



2005 Chapter of the Year

BASS TAPS

JULY 2006

Presidents Line,

Well I know this isn't a Charlie Kick quality Taps, but it will have to do. Charlie is on vacation for a few weeks and I am not as skilled as him. The August Taps will be back to normal, sorry for the primitive look this month.

The Earl Glasshagel Tournament was again a HUGE success. We raised over \$1,000 dollars for Make-A-Wish!!!!!!!!!! Once again I want to thank all of those who helped, without them this would not be possible. Mark did a great job organizing the event, Kevin Fitzgerald with getting sponsors, Bruce Palmer for once again being the BBQ pro, Rob Herbst can this guy sell raffle tickets or what!!! Also, a big thanks to Ed Coster, Dave Duran for his famous salads, and all those who helped out. Each year this event is better then the last, just amazing. And of course congratulations to Bruce Palmer and Rob Herbst for winning the event, their second time!!! And what a great bag they had too.

For those who were at the event, you already know that by the time you receive this Taps I will be a Georgia resident. For those of you who I did not see, I am sorry I could not say goodbye. I took a job with Game & Fish Magazine in Marietta, GA as a national account manager, selling advertising to all the fishing companies. My cell phone number will be the same for a while, 631-807-6309.

Brenden will be stepping up as President and finishing out this year. At the July meeting, we will need to have elections to fill his Vice President spot. Anyone who has an interest in running for President in 2007 should run for the VP for the remainder of the year. Being VP is a great way to get a feel for being President, only helping you and the club. Over 10 years in the club, my favorite two were the years I was President. It is a very rewarding position.

There will be two things that I will miss dearly when I move, my family and LIB. LIB is my extended family. I have built great friendships with many of you, some that will last for years to come. Driving home from the Earl tournament on Sunday tears came to my eyes. I joined LIB when I was just barely eighteen years old, I can remember my first

meeting like it was yesterday. When I was younger I had a habit of getting into trouble, joining LIB helped to steer me down the correct path and away from the trouble I was headed to. I have grown up with LIB and the guidance of many of you. Not only have I learned about fishing, but I learned about life from the members of LIB. You have all helped to mold me into who am I today, and I am grateful for that.

When I think of all my fishing experiences over the years, the ones that bring the biggest smile to my face are the LIB tournaments. From the beginning, I have enjoyed those days the most. The comraderie, the competition, the stories, the fishtails all combined made it more fun then even the Pro Tour. On tournament days, the laughter, the good natured ribbing, the friends, helps us to forget about the troubles in our lives. I can tell I'm not the only one who is happiest on these days, you can see it in everyone's faces, they smile a little wider and laugh a little louder.

I will truly miss the club and all of you. When I come back to visit I'll have to make sure it corresponds with a meeting or a tournament. And if anyone gets cabin fever this winter I have a spare room in GA, just get on a plane and come on down. You don't even need to bring your tackle, I have plenty.

Last but certainly not least, we have a new current Mr. Bass. At the night tournament at Swan, Rob Herbst caught a 6lb 6 oz brute beating Jay Sticklickas's Blydenburgh 5lb 14oz bass from a week earlier. Rob was really excited, but it didn't last long, as a few days later Brenden caught a 7lb 2 oz brute at Great Pond. If this keeps going we will have a new Mr. Bass leader every week!!!

I want to thank everyone who helped the last two years to make LIB the best club around, and helped us get the 2005 Chapter of the Year in the New York State Federation. You guys worked really hard, and we had a lot of fun while doing it to. Thank you all, keep it going into 2007 and beyond!!

Soon to be southern bassin',

Tim

P.S. I will be selling all my fishing spots/info on all the lakes we fish; the information is going to the highest bidder ☺