

Albany Area Bass Times

MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

Hooray For Spring-This is what we all have been waiting for-the start of our fishing season! By now I have heard that some of our members have already had some trips out while others have been driving their boats in circles to break in their new motors. I hope that everyone gets the opportunity to get out and stretch those fishing muscles a little bit before our annual Pike Tournament. I know that Mike Ellrott worked very hard at conditioning himself when he was fishing in Florida with old man Simek!

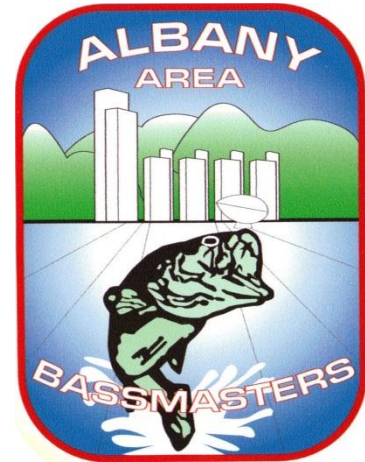
Our last meeting was an excellent meeting and I would like to welcome our two new prospective members. I hope that we will be able to meet their expectations as a club and I would like to encourage every member to welcome them. With returning member Steve Hanley and our three prospective members we should have a larger turnout for tournaments this year which is important in keeping the club financially feasible.

At this next meeting we will be finalizing the entries for our pike tournament on May 10 (The day before Mother's Day). If you are fishing this tournament you should be prepared to pay your entry fee at our meeting on May 2. If you are still looking for a partner please let Frank Rossetti know that as soon as possible.

Frank will also be collecting entry fees for our bass tournaments. Pre-payment of those fees makes his job a lot easier and puts you in the entry for a BassPro gift card. If you pre-pay but cannot fish a tournament, we will be happy to refund your fee for that tournament. Charlie is still collecting for the optional annual luncheon pool and you will only have two more meetings to get in that pool.

At this meeting I expect that we will move closer to a decision as to who will represent the club in the NYS Bass Federation Club Team event in August.

I spoke with Felix recently and his recovery from surgery is progressing pretty well. He is optimistic that he will be able to make all of our points events. I hope that he can be with us for all of those events.



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As a safety reminder, If you are out on the water now, you must wear your PFD at all times while afloat.

I hope to see all of you on Friday!

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MEETING MINUTES

Treasurers Report: \$2164.78

Tournament Committee:

- All permits are officially in.
- Hotel discounts are still available for the Rouses Point tournament.
- Vermont creeks are now off limits for the Ti event.
- A Vermont License is needed for the Rouses Point Tournament.
- Payouts are also restructured for 2014
 - Less than 15 participants – Top 2 will be paid
 - 15 – 19 participants – Top 3
 - 20-24 participants – Top 4
 - 25 and up – Top 5
- At the next meeting we will be collecting
 - Proof of insurance
 - Licenses (NY and VT)
 - Entry fees for Pike Tournament
 - Entry fees for points tournaments (always)

Tournament and Committee Officers

President

Paul Pflieger

Vice President

Frank Rossetti

Treasurer

Al Maher

Secretary

Felix Ortiz

Weighmaster

Charlie Curcurito

Timekeeper

Joe Curcurito

Measurer

Jim Underhill

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Pike Tournament Information



When: Saturday, May 10; 6:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Where: Ticonderoga Boat Launch

- \$60/team (includes luncheon); optional \$20 calcutta (see Sandy)
- 8 fish limit – 20" Northern Pike, 18" Pickerel, 18" Walleye
- Payouts will be calculated based on number of teams participating and prizes will be awarded at the June meeting.

Fish Talk – Ice Off Bass Fishing

George Locke provided tips on fishing right after ice out.

Water temps: 38-40 degrees

Explained what to do.

Explained what not to do.

Good job.

Sorry no details provided.

Membership:

- Two new members attended the meeting today.
- One member – 3rd attendance.
- Second – 2nd attendance.

Conservation:

- No report.

Safety:

- No report.

State Report:

- Still trying to sell tickets for the state raffle.

Old Business:

- Luncheon pool. \$15 gets you in for the season!

New Business:

- Get ready for some fishing!

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NEXT MEETING:

Friday May 2, 2014

American Legion Melvin Road Post

7:30 PM

Note: Paul will be bringing to the meeting a large bunch of assorted fishing rods-some used only once for sale.

There are over a dozen rods, both casting and spinning. There are some really nice rods in the bunch.

Calendar

May 2

Next Meeting

May 10

Lake Champlain

(Ticonderoga) - Pike

June 14, 15

Lake Champlain (Rouses Point)

June 28

Mohawk River –Al Cathys

July 13 - Lake Champlain
(Ticonderoga) - Partners

July 26 - Schroon Lake

Aug 9 - Saratoga Lake

Aug 23 -Saratoga Lake -
He/She

Sept 13,14 - Lake Champlain
(Ticonderoga)

Oct 25 - Mohawk River -
West - (Schoharie Creek)