

# ALBANY AREA BASS TIMES

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

I'd like to start out this newsletter with a "shout out" to all members of our club for their great participation this year, therefore making our season so far a very successful one!

The month of August has sure been a busy one for the Albany Club. We started the month with our Sacandaga points tournament which was highly successful, not only with a lot of fish caught but with a multitude of techniques and presentations used to catch those fish. I was a little nervous on how we'd pull off our weigh-in at that busy boat launch, but as usual you guys found a way to pull it off very smoothly.

During the second week of August we conducted our Husband/Wife, He/She tournament on Saratoga Lake. With eight teams competing we had a nice day on the water with everyone catching fish. Unfortunately for seven of the eight teams

Joe Curcurito, with the help of Laurie, did it to us again on Saratoga and just blew away the rest of us with 19 lbs. of bass. I guess it's something we'll just have to get used to when the spook bite is on!

Also on our August calendar was our 6-man club team event held at Ticonderoga which I just returned from. Our team finished 8<sup>th</sup> out of 26 teams and just missed the money by 2 ½ lbs. We were sitting in 12<sup>th</sup> place after the first day but made a nice move to 8<sup>th</sup> place on the second day. Congratulations to Gene Lavigne for being the top man on our team. Congratulations to all our team members for sharing their knowledge and for working their butts off. The weather for 4 days was stable but grueling hot and I can tell you, it takes a toll on everyone. Our Captain, Paul Pflieger, did a great job as usual and had all the bases covered, which gave the rest of us the freedom to just concentrate on our fishing. I'll let Paul give you his report on his take of the tournament.

So, we have a lot of tournament fishing to go over next meeting, along with our 2-day Ticonderoga partner and boat draw. Please note that we will start collecting the \$30.00 per person banquet fees this month.

See you at the meeting!

George



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#### ALBANY AREA BASSMASTERS TOURNAMENT AND COMMITTEE OFFICERS

<u>Vice President</u>		<u>Weighmaster</u>
Frank Rossetti		Al Dickenson
<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>Timekeeper</u>
Paul Pflieger	George Locke	Joe Curcurito
<u>Secretary</u>		Measurer
Danny Harrington		Frank Polomaine

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by club President George Locke.

**Officers present:** George Locke, Frank Rossetti, Paul Pflieger, Danny Harrington Al Dickenson and Frank Polomaine

Motion to accept previous minutes: Anthony Curcurito and Felix Ortiz

July 27, 2012

Meeting Minutes

From Secretary

Danny Harrington

**Treasurer's Report - Paul Pflieger:** Currently we have \$4656.17 in our checking account.

Membership Report - Keith Adams: No report.

**Conservation Report - Al Maher:** Spiney Water Flea in the Champlain Canal locks and could be as damaging as zebra mussels. The spread from the canal to the main body of water is inevitable. Possibly to Lake George. It has also already been found in Sacandaga.

**NYSBCF - No News** 

**Club Team Tournament-** 3 Winning teams in clubs history. We must appreciate our members for going to represent us, working together, their effort and money invested.

**Banquet Committee - George Locke:** November 10, 2012 We really need people to attend. It will be \$30 each, and we'd need 45people. This includes a keg of beer, food, the whole deal.

Tournament Committee - Frank Rossetti: Boat draw for Sacandaga occurred.

Motion to adjourn- Brady Moy and Joey Curcurrito

#### Club Team Captain's Report -2012

On August 22, our club team set out for Ticonderoga in our effort to secure a victory in the New York State Bass Federation Club Team Event. The team consisted of Al Dickinson, Gene Lavigne, George Locke, Frank Pollomaine, Jimmy Underhill and Myself. Five of us had a good dinner and a strategy meeting Wednesday night, and Jimmy joined us the next morning on the lake.

Practice went quite well with a shallow water frog pattern and shallow flipping pattern being the most productive, and the weather was stable for both days of practice. Everyone was very optimistic and upbeat, despite the very disorganized registration process, but with new federation officers this was to be expected.

Although the fishing on the lake had been great in the weeks preceding this tournament, we could see that the fishing was going into the usual late August dip there, and hopes of 20lbs bags were rapidly fading. This is perhaps the reason that for many years if we scheduled a club tournament there in August, we usually tried to do it in the first two weekends of the month.

Day 1 was an interesting day, since the morning process was a complete mess due to the instructions given to the anglers by tournament officials that you were not allowed to enter the launch parking lot without the day's boat partner in your vehicle. What a mess that was! Day one fishing was a little disappointing. While all of us caught fish, constantly changing breezes were muddying up a lot of our fishing areas, and we all found out that many areas that we wanted to fish had many boats on them. It would seem that after watching the pros on television, many of the federation anglers have no become more aggressive and seem to have no problem in pulling in close to other fisherman who are already in an area. Our non-boaters were very successful in taking their boaters to areas that we had located fish, so the practice was very useful for them. We had rotated the non-boaters during practice so that they could pick up on the patterns and spots of different boaters on our team. While we were not leading on day one, we felt that we had a good chance of a finishing in the money. A thank you to Gene for providing pizza for the team's dinner on Thursday night.

Day 2 was even more windy at times than day one, and in some of the areas we were fishing, you could see the mudline move in before your very eyes. While we all caught fish on day two, our team efforts left us just out of the money for the two-day event. We needed to break 130lbs to get into the money. We were all pretty disappointed by that. You can never have too many patterns going into a tournament and I think that our experience proved that. It was interesting that the winning team averaged exactly what we predicted a team would need to win for an overall average.

By the time we left for home, we were all very tired from 4 four days of hard fishing, but no one ever gave up and the team worked very well together. It is not easy to get six good fisherman together who are used to competing against each other to share everything for an event, but this team did that as well as any other club team I have been on. We ate together, had many strategy meetings and there was never a word of disagreement. Everyone pitched in to make this a great trip for us. A special thank you goes out to Jimmy Underhill, our alternate, who I called the Sunday before the tournament to ask him to step in, and he was happy to jump in and agree to go. Jimmy even had to overcome some vehicle issues to even get to the water, but through good communication, we were ready to make sure that his equipment problems would not keep him from getting to the water.

Our president was always ready to offer us words of encouragement and kept us focused on what we needed to do.

We appreciated the club members and wives who came up attend weigh-ins to support us at this event.

We also appreciated the financial support of the club for this event ,including the entry fees, shirts and the raffle money. Regarding shirts, rumor has it that Mr. Pollomaine has already volunteered to take care of next year's shirts for this event. Also, Al Dickinson has already volunteered to design our next order of club hats.

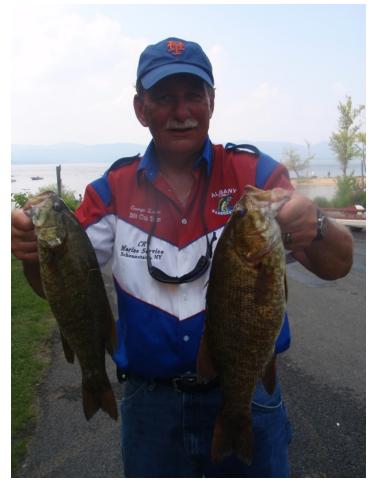
For those of you who have never been to a Club Team Event as a member of the Albany team, I would urge you to fish hard to earn the right to go-It will be an experience that will shed a new light on your fellow club members. It is great to go and represent the club.

-Paul Pflieger

# CONGRATULATIONS TO KEITH ADAMS ON HIS PURCHASE OF HIS FIRST BASS BOAT!! May it be fast, organized, trouble free, and most of all, help you catch some lunkers!!!



George "throw away the key" Locke on Sacandaga shows us that the fish are in in the lake somewhere, no matter what the conditions are!!





UNSTOPPABLE ON SARATOGA LAKE!! WHAT IS THE SECRET!?

#### AABM Points Tournament #4 Sacandaga Reservoir August 4, 2012

Name	LM Bass	SM Bass	Short	Dead	Lunker	Scale Weight	Penalty Weight	Net Weight	Place	Points
Adams, Keith	0	5		1	2.31	9.55	0.25	9.30	3	96
Bishop, Rich	0	5		3		7.83	0.75	7.08	12	78
Camadine, Russ	0	4		1		5.55	0.25	5.30	20	62
Cicchinelli, Ryan	0	4				7.86		7.86	8	86
Curcurito, Charlie	0	3				5.11		5.11	22	58
Curcurito, Joe	0	5				6.34		6.34	19	64
Curcurito, Tony	0	2			2.32	3.51		3.51	26	50
Dickinson, Al	0	5			2.12	9.80		9.80	2	98
Ellrott, Mike	0	5		2		8.26	0.50	7.76	10	82
Fleming, Terry	0	4			2.41	6.38		6.38	17	68
Godin, Leo	0	5				8.22		8.22	6	90
Harrington, Dan	0	4		1		4.72	0.25	4.47	24	54
Hock, John	0	2				2.57		2.57	27	48
Lavigne, Gene	0	4				5.16		5.16	21	60
Leibach, George	0	0				0.00		0.00	28	46
Locke, George	0	5			2.91	10.38		10.38	1	100
Maher, Al	0	5				8.35		8.35	5	92
Moy, Brady	0	5				6.67		6.67	14	74
Ortiz, Felix	0	3				4.39		4.39	25	52
Pflieger, Paul	0	5		1		7.06	0.25	6.81	13	76
Pigott, Bill										0
Polomaine, Frank	0	5				7.79		7.79	9	84
Repscher, Keith	0	5		1		7.65	0.25	7.40	11	80
Richard, Bob	0	5				6.35		6.35	18	66
Richard, Mike	0	5		1		8.83	0.25	8.58	4	94
Rossetti, Frank	0	5				7.91		7.91	7	88
Sommers, Ralph										0
Swinton, Bill	0	5				6.45		6.45	15	72
Underhill, Jim	1	1			2.84	4.61		4.61	23	56
Underhill, Ted	0	5				6.43		6.43	16	70

Total Weight	183.73
Total Fish	117
Avg Weight	1.57

1st Lunker	George Locke	\$49
2nd Lunker	Jim Underhill	\$32
1st Calcutta	George Locke	\$156
2nd Calcutta	Al Dickinson	\$104

2012 Standings - Albany Area Bassmasters

	Rouses		Schroon		Saratoga		Sacandaga		Ticonderoga		Bomoseen		Total		DI
Name	Wgt.	Pts.	Wgt.	Pts.	Wgt.	Pts.	Wgt.	Pts.	Wgt.	Pts.	Wgt.	Pts.	Wgt.	Pts.	Place
Dickinson, Al	28.09	96	11.29	96	19.02	88	9.80	98	0.00	0	0.00	0	68.20	378	1
Locke, George	27.33	94	10.34	84	18.95	86	10.38	100	0.00	0	0.00	0	67.00	364	2
Maher, Al	25.27	90	10.44	86	19.52	90	8.35	92	0.00	0	0.00	0	63.58	358	3
Ellrott, Mike	24.90	84	10.75	90	22.36	98	7.76	82	0.00	0	0.00	0	65.77	354	4
Moy, Brady	26.13	92	10.74	88	20.78	96	6.67	74	0.00	0	0.00	0	64.32	350	5
Curcurito, Joe	29.49	98	7.66	72	27.74	100	6.34	64	0.00	0	0.00	0	71.23	334	6
Lavigne, Gene	23.86	80	14.04	98	19.91	94	5.16	60	0.00	0	0.00	0	62.97	332	7
Underhill, Jim	30.39	100	9.86	82	19.67	92	4.61	56	0.00	0	0.00	0	64.53	330	8
Pflieger, Paul	19.82	64	18.29	100	17.27	72	6.81	76	0.00	0	0.00	0	62.19	312	9
Polomaine, Frank	24.14	82	8.68	78	16.90	68	7.79	84	0.00	0	0.00	0	57.51	312	9
Rossetti, Frank	23.13	78	9.57	80	16.85	66	7.91	88	0.00	0	0.00	0	57.46	312	9
Fleming, Terry	20.94	68	10.94	94	18.28	82	6.38	68	0.00	0	0.00	0	56.54	312	9
Adams, Keith	13.15	50	8.33	76	18.42	84	9.30	96	0.00	0	0.00	0	49.20	306	10
Richard, Bob	25.21	88	7.14	70	17.78	80	6.35	66	0.00	0	0.00	0	56.48	304	11
Bishop, Rich	21.44	70	1.91	52	17.44	74	7.08	78	0.00	0	0.00	0	47.87	274	12
Curcurito, Charlie	25.18	86	5.74	60	15.83	64	5.11	58	0.00	0	0.00	0	51.86	268	13
Hock, John	22.96	76	6.92	66	17.08	70	2.57	48	0.00	0	0.00	0	49.53	260	14
Cicchinelli, Ryan	17.52	56	5.80	62	13.66	54	7.86	86	0.00	0	0.00	0	44.84	258	15
Camadine, Russ	22.95	74	6.61	64	13.95	56	5.30	62	0.00	0	0.00	0	48.81	256	16
Repscher, Keith	16.61	54	2.63	54	15.63	62	7.40	80	0.00	0	0.00	0	42.27	250	17
Curcurito, Tony	19.03	60	8.00	74	14.20	58	3.51	50	0.00	0	0.00	0	44.74	242	18
Leibach, George	17.89	58	4.56	58	17.59	76	0.00	46	0.00	0	0.00	0	40.04	238	19
Underhill, Ted	20.91	66	1.45	50	8.97	50	6.43	70	0.00	0	0.00	0	37.76	236	20
Ortiz, Felix	15.17	52	4.02	56	12.72	52	4.39	52	0.00	0	0.00	0	36.30	212	21
Swinton, Bill	22.42	72	7.04	68	0.00	0	6.45	72	0.00	0	0.00	0	35.91	212	21
Richard, Mike	0.00	0	10.88	92	0.00	0	8.58	94	0.00	0	0.00	0	19.46	186	22
Harrington, Dan	19.70	62	0.00	0	15.41	60	4.47	54	0.00	0	0.00	0	39.58	176	23
Godin, Leo	0.00	0	0.00	0	17.76	78	8.22	90	0.00	0	0.00	0	25.98	168	24
Pigott, Bill	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	25
Sommers, Ralph	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	25

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## **NEXT MEETING:**

## Friday Sept 7, 2012

at the AMERICAN LEGION MELVIN ROAD POST

7:30 PM

200 Columbia Turnpike, East Greenbush

Calendar

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