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President's Line

By Dan McGarry

With May behind us and coming up on the half way point of our year I can not believe how 2007 is flying by. So far we have seen five beautiful weekdays turn into cold, windy and sometimes wet weekends. I hope the rest of the year brings great fishing weather for all of us. In May we had two qualifying Tournaments that were down right tough. So far Ed Koster and his Tournament Committee have done a great job and we have launched on time and safely. We have not had any dead fish and everyone endured the wind and weather having a few laughs and some great camaraderie, this is what Long Island Bassmasters is all about. As it stands George Kowalinski is leading for Angler of the Year by coming in second at Lake Lillanonah and first at Candlewood Lake, George has taken 39 out of a possible 40 points. George's great start might end with George winning another Angler of the Year, that is unless Robin Calitri who is hot on his heels keeps the pressure on. The Ryder of the year is still up for grabs, Pete Chinsky and Steve Socko only slightly ahead of the pack. Steve will be trying for his third Ryder of the year in a row. So far this has been a very tight competitive season and it has only just begun.

May also saw the Lake Ronkonkoma clean up and thanks to the Lake Ronkonkoma Chamber of Commerce and Jay Sticklikas it was another great success with Long Island Bassmasters helping out to keep our home lake and community clean. Jay wanted me to thank his entire committee for representing the Long Island Bassmasters by providing all the labor for the hard work during the clean up.

In June the DEC is requesting help to remove Ludwigia (aka Water Primrose) from the Peconic River. The Ludwigia pull is scheduled for June 9th at PLECO from 9AM to 3PM and on June 10th from 9AM to 3PM at Upper Mills Staging area (the Dam by Snowflake ice cream). I hope our members can come down and help Mark Cappazola and his Conservation Committee perform this arduous task even for a few hours.

At the June meeting we will be electing a new board member to replace Wayne Panerese, please think

about whom you would like representing you on the board as "a member at large". We will start nominations after our committee reports.

We also would like to start to take donations for the \$600.00 dollars we need to raise in order to pay for the Park Bench and plaque dedicated to the memory of Joe Moldashel and Wally Stratton that will be placed on Blydenburgh Lake. We are asking for donations instead of having a raffle for a prize with each member having to sell ten (five dollar tickets) to a raffle. The board decided to ask for donations before we try to have each member sell raffle tickets. If we do not raise enough money thru voluntary donations, than we may have to try to sell raffle tickets. We have fifty members so please try to give what you can depending upon your situation, but we still need to raise the money for the Bench.

I am working on finding out if we can replace last years State team members that qualified for the regional with any Long Island Bassmaster member who is in New York Bass Federation for 2007 and 2006. Call me if you are interested we have two openings, it will be expensive but you will gain some experience if you participate. The money from the Fifty/Fifties is going to pay off the Balance of the money owed for the scale we had to buy for the Candlewood open tournament, so \$200.00 is going into the general fund. If we can field a Regional team than the balance will go to pay part of the \$1500.00 entry fee and if we don't the money will go to this years Long Island Bassmasters 2007 State Team.

The Dinner journal has started and we have some great ideas thanks to Charlie Kick and Jay Sticklikas. Jim Drost and Kevin Fitzgerald are out hunting down sponsors for the Dinner Journal and the Glasshagel tournament being held on Forge Pond at PLECO at the end of the month. Mark Cappazola and these guys are trying to make this the best Glasshagel ever with the highlight being the after tournament barbeque complete with Bubba Burgers and grill masters Bruce Palmer, Rob Herbst and the Duran Brothers. So everyone come on down and have a great day on the
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All material for publication in the BASS TAPS must be
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water and at the cook out!!

June looks to be busy month with a lot of great things going on, we will have over thirty seven members at the Blydenburgh "Wally Stratton Memorial" tournament our season opener, a week later we will have the DEC Luwigia pull and the East Twin Lakes tournament. We have a general meeting with Reggie William of Long Islands own "Reggie's Baits" attending and some "surprise" for entertainment from Jay.

The last weekend in June is The Earl Glasshagel tournament an event that every member should attend and bring a friend or family member. In my first Presidents message I said everything we do should promote education and make us better Bass fishermen and bringing some one new into the sport is all part of that. So bring some one to the Glasshagel tournament and let them see what "Bassing" is all about, let them see how we fish but also care about the Bass and his environment, let them see that Long Island Bassmasters are about giving back to the community and environment and not a bunch of "users and takers"!! Hope I got it all but I probably forgot something??? See you on the water, hopefully not wearing a rain suit!!!

Dan

NIGHT TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

JUNE 7 THURS SWAN POND 7PM-11PM

JUNE 28 THURS FORGE POND 7PM -11PM

JULY 11 WED UPPER MILLS 7PM-11PM


JULY 26 THUR LAKE RONKONKOMA 7PM-11PM

AUG 16 THURS SWAN POND 7PM-11PM

SEPT 6 THURS UPPER MILLS 7PM-11PM

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***Ludwigia* Eradication Season 2 is Here!!!**

And we need YOUR help to rid the Peconic River of this invader that threatens the river's ecosystem and recreational opportunities it supports!



**Water primrose (*Ludwigia peploides*), native to South America
First seen in Peconic Lake in 2003**

Who: Anyone! The Peconic Estuary Program, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, The Nature Conservancy, Fresh Water Anglers of Long Island, Long Island Bassmasters, and Peconic Lake Estates Civic Organization are the main project sponsors.

What: Hand removal of invasive aquatic plant from the Peconic River. Pulled plants will be transferred from boats to an onshore dumpster for transport to a composting facility for environmentally sound disposal.

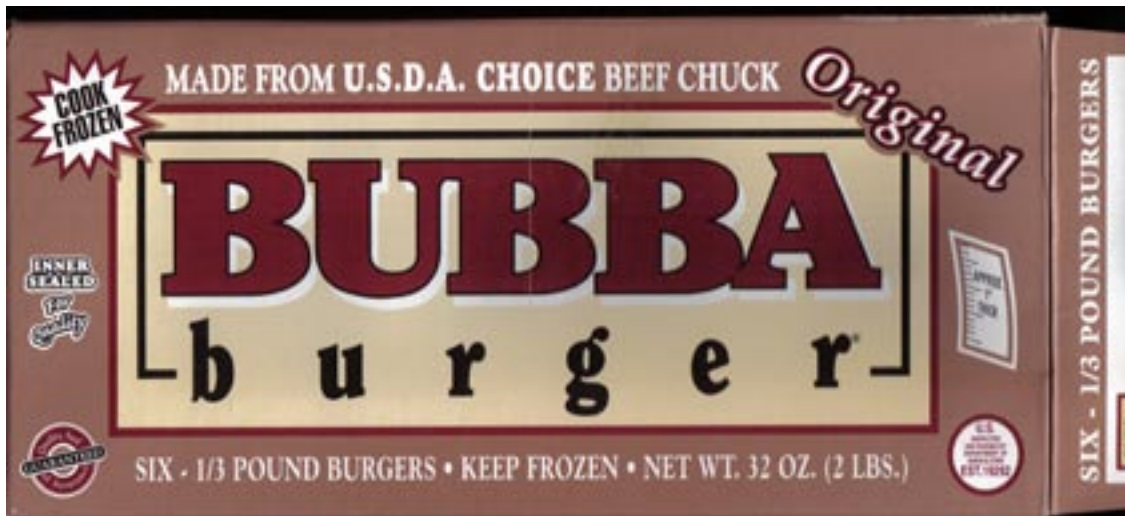
When and Where:

Saturday, June 9th, 9am- 3pm: Peconic Lake Estates Civic Organization (PLECO), Calverton, NY.

Directions: *From Western Long Island:* Take Long Island Expressway to Exit 71 (Route 24). Go to end of exit ramp and turn right on County Road 24. Make first left onto South River Rd. PLECO property will be on left side after about 1 mile, just west of the intersection with Pinehurst Blvd. *From Eastern Long Island:* Go west on Route 25. Turn left at Forge Rd (just east of Tanger Mall). Follow Forge Rd over Peconic River and veer right on South River Rd. PLECO property will be on right side after about ½ mile, just west of the intersection with Pinehurst Blvd. *Rain or Shine!*



Sunday, June 10th, 9am- 3pm: Upper Mills Staging Area, Riverhead, NY



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