

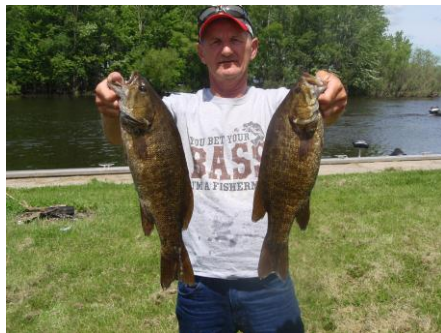
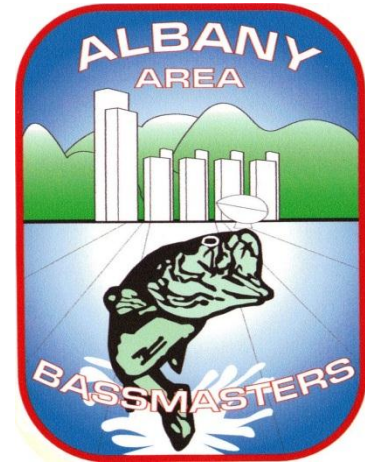
Albany Area Bass Times

MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

I hope that everyone enjoyed a great holiday weekend. It finally feels like summer!!

Our next meeting is this Friday July 11th at 7:30PM. We will be conducting the boat draw for our July 26 tournament at Schroom Lake. If you are planning to fish that tournament and will not be at the meeting, please let Frank know that so that you can be put into the draw.

We will also be drawing for boat position for our partner's tournament which is July 13 at Ticonderoga. As far as I know we still have 4 members looking for rides in this tournament, so I hope that our boaters will help with rides.



Our opening tournament on LK Champlain was a very successful event with 19 club members participating. The weather was good for us (After a minor wind delay on Saturday) and the fishing was good. This is a great place to fish in June (And a

great place to fish later in the summer). Congratulations to the winner **Al Dickinson who blew the field away with a total of 32.40 lbs.** Also good job to new member Anthony Curcurito Jr. who finished second with 29.00 lbs and Frank Polomaine who finished third with 28.75 lbs. Anthony also leads the lunker of the year race at 4.25lbs. The weigh-in went very smoothly including Sandy's help in getting Charlie to weigh fish faster.

Of course like many of our events this event did include some happenings such as Charlie leaving his plug out and managing to fish two spots before realizing it. Good thing that Charlie had a partner with keys to a truck and BassCat trailer. Apparently Charlie did not want to go diving to put his plug in! At least Charlie is complying with the new DEC program of Clean Drain and Dry.

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On a more serious note, Rick and Frank had a harrowing experience on Lake Champlain when Rick's boat started taking on large amounts of water after having a serious hull failure. Having had the same thing happen to me many years ago I can say that I knew how scary of an experience that was. They did thankfully get back safely and I want to thank all of the Albany Area family members that pitched in immediately to get Rick's boat safely on to his trailer when he arrived back at the launch site in dire need of help. When there is a problem in this club, everyone pulls together to help!

Our second tournament of the year (Which I named the "Mudhole" tournament), was certainly a lot less enjoyable than our first event. Frank and myself had a stressful week before the event, constantly checking weather reports and checking the river for floating debris. We did not even decide that it was safe to go until the day before the tournament.



The muddy conditions in the river turned a mediocre fishery into a real tough fishery and the results sure showed that. With 25 members participating there were only 54 fish caught-only 5 limits and 20% of the field did not even catch a keeper fish. **Al Maher did a great job to lead with a weight of 10.81 lbs**, while Joe Curcurito was second with 9.76 lbs and Mike Richard was third with 9.58lbs. Joe

had the lunker of 3.24lbs. Congratulations to Al, Joe and Mike!
Now I know why our last trip to this launch site was in 2005!!!!

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I did attend the symposium on bass fishing in the /Hudson River in Catskill, NY, but it was a very bad weather night and attendance was poor. The DEC fisheries biologist did give an interesting report on the bass population in the river. Unfortunately he has little history of the fishing in the river but by making contacts at this meeting that should help him with his interest in the river. As it turns out, the biologist is a fellow angler. One thing that is a short goal is to get the break at Rattlesnake Island in Coxsackie Bay filled in to restore the wintering area for bass in the bay. This area was restored many years ago by the efforts of the NYS Bass Federation but the area was blown out during one of the hurricanes.

I would expect that the fishing conditions on Schroon Lake will be much different than the last time we fished there. That lake gets pretty busy with boat traffic in the summertime.

I will see you all this Friday at 7:30pm.

Paul Pflieger - PP

MEETING MINUTES

Treasurers Report: \$2124.78

- \$680 – Pike Tournament Payouts

Tournament Committee:

- Partner Tournament - Sunday July 13th. \$60/team.
- Schroon Lake – July 26th.

Membership:

- “Triple Steve” – 3rd Meeting.
- Elijah – Voted in as a member. Congrats!

Conservation:

- Clean, Drain and Dry program is in full effect. Please adhere to it diligently.
- Might want to buy an extra plug. More lost plugs at the launch. Keep a spare in your glove box.

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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Safety:

- Reminder – VT Navigation Rules
Bridge – 5mph
Lights early AM
Check all safety equipment in boat including Life Jackets
- Phone use during tournaments – ONLY in an emergency

State Report:

- Club Team Tournament – We have a team! Aug 14- Aug 17th. Shirts being ordered. \$40 per shirt for members who also want to order a shirt.
- Canadian license needed for the club team. E-mail sent to the team members.
- Outdoors card - \$9. License - \$51ish

Old Business:

- Lunker pool is closed. \$270 for first place & \$135 for 2nd place at the end of the season. Good luck!
- Roster revisions provided. Another revision planned for the next meeting.

New Business:

- None.

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NEXT MEETING:

Friday July 11, 2014

American Legion Melvin Road Post

7:30 PM

Calendar

July 11

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)