



# New York State



## Junior BASS Chapter Federation

# BASS-LINES

Third Quarter 2007 Addendum

## ESPN/BASS “Don Butler Memorial” a huge success!

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Once again, Central New York was selected by ESPN/BASS as a Bassmaster tournament site for 2007.

Through the combined efforts of the Syracuse Convention & Visitors Bureau, Oneida Shores County Park, Onondaga County Parks and the Ft. Brewerton Greater Oneida Lake Chamber of Commerce, practice sessions and the prestigious **Don Butler Memorial** was conducted on Oneida and Onondaga Lakes during the week of July 23rd thru July 29th.



The BASS Memorial is an invitational tournament that asked the best 51 anglers in the world to compete for the top prize of 250 thousand dollars. These 51 anglers are selected based on how well they finished while competing in the prior Elite Series Tournaments.

The kick-off began on Wednesday, July 25th when all the 51 anglers reported to the Paul V.

Moore High School in Central Square, NY at noon for registration & boat inspection. Once inspected & registered they were treated to lunch in the school cafeteria followed by orientation and “Anglers Alley”.

During the orientation session, ESPN/BASS announced that they were adopting and pairing up the top ESPN/BASS 2007 Toyota Tundra Bassmaster Angler of the Year with the members of the Good Ole Boys Junior Bassmaster Club during the 2 hour “Anglers Alley” session which was held in the school parking lot. This surprise announcement was based on the generous decision by ESPN/BASS officials to recognize the precious time and efforts these junior club members put forth in assisting the local Ft. Brewerton GOLCOC in support of their fund raising activities.

The pairings were as follows;

*Skeet Reese & Kevin Hamon ... Kevin VanDam & Mitchell Jones ... Jared Litner & Matthew Mitchell ... Aaron Martens*

*& Dustin Robinson ... Terry Scroggins & Ryan Friscia ... Edwin Evers & Coty Atkinson ... Steve Kennedy & Raymond Bentz ... Ishama Monroe & Dylan House ... Scott Rook & Tyler House ... John Murray & Daniel Miller ... Fred Roumbanis & Timothy Raner ... Peter Thliveros & Matthew Rozycko. Daniel Mitchell joined the group later and was treated by Mark Menendez who was also kind enough to immediately call his sponsor “Strike King” and ask them to send the GOB junior club a huge box of hats, plastic baits, crank baits, decals, brochures patches and much more to distribute to everyone in the club.*



Anglers Alley was followed by a parade down Main Street in Central Square where the pro anglers personally asked the juniors to join them on their boats as they manuevered through the village displaying their “wrapped” boats and tow vehicles.



The pro-anglers began their first two days by launching from Oneida Shores County Park at 8AM to compete on Oneida Lake. The field of 51 pros were reduced to 12 on Saturday and 6 on Sunday as they moved to compete for the final two days at Onondaga Lake.

A HUGE thank you goes out to Salt City vice president, & work-force organizer Joe Noffey, *(continued on the next page)*



for recruiting, assigning and inspiring all our local Bass Club “volunteers” that assisted ESPN/BASS with the early set-up, tear-down and Fish Care activities at Onondaga Lake Park during the Memorial.

Assisting all four days in Fish Care were Tom Pavlot, Mike Wall & Kim Goffredo from Salt City Bassmasters. Also from Salt City, assisting in set-up & teardown were Bill Mahyna, Mike Fragola, Howard Krause, and Rob Goffredo.

Assisting from the Salt City Junior Club at the Fish Care station was Kyle Florczyk, for all four days of the tournament.

Other Juniors, from Salt City Junior Bassmasters were Anthony Merritt, Kyle Jones, Nick Wheeler, Tom Merritt, Andrew Benenek & Chris Wheeler, all along with Juniors Ryan Friscia & Mitchell Jones from the Good Ole Boys Junior Bassmasters; all contributed with their one day obligations. ■



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