

# Tight Lines

Magazine

The Official Publication of the Virginia Bass Chapter Federation

SPRING Edition 2024



*Smith Mountain Lake:*

**Clay Winebarger / Cody Fuller**

WIN Team Trail West Regional

**Blaine Miller / Hunter Musick**

WIN the 2024 SAF-High School  
State Championship

**Rick & Chris Mills**

Compete for TBF Championship  
on Lake Sam Rayburn, TX.

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- West Regional Team Trail Results
- Virginia Anglers compete for TBF Championship
- High School State Championship Results



### 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.



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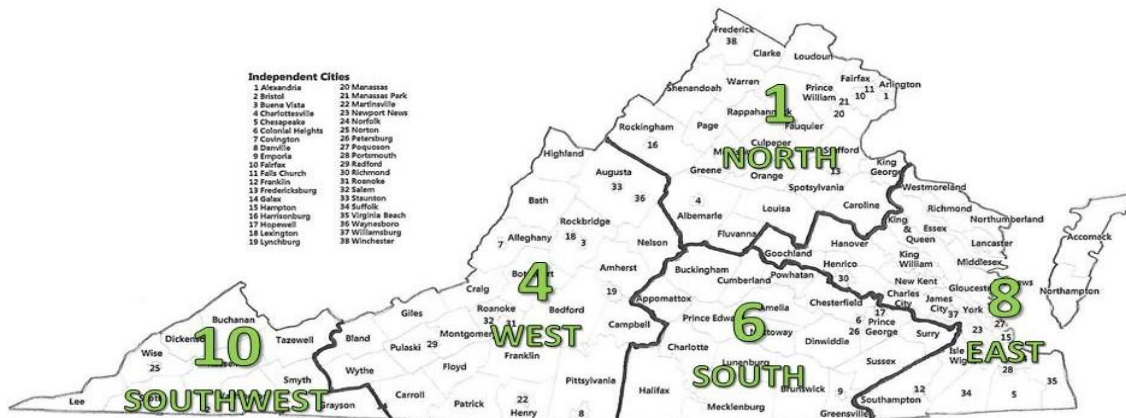
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# Presidents Corner

## Scott Whitmore

First of all I would like to thank all of our Members who came out to support our booth at the Richmond Fishing Expo this year. We had our Federation well represented and it was recognized by the event coordinator. Because of our great showing we had we were able to pick up a couple more full page sponsors in Tightlines. It was impressive to see upwards of 13 of our State Sponsors under one roof. I also would like to welcome all the new Members that have joined our Federation over the past year. Virginia continues to grow and remains one of the largest Federations in the country.

As of this writing we have two anglers competing in the 2024 TBF National Championship on Lake Sam Rayburn. The father/son Team of Rick and Chris Mills are representing Virginia for the Championship. We are wishing the best of luck to them both.

We now have our first two Regionals of the 2024 season completed with the first four State Team members established. We now have the North Regional coming up on April 20<sup>th</sup> on Lake Anna. While at the North Regional we also will be holding the TBF Tri State (Maryland, New Jersey, and Delaware) SAF State Championship. The two High School winners from that tournament receive an automatic Co-angler slot in their respective states National Semifinal. Registration will be closing soon so get registered before time runs out. Shortly after the North Regional we will move onto the South Regional on Ker Lake the 4<sup>th</sup> of May. After that it will be on to Lake Gaston on June 1st-2nd for the State Championship to lock in the final National Semifinal Qualifiers from our Team Trail. In addition to the State Championship we will also be hosting the Junior State Championship on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The winners from this Tournament will advance to the Junior World Championship the week of July 22nd-26<sup>th</sup>.

In regards to the National Semifinals (NSF), we can now qualify 10% of the field from your respective Region Tournaments in addition to your Top Club Anglers. With that said I will be contacting members starting in April to see if you are going to fish the National Semifinal on Kerr Lake in September. I will need your commitment and payment as soon as possible as we have the potential to have a large field with the added qualifying positions. As we complete Region and Regional tournaments I will be contacting the top 10% of each of those tournaments to see if you are going to fish the NSF.

Keep in mind the top six Anglers in our State Championship will become members of the 2024 State Team as do the top two Anglers from each of the Regionals. Making the Team gets you a Virginia Team Jersey and guaranteed free entry into the National Semifinal. After all qualifying Tournaments are over I will need to finalize the NSF Roster no later than July 1<sup>st</sup>. This year's National Semifinal is being hosted by Virginia on Kerr Lake September 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you have already qualified and are going to fish the NSF I suggest you get Hotel Reservations as soon as this could be a big tournament. Our goal is to have 80 Virginia Teams. If we can reach 80, we can send three Teams to the 2025 TBF National Championship next spring.

For those of you asking about the VIP Programs, we have been allotted a limited amount of Humminbird and MinnKota VIP slots. These are available first to the 2023 twenty man state Team members that are on active rosters first. After May 1<sup>st</sup> they will be on a first come first serve basis to active members. If you are a 2023 State Team Member contact me ASAP so I can give you your contract and codes.



*Presidents Corner continued:*

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Don't forget we have our \$1000 Visa Gift card raffle going on this year to support our Federation. The Drawing will be held on September 20th at the National Semifinal Championship. If each member would buy or sell just one ticket we can sell out this important raffle before the drawing. Sales are going good so far. Please consider stepping up and helping support your State Federation. This money is used to get tournament prizes and Jerseys for the State Team members. Because we there is the potential to have a very large National Semifinal that we will be funding. Along with the possibility of sending three teams to the National Championship which is a pretty large expense be on the lookout for a gun raffle to be announced by early summer to be given away in early November just in time for hunting season.

In closing always keep your eye open for TBF email blast and Facebook post to stay up on Federation news. I cannot go without thanking the Staff of this Federation that spends countless hours behind the scenes working with Sponsors to ensure we have product to give away at each tournament and to ensure the members have a good tournament experience. When you pass one of my staff members take a second to thank them for the time and effort they volunteer for this Federation. Without them we could not run these tournaments.

Tight Lines and best of luck in 2024

Scott



### 2024 Schedule of Events

January 7	Board Meeting (South Hill)
January 19-21	Richmond Fishing Expo (Doswell, VA)
March 2	West Regional – Smith Mountain Lake
March 2	SAF High School State Championship– Smith Mountain Lake
April 20	North Regional – Lake Anna
April 20	SAF Tri-State High School Championship – Lake Anna
May 4	South Regional – Kerr Lake
May 31	Board Meeting (South Hill)
June 1	Junior Angler State Championship- Lake Gaston
June 1-2	Team Trail State Championship – Lake Gaston
September 8	Board Meeting (South Hill)
September 21-22	District 12 TBF National Semi Final – Kerr Lake
November 3	Board Meeting (South Hill)

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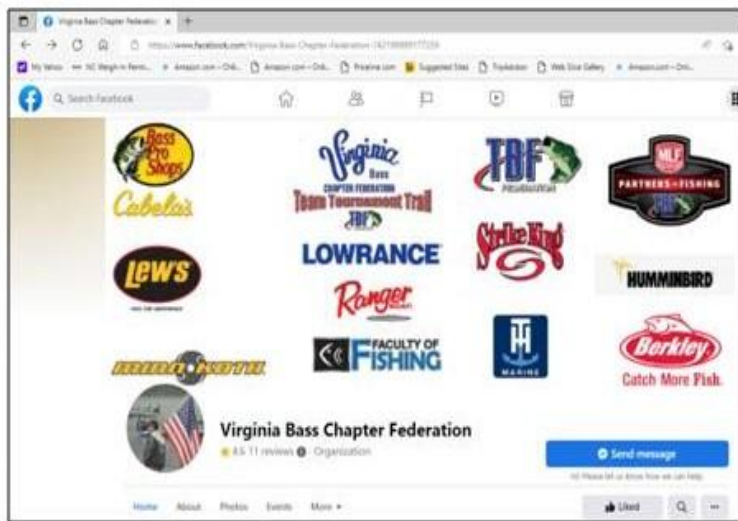
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## 2024 MEMBERSHIP:

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, Region 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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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 **“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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**Team Tournament Trail**

**2024 Team Trail  
Schedule**

**1. EAST Regional  
Chickahominy River  
4 November 2023**

**2. West Regional  
Smith Mountain Lake  
2 March 2024**

**3. NORTH Regional  
Lake Anna  
20 April 2024**

**4. SOUTH Regional  
Kerr Lake  
4 May 2024**

**State Championship  
LAKE GASTON  
1/2 June 2024**

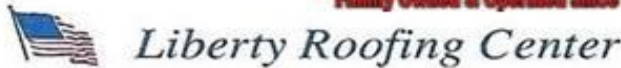




# Virginia Bass Chapter Federation



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# Smith Mountain Lake

## West Regional



Smith Mountain Lakes Parkway Marina was the site of the Virginia Bass Chapter Federations West Regional Tournament on March 2, 2024. The Team Tournament Trail West Regional was the second tournament of the 2024 season where Virginia anglers had the opportunity to qualify for the Team Trail State Championship Tournament to be held on Lake Gaston next June and the District 12 TBF National Semi Final Tournament scheduled for September 21-22, 2024 on Kerr Lake.



### Parkway Marina

### SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE

Within hours of the tournaments start a weather front rolled into the area bringing scattered heavy rain and cooler temperatures. Fortunately, the skies cleared in the afternoon as teams began returning for weigh-in at 3:30 PM. Anglers felt that the weather played a big part in the tough bite most experienced throughout the day. Eight of the competing teams managed to bring a limit of bass to the scales.

The Clinch Mountain Bassmasters team of Clay Winebarger and Cody Fuller took the tournament win with a five bass limit weighing in at 17.89 pounds. Zach and Bob Peaslee from the Claytor Mafia finished in the second spot with their limit of bass weighing 14.78 pounds. The third place team from the Black Water River Bass Club was Clay and Jeff Ross with five bass weighing in at 14.30 pounds. The next two teams were also from the Black Water River Bass Club. In fourth place was Greg Stallings and Ricky Grant with 13.77 pounds and finishing in the fifth place was Todd and Griffin Sheets with 13.53 pounds. The tournaments Big Bass, a 5.52 pound largemouth, was weighed in by the team of Jason Martin and Todd Whittaker from the Black Water River Bass Club.





**Clay Winebarger and Cody Fuller**  
Smith Mountain Lake - West Regional Champions  
17.89 lbs.

# Smith Mountain Lake - West Regional

## 2 March 2024



**Zach and Bob Peaslee**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 14.78 lbs.



**Clay and Jeff Ross**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – 14.30 lbs.





Todd Whitaker  
BIG BASS AWARD – 5.52 lbs.

# Smith Mountain Lake - West Regional



## Smith Mountain Lake - West Regional Results

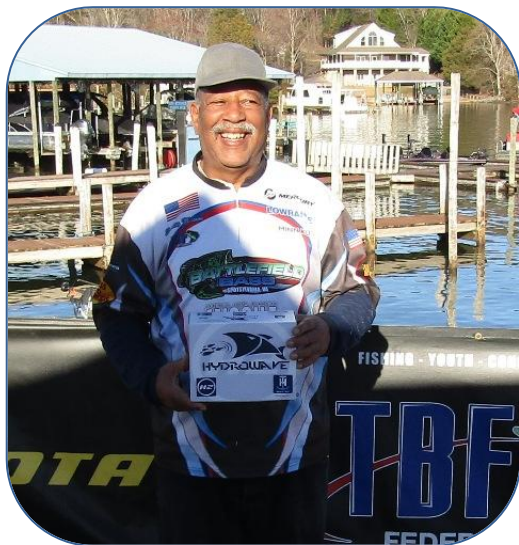
Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
1	Clay Winebarger	Cody Fuller	17.89
2	Zack Peaslee	Bob Peaslee	14.78
3	Clay Ross	Jeff Ross	14.30
4	Greg Stallings	Ricky Grant	13.77
5	Todd Sheets	Griffin Sheets	13.53
6	Jason Martin	Todd Whitaker	13.28
7	Daniel Eubank	Douglas Eubank	11.92
8	David Martin	Kevin Simmons	10.76
9	Michael Townsend	Jon Cielakie	9.72
10	Roger Walters	Renee Walters	9.64
11	James Vick	Frank Glazier	7.19
12	Jeff Rollins	Dante Villa	7.11
13	Jeff Meade	Scott Favors	6.80
14	Trey Gregg	Donnie Gregg	6.76
15	Floyd Dalton	Sam Dalton	2.23
16	Mickey Ellis	Brian Epperly Jr.	1.56
17	Dennis Heltzel	James Shorter	1.42
18	Joe Bandish	Eddie Minor	1.02
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19	Bert Fugate	Kyle Musick	0.00
19	Chuck Hart	Hayden Hart	0.00
19	Robert Hissen	Jennie Hissen	0.00
19	Tristan Matney	Jason Keene	0.00





As winners of the Team Trail West Regional Tournament, Clay Winebarger and Cody Fuller have earned a spot on the 2024 Virginia Bass Chapter Federations State Team and a free entry into the State Championship Tournament on Lake Gaston in June 2024.

Congratulations to the top ten percent of the East Regional field, 4 Anglers and 4 Co-Anglers each earned a berth in the District 12 TBF National Semi Final which serves as the qualifying event for the 2025 TBF National Championship Tournament. The TBF National Championship is a no-entry-fee tournament for the Top Anglers advancing through the Divisional National Semi Final Tournament. The TBF Championship is a weeklong event with the location announced later this year. Anglers compete for one of two championships: the Angler (boater) Champion or the Co-Angler Champion. Following the official practice days, the full field competes on Days 1 and 2, and then the field is cut to the champion of each TBF's 7 geographical divisions. These Division Champions compete on the final day for the TBF "Live YOUR Dream" prize packages worth over \$400,000 in total. At the 2024 TBF Championship, the Angler (Boater) National Champion received a Living the Dream Package valued in excess of \$125,000 in cash and prizes including a new Ranger 520R, with 250 HP Mercury Outboard, fully rigged, plus paid tournament entry stipends and to the BFL All-American and more! The Co-Angler National Champion received a Living the Dream Package valued at over \$35,000, including \$20,000 cash, plus paid tournament entry stipends and to the BFL All-American, and more! Each of the Division Champions (7 Boaters and 7 Co-Anglers) earned a berth in the BFL All-American Championship Tournament.



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# Virginia Anglers Compete for TBF National Championship on Sam Rayburn



Virginia Anglers Rick and Chris Mills joined TBF’s top anglers from across the nation and Canada at Lake Sam Rayburn, TX, for a weeklong tournament experience to decide the 2024 TBF National Championship. One Hundred four TBF anglers competed for National Championship titles and the “Living Your Dream” boater and co-angler champions prize packages worth over \$400,000. The fourteen Division Champion Anglers and Co-Anglers were awarded with a berth and paid entry in the BFL All American Tournament.

Rick and Chris earned the opportunity to compete for a National Championship by successfully fishing their way through local Club, Regional, State and National Semi Final Level Tournaments this past season. Rick and his son Chris earned their way to the championship tournament as the top Virginia Anglers at the TBF National Semi Final Tournament held on the Monongahela River, West Virginia this past September. Rick competed in the Anglers Division of the Championship and Chris in the Co-Angler Division.



TBF National Championship continued:



Following the official practice days anglers began their quest for the national title on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Anglers faced numerous challenges as the competition started. A cold front came through the area, the lake level was falling for repair work on the damn and some fish had just spawned which made the fishing tough for most of the field. Rick managed to bring a limit of five bass to the scales for a Day 1 total weight of 8 pounds 11 ounces. Putting Rick in 6<sup>th</sup> Place in the Mid-Atlantic Boater Division after Day1. Chris weighed in two bass on Day 1 at 3 pounds 6 ounces putting him in a tie for 5<sup>th</sup> Place among Mid-Atlantic Co-Anglers.

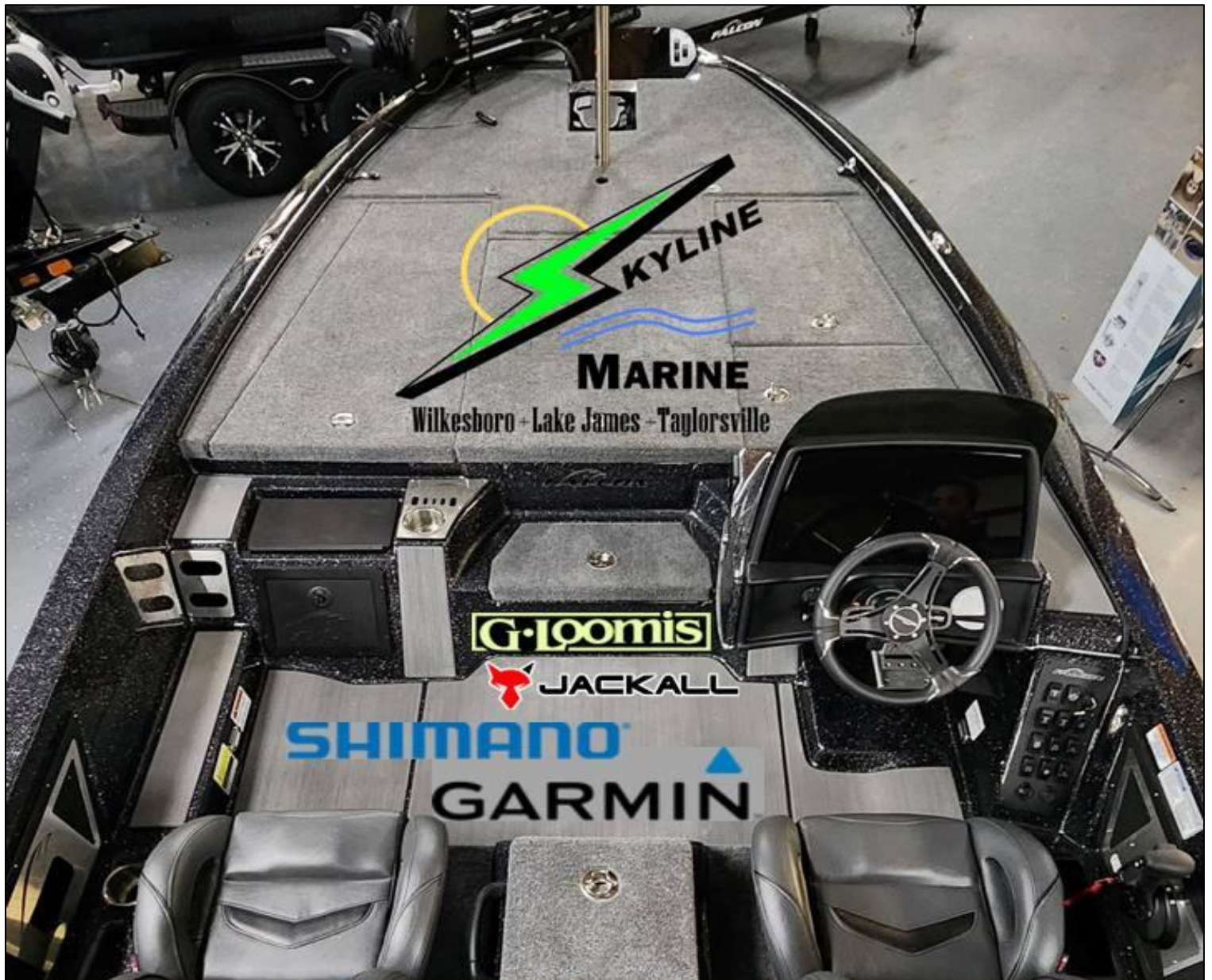


On Day 2 Rick improved his standing to 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the Mid-Atlantic Division with another five fish limit weighing 11 pounds 7 ounces. Ricks total tournament weight was 20 pounds 2 ounces. While Chris was unable to bring a keeper bass to the scales on Day 2, he finished in 7<sup>th</sup> Place among Mid-Atlantic Co-Anglers.

Both Rick and Chris are excellent anglers and great ambassadors for the Virginia Bass Chapter Federation Angling Community. The Virginia Bass Chapter Federation would like to congratulate all of the Virginia participants on their successes allowing them to compete for the 2024 TBF National Championship.



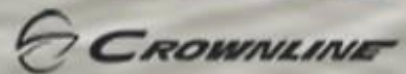




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**RICHMOND**  
**FISHING EXPO**



# Virginia Bass Chapter Federation Supports the Annual Richmond Fishing Expo



The Virginia Bass Chapter Federation started off the New Year at the Annual Richmond Fishing Expo held at The Meadow Event Park in Doswell, VA on 19-21 January. Throughout the three day event, Federation member volunteers gathered from across the state to support the Federation booth, visit with the many tackle and marine state sponsors and over 100 vendors. In addition to manning the state booth, our membership hosted a full weekend of "Reel Kids" Casting Skills Competition. The Federation booth always draws large crowds as it has become the premier youth and family event of the Expo each year.



Fishing Expo continued:



## Richmond Fishing Expo 19-21 January 2024



## Reel Kids Casting Skills Championship



At noon Saturday, 20 January, youth anglers that qualified at events throughout the previous year competed in the Virginia "Reel Kids" Casting Skills State Championship. A great time was enjoyed by all including Touring Professional Angler Bryan Thrift, who spent some time with the kids following the Championship round and presented the competition awards.





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# 2024 National Semi-Final Tournament

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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); Top 10% from each division from each Region Tournament Series event (Anglers qualifying through Region Series Tournaments must have participated in a State Team Trail Tournament each season). 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 30 June 2024 to the State Federation President. Qualified anglers will complete their State level registration and pay entry fees online through the State Federation. Once all qualified anglers have committed to fish the event and paid the required registration fee, the State will compile the master roster and forward the names to TBF.

**TBF Registration:** TBF will notify qualifiers via Invitation Email and link to their on-line final registration portal. Anglers must indicate acceptance of the email invitation to compete and register. Registration 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. Registration fees will be paid through the Virginia Bass Chapter Federation web site. Registrations are non-refundable.

**Tournament / Ramp Location:** Kerr Lake, South Hill, Virginia Ramp: North Bend Park

## Virginia Bass Chapter Federation State Tournament 2024 National Semi-Final Qualifiers:

East Regional – Chickahominy River      Anglers- Z. Whitt, G. Svatek, J. Wright, D. McLean  
Co-Anglers- L. Whitt, M. Klema, C. Rackley, J. McLean

West Regional – Smith Mountain Lake:      Anglers- C. Winebarger, Z. Peaslee, C. Ross  
Co-Anglers- C. Fuller, B. Peaslee, J. Ross

North Regional –Lake Anna:      Anglers-  
Co-Anglers-

South Regional – Kerr Lake:      Anglers-  
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Team Trail Championship – Lake Gaston:      Anglers-  
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## 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.



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# Angler Contingency Programs



Register at: NITRO: <https://www.nitro.com/tournament-rewards.html>

RANGER: <https://www.rangerboats.com/ranger-cup.html>

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Visit the [NITRO Rewards Website](#), the [Ranger Cup Website](#) or [Triton Gold Website](#) for complete details and registration. Registration must be completed and submitted prior to participation in a qualifying event in order to be eligible for prizes. Program term begins January 1 of current year and ends December 31 of current year.

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- Must display NITRO Rewards, RANGER Cup, or the TRITON Gold decal on driver's windshield/console of the boat.
- The factory installed NITRO, RANGER, or TRITON decals must be on the qualifying boat in the appropriate position. If the boat is wrapped, the decals must be put back in the same location and must be visible.
- It is recommended that anglers submit claims online for efficient processing.

**NOTE: Participants MUST be registered PRIOR to the event. Claims for rewards are solely the angler's responsibility.**



# Angler Contingency Programs



## 2024 TOYOTA BONUS BUCKS CONTINGENCY PROGRAM

**Register at:** [toyotatrucksbonusbucks.com/registration](https://toyotatrucksbonusbucks.com/registration)

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### TOYOTA BONUS BUCKS PROGRAM

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#### 2. REGISTER

Complete the official Program registration form online, email or U.S. mail. In addition, submit a copy of your current vehicle registration and / or title with your Program registration form. Registration must be received and confirmed by the Toyota Bonus Bucks Program Office prior to fishing in your first contingency paying event. You will receive an email response once your registration has been approved. You do not have to re-register for the Program annually, unless your information has changed.

#### 3. FISH

Participate in a contingency paying tournament, and post the highest placing finish of those who have registered for the program. Select Bassmaster, MLF and Team Tournament Trail events will pay the top two highest placing finishes. Highest finishes must fall within the top 50% of the field, with a minimum field size of no less than 30 boats. A list of supported events and payouts are posted on this website.

#### 4. REDEEM

Submit the Official Contingency Claim Form, along with a copy of your truck title and / or current truck registration, within 30-days of your finish. Upon verification and approval, your contingency payment will be sent via U.S. mail. Winners should allow a minimum of 8 weeks for approval, processing and distribution.

**NOTE: The District 12 TBF National Semi Final Tournament is an eligible event and State Team members are eligible for this contingency program. Participants MUST be registered PRIOR to the event. Claims for rewards are solely the angler's responsibility.**

# Angler Contingency Programs

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**FISH A QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT:** Registered Impulse Lithium Tournament Rewards Program Anglers fishing in any TBF tournament with 60 boats or more are eligible.

**CLAIM YOUR REWARD:** Win a qualifying tournament and submit your claim form within 30 days of the tournament results to claim your Impulse Lithium Tournament Award.

**NOTE: Participants MUST be registered PRIOR to the event. Restrictions and Rules Apply. Claims for rewards are solely the angler's responsibility.**





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# Vice President

## Steve Hajdasz

### *A note from the VP*

After the long winter wait, tournament season has finally arrived. Following all the fishing expos and winter fishing flea markets most of us are ready to get on the water and try out the new baits we picked up over past few months.

As we load our boat with tackle and equipment, it's always a good idea to check out our boat and equipment.

Here is a list I've put together of the any things I check on before heading for the water:

- 1) Fire Extinguisher – This is an item that is required by law if you have a built in fuel tank or tanks. Check to make sure they are fully charged, easily accessible and are stored away from the engine and fuel tanks.
- 2) Distress signaling devices – A noise making device such as an air horn or whistle are required. If you are carrying flares make sure they are not expired and kept in a dry box or other waterproof container.
- 3) Navigation lights – these are required at nearly every tournament as early morning launches are the norm. Even if you are not fishing in a tournament these lights are required at night and during low light boat operations. Always be sure to check that these lights are in working order, are of adequate brightness and you have an extra bulb stored away in case it's needed.
- 4) First aid kit – We all have encountered the need for a band aid or a bandage due to minor mishaps on the water. A small first aid kit with bandages, band aids and ointment and some aspirin (or other pain meds) is a must. Again this needs to be kept in a dry box or water tight compartment.
- 5) Communication device – We all carry cell phones in these modern times. These can be used in the case of a breakdown. Be sure the phone has an adequate charge prior to hitting the water.
- 6) A throwable PFD – One of these is required to be on your boat at all times. They must either be kept on the deck or in an easily accessible compartment with nothing on top of them. Also they must be in serviceable condition, free of holes and free of mildew, and of course able to float.
- 7) Life jackets – These are required for every person on the boat and must be the correct size for each person on the boat. These also must be free of holes and mildew and inflatable PFD's must also be properly set up and charged with the proper size CO2 cartridge.

In addition to the above necessary items it's a good idea to have extra dock lines, an extra cut off switch lanyard, sunscreen, plenty of water and, of course, your fishing license, proof of Boating Safety Training, and Certificate of Number/registration for your boat.

I hope these reminders and helpful and keeps you thinking about being safe on the water.

Good luck fishing this year and remember have fun and be safe.

Steve Hajdasz  
Vice President



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# Conservation Director

## John Flicek

The biannual Virginia DWR Regulation Review cycle began in mid January. The initial phase of solicitation from anglers has completed. The results are being compiled and will be presented to DWR's Wildlife and Boat Committee on March 20<sup>th</sup>. From the information gathered the DWR staff will evaluate the inputs and put together proposals for regulatory changes where warranted. The draft regulations will again be opened for public comment midyear. These public comment periods are your opportunity to be informed and participate in the process.

I had the opportunity to attend the Tidal Rivers Bass Summit presented by DWR Biologists managing subject tidal waters. It was the first such gathering and I found it very informative. For the first event of this type the participation from anglers from throughout eastern Virginia was good. There were presentations on each of the major tidal waterways with some very interesting information passed on and several great comments and questions from anglers. DWR is planning on making this an annual event and I encourage you take the opportunity to attend and participate in the discussions.

John Flicek  
 Conservation Director  
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 Cell: 757-635-6296

### *Invasive Species Efforts --- What do you need to know?*

**“CLEAN – DRAIN – DRY”**: Anglers are reminded that the unauthorized movement of fish/plants/aquatic life from one body of water to another jeopardizes the health of our fisheries and is illegal. Aside from the illegal movement of fish other measures have been enacted to help curb the spread of invasive species and nuisance plants/organisms with the implementation of **“CLEAN – DRAIN – DRY”** policies. Boaters are now required by law to remove any vegetation from their boat/trailer and drain bilges when removing there vessel from the water. The regulation doesn't require that you immediately drain livewells if you are retaining your catch for weigh-in or harvest. However, unused livewells and baitwells should be drained on site. Regulations also require that reasonable measures should be taken to dry out bilges, livewells and baitwells prior to launching into another body of water.

**ALABAMA BASS**: The Alabama Bass Education, Identification, and Containment Project efforts continue with distributing the educational brochures and sampling packets throughout the State. Anglers are asked to report all suspected Alabama Bass catches from any body of water other than the Claytor Lake, Diacunds 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. Anglers are encouraged to harvest all spotted bass caught.



Conservation continued:

Anglers are reminded that 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:

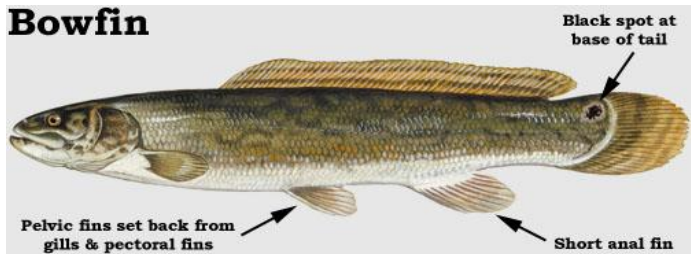
1. Take a picture of the fish.
2. Clip off a thumbnail-sized portion of one of the pelvic fins (pelvic fins are located on the bottom of the fish, just under the head.)
3. Store the fin clip dry in an envelope.
4. Email picture to to: [fisheries@dwr.virginia.gov](mailto:fisheries@dwr.virginia.gov) for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

**NORTHERN 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).

**Northern Snakehead**

**Similar-Appearing Native Species**



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.





## Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources

Greetings TBF members,

Spring is finally here! Hopefully, you have been able to get out on the water and take advantage of the recent string of warm, dry days. I wanted to take this opportunity to provide a few updates on tidal river bass management.

The DWR held the first-ever Tidal Bass Summit in February and will be making this an annual event going forward. DWR Biologists presented on Largemouth Bass population trends and ongoing projects in Virginia's tidal waters, followed by audience Q&A. I want to thank TBF members and leadership for attending and asking great questions. We covered topics ranging from disease monitoring and invasive species to statewide stocking efforts. We are planning to build on this event next year by providing a virtual option so more people can attend. Stay tuned.

Last summer, the DWR received many angler reports of Largemouth Bass with sores or lesions in the Chickahominy and James rivers. These lesions appeared to heal throughout summer and into fall, with impacted fish clustered around popular fishing spots and release sites (e.g. Chickahominy Riverfront Park, the thoroughfare). Based on sampling and preliminary testing, we believe these lesions were the result of spawning/environmental stress, fishing pressure, and a common bacteria present in tidal rivers. This seems to have been an isolated event, but I will be monitoring fish condition very closely this spring and summer out of an abundance of caution. If you catch fish with sores present, please take a picture and reach out to DWR at the number below.

Invasive species are still a big concern in tidal rivers. Northern Snakeheads are established in the Rappahannock and Piankatank rivers and have been confirmed in the Pamunkey River. Alabama Bass are present in the James and Chickahominy rivers. The DWR has not collected Alabama Bass from the Chickahominy River since they were initially detected in Diascund Creek, but we have gotten angler reports of their presence. DWR conducts invasive species monitoring throughout the year, but it can be difficult to detect species when there are very few of them. While that is a good problem to have, it also means angler reports are a critical tool in understanding where and when invasive species are found. It allows us to focus our time and effort on areas where they have been documented. If you catch an Alabama Bass or a Northern Snakehead, please take a picture and report your catch to DWR.

Finally, a reminder that the Rappahannock bass tagging project that began in spring 2022, is ongoing. Bass were tagged with a T-bar anchor tag that includes a unique identification number. We are asking to leave the tag in and report the catch to DWR at the phone number on the tag. The data collected thus far has been instrumental in our understanding of bass stock structure in the Rappahannock and will inform management going forward.



DWR continued:

I know this is old hat to many of you, but I wanted to keep these issues front of mind heading into prime fishing season. Thank you for your continued engagement with DWR projects and communicating concerns.

I look forward to seeing you on the water and please feel free to reach out via email or phone at [margaret.whitmore@dwr.virginia.gov](mailto:margaret.whitmore@dwr.virginia.gov) or (757) 406-2168.

Sincerely,

Margaret Whitmore  
Tidal Rivers Fisheries Biologist  
Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources



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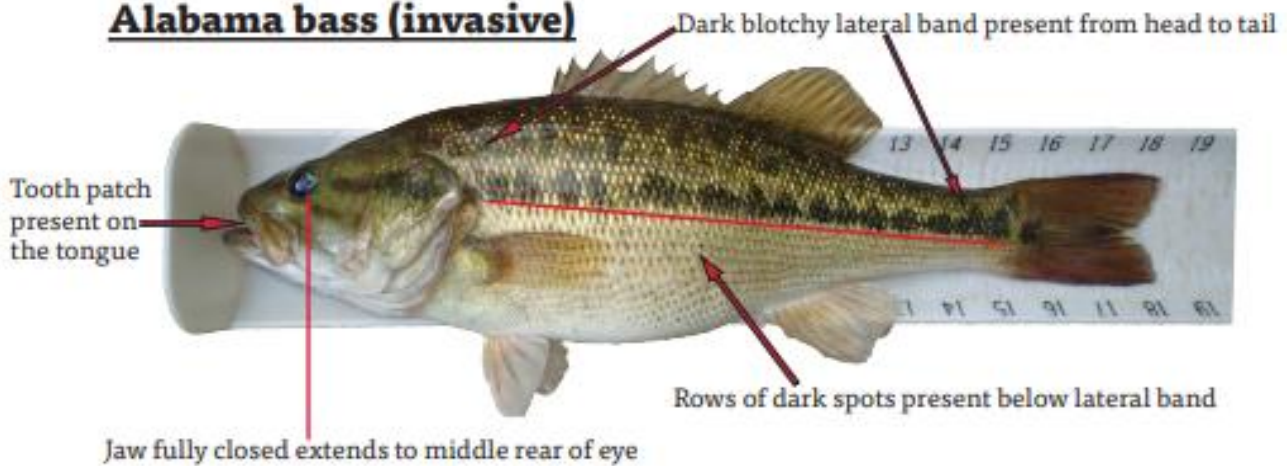


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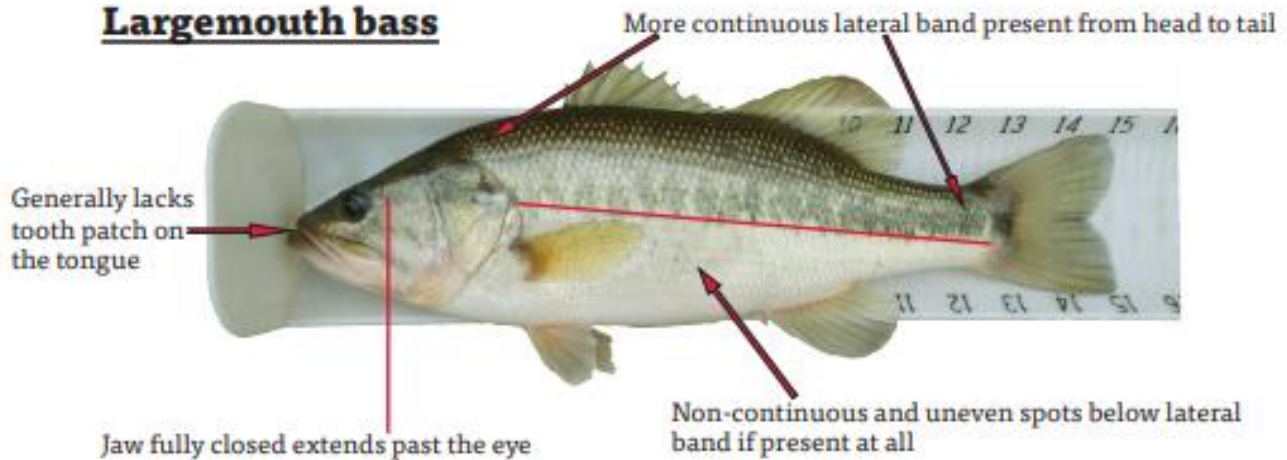


# DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE?

## 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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# Youth Program Director

## Tim Mick

*A few words from the Youth Director;*

The 2024 season is in full swing. The Student Angler Federation High School State Championship was March 2<sup>nd</sup> on Smith Mountain Lake. We had seventeen teams compete this year. The weather didn't cooperate on tournament day making conditions and the fishing tough. Congratulations to Blaine Miller and Hunter Musick on their Championship win with a five bass limit weighing in at 10.92 pounds. With this win, Blaine and Hunter have earned a berth in the SAF World Finals & National Championship at Lake Hartwell, Anderson SC on June 19-22.



### Blaine Miller & Hunter Musick

Virginia Student Angler Federation

2024 High School State Champions



The Virginia Junior Angler Program State Championship will be on Lake Gaston June 1<sup>st</sup>. All junior Angler Teams are qualified to fish in this State Championship Tournament. Contact me to register for this tournament. The JR National Championship will be announced soon, keep your eyes on our Facebook page.

TBF Junior Angler and the Student Angler Federation (SAF) memberships are always open. Now is the time to sign up as a new or renewal member for the 2024 season. There is only a \$25 annual membership fee per angler. There are no entry fees at any of our Virginia Federation hosted Junior or SAF tournaments. All you need is a boat, two anglers and a boat captain to fish in either the TBF Junior Angler (8<sup>th</sup> grade and under) or SAF (9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade) level. Watch for tournament scheduled in your area in each issue of Tightlines, on the State web site: [www.vabass.com](http://www.vabass.com) and on our Facebook page. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

See you'll soon. Be safe and fish much!!

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 State Youth Director  
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**Check out our Youth Fishing Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/viriniatbfyouth> for the up-to-date news and happenings in the Virginia TBF Youth Program**



# ATTENTION - HIGH SCHOOL ANGLERS

The 2024 High School World Finals and National Championship on Lake Hartwell, SC, on June 19 – 22, 2024 are open to ALL SAF High School members. Join the Student Angler Federation (SAF), Register, and Compete. Check out the Student Angler Federation web site: <https://highschoolfishing.org/> for details.

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Everyone fishes the HSFWF, we track weights of National Championship Qualified anglers separately for that prize.

#### THURSDAY IS CUT DAY

Top 2 from each STATE advance to the HSFWF Semi-Finals on Friday, everyone else to the HSFWF Second Chance round all weights are zeroed

Top 10 in the National Championship standings advance to National Championship finals Friday, the rest continue in HSFWF Second Chance Round

#### FRIDAY IS JUDGEMENT DAY! Day 3

##### 15th Annual High School Fishing World Finals

ALL WEIGHTS ARE ZEROED EVERYONE STARTS FRESH TODAY  
20 TEAMS ADVANCE TO SATURDAY'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP  
Top 31 FINALS  
SECOND CHANCE ROUND ANGLERS WEIGH IN BEGINS AT 2:15PM  
SEMI FINALS -TOP 2 FROM EACH STATE WEIGH IN LAST, TOP 10 SEMI FINALISTS  
AUTO ADVANCE DIRECTLY TO SATURDAY'S FINALS  
THEN THE NEXT TOP 10 IN TODAY'S WEIGHTS FROM THE SECOND CHANCE AND  
SEMIFINALS TEAMS NOT QUALIFIED COMBINED ADVANCE TO FINALS

##### National Championship Finals, Top 10

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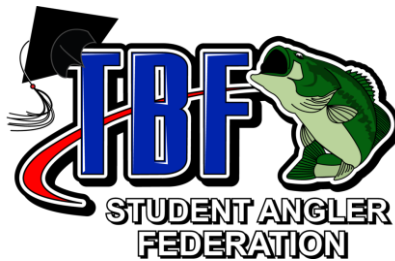
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# Virginia Youth Fishing

## Upcoming Events



The Virginia TBF JR Angler State Championship will be on June 1<sup>st</sup> on Lake Gaston.



The SAF World Finals & National Championship will be on Lake Hartwell, Anderson, SC on 19-22 June 2024



The TBF Junior Angler World Championship 22-26 July 2024

*Location - Coming Soon*



Reel Kids Casting Skills events & State Championship will be at the Richmond Fishing Expo, January 2025.



# 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 or High School State Championship title.

Virginia Bass Chapter Federation Point of Contact for Youth Angler memberships and tournament registrations are: Tim Mick, Email: [tmickbass@verizon.net](mailto:tmickbass@verizon.net) or Scott Whitmore, Email: [stratos.22225@gmail.com](mailto:stratos.22225@gmail.com)



## 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 Bass Pro Shops/MLF Open Tournaments. Tournament dates, locations and additional information on additional opportunities for Virginia High School Anglers to fish local events will be shared on the VA TBF Youth Facebook page.

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



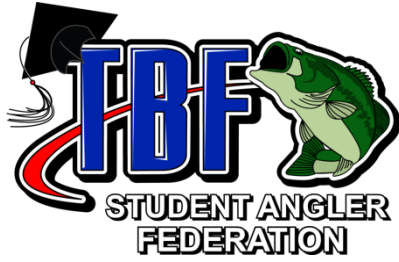
## 2024 Virginia Youth Tournament Schedule

The following tournaments are available for Youth Anglers (Junior Anglers and SAF High School Anglers). Anglers may contact the Host Region indicated for each tournament listed below for specific tournament information (the host Region Director Contact information is available on page 3 of this publication).

Additional information will also be shared on the VA TBF Youth Facebook page for each event: <https://www.facebook.com/virginiatbfyouth/>

Date	Location	Ramp	Hours	Host Region
March 30, 2024	Claytor Lake	Hidden Valley Ramp	Safe light to 3PM	Region 4
March 30, 2024	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park	Safe light to 3PM	Region 8
April 13, 2024	Lake Anna	Sturgeon Creek	TBD	Region 1
April 13, 2024	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park	7 AM - 3 PM	Region 6
April 13, 2024	Kerr Lake	Eastland Creek	Safe light to 3PM	Region 8
April 14, 2024	Lake Gaston	TBD	Safe light to 2PM	Region 8
April 20, 2024	Lake Anna	Sturgeon Creek	TBD	North Regional
April 27, 2024	Philpot Lake	Twin Ridge Ramp	Safe light to 3PM	Region 4
May 4, 2024	Kerr Lake	North Bend	TBD	South Regional
May 11, 2024	Lake Gaston	Pea Hill	6 AM - 2 PM	Region 6
May 18, 2024	Chickahominy River	Rockahock	TBD	Region 1
May 18, 2024	Pamunkey River	Williams Landing	Safe light to 3PM	Region 8
May 25, 2024	Claytor Lake	Hidden Valley Ramp	Safe light to 3PM	Region 4
June 8, 2024	Potomac River	Leesylvania	TBD	Region 1
June 9, 2024	James River	Hopewell Marina	6 AM - 2 PM	Region 6
June 15, 2024	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park	Safe light to 3PM	Region 8
August 10, 2024	James River	Osborne Landing	Safe light to 3PM	Region 8
September 7, 2024	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park	TBD	Region 1
September 7, 2024	Claytor Lake	Hidden Valley Ramp	Safe light to 3PM	Region 4
September 7, 2024	Kerr Lake	Eastland Creek	Safe light to 3PM	Region 8
September 14, 2024	Kerr Lake	Rudd's Creek	6 AM - 2 PM	Region 6
October 12, 2024	Smith Mountain Lake	State Park Ramp	Safe light to 4PM	Region 4
October 12, 2024	Potomac River	Leesylvania	TBD	Region 1
October 13, 2024	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park	Safe light to 3PM	Region 8
October 18, 2024	Nottoway River	Rte 258 Bridge Ramp	7 AM - 3 PM	Region 6





# SAF - High School State Championship Smith Mountain Lake

Student Angler Federation teams gathered at Smith Mountain Lake on March 2<sup>nd</sup> for the 2024 Virginia High School State Championship Tournament. Seventeen Teams competed in the championship event on what ended up being a cool and wet day of fishing. This year's Champions, Blaine Miller and Hunter Musick were the only team to bring in a limit of bass as the weather front all but shut down the bite. Their five fish limit weighed in at 10.92 pounds. Caden Hash and Owen Parnell managed to bring three keeper size fish to the scales that weighed in at 4.76 pounds for second place. The third place team, Garrett Taylor and Parker Taylor also weighed three fish for 4.14 pounds.

## Championship Tournament Results

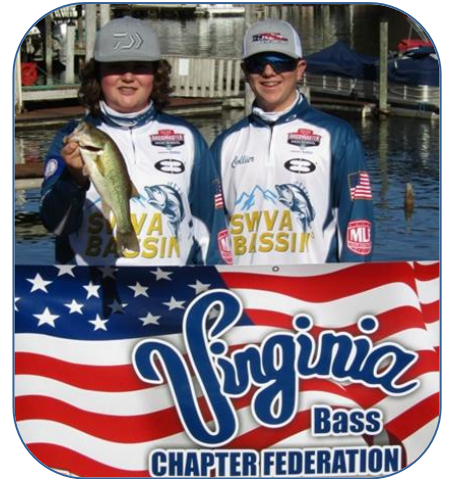
Place	Team		Weight
1	Blaine Miller	Hunter Musick	10.92
2	Caden Hash	Owen Parnell	4.76
3	Garrett Taylor	Parker Taylor	4.14
4	William Duncan	Jesse Roope	3.53
5	Payton McAndrew	Cutler Wooten	2.99
6	Ethan sage	Blake Hall	2.98
7	Collier Alderman	Dawson Lytton	1.54
8	Austin Thomas	Dakota Thomas	1.42
9	Jordan Barton	Dilan Lee	0.00
10	Alexander Duncan	Parker Taylor	0.00
11	Jake Hicks	Isaiah Booth	0.00
12	Parker Huff	Miller Woods	0.00
13	Zachary Lerner	Hutton Joshua	0.00
14	Gavin Lytton	Brody Musser	0.00
15	Aiden Meyers	Kevin Jones	0.00
16	Tanner Sims	Tyler Higgs	0.00
17	Joshua Smith	Landon ray	0.00







# SAF High School State Championship



# Smith Mountain Lake, Va

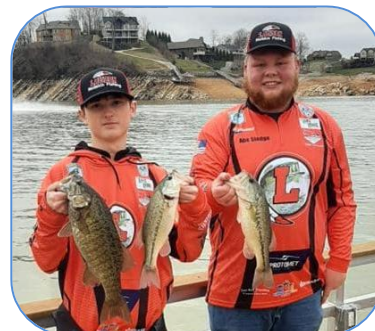
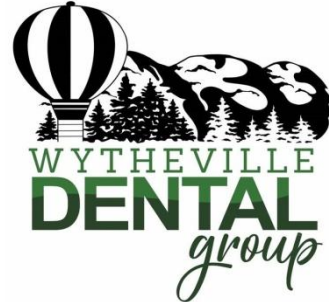






On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Southwest Select Series held their first tournament of the 2024 season on Douglas Lake in East Tennessee. The team of Jackie Hatfield and Graham Will took the top spot with 11.20 pounds. The second place team was Josh Matney and Connor Hicks with 6.51 pounds. With 6.40 pounds Tyler Gentry and Abram Sledge finished in third place. Tyler and Abram also took the South Holston Dental Designs Big Fish Smile Award with a 3.27 pound bass. The next Southwest Select tournament will be on Cherokee on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Southwest Select Anglers would like to thank their tournament sponsors for their continued support.





## Youth Tournament Results

Youth anglers joined the members of Region 8 on March 30<sup>th</sup> to fish a tournament on the Chickahominy River. Two teams, one SAF/High School and one TBF Junior Angler, participated alongside their adult counterparts. Launching, fishing and weighing in with the adult program gave the youth the experience of fishing in a larger tournament setting. Virginia Youth Teams are allowed to participate in State Federation and 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 State and Region Tournaments.



SAF/High School Anglers  
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**Harrison Guckert & Samuel Cruz**  
**4 Fish 8.07 pounds**

Region 4 had four high school teams and one junior team fishing with them on Smith Mountain Lake on February 24<sup>th</sup>. The winning high school team was Jacob Hicks and Isaiah Booth with 7.52 lbs. Jacob and Isaiah had a kicker that weighed 6.08 lbs.



Place	High School	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
1	SMLCA	Jacob Hicks	Isaiah Booth	7.52
2	PHS	Dawson Lytton	Collin Alderman	7.06
3	SMLCA	Peyton McAndrew	Cutler Wooten	5.52
4	PHS	Gavin Lytton	Brody Musser	3.56

Place		Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
1	JR Angler	Wyatt Royal	Hampton Hancock	0



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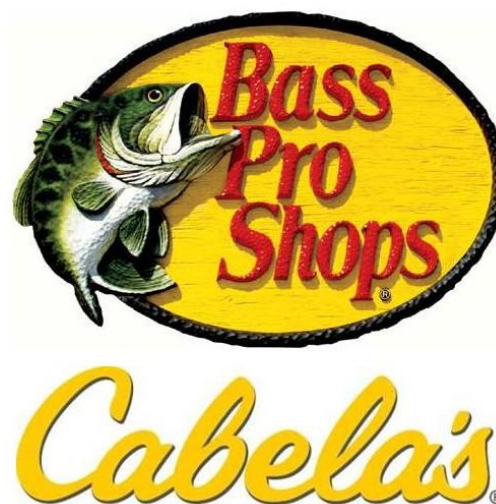
## “Rods & Reels for Kids” Project



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. Through the Spring Fishing Classic Rod & Reel Exchange Promotion the Hampton Bass Pro Shop has donated 199 rods and 310 reels in support of our ongoing efforts to provide new and reconditioned rod and reel combos to youth and organizations hosting family and veteran fishing events statewide. In 2023, the program efforts provided rods, reels, and tackle items in support of the Stafford County Schools D.A.R.E. event, the Fort Gregg-Adams Family Fishing Day, the Wayne Fenton Annual Veterans Fishing event, the Battlefield Bass Anglers Youth Sportsman Day event, the Christiansburg Department of Parks and Recreation / Montgomery County Public Schools “Jill’s Buddy Camp” for children with disabilities, the Annual Tony Huddleston Memorial Fishing Rodeo in Christiansburg and the Virginia TBF Junior Angler program. 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.



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# “Rods & Reels for Kids”



# Virginia Bass Chapter Federation Region 8 Anglers hold "Reel Kids" Casting Skills Event



Region 8 members from NASA-Langley Bassmasters, 5-Rivers Bassmasters, Peninsula Bass Anglers, Nottoway Bassmasters and the TBF Bass Bandits of Virginia hosted a Reel Kids Casting Skills Competition in support of the Hampton Bass Pro Shops Spring Fishing Classic Youth & Family Days on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

Each year Federation volunteers conduct events working with future anglers on developing their basic skills of Flipping, Pitching, and Casting. During these Reel Kids Casting Skills Competitions Youth Anglers compete to determine who could best demonstrate their skills by presenting a lure to a target from varying distances. The winners of each age group received a Bass Pro Shop gift card and Rod & Reel from Region 8. The top scoring participants advance to the State Championships held during the Richmond Fishing Expo in January.







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Region 1 would like to say thanks to the members that came out to help with the TBF booth at the Richmond Fishing Expo. This years show was a great success.

We had eight anglers that braved the morning rain and cold temperatures in the West Regional on Smith Mountain Lake on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. By weigh-in time the weather conditions improved yet the fishing proved tough for most anglers.

Our next Region 1 tournament of the 2024 season is set for April 13th on Lake Anna. We will be blasting off from Sturgeon Creek Marina.

Check out the Bass Snipers Club on facebook as we will be providing Region 1 updates through their page.

## Region 1 - 2024 Season Schedule

March 23	Kerr Lake	Grassy Creek
April 13	Lake Anna	Sturgeon Creek
May 18	Chickahominy River	Rockahock
June 8	Potomac River	Leesylvania
September 7	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park
October 12-13	Potomac River	Leesylvania



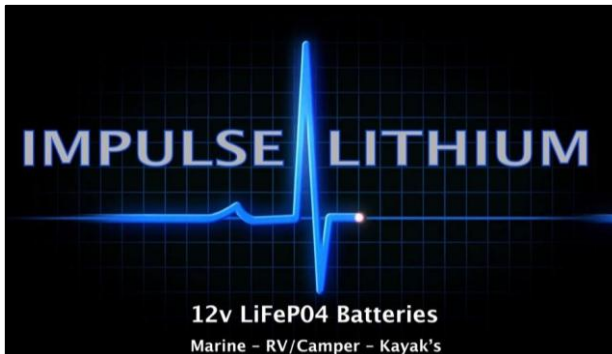
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# Region 1 Tournament Results

## Kerr Lake - March 23, 2024

Kerr Lakes Grassy Creek was the launch point for the first Region 1 tournament of the 2024 season. Robert Hissen topped the field with his five fish limit of bass weighing in at 14.41 pounds. The team of Jeff Meade and Scott Favors finished in the second spot with their 13.12 pound limit of bass. Larry Kempler and BJ Meadows finished in third place with 11.38 pounds. The Big Bass of the tournament a 4.02 pound largemouth was caught by Tom Hayes.

### Kerr Lake – Top 10

Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
1	Robert Hissen		14.41
2	Jeff Meade	Scott Favors	13.12
3	Larry Kempler	BJ Meadows	11.38
4	Mike Cole	Austin Cole	9.99
5	Joe Imler	TJ Shively	9.41
6	Tom Hayes	Craig Loudan	9.16
6	Jeff Nalls	Drew Nalls	9.16
8	Chris Craft	Scott Taylor	7.82
9	Joe Bandish	Eddie Minor	7.78
10	Harry Lambert	William Wykoff	7.14



**Robert Hissen**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place 14.41 lbs.



**Scott Favors & Jeff Meade**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place 13.12 lbs



**BJ Meadows & Larry Kempler**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Place 11.38 lbs



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# Region 4

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## Region 4 Tournament Results

### South Holston – February 10, 2024

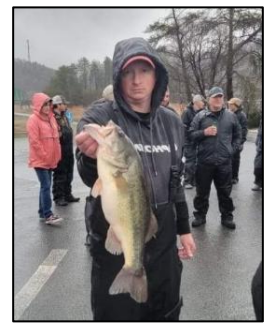
On February 10, Region 4 had its first tournament of the 2024 tournament season. It was a rainy day on South Holston, but as usual, there were a lot of fish caught and quite a few big fish. Corey Neece and Jon Saylor won with 20.3 lbs. They received \$1000 for their effort. We also had three high school teams fishing with us. The high school winners were the team of Alderman and Lytton.

Place	Club/Open	Boater	Non-Boater	# of Fish	Weight	Big Fish
1	Open	Corey Neece	Jon Saylor \$1000	5	20.3	4.4
2	Open	Mark Shaffer	Benny Neal \$750	5	19.94	
3	Open	Eric Rasnake	Derek Ray \$560	5	18.56	5.04
4	Open	Justin Bolts	Vince Bolts \$340	5	18.02	4.16
5	Open	Dustin Riddle	Carl Woodyard \$230	5	17.78	4.12
6	Open	David Combs	James Berry \$180	5	17.56	5.58
7	Star City	Chuck Hart	Hayden Hart	5	17.54	5.14
8	Open	Gary Hobbs	Matt Hobbs \$180	5	17.4	5.58
9	Open	Cody Ketron	Keegan Norris	5	17.3	
10	Open	Mark Gouge	Jason Chamblers	5	16.94	
11	Claytor Lake Mafia	Josh Friend	Nathan Lawrence	5	16.82	
12	Claytor Lake Mafia	Zach Peaslee	Bobby Peaslee	5	16.7	3.74
13	Open	Seth Martin	Dylan Thomason	5	16.6	
14	Open	Brian Barnett	Brandon Stanley	5	16.24	
15	Open	Isaac Richardson	Levi Miller	5	15.94	
16	Open	Matthew Gobble	Henter Eaton	5	15.84	4.92
17	Open	Jason Adams	Earl Adams	5	15.22	
18	BlackWater River	Daniel Eubank	Douglas Eubank	5	15	
19	Triangle	Paul Craighead	Brian Brunett	5	13.7	
20	Open	Mike Trivette	Lance Paroix	5	13.07	
21	Open	Seth Martin	Jered Looney	4	11.1	
22	Triangle	Josh Lambert	Cody Long	4	8.5	
23	Open	Bobby Elmore	Kenny Combs	3	7.62	
24	BlackWater River	Jason Martin		3	6.5	
25	BlackWater River	Mickey Ellis	Brian Epperly	0	0	
26	Triangle	Danny Reed	Aj Phenix	0	0	
27	Triangle	Charles Lee	Tony Morris	0	0	
28	Open	Robert Gross	Willie Browning	0	0	
29	Open	Curtis Rice	Jamie Whitt	0	0	
30	Open	Tracy Williams	Ely King	0	0	
31	Open	Thayer Brock	John Milhorne	0	0	
32	Open	Bert Fugate	Kyle Muside	0	0	
33	Open	Matthew Steffer	Anna Pitts	0	0	
34	Open	Rick Roberts	Tom Hensley	0	0	
35	Open	Mike Watson	David Valentine	0	0	
36	Open	Tommy Ostler	Ryan White	0	0	
37	Open	Shane Buckalew	Chris Irvn	0	0	
38	Open	Josh Osborne	Austin Brown	0	0	
39	Open	Neil Hartley	Kyle Smith	0	0	
40	Open	Chris Shaffer	Travis Shelley	0	0	
	High School					
1	PHS	Collier Alderman	Dawson Lytton	4.3		
2	PHS	Brody Musser	Gavin Lytton	0		
3	PHS	William Duncan	Jesse Roope	0		





# South Holston Lake - February 10, 2024



## Smith Mountain Lake – February 24, 2024

On February 24, we had our second tournament on Smith Mountain Lake. Smith Mountain really showed itself with many big bags of fish. The winners of the tournament were Chad Green and Johnny Martin with a huge 29.84 lb. limit. Their big fish was 8.46 lb. My understanding is that is the largest five fish limit ever caught out of Smith Mountain Lake.



**Chad Green & Johnny Martin  
WIN BIG with 29.84 lbs on  
Smith Mountain Lake**



# Smith Mountain Lake Results, 24 February, 2024

Place	Club/Open	Boater	Non-Boater	# of Fish	Weight	Big Fish
1	Open	Chad Green	Johnny Martin \$1000+\$350	5	29.84	8.46
2	Open	Elliot Pilson	\$720	5	24.4	
3	Claytor Mafia	Zach Peaslee	Bobby Peaslee \$540	5	23.56	4.22
4	Open	Seth Brogan	Josh Ingram \$320	5	20.76	
5	Open	Wyatt Kelley	Eli Carvie \$220	5	20.02	6.7
6	Open	Chris Atkin	Chris Atkin	5	19.92	5.4
7	Open	Sean Sabol	Anthony Banton	5	19.28	4.3
8	Open	Chris Lucas	Damien McMahan	5	19.18	
9	Starcity/Southwesten	David Martin	Kevin Simmons	5	17.88	
10	Open	Luke Durham	Josh Durham	5	17.82	
11	BlackWater	Daniel Eubank	Douglas Eubank	5	17.78	
12	Triangle	Charles Lee	Tony Morris	5	17.46	5.02
13	BlackWater	Greg Stallings	Ricky Grant	5	17.38	5.52
14	Open	William Croteau	Logan Combs	5	16.24	
15	Open	Jordan Hardin		5	16.1	
16	Star City	Ian Branson	Jon Branson	5	15.58	
17	Claytor Mafia	Josh Friend	Nathan Lawrance	5	13.94	
18	BlackWater	Todd Sheets	Blake Meeks	5	12.86	
19	Star City	Chuck Hart	Hayden Hart	5	11.8	
19	Open	Boogie Atkins	Carter Atkins	5	11.8	
20	Triangle	Paul Craighead	Brian Burnett	5	10.96	
21	BlackWater	Mickey Ellis	Brian Epperly	2	7.12	5.56
22	BlackWater	Jason Martin		1	2.44	
23	Star City	Dennis Heltzel	James Shorter	1	1.46	
24	Triangle	Danny Reed	Shawn	0	0	
25	Claytor Mafia	Tyler Stassin		0	0	
26	Triangle	Steve Deisher	Bobby Pauly	0	0	
27	Triangle	Josh Lambert	Cody Long	0	0	
28	Open	Neil Mosis	Randy Rose	0	0	
29	Open	Jeff Cullop		0	0	
30	Open	Mike Nichols	Mark Winn	0	0	
31	Open	William Johnson		0	0	
32	Open	Dennis Fox	Jared Looney	0	0	
33	Open	Ty Collins	Eric Testerman	0	0	
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37	Open	Aj Phoenix	Mason Phoenix	0	0	
38	Open	Steve Crist	Dennis Stump	0	0	



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# Smith Mountain Lake - February 24, 2024



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**Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> South Holston, Hwy 421 Bridge Ramp, safe light-4pm (Sm 15", Lm/ spots 12")**

**Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> Smith Mountain, State Park Ramp, safe light-4pm (all Fish 14")**

**Mar. 30<sup>th</sup> Claytor Lake, Hidden Valley Ramp, safe light-4pm (Sm 14", Lm/spots 12")**

**April 27<sup>th</sup> Philpott Lake, Twin Ridge Ramp, safe light-3 pm (all Fish 12")**

**May 25<sup>th</sup> Claytor Lake, Hidden Valley Ramp, safe light-3 pm (Sm 14", Lm/spots 12")**

(Must have 2 people in the boat for night tournaments)

**June 22<sup>th</sup> Smith Mountain, State Park Ramp, (Night) 7pm-3am (all Fish 14")**

**July 13<sup>th</sup> Smith Mountain, State Park Ramp, (Night) 7pm-3 am (all Fish 14")**

**Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> Claytor Lake, Hidden Valley Ramp, (Night) 7pm-3 am (Sm 14", Lm/Spots 12")**

(Must have 2 people in the boat for night tournaments)

**Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> Claytor Lake, Hidden Valley Ramp, safe light- 3pm (Sm 14", Lm/Spots 12")**

**Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> Smith Mountain Lake, State Park Ramp, safe light-4 pm (all fish 14")**

Only Region 4 TBF TEAMS will receive points for TOP TEAM of the YEAR

## REGION 4 TBF TEAMS FISH-OFF

**Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> Philpott Lake, Twin Ridge Ramp, safe light-4pm (all fish 12")**

### Fish-OFF Eligibility

(Must be a Region 4 TBF member who has fished at least 4 open points tournaments)

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# Region 6

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Region 6 started our 2024 tournament season March 23<sup>rd</sup> on Kerr Lake. The weather was nasty at blast off, however, as the morning went on conditions improved when the winds subsided and the rain stopped around 9am. Once the weather improved the fishing got better and over all it turned out to be a good day for Region 6 anglers.

## Region 6 Tournament Results

### Kerr Lake – March 23, 2024

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Mike Renshaw / Kenny Huband	15.45 lbs.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Tim Beyers / Craig Ferguson	12.90 lbs.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	James Vick / Brian Reedy	12.88 lbs.
BIG FISH	Mike Renshaw / Kenny Huband	4.24 lbs





## Region 6 - 2024 Season Schedule

March 23	Bugg's Island	North Bend	7:00 - 3:00
April 13	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park	7:00 - 3:00
May 11	Lake Gaston	Pea Hill Creek	6:00 - 2:00
June 9	James River	Hopewell Marina	6:00 - 2:00
September 14	Bugg's Island	Rudd's Creek	6:00 - 2:00
October 19	Nottoway River	Rte 258 Bridge	7:00 - 3:00

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# Region 8

Includes the counties of King William, Hanover, Goochland, New Kent, Henrico, Charles City, James City, York, Northumberland, Westmoreland, Richmond, Essex, Lancaster, Middlesex, King and Queen, Mathews, and Gloucester, Accomack, Northampton, Isle Of Wight, and Southampton also all the cities within them including Richmond City, Poquoson, Hampton, Newport News, Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Chesapeake and Suffolk. All of Chesterfield County except the areas of Colonial Heights, Ettrick, Matoaca and Enon.

The 2024 Region 8 tournament season finally got underway this past weekend, March 30<sup>th</sup>. It was great to see everyone again on what turned out to be great spring day on the Chickahominy River. Leading up to our first tournament of the season, Region 8 members had a busy month as we worked to support the Hampton Bass Pro Shop’s Spring Fishing Classic events. Our anglers manned the Rod and Reel Exchange promotion for twenty days straight. During that time we also held our annual tackle pack drawing. Congratulations to this years winners, Jay from Saluda and Mike from Virginia Beach. They were excited to have won and wasted no time in picking up their tackle bags packed with a wide variety of fishing tackle.



On the weekend of March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, our membership also conducted a Reel kids Casting Skills event at the Bass Pro Shop in Hampton. It was the stores kids and family weekend so it turned out to be a very busy couple of days. I want to thank our Region 8 members for all the volunteer hours that were expended throughout the month of March in support of these events. The successful Tackle Pack Drawing effort coupled with two full days of the Reel Kids events was a demonstration of real Region 8 teamwork. Additionally, the Rod and Reel trade-in effort netted several hundred items that will be refurbished in support of our “Rods-n-Reels for Kids” Project for 2024.





I'd like to welcome our newest sponsor to the Region 8 Family - **Teriyaki Madness** Asian Grill with fresh made to order, high quality healthy ingredients. I recommend that each of you check them out. They have two locations, one in Virginia Beach and another in Williamsburg, plus they will be opening a third in Hampton in July of this year. We will be giving out complimentary meal coupons at all of our tournaments this year.



**NEW FOR THE 2024 SEASON:** We've added a few tournaments to the 2024 season as many anglers have indicated that they would like us to fish more often. This will put Region 8 up to an 8 tournament season, whereas required by our bylaws, 75% of the tournaments will be used to determine the season championship. That means in 2024 we will count the best 6 out of 8 tournament weights (2 drop tournaments) towards the championship. In an effort to increase tournament payout in a way that would not increase the required tournament registrations fee, the Board has also approved the implementation of a "Side Pot" at each of our regular season tournaments. This "side pot" is completely voluntary for participation. The "Side Pot" fee is \$20 per boat and will only be collected at team check-in for each tournament. Payout will be a cash payment to the top boats that chose to participate for that tournament.

Please patronize those businesses that have and continue to support our Region 8 family: **Bass Pro Shops, Fishing Pro Tech, Dan's Heating & Air Conditioning, Teriyaki Madness, Feel the Payne Bait & Tackle, and Dove Designs Pro.**

I ask that each of us take time out of our busy lives to remember those that are serving to protect our nation along with our friends and family that are battling illness, mourning the loss of a love one, and facing life's challenges each day.

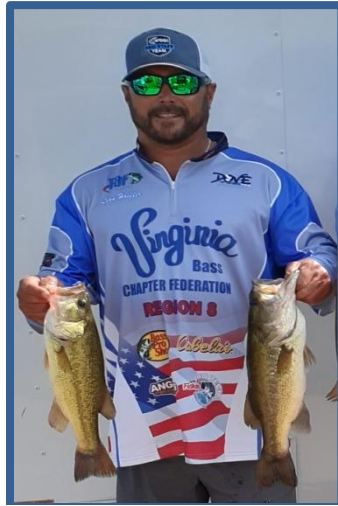
John Flicek  
Region 8 Director

## 2024 Region 8 Tournament Schedule

30 March (Sat)	Chickahominy (Rte 5)
13 April (Sat)	Kerr Lake (Eastland Creek)
14 April (Sun)	Lake Gaston
18 May (Sat)	Pamunkey River (Williams Ramp)
15 June (Sat)	Chickahominy (Rte 5)
27 July (Sat)	Chickahominy (Rte 5) OPEN Benefit for Lynn Hoeffler
10 August (Sat)	Appomattox/James River (Osborne Landing)
7 Sept (Sat)	Kerr Lake (Eastland Creek)
13 October (Sun)	Member Appreciation No Entry Fee Tournament - Chickahominy (Rte 5)

The 2024 Region 8 season standings will be based on "Best 6 out of 8" tournaments.

# CHICKAHOMINY RIVER Benefit OPEN TOURNAMENT 27 July 2024



The 2024 REGION 8 Open Tournament at the Chickahominy Riverfront Park will be a Benefit Tournament for long time Federation Angler Lynn Hoeffler. All proceeds from this event will go to support Lynn in his recovery efforts following the hemorrhagic stroke he suffered this past winter. Lynn is an accomplished angler and is well known throughout the local bass fishing community. Entry fee this year will be \$100 per boat. 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, 27 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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## Region 8 Tournament Results

### Chickahominy River, March 30, 2024



Sixty-six Region 8 Anglers kicked off the 2024 tournament season on the Chickahominy River on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Anglers began arriving at the James City County Chickahominy Riverfront Park around 5 AM for check-in and preparation for the tournament start at safe light. The air was a crisp 37 degrees as teams lined up for blast-off from the new pier at Chickahominy Riverfront Park. Fortunately, it warmed up quickly following sunrise hitting the upper 70's by weigh-in time.



The Nottoway Bassmasters team of Billy Allen and Joe Davis won the tournament with an impressive 5 fish limit of bass weighing in at 20.93 pounds. Their limit included three bass that were 5 pounds or better including the tournaments Big Bass a 5.96 pound largemouth. The father and son team from the Peninsula Bass Anglers, Dave and Jacob McLean finished in 2nd Place with their limit weighing in at 18.34 pounds. In Third Place with 18.10 pounds was the RVA Bassmasters team of Mike Coleman and Tracy Gravely. The next two positions were Nottoway Bassmaster teams. Mike and John Guzik took the 4th spot with their limit of bass weighing 17.98 pounds and the father and son team of Craig and Cameron Cheek finished in 5<sup>th</sup> Place with 14.88 pounds.



## Chickahominy River Results (Top 25 Teams)

Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
1	Billy Allen	Joe Davis	20.93
2	Dave McLean	Jacob McLean	18.34
3	Mike Coleman	Tracy Gravelly	18.10
4	Mike Guzik	John Guzik	17.98
5	Craig Cheek	Cameron Cheek	14.88
6	Kevin Morford		14.62
7	Gary Svatek	Marty Klema	14.55
8	Brad Webb	Nicky Skinner	14.24
9	Chris Fiore		13.87
10	Ken Jaco	Michael Williams	13.81
11	Zack Clark	Sam Dalton	13.75
12	Cody Wilson	Keith Jones	13.54
13	Tyler Caldwell	Ben Fisher	12.91
14	Jeff Valentin	Carlton "Moose" Wells	12.35
15	Bill Roberts		12.24
16	Steve Finch	Erik Egnatz	12.23
17	Kevin Phillips	Ray Allen	11.39
18	Tev Rollins	Elijah Roberson	11.09
19	Bob Everhart	Bob Hladik	10.96
20	Greg Bryan	Ricky Gent	10.86
21	James Whitehead	David Gardner	10.77
22	Lee Johnson	Glenn Stateman	10.72
23	Avery Neely	George Prokopis	10.62
24	Jeff Knapp	Aiden Knapp	10.57
25	Eddie Hogge	Darrell Smith	9.62



**Billy Allen & Joe Davis**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Place 20.93 lbs.**



**Dave & Jacob McLean**  
**2nd Place 18.34 lbs.**







# Chickahominy River - March 30, 2024





## Club Tournament Results

**5-Rivers Bassmasters** kicked off their 2024 tournament season on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, on the Chickahominy River. Nicky Skinner topped the field with a limit of bass weighing in at 14.49 lbs. Nicky also weighed the tournaments Big Bass, a 4.65 pound largemouth. Dave McLean took the second spot with a limit weighing in at 12.60 lbs. Zach Clark followed in third place with three fish weighing 9.16 lbs.

### Chickahominy River results – March 16, 2024 (Top10)

Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight	Points
1	Nicky Skinner		14.49	50
2	Dave McLean		12.60	45
3	Zach Clark		9.16	40
4	Glenn Stateman		7.05	39
5	Bill Clancy		5.64	38
6		Mark Elliott	4.93	37
7	Lee Johnson		4.03	36
8	Frank Reeves		3.99	35
9	Ray Allen		3.84	34
10	Scott Coons		1.74	33



**RVA Bassmasters** also started their 2024 tournament season on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, on the Chickahominy River. Chris Fiore won the tournament with over 17 pounds anchored by a 5.61 pound largemouth to take Big Fish. Doug Griles and Brandon Ennis finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> Place with a little over 13 lbs. Avery Neely was in the third spot with 11 lbs. Ken Jaco and Michael Williams finished with a little over 10 lbs for fourth place.



**Bass Bandits of Virginia**, 17 Mar 2024, Chickahominy River recap. The Bandits had 20 boats blast off on what turned out to be an absolutely beautiful day on the water. Water temps were in the mid 50s. Fishing did prove to be tough for some as we had 5 boats not weigh and 12 limits brought to the scales. Joe Pitt and Chris Ricks took the wing with 14.83 lbs. Mike and Glen Edwards weighed in a 4.40 lbs largemouth for the tournaments Big Bass Lunker Award. Larry Phelps and Jeremy Harmon received the First Place out of the Money prize compliments of Feeling the Payne Fishing.

### Chickahominy River results – March 17, 2024 (Top 5)

Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
1	Joe Pitt	Chris Ricks	14.83
2	Mike Edwards	Glen Edwards	13.82
3	Wes Graham	Andrew Graham	13.55
4	Steve Edwards	Lance Edwards	12.40
5	Larry Phelps	Jeremy Harmon	11.96





## 2024 Region 8 Club Tournament Schedules

### 5-Rivers Bassmasters

16 March (Sat)	Chickahominy River (Riverfront Park)
27 Apr (Sat)	Kerr Lake (Eastland Creek)
11 May (Sat)	Pasquotank River
22 June (Sat)	Northwest River (Bob's Fishin Hole)
13 July (Sat)	Mattaponi River (Walkerton)
24 Aug (Sat)	Pamunkey River (Williams)
28 Sept (Sat)	Chowan River (Shoups Landing)
26 October (Sat)	"Dash 4 the Cash" TBD



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Mar 3	Chowan River (Shoups Landing)
Mar 17	Chickahominy River (RT 5)
Apr 7	Nottoway River (RT 258)
Apr 28	Lake Chesdin (Public Ramp)
May 12	Blackwater River (Barretts Landing)
May 26	Chickahominy River (RT 5)
Jun 9	Chowan River (Shoups Landing)
Jun 23	Blackwater River (Barretts Landing)
Jul 7	Nottoway River (RT 258)
Jul 21	Lake Chesdin (Public Ramp)
Aug 11	Appomattox River (Hopewell)
Aug 25	Chickahominy River (RT 5)
Sep 8	Chowan River (Shoups Landing)
Sep 29	Chickahominy River (RT 5)
Oct 6	Blackwater River (Barretts Landing)
Oct 20	Lake Chesdin (Public Ramp)
Nov 9-10	Club Classic Locations TBA

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**Director – Darrell Brown**

# Region 10

Includes the counties of Tazewell, Buchanan, Dickenson, Smyth, Russell, Wise, Grayson, Washington, Scott, and Lee also all cities within them.

Region 10 Anglers;

Region 10 is well underway towards having another banner season and new memberships continue to grow. Our tournament turn outs have been great even though bad weather seems to land on every tournament day on schedule so far. I encourage everyone to use Facebook to stay up to date on season progress, tournament updates and season point standings. I'm also working on some extra Open Benefit tournaments to improve the Fish- Off payout.

I'd like to congratulate our tournament winners so far this season. Jimmy Neece and Corey Neece at South Holston, Eric Rasnake and Derek Ray at John Flanagan Reservoir, and Austin Brown at Boone Lake. Also, congratulations to Clay Winebarger and Cody Fuller on their win at Smith Mountain Lake at the West Regional State Tournament. On the youth side, we applaud Blaine Miller and Hunter Musick on their win at the 2024 SAF State Championship. Great job everyone on your successes representing our Region.

Region 10 clubs are always open to new membership. Check out our Region 10 Virginia Bass Facebook page for information on your local club representatives to get you started with a membership along with tournament schedules for both Region 10 and the Virginia Bass Chapter Federations Team Tournament Trail. As always, I can't wait to see everyone at our next event. It's been a great season so far.

Thank you,  
Darrell Brown  
Region 10 Director



## Region 10 Teams Win Titles on Smith Mountain Lake

Clay Winebarger & Cody Fuller WIN the Team Trail West Regional

Blaine Miller & Hunter Musick WIN SAF State Championship

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# Region 10 Tournament Results

## South Holston Results - February 24, 2024

Boat Number	Boater Name	Partner Name	Club	Total Fish	Total Weight	Big Fish	Points	Rank	Payout
22	Jimmy Neece	Corey Neece	clinch mt.	5	19.6	4.41	100	1	\$450.00
18	Vince Botts	Justin Botts	st. line	5	18.72		99	2	\$245.00
17	Derek Ray	Landon Ray	st.line	5	18.40		98	3	\$140.00
1	Austin Brown	Josh Osborne	st. line	5	18.06		97	4	\$115.00
9	Cody Ketron	keegan Norris (G)	st. line	5	18.03	4.01	96	5	\$95.00
27	Brandon Stanley		st.line	5	15.74		95	6	
11	Jamie Ratliff	Blaine Miller	st. line	5	15.63	3.81	94	7	
26	Brain Barnett	Austin Barnett	st. line	5	15.50		93	8	
13	Tommy Osborne	Boyd Coffey (G)	clinch mt.	5	14.85		92	9	
7	James Babb	Bobby Ferguson	st. line	5	14.74		91	10	
6	James Street	Kevein Rynolds (G)	st.line	5	14.53	4.42	90	11	290.00
10	Mark Gouge	Jason Chambliss	st.line	5	14.31		89	12	
12	Jack Dye	Jeff O'Quinn	st. line	5	13.75		88	13	
3	Kyle Musick	Bert Fugate	clinch mt.	5	12.68		87	14	
19	Clay Winebarger	Shane Winebarger	st.line	5	12.57		86	15	
16	Josh Hurley	Junior Bergman	st. line	5	11.90		85	16	
25	Levi Colley		st. line	5	11.46		84	17	
21	Paul Coleman	Charles Boyd	buch. Co.	4	11.31		83	18	
15	Tristan Matney	Jason Keene	buch. Co.	5	10.21		82	19	
4	Gerald Dye	Mike Scott	st.line	3	7.87		81	20	
28	Darrell Brown	Matthew Gobble	clinch mt.	2	4.88		80	21	
2	Tim Keen	Kole Rynolds	st. line	0	0.00		70	22	
5	Roger Clark	Andy Patterson	st.line	0	0.00		70	22	
8	John Ridings	Randy Riding	st. line	0	0.00		70	22	
14	Jackie Hackney	Randy Meade	st. line	0	0.00		70	22	
20	Jason Ferrell	Raymond Ferrell	clinch mt.	0	0.00		70	22	
23	Stephen Hartford	Charles Bartley	buch. Co.	0	0.00		70	22	
24	Mike Wood	Austin Kiser	st.line	0	0.00		70	22	
29	Doug Boyd	Jerry Tatum	clinch mt.	0	0.00		70	22	
30	Eric Rasnake		st.line	0	0.00		70	22	

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## John F. Flanagan Results – March 9, 2024








Boat Number	Boater Name	Partner Name	Club	Total Fish	Total Weight	Big Fish	Points	Rank	Payout
3	Derek Ray	Eric Rasnake	st. line	5	16.89	3.69		100	1 540.00
23	Clay Winebarger	Shane Winebarger	st. line	4	12.04	4.54		99	2 270.00
20	Bear Mullins	Mekhi Woods	st. line	5	11.49	4.09		98	3 185.00
10	Jason Compton	Garnie Sykes	Open St. Line	5	10.98			97	4 185.00
7	Kyle Musick	Bert Fugate	clinch Mnt.	5	10.11	3.33		96	5
18	Mike Scott	Gerald Dye	st. line	5	8.39			95	6
16	Junior Bergman	Channing Wimmer	st. line	3	7.99			94	7
12	Issac Woods	Eli Sykes	st. line	3	7.41	3.81		93	8
5	Darrell Brown	Matthew Gobble	Clinch Mnt.	3	6.8	2.52		92	9
6	Jackie Dye	Jeff O'quinn	st. line	3	6.55			91	10
14	Chris Viers	Otto Viers	Open St. Line	3	6.46			90	11
1	Tim Keen	Kole Rynolds	st. line	2	4.56	2.78		89	12
9	Jackie Hackney	Rodney Meade	st. line	2	3.95	2.76		88	13
15	Mark Vandyke	Andy Stiltner	Buch. Co.	2	3.65			87	14
19	Mike Wood	Austin Kiser	st. line	2	3.49			86	15
2	Johnny Blair	Greg Wampler	st. line	1	2.99			85	16
25	High School 1	Rider/Parker	youth	2	2.99			0	16
21	Jamie Ratliff	Blaine Miller	st. line	1	2.84	2.84		84	18
26	High School 2	Lee/Barton	youth	1	1.91			0	19
29	Jr. High School 5	Grant/Fleming	youth	1	1.35			0	20
4	Stephen Hartford	Charles Bartley	st. line	0	0			70	21
8	Zach Owens	Dwayne Owens	Open St. Line	0	0			70	21
11	Mark Gouge	Jason Chambliss	st. line	0	0			70	21
13	Keith Sykes	Bobby Sykes	st. line	0	0			70	21
17	Paul Coleman	Charles Boyd.	Buch. Co.	0	0			70	21
22	Levi Colley		st. line	0	0			70	21
24	Justin Allen	Jeff Allen	Open St. Line	0	0			70	21





# Boone Lake Results – March 23, 2024

Event 3 - Boone Lake - Region 10 Federation									
    									
March 23, 2024									
Boat Num	Boater Name	Partner Name	Club	Total Fish	Total Weight	Big Fish	Points	Rank	Payout
1	Austin Brown		State Ln.	5	18.26	5.16	100	1	\$505.00
14	Bobby Ferguson	James Babb	State Ln.	5	18.11	5.19	99	2	\$255.00
6	Gerald Dye	Mike Scott	State Ln.	5	16.58		98	3	\$170.00
27	Kenny Tims	David Combs	State Ln.	5	15.1		97	4	\$80.00
24	Brain Barnett	Austin Barnett	State Ln.	5	14.11		96	5	
23	Chip Chambers	Colton Chamber	Clinch Mnt.	5	13.83		95	6	
11	Roger Clark	Andy Patterson	State Ln.	5	11.54		94	7	
12	Jackie Dye	Jeff O'quinn	State Ln.	5	10.75		93	8	
3	Chad Newberry	Rodney Ray	State Ln.	5	10.69		92	9	
9	Mike Wood	Austin Kiser	State Ln.	5	10.47	3.23	91	10	
13	Mark Guoge	Jason Chambliss	State Ln.	4	9.96		90	11	
2	Tim Keen	Kole Reynolds	State Ln.	4	7.69		89	12	
8	Jackie Hackney	Rodney Meade	State Ln.	3	6.99	3.16	88	13	
22	Craig Wamper	Johnny Blair	State Ln.	2	6.42	4.23	87	14	
17	Eric Rasnake	Derek Ray	State Ln.	3	6.38		86	15	
18	Paul Coleman	Charles Boyd	Buch. Co.	3	5.65		85	16	
21	Tristan Matney	Jason Keen	Buch. Co.	3	5.64		84	17	
26	Clay Winebarger	Shane Winebarger	Clinch Mnt.	2	5.04		83	18	
4	Jamie Ratliff	Blaine Miller	State Ln.	2	4.78		82	19	
19	Levi Colley	Aaron Bard	State Ln.	1	3.23		81	20	
20	Vince Botts	Justin Botts	State Ln.	1	1.28		80	21	
5	Darrell Brown	Matthew Gobbie	Clinch Mnt.	0	0		70	22	
7	Channing Wimmer	Junior Burgerman	State Ln.	0	0		70	22	
10	Bear Mullin	Mekhi Wood	State Ln.	0	0		70	22	
15	Cody Ketron	Keegan Norris (G)	State Ln.	0	0		70	22	
16	John Ridings	Randy Ridings	State Ln.	0	0		70	22	
25	Kyle Musick	Bert Fugate	Clinch Mnt.	0	0		70	22	
28	Benny Neal	Bill Jenkins	State Ln.	0	0		70	22	
29	Josh Osborne							23	

## REGION 10 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

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FEBRUARY 24, 2024	SOUTH HOLSTON LAKE	421 RAMP	SL-3PM
MARCH 9, 2024	JOHN F. FLANAGAN LAKE	MOUNTAIN VIEW MARINA RAMP	SL-3PM
MARCH 23, 2024	BOONE LAKE	TVA RAMP	SL-3PM
APRIL 13, 2024	SOUTH HOLSTON LAKE	OBSERVATION KNOB RAMP	SL-3PM
APRIL 27, 2024	WATAUGA LAKE	RATT BRANCH	SL-3PM
MAY 18, 2024	WATAUGA LAKE	RATT BRANCH	SL-3PM
MAY 25, 2024	CLAYTOR LAKE	STATE PARK RAMP	SL-3PM
JUNE 29, 2024	SOUTH HOLSTON LAKE	OBSERVATION KNOB RAMP	7PM-1AM NIGHT
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