

# Tight Lines

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## **Purpose of the Virginia Bass Chapter Federation**

The Federation is established to preserve and promote the sport of angling largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, and spotted or Kentucky bass, herein known as Bass; to introduce youth to the sport of fishing; to conserve water and other associated natural resources; to work for an abundant, healthy and self-sustaining bass fishery where a natural potential exists; and to support the local, state and national agencies which conserve and manage the fresh water sport fishery and other associated resources.



## **Goals of the Virginia Bass Chapter Federation**

The Federation, shall, in its operations, pursue the goals of organizing and conducting competitive fishing events which adequately provide for the needs of the bass and the angler; to establish live release of bass to their habitat as an integral part of sport fishing; promote realistic conservation of natural resources and causing adoption and enforcement of adequate water quality standards; of educating the membership in citizen involvement in the process of government; of supporting and cooperation with fishery management agencies and educational institutions in development of good fisheries for the future; of encouraging youth involvement in sport fishery and leading the chapters in organizing and conducting youth participation activities; of promoting public awareness of the Federation's purposes, goals, and activities; of timely and efficient communications with the membership through a regular published newsletter; of gaining new members and new chapters to TBF and the Federation; to generate revenues sufficient to conduct the programs of the Federation; of reducing the hazards of boat operation and sport fishing; of supporting the non-profit purposes and goals of TBF; and other such goals as may be established for the chapters and the committees of the Federation.

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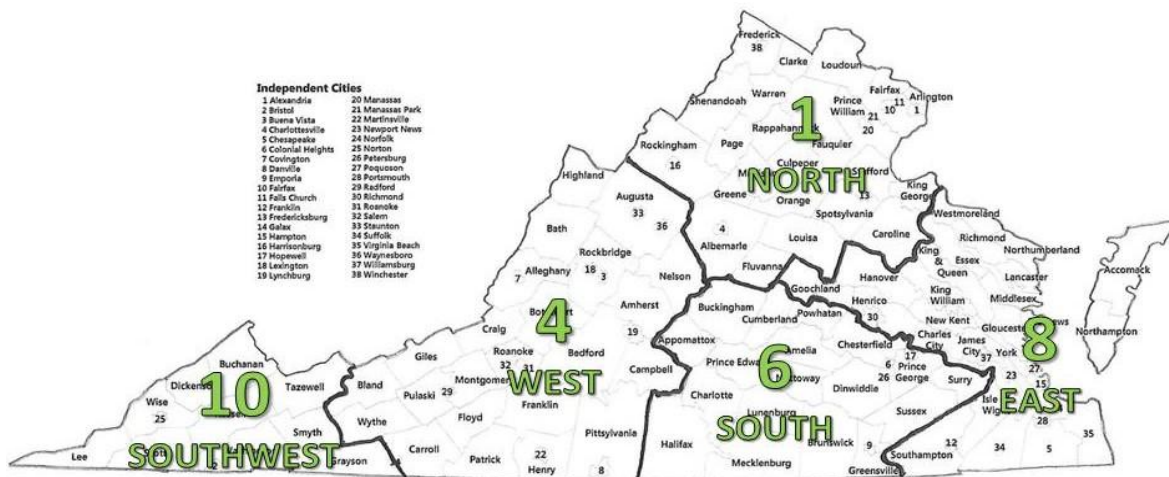
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# Presidents Corner

## Scott Whitmore

It's that time of the year we have been waiting for! Tournament season is upon us and the good news is with the latest relaxation on COVID restrictions we are on track to hold all tournaments as scheduled. With that said, we kicked off the season on March 27<sup>th</sup> with 55 boats competing in the South Regional on Kerr. This was an increase of 22 boats over last year's South Regional. From this tournament we qualified the top six Anglers and Co-anglers for the TBF National Semi-Final on Sutton Lake in West Virginia this coming September. Next the Trail moves west for the West Regional on South Holston on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Note: Tournament site has changed from Ob Knob to Washington County Park. This tournament also will host the Virginia SAF State Championship. For all the Anglers that live on the central and east portions of the state this lake is one of the best smallmouth fisheries in the state and should produce 20+lb stringers of smallmouth. From there we head north for the North Regional on Lake Anna on May 1<sup>st</sup>. At this tournament we will also be hosting as requested by TBF the MD, DE and NJ SAF State Championship. After that we wrap up the Regional's as we head east for the East Regional on the Chickahominy River on May 15 which will also be the Virginia Junior Angler State Championship. After that we culminate our tournament season with the State Championship on the Chickahominy River the Weekend of June 18-20<sup>th</sup>. From those tournaments the top 10% and the top two members from each club (top four if the club has 20+ members) comprise our National Semi-Final Team. If we can send 40+ boats to the National Semi-Final we will qualify the top two Boaters and top two Co-anglers for the National Championship which can be a life changing event for the eventual winner. This state has been well represented in the past with our anglers advancing to BFL All American and then the pro circuit of their choice.

Some more very encouraging news is we continue to grow. Over the last month new memberships have been popping up almost daily. We have had two new clubs sign up recently with the addition of Bass Bandits of Virginia in Region 8 and Battlefield Anglers in Region 1. As I mentioned back in January please keep promoting our new Team Tournament Trail as that is what is helping us grow.

The Board and Members continue to work hard securing new sponsors. Just in the past two weeks we have added Anglers Choice Marine and EL Arriero Mexican Restaurant and currently have several others in the works. We have also secured Yamaha Oil back as a sponsor and should have their product on hand for raffle prizes and purchase in the very near future. I have also received the Humminbird and Minn Kota VIP discounts. For this year they are on a first come first serve basis. I expect to receive the Lowrance VIP discounts on the coming weeks. If you want a discount you will need to email me your request. I ask that you continue to look at Tightlines and take notice of all our sponsors and when you patronize them be sure to let them know you are and Federation member and thank them for their support. They are the reason that we can keep this Tournament Trail a 100% payback event.



*Presidents Corner continued:*

Don't forget we have our 2021 Raffle going on for a \$1000.00 Visa Gift card. We are hoping to use this raffle to update and wrap our tournament trailer with our new Team Tournament Trail and TBF logos. Each of your Region Directors have tickets or you can contact me to make arrangements to get you a ticket. We only printed 500 tickets so if we sell them all we will be able to upgrade the trailer. We will be selling them at each Regional Tournament and we will hold the drawing at the State Championship Pre-tournament brief. Don't miss your chance to win a \$1000 before you even fish in the Championship.

Don't forget to keep your eye open for TBF E-mail Blast and Federation Facebook post to keep you up to date on Federation news.

In closing I want to thank every member of our Federation for your support and sportsmanship throughout the year. I want to personally thank my Staff. Every member of this Board are volunteers and spend countless hours making sure everything is taking care of behind the scenes to bring the membership a good event. These guys and gals are at the tournament site setting up before most of the Anglers have awoken for the day. When you pass one of these individuals take a second to thank them for their efforts. Without them we would be running the successful Tournament Trail that we are.

Tight Lines and best of luck in 2021

Scott



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## 2021 Schedule of Events

January 9	Board Meeting (South Hill)
March 26	Board Meeting (South Hill)
March 27	South Regional – Kerr Lake
April 17	West Regional – South Holston SAF/ Virginia High School State Championship – South Holston
May 1	North Regional – Lake Anna MD SAF State Championship – Lake Anna (hosted by VABCF)
May 15	East Regional – Chickahominy River / Youth State Championship
June 19/20	State Team Trail Championship – Chickahominy River Board Meeting
September 12	Board Meeting (South Hill)
September 24-26	TBF National Semi-final – Sutton Lake, WV
November 7	Board Meeting (South Hill)



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Fall Issue.....	September 15 <sup>th</sup>
Winter Issue.....	December 1 <sup>st</sup>

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# Membership News



The Bass Federation (TBF) Memberships are always open. Anglers can contact their Chapter/Club President to activate/renew your TBF membership at any time. TBF is much more than a tournament trail. Our founding principles are **Fishing, Youth** and **Conservation**. TBF members can qualify through their club events and State Federation events to fish in the TBF National Semi Final Division Championship series, and then on to the TBF Federation National Championship, the BFL All-American, and a MLF Tour Championship. In addition to all this, the top Federation angler each year is awarded the TBF “Living the Dream” package, consisting of paid entry fees into Pro Tour as a professional angler and a fully equipped Ranger Boat.

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# 2021

## Team Trail

### South Regional

### Kerr Lake



The 2021 Virginia Bass Chapter Federations Team Tournament Trail kicked off with its first stop, The South Regional, at Kerr Lake on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Many anglers had reported that the bass were biting well earlier in the week but as tournament day approached the bite was becoming more difficult. One hundred-ten anglers (55 boats) launched from the North Bend Special Events Area at safe-light with the first flight of anglers returning at 3:30 PM for weigh-in. Tournament weights were lower than expected as anglers found the waters stained to muddy and difficult to locate the larger fish that are usually cooperative this time of year. However, the majority of teams still managed to bring a five fish limit to the scales.

The Nasa Langley Bassmasters team of Tyler Caldwell and Ben Fisher finished on top of the leader board with a limit of bass weighing in at 15.10 pounds. Ben also weighed the tournament biggest bass, a 4.57 pound largemouth. Not far behind in second place was the team of Terry Johns and Daniel Eubank from the Blackwater River Bass Club with 14.84 pounds. In third, from Star City Bassmasters were Mitchell and Kevin Camden with a limit of bass weighing in at 14.60 pounds. Just a half a pound back in fourth place with 14:10 pound was the RVA Bassmasters team of Frank Harris and Connor Harrison. Rounding off the Top 5 teams was Sandy River Bass Masters, Kaleb Bowles and Branden Wood with five fish weighing in at 13.92 pounds.



South Regional continued:

**Kerr Lake – 27 March 2021 Results**

Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
1	Tyler Caldwell	Ben Fisher	15.10
2	Terry Johns	Daniel Eubank	14.84
3	Mitchell Camden	Kevin Camden	14.60
4	Frank Harris	Connor Harrison	14.10
5	Kaleb Boyles	Branden Wood	13.92
6	Billy Duty	Jason Keene	13.81
7	Sammy Henman	Evan Roop	13.24
8	Craig Loudan	Tom Hayes	12.94
9	Mike Renshaw	Ken Huband	12.85
10	Tom Cirilli	Jason Henderson	12.36
11	Kelvin Barnes	Thomas Barnes	12.14
12	Rick Mills	Christopher Mills	12.13
13	Chris Williams	James Stinson	12.08
14	Hank Cooke	Clay Ferguson	11.97
15	Brian Burnett	Paul Craighead	11.81
16	Phillip Gould	Keith Moring	11.76
17	Chuck Hart	Hayden Hart	11.43
18	Danny Reed	Jeff Purves	11.43
19	Robert Graves	Clyde Cheek	11.33
20	Jason Martin	Nolan Harman	11.25
21	Rick Lemocks	Gregory Byers	10.99
22	Brent Williams	Thomas Latham	10.92
23	James Vick	Adam Howlett	10.88
24	Reuben Williams	Eric Ellington	10.87
25	Scott Stephenson	Calvin Hunter	10.71
26	Larry Kempler	Kenneth Brown	10.60
27	Donnie Bowman	Chris Burnett	10.50
28	Joe Pitt	Steven Peters	9.99
29	John Warner	James McMillian	9.93
30	Bill Butler	Ricky Meyers	9.81
31	Scott Favors	Jeff Meade	9.74
32	Archie Cannon	Pamela Cannon	9.52
33	Chris Willoughby	Kevin Bowles	9.29
34	Michael Townsend	Scott Taylor	8.97
35	Gary Svatek	John Porter	8.92
36	Joe Imler	Timothy Shivley	8.78
37	Jeff Rollins	Matthew Sacra	8.78
38	Ron Sullivan	Andy Catlett	8.31
39	Joseph Clarke	Ken Courtney	8.27
40	Roy Stanley	Grover Cline	7.83



# Tyler Caldwell & Ben Fisher Win on Kerr Lake

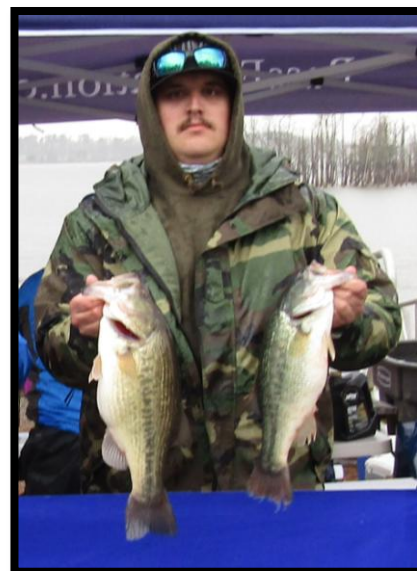




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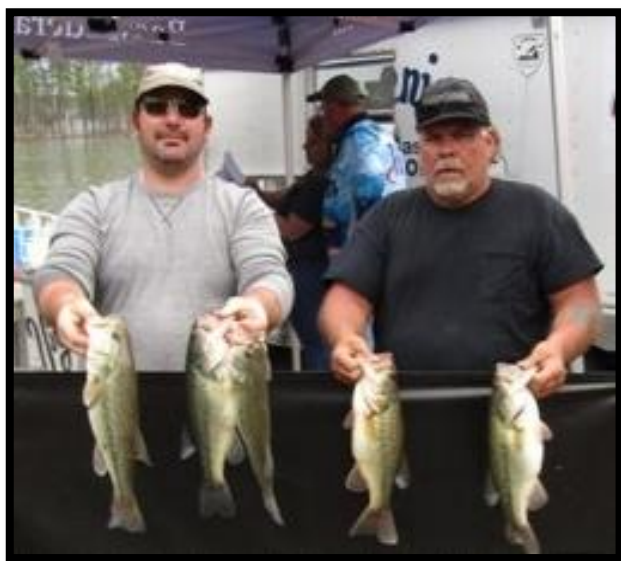
## Kerr Lake – 27 March 2021 Results

Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
41	Bill Roberts	Scott Whitmore	7.57
42	Mike Rush	John Malerich	7.23
43	Frank Glazier	Drew Berry	6.27
44	Zac Tingler	Devin Kanusek	5.49
45	Matt Hockaday	Lynn Hoeffer	5.41
46	Randy Barrett	Larry Lester	5.27
47	Donald Martin	William Martin	4.55
48	Robert Stinger	Shawn Burnett	3.47
49	Tim Yelm	Pat Bell	3.24
50	Alton Vaughan	Jared Netto	1.70
51	BJ Boothe	Alex Buckhorn	0.00
51	Ronnie Brewer	David Jeter	0.00
51	Brian Epperly Jr	Todd Whittaker	0.00
51	Chris Fiore	Avery Neely	0.00
51	Taylor Godsey	Tray Fauntleroy	0.00



**Big Fish Award**  
**Ben Fisher**  
**4.57 lbs.**

# Team Tournament Trail South Regional



**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**  
**Daniel Eubank & Terry Johns**  
**14.84 lbs**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Place**  
**Mitchell & Kevin Camden**  
**14.60 lbs**



South Regional continued:



# Team Tournament Trail Kerr Lake





South Regional continued:



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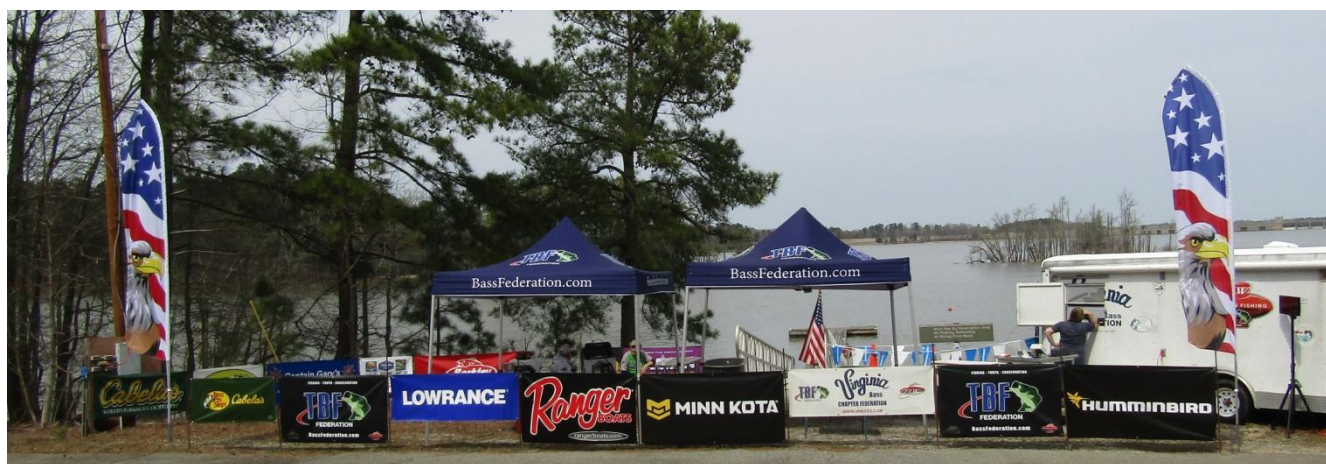
As the Team Trail South Regional Tournament Champions, Tyler Caldwell and Ben Fisher receive free entry into the Virginia State Championship Team Tournament to be held on the Chickahominy River on 19-20 June. Tyler and Ben also earn a spot on the Virginia Bass Chapter Federations State Team with paid entry into the TBF District 12 National Semi Final Tournament on Sutton Lake, WV in September.

**The following Virginia Anglers qualified through this tournament for the 2021 TBF District 12 National Semi Final Tournament on Sutton Lake, WV in September:**

**ANGLERS:** Tyler Caldwell, Terry Johns, Mitchell Camden, Frank Harris, Kaleb Boyles, and Billy Duty

**CO-ANGLERS:** Ben Fisher, Daniel Eubank, Kevin Camden, Connor Harrison, Branden Wood, and Jason Keene

The Team Tournament Trail consists of four regional one day events which all lead up to the State Championship Team Tournament scheduled this year for the Chickahominy River June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. All anglers that compete in a regional qualifier tournament are eligible to fish in the State Championship Tournament. The team that wins each of the regional tournaments makes the State Team and earns a no entry fee berth into the State Championship. Anglers that compete in multiple regional qualifiers get a discounted entry fee for the State Championship. The top six teams at the State Championship Tournament gain the final 12 positions on the State Team. In each Team Trail tournament season all entry fees are returned to the participants in cash and prizes for a 100% season payout. Additionally, the Team Trail Series serves as the Virginia Bass Chapter Federations qualifying events for the TBF District 12 National Semi Final Tournament. Ten percent of the participants from each of the five events (4 regional qualifiers and the State Championship) earn a berth into the TBF National Semi Final tournament each year.



The Virginia Bass Chapter Federation members would like to recognize the following sponsors for their support and amazing products awarded to the Team Trail Tournament participants: HUMMINBIRD, MINN KOTA, CAPTAIN GARY'S MARINE CARE PRODUCTS, BASS PRO SHOPS and CABELA'S, LOWRANCE, VIKING EYE WEAR, PREFERRED PLASTICS, YAMAHA OIL, PROPELLER DYNAMICS, JB CUSTOM RODS, GOINS OUTDOORS, THE DRY DOCK, CIR (Colonial Italian Restaurant), TOMAHUND MARINE, DEEP CREEK LURES, EL ARRIERO MEXICAN RESTAURANT, MARE MARINE, FISHING PRO TECH and STEVE HAJDASZ CRANKBAITS.

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The Virginia Bass Chapter Federations **“TEAM TOURNAMENT TRAIL”** series serves as the Virginia TBF National Semi-Final (NSF) Qualifiers plus introduces a new **Virginia State Championship Team Tournament**. The series consists of 4 qualifying Team Tournaments held in each of 4 Regions (North, South, East, & West) throughout the state. Each qualifying tournament is a single day event. With this format Virginia TBF Anglers now have an opportunity to compete for bigger payouts and a Virginia State Team Championship while reducing their costs plus the benefit of fishing locally on familiar waters. All four regional tournaments are open to all Virginia TBF members in good standing. Teams that fish any of the 4 Regional events qualify for the 2 Day State Championship Team Tournament. Those teams that participate in 2 or more of the qualifying tournaments earn a berth in the Virginia State Championship Team Tournament at a reduced entry fee. Qualifying tournament winning teams get free entry into the State Championship Team Tournament. The State Championship event has a 100% payback in cash and prizes with a Champions Package awarded to the winning team (cash, awards, apparel, paid TBF National Semi Final entry, etc.).

This is a TEAM TRAIL where anglers complete the registration as a pre-designated team. Launch order is determined by the order in which registrations are received. All Regional Tournaments are single day events. The 2 day State Championship Tournament is only be open to those that fish a qualifying Regional Tournament. Those teams that win a qualifying Regional Tournament will receive free entry into the Championship Tournament. Teams that participate in 2 or more Regional Qualifying Tournaments in a season will have their registration fee reduced for the State Championship Tournament. The winning team from each of the four Regional Tournaments plus the top six teams (6 Anglers & 6 Co-Anglers) from the State Championship Team Tournament will make the NEW **“Virginia State Team”**.

Teams have 3 options available for registration for the 4 Regional qualifying events.

1. Teams can download from the State Web Site ([www.vabass.com](http://www.vabass.com)), print, complete the registration, and mail the completed form with a check for payment. This method MUST be postmarked no later than 10 days prior to the event.
2. Teams also have the option to complete the registration and pay online through a link available on the State Web site ([www.vabass.com](http://www.vabass.com)). The online registration cutoff is midnight the Wednesday prior to the tournament.
3. If Teams do not register in time they may register at the tournament site the morning of the event. There will, however, be a \$25 administrative fee added to the tournament registration fee.

Registrations for the Virginia State Championship Team Tournament will be open by invitation to all qualifying teams.

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# 2021 Team Trail Schedule

## 1. South Regional

KERR LAKE  
27 March 2021

## 3. North Regional

LAKE ANNA  
1 May 2021

## 2. West Regional

SO. HOLSTON  
17 April 2021

## 4. East Regional

CHICKAHOMINY RIVER  
15 May 2021

## State Championship

CHICKAHOMINY RIVER  
19/20 June 2021







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# Virginia Anglers Compete for National Title on the Red River



Virginia Anglers Chris Fiore from Region 8's RVA Bassmasters and Craig Ferguson from Region 6's Meherrin Bassmasters competed in the TBF National Championship Tournament on the Red River, Shreveport, LA on March 10-13.

Both Anglers earned the opportunity to compete for a national title by fishing their way through their respective Club, Region, and State level tournaments then finishing as the top Virginia Angler or Co-Angler in the TBF District 12 National Semi Final Tournament last fall on Kerr Lake.

Chris and Craig found the fishing a real challenge as record cold temperatures hit the region just days before tournament practice. The keeper size bass proved hard to find and the bite difficult in the backwaters, sloughs, and stump ridden waters of the Red River.



In the Angler Division Chris managed to bring a limit of bass to the scales on Day 1 weighing in at 14.03 pounds and leading the Mid-Atlantic Division going into the final day before the field was cut for the Championship Round. On Day 2 the big bite again proved difficult as Chris put together a limit weighing in at 12.03 pounds falling short of repeating as the Mid Atlantic Division winner and making the final days cut (Chris won the division on Grand Lake in the 2020 Championship Tournament).

Fishing as a Co-Angler presents a whole different dynamic to tournament fishing. It's difficult enough as a Co-Angler on your home waters to win a tournament. On unfamiliar waters it is more difficult as the Co-Angler must adapt each day to wherever his angling partner chooses to fish. Craig met the challenge head on and was able to bring a fish to the scales on the final day.

Both of these Anglers had an experience of a lifetime and were exceptional representatives of the Virginia Bass Chapter Federation. Well Done Gentlemen!

# 2021 National Semi-Final Tournament

## 24-26 September 2021 on Sutton Lake, West Virginia

Hosted by the West Virginia Bass Chapter Federation

**Who Qualifies:** Top 10% of each Division (Angler & Co-Angler) from each State Team Tournament Trail event (North Regional, South Regional, East Regional, West Regional & State Championship Team Tournament); A minimum of One Angler & 1 Co-Angler from each club statewide additional Angler/Co-Anglers qualify based on club membership (1-19 members = 1 Angler/ 1 Co-Angler; 20-29 members = 2 Anglers/2 Co-Anglers; 30-39 members = 3 Anglers/3 Co-Anglers; etc.) additional opportunities to qualify for those TBF members serving as Youth Program Tournament Boat Captains.

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**Qualified Angler Identification Process:** Anglers who qualified through state tournaments will be identified to TBF by the State Federation. Anglers representing each chapter/club will be identified by 31 July 2021 to the State Federation who will forward the names to TBF.

**Registration:** Qualified Anglers will be notified by email from TBF. Anglers must indicate acceptance of the email invitation to compete and register. Registration and entry fee payment is completed online through TBF by following the email link provided. Once registered all communication will be by the email and/or phone indicated on your TBF membership profile. Registrations are non-refundable.

**REGISTRATION PROCESS DEADLINES:** Chapters/Clubs must identify their qualifiers to the State Federation by **31 JULY 2021**. Chapters need to send names of their qualifiers to the Va. Bass Chapter Federation President Scott Whitmore by **31 JULY 2021**. TBF will notify qualifiers via Invitation Email

**Tournament / Ramp Location:** Sutton Lake, WV. Ramp: TBA

### Virginia Federation State Tournament 2021 NSF Qualifiers:

South Regional – Kerr Lake:	Anglers- T. Caldwell, T. Johns, M. Camden, F. Harris, K. Bowles, B. Duty Co-Anglers- B. Fisher, D. Eubank, K. Camden, C. Harrison, B. Wood, J. Keene
West Regional – South Holston:	Anglers- TBD Co-Anglers- TBD
North Regional –Lake Anna	Anglers- TBD Co-Anglers- TBD
East Regional – Chickahominy River	Anglers- TBD Co-Anglers- TBD
Team Trail Championship- Chickahominy River	Anglers- TBD Co-Anglers- TBD



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# Angler Contingency Programs

The following Contingency Programs are available to Virginia Bass Chapter Federation Members to participate in. Anglers MUST join each program every year and declare your participation prior to each tournament.

## Ranger Cup Program: **NEW for 2021**

The New RANGER CUP Program is now Bigger and Better for Ranger Owners. The new nationwide Ranger Cup Program is now open to registered Ranger Owners that compete in any Ranger Sponsored TBF event with 60 Boats or More.



1. NEW for 2021: NO MEMBERSHIP FEE
2. NO LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF TIMES YOU CAN WIN
3. Anglers MUST meet all Ranger Cup Rules and Guidelines
4. Participants MUST own a 2010 or newer Ranger boat and fish from the Ranger all days of tournament
5. Eligible Anglers MUST sign up online ([www.Rangercup.com](http://www.Rangercup.com)) before qualifying for Ranger Cup payout. Program registration expires December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. That means: You MUST sign up for 2021 Ranger Cup to be eligible for 2021 Ranger Cup payout.
6. Anglers MUST meet the clothing requirements
7. MUST display Ranger Cup decal on driver's windshield/console of boat.
8. Factory installed Ranger decals MUST be on qualifying boat in the appropriate position. If the boat is wrapped they MUST be put back in the same position and be visible.

## Clothing Guidelines

### General Clothing

- Wear an approved Ranger shirt from take-offs through weigh-ins during all days of qualifying tournaments.
- The Ranger Boats logo must be at least four inches in length on the upper left\* side of the shirt. There can be no logos higher than the Ranger logo.
- The Ranger logo must span at least 10 inches on the back of the shirt and be exclusive boat logo.
- The Ranger Cup logo must be displayed on either sleeve of the shirt.

### Pro-staff

- Wear Pro-Staff tournament shirt from take-offs through weigh-ins during all days of qualifying tournaments.
- The Ranger Cup logo must be displayed on either sleeve of the shirt.

## PAYOUT\*

- **All other approved events with 60 or more boats (see website for complete list):**
  - \$7,000 to **win** an event, if fishing from a 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 year model Ranger boat with a 200 horsepower engine or larger.
  - If winner does not meet qualifying guidelines and a qualifying angler finishes in the top 10, then they will be eligible for a \$500 highest finisher cash payout.
- If winner has a 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 year model Ranger boat powered by a 60-175 horsepower engine, then they will be eligible for a \$1,000 cash payout.
- If an angler's boat who wins an approved event is between a 2010-2017 year model, then they will be eligible for a \$500 BPS/Cabela's gift card.

\* At Pro-Am events, payout is to pro angler/boater only.

**ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR THE RANGER CUP PROGRAM AND ANY CLAIMS FOR REWARDS ARE SOLELY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ANGLER.**

# Angler Contingency Programs



## **ALL NEW!!** RANGER / FEDERATION BONUS Program

The RANGER / FEDERATION BONUS PROGRAM is a Federation Exclusive program to reward Ranger owners at the grassroots level.

1. Open to owners of any year, make, or model of Ranger Boat. Original owner or not.
2. Participants MUST still meet Clothing and Decal requirements
3. MUST fish from the Ranger all days of tournament
4. Applies to Ranger Sponsored Federation Tournaments less than 60 boats. Once a tournament reaches 60 boats or more the nationwide Ranger Cup Program applies to the event. You CANNOT get the Ranger / Federation Bonus Program \$\$ for that event.
5. Ranger / Federation Bonus Rewards are submitted by the Tournament Officials to TBF following the event. Rewards will then be paid directly to the Ranger owner.

**NOTE:** This is a Ranger / Federation Program NOT Ranger Cup

## **MLF “Competitor Level” Membership Upgrade:**

Anglers TBF annual membership includes the “subscriber level” MLF membership. The “Competitor Level” membership is required to fish in any MLF series. Any angler that wishes to compete for the opportunity to advance beyond the TBF National Championship to an MLF Tournament series MUST upgrade their membership level to the “Competitor Level” PRIOR to fishing the TBF National Semi Final Tournament each year. TBF members receive a discounted rate of \$48.75 for the membership upgrade.

**To upgrade, anglers can call the MLF customer service at (270)252-1000 inform the agent that you are a current TBF member to receive the discounted rate.**







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Andrea Elliott (right) presents \$1,500  
grant to Virginia Bass Chapter  
Federation President Scott Whitmore



Virginia Bass Chapter Federation President Scott Whitmore received a \$1,500 grant from the Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's Outdoor Fund to support the State Federations Youth and Community Outreach efforts for 2021.

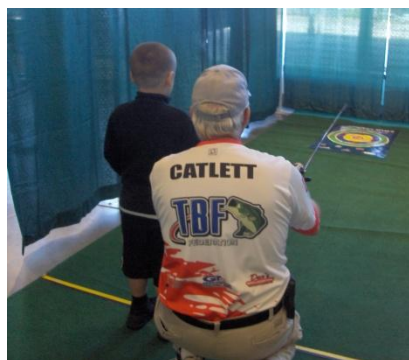
Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's is committed to inspiring everyone to enjoy, love and conserve the great outdoors by giving back and partnering with local organizations like the Virginia Bass Chapter Federation. Thanks to the generosity of Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's customers rounding up their purchases in store and online, the Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's Outdoor Fund is able to provide millions each year in support of conservation projects and connecting new audiences to the outdoors.

This grant provides the funds that will support the Virginia Bass Chapter Federations TBF Junior Angler Program, the "Reel Kids" Casting Skills Events statewide, and enable the continuance of the "Rods and Reels for Kids" project throughout the next year.

The Federations Junior Angler Program provides Virginia Youth Fishing Teams the opportunity to participate for free in bass fishing tournaments throughout the state. Each season teams compete for the Virginia Junior Angler State Championship and Virginia Junior Angler Team of the Year Points Championship award. Additionally, the top finishing teams in each event can qualify to compete in the TBF Junior World Championship Bass Tournament where the top anglers from throughout the US and Canada compete for scholarships and prizes.







Each year Virginia Bass Chapter Federation adult volunteers conduct the “Reel Kids” casting skills competitions during community events like the Richmond Fishing Expo and the Bass Pro Shops Spring Fishing Classic. “The Reel Kids” events are in many cases the first opportunity that many kids have to be introduced to the great sport of fishing. Volunteers work with future anglers on the basic skills of Flipping, Pitching, and Casting. Young anglers in each age group who best demonstrate their skills by presenting a lure to a target from varying distances are awarded gift cards, rods and reels.



To promote youth fishing, the “Rods & Reels for Kids” effort continues to provide new and reconditioned rod and reel combos to youth and organizations supporting youth events statewide. Each year, hundreds of youth and families throughout the state are introduced to the sport of fishing compliments of the Virginia Bass Chapter Federation.

“It’s an honor to accept these funds and to join with the Bass Pro Shops and Cabela’s Outdoor Funds efforts to provide an opportunity for Virginia families to enjoy the outdoors.” said Virginia Bass Chapter Federation President Scott Whitmore who was presented the funds.

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# Vice President

## Steve Hajdasz

### *A note from the VP*

With springtime upon us and fishing season beginning in earnest, it's time to get out on the water. But, before heading out it's always a good idea to make sure all of your safety equipment is in good shape and all of your boat systems are in good working order.

Be sure to check your life vests and throw cushion are not mildewed and don't have rips or tears. If you use an inflatable life jacket make sure the cylinder is still sealed and the bobbin is in good condition. Be sure to check the bladder for holes, tears and mildew, and if possible (I know these can be hard to find) you have an extra recharge kit available.

On your boat, be sure to check that your bilge pump and kill switch work properly, your prop nut is secure, your throttle cable works smoothly and your steering works smoothly.

Now that the regular springtime checks are made, be sure to wear a mask around others at the marina's you go to and make sure when outside you socially distance yourself from others.

With all these commonsense reminders in mind, go fishing, have a great time and get into full swing for the 2021 tournament season.

Keep your line wet, your feet dry and most importantly be safe.

Steve Hajdasz, Vice President



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# Conservation Director

## John Flicek

The Alabama Bass containment efforts continue as we are now distributing the educational brochures and sampling packets throughout the State. It was recently discovered that this invasive species of spotted bass have found their way into the New River where it has the potential to start impacting our smallmouth fisheries. Alabama Bass have also turned up in the James River near Richmond's Old Tredegar Iron works. Anglers are asked to report all suspected Alabama Bass catches from any body of water other than the Claytor Lake, Diacsunds Reservoir and Lake Gaston. The VA DWR Fisheries Management Team has put together a rapid response group that will investigate reported catches in an attempt to measure the extent of the Alabama Bass movement and make recommendations for future actions necessary to contain their spread.

*What is an Alabama Bass?* Alabama bass (*Micropetrus henshallii*), aka Coosa spotted bass, are a recent and illegal introduction to Virginia waters. Alabama bass are native to Georgia and Alabama, occurring primarily in large river systems and large impoundments, but are an invasive species here in Virginia. Alabama bass out-compete largemouth bass and readily hybridize with smallmouth and native Kentucky spotted bass.

The Virginia DWR has enacted new regulations that took effect on 1 January 2020, concerning the movement, size, and creel limits of Spotted Bass throughout the state. A copy of the 2021 Virginia Boating and Fishing Regulations are available at most marine and fishing retail locations or online at: <https://dwr.virginia.gov/fishing/regulations/>.

**No size or possession limits statewide, on spotted and Alabama bass**, except South Holston Reservoir, which has a 15 spotted bass possession limit. Anglers are encouraged to harvest all spotted bass caught.

The Alabama Bass Invasive Species effort is supported through a Conservation Grant from the Bass Fishing Hall of Fame (BFHOF) and a partnership with Virginia DWR, the Virginia Bass Chapter Federation (TBF), and the BASS Nation of Virginia.

### Angler Creel Surveys

Please encourage your Regions and Clubs to take part in the **Angler Creel Survey program**. As Tournament Anglers we have an opportunity to be an active participant preserving and improving the resource we enjoy.

The **Tidal Rivers Tournament Angler Creel Survey** cell phone application is easily downloaded using the "Survey123 for ArcGIS" application. Once familiar, the entire survey can be completed in less than two minutes. As part of our partnership with VA DWR Fisheries in fielding this application, Virginia Bass Chapter Federation Anglers are encouraged to download the application and report their data directly to DWR. To install:

1. Install ArcGIS Survey123 app from your app store
2. Open it and Click "Continue without signing in" -- MUST BE OPEN BEFORE YOU SCAN IMAGE
3. Then go to your camera and scan the QR Code provided here:
4. This will automatically download the app and open it for you



Conservation continued:

## ***Invasive Species Efforts:***

### **What do you need to know?**

**ALABAMA BASS:** It is illegal to stock fish into a public body of water without an authorization from Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR). Anyone with knowledge of intentional stockings of Alabama Bass or Spotted Bass should contact DWR law enforcement at 800-237-5712 or [WildCrime@dwr.virginia.gov](mailto:WildCrime@dwr.virginia.gov).

**The Reporting Process** - If you catch a suspected Alabama Bass:

1. Take a picture of the fish.
2. Clip off a thumbnail-sized portion of one of the pelvic fins (pelvic fins are located on the bottom of the fish, just under the head.)
3. Store the fin clip dry in an envelope.
4. Email picture to: [fisheries@dwr.virginia.gov](mailto:fisheries@dwr.virginia.gov) for verification with name of angler, location caught, date caught, & phone number.
5. Mail the fin sample collected to the address provided when requested.

**Questions? Call Alabama Bass Reporting (804) 367-1293**

**SNAKEHEADS:** Anglers are reminded that it is illegal to possess a live snakehead in Virginia. Anglers are encouraged to kill and report any snakeheads they encounter. In an effort to track Snakehead migration VA DWR has established a **SNAKEHEAD HOTLINE** that anglers can use to report snakehead fish: **(804-367-2925)**. There is also a new, easy-to-use web application for reporting observations (<http://dgif-virginia.maps.arcgis.com/home/index.html>).

**Anglers are required to report snakeheads if caught. Snakeheads must be dead if in possession (contained in live well, cooler, etc.). The DWR asks that all snakeheads be killed if possible.** If an angler wishes to keep a legally caught northern snakehead, the fish must be killed to be in possession, and the angler must call the hotline or other VA DWR contact and report the angler's last name, date of catch, location of catch, and size. Kill the fish by:

1. removing the head,
2. separating the gill arches from the body, or
3. removing the internal organs and put it on ice as quickly as possible.

A bill was passed during the 2017 Virginia General Assembly providing for increased penalties for persons illegally moving (stocking) snakeheads. VA Code stipulates a civil penalty of up to \$25,000 per incident for unlawful possession, transfer, or release, etc. of snakeheads (29.1-577).

**As responsible sportsmen, our focus should be on protection and preservation of native species. - BE PART OF THE SOLUTION! - Protect our fisheries and help stop the spread of Invasive species.**

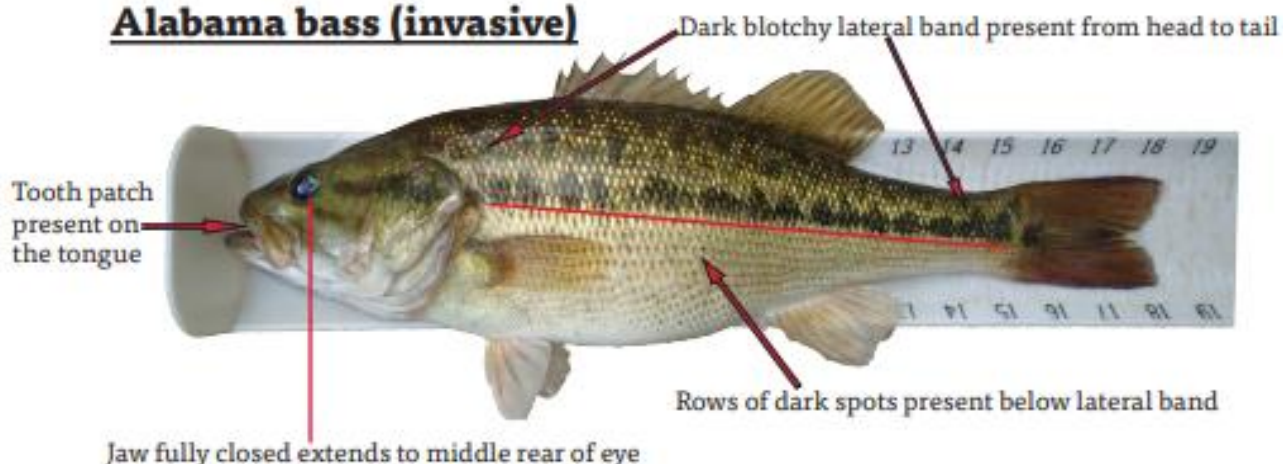
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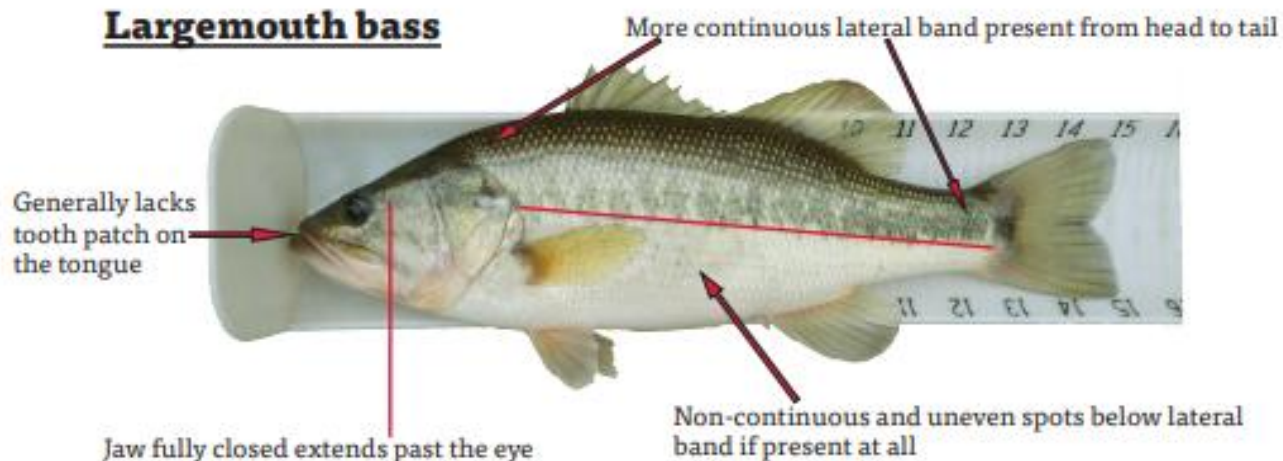


# DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE?

## Alabama bass (invasive)



## Largemouth bass



- Anglers are reminded that the introduction of novel predators can have unforeseen impacts on native or established ecosystems.
- The introduction of Alabama bass is illegal in Virginia. Alabama bass have been scientifically shown to out-compete established populations of largemouth bass and hybridize with small-mouth bass.
- Invasive species cause negative ecological and/or economic harm.
- Anglers who suspect they have captured an Alabama bass should take a picture of the fish, clip off a thumbnail-sized portion of one of the pelvic fins, and store the fin clip dry in an envelope. The pelvic fins are located on the bottom of the fish, just under the head. They should then either contact the Department of Wildlife Resources at: [fisheries@dwr.virginia.gov](mailto:fisheries@dwr.virginia.gov) or 804-367-1293.



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## Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources

Greetings TBF members,

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the TBF community. I'm the new Tidal Rivers Fisheries Biologist working with Virginia's Department of Wildlife Resources focusing on fisheries research and management in tidal rivers, including the James, Chickahominy, York, Rappahannock, and Piankatank Rivers. Largemouth Bass are a valuable resource in this region so it is only fitting that they will be an important part of upcoming research projects and monitoring efforts.

First and foremost, we will continue Alabama Bass monitoring efforts. DWR has adopted a Rapid Response Plan that allows us to mobilize quickly and sample areas where Alabama Bass have been reported. TBF has been an important partner in spreading awareness about invasive Alabama Bass and distributing sample kits for anglers to collect fin clips for potential genetic testing. Anglers are critical in our efforts to assess the distribution and stop the spread of these invaders. Through prompt reporting, you will help us focus our sampling efforts and prevent Alabama Bass from spreading further.

We are expanding and standardizing our sampling efforts throughout tidal rivers. Biologists will use boat electro-fishing to sample more sites and cover a larger area throughout the tidal James, Chickahominy, Pamunkey, Mattaponi, and Rappahannock Rivers every fall. These expanded sampling efforts will allow us to track trends in Largemouth Bass populations across tidal rivers and assess age, growth, and size distributions in a more timely manner. We are also planning a Largemouth Bass tagging study, beginning this spring. The results of the project will give Biologists an idea of how Bass disperse after translocation. Keep an eye out for Largemouth Bass tagged with red anchor tags. If you catch one, remove the tag and contact DWR with the tag information.

We will continue to keep TBF updated on Alabama Bass spread prevention efforts and DWR projects pertaining to Largemouth Bass. If you have questions pertaining to tidal rivers fisheries, projects, and monitoring efforts, don't hesitate to contact me directly at [margaret.whitmore@dwr.virginia.gov](mailto:margaret.whitmore@dwr.virginia.gov) or (757) 406-2168.

Sincerely,

Margaret Whitmore  
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# Youth Program Director

## Becky Conley

### TBF Announces NEW Changes to the Junior Angler Program

**NEW FOR 2021!** Young anglers who are in the 8th grade or less on the day of their LAST State Federation Junior Qualifier (The day they qualify) can join as a TBF Junior members and fish as a team with a buddy from their own boats with their own boat captains! TBF has active state Junior Programs in almost every state across the country and 1 team advances to the Junior World Championship for every 10 unique teams that fish any State Federation Junior Program. (so (1) for 1-10, (2) for 20, (3) for 30 etc.) **AND NEW FOR 2021** – 1 team advances for every 20 unique teams from any other (non-state federation) TBF sanctioned (by national office) JUNIOR trail. Any junior program must have a minimum of 6 active Junior members to participate.

These junior anglers fish in local club & state tournaments and participate in fundraising and conservation projects just like the adults do.

The competitive branch of this program allows the anglers to attend their sanctioned Junior State events and attempt to qualify for the annual TBF Junior World Championship (JWC) out of their own boat with their own boat captain for thousands of dollars in scholarships and prizes! The bigger your program is the more teams can advance.



# Virginia Youth

Youth Program continued:

## Virginia Youth Anglers Compete at State Federation Region Tournaments

Under the new format for Virginia Youth Anglers, teams are allowed to participate in State Federation Region Tournaments and earn points towards a State Youth Team of the Year Title. Youth Teams enter (no entry fee), launch, and weigh-in with the adults during Region Tournaments. Teams are awarded points based upon the number of Youth teams competing in the event and their finishing place among youth teams. Points for the youth teams from throughout the state will be compiled and their top 3 point earning events will be tallied to determine the Virginia Youth Team of the Year. Each year the Youth teams from throughout the state will gather for a tournament and head to head competition to determine who will represent Virginia at the TBF Junior World Championship Tournament.

Virginia High School Angling Teams are also invited to compete at State Federation region Tournaments to earn points towards a Virginia High School Team of the Year title. The High School Anglers also compete in the Student Angler Federation events and the SAF hosted State High School Championship Tournament each year.

Youth Anglers must be a member of an active TBF Junior Club or the Student Angler Federation (SAF). Each Youth Angler Team must arrange for their own boat and boat captain and complete the required Emergency Medical Information Event and Liability/Parental Consent forms. Youth Teams will launch and weigh-in with the host tournament anglers and earn valuable points towards the Virginia TBF Junior Angler State Championship title.

Virginia Bass Chapter Federation Point of Contact for Youth Angler memberships and tournament registrations are: Scott Whitmore, Email: [stratos.22225@gmail.com](mailto:stratos.22225@gmail.com) and Becky Conley, Email: [conleyr@comcast.net](mailto:conleyr@comcast.net).



### Student Angler Federation High School Program

The high school fishing program is ran by the TBF National Office. Each year High School Anglers have the opportunity to fish the Virginia High School Championship Tournament and a Bass Pro Shops/FLW Open Tournament. Tournament dates, locations and additional information on additional opportunities for High School Anglers to fish local events will be shared on the VA TBF Youth Facebook page.

Student Angler Federation Membership and Registrations for High School Tournaments are processed online through the Student Angler Federation web site: <https://highschoolfishing.org/>





Youth Program continued:

## 2021 Virginia Youth Tournament Schedule

The following tournaments are available to support Youth Anglers. Anglers may contact the Host Region indicated for each tournament listed below for specific tournament information. Additional information will also be shared on the VA TBF Youth Facebook page for each event: <https://www.facebook.com/viriniatbfyouth/>

Date	Location	Ramp	Hours	Host Region
20 March	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park	TBD	Region 8
20 March	Bugg's Island (Kerr)	Palmers Point	7AM-3PM	Region 6
21 March	Lake Anna	Anna Point Marina	TBD	Region 1
10 April	Potomac River	Pohick Bay Park	TBD	Region 1
10 April	Lake Gaston	Holly Grove	7AM-3PM	Region 6
<b>17 April</b>	<b>South Holston</b>	<b>OB Knob</b>		<b>SAF Championship</b>
24 April	Kerr Lake	Eastland Creek	TBD	Region 8
8 May	Chickahominy River	Rivers Rest Marina	TBD	Region 1
8 May	Bugg's Island (Kerr)	C Ramp @ North Bend	6AM-2PM	Region 6
<b>15 May</b>	<b>Chickahominy River</b>	<b>Riverfront Park</b>		<b>Youth Championship</b>
12 June	James River	Hopewell	6AM-2PM	Region 6
12 June	Potomac River	Pohick Bay Park	TBD	Region 1
12 June	Pamunkey River	Williams Ramp	TBD	Region 8
11 September	Pamunkey River	Williams Ramp	7AM-3PM	Region 6
11 September	Chickahominy River	Rivers Rest Marina	TBD	Region 1
11 September	Appomattox River	Appomattox Boat Harbor	TBD	Region 8
10 October	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park	TBD	Region 8
16 October	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park	7AM-3PM	Region 6

**Note:** Check with the Tournament Host for those dates marked "**CANCELLED**" for rescheduled dates.

## TBF Junior World Championship 28-30 July on the Mississippi River



The Bass Federation Inc. (TBF) recently announced that the 2021 TBF Junior World Championship (JWC) is set for July 28-30 on the Mississippi River in the Quad Cities bi-state regional destination in Illinois and Iowa.

The 2021 JWC includes a two-person team format and three days of competition, launching from Rapids City, Illinois. Only the top percentage of Junior Angler Teams from each state's sanctioned programs are invited to attend and compete for their share of well over \$10,000 in scholarships and prizes.

Local Junior Anglers will gather at the Chickahominy River on May 15<sup>th</sup> for the State Junior Angler Championship Tournament to determine which team will represent Virginia at the 2021 TBF Junior World Championship.



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**Director – William (Bill) Haire**

## Region 1

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Region 1 started our 2021 season with 37 boats competing on Lake Anna. Congratulations to our top Anglers:

### Lake Anna (21 March)

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Todd Langford / Terry Stevens	15.67 lbs.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Rick Mills / Chris Mills	14.37 lbs.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Craig Loudan / Tom Hayes	13.59 lbs.
Big Fish	Todd Langford	5.38 lbs.



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### 2021 Region 1 Schedule

<b>March 21</b>	Lake Anna	Anna Point Marina
<b>April 10</b>	Potomac River	Pohick Bay Park,
<b>May 8</b>	Chickahominy River	Rivers Rest Marina
<b>June 12</b>	Potomac River	Pohick Bay Park,
<b>September 11</b>	Chickahominy River	Rivers Rest Marina
<b>October 2-3</b>	Potomac River	Pohick Bay Park

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Region 4's 2021 season started on February 13 with our new Open Tournament format on South Holston Lake. It was a cold and rainy day with a lot of nice fish brought to the scales. A number of Region 10 regulars came to fish with us.

## Region 4 Virginia Bass TBF Open Team Trail Results

### South Holston Lake

13 February 2021

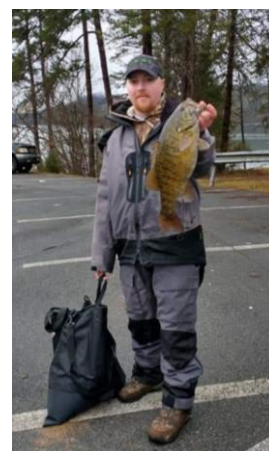




REGION 4 continued

## South Holston Results, 13 February 2021

Place	Club	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
1	Stateline	Steve Hennger	Josh Osborne	18.22
2	Stateline	Ricky Roberts	Robert Gross	18.18
3	Blackwater	Jason Martin	Nolan Harmon	17.66
4		Jacob Smith	Cole Gayewski	17.64
5	Claytor Mafia	Chris Lewis	Zach Peaslee	17.30
6		Mike Toney	Rodney Rice	15.36
7	Stateline	Willie Browning	Brandon Creasy	14.94
8		Dustin Riddle	Jonathon Bailey	14.66
9	Star City	Ian Branson	Jonathon Branson	13.10
10		Lane Williams	Travis Ketron	12.00
11		Jarrood Looney	Seth Martin	11.94
12		Damien McMahon	Mitch Saville	11.34
13		Daniel Perkins	D. Hottenstein	11.18
14	Star City	Chuck Hart	Hayden Hart	11.00
15	Claytor Mafia	Jake Adams	Travis Cox	10.28
16	Triangle	Paul Craighead	Brian Burnette	10.16
17		Brandon Stanley		6.46
18	Stateline	Derrick Bray	Eric Rasneke	4.98
19	Triangle	Neil Hunwick	Don Southern	2.48
20		Seth King	Devin Helton	0.00
21		Cody Hill	Josh Lambert	0.00
22		Scott Whitson	Mark Gouge	0.00
23	Triangle	Josh Spicer	Jason Cozort	0.00
24	Blackwater	Daneil Eubank	Terry Jones	0.00
25	Triangle	Seth Kanchel	Charles Lee	0.00
26		Joe Carrol	Johnny Shanks	0.00
27	Claytor Mafia	Josh Friend	Aaron Rygus	0.00
28	Triangle	Danny Reed	Mark Pheonix	0.00
29		Jason Adams	Kevin Baldwin	0.00



## REGION 4 continued



## Smith Mountain Lake Results, 27 February 2021

Place	Club	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
1	Triangle	Neil Hunwick	Don Southern	21.16
2	Blackwater	Todd Whittaker	Jarod Vandergrif	17.68
3	Claytor Mafia	Josh Friend	Aaron Rygus	14.82
4		Justin Riddle	Johnathon Bailey	9.78
5	Triangle	Paul Craighead	Brian Burnette	9.76
6	Star City	Chuck Hart	Hayden Hart	9.28
7	Southwestern	Mike Viers	Chuck Lyons	5.62
8	Blackwater	Brian Epperly	Justin Goodwin	4.86
9	Blackwater	Daniel Eubank	Terry Jones	4.44
10	Star City	Ian Branson	John Branson	3.66
11	Blackwater	Nolan Harmen	Jason Martin	2.62
12		Dalton Bethel		0.00
13	Triangle	Josh Spicer	Jason Cozort	0.00
14		Chris Lucas	Aaron Lucas	0.00
15	Star City	David Martin	Kevin Simmons	0.00
16		Dwayne Johnson	Marty Smith	0.00
17		Steve Deisher	Josh Slusher	0.00



Keep up with all Region 4 news on our Facebook page: **"Region 4 Virginia Bass TBF"**

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REGION 4 continued

## Claytor Lake Results, 13 March 2021

Place	Club	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
1		Ben Sohrabi	Damien McMahon	12.38
2	Triangle	Seth Knachel	Charles Lee	11.46
3	Claytor Mafia	Josh Friend	Aaron Rygus	11.10
4		Robbie Elmore	Lou Ferguson	10.78
5	Claytor Mafia	Zach Peaslee	Bob Peaslee	10.74
6		Cantley Krafft	Seth Martin	10.56
7		Keith Christly	Terry Jones	10.56
8		Mario Jones	CJ Hamilton	10.28
9		Dennis Burdette	Anthony Dillon	10.24
10		Dustin Riddle	Jonathon Bailey	10.04
11	Claytor Mafia	Jake Adams	Travis Cox	9.64
12		Tony Morris	TJ Morris	9.46
13	Triangle	Neil Hunwick	Don Southern	9.24
14	Triangle	Brian Burnette	Paul Craighead	8.84
15	Star City	David Martin	Kevin Simmons	8.64
16	Star City	Ian Branson	John Branson	7.96
17		Scott Thompson		7.92
18		Jared Looney	Derrick Reed	7.74
19		Ray Orey	Rick Lee	7.36
20		Daniel Clark	Darryl Wright	7.24
21		Mike Toney	Stephen Davis	6.32
22	Triangle	Danny Reed	AJ Phoenix	5.28
23	Star City	Jeff Rollins	Matt Sacra	5.22
24		Brian Stacey	Ty Stacey	4.96
25	Backwater	Jason Martin	Nolan Harmon	4.82
26	Southwestern	Gary Jones	Wally Dryman	4.14

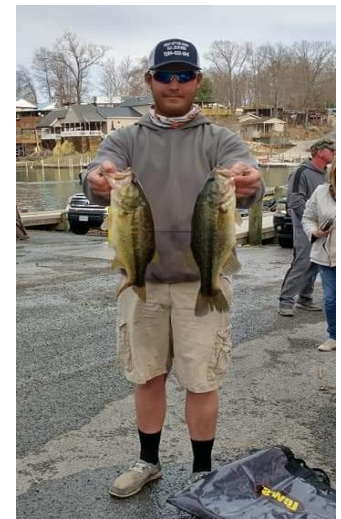




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## Region 4 Standing following 3 Events:

Affiliated Club	Team Member One	Team Member Two	Event 1	Event 2	Event 3	Event 4	Event 5	Event 6	Event 7	Event 8	Sum
Triangle BM	Neil Hunwick	Don Southern	94	100	96						290
Triangle BM	Paul Craighead	Brian Burnette	95	97	95						287
Star City BM	Ian Branson	Jonathan Branson	98	92	93						283
Blackwater BM	Jason Martin	Nolen Harmon	100	91	90						281
Claytormafia	Josh Friend	Aaron Ryges	84	98	99						281
Star City BM	Chuck Hart	Hayden Hart	97	96	79						272
Blackwater BM	Daniel Eubank	Terry John	84	93	79						256
Triangle BM	Josh Spicer	Jason Cozort	84	81	79						244
Claytormafia	Zach Peaslee	Bob Peaslee	99		98						197
Claytormafia	Jakes Adams	Travis Cox	96		97						193
Triangle BM	Seth Kanchel	Charles Lee	84		100						184
Blackwater BM	Todd Whittaker	Jarod Vandergrif		99	79						178
Triangle BM	Danny Reed	Mark Pheonix	84		92						176
Star City BM	David Martin	Kevin Simmons		81	94						175
Southwestern BM	Mike Myers	Chuck Loins		95	79						174
Blackwater BM	Brian Epperly	Justin Goodwin		94	79						173
Star City BM	Jeff Rollins	Matt Sacra			91						91
Southwestern BM	Gary Jones	Wally Dryman			89						89
Claytormafia	Jason Clark	Chris Lewis			79						79
Triangle BM	Marco Warner	Tim Shortridge			79						79

## 2021 REGION 4 Tournament Schedule

(Entry fee for each event is \$100)

2/13/21	South Holston	Safe Light- 4PM
2/27/21	Smith Mountain Lake	Safe Light- 4PM
3/13/21	Claytor Lake	Safe Light- 4PM
5/8/21	Claytor Lake	Safe Light- 3PM
5/22/21	Smith Mountain Lake	Safe Light- 3PM
6/5/21	Claytor Lake	Safe Light- 3PM
7/17/21	Smith Mountain Lake (Night)	7PM-3AM
9/11/20	Smith Mountain Lake	Safe Light- 4PM

### Region Championship

10/23/21	Claytor Lake	Safe Light- 4PM
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I am going to start this off by saying thank you to all of our new members for joining Region 6 and all of returning members for coming back this season. I am looking forward to a good year fishing with all you guys and girls. Our region has grown a lot this year and we need to keep up the good work getting new fisherman into TBF and our region.

On Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, Region 6 had our first tournament of the season on Kerr Lake with 21 boats launching from Palmer's Point. Many anglers said they had a tough time catching fish. I could understand why, temperature was 27 degrees at blast off. The highs for the day were 51 degrees with winds around 25mph out of the northeast. The lake was a little rough as you could imagine.



### Kerr Lake Results, 20 March 21 (Top 5)

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	James Vick and Bryan Reedy	5 fish	15.70 lbs.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Ronnie Brewer and David Jeter	4 fish	13.63 lbs.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Doug Jesse and Greg Byers	5 fish	13.35 lbs.
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Brent Williams and Thomas Latham	5 fish	13.26 lbs.
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	Philip Gould and Keith Morning	4 fish	12.60 lbs. with Big Fish 6.49 lbs.

The next Region 6 tournament will be April 10 from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM on Lake Gaston launching out of Holly Grove Marina. Good Luck to all of you with all the rain we have been having. The lake will be muddy and not clear like it usually has been in the past when we fish on Lake Gaston.

Everyone be safe until the next time we meet to compete.

Ronnie



REGION 6 continued:

## Region 6 Tournament Schedule for 2021

March-20	Bugg's Island	Palmers Point	7AM-3PM
April-10	Lake Gaston	Holly Grove	7AM-3PM
May- 8	Bugg's Island	C-Ramp (North Bend)	6AM -2PM
June -12	James River	Hopewell	6AM -2PM
September -11	Pamunkey River	Williams Landing	7AM-3PM
October -16	Chickahominy River	Route 5	7AM-3PM



## 2020 Region 6 Championship Teams Recognized

The Region 6 2020 Championship Teams were recognized following the Kerr Lake Tournament on March 20<sup>th</sup>. The Teams of David Jeter and Ronnie Brewer from Southside Bassmasters and Wade Rook and Caleb Rook from Tri-City Bassmasters finished the 2020 tournament season in a tie for the Points Championship. Each angler was awarded a Team jacket for their achievement.

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## Annual Children's Hospital Foundation Charity Tournament

The 2020 Children's Hospital Foundation Charity Bass Tournament was cancelled due to the restrictions imposed in response to the COVID-19 virus. We are hopeful that conditions allow us to have another great event on the James River in 2021. Follow all the great things the Children's Hospital Foundation is doing on facebook:

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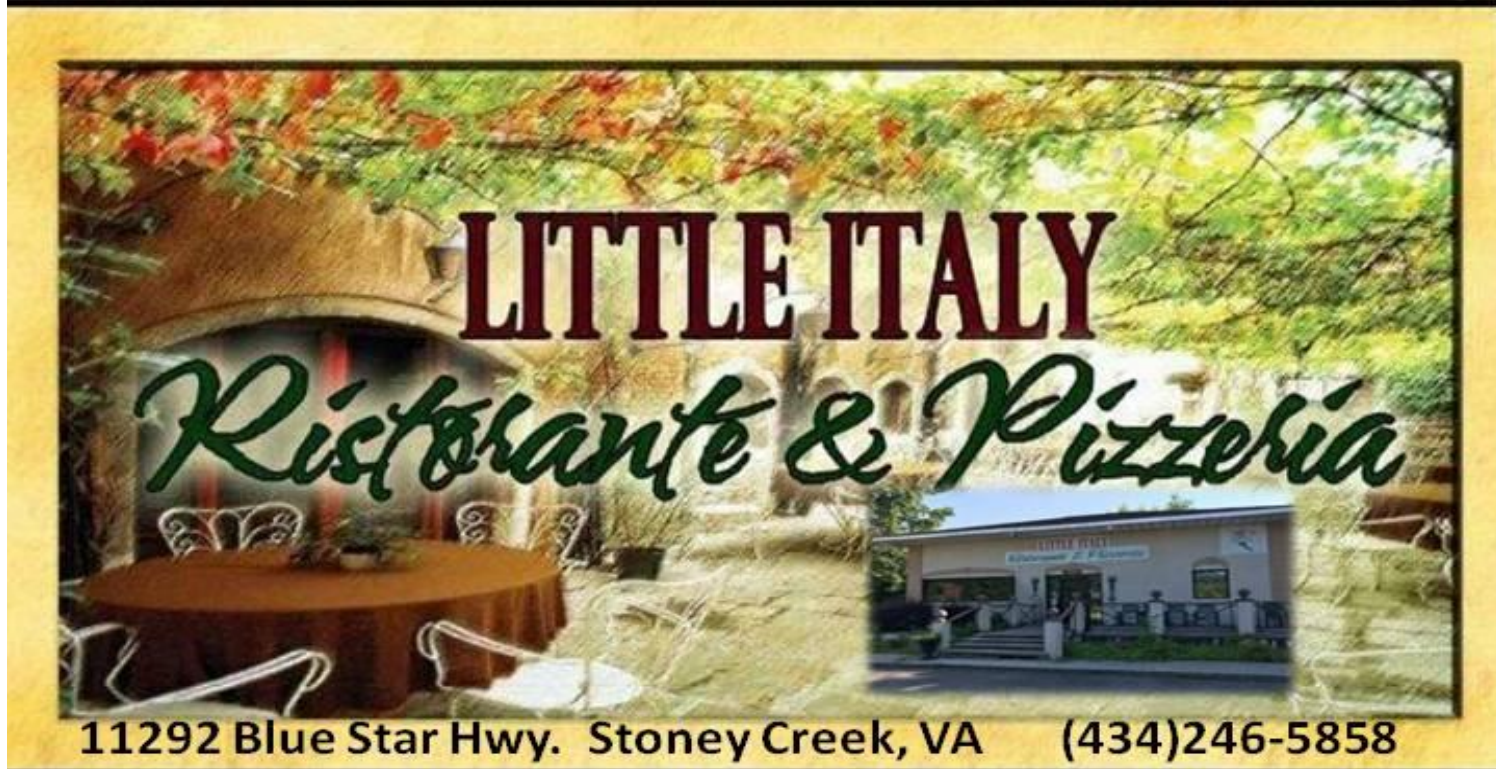


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It's great to finally get the 2021 Region 8 Tournament Season underway. While there is still some uncertainty with whether we will be facing additional COVID related restrictions in the months ahead. Our plan is to proceed on course towards another successful Region 8 season. Our anglers are already hard at it as Chris Fiore just returned from the Red River in Shreveport, LA where he competed for the TBF National Championship. While Chris fell a little short of making the final cut. He stayed in the hunt for another Mid Atlantic Division Crown until the final day. Chris finished his 2021 National Championship quest with ninth place overall finish. GREAT EFFORT! Within hours of his final day weigh-in, I received a text from Chris asking when and where the 2021 TBF National Semi Final Tournament will be held. Chris was already looking ahead to working his way back to next year's TBF National Championship Tournament. On that note, the District 12 TBF National Semi Final (NSF) Tournament will be held on Sutton Lake, WV on September 24-26, 2021. This tournament is your path to the TBF National Championship. To qualify for the NSF you must finish in the top 10% in one of the State Team Tournament Trail Regional's or the State Team Championship. Additionally, each club can qualify an Angler and a Co-Angler for the NSF each season. The bigger your club, the more Anglers / Co-Anglers you can qualify (6-20 member clubs earn one Angler & one Co-Angler berth; with 20 to 29 clubs members earn 2 Anglers and 2 Co-Anglers berths, etc).

Beginning on March 12<sup>th</sup>, we started our annual Hampton Bass Pro Shops Spring Fishing Classic support. As usual, we manned the Rod & Reel Exchange table at the stores entrance and conducted our Tackle Pack drawing. Discussions with local management concluded that due to COVID related issues we would not hold the Reel Kids Casting Skill Competition that is usually part of their Spring Fishing Classic Activities. We may, however, re-entertain the possibility of holding an event later this summer should conditions allow. This year we took advantage of this opportunity to pass on information on the Alabama Bass Invasive Species Project we are working with the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources. We concluded the effort this year on March 31<sup>st</sup> with the drawing of our Tackle Pack winners. I would like to thank all of the Region 8 members that volunteered their time to help out this year as this has proved to be our most successful Tackle Pack effort to date.

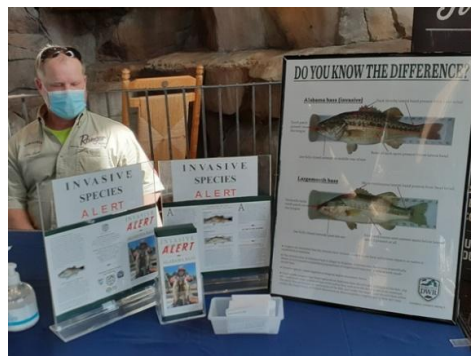
Recently several of our Region 8 member teams competed in the States first Team Tournament Trail event of the season, The South Regional on Kerr Lake. CONGRATULATIONS to our own Tyler Caldwell and Ben Fisher on their tournament win. Tyler and Ben managed to take the win in a tournament that seen the bite fall off significantly by tournament day. Their 15.10 pound limit was enough to top the 55 team field and earned them a free entry into the State Team Championship Tournament, spots on the State Team, paid entry into the TBF District 12 National Semi Final, along with a nice winner's purse. Ben Also weighed the tournaments Big Fish, a 4.57 lb largemouth. In all, four Region 8 teams finished in the Top 10. Great Effort Everyone!

Next up for Region 8: Our next tournament is set for 20 April on Kerr Lake. We will be launching from Eastland Creek Ramp. Anglers should contact their Club President to ensure they are registered for Kerr Lake tournament. Please patronize those local businesses that have and continue to support our Region 8 family: Bass Pro Shops, Elliott & Duggan's Trophies in Newport News, Fishing Pro tech, Angelo's Steak and Pancake House, Hooker Bait & Tackle, Kate's Print Studio, and Dan's Heating & Air Conditioning.

John Flicek  
Region 8 Director



REGION 8 continued:



## REGION 8 Anglers Support Annual Bass Pro Shops Spring Fishing Classic

On March 12th, REGION 8 members embarked upon an 20 straight day event in support of the Annual Bass Pro Shops Spring Fishing Classic at the Hampton store. Throughout the event Region 8 members manned a the Rod and Reel Exchange table where customers were given discounts on new rod and reels in exchange for their used ones. These rods and reels were then, in turn, donated to Region 8 in support of the Rod's and Reels for Kids refurbishment effort. Members also supported the annual Region 8 Tackle Pack Drawing where customers were given the opportunity to win one of two tackle bags loaded with a wide variety of tackle items. It was a very busy and successful event again this year with the majority of REGION 8 members taking part. We would like to thank Bass Pro Shop of Hampton for their continued support of Region 8 and our Virginia Bass Chapter Federation Youth Programs.



Region 8 would like to congratulate our annual Tackle Pack Drawing Winners: Jerry from Wakefield, VA and Michael from Newport News. A special Thank You to our "Little Helper" George and His Dad for their assistance in drawing the winning tickets. George was a "Winner" also as he received a \$10 Bass Pro Shop Gift Card for his efforts. Thanks to everyone that supported our Annual Tackle Pack Drawing at the Hampton Bass Pro Shop this year.



**DAVE CHRISTIAN received his  
2020 Region 8 Big Fish Award  
following the 20 March  
Chickahominy River Tournament  
"Nice Fish Dave"**



REGION 8 continued:

## REGION 8 Tournament Results

### Chickahominy River (20 March)

It was a cold morning on the Chickahominy River as 52 Region 8 Anglers were met with temperatures in the upper 20's at launch time followed by wind, cool temperatures and extremely high tides for the remainder of the day. The winning team of Tom Cirilli and Jason Henderson from the Nasa Langley Bassmasters dominated with an impressive five fish limit weighing in at 20.19 pounds. Tom also weighed the biggest bass of the tournament, a 7.98 pound largemouth. In second place with 16.44 pounds were the team of BJ Boothe and Archie Cannon. They were followed by Mike Guzik and Charlie Carter from the Nottoway Bassmasters for a third place finish with 15.61 pounds. The Top 10 results are listed below:



Tom Cirilli and Jason Henderson Win on the Chickahominy River with 20.19 pounds

### Chickahominy River Top 10

Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
1	Tom Cirilli	Jason Henderson	20.19
2	BJ Boothe	Archie Cannon	16.44
3	Mike Guzik	Charlie Carter	15.61
4	Garrett Geourge		15.27
5	David Christian	John Guzik	15.11
6	Bob Everhart	Bob Hladik	14.89
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BJ Boothe and Archie Cannon take 2<sup>nd</sup> Place with 16.44 lbs



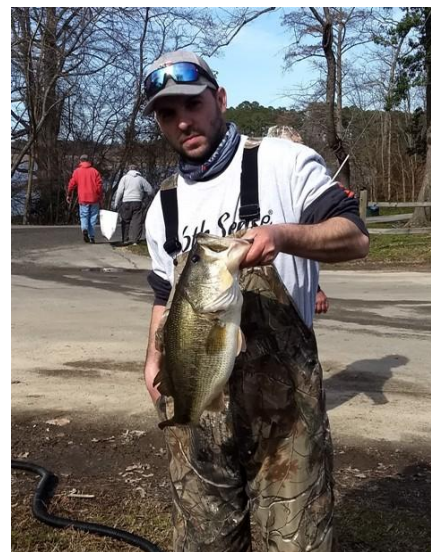
Tom Cirilli weighs the tournament's BIG FISH a 7.98 lb. Chickahominy River Largemouth



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## **2021 REGION 8 Tournament Schedule**

20 Mar (Sat)	Chickahominy (Rte 5)
24 Apr (Sat)	Kerr Lake (Eastland Creek)
12 Jun (Sat)	Pamunkey River (Williams Ramp)
31 July (Sat)	Chickahominy (Rte 5) OPEN TOURNAMENT
11 Sep (Sat)	Appomattox River (Appomattox Boat Harbor)
10 Oct (Sun)	Chickahominy (Rte 5)

The 2021 Region 8 season standings will be based on "Best 5 out of 6" tournaments.

## **OPEN TOURNAMENT on the CHICKAHOMINY RIVER** **31 July 2021**



We are pleased to announce the date for the 2021 REGION 8 Open Tournament at the Chickahominy Riverfront Park (Rte 5 Ramp). Tournament limit remains 5 fish per boat. This allows participants an opportunity to fish individually or as a team. The tournament will be on Saturday, 31 July. We will again be paying 1 PLACE for every 5 ENTRIES with a GUARANTEED \$1000 minimum First Place. Of course we will still have the Big Bass award and a \$100 cash prize to the best finishing youth (ages 16 & under). Get your registration in early since boat launch positions are based on the order in which registrations are received! Registration forms are available on the Region 8 Web Site: [www.vabassregion8.com](http://www.vabassregion8.com) , just select the "OPEN TOURNAMENT" tab to access the registration form.





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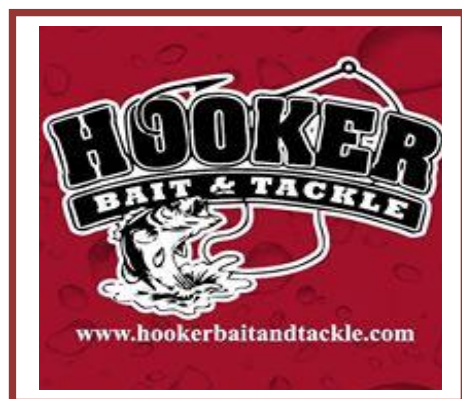
## Regions 8's "Rods & Reels for Kids"



The "Rods & Reels for Kids" efforts continue as youth events are slowly returning to normal. We are currently preparing Rods & Reels to be available during the SAF State Championship on South Holston Lake on 17 April, for the Region 1 Youth Fishing event in June, and the Tony Huddleston Memorial Fishing Rodeo in Christiansburg this fall. We have reconditioned and given out rod & reels to Virginia Youth anglers competing at our tournaments and provided the Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center near Appomattox, Va. with sufficient rod & reel combo's to support their next Youth Fishing Camp. We would like to thank our "Rods & Reels for Kids" Program Partners, Bass Pro Shop of Hampton, who continues to support our efforts with their donations.



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## Region 10

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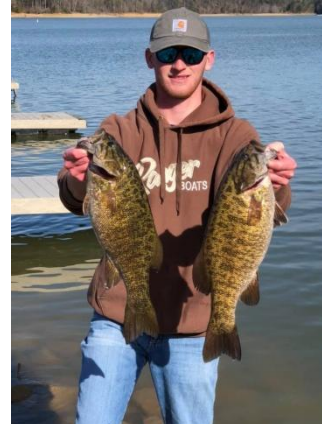
Decisions, that's what competitive bass fishing is all about! The fish are located, the knots are retied with fresh line, all the right lures are readied for action and you think to yourself *"this is going to be one good tournament!"* Then, OOPS, rain. The lake raised 3 feet then it drops a foot, the fish, well their gone. *Should I keep fishing where I caught them on Tuesday? Should I go to the river and fish stained water or is it too muddy? Jerkbait, Swimmbait, Crankbait, maybe they'll hit a Spinnerbait? I'd better run to the tackle shop to see if there's a hot new lure or color. Just maybe, someone there will slip and let a secret out that will help me figure this out.*

### South Holston Lake (6 March)

Jeff Quinn and Hunter Eaton made all the right decisions during our first tournament on beautiful South Holston Lake this past March 6<sup>th</sup>. They had an impressive bag of five Smallmouth weighing in at 18.61 pounds. Like the old song goes "When You're Hot You're Hot". They also had a fat "Smallie" weighing in at 5 pounds even. When the 32 boat field launched out it was a brisk 27 degrees and even though it got up to 47 degrees, the winds kept the chill in the air all day. However, the Region 10 Anglers met the challenge and weighed some nice limits of bass. Dillon Thompson and John Millhorn finished in second place with 15.99 pounds and following closely in third place was the team of Jamie Ratliff and Shane Winebarger with 15.29 pounds. In 4<sup>th</sup> Place was Mark Gage and Scott Wilson with 14.50 lbs and rounding off the top 5 teams was Kenny Horn and Darrell Brown with 13.80 lbs for 5<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations guys, WELL DONE!

Lots of fish were caught and releases ALIVE and WELL. Proof that most of the anglers are doing a good job "fizzing" those deep water catches, which is so important to protect our great fishery here on South Holston. Good Job Guys! Region 10 will be back on Holston on March 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be more decisions as the usual spring 70 degree weather will be heading our way, once again, everything will change. *Will they move shallow? Should I fish the deep clear water or go to the river and look for stained waters? Maybe the mid lake will turn on. Guess I better run to the tackle shop and check on that magic lure I heard about. What a fun game this is to play!*

*"Decisions" provided by Region 10's Mike Scott*





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### South Holston Lake (6 March)

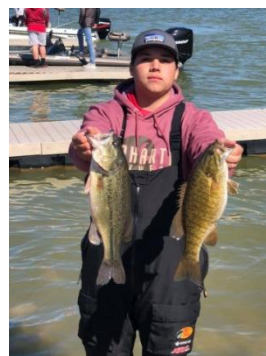


### South Holston Lake (20 March) Top 10

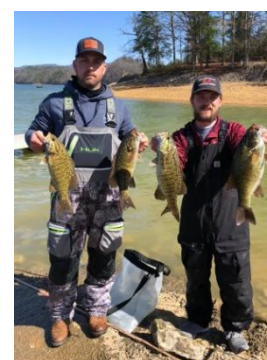
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Shawn Hudson / Steve Heneger	18.46 lbs
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Kenny Horn / Darrel Brown	15.31 lbs
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Chad Newberry / Brandon Newberry	15.04 lbs
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Doug Austin / Jim Keene	14.77 lbs
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	Clay Wineberger / Brad Ratliff	14.19 lbs
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	Kerry Jackson / Hunter Powers	14.15 lbs
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	Willy Browning / Brandon Creasey	13.52 lbs
8 <sup>th</sup> Place	Speedy Bunk	13.51 lbs
9 <sup>th</sup> Place	Mark Gouge / Scott Whittson	12.76 lbs
10 <sup>th</sup> Place	Tyler Altizer / Joe Altizer	12.71 lbs

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## REGION 10 continued:



## South Holston Lake (20 March)



## 2021 Region 10 Tournament Schedule

March 6	South Holston	OB's Knob	Safe Light- 3PM
March 20	South Holston	OB's Knob	Safe Light- 3PM
April 3	Watagua	Rat's Branch	Safe Light- 3PM
April 24	South Holston	OB's Knob	Safe Light- 3PM
May 1	Watagua	Rat's Branch	Safe Light- 3PM
May 8	Douglas	Dandridge	Safe Light- 3PM
May 30	South Holston	OB's Knob	Safe Light- 3PM

### Night Tournaments

July 10	South Holston	OB's Knob	7PM-1AM
July 31	South Holston	OB's Knob	7PM-1AM

### Region 10 Classic

September 18	Cherokee	25-E Bridge	Safe Light- 3PM
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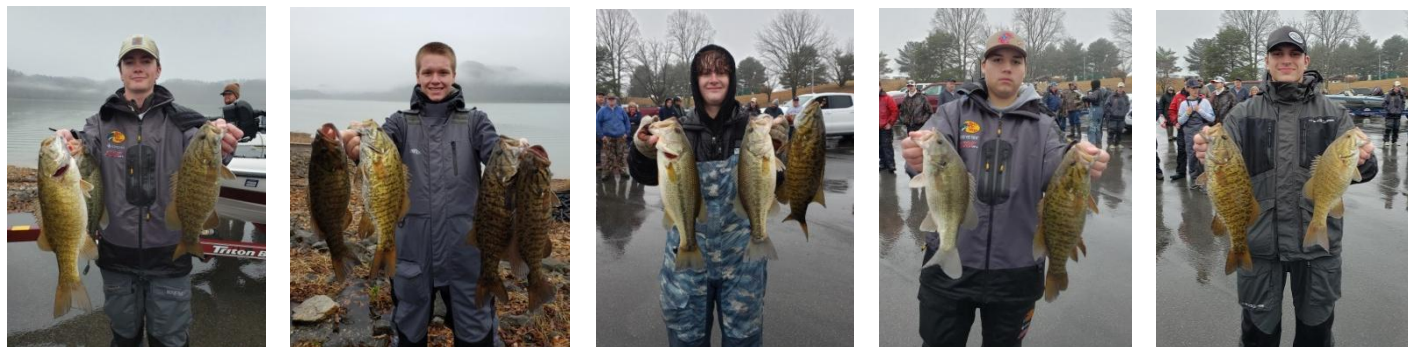
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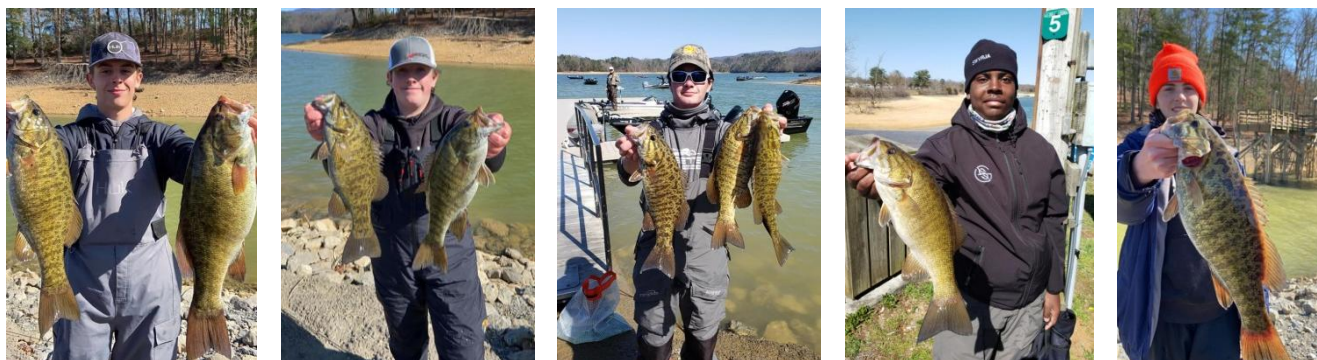
# Southwest Select

## South Holston, February 27th



Thank you to everyone who came out to the first Southwest Select tournament of the season! Our anglers grinded it out on South Holston this past weekend and impressed the crowd. Congratulations to Konnor Sweet for getting the win with a 3 fish limit for 9.35lbs. Konnor also won big fish with a 3.92lb smallmouth. Dylan Thomson came out in 2nd with a limit weighing 6.52lbs and John Milhorne rounded out the top 3 with 6.14lbs.

## South Holston, March 20<sup>th</sup>



We had a turnout of 19 anglers fish on South Holston, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Brenton Powers for getting the win with 7.85 lbs. Brenton also won big fish with a 4.96 lb smallmouth. James Smith came out in 2nd with 6.86 lbs and Dylan Thompson rounded out the top 3 with 6.55 lbs.

Thank you to Region 10 bass club for letting us blast off and weigh in with you all.

Thank you to all of the parents and boat captains who came out to support our anglers. Without our boat captains and sponsors we wouldn't be able to do this.

Thank you,  
Tyler Altizer

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