

TBF of Connecticut

The Bass Federation of Connecticut

***** February 2010 Monthly Newsletter *****

We have TWO fishing shows coming up in the near future.....

**Dodge Hunting & Fishing Show
February 26th to 28th
(Fri 12-8pm; Sat 10-8pm; Sun 10-5pm)**

**and the Captains weekend at Cabela's
March 6th & 7th
(8am to 5pm)**

We will be signing members up to work these two shows starting at the TBF monthly meeting this Thursday February 18th in Killingworth.

e-mail Amy at fram4tbf@sbcglobal.net to sign up.

TBF of CT Minutes of the Monthly Board meeting on January 21, 2010

Called to order at 7:18 pm. All clubs were present.

Minutes from the December 17, 2009 were accepted with the following correction: Amy Perry was elected as Environmental Dir. after Lee Johnson withdrew his nomination.

Treasurer's Report: Was handed out, but the Treasurer is on vacation and will explain next month.

Tournament Director: The dates are still looking good with DEP. Tournament Committee meeting will be held in February. Any changes wanted in the tournament rules should be brought to Larry.

Youth: Rich Schumacher has been in communication with Tonya at National to continue the Junior Club and change the club name to CT. Junior Bass Anglers. (10 kids have signed up so far).

Motion made by Dom G., seconded by Jerry N. It passed.

Sponsors: The vouchers have been used to order product and it has started to arrive. We have 13 gals of Yamaha oil from 2009 and have received 18 gals from 2010. Evinrude cushions and 12 gals of oil.

State Team: Art Rife and Lee Johnson have not returned their receipts for the 2009 state team. They are now in bad standing. We should send a notice to them. The winnings from the 2009 State Team-\$300. It was brought up that the team should just leave this money with the TBF - this will be brought up at the next state team meeting. There was a question about the cabins for the lodgings for the 2010 state team. We have made the initial contact and will follow up with a call before the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

The room was asked if there was any interest in having a "Partners' Trail". There was no visible interest and it was mentioned that a partners trail may take away from the Opens.

Multi-year memberships are not very appealing as

yet. The TBF Store is open and the inventory is growing... just not as fast as we would like.

The Audit will be held in the near future.

Nationals info will be put in the next week. It was explained that when traveling to the Nationals, the TBF of CT will pay for a motel room if required.

It was asked if the Berkley discount is still available. We will know next month... Have your orders ready.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Perry TBF of CT Secretary

President's Corner

Hi everyone - hope that winter finds everyone well and healthy with good prospects for the future.

I want to start this by asking for everyone's help in a political issue. As everyone knows the governor created and signed a budget bill last year which created a 100% increase in our sporting license fees (fishing, hunting, etc.) Although many people came forward to fight the bill, it was passed in a rush, with virtually no time for serious opposition to raise their concerns. We all know that this increase is absurd and prices us well above all of the surrounding states, many of whom offer bigger and better opportunities to utilize the natural resources. I won't bother preaching to the choir, but I will say that while many of us have already purchased licenses at the increased prices, we should do all that we can to stop it from happening in the future.

A number of the representatives throughout the state have come up with several bills which would either bring the fees back to what they used to be or give them a fee increase which is more reasonable (25%). It is important that we support these bills by contacting our representatives and letting them know how we feel. The bills that we need to support are :

S.B. 115
H.B. 5080
H.B. 5038

First we should all go to the website <http://www.ctsportsmen.com>. This site will tell you the politicians who are already supporting or writing these bills. We need to thank them on behalf of all of the fishermen in the state. Secondly we need to go to the

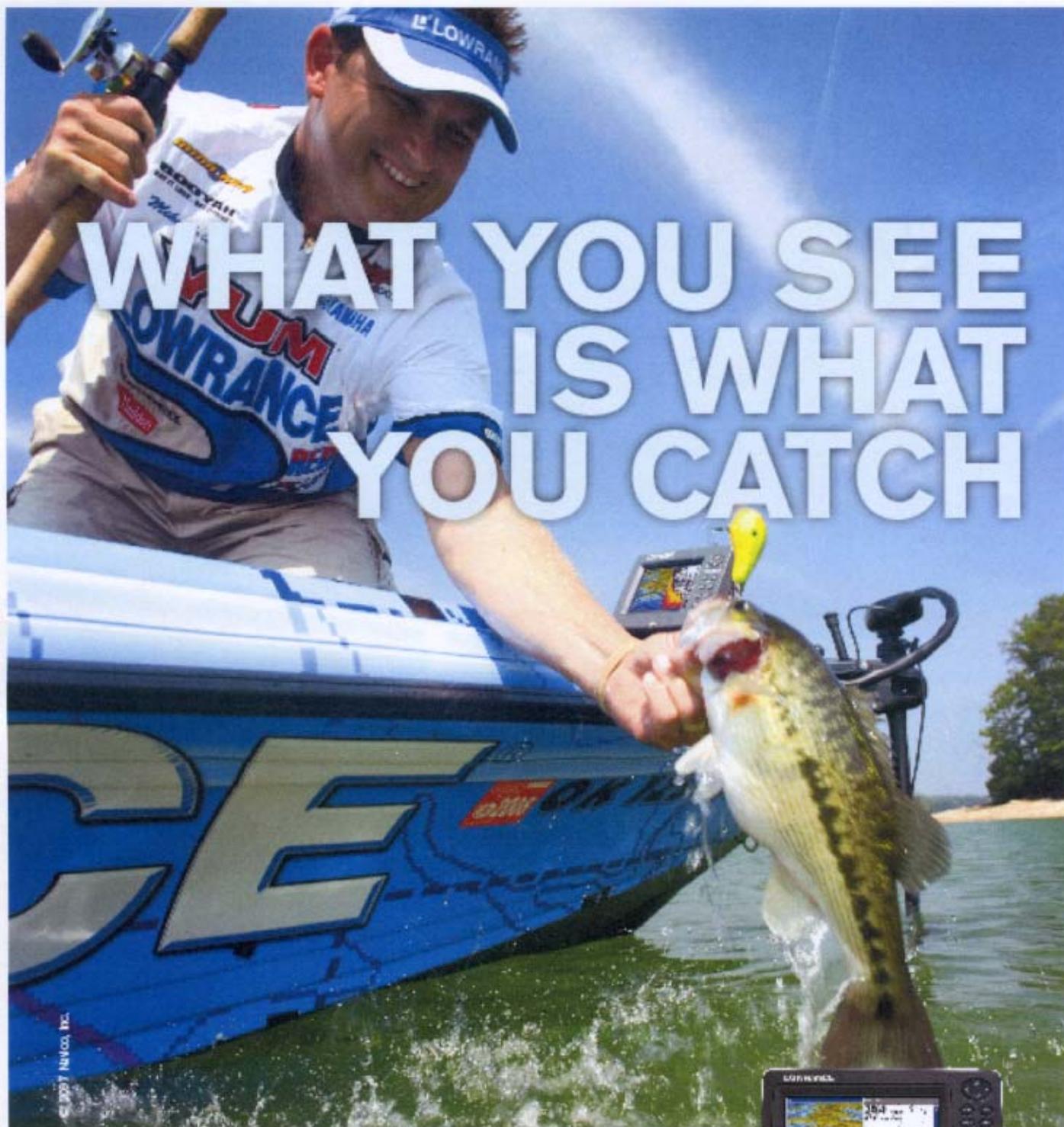
website <http://www.cga.ct.gov/maps/townlist.asp>. This will give you a list of your representatives. It is essential that we contact them and let them know our feelings. If they commit to either support or oppose the bills, please let me know and I will get that information back to the people who are supporting the bills. I can't emphasize enough how important it is for us to help our legislators get these prices back in line.

I recently received an e-mail outlining where we currently stand with our National Sponsors. For those who asked at last month's meeting - yes we are being sponsored again this year by Berkley - Pure Fishing. We are also locked in with Ranger, Evinrude, Chevy, National Guard, and FLW. There is nothing yet locked in with Lowrance. Wal-Mart is no longer a sponsor and neither is Castrol. The officers of TBF are constantly looking for other National Sponsors. They have some prospects to replace Wal-mart and Castrol. Shakespeare is now a sponsor for the kids programs (I don't know the details yet) and there are two more potential sponsors to go with Shakespeare for the youth programs. As new things happen, I will be sure to keep everyone informed.

For those people who were interested in the Berkley program please contact me by phone or e-mail so that I can give you exact details.

At the last meeting we had a really nice offer from one of our members concerning purchasing baits at a reduced price which would also make money for the organization. Talk to your rep. about the details with or contact me. We need to finalize the orders at the February meeting.

Stay safe and healthy
Fred



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Tournament Trail Entry Form 2010

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___ A Division \$30.00 ___ B Division \$15.00 ___ Boater ___ Non Boater

___ April 18, Sunday Lake Lillinonah - Steele Bridge

Postmarked by April 8th 7am - 3pm

___ May 8, Saturday Lake Zoar - State Launch

Postmarked by April 28th 7am - 3pm

___ June 6, Sunday Ct. River - Haddam Meadows

Postmarked by May 27th 7am - 3pm

___ July 10, Saturday Lake Congamond - Southwick, Ma

Postmarked by June 30th 7am - 3pm

___ August 1, Sunday Candlewood Lake - Squantz Pond

Postmarked by July 22nd 7am - 3pm

Angler: _____ Club: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____ Cell Phone: _____

TBF#: _____ FLW#: _____ Boater's Certificate #: _____

Boat make & model: _____ Registration#: _____

Color: _____ Length: _____ H.P. Rating: _____ H.P. _____

Copy of Insurance: _____ **** Only have to supply insurance info with first tournament entry****

In consideration of being accepted in this tournament, the undersigned, agrees to comply with all event rules and State regulations. The participant(s) expressly assumes all risks associated with the event(s) and thereby releases & discharges The Bass Federation Inc., (TBF) it's parent, and affiliate companies, it's licensees and affiliates, including their state federations, and clubs, and all their respective officers, directors, agents, employees and stockholders, the tournament hosts, sponsors and tournament officials from all claims of death, injury and/or property damage incurred in conjunction with this/their event. I agree my picture and likeness can be used on the BTF website and in promotions for TBF of CT. All boaters must have current boat registration & a minimum of #300,000 liability insurance coverage. I have read and understand the TBF of CT tournament rules. I agree to abide by these rules during the tournament. I am a member in good standing with National TBF, FLW and TBF of CT. I understand the application must be postmarked as stated above. **ALL TOURNAMENT ENTRIES MUST BE ON SEPARATE FORMS EVEN IF YOU ARE ENTERING ALL FIVE TOURNAMENTS. (Five entries - five applications) FILLED OUT COMPLETELY... NO EXCEPTIONS.... OR THE WILL BE RETURNED.**

Angler's signature: _____ (Larry's cell (203-858-6690)

Mail to: Larry Mansy P.O. Box 21 Fairfield, Ct. 06824 make checks out to "TBF OF CT"

If you are entering as a club, have members fill out applications and send entry fees and applications to the Tournament Director in one packet. 50% of your club needs to fish to be able to be pre-paired as a club. Otherwise the Tournament Director will pair you at random and will post the pairings on the ct-tbf message board no less than 36 hours before a tournament.

If you are entering the "C" Division the \$75.00 entry fee must accompany your FIRST application of the tournament year. It should be a separate check payable to TBF of CT with C Division entry fee written in the memo area on the check.

Check # _____ Pre-paired with: _____

TBF of CONNECTICUT Affiliated Clubs:

WEB SITE: ct-tbf.com

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Jim Marenzana 54 Hobson Ave. Bristol, Ct. 06010 860-582-9730

Bio Bass Anglers

Joe Rackiewicz 21 Birch Place Milford, Ct. 06460 203-878-8909

Midstate Bass Anglers

Jerry Marks P.O. Box 1604 Middletown, Ct. 06457 860-347-7240

Northern Ct. Bass Anglers

John Plonski 18 Field Rd. Enfield, Ct. 06082 860-745-7311

Schaghticoke Bass Masters

Lee Johnson 155 Candlewood Lake Rd. New Milford, Ct. 06776

Southeast Bass

Fred Perry P.O. Box 763 Killingworth, Ct. 06419 860-663-5557

Southern Ct. Bass Anglers

Doug Marshall 8 Winston Ct. Milford, Ct. 06460 203-887-7798

Valley Bass Anglers

Chris Blanc Trumbull, Ct. 203-273-2212

TO ALL MEMBERS:

If you have an e-mail address please send an e-mail to

fram4tbf@sbcglobal.net

We are going to try to e-mail the next newsletter to save the printing and postage costs!! But first we need to collect all your contacts!

(Please state your name and club in the e-mail)

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