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## President's Line

*By Jim Drost*

November is here... another successful tournament season has come to a close and the holiday season is upon us. Along with all the festivities that November/December bring, it also means time for elections. I have enjoyed my time in office, but I will not be seeking re-election in 2010. My travel plans for 2010 and my busy schedule for next year make it impossible for me to dedicate the time needed to serve the club

Along with electing a new President, there will also be vacancies on the board that need to be filled. Continued success of LIB is in your hands. As one of my mentors pointed out to me many years ago. There are three types of individuals in this world....those who watch things happen... those who let things happen ...and those who make things happen. Be one of the individuals who make things happen...pick up the mantle of leadership, step up to the challenge...and take LIB to the next level.

Rumor control has it that Steve Socko will run for President.... Steve brings a lot of knowledge and experience to the table. Along with that.... his meticulous attention to detail, his avid caring for the environment... makes Steve a logical choice to fill the office of President and take LIB to the next level. I ask that you support Steve and the board members. There are always going to be changes.... enabling the organization to grow....be tolerant, and work with them ..not against them.

I would like to thank all the board members for their support over the past year. But, I would really like to thank all the club members who elected me and gave me the chance to bring positive change to the club. A special thanks to Charlie Kick (Mr. TAPS) and Eric Fieldstadt for coaching and mentoring me during my Presidency. Thanks to all the Committee's for their support and making LIB a club where anglers would stand in line to sign on....

As we move past the November elections on into December, just a few friendly reminders. Your LIB membership and NY Federation dues should be paid by the December general meeting.

LIB dues are \$115 for members in good standing and \$140 for new members... (cash or check made payable to Long Island Bassmasters).

NY Federation dues is \$20. Please have your NY Federation membership application completed prior to the December meeting. You can use the application in the Fishlines or you can download it from [www.nybassfed.com](http://www.nybassfed.com) ... You must attach a \$20.00 check or money order made out to NYBCF. Cash will not be accepted.

Last chance to turn in your Member in Good Standing Form is the November general meeting.... see me for the forms....

In closing out the tournament year...congratulations are in order for...  
Mitch Bernstein the " 2009 LIB Classic Champion ".....  
John Ospital in winning the 2009 "Best of the Rest" tournament...  
Dan McGarry & Chris Weber " Winter Series Champions " .....

Okay guys that about wraps up my final President's Line... don't forget we will be having our Holiday grab bag at the December meeting. For those who would like to participate please bring an appropriate gift valued at around \$20.

*Enjoy the Holidays...be safe...*

#### **MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER**

**LIB yearly dues are scheduled for payment at our Dec 09 meeting, 12/10/09. For members in good standing the amount is \$115. For those not in good standing, the amount is \$140. Payment can be made by cash, check or money order.**

**Since we are all required to join the NYS Bass Federation, we must all fill out the NYS Fed form. This form is available at their website, if you have a printer, or I will have copies with me at the Nov. and Dec. meetings. The form must be completed and signed by each member and you must include a \$20 check or money order made out directly to NYS Bass Federation. We will not be accepting cash for this. Check or Money Order only. LIB will handle the mailing.**

**See you soon,**

**John Arcuri**