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Larry and Zachary Whitt
Win East Regional on the
Chickahominy River

In this Edition:

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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.



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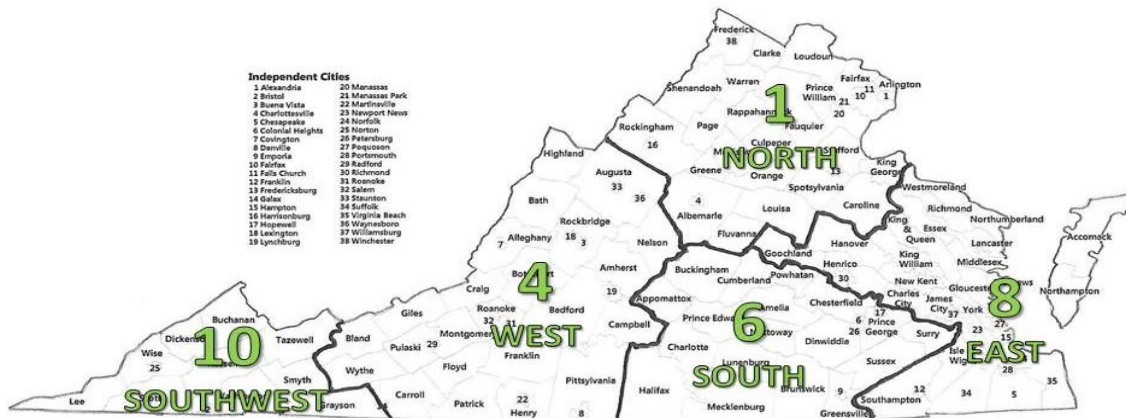
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Presidents Corner

Scott Whitmore

Wow! Where in the world did 2023 go? It seems like yesterday we were getting ready for the Richmond Fishing Expo to kick off our 2023 schedule. As everyone knows I started this year with a broken back and was not much help for several months. I want to thank all the Staff and Members who stepped up to keep the Federation running until I recovered. Because of you we had another very successful year that saw our Federation grow by a few more members to keep us as one of the largest Federations in the country. This is done through the hard work of everyone recruiting new members and the great sponsors we have at the State and National levels. These sponsors are some of the best in the industry. I would like to welcome all of our new members and look forward to meeting you throughout the year.

Our 2024 tournament schedule is set and has already kicked off with the East Regional this past November on the Chickahominy River. The top 10% of that tournament have now qualified for the 2024 National Semifinals with the top Team becoming members of the 2024 State Team. Up next is the West Regional March 2nd on Smith Mountain Lake. Next we move to Lake Anna for the North Regional on April 20th, then on to Kerr Lake for the South Regional May 4th followed by the State Championship on Lake Gaston the weekend of June 1st & 2nd. Our 2024 season will culminate with the National Semifinal on Kerr Lake the weekend of September 21st and 22nd. At this tournament we will qualify Teams for the 2025 TBF National Championship. While we are speaking about National Championships we just recently found out our Virginia 2024 National Championship qualifiers Rick and Chris Mills will be heading to Sam Rayburn Reservoir in Brookland, Texas. They will be fishing for a chance at a \$400,000 purse and a chance to advance to the All American Tournament in May '24 at Cherokee Lake in Jefferson County, Tennessee.

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Great news! The 2024 Richmond Fishing Expo is upon us. This year's Expo is January 19th – 21st. Your Region Director will be reaching out to you asking for volunteers to help run our booth. Please consider volunteering a couple hours to help run the raffle table or help with the Kids corner. We have the largest booth at the Expo and bring great opportunities to the youth of our state. If you volunteer to work a four hour shift, we will reimburse you entry into the Expo. We will be hosting the 2024 Reel Kids Casting State Championship on Saturday the 20th at 1pm. While at the show visit the booths of some of our sponsors Fishing Pro Tech, JB Custom Rods, Tomahund Marine, Capt'n Gary's Marine Products, Mare Marine, Viking Eyewear, Deep Creek Lures, Skyline Marine and G' Daddy's Bait and Tackle. I look forward to seeing everyone at the show.

While on the topic of Youth, our State Youth Director Tim Mick is doing an excellent job of growing our youth program and needs more members. With well over 400 adult members in the State I'm sure you have kids that want to fish competitively. With our new format it is easy and it will not affect your schedule Region Tournament. With five Regions in the state, they have all offered up their tournaments for the youth to come compete for angler of the year points. This format offers up approximately 30 tournaments for them to fish. As long as they fish one tournament it will qualify them to fish the Junior State Championship June 1st with a chance to qualify for the Junior World Championship in July. We also offer opportunities for the high school anglers through the Student Angler Federation series. The SAF Virginia State Championship is March 2nd on Smith Mountain Lake. Contact our State Youth Director Tim Mick for all inquiries about the Junior or SAF opportunities. Keep in mind they are the future of our sport.

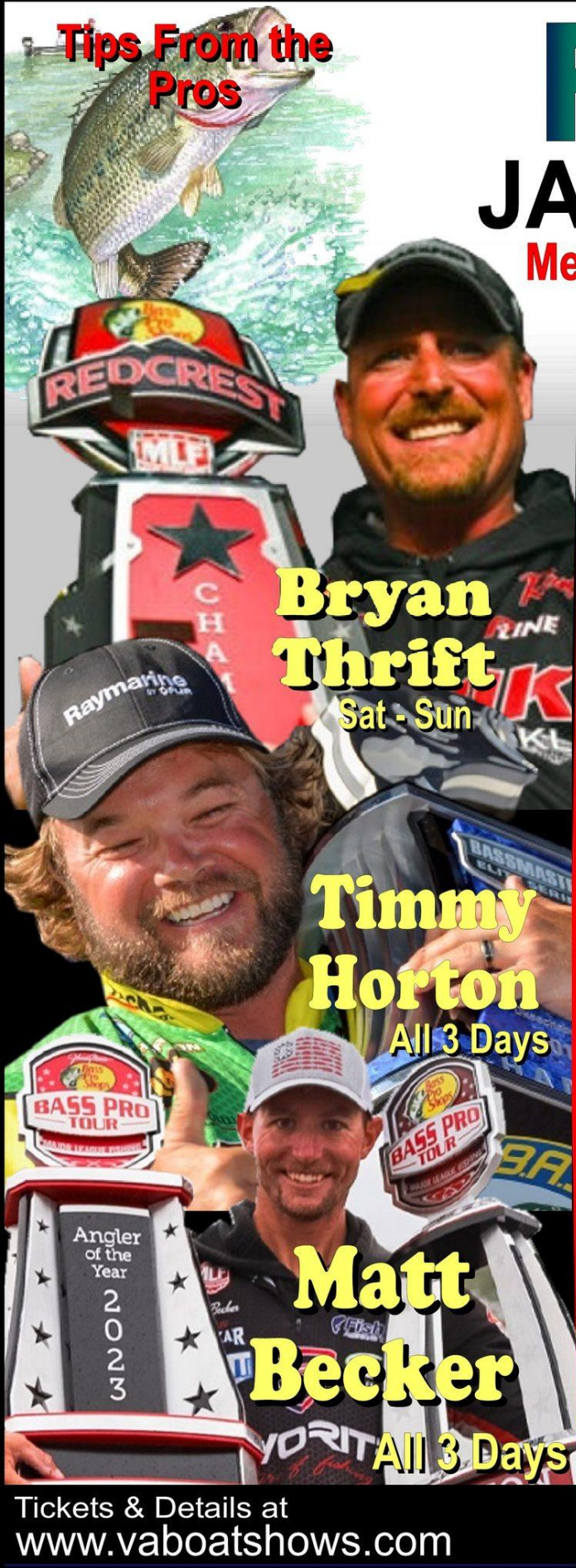
Wishing you and your families a safe and Joyous Holiday Season!

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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All 3 Days

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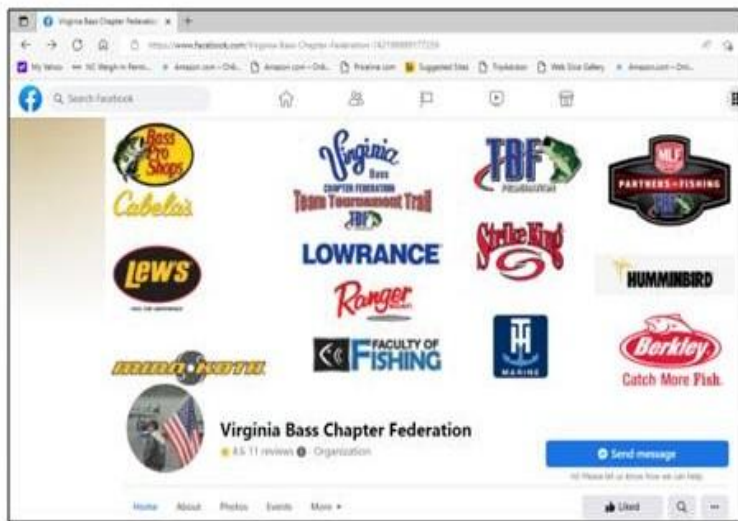
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Membership News



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 NEW **“Virginia State Team”**.

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

1. Teams can download from the State Web Site (www.vabass.com), 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). 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**

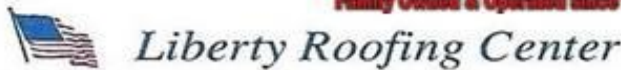
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LAKE GASTON
1/2 June 2024**



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Chickahominy River

East Regional

Virginia Bass Chapter Federation anglers gathered in the early morning hours of November 4th at the Chickahominy Riverfront Park in James City County for the start of their 2024 State Team Tournament Trail campaign. The Team Tournament Trail East Regional was the first regional tournament where Virginia anglers had the opportunity to qualify for the 2024 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.



Teams were checked in and on the water ready to go by 6:30AM, however, a heavy fog settled in at daybreak which resulted in a several hour delay of the blast off waiting for conditions to improve enough for a safe tournament start.

Finally, shortly after 9 AM the fog dissipated allowing teams to safely launch. Due to the extended delay the tournament day was extended allowing teams some extra time of on the water.



Anglers began arriving for weigh in at 4 PM with the majority of teams returning with a limit of bass. The Father and Son team of Larry and Zack Whitt from the TBF Bass Bandits of Virginia topped the field with a nice five bass limit weighing in at 17.73 pounds. The NASA-Langley Bassmasters team of Gary Svatek and Marty Klema weighed a 15.83 pound limit of bass to secure Second Place. Josh Wright and Chuck Rackley, also from the NASA-Langley Bassmasters, finished in the Third spot with their limit weighing in at 15.19 pounds. Peninsula Bass Anglers Dave McLean and Jacob McLean, another Father and Son team weighed in 15.08 pounds for 4th Place. Two teams tied for 5th Place: the Nottoway Bassmasters team of Billy Allen and Craig Cheek and the 5-Rivers Bassmasters team of Nelson (Lee) Johnson and Glenn Stateman, both with a limit of bass weighing in at 13.92 pounds. The Big Bass for the tournament, a 9.13 pound largemouth, was caught by the Husband and Wife team of Robert and Jennie Hissen from the Bass Snipers Club.



Larry and Zachary Whitt
 Chickahominy River - East Regional Champions
 17.73 lbs.



Gary Svatek & Marty Klema
 2nd Place – 15.83 lbs.



Josh Wright & Chuck Rackley
 3rd Place – 15.19 lbs.



Robert Hissen
BIG BASS AWARD – 9.13 lbs.



Chickahominy River - East Regional
4 November 2023



Chickahominy River - East Regional Results

Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
1	Zachary Whitt	Larry Whitt	17.73
2	Gary Svatek	Marty Klema	15.83
3	Josh Wright	Chuck Rackley	15.19
4	Dave McLean	Jacob McLean	15.08
5	Billy Allen	Craig Cheek	13.92
6	Nelson (Lee) Johnson	Glenn Stateman	13.92
7	Mike Guzik	John Guzik	13.07
8	Doug Griles	Patrick Massara	13.01
9	Scott Coons	Mark Elliott	12.72
10	Dylan Whitmore	Scott Whitmore	12.13
11	Chris Craft	Scott Taylor	12.04
12	Frank Glazier	Joe Bandish	11.95
13	Ronnie Brewer	David Jeter	11.44
14	Roger Walters	Renee Walters	11.33
15	Frank Harris	Stan Cobb	11.12
16	Wes Zabyr	Paul Kirby	10.99
17	Garrett Geouge	Justin Smith	10.96
18	Jason Rook	Ryan Brown	10.88
19	Todd Langford	Willie Browning	10.86
20	Jeffery Valentin	Carlton (Moose) Wells	10.55
21	Robert Hissen	Jennie Hissen	10.30
22	Tim Byers	Craig Ferguson	10.05
23	Jason Upton	Rick Lemocks	9.93
24	Eddie Minor	Jeff Meade	9.51
25	Marty Schray	Cole Wykoff	9.50
26	Charles James	John James Jr.	9.04
27	Tim Mitchem	Alex Buckhorn	8.10
28	Daniel Eubank	Mickey Ellis	7.45
29	James Vick	Todd Fisher	7.41
30	Wayne Deavers	Waverly Randall	6.83
31	Phillip Gould	Keith Moring	6.59
32	Floyd Dalton	Tarance Fuller	5.15
33	Michael Coleman	Tracy gravely	3.88
34	Richard Barnhardt	Danny Sage	3.80
35	Patrick Bell	Mark McClain	3.70
36	Steve Finch	Alex Daker	3.34
37	Chris Willoughby	Kevin Bowles	1.79
38	Jon Perham	Mitchell Portervint	0.00
39	BJ Booth	Lynn Hoefffer	0.00
40	Robert Graves	Clyde Cheek	0.00





As winners of the Team Trail East Regional Tournament, Larry and Zachary Whitt 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. At the 2023 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, advancement to the MLF Big5 Five Series Championship, and to the BFL All-American and more! The Co-Angler National Champion received a Living the Dream Package valued at over \$30,000, including \$20,000 cash, plus paid tournament entry stipends, advancement to the MLF Big5 Five Series Championship, 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 Father & Son to Compete for National Title on Lake Sam Rayburn, Tx



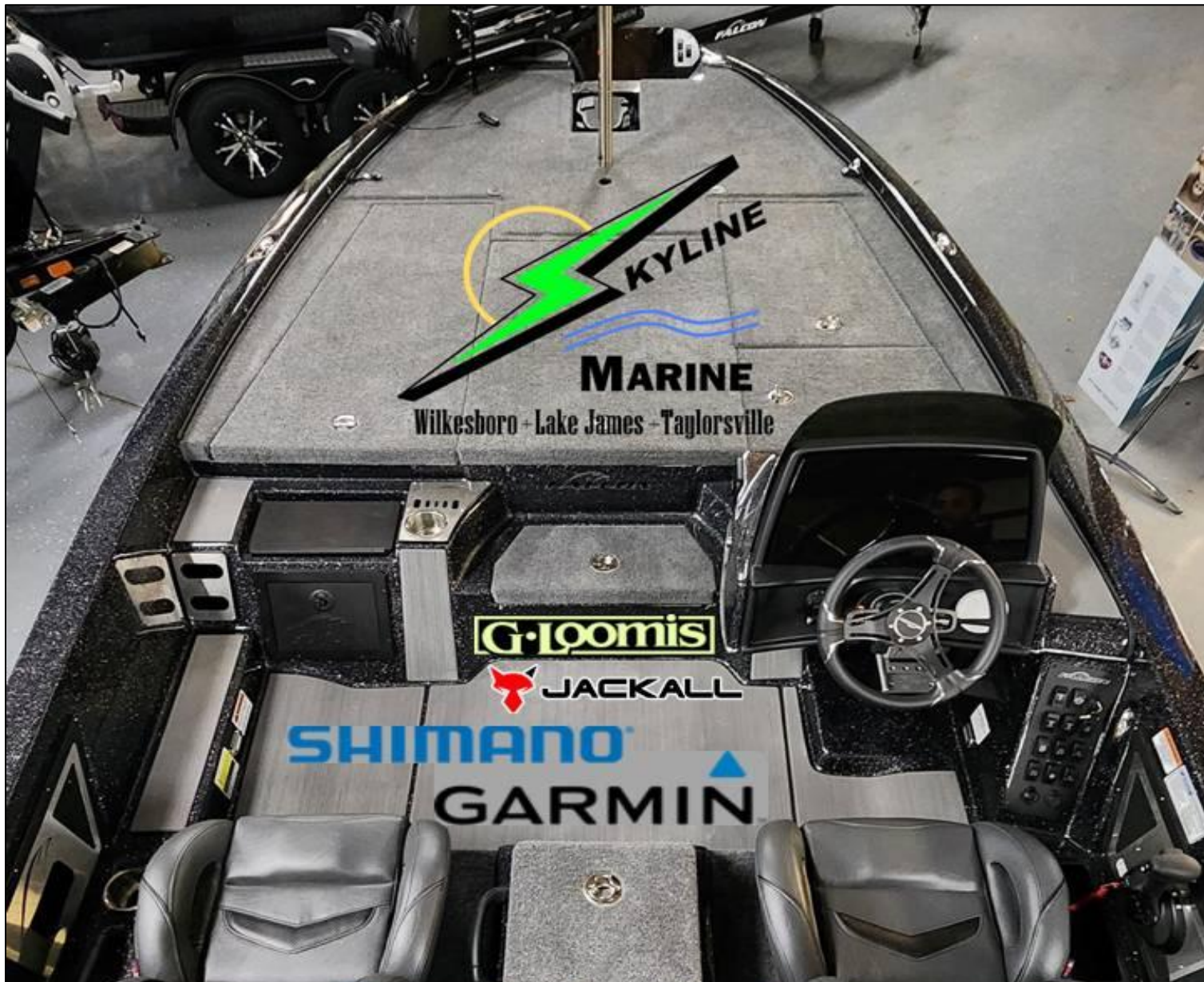
Virginia Bass Chapter Federation Anglers, Rick Mills and Chris Mills will compete for the TBF National Championship on Lake Sam Rayburn, Texas on March 27-29, 2024. Rick and his son Chris earned their way to the championship tournament as the top Virginia Anglers at the TBF National Semi Final Tournament held on the Monongahela River, West Virginia this past September. Rick will compete in the Anglers Division of the Championship and Chris in the Co-Angler Division.

The opportunity for these Virginia Anglers to compete for a National Championship is the result of each angler successfully fishing their way through local Club, Regional, State and National Semi Final Level Tournaments this past season. We know they will represent the Virginia Bass Chapter Federation Angling Community well and wish them continued success on their TBF National Championship quest on Lake Sam Rayburn.



The Federation National Championship Tournament features the top grassroots boaters and co-anglers from each state and Canada. The TBF National Championship is a “no-entry-fee” tournament with a prize purse of over \$400,000. All fifty-two boaters and fifty-two co-anglers competing in the National Championship will fish the first two days of the event then the field is cut down to the 7 Division Champion boaters and 7 Division Champion co-anglers who will compete on the third and final day for the *Living Your Dream* Prize packages and the National Champion Boater and National Champion Co-Angler titles.

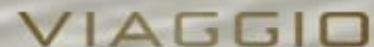
The TBF National Champion Boater and National Champion Co-angler both receive a *Living Your Dream* package. The boater National Champion’s prize package is valued in excess of a \$125,000 in cash and prizes including a brand-new Ranger Z520 powered by Mercury 250HP outboard engine, Lowrance Electronics and MinnKota Trolling Motor. PLUS, a significant CASH prize, paid entry fee stipend into whatever tournament circuit they want to fish and much more! The National Champion Co-Angler prize package will be worth over \$30,000, including 20K cash PLUS paid entry stipends into the circuit of choice, and more. The top 14 finalists (Angler & Co Angler Division Champions) will also receive a “Living Your Dream” prize package of various sizes plus those anglers that maintained the optional Competitor Level MLF status advance to the BFL All American Championship.



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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-
Co-Anglers-

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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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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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 own a 2012 or later, new or used NITRO, RANGER, or TRITON boat.
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- Members must wear apparel displaying the NITRO, RANGER, or TRITON logo while competing, and at weigh-ins. A photo during weigh-ins to confirm apparel compliance is required with claim submission.
- 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



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Register at: toyotatrucksbonusbucks.com/registration

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TOYOTA BONUS BUCKS PROGRAM

7120 E. 13th Street

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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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REGISTER: Anglers must be entered into the Impulse Lithium Tournament Rewards Program prior to the event start.

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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A note from the VP

Another year is in the books, and a very successful one in my opinion. Congratulations are due to the father and son team of Rick and Chris Mills of Region 1 for their finish on the Monongahela River this past September. Rick and Chris will be representing our State Federation at the TBF National Championship on Lake Sam Rayburn, Texas, in March. The 2023 season is behind us and we have already started our 2024 Team Tournament Trail season with the East Regional on the Chickahominy River this past November 4th. With this and additional anglers qualifications through our remaining State Tournaments and Region Trails we should have a very strong field going into the 2024 National Semi Final Tournament on Bugg's Island Lake next September.

With that being said, I would again like to thank our entire State tournament staff for the excellent job they did in 2023 and I am looking forward to again working with them in 2024. I have to say I would find it very difficult to replace any of these wonderful people. Just in case you are not familiar with them, here they are:

Scott Whitmore, the State President, works tirelessly throughout the year to coordinate all facets of our tournaments and day to day operations of the State Federation.

Alton Vaughn, the Tournament Director, who makes sure our tournaments go smoothly.

Becky Connelly, the Assistant Tournament Director, who runs our computer system and makes sure our tournament results are correct and accurate.

Stephanie Brewer, the Treasurer, who handles all of the financial aspects of the State Federation with tremendous skill.

Tammy Caldwell, our Secretary, who handles all of the mundane aspects of the Federation such as our website, Facebook page and the tournament entry forms among her other duties.

And last but not least our Region Directors, who not only handle their respective Regions but also sit as members of the State Board who without them nothing would get accomplished. And a special note of thanks to Region 8 Director John Flicek, who handles our Tightlines publication but is always available to assist in any way he can at any of our events and behind the scene getting all manner of things accomplished.

When you see any of these individuals please be sure to thank them for all of their hard work as all of these positions are purely voluntary.

Happy Holidays to all and looking forward to seeing everyone in the new year.

Steve Hajdasz
Vice President





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Conservation Director

John Flicek

The biannual Virginia DWR Regulation Review cycle will begin mid January. This is an opportunity for anglers to provide input on issues and policy impacting our sport and fishing here in Virginia where regulations either need to be clarified, added to, or in some case eliminated. This initial phase is one of solicitation from anglers. From the information gathered the DWR staff will evaluate the inputs and put together proposals for regulatory changes where warranted. Proposed changes will again be opened for public comment midyear. I encourage each of you to read the article on the following pages addressing the regulation review cycle provided by Mike Bednarski, the Virginia DWR Chief of Fisheries.

In the coming months most of our clubs will begin their 2024 tournament season. The winter time gives us all an opportunity to do some needed maintenance on our boats and equipment. Too often I've seen anglers with live well issues during the first few tournaments of each season that result in fish loss. Now is the time to check the operation of your pumps and clean the aeration systems. Take a few minutes to ensure life jackets and throwable flotation devices are serviceable. A life jacket that is torn or has broken zippers or clips is unserviceable and needs to be replaced. Of course fire extinguishers and navigation lights should also be on your list of inspection items. For those that use inflatable PFD's. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for periodic maintenance. Most recommend periodic inspection of the inflation mechanism to insure it is properly armed, free of corrosion and ready for use. Examine the CO2 cylinder to ensure it is the correct size and charged. Most have a procedure for periodic manual inflation to ensure the bladder maintains air and is not leaking. While inflatable PFDs provide comfort during our hot summer days anglers should be aware that in most cases they are not designed to withstand a high speed impact with the water should you be ejected from your boat. Each inflatable device comes with a user manual and maintenance instructions that should be followed to ensure the device functions properly should it be needed.

John Flicek
 Conservation Director
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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

Conservation continued:

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, Diacsunds Reservoir and Lake Gaston. The VA DWR Fisheries Management Team has put together a rapid response group that will investigate reported catches in an attempt to measure the extent of the Alabama Bass movement and make recommendations for future actions necessary to contain their spread. 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:

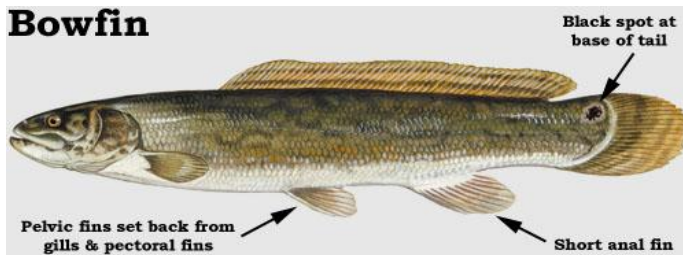
1. Take a picture of the fish.
2. Clip off a thumbnail-sized portion of one of the pelvic fins (pelvic fins are located on the bottom of the fish, just under the head.)
3. Store the fin clip dry in an envelope.
4. Email picture to: fisheries@dwr.virginia.gov for verification with name of angler, location 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)**.

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.



Greetings TBF Members,

It's that time again – DWR's Biennial Regulation Cycle. We're about to head to our scoping period where we solicit input from the general public to figure out what issues are important and what regulations should be added, simplified, or removed. As Fish Chief, I'm the one responsible for collecting public input, presenting to our Board, and working with our staff to come up with potential regulatory changes. The link for comments will go live around the second week of January at <https://dwr.virginia.gov/about/public-comment-opportunities/>. You can sign up here to be notified for other public comment opportunities. You'll be contacted about any that come up including those pertaining to hunting and public access. I recommend it to stay plugged into items that impact sportsmen in Virginia.

After scoping, I'll present the results at DWR's Wildlife and Boat Committee Meeting on Wednesday, March 20th. Draft regulations will be presented on May 22nd and will go out for public comment shortly thereafter. Those regulations will either be adopted or rejected at the August 21st meeting. Any regulations adopted will go into effect on January 1st, 2025. These meetings are broadcasted virtually if you want to follow along but don't want to make the trip to Henrico.

If you've been reading DWR's column over the years, you know that every time I write about the regulation cycle, I encourage anglers to participate. This one is no exception. We regularly struggle to get more than 40-50 comments about recreational fishing - while we regularly receive 3,000+ on wildlife management. Anglers just aren't as engaged and they really need to be. It can be very difficult for us to figure out how to best serve the 500K anglers in Virginia when we get such limited feedback. Or conversely, it's easier for a small group of anglers with an extreme point of view to drive the conversation into a direction that's not productive or responsible.

I'll go ahead and give examples of some contentious issues that should be on your radar. These are issues that we have received questions on in the past and will likely continue to do so for the foreseeable future.

Forward facing sonar: Spend any amount of time online or reading fishing magazines and you'll see discussions about forward facing sonar. Some talk about it being an unfair advantage. Others highlight how it is taking pressure away from shallow fish. Still others discuss tournaments banning the tech outright. What are your thoughts on it?

Spawning bass: Concerns about fishing for spawning bass are not new. Several states have closed seasons during the spawn. Some states have area specific regulations during the spawn. Are you concerned that fishing during the spawn has negative impacts? Do you enjoy fishing during the spring, as many do, and value the recreational opportunity? Let us know.

DWR continued:

Vegetation management: Are you happy with the way vegetation is managed in Virginia’s reservoirs and small lakes? Do you have preferences on how we should approach this issue? Would you like to see more grass?

Those are just a few of the issues that come up. To be clear, our current approach is to maximize recreational opportunity and use size or bag limit restrictions only where needed. For vegetation, it’s to strike a balance between lakeside residents and fishery needs (aka 10-30% coverage and species like water willow).

I look forward to your comments. And as always, I can be reached directly at mike.bednarski@dwr.virginia.gov or 804 432-7244.

Sincerely,

Mike Bednarski, Ph.D.
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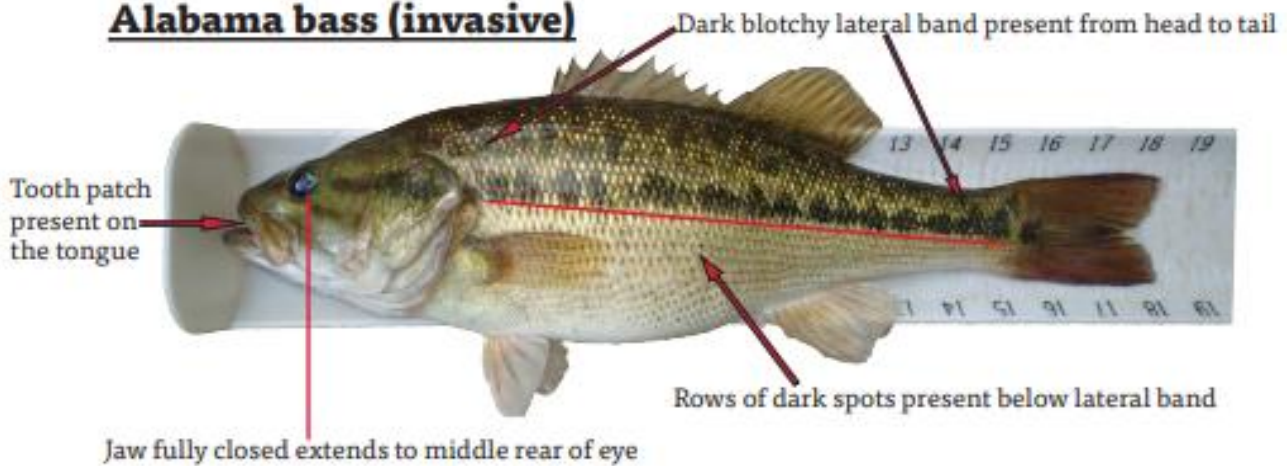
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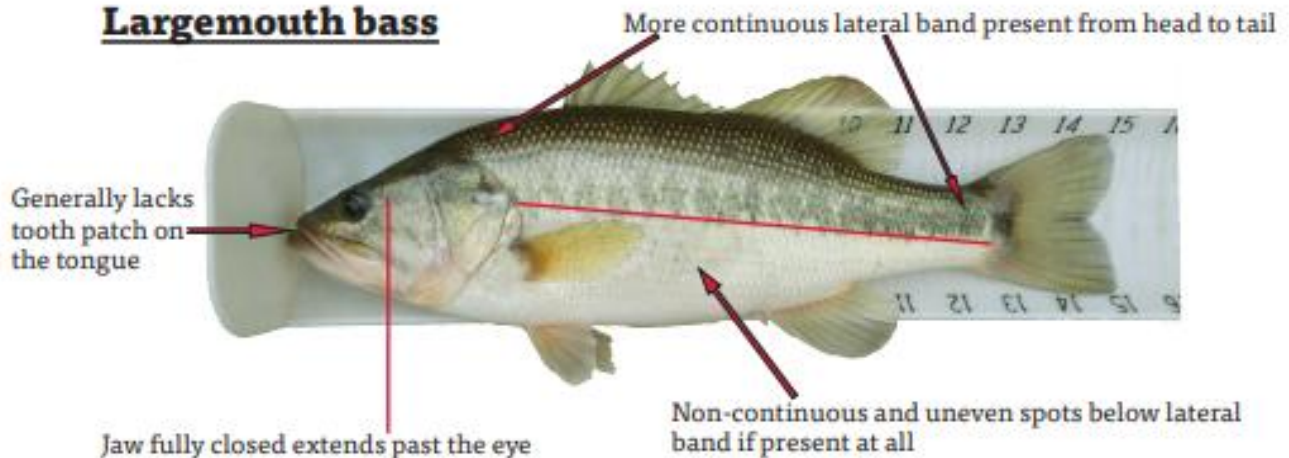


DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE?

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 or 804-367-1293.



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Youth Program Director

Tim Mick

A few words from the Youth Director;

I hope all our state sponsors, region directors, members and all SAF and Jr state members had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

As of September 1st the 2024 season is in full swing, there have been several Region tournaments available to our youth anglers already over the past few months. Check out the tournament schedule on the following pages for additional tournament opportunities open to our Youth Anglers. Looking forward: We will be hosting the Virginia SAF High School State Championship is March 2nd, 2024, on Smith Mountain Lake. The winners of the SAF will advance to the SAF World Finals will be on Lake Hartwell, Anderson, SC, in June. Go to the Virginia web site www.vabass.com and www.highschoolfishing.org for more info. The Virginia TBF JR Angler State Championship on June 1st, 2024 on Lake Gaston, go to www.vabass.com for more info. We also have a Facebook page "virginiatbfyouth" for the up-to-date news and happenings in the Virginia TBF Youth Programs.

We have had several Reel Kids Casting Skills events this last year and are looking to hold more events in 2024. Regions and Clubs looking to host an event are encouraged to contact me (Tim Mick) so we can schedule a kit for you and help you with your event. The top youth in each age group can advance to the Reel Kids Casting Skills State Championship that is held at the Richmond Fishing Expo at the State Fairgrounds each January. This year we will be at the Richmond Fishing Expo, January 19-21, 2024. Youth can come out and try to qualify on the 19th and the morning of the 20th for the opportunity to join the age group winners from events held this past year at the Reel Kids Casting Skills State Championship. The championship event practice session is scheduled to start at noon with the competition beginning at 1 PM Saturday, January 20th.

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 (8th grade and under) or SAF (9th thru 12th grade) level. Watch for the new 2024 tournament schedules in your area in each issue of Tightlines, on the State web site: 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!!

Tim Mick
State Youth Director
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Cell: 804 943-5151



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

Upcoming Youth Events



Reel Kids Casting Skills events & State Championship will be at the Richmond Fishing Expo, January 19-21, 2024.



The Virginia SAF High School State Championship is set for March 2nd on Smith Mountain Lake.



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



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

Virginia Youth Fishing

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 or Scott Whitmore, Email: 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 to support Youth Anglers. Anglers may contact the Host Region indicated for each tournament listed below for specific tournament information. Additional information will also be shared on the VA TBF Youth Facebook page for each event: <https://www.facebook.com/viriniatbfyouth/>

Date	Location	Ramp	Hours	Host Region
February 10, 2024	South Holston Lake	421 Bridge Ramp	Safe light to 4PM	Region 4
February 24, 2024	Smith Mountain Lake	State Park Ramp	Safe light to 4PM	Region 4
March 23, 2024	Kerr Lake	Grassy Creek	TBD	Region 1
March 23, 2024	Kerr Lake	North Bend	7 AM - 3 PM	Region 6
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

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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. In 2023, the Hampton Bass Pro Shop has donated 490 rods and 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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Federation Anglers Support Annual Tony Huddleston Memorial Trout Fishing Rodeo

The 8th Annual Tony L Huddleston Trout Rodeo was held on Saturday October 8, 2022 at the Izaak Walton Park in Christiansburg. This edition of the event was the most successful fishing rodeo that hosted to date. There were 104 participants on hand. The fishing wasn't the greatest this time around, but the event provided a first-time fishing experience for a lot of the participants. As an addition to the fishing rodeo, Region 4 of the VA Bass Chapter Federations Star City Bassmasters hosted their Reel Kids Casting Skills Competition as well. It has always been a great addition to the days activities.



The fishing rodeo is named after Tony Huddleston, a former employee of the Christiansburg Parks and Recreation Department. While employed by the department, he was a facility supervisor and official for a variety of youth and adult athletic leagues. Tony also was a coach for baseball, football, and basketball during his tenure with the recreation department. Outside of the parks and recreation contributions, Tony started the Junior Legion baseball program (middle/high school advanced baseball). His biggest attribute was the mentor and role model that he was for a whole lot of kids. You couldn't ask for a better role model or friend. Unfortunately, he passed away, as a result of a fishing accident.

One of the goals of the event is to honor Tony, but the other is to provide a positive outdoor experience for the participants. The young fishermen were allowed to catch 4 fish in the allotted 2 hours. At the conclusion of the fishing, plaques and fishing rod/reel combos were awarded to the 1st through 3rd place finishers in each age group. Plaques and tackle boxes were also awarded to the overall big fish and small fish winners as well. In addition to the awards, all participants received an event t-shirt in lieu of a goodie bag, giveaway ticket and free lunch. There were over \$2,000 in giveaways for the participants this year.

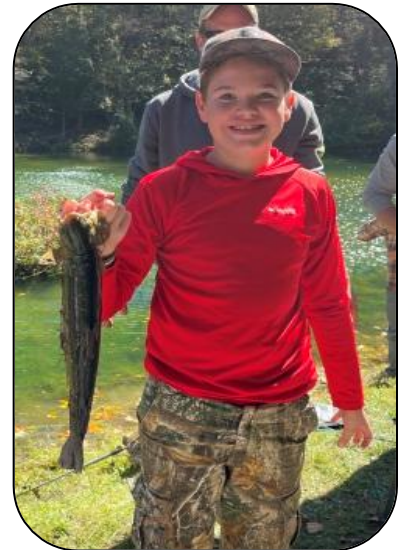
This years event also had a successful raffle for the parents to partake in. This funds raised allows us to have good start for the 2024 event. All of the items for the giveaways and raffles are donated from the community. This event is very well supported from businesses in the community. The business support is very much appreciated as it takes almost \$5,000.00 in money/donations to run this event.



2023 Event Winners

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|-----------|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| Age 4-6 | Ryleigh Britt | Big Fish | Jacob Redd (3.186lbs) |
| Age 7-9 | Jacob Redd | Small Fish | Robert Wooten (.630lbs) |
| Age 10-12 | Aidan Blankenship | | |
| Age 13-15 | Conner Davis | | |

Even though the fishing wasn't as good as normal, the participants and spectators seemed to enjoy themselves. It is particularly rewarding seeing the youngsters that are fishing for the first time, catch their first fish, exclaimed the event organizer. I feel like we were instrumental in achieving our goal of honoring Tony while also providing an enjoyable, educational experience for the participants. We hope this will influence more kids to get outside for more "Tackle Box and less X-Box".



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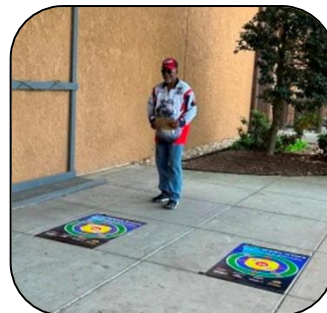


Each year Federation volunteers conduct events working with future anglers on developing their basic skills of Flipping, Pitching, and Casting. During these Reel Kids Casting Skills Competitions Youth Anglers compete to determine who could best demonstrate their skills by presenting a lure to a target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

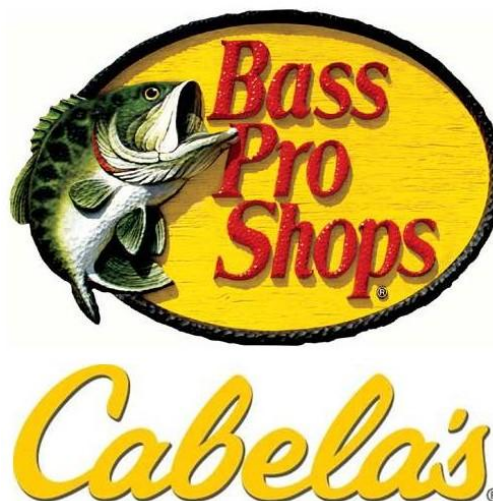
Star City Bassmasters hosted a Reel Kids Casting Skills Competition in conjunction with the Tony Huddleston Memorial Trout Fishing Event at the Izaak Walton Park in Christiansburg on October 8th.



The Tri City Bassmasters members held a Reel Kids Casting Skills Competition and pond fishing event at the Bass Pro Shops in Ashland, Virginia this past June.



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Region 1 Angler of the Year

Region 1 members gathered on December 5th at the Harbor Grill at Occoquan for some fellowship and to recognize our top anglers for the 2023 season. The seasons points race was a tight one this year with the Bass Sniper Club angler Mike Ramey taking the Region 1 Angler of the Year. The second place team was Craig Loudan and Tom Hayes from the Northern Virginia Bass Anglers Club. Our third Place team also from the Bass Snipers was Mike and Austin Cole. The Big Bass Award for 2023 went to another Bass Snipers Club Angler Scott Taylor. Congratulations to all on a great season.

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

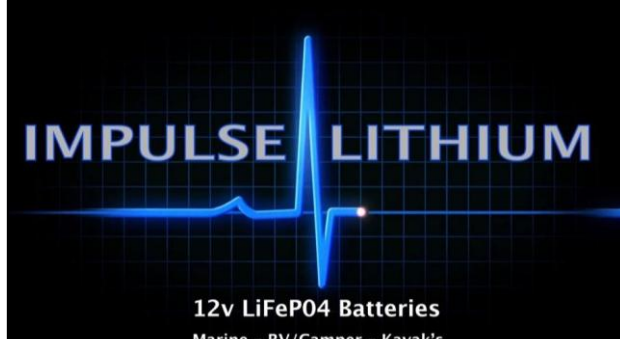


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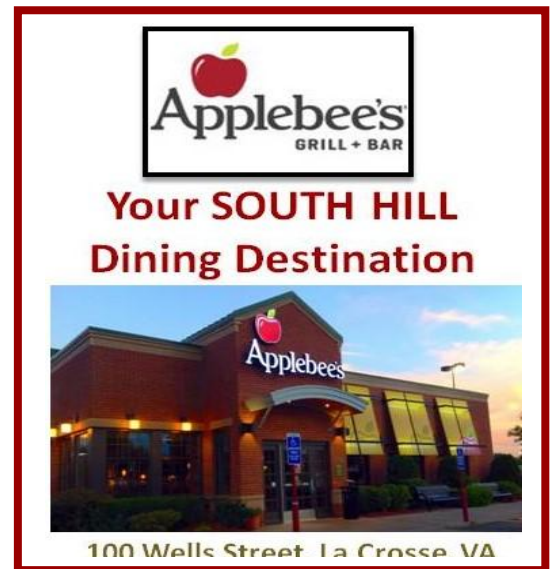
Region 1 Tournament Results

Potomac River - Region 1 Classic

Region 1 had scheduled a two day Region Classic on the Potomac River for October 14th & 15th. However, due to severe weather forecasted for day 2, the Region 1 season finally was cut to a one day event. On Saturday, October 14th, twenty-six teams launched from Leesylvania State Park on what ended up being a cold wet day of competition. Despite the miserable weather 18 of the 26 teams managed to bring a limit of bass to the scales. The Team of Lee Blount and Mike Majchszak from the Hook'em Bass Anglers won the tournament with their limit of bass weighing in at 15.49 pounds. The Northern Virginia Bass Anglers team of Craig Loudan and Tom Hayes finished in the second spot with a limit that weighed 13.86 pounds. The Third Place team from the Bass Snipers Club was Mike and Austin Cole with 13.80 pounds. They were followed in fourth place by another Bass Snipers team of Mike Ramey and Phil Hunt who had 12.86 pounds. Rounding off the top 5 was the NOVA Bass Anglers team of George Hayn and Johnathon Ruiz with 12.67 pounds. Bass Snipers Angler Chris Craft had the Big Bass of the tournament, a 4.36 pound largemouth.

Potomac River – Top 10

Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
1	Lee Blount	Mike Majchszak	15.49
2	Craig Loudan	Tom hayes	13.86
3	Mike Cole	Austin Cole	13.80
4	Mike Ramey	Phil Hunt	12.86
5	George Hayn	Johnathon Ruiz	12.67
6	Chris Craft	Scott Taylor	12.07
7	Charlie Munday	Brian Swall	11.87
8	Scott Favors	Jeff Meade	11.10
9	Joey Ratliff	Andy Hash	11.04
10	Rick Mills	Chris Mills	11.01



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Region 4 had another successful tournament season. Our regular season Open Tournaments are open to all anglers. Our Championship Tournament is only open to Region 4 TBF members who have fished at least four of the regular tournaments. With the large payouts we have for a small numbers of boats, we continue to attract new participants. Our tournaments would not be nearly as successful if not for the hard work of our tournament staff. The Region 4 Tournament Director, Daniel Eubank, does an outstanding job doing everything, from setting up each years schedule to handling weigh-ins and keeping records. Our long time Weigh-master, Paul Craighead, ensures all aspects of weighing fish are taken care of. These two gentlemen are what make our tournament trail succeed.

Congratulations to
 Claytor Lake Mafia Anglers
 Zach and Bobby Peaslee
 Our 2023 Region 4 Points Champions.
 This was a repeat performance for Zach
 and Bobby as they were also our 2022
 points champions.



Region 4 Season Championship Qualifiers

The Region 4 teams that fished at least four of our ten regular tournaments qualified to fish in the Region Championship Tournament on South Holston Lake on November 18. Congratulations to the twelve teams that qualified.

CLUB	Boater	fishoff	Non-Boater	fishoff	SH	SML	Clay	Phil	Clay	SML	Sml	Clay	Sml	Clay	Total	HeavyWeight
1 Claytor Lake Mafia	Zach Peaslee	9	Bobby Peaslee	6	95	80	100	89	99	100	82	100	100	99	400	Clay 23.76
2 Claytor Lake Mafia	Josh Friend	10	Nathan Lawrance	10	100	95	96	98	100	98	97	99	96	100	399	Clay 17.68
3 Triangle	Paul Craighead	8	Brian Burnett	9	97	93	94	100	95	0	100	98	98	95	395	SML 18.08
4 Star City	Ian Branson	10	Jon Branson	10	96	98	98	99	92	93	96	94	99	94	394	SML 20.58
5 Claytor Lake Mafia	Eric Farris	10	Adrian Parcell	9	98	95	96	93	99	99	95	94	93	392	SML 17.42	
6 BlackWater River	Daniel Eubank	10	Douglas Eubank	10	90	92	92	98	92	95	97	95	98	390	Clay 15.18	
7 Triangle	Charles Lee	9	Tony Morris	8	99	82	90	97	95	94	96	84	0	388	SML 20.32	
8 Star City	Chuck Hart	9	Hayden Hart	8	94	91	92	97	91	94	98	93	0	83	383	SML 13.30
9 Triangle	Danny Reed	10	Josh Lambert	3	80	93	88	96	96	93	83	84	96	382	SML 11.82	
10 BlackWater River	Mickey Elis	6	Brian Epperly	4	92	90	0	94	0	97	92	0	97	0	380	SML 11.61
11 StarCity/Southwest	David Martin	5	Keivn Simmons	5	93	0	93	0	0	82	83	84	0	369	SML 21.26	
12 Triangle	Steve Deisher	6	Bobby Pauly	6	80	0	99	0	81	82	82	0	0	97	360	Clay 17.98

Region 4 Tournament Results

The last regular open tournament of the 2023 season was held October 7th on Claytor Lake.



Claytor Lake – October 7, 2023

Place	Club/Open	Boater	Non-Boater	# of Fish	Weight	Big Fish
1	Open	Chris Eades	Terry Jones	5	12.7	3.9
2	Claytor Lake Mafia	Josh Friend	Nathan Lawrance	5	11.88	3.28
3	Claytor Lake Mafia	Zach Peaslee	Bobby Peaslee	5	11.6	
4	BlackWater	Daniel Eubank	Douglas Eubank	5	10.3	2.95
5	Triangle	Steve Deisher	Bobby Pauley	5	8.18	
6	Triangle	Danny Reed	Jammie Slate	5	8.08	3.12
7	Triangle	Brian Burnett		5	7.96	3.44
8	Open	Brian Felts	Mack Mabe	5	7.7	
9	Star City	Ian Branson	Jon Branson	5	6	
10	Claytor Lake Mafia	Eric Farris	Adrian Parcell	5	4.82	
11	Star City	Chuck Hart	Hayden Hart	0		
12	Open	Chris Decker	Emily Edwards	0		

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South Holston Lake – November 18th, 2023 Region 4 Championship Tournament

On November 18, we had our Region 4 Championship Tournament on South Holston Lake. Ten Region 4 teams fished for \$2000 in prize money, including \$1000 for first place. Conditions were tough, but Zach and Bobby Peaslee of The Claytor Mafia finished first for the second year in a row. In addition to winning first place they now have the option of fishing any of the 2024 VA Bass Chapter Federation Team Tournaments with Region 4 paying their entry fee.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Aug. 3rd 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. 7th Claytor Lake, Hidden Valley Ramp, safe light- 3pm (Sm 14", Lm/Spots 12")

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

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

REGION 4 TBF TEAMS FISH-OFF

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

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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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Tri-City Bassmasters Recognize Top Anglers for 2023 Season



Members and families of the Tri-City Bassmasters gathered on December 10, 2023 for some holiday season fellowship and to recognize their 2023 season champions. The pot-luck, awards, and social was hosted by James and Linda Vick at their home. End of Season Awards were presented to recognize the Tri-City Bassmasters Top Anglers. The 2023 First Place Award was presented to the team of Bob Graves and Clyde Cheek. Finishing the 2023 season in 2nd Place was the team of James Vick and Bryan Reedy. Wade and Caleb Rook finished in the third spot and challenged the membership and club winners to contribute their winnings for a charitable contribution to St Jude's Children's Hospital in Richmond. Two-Hundred Seventy dollars was raised and donated. Recognition awards were also made for spouses and club members Linda Vick, Susan Glazier, and Renee Walters who volunteered this past season to help run club events. A special presentation and the title of "Honorary President" was awarded to Trey Berry who is always on hand to help during the meetings and events. Trey is the son of club member Drew Berry, and the grandson of club members Frank and Susan Glazier. It was a great day fellowship enjoyed by all.





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The 2023 tournament year is now behind us. It proved to be a very competitive season. Once again it was the last tournament of the season that determined the Region 8 2023 Championship Team. For 2023, our yearly championship was based upon the best 5 out of 6 tournaments fished in the season which means most teams would dropping their lowest tournament weight from their season total. The top team for 2023 went to the Father and Son team of Zachary and Larry Whitt with a season total weight of 65.56 pounds following the drop. Zack and Larry are members of the TBF Bass Bandits of Virginia. The Big Fish Award for 2023 went to Five Rivers Bassmasters Angler Glenn Stateman, a 5.83 pound largemouth which was caught in the last tournament of the season.



Larry and Zachary Whitt
2023 Region 8 Championship Team



Glenn Stateman
2023 Region 8 Big Fish Award

The 2024 State Team Trail season got underway with the East Regional on the Chickahominy River on November 4, 2023. I'd like to congratulate the TBF Bass Bandits of Virginia Team of Zachary and Larry Whitt for their winning the Team Trail East Regional. It was a very good event for Region 8 anglers as the top 10 finishing teams were all Region 8 club members. This tournament was our angler's first opportunity to qualify for next year's Team Trail State Championship scheduled for the first weekend in June on Lake Gaston. The Team Trail tournaments also are qualifying State events for the 2024 TBF National Semi Final that will be on Kerr Lake next September. The top 10% of the field from each Team Trail Tournament earn a spot in the National Semi Final. With their win, Zack and Larry have earned their spot on the 2024 State Team which includes a free entry into the Team Trail State Championship Tournament on Lake Gaston in June. Also through this State tournament the following Region 8 anglers have qualified for the TBF District 12 National Semi Final Tournament on Kerr Lake in September:

Angler Division: Zachary Whitt, Gary Svatek, Josh Wright, and Dave McLean

Co-Angler Division: Larry Whitt, Marty Klema, Chuck Rackley, and Jacob McLean.

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.

Membership renewal season is here so get with your Club President now to keep your TBF membership current for the 2024 season.

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, Feel the Payne Bait & Tackle, TKF 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
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.



OPEN TOURNAMENT on the CHICKAHOMINY RIVER - 27 July 2024



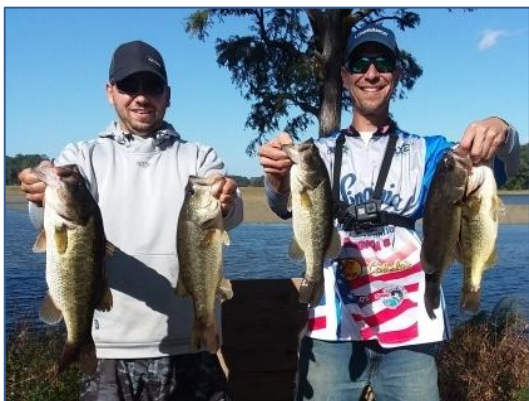
We are pleased to announce the date for the 2024 REGION 8 Open Tournament at the Chickahominy Riverfront Park (Rte 5 Ramp). Entry fee this year will be \$80 per boat. Tournament limit remains 5 fish per boat. This allows participants an opportunity to fish individually or as a team. The tournament will 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, after the first of the new year. Just select the "OPEN TOURNAMENT" tab to access the registration form.



Region 8 Tournament Results

Chickahominy River, October 7, 2023

The last regular tournament of the 2023 season was held at the Chickahominy Riverfront Park on October 7th. The TBF Bass Bandits of Virginia team of Steve Finch and Mike Phillips won the tournament with a 5 fish limit of bass weighing in at 17.0 pounds. Lee Johnson and Glenn Stateman from the 5-Rivers Bassmasters finished in 2nd Place with their limit weighing in at 15.40 pounds. Glenn also caught the tournaments Big Bass a 5.83 pound largemouth. In Third Place with 15.39 pounds was the Peninsula Bass Anglers team of Dave and Jacob McLean. RVA Bassmasters Mike Coleman and Tracy Gravely took the 4th spot with a limit of bass weighing 14.13 pounds. Avery Neely and George Prokopis, also from the RVA Bassmasters, finished in the 5th Place with 11.91 pounds.



Chickahominy River Results (Top 15)

Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
1	Steve Finch	Mike Phillips	17.00
2	Glenn Stateman	Lee Johnson	15.40
3	Dave McLean	Jacob McLean	15.39
4	Mike Coleman	Tracy Gravely	14.13
5	Avery Neely	George Prokopis	11.91
6	Jeff Valentin	Carlton "Moose" Wells	11.90
7	Craig Cheek	Cameron Cheek	11.54
8	Zack Whitt	Larry Whitt	11.41
9	Mike Guzik		10.33
10	Charles James	John James	10.31
11	Bob Everhart		9.71
12	Ray Allen	Kevin Phillips	9.01
13	Cody Wilson	Andrew Gonzalez	8.66
14	Doug Griles	Brandon Pearce	7.80
15	James Whitehead	Lynn Hoeffer	7.24



Region 8 Members Appreciation “No Entry Fee” Tournament



Region 8 Anglers and friends gathered at the Chickahominy Riverfront Park on Sunday, November 5th, for the final Region 8 event of 2023. Each year the Annual Region 8 Members Appreciation "No-Entry-Fee" Tournament serves as the seasons finally with a day of fishing, fellowship, food, and recognition of the Region's Top Anglers with the presentation of the end of the season awards. Participation in this event is open all members of the Regions six TBF clubs. Members were also open to bring a quest fishing partner to enjoy the day. Each angler was asked to donate two new baits or tackle items to our donation bin as entry into the tournament.

It was a nice fall day on the Chickahominy River as anglers blasted off at safe light then returned at 2:30 for weigh in and an afternoon of fellowship. Each participant had a chance to win one of the many event door prizes (Rods, reels, tackle items, coolers, mugs, tackle bags, first aid kits and much more). In all, fifty-three anglers competed with over \$1800 in cash and prizes awarded during this "no-entry-fee" tournament. We would like to thank Connie Phillips for once again for manning the grill and preparing chilidogs and snacks for our hungry anglers.

This year's tournament was won by Billy Allen who caught a 5 fish limit of bass weighing 18.50 pounds. Billy also had the Big Bass of the tournament a 5.14 pound largemouth. In 2nd Place was the Nottoway Bassmasters Angler Mike Guzik with 15.05 pounds. Mike was followed by the fellow Nottoway Bassmasters Angling team of Dave Christian and John Guzik with 14.89 pounds. The 4th place team was Brad Webb and Keith Jones with 14.09 pounds. Finishing in the 5th spot was the Peninsula Bass Anglers team of Dave and Jacob McLean with 13.99 pounds.

Region 8 also recognized the 2023 seasons Top Anglers:

The Father and Son Team of Larry and Zack Whitt won the 2023 Region 8 Championship Team Award with the top total weight of 65.56 pounds for their best 5 out of 6 tournaments this past season. Larry and Zack are members of the TBF Bass Bandits of Virginia Club.

The Region 8 2023 Big Bass Award went to the 5-Rivers Bassmasters angler Glenn Stateman who weighed in a 5.83 pound largemouth at the Chickahominy River Tournament this past October 7th.





Member Appreciation Tournament Results (Top 25)

Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
1	Billy Allen		18.50
2	Mike Guzik		15.05
3	Dave Christian	John Guzik	14.89
4	Brad Webb	Keith Jones	14.09
5	Dave McLean	Jacob McLean	13.99
6	Mike Russ		13.66
7	James Whitehead	Lynn Hoeffler	13.51
8	Lee Johnson	Glenn Stateman	13.27
9	Floyd Dalton	Tarance Fuller	13.15
10	Zack Whitt	Larry Whitt	12.80
11	Jason Henderson	Jordan Wilson	12.55
12	Avery Neely	George Prokopis	11.46
13	Scott Coons	Mark Elliott	11.36
14	Jeff Valentin	Carlton "Moose" Wells	11.24
15	Zack Clark	Stephanie Clark	10.85
16	Jeff Knapp	Aydin Knapp	10.62
17	Bob Everhart	Matt Hladik	10.60
18	Charles James	John James	10.23
19	Charles Ingram	Sarah Ingram	10.13
20	Gary Svatek	Marty Klema	9.65
21	Craig Cheek	Cameron Cheek	9.45
22	Chris Willoughby	Kevin Bowles	8.33
23	Steve Finch	Alex Daker	7.46
24	Eddie Hogge	Darrell Smith	7.17
25	Bob Pearce	Bobby Pearce	5.56



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 closed out the 2023 season nicely and the work hasn't stopped as we build towards the coming 2024 season. We held an Open Benefit Tournament to build on our 2024 Top Region 10 points payout. I've secured multiple Region 10 sponsors for the coming season along with some State level sponsorship for 2024. Hurberries Inc., Stanco Equipment, Just Fishin, Ramey's Auto Group, and The Bait Shop will be serving as State and Region sponsors for 2024. We welcome their support and look forward to representing these local sponsors with great advertising and exposure throughout the coming year.

The new Top Points Team Fish Off was a big success in 2023. Through great sponsor support and by working extra Open Benefit tournaments we were able to secure four thousand dollars in payouts for the Fish Off to our top 8 teams. My goal is to continue these efforts towards better payouts and adding additional qualified teams to the Team Fish Off event.

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.

Thank you,
Darrell Brown
Region 10 Director



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REGION 10 2024 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

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

2024 Region 10 Classic

<u>SEPTEMBER 28, 2024</u>	<u>WATAUGA LAKE</u>	<u>RATT BRANCH</u>	<u>SL-3PM</u>
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