



ALBANY AREA B.A.S.S. TIMES

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

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AABM 2005 Tournament Committee & Officers

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Frank Polomaine

Measurer
Al Dickinson

Message from the Prez...

Just one tournament left to be contested. A very deserving Al Dickinson is in the driver's seat with a 20 point lead over Al Maher and 30 points over George Locke. It's never good to see Al M. and George in your rear view mirror, but Al D. has built a nice working margin and has thrived on Lake Champlain the last few years. Al M. and George have won the coveted Bassman of the Year Title in the past, but no one is more deserving than Al Dickinson. He has quietly proven himself to be one the best and most consistent anglers in our Club over the last several years. The Club will be well served to have any one of these three represent us as Angler of the Year.

As another year slips away from us I also want to thank my fellow officers: Bill Swinton, Paul Pflieger and Bill Pigott for doing such a great job. Having guys like that trio to work with has certainly been a treat. The Club is in good shape and things continue to run smoothly.

You also benefit from a solid Tournament Committee. Bill Swinton is a low key, but strong leader of the Tournament Committee. I can not imagine any one doing a better job as Weighmaster than Charlie Curcurito. He is entertaining (or at least he entertains himself), he certainly motivates everyone to do well and never give up, and he is fair. You can't ask for more. Our Measurer and Timekeeper, Al Dickinson and Frank Polomaine have done solid jobs at the tournament as well in the planning for the tournaments. I am not sure the Committee gave us the best schedule we could have had, but any one who has ever served on the committee knows what a challenge that is. And in their defense, the weather we faced this season was unprecedented. We had a great season without controversy.

As your Club President this has been a very satisfying season. I also owe all of you a thanks for making that possible. When I talk to people about the Club I always find myself talking about the fact that we have 45 guys who are very competitive but who keep things in the proper perspective. The fact that we see as much of each other as we do and still get along so well is a wonder.

Things get busy for us after this month. Planning the banquet and conducting elections will keep our attention. Thanks for another great season. See you at the meeting.

Rich Bishop Wins Lake Bomoseen Tournament

On September 24th, Albany Area Bassmasters fished the 5th Tournament of the season on Lake Bomoseen. The nights are getting cooler, I thought to myself, as I made my way across the lake wishing I had worn a heavier jacket. At least we didn't have to deal with heavy fog. I never got to practice but had heard the fishing was tough. Those who did practice told me there were a few big fish, but most of the fish that were being caught were small. That's just what happened for the tournament. A few members did get the big fish to go with their bag, while some just struggled to catch a limit of keepers. Rich Bishop came to the scales with the heaviest bag of the day with 5 fish weighing 15.09 lbs. including a large mouth that weighed 6.09 lbs. Second place went to Al Maher who brought 12.22 lbs to the scale with a 5.31 lb large mouth. Third place was Mike Richard who had 12.13 lbs. Mike also had lunker of the tournament—an impressive 7.76 lb large mouth. Congratulations to everyone.



Rich Bishop (L) shows some of his first place catch at Bomoseen, while Mike Richard caught an incredible 7.76 lb Large Mouth. *Photos courtesy of Bev Locke.*

Congratulations

- ◆ Congratulations go out to Frank Maher and Charlie Herzig, who finished 4th place overall in the NE Team Bass Trail. The pair also had an impressive first place in the Schroon Lake Tournament Of Champions. Their 27.12 pound two-day catch total put them on top of the 32-team field. Wow! We sure hope the two of you enjoy your new bass boat!
- ◆ The Club would also like to Congratulate Don VanTassel on his 29th place finish overall in the Potomac River Tournament on the Everstart Trail. Super Job!

Sympathies

It is with the deepest regret that we must inform you of the passing of a friend and fellow fisherman. On Sunday, October 2nd, 2005, Scott James passed away. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to Scott's loved ones on their sudden loss.

Scott leaves behind a wife and three young children. We will be taking a collection for Scott's family at the October meeting, and the club will additionally make a small donation from our treasury. Bill Swinton has also suggested that the club discuss a fund raising tournament to benefit the James' Family in honor of Scott.



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

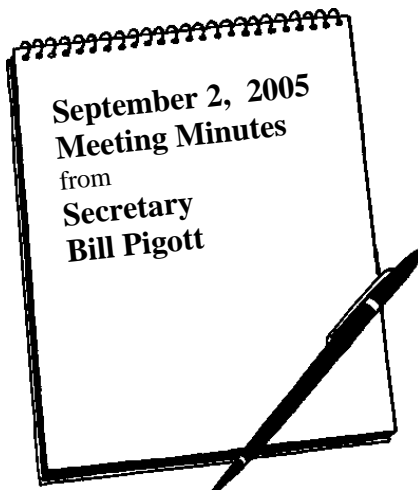
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Sun, June 19	Seneca Lake—Susan Johnson Opener Points Tournament	Stivers Seneca Marine, Inc. Bloody's Hill Road, Waterloo, NY
Sun, July 17	Lake Champlain Points Tournament	Plattsburg Boat Basin 5 Dock Street, Plattsburg, NY
Sun, July 31	Oneida Lake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

Places To Stay

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

Emergency Numbers

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



The meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM by President Mike Ellrott.

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

Mike's opening remarks

A Motion was made to accept the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion was accepted by Bill Larose 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 was unable to attend the meeting. Mike shared some information he had read in New York Outdoors News, regarding an article discussing the problems of soft baits. The article stated that soft baits get into the food chain a number of ways: fish can pull them off the hook, and anglers sometimes throw them overboard when they become chewed up. Fish eat these baits as they sink or pick them up as they lay on the bottom. The concern is not that the baits are necessarily toxic, but that when they are swallowed they take up valuable stomach space that the fish can't use to store real food to help them grow and flourish. Please dispose of unwanted baits properly. Mike also reminded everyone that you can purchase your fishing license online at www.nywildlife.com or www.dec.state.ny.us.

Safety Committee - Tim Bantham

Tim asked that those launching at the state ramp for Bomoseen Tournament please be careful when coming across in the dark and be sure to leave yourself plenty of room when following someone in case they need to stop.

Banquet Committee—Tony Curcurito

Information on the banquet is supplied in the newsletter, page 4.

Federation Report—Mike Ellrott

Mike went over the President's message from the Federation. A copy is included in the newsletter at page 5.

Tournament Committee Report - Bill Swinton

Bill reported that the He/She Tournament will take place on the Mohawk River—Schohaire Crossing September 25th 2005.

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. ("That was then, this is now!")

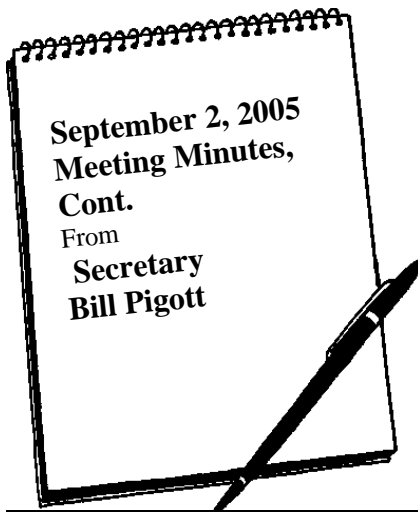
New Business

Mike asked that members start thinking about options for next year's Tournament Trail. There are many things to consider: the prices of gas being one, more clubs and organizations wanting to fish the same waters.

Fish Talk

The Club Team Event was held on Cayuga Lake Aug 27th & 28th at the time of the meeting the results were unavailable. Bill Swinton the Team Captain gave a brief talk about a very difficult tournament. The results are now available on the NY Federation website for anyone interested.

Robbie Richard was unable to attend so we weren't able to hear about his winning pattern.



Mike read the top ten finishers of the Mohawk River Tournament as well as the Top fifteen of the Bassman standings.

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 Bob Richard. Bob took home \$31.00.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn at 9:10 pm. Motion was accepted by Tony Curcurito, seconded by George Locke.

End-of-Season Banquet

The Club's End-of-Season Banquet is November 19 at the Best Western Sovereign Hotel on Western Avenue in Albany. It's the same venue as last year so everyone should know how to get there. A cash bar and hors d'oeuvres will be available pool-side at 6 PM. Dinner will be served promptly at 7 PM. Then you have to listen to Mike go on for what seems like hours recognizing people, repeating statistics you've heard dozens of times before, and making awards.

Due to the age and inactivity of our membership we have eliminated the disc jockey this year. Since everyone is either asleep or ready to leave by the time the awards are done, we decided to save the Club several hundred dollars.

We are happy to announce that because of your participation at tournaments this season we are once again able to cover the cost of member's dinners. There will be a \$25 fee for any guest. We are asking that you pay for your guest before the November meeting. You can either pay at the October Meeting or send a check to Anthony Curcurito before the November Meeting.

Even if you are not bringing a guest you must tell Anthony if you are planning to attend. We need a firm count before the banquet. Anthony will not be at the October Meeting, but someone will be collecting that information for him.

Should you want a room at the Best Western call (489-2981) and ask for Carol Robinson and be sure to tell her you are part of the Albany Area Bassmasters.

Please make every effort to attend the banquet, the event is successful only if everyone participates.

Federation Raffle Tickets

We have NYS BASS Chapter Federation 2005 Sportsman Raffle Tickets to sell. The tickets cost \$20 each. There are more than \$30,000 in prizes to be awarded. The Grand Prize is a Skeeter SX180 18 foot bass boat with a 115 HP motor and trailer. The 24 other prizes range from a \$110 rod and reel combo to a \$900 Minn Kota. While it is obvious the Club's participation in and support of the Federation has dwindled over the last few years the Federation import goes far beyond its tournament trail. The Federation is our link to B.A.S.S. and to the State's DEC. Through our affiliation we receive essential insurance coverage that we could not afford if we were independent.

The Club receives \$2 for every ticket sold. Last year we sold 16 tickets. Twenty three of the 37 Federation Chapter sold more!

Since the ticket cost little more than a Lucky Craft, I encourage each member to buy just a single ticket. There will be no need to sell tickets to anyone else and the Federation and its Youth programs will benefit.

Tickets must be returned by November 20th. The drawing is December 3rd. Bring a \$20 bill to the meeting and we can do our part.

Federation President's Message

**Fishlines Fall 2005
President's Message**

A Time for Change??? Come to Our 2005/06 Federation Meetings

Fellow Anglers of New York, Well, our 2005 tournament season has experienced a dramatic decline; to date, its down approximately 25%. A simple survey that I took at Lake Champlain's tournament indicated the price of gas, other trails, fear of not being able to use your boat, and location as the top three issues that those present speculated were the major causes. Is it time for a dramatic change to our federation? You tell me.... I really want to know!!!!

A FIRST MAJOR CHANGE TO TRADITION

Due to the Bassmaster Classic in 2006 moving its' date earlier into late February 2006, the Bassmaster Federation Championship will now be in late January, right at the time that our federation's banquet is usually scheduled. With those dates pushing us, we are moving our Federation banquet into the first week of December, the same weekend as our normally scheduled 1st winter meeting. Casting Kids for the 2006 Championship will also have to be moved to that same weekend. So we hope to see you there, both at the meeting and also at the banquet that night.

DO WE NEED TO MAKE A CHANGE?? It's your chance now!!

How do you suggest a change?? Let us know by emailing idea@nybassfed.com or making a post on the message board so that all can see and respond. Let's keep that message board working with your ideas and discussions!

For tournament changes, contact your Tournament Advisory Board (TAB), by calling your specific club's rep, or if you want you can email all of them at tab@nybassfed.com Tell us what it would take for you to fish our trail! Suggest the change that would make the difference. As Federation President, I am challenging the Tournament Director and the TAB to not accept the status quo, but be willing to make the sweeping changes needed to make our tournament trail the best of all and strong again.

Why?? There are two major reasons: You as federation members deserve the best and it's a financial requirement that our trail is strong. Through that trail, you can qualify for our divisional team, and ultimately the Bassmaster Classic. These years it costs our Federation's Divisional Team about \$20,000 to send a 14 man team to the Eastern Divisional. About \$10 out of your tournament entry fee helps offset that cost, so if we have 800 participants in our trail, we have \$8000 or 40% of the cost covered. At 600 participants, we have \$2K less.

THREE MEETINGS A YEAR

The first meeting in December is when we open our meeting schedule for the winter. All our meetings are open, and this first meeting is where we start new business, accept new ideas and start the discussions to make change and prioritize our activities for the upcoming year. By the second meeting, probably now in early February, topics brought up at the December meeting, have had time to be discussed at the club level and brought forward for a final vote. Since the BASS Federation Championship is now in mid-January, I will have very up-to-date information straight back from BASS and the Federation. More tournament input is usually received by this time, and by the last meeting, the 3rd one in March, the tournament director brings back final tournament related changes. All business is closed by the final meeting for the upcoming year.

As federation president, I am willing to push sweeping changes if we need to. To do this, we need the suggestions, the discussions, and commitments to make the changes effectively and efficiently. We need some change, help me and be a part of the process.

Serving you,

Wayne

Bomoseen Tournament Results

Sept 24, 2005

	LM	SM	Short			Scale	Penalty	Net	Finish	Prize Money		Total
	Bass	Bass	Bass	Dead	Lunker	Weight	Weights	Weight	Position	Finish	Lunker	Points
1	Rich Bishop	4	1			6.09	15.09	15.09	1	\$75.00	\$31.00	100
2	Al Maher	5				5.31	12.22	12.22	2	\$55.00		98
3	Mike Richard	4				7.76	12.13	12.13	3	\$45.00	\$47.00	96
4	Al Dickinson	2	2			4.38	11.52	11.52	4	\$35.00		94
5	Bob Simek Jr	2	2			4.32	9.65	9.65	5	\$30.00		92
6	Terry Fleming	5				3.92	8.97	8.97	6	\$25.00		90
7	Paul Pflieger	5				3.81	8.57	8.57	7	\$20.00		88
8	Nash Alexander	5					7.78	7.78	8			86
9	George Locke	4					7.17	7.17	9			84
10	Bill Pigott	4	1				6.93	6.93	10			82
11	Greg Allen	4	1				6.81	6.81	11			80
12	Bill Swinton	4					5.82	5.82	12			78
13	Tim Bantham	3	1				5.13	5.13	13			76
14	George Liebach	3					5	5.00	14			74
15	Jim Underhill	5					4.97	4.97	15			72
16	Brady Moy	1				4.87	4.87	4.87	16			70
17	Ch. Curcurito	3					3.58	3.58	17			68
18	Bob Richard	2					3.41	3.41	18			66
19	Frank Rosetti	2					2.63	2.63	19			64
20	Joey Curcurito	1	1				2.4	2.40	20			62
21	Mike Ellrott	2					2.3	2.30	21			60
22	Gene Lavigne	2					1.88	1.88	22			58
23	Blasé Regina	2					1.85	1.85	23			56
24	Nick Fantasia	1					1.44	1.44	24			54
25	Tony Curcurito	1					1.16	1.16	25			52
26	Frank Polomaine	1					0.81	0.81	26			50
27	Bill Backes	1					0.7	0.70	27			48
28	Art Grant						0	0.00	28			46
29	Bill Swinton Sr.						0	0.00	28			46
30	Mike Waitekus						0	0.00	28			46
31		78	9					154.79				
32												
33	Rich Bishop	1st	Calcutta								\$144.00	
34	Mike Richard	2nd	Calcutta								\$96.00	

AABM 2005 Current Standings

	Rouses Pt		Sacandaga		Oneida Lake		Mohawk		Bo-mosee n		Ticonderoga		Total		Total	
Name	Wgt	Pts.	Wgt.	Pts.	Wgt.	Pts.	Wgt.	Pts.	Wgt.	Pts.	Wgt.	Pts.	Wgt	Pts.	Pos.	
Al Dickinson	27.23	94	7.65	90	22.55	90	6.44	90	11.52	94			75.39	458	1	
Al Maher	28.45	98	6.97	82	26.11	100	1.35	60	12.22	98			75.10	438	2	
George Locke	26.80	90	6.59	74	21.61	84	8.22	96	7.17	84			70.39	428	3	
Greg Allen	20.54	52	9.17	100	21.08	82	9.47	98	6.81	80			67.07	412	4	
Bill Backes	26.42	86	7.96	96	21.95	86	2.71	70	0.70	48			59.74	386	5	
Bill Swinton	20.76	54	8.62	98	24.40	94	0.00	54	5.82	78			59.60	378	6	
Nash Alexander	9.92	34	7.45	88	24	92	2.91	72	7.78	86			52.04	372	7	
Paul Pflieger	23.32	78	3.30	52	26.01	98	0.00	54	8.57	88			61.20	370	8	
Brady Moy	23.15	76	7.06	84	20.83	80	0.00	54	4.87	70			55.91	364	9	
Bill Pigott	28.25	96	5.18	64	14.61	66	0.00	54	6.93	82			54.97	362	10	
Mike Waitekus	23.06	74	6.78	78	19.41	78	4.09	78	0.00	46			53.34	354	11	
Ch. Curcurito	23.64	82	1.81	44	17.68	72	4.12	80	3.58	68			50.83	346	12	
George Liebach	18.72	42	7.41	86	11.59	58	5.32	84	5.00	74			48.04	344	13	
Bob Richard	20.09	48	6.23	70	18.02	76	4.59	82	3.41	66			52.34	342	14	
Blasé Regina	26.72	88	3.89	54	13.64	64	2.99	74	1.85	56			49.09	336	15	
Mike Ellrott	19.93	46	6.67	76	22.46	88	0.00	54	2.30	60			51.36	324	16	
Bill Swinton Sr.	20.95	58	6.87	80	8.88	54	3.30	76	0.00	46			40.00	314	17	
Mike Richard	23.04	72	2.49	48	25.07	96	0.00	0	12.22	98			62.82	312	18	
Gene Lavigne	21.05	60	7.41	86	8.72	52	0.59	56	1.88	58			39.65	312	19	
Robby Richard	23.00	70	5.69	66	16.26	70	9.72	100	0.00	0			54.67	306	20	
Joey Curcurito	23.44	80	1.52	32	15.00	68	2.22	64	2.40	62			44.58	306	21	
Tim Bantham	27.05	92	4.56	58	0.00	0	2.09	62	5.13	76			38.83	288	22	
Nick Fantasia	21.82	64	4.43	56	7.61	48	2.24	66	1.44	54			37.54	288	23	
Terry Fleming	20.77	56	1.73	42	5.56	46	0.00	54	8.97	90			37.03	288	24	
Rich Bishop	0.00	0	7.95	94	0.00	0	6.06	88	15.09	100			29.10	282	25	
Tony Curcurito	19.68	44	1.24	30	13.14	62	7.03	92	1.16	52			42.25	280	26	
Frank Rosetti	28.90	100	4.77	62	0.00	0	0.00	54	2.63	64			36.30	280	27	
Frank Polomaine	22.14	66	2.16	46	12.75	60	0.00	54	0.81	50			37.86	276	28	
Jim Underhill	0.00	0	7.79	92	0.00	0	7.39	94	4.97	72			20.15	258	29	
Art Grant	21.12	62	1.57	34	0.00	0	5.54	86	0.00	46			28.23	228	30	
Jim Greeley	22.51	68	1.81	44	8.43	50	0.59	56	0.00	0			33.34	218	31	
Don Vantassel	23.79	84	1.65	38	17.71	74	0.00	0	0.00	0			43.15	196	32	
Bill Greeley	15.31	40	2.70	50	4.05	42	1.22	58	0.00	0			23.28	190	33	
Russ Camadine	20.76	54	1.60	36	11.44	56	0.00	0	0.00	0			33.80	146	34	
Jamie Dickinson	20.24	50	6.35	72	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0			26.59	122	35	
Bill Larose	10.00	36	0.00	28	5.27	44	0.00	0	0.00	0			15.27	108	36	
Leo Godin	0.00	0	1.69	40	0.00	0	2.41	68	0.00	0			4.10	108	37	
Ralph Sommers	0.00	0	6.00	68	0.00	0	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	0.00	0			4.74	60	39	
A Curcurito Jr	12.50	38	0.00	0	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			0.00	0	41	
Frank Maher	0.00	0	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			0.00	0	41	

Club Reminders

Meeting Reminder...

The next meeting of the Albany Area Bassmasters will be

Friday October 7, 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 Ti-Bay 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.

Also: Please be ready to show Bill S. your renewed NY State Fishing License.



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