# 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 an 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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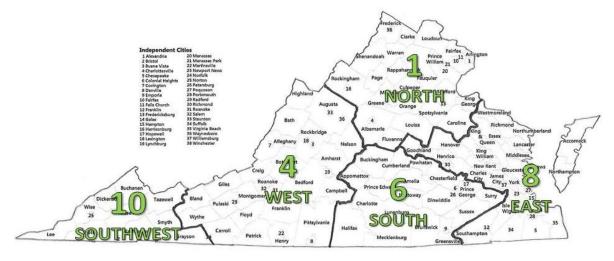
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#### **Virginia Bass Chapter Federation Regions**





## Presidents Corner Scott Whitmore

I hope everyone has had time to relax and spend time with your families over the summer. It looks like we are finally seeing the heat of summer fade away and the feel of fall approaching. With that come cooler water temperatures and the schooling of bait fish that will start the fall feeding frenzy for the bass. This is all lining up for our first Tram Trail tournament of the 2022 season on the Potomac River October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021. Now is a great time to sign up new members as anyone who signs up after October 1<sup>st</sup> has membership that will be good through December 2022 giving them three free months of membership and makes them eligible to fish the North Regional on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Reflecting back on 2021 as I mentioned before we overcame the COVID shutdowns and were able to cram five tournaments in four months and see a great increase in participation. Overall the 2021 season was a large success. We learned a few things with our new format and have made tweaks that will make it even better in 2022. We have just culminated our 2021 season with the completion of the National Semifinal on Sutton Lake in West Virginia. Although fishing was tough on that impoundment I have read many Facebook comments and heard from some of our retuning anglers about the friendships that were formed while there. I can also say I have seen and heard the same comments from the West Virginia Anglers about the guys that represented Virginia. This has been a constant since the new TBF format has been put in place. In the end Larry Kempler finished fourth overall and tops for Virginia in the boater division. Ryan Hachez finished second overall and tops for Virginia in the Co-angler division. Both of these Anglers did an excellent job of representing Virginia and now have earned a berth in the 2022 TBF National Championship next spring.

The 2022 schedule has been finalized pending a couple of ramp permits. Our Team Trail will culminate with the State Championship on Kerr Lake June 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 2022. This will give us a little over a month to set our National Semifinal Team. The 2022 National Semifinal Championship will be held in September on the Chickahominy River. If we reach 40 boats for that tournament we get to send four Anglers to the TBF National Championship and if we reach 80 boats we can send six Anglers to the Championship.

For 2022 we will be taking on a new look beginning with a new wrap for our tournament trailer over the winter. We are working on a new line of clothing that will sport our new Team Trail logo. As requested by several members we are looking and stocking some quick dry shirts similar to your tournament jerseys that will be cooler on the water than our current cotton shirts. We are also working on getting the needed equipment and apps to accept credit cards at the tournament site for Federation Apparel and Products. We are also looking into online purchases for these same products.

Presidents Corner continued:

If anyone has something you would like to see us carry let me know and we will take it under consideration.

The board is currently working with all our sponsors to renew them for 2022. We are also working with some new sponsors for the upcoming season. We can use everyone's help in acquiring new sponsors, think out of the box they do not have to be fishing related. Our sponsors are what enable us to payback 100% of all entry fees back to the Anglers. If you have a perspective sponsor steer me to them and I will help you.

In closing I want to share with you the pleasure I had attending this year's TBF National Presidents meeting in Davenport, Iowa. Virginia was recognized for our over 25% growth in 2021. It's a good feeling when you are told it's obvious that Virginia is doing the right thing. In talking with state presidents from all over the country and listening to their issues it validates that we are headed in the right direction and I left Iowa knowing that we had a good future ahead of us. My State Board of Directors all have worked hard behind the scenes to put this format in place but this is could not have been done without the support of our Members and you guys deserve the credit for us being successful, to which I extend my sincere Thanks! Hope to see everyone at the North Regional on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and also mark your calendars for the Richmond Fishing Expo on January 21<sup>st</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup>.

Scott









#### **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/NJ/DE 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

October 23 2022 North Regional-

**Potomac River** 

November 14 Board Meeting (South Hill)



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# Wembership News



**2022 MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL STARTS 1 OCTOBER 2021:** New members will receive up to 3 months of free membership by paying their 2022 membership dues starting October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Enjoy the remainder of the 2021 membership year absolutely free.

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.

TBF is "Owned By Those We Serve And Dedicated To The Sport Of Fishing."

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- Ranger Boats a direct rebate to any member who buys a new Ranger Boat! Ranger Bonus Voucher.com and BONUS cash for doing well in state and national events! Ranger Cup and the Ranger / Federation BONUS
- Lowrance
- Minn Kota
- Hummingbird
- Power Pole and more
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One hundred and fourteen Federation Anglers from throughout Virginia and West Virginia gathered in Sutton, West Virginia, for the District 12 National Semi Final Tournament on 25-26 September to determine who will represent their respective state in the 2022 TBF National Championship Tournament. Sutton Lake is a 1520-acre reservoir with over 140 miles of shoreline located in the wooded hills of central West Virginia. Each participant earned a berth in this Semi-Final tournament through their respective state level qualifying tournaments or their individual clubs/chapters.

Following three days of official practice, festivities kicked off with the Pre-Tournament Meeting on Friday evening, September 24, 2021, at the Days Inn Conference Center in Sutton, WV. Anglers and Co-Anglers went over the tournament rules, met their tournament partners for Day-1 of the 2-Day event, picked up their launch order assignments, received tournament jerseys and TBF sponsor product.



Anglers started arriving at Sutton Lakes Bee Run launch ramp shortly after 5 AM on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, in preparation for a "Safe-Light" tournament blast-off and the first day of competition. The previous practice days proved difficult for most anglers as the seasons first cold front brought wind and heavy rains that all but shut down the bite. By tournament day the temperatures were in the mid forties with overcast skies at launch time and warming to the mid-sixties in the afternoon.

The first flight of anglers started returning to the Bee Run facility for weigh-in at 3 PM. Most anglers reported that catching fish that met the tournaments twelve in size limit proved difficult. Only eight of the one hundred fourteen participants managed a limit of five bass on Day 1.

Day one Results - Angler Division: West Virginia anglers held the top five spots on the leader board. Robert Harkness who managed a five fish limit weighing in at 7.61 pounds. Robert also weighed in the big fish for day 1 at 3.11 pounds. In second place was Nathan Harper with five fish weighing in at 5.83 pounds. Following closely with 5.80 pounds in third place was John Christopher II. The fourth place angler was Brian Hill with 5.73 pounds. Holding the fifth spot was Tim Wade with 5.60 pounds. The top Virginia Angler on day 1 was Mitchell Camden with five fish weighing in at 5.43 pounds for sixth place.

Day one Results – Co-Angler Division: West Virginia also anglers filled the top spots on the Co-Angler Division leader board with Chris Wine weighing in two fish at 3.90 pounds. In second place was Roger Balser who brought four fish to the scales weighing in at 3.60 pounds. In the third position was Robert McGee who also weighed in four fish for 3.45 pounds. Holding the fourth place was Tim Williams with two fish weighing 2.82 pounds. In fifth place with 2.80 pounds was David Sparkman. The sixth place angler was Tim Battin with one fish weighing 2.54 pounds. In seventh place with 2.21 pounds was Jason Sutter. Virginia's top Co-Angler on day 1, in eighth place, was Alex Buckhorn with a fish that weighed 1.91 pounds.





























Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, the final day of competion started off with a delayed blast off due to heavy fog that settled in over the lake just before sunrise. Shortly after 8:30 AM competitors got underway for one last opportunity for each angler catch a winning limit of bass and determine who will advance to the TBF National Championship Tournament next spring. The Federation National Championship features the top grass roots boaters and co-anglers from each state and Canada. The TBF National championship is a no-entry-fee tournament with a prize purse in excess of \$300,000. The 14 Angler and Co-Angler Division Champions will automatically advance to the BFL All-American Championship and receive a prize package with paid entry into a tournament circuit of their choice. The National Champion will receive cash and prizes to include a fully rigged Ranger boat, a berth in the MLF Championship and paid entry fees into a professional circuit as part of the "Living-the Dream" package.









### 2021 District 12 National Semi-Final Tournament



Final Results - Angler Division: West Virginia angler John Christopher II secured the Angler Division Title when he weighed a 6.94 pound limit of bass bringing his tournament total to 12.74 pounds. John was the only angler of the tournament to bring a five fish limit to the sclaes on both days of the event. Robert Harkness dropped one place to secure second with two bass weighing in at 4.20 pounds. Roberts total tournament weight was 11.81 pounds. Finishing in third place was Robby Fleshman Jr. with a nice 5.07 pound bass to bring his total weight to 10.25 pounds. In fourth place with a total tournament weight of 10.04 pounds was Virginia anlger Larry Kempler who caught a five fish limit weighing 5.23 pounds moving him up from the eighth spot on day one. Holding on to the fifth place was Tim Wade with three fish weighing 3.20 pounds bringing his total tournament weight to 8.08 pounds. West Virginia angler David Macias weighed the biggest bass of the tournament on this final day, a 5.22 pound largemouth.









Final Results - Co-Angler Division: West Virginia Co-Angler Jason Suter made the biggest move up the Co-Angler Division leader board with a five fish limit weighing 5.11 pounds. Jasons day 2 catch brought his tournament total weight to 7.32 pounds capturing the Co-Angler Division Title. Virginia Co-Angler Ryan Hachez took second place with a nice 4.37 pound smallmouth increasing his tournament total weight to 5.21 pounds. In the third position was West Virginia's Mark Perry with two bass weighing in at 4.87 pounds. Finishing in fourth place was Virginia Co-Angler Alex Buckhorn with two fish weighing 2.72 pounds bringing his tournament total weight to 4.63 pounds. Also from Virginia, Lee Stiltner weighed in two bass at 2.22 pounds on thie final day. Lees total tournament weight of 4.02 pounds secured him a fifth place finish.

### ational Semi-Final Tournament - Sutton Lake





















We would like to thank the host hotel-Days Inn & Suites Flatwoods in Sutton, WV; the Braxton County Commission; the Braxton County Local Visitors and Convention Bureau, Ltd and these fine local businesses for supporting the participants and the District 12 TBF National Semi-Final Tournament: Pizza Hut; El Gallo Mexican Restaurant; Line Cutterz; Luzader's Restaurant; Exxon; & McDonalds.





#### District 12 National Semi Final RESULTS – Sutton Lake, WV

Place	Angler (Boater) Division	State Federation	Weight
1	JOHN CHRISTOPHER II	WEST VIRGINIA	12.74
2	ROBERT HARKNESS	WEST VIRGINIA	11.81
3	ROBBY FLESHMAN JR	WEST VIRGINIA	10.25
4	LARRY KEMPLER	VIRGINIA	10.04
5	TIM WADE	WEST VIRGINIA	8.80
6	MITCHELL CAMDEN	VIRGINIA	8.60
7	JOSH BALSER	WEST VIRGINIA	8.15
8	DAVID MACIAS	VIRGINIA	7.96
9	NATHAN HARPER	WEST VIRGINIA	6.97
10	BRIAN HILL	WEST VIRGINIA	6.49
11	LUKE LONG	WEST VIRGINIA	6.38
12	JAMES POSEY	WEST VIRGINIA	5.92
13	STEVE CASTO	WEST VIRGINIA	5.63
14	KYLE ESTEP	WEST VIRGINIA	5.61
15	LOGAN PARSONS	WEST VIRGINIA	5.49
16	ALAN FLUHARTY	WEST VIRGINIA	5.19
17	CODY HUDDLESTON	WEST VIRGINIA	4.78
18	WES LESTER	WEST VIRGINIA	4.61
19	MICHAEL COOPER	VIRGINIA	4.57
20	JASON ROOK	VIRGINIA	4.13
21	RICK HAMER	WEST VIRGINIA	3.71
22	REUBEN WILLIAMS	VIRGINIA	3.50
23	DOUG WINE	WEST VIRGINIA	3.26
24	MITCHELL PORTERVINT	VIRGINIA	3.22
25	JACK PATTERSON	VIRGINIA	3.02
26	CHRIS FIORE	VIRGINIA	2.71
27	CHRIS SHAMBLIN	WEST VIRGINIA	2.58
28	KALEB HILL	WEST VIRGINIA	2.47
29	RONNIE BREWER	VIRGINIA	2.46
30	JOHN SMITH	WEST VIRGINIA	2.45
31	BILLY DUTY	VIRGINIA	2.41
32	FLOYD DALTON	VIRGINIA	2.36
33	DANIEL SNYDER	VIRGINIA	2.15
34	MONTE KREPS	WEST VIRGINIA	2.03
35	ROBERT DANIELS	WEST VIRGINIA	1.99
36	GARRETT GEOUGE	VIRGINIA	1.95
37	H.E. SARGE TRAVIS	WEST VIRGINIA	1.93
38	TYLER ALTIZER	VIRGINIA	1.84
39	JASON MARTIN	VIRGINIA	1.44
40	KYLE BLAIR	WEST VIRGINIA	0.99
41	MIKE VICKERS	WEST VIRGINIA	0.98
42	DANNY HARPER	WEST VIRGINIA	0.92
43	SCOTT FAVORS	VIRGINIA	0.88
44	ROY STANLEY	VIRGINIA	0.73

2021 District 12
National Semi Final
Angler Division
Champion
John Christopher II
(West Virginia)





#### District 12 National Semi Final RESULTS - Sutton Lake, WV

Place	Angler (Boater) Division	State Federation	Weight
45	BILL FORE	WEST VIRGINIA	0.72
46	RICK MILLS	VIRGINIA	0.00
46	RICK BARNHARDT	VIRGINIA	0.00
46	SAMMY HENMAN	VIRGINIA	0.00
46	CHRIS WILLIAMS	VIRGINIA	0.00
46	LARRY LESTER	VIRGINIA	0.00
46	BJ BOOTHE	VIRGINIA	0.00
46	ARCHIE CANNON	VIRGINIA	0.00
46	TYLER CALDWELL	VIRGINIA	0.00
46	DANTE GRAY	VIRGINIA	0.00
46	RANDY BUNNER	WEST VIRGINIA	0.00
46	JOHN FLICEK	VIRGINIA	0.00
46	JOSEPH CLARKE	VIRGINIA	0.00



Boater Division 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Robert Harkness (West Virginia)



Boater Division 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Robby Fleshman (West Virginia)



Boater Division 4<sup>th</sup> Place Larry Kempler (Virginia)



Boater Division 5<sup>th</sup> Place Tim Wade (West Virginia)



Co-Angler Division 4<sup>th</sup> Place Alex Buckhorn (Virginia)



Co-Angler Division 5<sup>th</sup> Place Lee Stiltner (Virginia)



#### District 12 National Semi Final RESULTS – Sutton Lake, WV

Place	Co-Angler Division	State Federation	Weight
1	JASON SUTER	WEST VIRGINIA	7.32
2	RYAN HACHEZ	VIRGINIA	5.21
3	MARK PERRY	WEST VIRGINIA	4.87
4	ALEX BUCKHORN	VIRGINIA	4.63
5	LEE STILTNER	VIRGINIA	4.02
6	JEFF MEADE	VIRGINIA	3.98
7	CHRIS D. WINE	WEST VIRGINIA	3.90
8	ROGER BALSER	WEST VIRGINIA	3.60
9	ROBERT MCGEE	WEST VIRGINIA	3.45
10	BARRY GUNN	VIRGINIA	2.87
11	TIM WILLIAMS	WEST VIRGINIA	2.82
12	DAVID L. SPARKMAN	WEST VIRGINIA	2.80
13	TIM BATTIN	WEST VIRGINIA	2.54
14	CHRIS ROBERTS	VIRGINIA	2.48
15	DAN SELMON	WEST VIRGINIA	2.37
16	ALEX GOFF	WEST VIRGINIA	2.34
17	MATTHEW HARKNESS	WEST VIRGINIA	2.30
18	KENNETH BROWN	VIRGINIA	2.19
19	RICK HARKNESS	WEST VIRGINIA	2.06
20	THAI TATUM	VIRGINIA	1.96
21	KYLE DECATUR	VIRGINIA	1.59
22	JASON KEENE	VIRGINIA	1.59
23	BRIAN EPPERLY	VIRGINIA	1.54
24	XAIVER GRAY	VIRGINIA	1.27
25	DANIEL EUBANK	VIRGINIA	1.24
26	JOHN TAYLOR	WEST VIRGINIA	1.24
27	BILL HARMON	WEST VIRGINIA	1.21
28	CHRIS WILLOUGHBY	VIRGINIA	1.19
29	WILLIAM E. POSEY	WEST VIRGINIA	1.10
30	CRAIG FERGUSON	VIRGINIA	1.08
31	JEREMY BYERS	WEST VIRGINIA	1.03
32	JEREMY TOLER	WEST VIRGINIA	1.01
33	WILLIAM COOL	WEST VIRGINIA	0.99
34	EDDIE MINOR	VIRGINIA	0.88
35	KEVIN CAMDEN	VIRGINIA	0.88
36	HEATHER EBERT	WEST VIRGINIA	0.77
37	STEVEN BUTLER	WEST VIRGINIA	0.70
38	JONTHAN PERHAM	VIRGINIA	0.00
38	TODD TATUM	VIRGINIA	0.00
38	GREGORY BYERS	VIRGINIA	0.00
38	JIM BROWN	WEST VIRGINIA	0.00
38	TONY HANLON	WEST VIRGINIA	0.00
38	TOM GRIST	WEST VIRGINIA	0.00
38	HENRY CHISOLM	WEST VIRGINIA	0.00

# 2021 District 12 National Semi Final Co-Angler Division Champion JASON SUTER (West Virginia)





#### District 12 National Semi Final RESULTS – Sutton Lake, WV

Place	Co-Angler Division	State Federation	Weight
38	KEVIN BOWLES	VIRGINIA	0.00
38	RICKY LEMOCKS	VIRGINIA	0.00
38	ALTON VAUGHAN	VIRGINIA	0.00
38	BEN FISHER	VIRGINIA	0.00
38	ERIC ELLINGTON	VIRGINIA	0.00
38	HANNS VONSCHMIDT	WEST VIRGINIA	0.00
38	BRENTON POWERS	VIRGINIA	0.00
38	RILEY HENDRICKS	WEST VIRGINIA	0.00
38	GROVER CLINE	VIRGINIA	0.00
38	BILL MOSSOR	WEST VIRGINIA	0.00
38	JAMES STINSON	VIRGINIA	0.00
38	TARANCE FULLER	VIRGINIA	0.00
38	JASON DAVIS	WEST VIRGINIA	0.00



#### **2022 TBF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIERS**

ANGLER:
Larry
Kempler
Mt. Vernon
Bassmasters





ANGLER:
John
Christopher II
Limited Six



CO-ANGLER:
Ryan
Hachez
NOVA
Bass Anglers

CO-ANGLER:
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**VIRGINIA** 

**WEST VIRGINIA** 

### Virginia Bass Chapter Federation











































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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 (<a href="www.vabass.com">www.vabass.com</a> ), 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 (<a href="www.vabass.com">www.vabass.com</a>). 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.



### **2022 National Semi-Final Tournament**

#### 17-18 September 2022 on Chickahominy River in James City County, Virginia

Hosted by the 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.

Virginia Federation Team Coordinator: Scott Whitmore Cell: (757)707-7631

Email: Stratos.22225@gmail.com

**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 1 July 2022 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 and send the names of their qualifiers to the Virginia Bass Chapter Federation President Scott Whitmore by **1 JULY 2022**. TBF will notify qualifiers via Invitation Email and link to their on-line registration portal.

Tournament / Ramp Location: Chickahominy River, James City County, VA. Ramp: Chickahominy Riverfront Park

Virginia Bass Chapter Federation State Tournament 2022 National Semi-Final Qualifiers:

North Regional – Potomac River: Anglers-

Co-Anglers-

West Regional – Smith Mountain: Anglers-

Co-Anglers-

South Regional – Kerr Lake: Anglers-

Co-Anglers-

East Regional – Chickahominy River: Anglers

Co-Anglers-

Team Trail Championship - Kerr Lake: Anglers-

Co-Anglers-



### Angler Condingency Programs

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

#### Ranger Cup Program: NEW

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 (<a href="www.Rangercup.com">www.Rangercup.com</a>) before qualifying for Ranger Cup payout. Program registration expires December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. That means: Your 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.
  - o 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 Condingency 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.

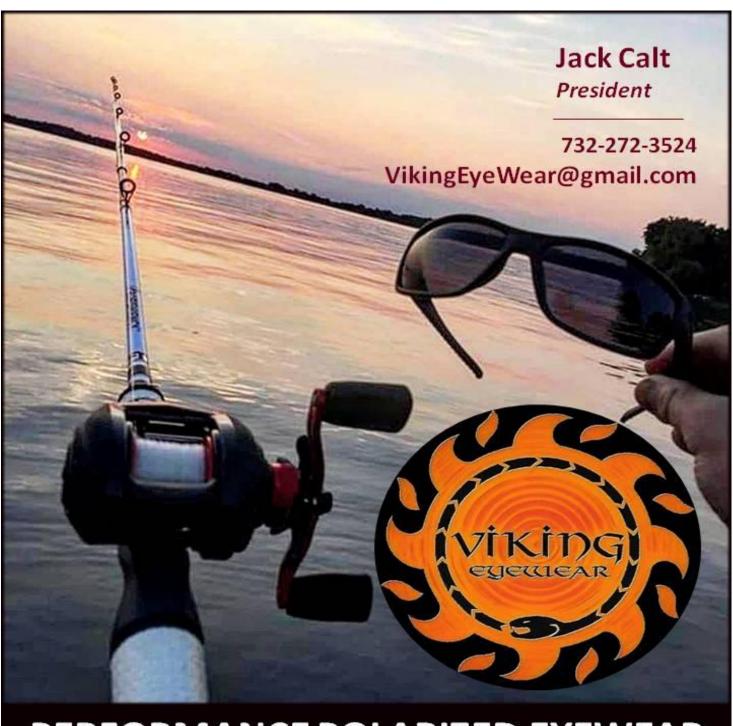
**NOTE:** This is a Ranger / Federation Program NOT Ranger Cup

#### 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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### Vice President Steve Hajdasz

A note from the VP

#### Know the Boat You're Fishing From

This article is aimed primarily at the non-boaters or co-anglers out there, but the boaters should also take heed. With the start of the year end tournaments and the proliferation of draw tournaments that are being held at this time of year, it is essential as a co-angler or non-boater that you become familiar with the boat you are fishing from should an emergency situation arise.

When you meet up with your boater, take the time to familiarize yourself with the boat you are fishing from. This not only includes where the landing net is and the tackle compartments but also where the safety equipment is located. This would include such items as life jackets (in case something should happen to yours); throw cushions, ropes, signaling devices, etc. You should also know how to operate the trolling motor and how to start and operate the gas motor in case of emergency (such as a medical emergency, a fall overboard or other situation).

Don't be afraid to ask questions and be prepared for the immediate response that you are not allowed to operate the boat and that you are not allowed to operate the trolling motor or even worse the response "no one but me operates my boat". Patiently explain that you understand the rules, but that you just want to know in case of emergency and for everyone's safety.

For the boaters out there- Understand that that your co-angler needs to know this information. If your co-angler does not ask, take a few moments to point out where things are located and how to operate the trolling motor and even the gas motor. In case an emergency situation arises and the co-angler either needs to get to some equipment or take control of the boat, it is far better that you take a few minutes at the beginning of the tournament day to make your co-angler familiar with where things are located than it is to try to explain where things are located while you are treading water or worse.

As always be safe on the water.

Steve Hajdasz Vice President





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### Conservation Director John Flicek

We continue to work closely with the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources Fisheries on several fronts: *Education, Identification, Reporting, and Containment* are our primary focus in curbing the spread of invasive species like the Northern Snakehead and the Alabama Bass in Virginia waters. I recently received information from DWR that the genetic testing of the fin clippings from the spotted bass caught on Kerr Lake during a Region 8 tournament last April have confirmed that they were Alabama Spotted Bass. We can now add Kerr Lake to the Virginia lakes with the invasive species- Alabama Bass.

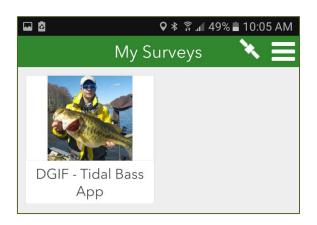
DWR Fisheries are conducting a study on the movement of Chickahominy River bass that have been relocated during tournament activities. DWR has tagged 648 Chickahominy bass in various locations on the river. Anglers are asked to report the tag number and location of any tagged bass they may catch as well as the release location. DWR is offering a \$5 reward to the anglers that file a report and provide a photo and location of the tagged bass.

#### **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 if for you







Conservation continued:

#### **Invasive Species Efforts**

#### What do you need to know?

**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, Diascunds 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. 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: <a href="https://dwr.virginia.gov/fishing/regulations/">https://dwr.virginia.gov/fishing/regulations/</a>.

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.

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.

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 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). 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.

John Flicek **Conservation Director** Virginia Bass Chapter Federation Email: rgn8treas@verizon.net

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#### Greetings TBF Members,

This update comes to you from southwest Virginia where we are truly blessed with beautiful scenery and great fishing. Our region is home to three large impoundments (Claytor Lake, South Holston Reservoir, and Flannagan Reservoir) that support quality bass populations for anglers to enjoy. The southwest corner of Virginia is also unique in that both smallmouth bass and spotted bass are native to much of this portion of the state.

Claytor Lake is a popular destination among bass anglers targeting largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, and spotted bass. Unfortunately, Alabama bass have also been confirmed in the lake and appear to be hybridizing with both spotted bass and smallmouth bass. Genetic samples collected in 2018 and 2019 from bass identified as spotted bass revealed that 25% of the fish in the sample were spotted bass/Alabama bass hybrids and 1% was smallmouth bass/Alabama bass hybrids. Given the potential threat to existing largemouth bass and smallmouth bass populations on Claytor and waters throughout the state, VDWR is collecting genetic samples from all major bass populations annually to monitor the spread of Alabama bass to additional waters and to evaluate impacts where they have already been found. Anglers can help VDWR combat this threat by not moving fish between waters or stocking fish into a public body of water without authorization from VDWR. Additional information can be found at <a href="https://dwr.virginia.gov/wildlife/fish/alabama-bass/">https://dwr.virginia.gov/wildlife/fish/alabama-bass/</a>.

On more encouraging note, work continues on Claytor Lake to assess the potential for improving the quality of the largemouth bass population by stocking first generation crosses between northern largemouth bass and Florida largemouth bass (hereafter referred to as F1 largemouth bass). Previous research has suggested that F1 largemouth bass may exhibit better performance in terms of growth than either individual subspecies or subsequent back crosses. This effort is part of a larger statewide study aimed at evaluating the effectiveness of stocking F1 largemouth bass in large reservoirs. In addition to Claytor Lake, other reservoirs included in the study are Smith Mountain Lake, Beaverdam Swamp Reservoir, Lake Anna, and Lake Chesdin.

Claytor Lake is in its fourth year of the study and to date nearly 30,000 F1 fingerlings have been stocked into the lake. Evaluation of the stocked fish is being done in part during annual population samples conducted by VDWR each spring. Biologists are collecting a small clip from one of the fish's fins to provide genetic confirmation of stocked (F1) versus wild largemouth bass. This will allow us to compare growth between the two groups of fish (wild versus F1) at different ages with the expectation that the F1 largemouth bass will grow faster and reach a larger ultimate size. Fin clips will also be collected during bass tournaments conducted on Claytor to assess the contribution of the F1s to the trophy component of the fishery. The ability to assess the eventual impact of F1 fingerling stockings to the lake's bass population will take some time. Annual stockings of F1 fingerlings will continue through 2023 and genetic samples will be collected during annual sampling through 2026.

Although Claytor Lake receives much of the attention in southwest Virginia, South Holston Reservoir is another great option for anglers wanting to target largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. South Holston Reservoir is a Tennessee Valley Authority impoundment that straddles the border between Virginia and Tennessee with about 1,890 acres of the lake's 7,580 total acreage resting on the Virginia side. Largemouth bass are slightly more abundant than smallmouth bass in this lake, but smallmouth bass will provide a greater opportunity for a trophy catch.

For anglers that really want to go off the beaten path, then Flannagan Reservoir is a great option. Flannagan Reservoir is a 1,143 acre U.S. Army Corps of Engineers impoundment located in Dickenson County, Virginia along the border with Kentucky. Largemouth bass is the predominant bass species in the lake followed by smallmouth bass. Spotted bass are also occasionally caught in certain parts of the lake. The most recent population sample completed on Flannagan Reservoir in May of this year revealed an excellent largemouth bass fishery with good numbers of large fish. About 5% of the largemouth bass sampled were 5 pounds or greater with several fish exceeding 8 pounds. So if you are willing to make a trip to this part of Virginia, I highly encourage you to go.

If you have any questions about the work being done on Claytor Lake or the other waters in our region, feel free to contact me by email jeff.wiliams@dwr.virginia.gov or by phone at 276-783-4860.

Thank you for your continued support of the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources.

#### Jeff Williams





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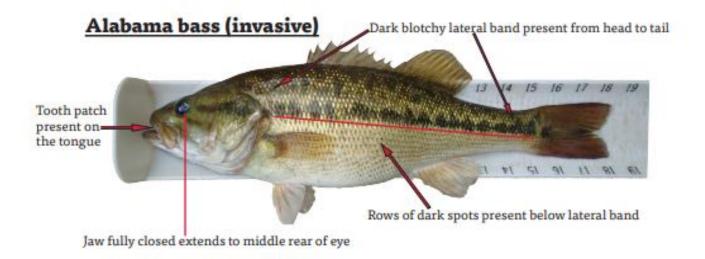
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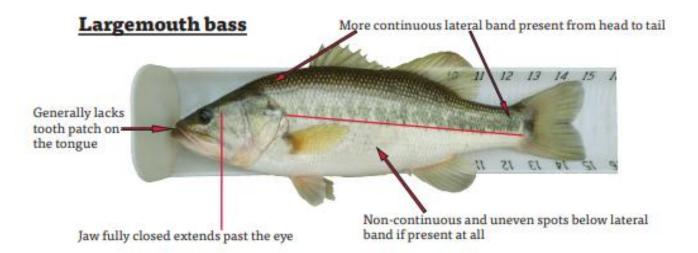






### DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE?





- 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 smallmouth 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 or 804-367-1293.



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# Youth Program Director Becky Conley

# 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 complied 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: Scott Whitmore, Email: <a href="mailto:stratos.22225@gmail.com">stratos.22225@gmail.com</a> and Becky Conley, Email: <a href="mailto:conleyr@comcast.net">conleyr@comcast.net</a>.





### **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: <a href="https://highschoolfishing.org/">https://highschoolfishing.org/</a>

Youth Program continued:



### **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: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/virginiatbfyouth/">https://www.facebook.com/virginiatbfyouth/</a>

Date	Location	Ramp	Hours	Host Region
9 October 21	Nottoway River	Rte 258 Ramp	Safe light– 3 PM	Region 8
16 October 21	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park	7AM-3PM	Region 6
7 November 21	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park	7AM-3PM	Region 8
5 March 22	Smith Mountain Lake	Parkway Marina	TBD	SAF / High School State Championship
23 April 22	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park	Safe light-3PM	Region 8
21 May 22	Kerr Lake	Eastland Creek	Safe light-3PM	Region 8
18 June 22	Pamunkey River	Williams Ramp	Safe light-3PM	Region 8
20 August 22	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park	Safe light-3PM	Region 8
2 October 22	Appomattox River	Hopewell Marina	Safe light-3PM	Region 8

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## Region 1

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#### Region 1 article provided by Ray Betts

First of all we would like send a big "CONGRATULATIONS!" to Larry Kempler from Mt. Vernon Bassmasters and Ryan Hachez from NOVA Bass Anglers for securing a spot at the TBF National Championships next year. Larry and Ryan finished as the Top Virginia Angler and Co-Angler in their respective division at the TBF National Semi-Final Tournament on Sutton Lake, West Virginia, on September 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. A huge accomplishment on what proved to be a very difficult fishery.

WOW! The fishing season has really flown by this year. Region 1 just finished their second to last tournament of the year which was held on the Chickahominy River.

#### **Region 1 Tournament Results**

### **Chickahominy River (11 September)**

The win went to Rick and Chris Mills. They pulled out a First-Place finish with 14.32LBS anchored by a 4.25 pound Big Fish. Second place went to Chris Craft and Scott Taylor with a weight of 13.53LBs. Chris and Scott did take home Big Fish honors by landing a 5.66 pound bass. Third place went to Craig Loudan and Tom Hayes who weighed 13.12LBs.





Region 1's Year to Date Standings has Craig Loudan and Tom Hayes at the top of 89 anglers with 1231 points. Terry Stevens is on their heels with 1225 points.

The Region has one final tournament scheduled this season and it is a 2-Day Classic on the Potomac River. Region 1 will hit it hard on October  $2^{nd}$  and  $3^{rd}$  to finish out a great season.

A number of Region 1 members will also compete in the upcoming North Regional State Tournament on October 23, 2021. It is being held on one of Region 1's favorite bodies of water, the Potomac River and will be launching from Leesylvania State Park.

Finally, Region 1 is in talks with some local high schools to recruit and sponsor high school fishing teams. The Regions goal is to have everything in place so the kids can start fishing the 2022 season.



### St. Jude's Children's Hospital Benefit Tournament (8 October)

In addition to competing in tournaments, Region 1 will be volunteering their time on October 8, 2021 to assist Russ Shetley with running a fundraising bass tournament. The goal of the tournament is to raise money for St. Jude Children's Hospital. This is an annual event that Region 1 participates in, and it has always been a very successful fundraiser. Region 1 members are looking forward to doing what they can for such a great cause.

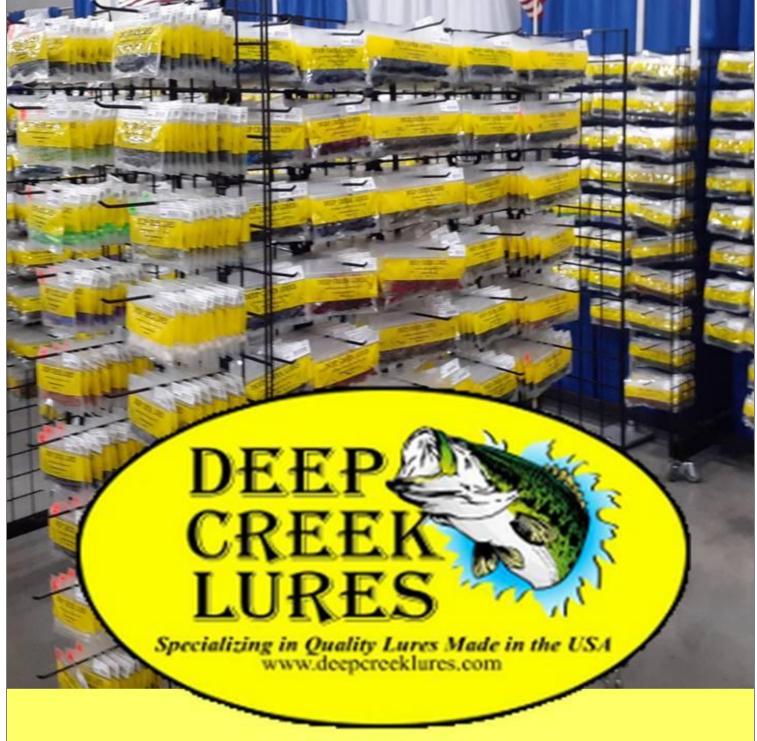




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## Region 4

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Director - Chuck Hart

Region 4's seventh tournament of the year was on Smith Mt. Lake on July 17. It was a night tournament, 7pm-3am. The results are as follows:

### Smith Mountain Lake Results, 17 July 2021

Place	Club	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight	Big Fish
1	Open	Randy Rose	Kyle Smith	22.00	5.92
2	Open	Chris Lucas	Damien McMahon	18.62	5.88
3	Open	Michael Bradshaw	John Hale	18.04	
4	Open	Jeffery Hill	Randy Mitchell	16.74	
5	Open	Douglas Eubank	Marty Betcher	16.50	4.46
6	Open	Harry Townsend	Mark Wagner	16.06	5.44
7	Triangle Bassmasters	Steve Dresher	Bobby Pauley	15.32	
8	Open	Steven Bridge	Aaron Lucas	15.08	
9	Triangle Bassmasters	Seth Knachel	Charles Lee	14.50	
10	Open	Brandon Huff	Tim Skinnell	14.62	
11	Triangle Bassmasters	Danny Reed	AJ Phoenix	14.10	
12	Claytor Mafia	Josh Friend	Aaron Rygas	13.98	
13	Blackwater Bassmasters	Todd Whittaker	Brian Epperly	13.62	
14	Open	A. Johnson	M. Smith	13.58	
15	Open	Jarrod Looney	Derrick Reed	13.54	
16	Open	R Troxell	Boyd Coffee	12.82	
17	Open	Danny Angles	Al Hutchison	12.08	
18	Open	Johnathon Bridges	Austin Riddle	11.88	
19	Open	lan Mann	Cody Spengler	11.40	
20	Open	Scott Stiller	Louis Willard	10.78	5.58
21	Star City Bassmasters	lan Branson	John Branson	10.22	5.54
22	Blackwater Bassmasters	Daniel Eubank	Terry Johns	8.58	
23	Star City Bassmasters	Chuck Hart	Hayden Hart	7.50	
24	Blackwater Bassmasters	Jason Martin	Nolan Harmon	3.66	
25	Triangle Bassmasters	Josh Spicer	Jason Cozort	0.00	
26	Open	Marvin Bugg	Tim Miller	0.00	
27	Open	Justin Maderras	Matt Powers	0.00	
28	Star City Bassmasters	David Martin	Kevin Simmons	0.00	







Smith Mountain Lake, 17 July 2021



Region 4's final regular tournament of the 2021 season was held on Smith Mountain Lake on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Smith Mountain Lake Results, 11 September 2021

Place	Club	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight	Big LM	Big SM
1	Triangle Bassmasters	Danny Reed	AJ Phoenix	12.84		4.46
2	Star City Bassmasters	lan Branson	John Branson	12.78		
3	Open	Keith Crisley	Ryan Jones	12.62		
4	Triangle Bassmasters	Neil Hunwick	Don Southern	10.14	3.52	
5	Claytor Mafia	Josh Friend	Aaron Rygas	9.68	3.16	
6	Blackwater Bassmasters	Jason Martin	Nolen Harmon	6.24	4.58	
7	Star City Bassmasters	Chuck Hart	Hayden Hart	5.70		3.92
8	Triangle Bassmasters	Paul Craighead	Brian Burnett	5.34		
9	Triangle Bassmasters	Seth Knachel	Charles Lee	4.48	3.02	
10	Blackwater Bassmasters	Daniel Eubank	Terry Johns	1.48		
11	Blackwater Bassmasters	Brian Epperly	Douglas Eubank	0.00		
12	Open	William Johnson		0.00		
13	Open	Rick Troxell	JR Brown	0.00		







Smith Mountain Lake, 11 September 2021









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## **Tony L. Huddleston Trout Rodeo**



On Saturday, October 2, Region 4 members will be working alongside the Christiansburg Parks and Recreation volunteers during the Tony Huddleston Memorial Fishing Rodeo. Again this year, the Virginia Bass Chapter Federation has provided rods and reels for the participants and will be conducting a Reel Kids Casting Skills Competition as part of this year's event. The event is held each year honoring Mr. Tony Huddleston, a former employee of the Christiansburg Parks and Recreation Department. While employed at the recreation center, he served as a supervisor, a coach and an official for local sports programs. One of his hobbies was fishing. Tony is remembered through this event as a great role model for the community and the many kids he worked with over the years. This year's event will be held at the Izaak Walton Park in Christiansburg, VA and run from noon to 4 PM.

### **Region 4 Final Seasons Standings for 2021**

Affiliated Club	Team Member One	Team Member Two	Event 1	Event 2	Event 3	Event 4	Event 5	Event 6	Event 7	Event 8	Bonus Points	Sum (best four)
Claytormafia	Josh Friend	Aaron Rygas	84	98	99	99	92	98	97	97	5	399
Triangle BM	Neil Hunwick	Don Southern	94	100	96	94	94	100	0	98	0	394
Triangle BM	Danny Reed	Mark Pheonix	84	0	92	0	100	96	98	100	0	394
Triangle BM	Seth Kanchel	Charles Lee	84	0	100	97	97	97	99	93	0	393
Triangle BM	Paul Craighead	Brian Burnette	95	97	95	98	93	99	0	94	0	389
Star City BM	lan Branson	Jonathan Branson	98	92	93	0	96	84	95	99	0	388
Blackwater BM	Jason Martin	Nolen Harmon	100	91	90	96	95	0	92	96	0	387
Star City BM	Chuck Hart	Hayden Hart	97	96	79	95	0	95	93	95	0	383
Blackwater BM	Daniel Eubank	Terry John	84	93	79	0	98	0	94	92	0	377
Triangle BM	Steve Deisher	Bobby Pauley	84	0	79	100	91	84	100	0	0	375
Star City BM	David Martin	Kevin Simmons	0	81	94	0	99	84	82	0	0	359
Blackwater BM	Todd Whittaker	Jarod Vandergrif	0	99	79	0	80	0	96	0	0	354
Southwestern BM	Mike Myers	Chuck Loins	0	95	79	92	80	84	0	0	0	351
Triangle BM	Josh Spicer	Jason Cozort	84	81	79	0	0	94	82	0	0	341
Blackwater BM	Brian Epperly	Justin Goodwin	0	94	79	0	0	0	0	81	0	254
Claytormafia	Zach Peaslee	Bob Peaslee	99	0	98	0	0	0	0	0	0	197
Claytormafia	Jakes Adams	Travis Cox	96	0	97	0	0	0	0	0	0	193
Southwestern BM	Gary Jones	Wally Dryman	0	0	89	93	0	0	0	0	0	182
Star City BM	Calvin Herndon	Zach Wright	0	0	0	82	90	0	0	0	0	172
Star City BM	Jeff Rollins	Matt Sacra	0	0	91	0	0	0	0	0	0	91
Claytormafia	Jason Clark	Chris Lewis	0	0	79	0	0	0	0	0	0	79
Triangle BM	Marco Warner	Tim Shortridge	0	0	79	0	0	0	0	0	0	79
	Eligible for Champion	nship (minimum four to	ournaments	)								

Congratulations to Josh Friend and Aaron Rygas from Claytor Lake Mafia. They are the Region 4 champions for 2021. They will receive free entry into all Region 4 regular season tournaments in 2022.

The Region 4 Championship Tournament is scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup> on Claytor Lake. Those Region 4 members who have fished at least four of the eight regular season tournaments are qualified to fish in the Season Championship Tournament. Fourteen Region 4 teams have qualified to fish for the championship. They will be competing for over \$3000 in total prize monies. Final standings are shown above. The 14 eligible teams are highlighted on yellow.

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### Region 8

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I'd like to start out by thanking everyone that helped out with the Region 8 Chickahominy River Open Tournament on July 31<sup>st</sup>. With a special Thank You to Connie Phillips who not only came out at 4 AM to help with registrations but returned in the afternoon to serve as our manual weight recorder. In all it was a very good showing for Team Region 8.

Some more good news – most of the long waited re-designed Region 8 Jersey's have been distributed to our members. Everyone appears to be pleased with the new design and quality of the jersey manufactured by Dove Designs Pro. As we enter into the 2022 season membership renewal period, starting 1 October 2021, I plan on placing an order for our new members and those members that have expressed a desire for a second jersey. As before, the first jersey will be subsidized by Region 8 – the member will only need to pay \$10 for their initial jersey. Anyone wanting an additional jersey the cost will be \$40 per jersey. I can order both long and short sleeve jerseys.

As many of you have already noticed, we finally made the move that your Region 8 Board been talking about for the past few years. We purchased a new Region 8 trailer that allows us to consolidate our tournament equipment. Over the years we accumulated enough stuff (weigh-in tanks, tables, weigh-in stand, scales, PA system, banners, shelter, etc.) that it usually takes up to three truckloads of gear to put on our Open Tournament. Having the trailer will allow us to keep better control of our equipment and improve support for our tournament needs. Going forward we plan on having sponsor decals and a wrap applied to the trailer sides. Doing this will better advertise our "brand". We anticipate that our spring fund raiser should easily handle this expense. Additionally, we understand that the trailer will not necessarily be needed at all tournament locations. When it is necessary to take the trailer, the Board has approved to compensate a member that is willing to tow the trailer to a tournament location.

National Semi Final Tournament Participation: Region 8 had a very good showing in the TBF District 12 National Semi Final Tournament on Sutton Lake, WV, September 24-26, with 18 anglers participating. Sutton Lake proved to be a very difficult fishery in which to catch a keeper size (12 inch) bass. Hampering the effort was the season's first cold front and heavy rains in the days preceding the tournament. Everyone fished hard all week with little to show for their efforts other than frustration and a sun burn. Other than the fishing and a miserable start to practice with the weather front, I think for the most part everyone enjoyed the experience. There were, however, some distractions along the way and I want to commend our Region 8 and all the other Virginia Anglers for their professionalism and sportsmanship throughout the event. I, like many, didn't have a keeper bass all week so I share in the frustration, however, the positive I take from this event is the experiencing the comradeship among fellow anglers. We can now all look forward to next year's National Semi-Final that will be hosted by the Virginia Bass Chapter Federation and is set for our home waters, the Chickahominy River in September 2022.

It looks like the parking situation at the Chickahominy Riverfront Park is finally resolved. The majority of the large parking area is now open. We continue to work efforts to finalize the relocation of the dedicated weigh-in area at Riverfront Park. Once approved, we should be able to re-install the fish release pipe. I'll keep everyone informed as we will likely need several volunteers to assist with the installation.

**Next up for Region 8:** There have been a few issues with the ramp availability at Riverfront Park for our October tournament, at no fault of our own. We've changed the date and location of our October tournament: our next tournament will be on the Nottoway River, Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be launching from the Rte 258 Ramp. The Nottoway is a new location for Region 8; however, several of our clubs do fish there regularly. We will be back on the Chickahominy River on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> for our annual "No Entry Fee" Members Appreciation Tournament. In this event the Region will provide the payout and prizes for the tournament. All the participants need to do is provide at least two new baits (bags of plastics, crank baits, spinner baits, or other tackle items) for our donation bin. Region 8 Members may bring a guest to the tournament and each team will be responsible to pay their ramp fee as usual. We will have a voluntary cash Big Bass pot that will be collected prior to launch (\$5 per angler). Guests will be required to sign the usual liability waiver before participating.

Please patronize those 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, Dan's Heating & Air Conditioning, G'Daddy's Bait & Tackle, and our newest Region 8 sponsor Dove Designs Pro.

John Flicek Region 8 Director

## REGION 8 Tournament Results Region 8 Chickahominy River OPEN Tournament, 31 July

It was a nice mid-summer morning on the Chickahominy River as 70 Teams launched from the Chickahominy Riverfront Park at safe light. Most anglers reported that the fishing was difficult due to extreme heat advisories on the days leading up to the tournament. Fortunately, the weather cooled a bit on tournament day and the fish seemed to cooperate for most angling teams. Matt Hockaday and Lynn Hoeffer won with a 5 fish limit weighing in at 20.69 pounds. Clay Lewis & Greg Cooper finished in 2nd place with 19.42 lbs.; in 3rd place was the team of Tom & Diane Hains with 16.58 pounds. Rick Lemocks & Bryant Lewis took 4th place with 15.99 lbs. In 5th place with 15.56 pounds were Guy Fairweather and Chris Brill. Following closely in 6th place was Gary and Casey Svatek with 15.52 ponds. The 7th place team, Garrett Geouge & Chris Campbell weighed a 15.38 pound limit of bass. Floyd Dalton took 8th place with 15.24 pounds. Paul Harris and Logan Barkley weighed 15.01 pounds for a 9th place finish. Paul and Logan also had the Big Bass of the tournament, a 7.06 pound Chickahominy Largemouth. Our 10th place finishers were Rick Rodriquez & Chuck Rackley with 14.50 lbs. Complete results are available to view on the Region 8 web site: <a href="mailto:vabassregion8.com">vabassregion8.com</a>. Fifty-one of the 70 teams weighed a limit of bass in this tournament. The top 14 teams, the Big Bass team, and our Top Youth Angler received a share of the \$5200.00 awarded at this event.

Region 8 would like to thank everyone that fished our Open Tournament on the Chickahominy River this year. We are looking forward to seeing everyone again on 23 July 2022.







Matt Hockaday & Lynn Hoeffer Win the Chickahominy River OPEN with 20.69 pounds



Clay Lewis & Greg Cooper take 2<sup>nd</sup> Place



# Chickahominy River OPEN Results (Top 25 Teams)

Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
1	Matt Hockaday	Lynn Hoeffer	20.69
2	Clay Lewis	Greg Cooper	19.42
3	Tom Hains	Diane Hains	16.58
4	Richard Lemmocks	Brian Lewis	15.99
5	Guy Fairweather	Chris Brill	15.56
6	Gary Svatek	Casey Svatek	15.52
7	Garrett Geouge	Chris Campbell	15.38
8	Floyd Dalton		15.24
9	Paul Harris	Logan Barkley	15.01
10	Rick Rodriquez	Chuck Rackley	14.50
11	Mike Pendleton		14.33
12	Howard Austin	Mark Austin	14.10
13	Kelly Robbinette	Kelly Pratt	14.04
14	Austin Minton	Hunter Kendrick	13.99
15	Jamie Nealy	Greg Ball	13.93
16	Bob Everhardt	Robert Hladik	13.90
17	Bob Woods	Frank Williams	13.90
18	Tyler Caldwell	Ben fisher	13.76
19	Wayne Drewery	Tim Byers	13.54
20	Zachary Whitt	Larry Whitt	13.54
21	Danny Snyder	Paul Smith	13.47
22	Nelson Johnson Jr.	Kevin Gunn	13.33
23	Brad Huddleston	Wes Crewley	13.13
24	Linwood Shores		12.38
25	Randy Barrett	Joey Scott	12.30



Tom & Diane Hains take 3rd Place in the Chickahominy River OPEN with 16.58 pounds





### Chickahominy River - 31 July 2021





















### Region 8 Chickahominy River Open















### **Appomattox River (11 September)**

Region 8 Anglers fished a tournament on the Appomattox River on Saturday, September 11th. Launching on a clear morning from the Hopewell Marina, most teams managed a limit of fish while the bigger ones proved harder to find. Plenty of 3 and 4 pound class fish were brought to the scales. The Peninsula Bass Anglers team of Dave McLean and Ken O'Boyle topped the field with a 5 fish limit weighing in at 13.36 lbs. With 12.76 pounds the 2nd place team was Tom Cirilli and Jason Henderson from NASA-Langley Bassmasters. In 3rd place were the RVA Bassmasters Floyd Dalton and Tarance Fuller with 12.40 pounds. Mike Phillips and Charles Ingram from the TBF Bass Bandits of VA finished in 4th place with a 5 fish limit weighing 10.92 lbs. In 5th place was Avery Neely from the RVA Bassmasters with 10.82 ponds. Big fish for the tournament was 4.54 pound largemouth caught by the NASA-Langley team of BJ Boothe and Alex Buckhorn. Complete standings are posted on the Region 8 web site. The Top 10 results are listed below:



Dave McLean & Ken O'Boyle Win on the Appomattox River with 13.36 pounds

### **Appomattox River Top 10**

Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
1	Dave McLean	Ken O'Boyle	13.36
2	Tom Cirilli	Jason Henderson	12.76
3	Floyd Dalton	Tarance Fuller	12.40
4	Mike Phillips	Charles Ingram Jr.	10.92
5	Avery Neely		10.82
6	Matt Hockaday	Lynn Hoeffer	10.30
7	Mike Coleman		10.21
8	Sammy Henman	Evan Roop	9.52
9	BJ Boothe	Alex Buckhorn	8.71
10	Bob Everhart	Robert Hladik	7.78













### Appomattox River - 11 September 2021





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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 (Hopewell Marina)
9 Oct (Sat)	Nottoway River (Rte 258 Bridge Ramp)
7 Nov (Sun)	Chickahominy (Rte 5) (Region 8 "No Entry Fee" Member
	Appreciation Tournament)

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

The Region 8 Board of Directors recently finalized the Tournament Schedule for 2022

### **2022 Tournament Schedule**

25 April (Sat)	Chickanoning (Rie 3)
21 May (Sat)	Kerr (Eastland Creek)
18 Jun (Sat)	Pamunkey River (Williams Ramp)
23 July (Sat)	Chickahominy (Rte 5) OPEN
20 August (Sat)	Chickahominy (Rte 5)
2 October (Sun)	Appomattox/James (Hopewell Marina)
TBD	Member Appreciation "No Entry Fee" Tournament

Chickshaminy (Rta 5)

The 2022 Region 8 season standings will be based on "Best 5 out of 6" tournaments.



23 April (Sat)



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### Bass Pro Shops Provides additional support for "Rods & Reels for Kids"







The "Rods & Reels for Kids" efforts continue as youth events are slowly returning to normal. On June 10<sup>th</sup>, Region 8 Director John Flicek accepted a donation of additional rods and reels from our partners in this effort, Bass Pro Shops of Hampton. In 2021, we have provided Rods & Reels during the SAF State Championship on South Holston Lake, the Delaware, New Jersey, & Maryland SAF Championship we hosted at Lake Anna, for the Region 1 Youth Fishing event, and are preparing additional rods and reels for 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

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

#### **Region 10 News:**

The 2021 Region 10 tournament season has come to a close. Congratulations to everyone that enjoyed another year of tournament fishing.

### **Region 10 Tournament Results**

### South Holston Lake (July 10<sup>th</sup>) (Top 3)

1.	Willie Browning / Brandon Creasey	14.42 lbs
2.	Eric Rasnake / Darrel Brown	12.24 lbs
3.	Chad Newberry / Rodney Ray	9.18 lbs

#### Big Fish:

Shawn Hudson / Steve Henegar 4.33 lbs

### South Holston Lake (July 31<sup>st</sup>) (Top 3)

1.	Steve Sauls / LD Barton	15.09 lbs
2.	Shawn Hudson / Steve Henegar	13.08 lbs
3.	Clay Wineberger / Shane Wineberger	10.26 lbs

Big Fish:

Steve Sauls / LD Barton 4.05 lbs



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The Region 10 Year-End-Classic was held on Cherokee Lake on September 18<sup>th</sup>. We had 18 boats fishing the tournament this year and the lake proved to be as tough as it usually is in September with no one bringing a limit of 5 bass to the scales. The team of Bernard Harvey and Tony Heath did manage to bring in four fish that weighed 6.73 pounds for the tournament win. Congratulations to Bernard and Tony for enduring another tough one on Cherokee Lake. It sounds like "top water" fishing was the key to their success.

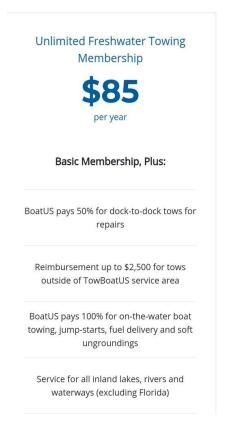
Congratulations to Chad Newberry for winning the 2021 Year Points! Thanks to everyone who came out and fished and supported the Federation & Region 10!

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