



# ALBANY AREA B.A.S.S. TIMES

New York State B.A.S.S. State Federation

## Message from the Prez...

I don't know if Bill will get this in time for the Newsletter. You see after fishing four practice days and one tournament day on the Mohawk and following that up with two practice days at Cayuga Lake I came home and cut off my right and left arms from the elbows down. I've always heard about the "dog days of summer", now I really understand what they are.

The season is fast coming to an end with only Bomoseen and Lake Champlain left to salvage a season or salt away a victory.

Wayne Tomassi recently wrote that the Federation was experiencing a dramatic decline in participation, nearly 25 percent. He cited several possible reasons including competing trails, locations of tournaments, doubts about getting to use your boat and the cost of fuel. I can suggest a few others, but I won't. The last item on that list is one that impacts all of us, regardless of whether or not we fish the Federation Trail, namely the cost of fuel. As I have come to learn, the fuel consumed during a day on the water is often a fraction of what it costs to get there and home. When you add one or more trips to pre-fish, a tournament can become a pricey adventure. We as a Club will need to take a hard look at how we put together a schedule for 2006. I have read predictions of \$3 or \$4 dollars per gallon in the near future. Should we look at waters closer to home? Should we consider Saturday practices and Sunday tournaments for places like Rouses and Oneida? Should we reduce the number of tournaments on the schedule? I am merely throwing out a few possibilities to get you thinking. We need to have a serious discussion about a serious problem. The discussion should take place after this year's schedule is complete, but now is the time to throw out some ideas when you and your buddies are "hanging out" and argue the pros and cons of your suggestions. You also need to be sure the officers and tournament committee members you elect are aware of your concerns and express a willingness to act on them.

See you Friday.

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### AABM 2005 Tournament Committee & Officers

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Al Dickinson

## Robbie Richard wins Mohawk River Tournament

I think we all knew that this would be a tough tournament. We weren't disappointed in that aspect. Going into this tournament with a semi-successful practice day I was confident that I could catch some fish. I was wrong! As always, there are winners and there are non-winners. :) Robbie Richard was able to put a 9.72 lb limit in the boat to take 1st place. Greg Allen finished second with a limit weighing 9.47 lbs. Third was George Locke with a limit weighing 8.22 lbs. George Liebach caught the lunker fish weighing 3.29 lbs. Kudos to Robbie for pulling it off on a tough day. —Bill Pigott



Robbie Richard shows off some of his winning catch as his fan club looks on. Photo courtesy Bev Locke.



## 2005 Albany Area Bassmaster's Tournament Schedule

May 21	Saratoga—State Ramp	Pike Tournament	6:00 AM-2:00 PM
June 11-12	Rouses Point—Chazey	Points Tournament	5:30 AM-1:30 PM
June 25	Sacandage-Sunset Day Campground	Points Tournament	5:30 AM-1:30 PM
July 2	Cossayuna—State Ramp	Kid's Tournament	7:00 AM-1:00 PM
July 9	Saratoga Lake—State Ramp	Partner's Tournament	5:30AM-1:30PM
July 23-24	Oneida Lake—Oneida Shores Park	Points Tournament	5:30AM-1:30 PM
August 6	Cossayuna—State Ramp	He/She Tournament	6:00AM-1:00 PM
August 20	AlCathy's-Mohawk River- State Ramp	Points Tournament	6:00AM-2:00 PM
Sept. 24	Lake Bomoseen-Edgewater	Points Tournament	6:30AM-2:30PM
Oct. 15-16	Ti Bay-State Ramp	Points Tournament	7:00AM-3:00 PM

*The Schedule is now Official.*

## 2005 NY State B.A.S.S. Chapter Federation Tournament Schedule

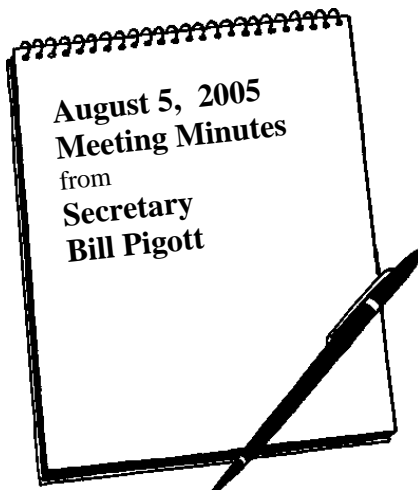
<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sun, June 19	Seneca Lake—Susan Johnson Opener <b>Points Tournament</b>	Stivers Seneca Marine, Inc. Bloody's Hill Road, Waterloo, NY
Sun, July 17	Lake Champlain <b>Points Tournament</b>	Plattsburg Boat Basin 5 Dock Street, Plattsburg, NY
Sun, July 31	Oneida Lake <b>Points Tournament</b>	Oneida Shores County Park Bartell Rd., Brewerton, NY
Sun, Aug 14	Cayuga Lake <b>Partner's Tournament</b>	Frontenac Park Village Launch Union Springs, NY
Aug 27 & 28	Cayuga Lake Rosemary Murphy Memorial <b>Club Team Championship</b>	Frontenac Park Village Launch Union Springs, NY
Sun, Sept. 11	Lake Champlain <b>Points Tournament</b>	Fort Ticonderoga Boat Launch, Rt 71 East at Ft Ticonderoga Road, Ticonderoga, NY

### Places To Stay

<b>Rouses Pt.</b>		<b>Oneida Lake</b>	
The Anchorage	(518) 297-4211	Belair Motel	(315) 699-5991
<b>Ticonderoga</b>		<b>Bomoseen</b>	
Circle Court	(518) 585-7660	Edgewater Inn	(802) 468-5251
Stonehouse	(518) 585-7394		
Super 8	(518) 585-2617		

### Emergency Numbers

<b>NY STATE POLICE</b>	(518) 563-3761
<b>VT STATE POLICE</b>	(802) 655-3435
<b>COAST GAURD</b>	(802) 864-6791



The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by President Mike Ellrott.

Officers Present: Mike Ellrott, Bill Swinton, Bill Pigott & Paul Pflieger.

### **Mike's opening remarks**

Mike notified the club that the Husband/Wife tournament will be rescheduled. A motion was made to accept the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion was accepted by Charlie Curcurito and seconded by George Leibach.

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

Paul reported a checkbook balance of \$8,203.16.

### **Membership Report - Jamie Dickinson**

Jamie was unable to attend the meeting.

### **Conservation Committee—Greg Allen**

Greg reported there was a Northern Snake Head fish found in NY waters. There was also reports in Queens Meadow Lake that DEC had found four Snake Heads.

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

Tim was unable to attend. Mike reminded us about the speed limits and no wake zones while fishing the Mohaawk River.

### **Banquet Committee—Tony Curcurito**

Tony reported that everything is set.

### **Tournament Committee Report - Bill Swinton**

Bill reported that the Kid's Tournament went very well. There were a lot of fish caught with Rob Swinton winning the 11 to 15 age bracket and Mike Curcurito winning the 0-10 age bracket. It was a great day for the kids. Thanks to everyone who helped to make the day a success.

Also Mike mentioned when the launch boat sends you out tournament morning, we need to get closer to the launch boat in order to see that everything is working properly.

### **Lunker Pool - Charlie Curcurito**

Charlie reported the Lunker Leaders: to date are Bill Swinton with a 5.33 lb. Large Mouth and Frank Rosetti with a 4.13 Large Mouth.

### **New Business**

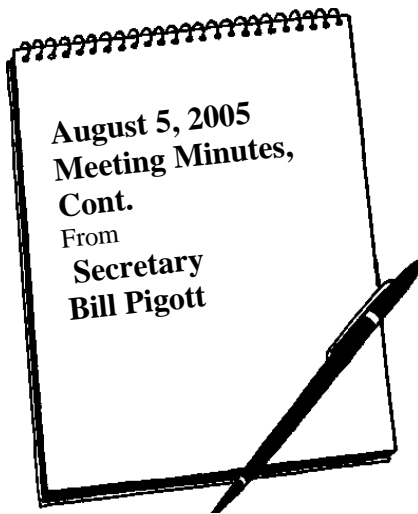
Albany Area Bassmasters has a new web address. We can now be found at [www.aabmbass.com](http://www.aabmbass.com).

Mike handed out the club team shirts. Mike also raffled off one of his Timber Spoons to benefit the club team and was able to raise \$110.00 for the team. Tony Curcurito was the winner. Thanks, Mike.

### **Fish Talk**

Mike read the top four teams of the partner's tournament. Al Dickinson and George Locke were the winners of the partner's tournament. Al and George reported that they were fishing the outside weed edge with Al concentrating on top and George was working the bottom with tubes and brush hogs in 20 ft of water.

Al Maher, the winner of Oneida was unable to attend the meeting. Paul Pflieger who finished a very close second told the club that he was fishing 1 to 4 feet of water with senkos and grubs on day one. On day two he found the fish a little deeper and caught them with grubs.



Don VanTassel fished on Lake Erie in a Pro Am tournament where the winds blew 8-10 feet waves. Don stated it wasn't too much fun.

Frank Maher and Charlie Herzig fished a Northeast Team Bass Tournament on Lake Sacandaga where they finished 30th.

### Other Tournaments

On October 30, 2005 the Rip Van Winkle Open will be held.

The Walmart FLW will be on Champlain out of Plattsburg June 21-24, 2006. Also fishing out of Plattsburg, the Everstart Trail will be there September 13-16 2006.

The Boat Draw was held for the Mohawk River Tournament.

### Items For Sale

If anyone is looking to buy a club hat, Terry Flemming is the new "Mad Hatter". Hats are \$8.00 each.

### 50-50 Raffle

The raffle was won by Don VanTassel. Don took home \$29.00.

### Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn at 9:40 pm. Motion was accepted by Art Grant, seconded by Greg Allen.

## Club Team Event



AABM Club Team—Top (l) Bill Swinton, Bill Pigott, George Locke, and Jim Underhill. Bottom (l) Al Dickinson and Blasé Regina. Photo Courtesy of Mike Elrott.

The Club Team Event (Rosemary Murphy Memorial) was held August 27th and 28th 2005 at Cayuga Lake.

#### Results

1st Place—Crown City  
2nd Place—North Jersey Hawk Hunters  
3rd Place—Port City

Individual Winner was Lee Roger who brought in over 17 pounds of small mouth. Lee was with the North Jersey Hawk Hunters, who were all non-boaters.

Complete Tournament Results were not available upon newsletter deadline. More info will follow.

## Oneida Tournament Results

July 23-24, 2005

		LM	SM	Short			Scale	Penalty	Net	Finish	Prize Money	Total	
	Name	Bass	Bass	Bass	Dead	Lunker	Weight	Weights	Weight	Position	Finish	Lunker	Points
1	Robbie Richard	5				2.97	9.72		9.72	1	\$75.00	\$34.00	100
2	Greg Allen		5			2.42	9.47		9.47	2	\$55.00		98
3	George Locke	4	1			2.72	8.22		8.22	3	\$45.00		96
4	Jim Underhill	4	1			2.45	7.39		7.39	4	\$35.00		94
5	Tony Curcurito		5			1.7	7.03		7.03	5	\$30.00		92
6	Al Dickinson		5				6.44		6.44	6	\$25.00		90
7	Rich Bishop		5			1.67	6.06		6.06	7	\$20.00		88
8	Art Grant		4		1	2.27	5.79	0.25	5.54	8			86
9	George Liebach	2				3.29	5.32		5.32	9		\$53.00	84
10	Bob Richard	3			1		4.84	0.25	4.59	10			82
11	Ch. Curcurito		3			1.52	4.12		4.12	11			80
12	Mike Waitekus	1	2			1.77	4.09		4.09	12			78
13	Bill Swinton Sr.	3					3.3		3.30	13			76
14	Blasé Regina		3				2.99		2.99	14			74
15	Nash Alexander	3					2.91		2.91	15			72
16	Bill Backes		3				2.71		2.71	16			70
17	Leo Godin		2				2.41		2.41	17			68
18	Nick Fantasia	1	1				2.24		2.24	18			66
19	Joey Curcurito		4	1			3.22	1.00	2.22	19			64
20	Tim Bantham	2					2.09		2.09	20			62
21	Al Maher		2				1.35		1.35	21			60
22	Bill Greeley		1				1.22		1.22	22			58
23	Jim Greeley		1				0.59		0.59	23			56
24	Gene Lavigne	1					0.59		0.59	23			56
25	Mike Ellrott						0		0.00	24			54
26	Terry Fleming						0		0.00	24			54
27	Brady Moy						0		0.00	24			54
28	Paul Pflieger						0		0.00	24			54
29	Bill Pigott						0		0.00	24			54
30	Frank Polomaine						0		0.00	24			54
31	Frank Rosetti						0		0.00	24			54
32	Bill Swinton						0		0.00	24			54
33		29	48	1	2				102.61				
34													
35	Robby Richard	1st	Calcutta						162.00				
36	Greg Allen	2nd	Calcutta						108.00				

## AABM 2005 Current Standings

Name	Rouses Pt		Sacadaga		Oneida Lake		Mohawk		Bo-mosee n		Ticon-deroga		Total		Total	Pos.
	Wgt	Pts.	Wgt.	Pts.	Wgt.	Pts.	Wgt.	Pts.	Wgt.	Pts.	Wgt.	Pts.	Wgt	Pts.		
Al Dickinson	27.23	94	7.65	90	22.55	90	6.44	90					63.87	364	1	
George Locke	26.80	90	6.59	74	21.61	84	8.22	96					63.22	344	2	
Al Maher	28.45	98	6.97	82	26.11	100	1.35	60					62.88	340	3	
Bill Backes	26.42	86	7.96	96	21.95	86	2.71	70					59.04	338	4	
Greg Allen	20.54	52	9.17	100	21.08	82	9.47	98					60.26	332	5	
Mike Waitekus	23.06	74	6.78	78	19.41	78	4.09	78					53.34	308	6	
Robbie Richard	23.00	70	5.69	66	16.26	70	9.72	100					54.67	306	7	
Bill Swinton	20.76	54	8.62	98	24.40	94	0.00	54					53.78	300	8	
Brady Moy	23.15	76	7.06	84	20.83	80	0.00	54					51.04	294	9	
Nash Alexander	9.92	34	7.45	88	24	92	2.91	72					44.26	286	10	
Paul Pflieger	23.32	78	3.30	52	26.01	98	0.00	54					52.63	282	11	
Bill Pigott	28.25	96	5.18	64	14.61	66	0.00	54					48.04	280	12	
Blasé Regina	26.72	88	3.89	54	13.64	64	2.99	74					47.24	280	13	
Ch. Curcurito	23.64	82	1.81	44	17.68	72	4.12	80					47.25	278	14	
Bob Richard	20.09	48	6.23	70	18.02	76	4.59	82					48.93	276	15	
George Liebach	18.72	42	7.41	86	11.59	58	5.32	84					43.04	270	16	
Bill Swinton Sr.	20.95	58	6.87	80	8.88	54	3.30	76					40.00	268	17	
Mike Ellrott	19.93	46	6.67	76	22.46	88	0.00	54					49.06	264	18	
Gene Lavigne	21.05	60	7.41	86	8.72	52	0.59	56					37.77	254	19	
Joey Curcurito	23.44	80	1.52	32	15.00	68	2.22	64					42.18	244	20	
Nick Fantasia	21.82	64	4.43	56	7.61	48	2.24	66					36.10	234	21	
Tony Curcurito	19.68	44	1.24	30	13.14	62	7.03	92					41.09	228	22	
Frank Polomaine	22.14	66	2.16	46	12.75	60	0.00	54					37.05	226	23	
Jim Greeley	22.51	68	1.81	44	8.43	50	0.59	56					33.34	218	24	
Mike Richard	23.04	72	2.49	48	25.07	96	0.00	0					50.60	216	25	
Frank Rosetti	28.90	100	4.77	62	0.00	0	0.00	54					33.67	216	26	
Tim Bantham	27.05	92	4.56	58	0.00	0	2.09	62					33.70	212	27	
Terry Fleming	20.77	56	1.73	42	5.56	46	0.00	54					28.06	198	28	
Don Vantassel	23.79	84	1.65	38	17.71	74	0.00	0					43.15	196	29	
Bill Greeley	15.31	40	2.70	50	4.05	42	1.22	58					23.28	190	30	
Jim Underhill	0.00	0	7.79	92	0.00	0	7.39	94					15.18	186	31	
Art Grant	21.12	62	1.57	34	0.00	0	5.54	86					28.23	182	32	
Rich Bishop	0.00	0	7.95	94	0.00	0	6.06	88					14.01	182	33	
Russ Camadine	20.76	54	1.60	36	11.44	56	0.00	0					33.80	146	34	
Jamie Dickinson	20.24	50	6.35	72	0.00	0	0.00	0					26.59	122	35	
Bill Larose	10.00	36	0.00	28	5.27	44	0.00	0					15.27	108	36	
Leo Godin	0.00	0	1.69	40	0.00	0	2.41	68					4.10	108	37	
Ralph Sommers	0.00	0	6.00	68	0.00	0	0.00	0					6.00	68	38	
Mike O'Brien	0.00	0	4.74	60	0.00	0	0.00	0					4.74	60	39	
A Curcurito Jr	12.50	38	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0					12.50	38	40	
Brian Dengler	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0					0.00	0	41	
Frank Maher	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0					0.00	0	41	
Andrew Zema	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0					0.00	0	41	

# Club Reminders

## Meeting Reminder...

The next meeting of the Albany Area Bassmasters will be

**Friday September 2, 2005**

at the American Legion Melvin Rd Post at 7:30 PM.

*200 Columbia Turnpike, East Greenbush*

*There is going to be a short meeting for the club team following the regular meeting August 5th.*

## Boat Draw

We will be holding the Lake Bomoseen-Edgewater Boat Draw at the Friday meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, please be sure to notify the club if you intend to fish the tournament.



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