

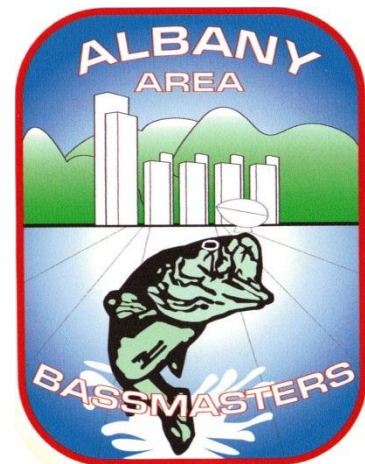
# Albany Area Bass Times

## MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

First of all -Congratulations to the members who finished high at our Ticonderoga tournament. That lake has certainly fished a lot different this year and Gene Lavigne did a great job with his 2 nice consistent bags of fish, finishing with 31.81 lbs. Kudos also to Jim Underhill who was not far behind with 30.82 lbs and a lunker of 5.40 which will likely be out lunker of the year. Nice catch by Al Maher of 30.24 lbs. for third which keeps him at the top of the standings going into our last tournament. At this point it appears to be a three man race between Al Maher, Al Dickinson and Jim Underhill. The Back-of The Boat Angler race is also pretty tight this year. Good luck to all of them on the Mohawk! I am sure that the long wait for the last tournament has not made it easy for any of them. Let's just hope that the weather cooperates and the canal will be safe and open for navigation on October 25th!

Our next meeting will be Friday October 3th at 7:30 and this will be an important meeting. We will of course have our draw for the Mohawk tournament (October 25th ), We will be setting up boat partners for the inter-club tournament on Saratoga Lake on October 12th, and we will be nominating officers for next year. This is YOUR chance to step forward and volunteer to take a position in the leadership of this club. Not all of the positions require a lot of time and without people stepping forward there will be no tournaments to fish. We will have further nominations and elections at the November meeting in order to try to have an early tournament committee meeting to at least secure a couple of our 2015 sites before the end of the year.

With the cool nights coming we are all now thinking that we will soon be putting away our boats and tackle for the long winter. One of my own winter projects is to make sure that the bylaws are updated and that everyone gets a copy of those. As I have been balancing home projects and fishing I have realized that the fishing days are going very fast. Mr. Ellrott and I finally did get together for a day of fishing on Oneida when the wind did not blow after a couple of cancelled trips. Of course there was 2 hours of fog, but we were able to fish close to the launch. Fishing was good, but the



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wind that has blown almost every day in the last 2 weeks and the fog just reinforced my thoughts that a late September or early October tournament is not a good bet to make! Mr. Saratoga (FP), has reported that the fishing there has been pretty good.

Looking ahead, we will likely have our annual roundtable on tournament planning at our November meeting and as it stands now, with having a tournament so late in October we will likely plan to awards at our meeting in December. With all the planning that goes into the awards night by the officers, it would be greatly appreciated if someone would volunteer to take care of our pizza and soda ordering for our awards night meeting. I would hope that the new president will have a short business meeting on that night so that we can have ample time to do the awards. A lot of people worked together very hard this season to make our fishing season go smoothly and they deserve recognition for their efforts. Without the work of those people there would be no club. I am very happy that we have taken in some new members who seem to be enjoying our club and I hope that they will stay for a long while.

**SEE YOU ALL ON FRIDAY-Get Out and Fish Every Day That You Can!!!!!!**

Your Prez -P.P.

## 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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## MEETING MINUTES

**Treasurers Report: \$5,042.78**

### **Tournament Committee:**

Walked through Saratoga Event which Brady won and the He/She tournament which Bob Richards and Jennifer won.



**Congratulations** to Gene Lavigne on another win on Ticonderoga. His 2 day limit of 31.81 lbs was enough to edge out another win.

**Membership:** Nothing to report

### **Conservation:**

New laws regarding boat washing has passed. Looking to get more information to pass along to the club for the next meeting.

License – Licenses are now valid one year out from purchase as opposed to season like in prior years. For those with current licenses please remember to purchase new ones before the next tournament. Right Felix!

### **Safety:**

Watch out for foggy mornings. Especially pre-fishing the Mohawk. Fog combined with water levels fluctuating and debris make for a very dangerous combination.

Also note that Ticonderoga water levels are also down and it's duck hunting season. Don't get shot! Makes for a terrible fish tale.

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## Old Business:

Lunker of the year standings

- 4.59 – Frank Palomaine
- 4.25 – Anthony Jr.

## New Business:

Ray-O-Vac Tour was in Plattsburgh a while ago. “Triple Steve” fished the tournament. Rough rides and rough conditions throughout the tournament made for a very tough bite. Was in 36<sup>th</sup> going into the final day. Ended up in 76<sup>th</sup> place. Great experience.

**Another reminder to get your new license for the Mohawk River!**

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## NEXT MEETING:

Friday October 3rd, 2014

American Legion Melvin Road Post

7:30 PM

## Tournament Calendar

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)**