

Albany Area Bass Times

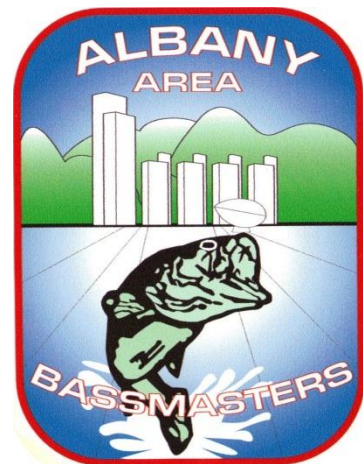
MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

Happy Spring to everybody!! So Far the only real signs of spring that I have seen are a couple of our members with some new beautiful pieces of fiberglass. Imagine those news rigs with Pike blood and slime all over them? We won't have much longer to wait unless Mother Nature keeps that thick ice on our favorite lakes. As I write this on 3/27 I just spoke with Mr. Ellrott who was whining because it was only 65 when he landed in Florida yesterday. Considering the fact that he will not be back for two weeks I am not going to feel sorry for him. I have to spend the next two weekends at the Great Upstate Boat Show. Frank might need to step in and run the April meeting at the last minute if I get tied up at the show on Friday night.

Our next meeting should go pretty smoothly-our schedule for this year has been confirmed, our bylaws are now set, and our payout schedule has been finalized. Now all we need to do is to remind the Measurer and Weighmaster to check their equipment and to bring it to our pike Tournament. I will ask Frank to go over the rules for the Pike Tournament. Also, while on the subject of rules, I have asked Frank to bring printed copies of our bass tournament rules to a meeting before our season starts so that everyone can have a copy. If you have any questions about any aspect of the rules, please bring that question forward before the season starts.

Frank is collecting entries for the Pike tournament, and if you don't have a partner yet, let us know as soon as possible. I am requesting that 2 club members that have boats not plan to fish together unless we have a ride for everyone that wishes to fish including the prospective members.

Frank is also collecting pre-payments for our points tournaments-if you prepay then it makes his job a lot easier.



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I would like to extend a welcome back to returning member Steve Hanley. I hope that we can continue to attract a few more good members.

Our club secretary Felix recently had surgery and expects to miss the first part of our season, but I hope that he can make the rest of the events. Best wishes for a rapid recovery! His dedication to the club was shown when he sent me a draft of the newsletter 2 weeks early because he wanted to make sure that it was nearly done before he had his surgery!

I am planning that a representative from Rhapsody Rods will be at our May meeting to do a brief talk about rods and will have some new rods to show us.

For all of the boaters that will be getting their rigs out of storage in the next few weeks I would remind them to check everything carefully and make sure that they have all of their safety gear and to keep their life jackets on as required. I recently ran across this story concerning a bass boat accident on the internet and I wish to share it with you.

<http://wnow.worldnow.com/story/24970430/boat-malfunctions-at-claremore-lake-crews-search-for-missing-person>

(Copy and paste into your browser) The operator of this bass boat was obviously NOT wearing a safety switch. Please remember to wear yours at all times!

Regarding the State Federation I still have some raffle tickets to sell that will have a prize drawing every day in May. The proceeds of this raffle will go to support the New York team in the divisional without spending further funds from the state treasury. The goal of the State executive committee is to not have a deficit for 2013 and they are working very hard to attain that. I think that it is important to support them in that effort.

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At this meeting I will poll the members who are eligible to fish the Club Team event at Ogdensburg this year to see what their interest is. (August 14-August 17). The club has been sending a team to this event for many years and the only year that I can remember us missing was the year when fuel prices were spiking and the event was at Chautauqua Lake at the other end of the state. If we are to send a team, we need to make lodging arrangements as soon as possible.

Since no one has volunteered to lead a fishing talk at the next meeting perhaps we can have a round table discussion on a fishing topic-please bring any suggestion to the meeting.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting and looking forward to seeing some warm weather! From the meeting date it will be 36 Days until our pike tournament and 79 days until our first bass tournament.

Sincerely;

Your Prez.

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MEETING MINUTES

Treasurers Report: \$1895.78

Tournament Committee:

Our tournament schedule for 2014 is final. Here it is

May 10 - Lake Champlain (Ticonderoga) - Pike

June 14, 15 - Lake Champlain (Rouses Point)

June 28 - Mohawk River - East - (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)

- 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

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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Membership:

3 applicants thus far. Steve is on his 3rd meeting. Eliyah is on his 2nd.

Conservation:

No volunteer. If you see something let Paul know and he will share with the group.

Safety:

Rick Putnam is going to volunteer to report on safety items.

State Report:

- President Forum (with new President Fred Blum) went well at CR Marinas. Key topics discussed
- Pay your dues and you can get your return in discounts. Take advantage of them as they become available to you.
- Insurance for clubs. If someone is not a member of the club they are not covered under the state insurance.
- Question: What if they are covered by another organization? Paul to follow up at meeting on 3/8.
- Each state member was issued membership cards. Don't leave home without them.
- Still looking for volunteers for Take a Soldier fishing day. It's at Oneida on April 26th. Contact Paul if you are interested in participating.
- There are two boater safety courses being offered for free.

Save up to 10% on your boater insurance.

Saturday, March 29, 2014

Saturday, April 05, 2014

Go to

<http://enymta.com/index.asp?w=pages&r=4&pid=13> to register online.

Fish Talk – Finesse Tubes



Frank Rosetti provided tips on tube fishing.

> Generally use Gitzit tubes and tube jigs rigged on a 7' M to MH with an XF tip, a 2500 series reel and 8lb Fluorocarbon.

> Most members use a [palomar knot](#) to tie the tube jig.

> A simple rule of thumb for jig weight.

1/8oz – 8ft or less.

1/4oz – up to 20ft.

3/8oz – greater than 20ft.

> With wind/current err on the side of a heavier jig. Bottom contact is key.

> Present with a long cast and slow drag along the bottom. Watch your line for soft pickups.



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Old Business:

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

By-Law change is official. Voted on 20/20 by the members.

“Members who leave the club who have not been removed under article 5 may be readmitted to the club after attending 2 functions and voted on by the club. There shall be no payment of initiation fees.”

New Business:

Voted in Steve Hanley as a member. Welcome back!!!

NEXT MEETING:

Friday April 4, 2014

American Legion Melvin Road Post

6:00 PM

Calendar

April 4

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

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