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President's Line

by Jim Drost

February 2009 definitely picked up the tempo in LIB.....to say the least. Super Bowl, Awards Dinner, New Tournament Packet ... what else could a guy ask for?

The 2009 Awards Dinner as usual was a class event. Thanks to Dom Berardi and his committee for doing a great job in organizing and conducting the event. Also a well done to Eric, Robin, Jay and Ed for the entertainment ... great slide show guys. Let us not forget our tournament committee for getting all the awards ... nice choice of plaques and thanks to George, Ken and Andy for the presentation of the awards ... Last but not least, a thank you for all who attended and for the many who helped make this years Award Dinner an event to remember. With our social function completed for the year, it is time to start thinking about the up coming tournament season.

Preparation for the tournament season begins long before we hit the water. First on our list is safety. Now is the time to check your boat(s) to insure they meet all the safety requirements to be on the water, everything from fire extinguishers to your PFD ... trailer inspections ... boat registrations ... and such ... if your boat does not display a current registration, you will not be able to participate in any tournament.

With the 2009 tournament Packet released ... everyone can start booking their rides, remember what it was like when you first joined LIB? I ask all the members to assist the new LIB members with securing a backseat for the tournaments ... "Leave no Ryder's behind" ... availability of backseats for off Island tournaments is at a premium this year.

Squantz Pond on April 19th will be our first taste of being back on the water for the friendly competition that we have waited all winter long for. The proceeds from this years Benefit Tournament on Squantz Pond, will go towards our bass stocking program for Lake Ronkonkoma. There is a 15 boat limit for this electric lake event ... so please contact Ed Koster to sign up.

Right behind the Squantz Pond Tournament the following week will be the Candlewood Lake Team Open ... this is our annual benefit tournament for the clubs NY Fed Six Man Team ... if you wish to participate in this tournament ... or ... you would like to help out with conducting this event ... please see Jay or Ed. Those of you who will be fishing this event, please plan on assisting in this event. I also expect all six anglers on the 2009 NY Fed Team to be there to help run the event.

In closing I would like to welcome back ... Steve Kitt, Troy Duran, Anthony Falzon & John Anthony, glad to see you guys back at LIB ... be safe

Jim

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Andy's Cartoon Corner



"I'll be darn glad when bass season opens."

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.

Club Awards: National Federation Bass Chapter of the Year 1982 • Public Relations Chapter of the Year, Eastern Division 1987 • Conservation Award NY State Federation 2003 • Chapter of the Year NY State Federation 2005 • Conservation Award NY State Federation 2008. Prospective Members Welcome!