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*The
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chapter*



In Memory of Joe "Mo" Moldashel - Mr. L.I.B.



"Always There - Always A Friend"

President's Line

By Brendan Cucinello



Well, another season has finally come to an end. For those of you who did not hear, congratulations are in order for Andy Caranante who is the winner of the 2006 LIB Classic. Andy brought in a nice bag of Largemouth

just over 11 lbs which was anchored by the tournament lunker a nice 5 lbs, 6 oz fatty! Andy said he caught all of his fish "in the mouth" using a 6 inch black worm. Don't quote me on this, but I believe there were only 3 limits caught in the tournament. Everyone worked hard for their fish and no one gave up. Everyone should be happy to say that they qualified to be in the classic.

So Andy wins the Classic, Steve Socko wins Rider of the Year, Yours Truly wins Angler of the Year... all that is left is "Mr. Bass". Although 7lbs 2oz is a monster bass and the club hasn't had a Mr. Bass over 7lbs since 1985, I am still going to be sweating it out right up until the very last moment. Good luck to everyone who is out there trying to kick my butt. Heck, I'm even still trying to kick my own butt!

As I am sure you all are now aware, our fellow LIB member, life member and good friend Joe Moldashel has passed away. Many of our members attended the memorial service at the Weber Funeral Home in Ronkonkoma. It was Joe's wishes to have his ashes placed into Lake Ronkonkoma, so following the service Mitch Bernstein took Joe's wife Alicia out onto the lake where they honored his request. At the October meeting, I would like to spend sometime remembering Joe by having members share their stories and memories of him. Many of our members knew him very well and in the words of Eric Fieldstadt "Joe Mo, wasn't a member of LIB, he was LIB". Let's all keep the Moldashel family in our thoughts and prayers... they need our support through this difficult time.

The fall is closing in on us and November is just around the corner. This means it is time for elections once again. If you would like to run for office, please begin thinking about it now. You must be present and nominated at the November meeting in order to be elected (unless you already hold office, and run unopposed). If you have not submitted your club function form to Greg, please do so at the October meeting. The deadline is October 31st, 2006!

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

Brendan

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2006 Standings by Points

Name	Total Weight	Total Points	Overall Standing
Brendan Cucinello	78.05	149	1st
George Kowalinski	57.06	130	2nd
Jay Stiklickas	52.03	111	3rd
Steve Socko	39.09	103	4th
Andy Caranante	40.01	97	5th
Dan McGarry	54.05	93	6th
Ed Koster	39.11	93	7th
Nunzio Prato	52.03	92	8th
Greg Kiessling	40.09	89	9th
Mitch Bernstein	43.09	83	10th
Dave Delio	29.06	76	11th
Tim Carini	35.10	71	12th
Ken Dreyer	33.05	70	13th
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Emory Butts Sr.	32.10	66	15th
Robin Calitri	26.07	60	16th
Pete Chinsky	29.10	56	17th
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Bruce Palmer	19.02	36	23rd
Fred Lowenhaupt	23.12	30	24th
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Dom Barardi	15.13	23	27th
John Tadeo	12.11	19	28th
Charlie Kick	14.06	17	29th
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Kevin Fitzgerald	1.13	4	37th
Rich Allingham	8.13	3	38th
John Ospitale	7.15	3	39th
Donna DeStefano	8.05	0	40th
Darwin Richmond	3.14	0	41st
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Some Thoughts

By Charlie Kick

The Club would like to thank all the members who attended the memorial service held by the Moldashel family on Saturday, September 30, 2006. At that service some of the members (Eric, Robin, Brendan) spoke about Joe and what he meant to the club and to them. Well I would like to add my thoughts to their's.

When I first joined the club in the spring of 1983 I was somewhat intimidated like most of us are. Well Joe, in his way made me feel as if I belonged there and had been one of the boys for years! He realized I was a very un-knowledgeable about bass fishing and immediately started to invite me on fishing excursions to the upstate reservoirs where he would school me in bass fishing techniques. I will never forget when I first started to use bait casting equipment and how much I enjoyed it. I said to Joe on this particular day that I was thinking about getting rid of my spinning gear, and in his low key fashion said that would be "OK as long as I gave it to him". Well I got the message!

It was in July of 1991 that after a tournament as I was putting away my gear when I touched something to my battery post and a tall shower of parks erupted and lasted for about 20 seconds, of course my battery was ruined but as you can see from the accompanying illustration, which he drew for the next Bass Taps, Joe didn't miss a chance to

give you a friendly needling.

This is just a couple of little stories about times that Joe and I shared.

I am a better person for knowing him and although he may be gone, he will not be forgotten because he left with me some ideals that I will continue to live up to.



My Father In-law;

Who was the purest good person I ever met

Joe;

Taught me about the importance of the Club, with a capital C

Not I, me, but we

My Dad;

Taught me how to love and say so

I was fortunate to talk to him

Tell him how much he meant to me

Tell him, I love him and thank him

Steve Socko

I would like to share some of my memories of Joe with you because I know that if the Lord called me home 1st he'd be up here speaking eloquently of me.

All of us are here today because of the impact Joe had on our lives. Initially, the common denominator for Joe and I was our passion for fishing. Over the past 30 years, however it went way beyond that.

In 1976 I walked into the Ronkonkoma Lighthouse Bowl, a nervous, intimidated 22 year old who didn't know anyone, but wanted to join the famous Long Island Bassmasters! Joe was the first person there to befriend me and make me feel at home. The Long Island Bassmasters have been my family ever since.

Early on it didn't take me long to realize that Joe wasn't just a member he was the Long Island Bassmasters.

Yes, he was President, V.P., Tournament Director, Bass Tap's creator and editor and involved in so many committees and functions that none of us could count them all. For that we gave Joe L.I.B.'s highest honor, **Life-time Membership!**

Occasionally an individual would come along to challenge or try to change the principles of our chapter, Joe would have none of that! He was always on the frontline as an advocate for the democracy of L.I.B. either through his editorials or personally challenging that person's agenda! Yet, Joe always stressed that every member was entitled to equal say. There's no award for that kind of dedication!

Did you know that Joe was club photographer before that other guy? Some of us remember Joe's fishing cartoons that were published in magazines like *Fishing Facts* and *American Bass Fisherman*. He would sometimes



draw caricatures of LIB members, including one of me in the early 80's which like the photo hangs on my wall to this day. The long hair is accurate (see below) but he did exaggerate the Bass! Thanks Joe!

Those of us who had the pleasure to fish with Joe know that he could "talk the leg of a chair". I'm not one to talk much when fishing but with Joe we gabbed about everything under the sun. Fishing, LIB, music, politics, personal stuff, anything and Joe always had a joke or two, so I would always try to bring one with me in the boat, also. I can still here Joe talking and laughing with Wally clear across the lake.

Joe, thanks for those great days on the Amawalk and Great Pond, the fun on the on the state team trips and the infamous salmon trip on the Black River.

The true measure of our lives in not wealth or material things but the friendships we forge during our short time here. Joe, you were a millionaire and I'm a richer man for knowing you, Thanks Joe.

Eric



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