



# BASS TAPS

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## *Presidents Message*



Another month has passed by and all but the few winter series teams are looking forward to the 2009 season. For the few and frozen it has been two weekends of mild weather and empty wells, except for the dominating team of Brendan and Eric. Team BrenEric have caught more bass than all the other teams put together and are putting together another winter series record, in fact they have won so many I have lost count. Great job and we see who wins first loser at Whaley Lake this coming Sunday.

This month we will be applying for BASS Chapter of the year, Charlie Kick will be putting the package together and we will be mailing it in the hopes we win. The New York Federation has committed to funding some of the stocking program once they check their Conservation budget. All of this comes as good news.

Remember December is dues month please pay at the meeting or mail in your check prior to it as there will be no exceptions. The dues will be \$20.00 more and will require joining the New York State Federation. This is a requirement that allows all club functions to be insured and protects the club and its officers. As members of the New York State Federa-

tion you can take advantage of all the points' tournaments, the club team event and most importantly have a vote at the Federation meetings. The next New York State Federation meeting will be on December 6, in Auburn New York at Bass Pro Shops and I am planning to attend. If any one would like to join me let me know and we can travel together.

This month is the election and once again I am suggesting to the club that the current board and officers be reelected as they are doing a great job. Jim Drost will make a great President and will move the club in the right direction with the support of the board. We will have additional challenges in the coming months due to the economy and the direction the membership would like to see the club move in. We will need some help setting up our awards dinner in February, so any one that wants to satisfy their membership requirement for club functions please step up. We need to raise funds to continue our stocking effort in Lake Ronkonkoma. We need to continue to partner with Chart Guthrie and the DEC to improve fishing on Long Island. The future looks good but will require everyone pitching in and helping as we will all be pulled in different directions with work and family. We need every member to do their fair share, for new members working on a club project is the best way to meet and talk to members and find members to fish with.

The last five years has gone by in a blink of an eye, three years as tournament director and two as president. It has been my pleasure to represent this club in those roles. I appreciate all the trust you have placed in me and I hope I have demonstrated that I did what the club wanted and did an alright job. Once again I thank everyone for their support it was an honor to be elected and represent the club.

***Reworded & Resubmitted By-Law Change:***

**The 6 man team shall consist of six men in good standing. If not all six men can attend, a minimum of four members in good standing is required for club funding.**

***Here is what was voted on and approved regarding out of area members:***

**“Out of Area Membership”; A member who resides outside of Nassau, Suffolk and Queens may join and or continue as**

**a full member with out making the mandatory number of meetings provided they do the following:**

- o Provide proof of residence to the Board**
- o Provide a letter of exclusion once a year to the Board.**
- o Make and work at two (2) Club functions per year of membership (tournaments are excluded as club functions).**
- o Payment of full dues for the following year by the December meeting annually.**

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