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President's Line

By Dan McGarry



Happy New Year and Thank you for your votes of confidence!! I would like to open the term for the new Executive Board, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and myself by thanking the membership. It was the membership that elected us and it is the membership we will try to serve. I would also like to thank the following past officers and members. First Tim Carini for getting us the chapter of the year and doing an outstanding job through out his term as President, Tim did a great job as president and I have sought his opinion as tournament director and as a Bass Fishermen in general, he will be missed.

Our new "past" President Brendan Cucinello did a great job as well, juggling his business, fishing and family obligations to step up when Tim had to leave and this was no small task. Brendan not only wrapped up another (third) Angler of the Year, another (third in a row) Long Island Mr. Bass, and lead the 2006 six man team as our Captain to the highest finish in LIB history. It was his role as Captain that allowed LIB to qualify for the Regional on Lake Sacandaga this July. Brendan managed this while running a business, updating our Web Site and more importantly taking care of his young growing family. As President I am very happy Brendan will be at the board meetings as the "past" President, he is an exceptional executive with a lot of experience.

One of the most important jobs in any organization is the Treasurer and for as long as I can remember Dave Cangro has done an excellent job as financial advisor, accountant, auditor and Controller of the organizations financial status. Dave has put together budgets and forecasts that has placed the club in good financial standing. Dave also filed the tax returns and assisted Tim and Brendan with many club decisions. Dave did a great job and will be missed for the hours of work he performed for LIB. Last but not least many thanks to Charlie Kick and Steve Socko, Charlie for keeping up with the monthly task of putting together the Bass Taps and Steve Socko who for the last three years has spent countless hours applying for and getting all the permits that allow us to fish tournaments and have youth days.

We will be looking forward to our annual awards dinner thanks to Dave Delio and Dominic Berardi on Sunday February 25 at a cost of \$30.00 per person. I hope everyone can come out and enjoy the day with your significant other. At our next general meeting Jay Stiklickas has promised some great entertainment that will make the meetings educational and fun. Our "new" and "old" board meeting will be held on the Thursday after the general meeting.

In this first message I wanted to touch on the past, present and my vision for the future. I hope that I can sum this all up with a simple statement; the clubs future is always going to be "A Work in Progress". This has always been my personal philosophy in business and life and it was applied to the Tournament changes that we made over the last two years. In order for any person or organization to achieve excellence we must constantly seek out what is best for the membership and apply those changes. If we sit back and accept status quo we can never improve. We will need the membership to lead us in the direction they would like to go. We need Committees lead by Chair persons that will get members involved by assigning work and reporting on our accomplishments. The goal of this organization should be education and participation, everyone that ever joined wanted to become a better Bass fisherman and this is our most marketable resource. Education must be our top priority at meetings, tournaments and youth functions. All functions should start by providing two things, Education and participation, the membership by their attendance will let us know if we are achieving success in these areas. I am looking forward to the opportunities to improve and challenges the year will provide us. But please remember this is always going to be "A Work in Progress".

Thank you Dan



Hey there fellow anglers,

It was five years ago when I became a part of the Long Island Bassmasters family. I started fishing fresh water two years prior to that time. I joined the club figuring that I was going to show everyone else how to really fish. Was I surprised, especially at my arrogance. It was sheer luck that I brought in a limit in my first year with the club. I learned how to use a lot of different baits and methods from fellow anglers and from reading books and magazines.

Over the years I've been privileged to see how well the club is progressing. There are many new members. Not only is our membership increasing, but our new members can fish really well. We have a vast variety of resources and great opportunities as a bass club. It is a wonderful opportunity to belong

to this club, and it is truly a blessing to belong to a club which fosters friendships with a common goal in mind....to sport fish! I appreciate all of you and wish you well on the upcoming season.

I would like to thank you for electing me as your Vice President. We have had some pretty good competition this past year and I am looking forward to seeing who is going to rank up in the top ten this year. What is the technique or magic bait going to be this year? I know most of you are probably going to say Senco's, and you are probably right. There are, however, a lot of new baits making their way to us from Japan. It will be interesting to see if they will make it to the Suffern show. I am personally going to be using the Beavers more often. I will also continue using the shaky worm. The shaky worm put me ahead on those hard to catch bass days and I did well with the Beavers late in the season.

At our January meeting we will have Brendan Cucinello give us some tips on cold water techniques. Heartfelt thanks to Brendan for stepping up and sharing his well attained knowledge with us. There will also be a pitching contest for prizes as well during our break. Try your luck, test your skill or just have fun.

We will be having some guest speakers at our meetings, so if you have any questions on techniques, drop me a letter or e-mail and I will try to have them addressed at these meetings. I would like for our club to be all that it can be. Let's sharpen our skills and learn as much as we can from each other.

Take a Friend Fishing,
Jay Stiklickas
Jstik4@optonline .net

Dear Club Members,

In an attempt to cut some costs we are asking our members to fill out this form. If you are able to view the Bass Taps from your home via the web it will give us the ability to conserve some of our finances. Some members read the Taps on the web page and do not accept them at the meeting. The Taps are still printed for the entire membership whether you want a copy or not. This will allow us to print the Bass Taps for those who request it and save from those who have already read it. Just fill out the information below and hand it to one of the board members.

Club Member: _____ (Please print)

Would you still like to receive the Bass Taps At the meeting? _____

Y/N

Thank you for your cooperation.

You can also e-mail to: chasmel@optonline.net (Charlie Kick)

GIVE US A HAND!

Fred Lowenhaupt is requesting your help and participation in preserving LIB's Club History. Fred would appreciate any information you may have in regards to club business, functions, etc. Any information can be sent to him at phredl@excite.com. *Ed. Note: We are pretty good up to 2002 after that we are weak, if you were Mr. Bass, Classic Champ or involved in a project please send in the information, include a photograph if you want to!*

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for his 5 continuous years of service!

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