



BASS TAPS

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President's Line

By Steve Socko

When I was a boy about twelve and fishing a pond near where I grew up, an old man (he must have been about 35) came over to me and asked how the fishing was. With some bravado, I explained that the water held many, many, fish, some of nice size. There were pickerel, perch, sunfish, crappies, bullhead catfish, bass, roach, carp and who knows what else. I remember being a bit surprised that he keyed in on just one type of fish, the bass, which is a nice fish, but why I thought in a pond with so many would you only be interested in one type. It wasn't until another twenty five years later, when I joined the Long Island Bassmasters that I realized the fascination of hunting/catching black bass.

Forty years from that encounter on Geiger Lake, I am now the President of the Long Island Bassmasters, coincidentally on the Club's 40th anniversary. For those of you who may not know, our Club was the first sanctioned B.A.S.S. club north of the Mason-Dixon Line. We are Chapter 22, which by now makes us the 5th or 6th longest lasting B.A.S.S. club. Quite a feat when one considers the many changes which have occurred, both within our Club and the Country. Fortunately, LIB has been able to weather many a storm, adapting at times to memberships requests and changing societal parameters, but always as our by-laws state, keeping the core of the Club where "through a fellowship of friendly exchange of expert Bass techniques and ideas, we encourage and promote the enjoyment of this great sport for every member. LIB also provides and encourages youth fishing and instills a love for this great recreation". We also support our states DEC and promotes conservation of the environment and adequate water standards. We are fortunate that our forefathers gave considerable thought as to the direction, and purpose of the Long Island Bassmasters and set some lofty goals for every member in today's LIB to strive and achieve.

I've heard from many people, what the experience of being President of LIB is all about, mostly from Past-Presidents; let's just say that it would best be described like the old adage about a boat; the two happiest days for a captain, is the day he buys his boat, and the day he sells his boat. I can't imagine what this experience will be like, but I can tell you all one thing for sure; I am blessed to have the following people step-up and volunteer their time and energy. We should all appreciate that members like; Mitch Bernstein (Vice-President), Dom Berardi (Secretary), Ken Dryer (Treasurer), Rob Herbst (Sergeant-at-arms), and Executive Board Members, Robin Calitri, Dave Cangro, Ray Carmen, Dan McGarry, and Emory Butts Sr., have all agreed to serve in these positions. Sorry, Jim Drost, but as Past-President you are automatically pressed into service. I for one take great solace in the fact that LIB has a great group of people guiding our Club in 2010.

I am proud to be a member of LIB, with its history, accomplishments and goals, and will endeavor to continue with purpose all that I can do to keep it going. With the help of every member I am confident that anything LIB sets its sights on can and will come to fruition. Thank you all in advance, Steve Socko.

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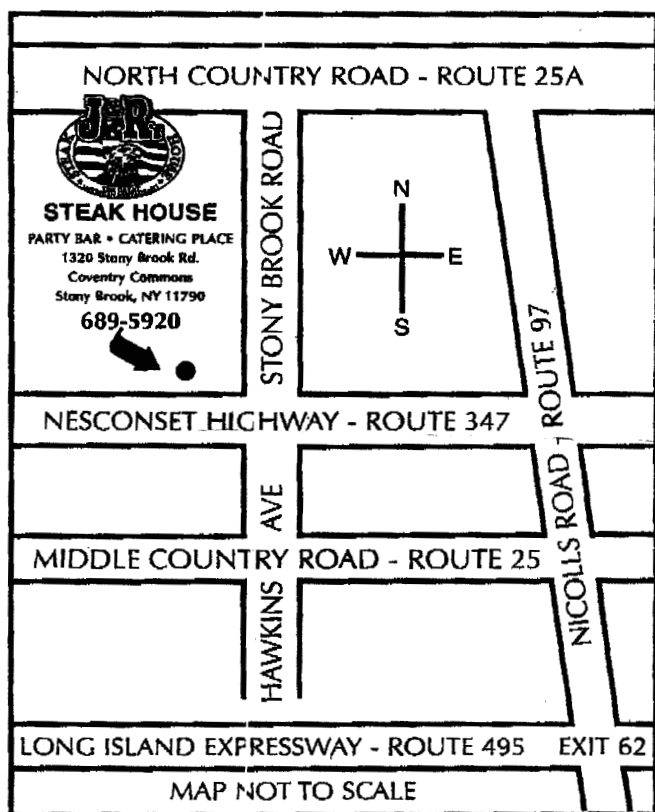
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FEBRUARY 21ST • 1-5 PM

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\$30.00 PER PERSON

18% GRATUITY & SALES TAX
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**Due to last year's impressive turnout we will
be seated in a larger dining room this year!**