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MEETING CHANGE

The June meeting has been changed to Thursday, June 3rd. Keep your eyes and ears open for other changes. Also, the July meeting will more than likely be moved. Check out the new schedule. The change included the new start time on Oneida Lake.

2004 PIKE TOURNAMENT

Sunday, May 2nd, 6AM - 2PM will be the annual pike tournament. There is an "off limit" period starting Sunday evening prior to the event. Since the season isn't open, you shouldn't be out there anyway! If you want to go out and beat up pike and bass before the season is open, drive to Vermont where it is legal.

You should also note that we will NOT have a meeting in May before the tournament. Therefore, please make every effort to be at the April meeting to take care of necessary business. \$60 is the entry fee per team and includes lunker entry. If you can't be at the April meeting, please let Jim or a member of the tournament committee know that you plan on fishing.

CASTING KIDS EVENT

On Sunday, March 21st, the club held a "Casting Kids" event at Dick's Sporting Goods in Crossgates Mall. Read the details in Mike's message. Thank you to all who participated and made it successful.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT

The start of the bass season is just around the corner so don't forget to prepare. You'll need to show your VT fishing license to Jim before the Rouses Point tournament and don't forget the annual lunker of the year pool. \$15 will get in you in for a shot at 1st a & 2nd lunker. It will also grant you immunity from Charlie's remarks if you were lucky enough to boat a big one but failed to cough-up the \$15...that in itself is worth the money. I guess I should also mention that payment is expected in American dollars.

GREG'S ADVENTURE

If you missed our last meeting, you didn't get to see and hear Greg Allen tell about his time in Mexico fishing for bass. Although we didn't see many big bass, we did see how lucky we are to live in the USA. I never imagined needing an armed escort to go fishing. Think about that next time you hop in your truck at 3AM and tow your boat to Lake Champlain. It's amazing what we have.

A Message From the "Prez"

If we were the Albany Area Troutmasters we would have been on the water fishing before our next meeting. Unfortunately,....

I did get to see the Albany Area Bassmasters at their best on Sunday, March 21. At the invitation of Dick's Sporting Goods we put on a Casting Kids competition from 10 AM until 4 PM. The Club turned out in good numbers and good spirits. A special thanks to Charlie, Greg, Jamie, Rich and Sandy who showed up early to help me set up and get everything organized. Bev, Gail and Sandy worked the registration table and took care of the paperwork. Joannie pitched in there as well. George, Rich, Brady, Greg, Jamie, Bobby, Art and Tim took turns as instructors and showed great patience and perseverance working with more than 60 kids throughout the day. When not instructing, they helped Charlie, Bob and Terry with the scoring. Blasé, Frank P. and Gene were either recruiting kids to participate or hitting on the young women who walked by, I'm pretty sure I know which they were doing best. I did what Gail says I do best, stood around and watched everybody else get things done. I was innocently trying to explain how the competition worked to one interested spectator until cat calls from the sidelines scared her off!

Significant others: Pam, Felicia with daughters in tow, Beth with young Rich, Suzanne, and my daughter Christi with my beautiful granddaughters Kaitlyn and Lauren visited during the day. I wonder if it had anything to do with the event being held in a Mall?

Our winners were Rich Bishop in the 11-14 year age group and Brian Walter in the 7-10 year age group. Brian was the last competitor of the day and tied with Patrick Green with 90 points. Patrick scored his 90 early in the day, but convinced his mom to bring him back at 4 PM. Brian edged out Patrick for the title, but we sent Patrick home with a rod and reel as well.

I want to thank Dick's, and in particular Bob Miller, who were great to work with. Dick's was our local sponsor and provided the Mall space for us to put on our contest. Dick's also donated spinning rod and reel combinations and tackle boxes that we awarded to our winners. Dick's also provided a box full of sample products and magazines that we passed out to participants. Finally, Dicks provided coupons for our members to use when shopping at Dick's. Dick's Sporting Goods proved to be a good partner in the event and I look forward to working with them in the future.

Thanks to everyone who made the event fun!

NYS BASS FEDERATION 2004 SCHEDULE

Sun., June 20	Cayuga Lake	Union Springs Village Launch sponsored by: Cayuga Co Chamber of Commerce	Points
Sun., July 11	Hudson River	Catskill sponsored by: Greene County	Points
Sun., July 25	Oneida Lake	Oneida Shores County Launch	Partners
Sun., Aug. 8	Mohawk River	Schoharie Crossing	Points
Sat./Sun., Aug. 21&22	Oneida Lk	Oneida Shores Co Launch	CTC
Sun., Sep. 12	Canandaigua Lk	Canandaigua State Marine Park	Points

ALBANY AREA BASSMASTER'S 2004 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

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<i>Sunday, May 2nd</i>	Partners Pike Tournament	Saratoga Lake, State launch site 6AM - 2PM
Saturday, May 22nd	Kid's Tournament	Saratoga Lake, State launch site 7AM - 1PM
Saturday & Sunday, June 12th & 13th	POINTS	Rouses Pt., Lake Champlain 5:30AM - 1:30PM
Saturday, June 26th	POINTS	Great Sacandaga Lk. Sunset Bay 5:30AM - 1:30PM
Saturday, July 17th	Husband/Wife	Cossayuna Lake, State launch site 6AM - 1PM
Saturday & Sunday, July 31st & August 1st	POINTS	Oneida Lk., Oneida Shores Park 5:30AM - 1:30PM
Saturday, August 14th	POINTS	Saratoga Lake, State launch site 5:30AM - 1:30PM
Saturday & Sunday, September 25th & 26th	POINTS	Ticonderoga*, Lake Champlain 6AM - 2PM *(Port Henry if Ti ramp is unavailable)
Saturday, October 16th	POINTS	Schroon Lake, State Launch 7AM - 3PM
Saturday, October 23rd	Pick-your-Partner	Mohawk River, Schoharie Crossing 7AM - 3PM

Rouses Pt

The Anchorage Motel (518) 297-4211

Oneida Lake

Belair Motel (315) 699-5991

Town & Country (315) 546-7127

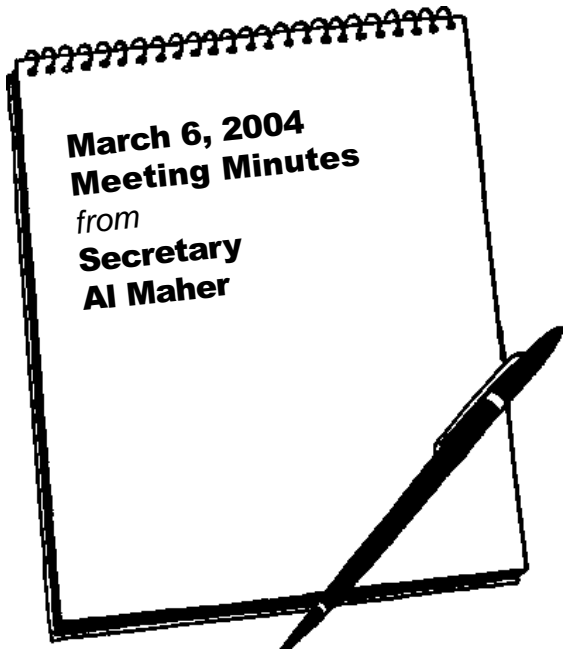
Ticonderoga/Port Henry

Circle Court (518) 585-7660

Stonehouse (518) 585-7394

Super 8 (518) 585-2617

Family Fun Cabins (518) 546-7127



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

Officers Present: Mike Ellrott, Jim Underhill, Alan Maher & Paul Pflieger.

Mike introduced our newly elected VP and congratulated him on making a presence. Welcome back to George Leibach. He attended his first meeting after undergoing knee replacement surgery back in November. Greg Allen was back in the USA after spending some time chasing the elusive monster largemouth in Mexico. Motion to accept the Minutes from the February 13th meeting by Bill Larose and 2nd by Russ Camadine.

Treasurer's Report - Paul Pflieger

Checkbook balance is \$3,882.03

Membership - Jamie Dickinson

Andrew Zema was making his 2nd function.

Conservation - Tom Haley

No report, not present.

Safety - Tim Bantham

Tim will be organizing a boat safety check again this year on Saratoga Lake. Be prepared with those flares.

Banquet - Tony Curcurito

We are all set. Stay tuned for details.

Casting Kids:

Dick's Sporting Goods has an area we can use in front of their store. We are looking for volunteers to help out on Sunday, March 21st. 10am - 4pm.

Tournament Committee - Jim Underhill

All permits are set with the exception of Rouses Point. Need certificate of insurance for those that have expired during "the off season". Pre-pay for parking at Saratoga Lake, that includes non-boaters too. The pike tournament draw will be at the April meeting. \$60 entry fee will also include luncheon.

Federation Report - Mike Ellrott

25 members belong to the State Federation. Mike is looking for input from the members on issues or ideas that he can address. The "Fish Lines" publication was approximately \$2K in the red. They are looking to turn it around this year. Mike read through the officers and committee chairs. The Club Team Event (CTE) is now referred to as the Club Team Championship (CTC).

New Business:

Club membership is at 41 with one prospective member.

The club sent a \$25 donation to the American Cancer Society on behalf of Larry Hallenbeck who had recently passed away. We received a thank you note from the Hallenbeck family.

- 10 Minute Break -

Greg Allen gave a very interesting presentation on his fishing journey in Mexico.

50/50 won by Bob Simek Sr. - \$26

Motion to adjourn by Greg Allen, 2nd by Russ Camadine.

Meeting Reminder...

The next meeting of the Albany Area Bassmasters will be **Friday, April 2nd** at the Watervliet K of C hall at 8:00 PM sharp.

Place
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Here

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