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President's Line by Jim Drost

August is upon us, two thirds of the tournament season is over. The races for Boater of the Year, Ryder of the Year and Angler of the Year are hot and heavy to say the least. Twenty points separates the top four Boaters.... Steve Socko is running away with the Ryder of the Year award again. But, lurking in the depths are four anglers..... who with a couple of wins could really make a race of it. As for the Angler of the Year race... the top three anglers are separated by a margin of 10 points.....with the next two anglers waiting for a chance to jump into the race. On top all of this, throw in the strategy to get into position to qualify for the end of year "LIB Classic"... and you have the makings of challenging tournament season. Boater's vs Boater's... Ryder's vs Ryder's ... Oh! I love it when a plan comes together. And who said change wasn't good???

The 14th Annual Earl Glasshagel Charity Tournament for the "Make A Wish Foundation" was a huge success. A big thanks to Mike and Evan for stepping up and taking on the task. They raised over \$3,500.00 for this years event....

A big thanks to all of our sponsors for their support...we couldn't have done it without you.

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I would like to thank to all the LIB members who contributed to making this another outstanding event. Without our BBQ Chefs, parking guru's, raffle experts, clean up crews, weigh in team, and all the others who pitched in... it would not have been possible... you are the true backbone of the Long Island Bassmasters.... THANKS AGAIN....

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Congratulations to the winners of the 2009 Earl Glasshagel Tournament...

1st place Greg Bottomley & Vic Kaidash Jr.(15.50 lbs)

2nd place James O' Brien & Jack Curtain (15.08 lbs)

3rd place Ed Koster & Mike Erbis (14.23 lbs).

Lunker Vinny Visco & Larry Schilling (3.85 lbs)

Big question for 2010 is ..who will step up to be the " Tournament Director " for the 15th Annual Earl Glasshagel ?

Any volunteers out there..... ??? Now is time to start planning your strategy for next years event.....

The new LIB decals are still on special this month.... 6" decals are \$4.00 each or 2 for \$7.00...

8" decals are \$6.00 each or 2 for \$11.00..... the 2 for special ends this month..... please see me to purchase your decals....

In closing I would like to wish our NY Federation " SIX MAN TEAM" the best of luck in their up coming tournament.

Go get'm guys... enjoy the tournament and keep a tight line...

be safe

Jim

The Alliance Cup Challenge

We checked in at 5:00AM at Squantz Pond ramp. As we were getting our boats ready it started to rain. That was short lived. By the time we launched (7:00AM) it stopped. We had our plan in place and hit the water, Bryan Waller and Mike Erbis were boat number two, Robin Calitri and myself were boat number nine, Evan Refvik and Ed Koster were boat number sixteen. We hit the water with high expectations. It was a tough day. Robin had on a huge bass that buried itself into the weeds and shook off. He also had five other fish that once again got off. Robin to say in the least was in disbelief of how many times he had lost fish. All I remember is Robin saying "I haven't lost one fish this year and here I've lost five". I myself had lost fish. I had what appeared to be a three pound smallie just hit my bait a second before I pulled it out of the water. It scared me then I was upset as well about losing a quality fish. If only I had slowed my retrieve or maybe jerked it before coming close to the surface. I can say that we all probably have been in that position. Robin and I were happy we made our limit and had keepers after that as well. On the other hand Bryan and Mike did well on quality fish. Bryan had taken third place lunker. Evan and Ed did a great job as well. In the end we pulled sixth place out of seven. The winning team limit was 43+ pounds and we had 29+. Other teams had been pre-fishing two to three days before the tournament. Robin and I had seen five pounders not wanting to hit what we threw at them. It was just a hard day to fish with the mid-morning blue bird skies. Job well done team.

Until next year, the team captain of 2009,

Jay Stiklickas

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We had one new member this month:

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The Long Island Bassmasters meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 8:00 pm at the VFW Post 9486, William Francis Taylor Post, 55 Lake Shore Road, Lake Ronkonkoma, NY 11779, (631) 467-6686. All material for publication in the BASS TAPS must be submitted by the 3rd Sunday of the month to Charlie Kick: E-mail: chasme1@optonline.net.

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