | 0.89     | 34   | 0.00       | 0    | 0.00     | 0    | 14.74 | 148   | 28   |
| Russ Camadine    | 16.30     | 56   | 4.10      | 34   | 9.94        | 48   | 0.00     | 0    | 0.00       | 0    | 0.00     | 0    | 30.34 | 138   | 29   |
| Mike O'Brian     | 0.00      | 0    | 10.02     | 84   | 0.00        | 0    | 1.36     | 38   | 0.00       | 0    | 0.00     | 0    | 11.38 | 122   | 30   |
| Jamie Dickinson  | 11.67     | 46   | 9.40      | 70   | 0.00        | 0    | 0.00     | 0    | 0.00       | 0    | 0.00     | 0    | 21.07 | 116   | 31   |
| Leo Godin        | 0.00      | 0    | 7.06      | 50   | 0.00        | 0    | 0.00     | 32   | 0.00       | 0    | 0.00     | 0    | 7.06  | 82    | 32   |
| Richard Bishop   | 0.00      | 0    | 3.05      | 30   | 0.00        | 0    | 3.54     | 52   | 0.00       | 0    | 0.00     | 0    | 6.59  | 82    | 32   |
| Blasé Regina     | 0.00      | 0    | 8.86      | 66   | 0.00        | 0    | 0.00     | 0    | 0.00       | 0    | 0.00     | 0    | 8.86  | 66    | 33   |
| Ralph Sommers    | 0.00      | 0    | 0.00      | 0    | 0.00        | 0    | 6.42     | 64   | 0.00       | 0    | 0.00     | 0    | 6.42  | 64    | 34   |



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

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

Mike gave opening remarks. Informed membership present that we will go out of the Ticonderoga ramp instead of Port Henry.

Motion to accept the Minutes from the August 1st meeting by Charlie Curcurito and 2nd by Art Grant.

#### **Treasurer's Report - Paul Pflieger**

Checkbook balance is \$7,597.15

#### **Membership - George Locke**

No prospective members applying for membership.

#### **Conservation - Frank Maher**

There will not be the need for release boats at Ti. Frank reminded everyone to use their livewell pumps and run them continuously (if your batteries can take it) during the hot weather. He also praised the membership in doing a good job at keeping their catch alive.

#### **Safety - Tim Bantham**

Tim cautioned everyone on the changing conditions that we may face on Champlain. Fog will become an issue with dropping air temperatures and the wind will always be a threat.

#### **Banquet Committee - Tony Curcurito**

November 15th at the Best Western on Western Ave. in Albany. Cocktail hour will be from 6PM to 7PM. Tony needs to know who will be going by next month. Cost will be \$25 per guest. Mike proposed that the club pick up the cost of the membership.

#### **Tournament Committee - Bill Swinton Jr.**

September 27th & 28th, 6:30AM - 2:30PM. Tournament site switched to Ticonderoga ramp from Port Henry.

#### **State Federation - Frank Maher**

Al Smith was replaced by Don Corchran as Federation Director. The NYS Bass Federation will be raffling off another boat at their annual banquet. \$100 per ticket and the purchase will get you into the awards banquet.

Charlie Curcurito found himself finishing in 9th place at the Federation tournament going out of Sacket's Harbor on August 3rd.

The Albany club finished in 6th place at the Club Team Event. Our top man was Al Dickinson with 21.59lbs. Frank Maher had 19.81. Jim Underhill (no longer a traitor) weighed in 17.40 pounds. Tom Haley brought in 16.99lbs, followed by Charlie Curcurito with 15.19 and the Prez, Mike Ellrott, finished with 13.02 pounds. Mike also told a chilling story of his misadventures with his partners from both days. He should be commended on having weighed anything at all.

## **New Business:**

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

Bill Pigott has hats for sale. Order by phone or mail. All major credit cards and money orders will be accepted.

NY State fishing licenses will expire at the end of September. You will need to renew before our partner event in October.

Think about nominations for officers. That time of year is coming up again.

Mike read off the top ten from Saratoga Lake. George Locke had the tournament lunger with a 5.18 pound largemouth.

Mike read off the top 15 in the Bassman of the Year standings.

50/50 won by Leo Godin, \$33.

Tournament draw for Lake Champlain. We had a boat-to-boat draw on each day.

Boat raffle ticket won by Mike Ellrott.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Richard, 2nd by Tony Curcurito.

# Meeting Reminder...

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

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