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## ONLY TWO MORE TO GO

With only two more points tournaments left, time is running out for a “charge” from behind to make up lost ground. Port Henry is the next one. For those driving up, keep in mind that Port Henry will add an additional 15 - 30 minutes extra time in traveling, more if you hit fog. Tim Bantham also brought up a very good point with using GPS units. Just because you can run fairly confidently in the fog using one, also realize that you still will not know who is beyond your site. Always be alert to oncoming vessels and be prepared to react.

## TOP TEN BASSMAN STANDINGS

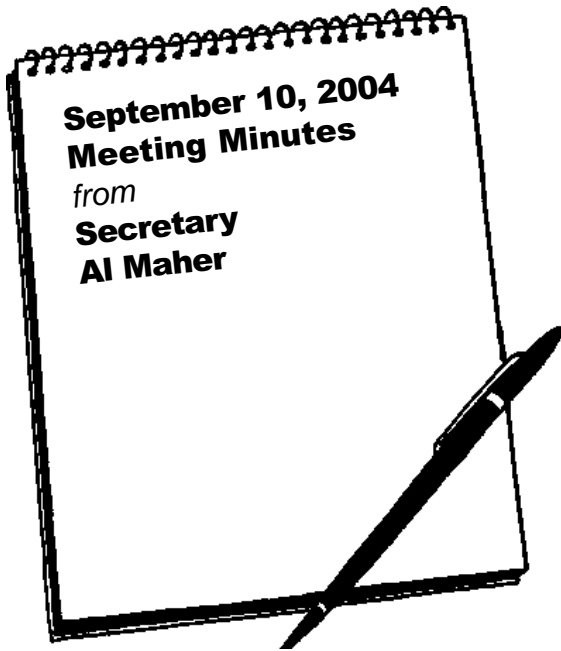
Place	Name	Points	
1	Bill Swinton Jr.	362	
2	Bobby Simek*	358	* Non-boater
3	Jim Underhill	350	
4	George Locke	342	
5	Tom Haley	326	
6	Blase Regina	316	
7	Art Grant	310	
8	Al Dickinson	304	
9	Bill Pigott	298	
10	Mike Ellrott	296	

## FROM THE “OH \*#@&! FILES”

Every now & then something happens to renew your faith in people, this is one of them. While fishing with Charlie Curcurito on Saratoga Lake, Russ Camadine left his tackle bag on the back deck of Charlie’s boat but did not tie it to the pole of the back seat. When they got to their next spot, Russ realized that his bag was gone. Seeing that it weighs 80 pounds, Russ figured it was long gone and at the bottom of the lake. He continued to fish the rest of the day without his tackle bag. Days later, Russ was still furious as he thought about all of his lost tackle. While he applied for a second mortgage to help replace it, he penciled out a Bass Pro Shops order. But just when you think this world is full of nothing but jet skiers and Roland Martin “wanna-bes” someone does the right thing. Russ received a phone call from an individual who asked Russ if he had lost something. This man witnessed the bag fly off the back deck and saw some culling rings floating on the water. He got in his row boat and rowed over to the half submerged treasure. It seems that all of the tackle boxes within the bag had enough air in them to keep the bag just under the surface. This person brought the bag back to his camp and started to go through the tackle when he discovered Russ’ name & phone number on one of the items. Thanks to this man’s honesty, Russ was spared a huge expense and is now reunited with his old, although rusted tackle.

# 2004 ELECTIONS & NOMINATIONS

November is just around the corner. Start thinking about who you would like to run for some key positions within the club. I'll more than likely be stepping aside as Secretary so please consider it. It's not as bad as everyone makes it out to be, plus the company car & groupies make it worth the hard work.



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's opening remarks. Motion to accept the Minutes from the August 6th meeting by Art Grant, 2nd by Charlie Curcurito.

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

Checkbook balance is \$7,509.77.

## **Conservation - Tom Haley**

Tom has relocated but he did email a report about the ongoing discussions on a water treatment plant for Saratoga. "They" appear to be looking at the upper Hudson for their supply.

Also, do not forget to renew your NY license before Schroon Lake, October 16th.

## **Safety - Tim Bantham**

Tim gave some good advice by reminding everyone that Champlain can get bad with fog this time of year. With the widespread use of GPS, running in the fog has become easier. But just because we have a GPS unit (and some of us know how to use them) they do not tell us about approaching vessels or bridge abutments.....still use caution.

## **Banquet Committee - Tony Curcurito**

Saturday, November 20th at the Best Western Sovereign Hotels (same place as last year). It is located on 1228 Western Ave - Albany, NY. Cocktail hour will be from 6:00PM to 7:00PM. (518) 489-2981 is their phone number. Call for room reservations. Tell them you are with the Club and that Carol Halmition is holding a block of rooms for us.

## **Club Team Event - Mike Ellrott**

Mike went over the stats from when our Dream Team went out to Oneida Lake. Despite sending a competent & knowledgeable group, our guys struggled. They finished 13th out of 36 clubs with 87.34 pounds. Rochester won with a combined weight of 119.22 pounds. Tom Haley was our top guy with 20.13 pounds.

## **New Business**

BASS is doing another membership drive similar to the one they did last year.

Brother Frank and Charlie Herzig are sitting in 10th place overall. The Mohawk River event was cancelled due to the heavy rains and was moved to Sacandaga at the last minute. They did not have time to prefish the lake.

2 months before elections. Think about running or who you may want to run.

Don Vantassel got to fish on Lake Erie and is doing well in the Co-Angler division. His next event is on Champlain.

Mike shared an interesting story that happened on Saratoga Lake during our August tournament with Charlie and Russ Camadine.

- FISH TALK - George Locke on Saratoga Lake

**Tournament Committee - *Jim Underhill***

-Lake Champlain, Port Henry boat draw-

Tournament hours are 6:00AM to 2:00PM at the Port Henry state launch

There are No boat-to-boat pairs

50/50 raffle won by Mike Ellrott....\$36

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

Schroon Lake

Lee's Corner Motel      (518) 494-7678

Ticonderoga/Port Henry

Circle Court      (518) 585-7660

Stonehouse      (518) 585-7394

Super 8      (518) 585-2617

Family Fun Cabins      (518) 546-7127

# Meeting Reminder...

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

Place  
Postage  
Here

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