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**Paul Craighead
Brian Burnett
WIN State Team Trail
Title on Kerr Lake**



**Virginia Anglers
Chris Fiore (Angler) and
Craig Ferguson (Co-Angler)
TBF National Semi Final
Champions**

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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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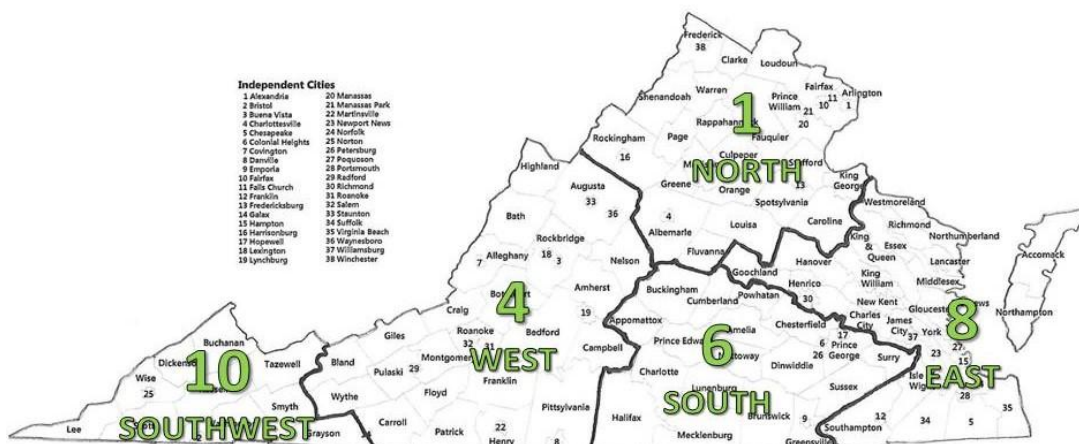
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Presidents Corner

Scott Whitmore

Hard to believe the 2020 Tournament season is behind us. This year presented us with challenges that at times appeared too hard to overcome but with the perseverance of the State Board and the support of each and every one of our members we were able to have a very successful year. Going into the 2020 season we knew we already had challenge on our hands executing the new tournament format and then in comes COVID 19. This essentially shutdown our season and our ability to host the tournaments needed to qualify our members for the National Semifinal. This is where this Team dug in their heels and started planning numerous scenarios that would get our tournaments in. We had to move dates and locations to get around state mandated regulations to get in our tournaments. While doing this I knew it would have an adverse effect on some previously planned Region and Club tournaments. As the President all of this made for some sleepless nights worrying about how it would affect the membership and would we get all the tournaments in. This is where the membership leaned in and supported our changes by rescheduling your tournaments. Well not only did we get all of our tournaments in, as we sat idle due to COVID, we continued to grow membership as the word of our new format spread. This trend has continued as we have added new clubs while we were off running the National Semifinal in South Hill. When we started this new tournament format for 2020 I committed to you that it would be a 100% payback. I'm proud to announce that the State Championship paid back well over 120%. Not one cent of the members' entry fees went to run the state. On top of that, every angler that participated in the NSF received either full or partial reimbursement of their entry fee. When the dust settled on the 2020 season we seen tournament participation double over 2019 and the total tournament payout nearly doubled over 2019. Keep in mind this was done with COVID 19 keeping some members at home taking well deserved precautions to stay safe. I expect in the future that as this pandemic clears we will see that participation and payout will continue to grow. Not only was the payout much better, the cost to the members was greatly reduced due to lower entry fees and most participants did not require hotel stays or travel expenses as the tournaments were brought to the members. With all the challenges we faced I sit back and reminisce on what was a very successful first season of the new tournament format and I'm excited to get started on the 2021 season!

On to the 2020 National Semifinal, all I can say is WOW. We put on one heck of a show this year. Through the hard work of my tournament staff and our Sponsors we started the weekend with a great tournament pairings meeting with our friends and fellow fishermen from West Virginia. Over 55 people walked away from the pairings meeting with a raffle prize. Throughout the weekend, as it transpires every year at the NSF great fellowship was had and new friendships were formed that will continue for years to come. In the end for the second year in a row Team Virginia came out on top in all categories with Region 8's Chris Fiore becoming the first back to back National Semifinal Champion. Region 6's Craig Ferguson coming out on top on the Co-angler side. These two gentlemen now advance to the TBF National Championship next

spring with a chance to win a living the dream package like Chris has enjoyed this year. Region 6 Director James Vick ended the tournament as the Ranger Cup winner. Virginia also came out on top in the State Pride competition.

Like I said earlier I'm excited to get started on the 2021 season. We have set the dates and locations for the 2021 season and currently are securing the boat ramps. Look for the 2021 schedule to be posted on our Facebook page and website in the next couple of weeks. Due to Regions and Clubs working to make up tournaments and to give COVID a chance to pass we have decided to not hold a fall Regional to give the Regions and Clubs a chance to finish their seasons. Our first tournament will be the South Regional on March 27th and our season will culminate with the State Championship on June 17th.

In closing I want to thank our entire Tournament Staff and Board of Directors for all of your hard work to make the 2020 tournament season a success. These are the folks that volunteer their time to make these tournaments successful. They work relentlessly behind the scenes to make sure everything goes smooth for the Anglers. To all of our Sponsors, please accept our sincere thanks, without your support our 2020 season would not have happened.

Scott



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2020 Schedule of Events

January 5	Board Meeting (South Hill)
January 17-19	Richmond Fishing Expo
March 7	West Regional
June 13	TBF Youth State Championship – Pamunkey River
June 14	SAF/ Virginia High School State Championship – Lake Gaston
June 27	South Regional – Lake Gaston Board Meeting
July 12	East Regional – Chickahominy River
July 27 –August 1	Junior World Championship & State Leadership Conference
August 14-16	State Team Trail Championship – Kerr Lake / Board Meeting
September 18-20	TBF National Semi-final Tournament - Kerr Lake
October TBD	2021 Regional Tournament
November 1	Board Meeting (South Hill)



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Membership News



The Bass Federation (TBF) Memberships are always open. Anglers can contact their Chapter/Club President to activate/renew your TBF membership at any time. TBF is much more than a tournament trail. Our founding principles are **Fishing, Youth** and **Conservation**. TBF members can qualify through their club events and State Federation events to fish in the TBF National Semi Final Division Championship series, and then on to the TBF Federation National Championship, the BFL All-American, and the FLW 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 the FLW Tour as a professional angler and a fully equipped Ranger Boat.

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- **Hummingbird**
- **Power Pole** and more
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Brian Burnett and Paul Craighead WIN Team Trail State Championship on Kerr Lake

This was the inaugural season with the new State Tournament format. A season that seen some real challenges as the restrictions imposed due to the COVID-19 pandemic ceased all tournament activities for more than three months earlier this year. When the Virginia "Stay @ Home" order was finally lifted on June 10th it caused a flurry of activity statewide as most tournament trails worked to secure ramps for their rescheduled events. With only two events completed before the restrictions, priority within the Federation was to complete the remaining two qualifiers and State Championship in time to start the registration process for the TBF District 12 National Semi Final Tournament in September. The final event, the State Team Trail Championship Tournament concluded the 2020 Team Trail season on Kerr Lake, 15-16 August, with the team of Brian Burnett and Paul Craighead capturing the Championship Title.



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Team Trail Championship Results continued:

Anglers gathered at the South Hill Southside Rescue Squad facility on Friday evening for the pre-tournament team check-in and rules briefing. Most anglers departed with door prizes and sponsor product that included Preferred Plastics baits, Deep Creek Lures, Captain Gary's boat care products, a JB Custom Rod, a MinnKota FORTREX trolling motor, LOWRANCE ELITE 7 Ti2 Depth Finder, Cabela's Tackle Pack, Federation Angler Rod, Steve Hajdasz Crank Baits, BPS Pro Qualifier Reel, Goins Outdoors Lures, Viking Eyewear, Minn Kota Precision Battery Charger, Mercury Oil, and gift cards/discount certificates from Propeller Dynamics and Colonial Italian Restaurant.



**We would like to thank the
host hotel, South Hill Comfort
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Southside Rescue Squad for
supporting the Team Trail
State Championship Event.**



The two day championship tournament proved difficult for many of the anglers as they found the bite had changed with the weather front that arrived Friday evening. The rain and cooler temperatures that dominated both tournament days was a sharp contrast to the conditions just days earlier when most teams practiced for the event.

Teams launched from the Kerr Lake North Bend Special Events Area at safe light with the first flight of anglers returning at 3:00 PM for the Day 1 weigh-in.

Leading the field after the first day of competition was the team of Brian Burnett and Paul Craighead from Triangle Bassmasters weighing in a five fish limit at 14.69 pounds. Nearly two pounds back was the 2nd place team of Zach Clark from 5-Rivers Bassmasters and Nicky Skinner of Nottoway Bassmasters with 11.84 pounds.

Team Trail Championship Results continued:

Following closely in 3rd place with 11.75 pounds was the team of Ronnie Brewer and David Jeter of the Southside Bassmasters. The 4th place team was Mitchell and Kevin Camden from Star City Bassmasters with 11.56 pounds followed in 5th place with 10.63 pounds was the team of Larry Kempler and Dan Wilt, Mt. Vernon Bassmasters. The first place team, Brian and Paul, also had the Big Fish for Day 1 with a 4.63 lb largemouth.

On Day 2, the final day of competition, Paul Craighead and Brian Burnett retained their lead to take the 2020 Team Trail Championship with 9.57 pounds making their tournament total weight 24.26 pounds. Moving up from 14th place on Day 1 to the 2nd Place position was the team of Brent Williams and Thomas Latham from Sandy River Bass Masters with the biggest single day weight for the tournament, 15.51 pounds, bringing their total tournament weight to 23.39 lbs. Larry Kempler and Dan Wilt moved into 3rd place with 9.87 lbs on day 2 and a total tournament weight of 20.50 lbs. Dropping one position following day 1 and finishing in 4th Place was the team of Ronnie Brewer and David Jeter who weighed in 8.70 lbs for a two day total tournament weight of 20.45 lbs. Rounding off the Top 5 Teams was the team of Reuben Williams and Eric Ellington, Sandy River Bass Masters, with 9.93 lbs and a final two day weight of 19.73 pounds. Brent Williams and Thomas Latham weighed in the biggest fish of the tournament, a 5.16 pound largemouth, on this final day.



Team Tournament Trail State Championship – Kerr Lake



In addition to their first place checks, Paul Craighead and Brian Burnett, as the 2020 Team Tournament Trail State Champions, each receive a Champions Package including a State Team Trail Jersey, tackle, rods, and a custom embroidered VA Bass Chapter Federation Champions jacket. The top six teams from this event join the regional qualifying tournament winners on the new "20 Man State Team". Each team member will receive a State Team Trail Jersey and paid entry into the TBF District 12 National Semi Final Tournament to be held on Kerr Lake, September 18-20.

Team Trail Championship Results continued:



State Championship RESULTS – Kerr Lake

Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
1	Paul Craighead	Brian Burnett	24.26
2	Brent Williams	Thomas Latham	23.39
3	Larry Kempler	Dan Wilt	20.50
4	Ronnie Brewer	David Jeter	20.45
5	Reuben Williams	Eric Ellington	19.73
6	Billy Chappell	Donald Martin	19.38
7	Garrett Geouge	Chris Roberts	17.96
8	Tom Cirilli	Jason Henderson	17.31
9	Mitchell Camden	Kevin Camden	17.29
10	Rick Mills	Chris Mills	16.62
11	James Vick	Frank Glazier	16.58
12	Terry Johns	Jason Martin	16.34
13	Phil Witmer	Jon Witmer	16.09
14	Kelvin Barnes	Thomas Barnes	15.40
15	Matt Hockaday	Lynn Hoeffler	15.36
16	Wally Dryman	Gary Jones	14.89
17	Zachary Clark	Nicky Skinner	14.89
18	Mike Renshaw	Ken Huband	14.28
19	Larry Lester	Randy Barrett	12.61
20	John Flicek	Terrance Minnick	12.60
21	Floyd Dalton	Archie Cannon	12.40
22	Tyler Caldwell	Ben Fisher	11.63
23	Gary Svatek	Michael Coleman	11.42
24	Taylor Godsey	Thomas Carter	10.86
25	Mark Adams	Robert Sutton	10.82
26	Kevin Dascotte	Kenny Banes	9.92
27	Daniel Eubank	Lucas Lambert	9.48
28	Chuck Hart	Hayden Hart	7.21
29	Ryan Payne	Jeff Purves	6.88
30	Donnie Bowman	Clyde Cheek	6.65
31	Rick Lemmocks	Jared Netto	4.84
32	BJ Boothe	Alex Buckhorn	3.15
33	Jason Rook	Blake Parrish	2.62
34	Billy Duty	Jason Keene	1.94



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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. Registration fees are \$110 per Regional Tournament (includes big fish pot entry). 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. The Championship registration fee is \$160 (includes big fish pot entry). 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 to \$135 for the 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 20 Man 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 same 10 days cutoff prior to the tournament applies.
3. If Teams do not register in time they may register at the tournament site the morning of the event. There will, however, be a \$25 administrative fee added to the tournament registration fee.

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

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2021 Team Trail Schedule

1. South Regional

KERR LAKE
27 March 2021

3. North Regional

LAKE ANNA
1 May 2021

2. West Regional

SO. HOLSTON
17 April 2021

4. East Regional

CHICKAHOMINY RIVER
15 May 2021

State Championship

CHICKAHOMINY RIVER
19/20 June 2021





**Garrett Geouge & Chris Roberts WIN
the East Regional Team Trail
Tournament
on the Chickahominy River with
17.90 lbs.**



East Regional on the Chickahominy River

On July 12th, the Chickahominy River was the fourth stop on the 2020 Virginia Bass Chapter Federation Team Tournament Trail. The East Regional Tournament activities kicked off at 4 AM, Sunday morning with pre-registered team check-in and on-site registrations at Chickahominy Riverfront Park. Followed by tournament blast off at safe light

Typical hot and humid summer conditions greeted anglers on this final qualifying event for the 2020 Virginia Bass Chapter Federations Team Trail Championship Tournament. Anglers discovered that while the bite was plentiful, the larger limits of fish that the Chickahominy River is known for were difficult to put together. Many teams reported catching thirty or more small fish throughout the tournament day.

At 3 PM Federation teams began returning to Riverfront Park for weigh-in. The Team of Garrett Geouge and Chris Roberts, of NASA-Langley Bassmasters, topped the field with a five fish limit weighing in at 17.90 pounds. In 2nd place from Northern VA Bass Anglers was the team of Sammy Payton and Frank Ritter with 5 fish weighing 16.22 lbs. Sammy and Frank also weighed the Big Fish for the tournament, a 6.56 lb largemouth. Finishing in 3rd place was Wade and Caleb Rook from Tri-City Bassmasters with 16.06 lbs. The 4th place finishing team of Donnie Bowman and Chris Burnett, from Southside Bassmasters, had five fish weighing in at 15.41 lbs. The 5th Place team of Rick Mills and Chris Mills, of Hook'em Bass Anglers, with five fish weighing 14.43 lbs.



East Regional Team Trail Results continued:

East Regional Tournament Chickahominy River



Sammy Payton & Frank Ritter take
2nd Place with 16.22 pounds



Wade Rook & Caleb Rook finish
in 3rd Place with 16.06 pounds



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East Regional Team Trail Results continued:

**Sammy Payton wins Big Fish
with a 5.51 lb largemouth**



**James Vick wins the
Ranger Cup Bonus**

Teams also competed for an opportunity to fish in the Virginia State Team Championship Tournament scheduled for August 15th and 16th on Kerr Lake and to qualify for the 2020 TBF District 12 TBF National Semi Final (NSF) Tournament. The top 10% of the Anglers and Co-Anglers from each Team Trail Event earn a berth in the NSF. The top Angler and Co-Angler from this tournament also earn a “no-entry-fee” registration in the 2020 State Championship Team Tournament and a position on the Virginia Bass Chapter Federation’s State Team.

Congratulations Garrett Geouge and Chris Roberts who advance with paid entry into the Team Trail State Championship Tournament and to the top five teams who all qualified for the 2020 District 12 TBF National Semi Final Tournament on Kerr Lake, 18-20 September.



The Virginia Bass Chapter Federation members would like to recognize the following sponsors for their support and amazing products awarded to tournament participants: HUMMINBIRD, BASS PRO SHOPS, DEEP CREEK LURES, CAPTAIN GARY’S MARINE CARE PRODUCTS, VIKING EYE WEAR, PREFERRED PLASTICS, YAMAHA OIL, PROPELLER DYNAMICS, JB CUSTON RODS, GOINS OUTDOORS, THE DRY DOCK, CIR (Colonial Italian Resturant), FISHING PRO TECH and STEVE HAJDASZ CRANKBAITS.



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East Regional Team Trail Results continued:



East Regional Tournament

Chickahominy River



East Regional Team Trail Results continued:

EAST Regional RESULTS – Chickahominy River

Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
1	Garrett Geouge	Chris Roberts	17.90
2	Sammy Payton	Frank Ritter	16.22
3	Wade Rook	Caleb Rook	16.06
4	Donnie Bowman	Chris Burnett	15.41
5	Rick Mills	Chris Mills	14.43
6	Dave Christian	John Guzik	14.33
7	Larry Kempler	Dan Wilt	13.74
8	James Vick	Bryan Reedy	13.45
9	Ronnie Brewer	David Jeter	13.18
10	Zachary Clark	Nicky Skinner	12.75
11	Dave McLean	Ken O'Boyle	12.45
12	Daniel Eubank	Lucas Lambert	12.43
13	Kevin Morford	Gary Svatek	12.27
14	Robert Everhart	Robert Hladik	12.10
15	Robert E. Pearce	Robert D, Pearce	12.04
16	Tyler Caldwell	Ben Fisher	11.77
17	Joe Imler	Timothy Shivley	11.49
18	Reuben Williams	Eric Ellington	11.37
19	Mark Adams	Robert Sutton	11.10
20	Auston Burton	Roland Burton	11.05
21	Tom Cirilli	Jason Henderson	10.86
22	Larry Lester	Randy Barrett	10.70
23	Bryce Henley	Ronald Henley	10.65
24	Mitchell Camden	Kevin Camden	10.57
25	John Flicek	Terrance Minnick	10.52
26	Chris Williams	James Stinson	10.48
27	Craig Loudan	Tom Hayes	10.09
28	Bob Graves	Clyde Cheek	9.83
29	Brent Williams	Thomas Latham	9.70
30	David Keisel	Aiden Kerlin	9.58
31	BJ Boothe	Alex Buckhorn	9.18
32	Matt Hockaday	Lynn Hoeffler	9.15
33	Frank Glazier	Drew Berry	9.13
34	Kenneth Brown	John Beaver	8.91
35	Kelvin Barnes	Thomas Barnes	8.76
36	Bill Haire	Ray Betts	8.57
37	Rick Lemmocks	Jared Netto	8.10
38	Jason Rook	Blake Parish	8.06
39	Dana Gagnier	Mike Rush	7.66
40	Archie Cannon	Floyd Dalton	6.10
41	Doug Griles	Jamie Brown	5.90
42	Jason Boyles	Kaleb Boyles	0
43	Taylor Godsey	Meagan Simms	0
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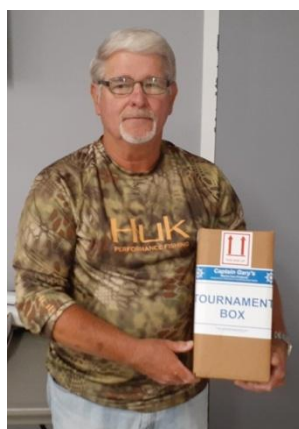
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Virginia Bass Chapter Federation hosts the DISTRICT 12 TBF NATIONAL SEMI FINAL TOURNAMENT on Kerr Lake

Federation Anglers from throughout Virginia and West Virginia gathered in South Hill, Virginia, for the 2 Day District 12 National Semi Final Tournament on 19-20 September to determine who will represent their respective state in the 2021 TBF National Championship Tournament. Kerr Lake (officially John H. Kerr Reservoir, also known as Bugg's Island Lake) is a 50,000-acre reservoir along the border of the North Carolina and Virginia. Kerr Lake has long been a favorite for tournament anglers with its abundance of quality bass and offering of a wide variety of fishing structure and conditions.

Festivities kicked off with the Pre-Tournament Meeting on Friday evening, September 18, 2020, at the Southside Rescue Squad facility in South Hill. Anglers and Co-Anglers went over the tournament rules, received tournament jerseys and TBF sponsor product. Many of the participants took home some nice items offered in the evenings drawings and met their fishing partners for the first day of competition. Anglers also had time to visit with and purchase any last minute boating and tackle items from Southern Boat Works and Fishing Pro Tech.



National Semi Final Tournament continued:

The heavy rain that hindered pre-fishing activities on Thursday and Friday moved on with a cold front that settled in for the weekend overnight Friday. On Saturday morning, anglers found clearing skies and that the temperatures had dropped into the upper 40's with 15-20 MPH winds from the north east. Spirits were high as anglers put on that extra layer of clothing and blasted off from the Kerr Lake North Bend Special Events Area at safe light for their first day of competition. By weigh-in time temperatures had warmed to the mid sixties.



2020 District 12 National Semi-Final Tournament



The Day 1 proved difficult as anglers reported plenty of fish were caught that were just short of the fourteen inch tournament size limit with the larger fish proving difficult to land. Only eight of the 104 participants managed a limit of keeper size fish on Saturday.

Virginia angler Chris Fiore topped the Angler Division leader board with a first day weight of 13.67 pounds. Chris also weighed the biggest bass for day one, a 5.04 pound largemouth. Just 1.75 pounds back in second place was West Virginia angler Josh Balser with five fish weighing 11.92 pounds. Virginia anglers finished off the top five in the Angler Division with Phil Witmer in third place weighing 10.99 lbs., in fourth place Mike Renshaw with 10.72 lbs., and Brian Burnett with 9.57 pounds.

In the Co-Angler Division, Virginia angler Kevin Camden led the way with five bass weighing 10.09 pounds. In second place was Craig Ferguson from Virginia with 8.59 lbs. Virginia angler Chris Burnett was third with 8.58 lbs. West Virginias John Taylor was in fourth place with 7.98 pounds and in fifth place in the Co-Angler Division was Virginia angler Kenny Banes with 7.68 pounds.

National Semi Final Tournament continued:

On Sunday, September 19th, anglers blasted off at safe light for Day 2, the final day of competition in the TBF District 12 National Semi Final Tournament on Kerr Lake. The top participant from each state in the Angler and Co-Angler Divisions advance to represent their respective State Federation in the TBF National Championship 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 FLW Championship and paid entry fees into a professional circuit as part of the "Living-the Dream" package.



Day 1 Angler Division leader, Chris Fiore weighed in five fish for 11.38 pounds on day 2 to bring his tournament total to 25.05 pounds. Securing the tournament win in the Angler Division. Following closely and finishing in 2nd place was West Virginia's Josh Balser with another five fish limit weighing in at 12.51 pounds. Josh's tournament total weight was 24.43 pounds. Virginia angler Phil Witmer retained his 3rd place on day 1 with a second day weight of 11.64 pounds to finish a tournament total weight of 22.63 pounds. In 4th place, moving up from 11th place on day 1 was Rick Mills with 11.13 pounds brining his tournament total to 19.28 pounds. And moving up to 5th place from 12th place on day one was Chris Williams with a day 2 weight of 9.65 pounds. Chris's tournament total weight was 17.80 pounds.

National Semi-Final Tournament - Kerr Lake

National Semi Final Tournament continued:

In the Co-Angler Division, Virginia's Craig Ferguson weighed in 7.09 lbs bringing his tournament total weight to 15.68 pounds to capture the Co-Angler Division win. Virginia anglers finished in the next three positions with Davis Jeter (16th place on day 1) weighing in 9.95 lbs bringing his total weight to 14.66 pounds to secure 2nd place. In third place with 8.1 lbs and a tournament total weight of 14.44 was Brenton Powers. Brenton qualified for the National Semi Final through the TBF Student Angler Federation by winning the Virginia High School State Championship earlier this year. Kenny Banes added 6.23 pounds on day 2 to secure the 4th place finish with a tournament total weight of 13.91 pounds. In 5th place was West Virginia's William Posey, who weighed in 5.03 lbs bringing his tournament total to 11.39 pounds.

Virginia angler
Mitch Camden
won Big Bass
Honors with a
7.05 lb.
largemouth



Virginia angler
James Vick won
the tournaments
Ranger Cup
Bonus Award



District 12 National Semi Final TOP 10 Anglers

Anglers: Chris Fiore (VA), Josh Balser (WV), Phil Witmer (VA), Rick Mills (VA), Chris Williams (VA)

Co-Anglers: Craig Ferguson (VA), David Jeter (VA), Brenton Powers (VA-SAF), Kenny Banes (VA), William Posey (WV)

National Semi Final Tournament continued:

District 12 TBF National Championship Qualifiers Virginia

ANGLER:
Chris Fiore



CO-ANGLER:
Craig Ferguson

West Virginia

ANGLER:
Josh Balser



CO-ANGLER:
William Posey

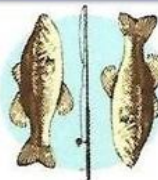


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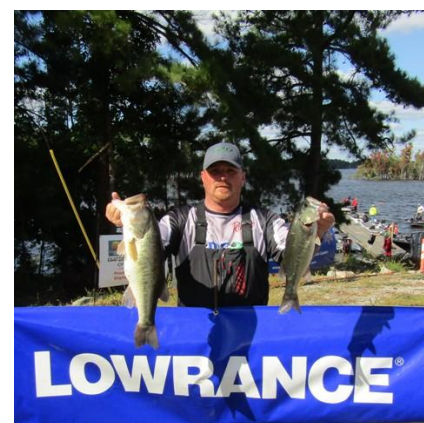
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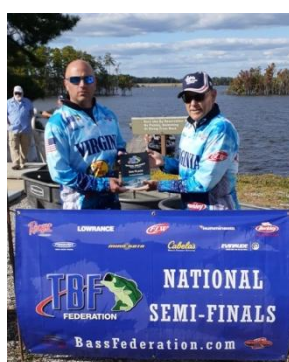
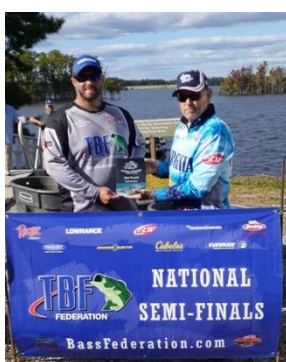
Place	Angler (Boater) Division	State Federation	Weight
1	Chris Fiore	Virginia	25.05
2	Josh Balser	West Virginia	24.43
3	Phil Witmer	Virginia	22.63
4	Rick Mills	Virginia	19.28
5	Chris Williams	Virginia	17.80
6	Larry Kempler	Virginia	17.65
7	James Vick	Virginia	17.30
8	Zach Clark	Virginia	16.76
9	Craig Loudan	Virginia	16.27
10	Brian Burnett	Virginia	16.18
11	Wes Lester	West Virginia	15.93
12	Johnny Crockett	West Virginia	15.69
13	Mike Renshaw	Virginia	15.44
14	Michael Coleman	Virginia	15.33
15	Daniel Eubank	Virginia	14.96
16	Robert Harkness	West Virginia	14.65
17	Mike Goff	West Virginia	14.52
18	Kyle Estep	West Virginia	14.22
19	Reuben Williams	Virginia	13.89
20	Nicky Skinner	Virginia	13.29
21	Jason Martin	Virginia	13.22
22	Walter Dryman	Virginia	13.09
23	Robert Woods	Virginia	12.78
24	John Christopher II	West Virginia	11.95
25	Tim Wade	West Virginia	11.63
26	Paul Craighead	Virginia	11.57
27	David Keisel	Virginia	11.13
28	Floyd Dalton	Virginia	10.89
29	Ronnie Brewer	Virginia	10.75
30	Terry Johns	Virginia	10.05
31	Donnie Bowman	Virginia	9.97
32	Tim Byers	Virginia	9.77
33	Hank Cooke	Virginia	9.37
34	Mitchell Camden	Virginia	9.33
35	Kyle Blair	West Virginia	9.01
36	Alan Fluharty	West Virginia	8.54
37	John Smith	West Virginia	7.37
38	Chris Shamblin	West Virginia	6.89
39	Dan Selmon	West Virginia	6.46
40	Jason Rook	Virginia	6.02
41	BJ Boothe	Virginia	5.74
42	William Cool	West Virginia	5.42
43	Rick Hamer	West Virginia	5.02
44	Kevin Dascotte	Virginia	4.82



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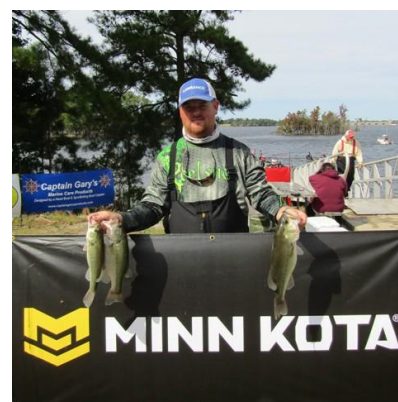
Place	Angler (Boater) Division	State Federation	Weight
45	Robert Graves	Virginia	4.25
46	Kevin Morford	Virginia	3.60
47	Jeremy Byers	West Virginia	3.19
48	Kenneth Brown	Virginia	2.70
49	Taylor Godsey	Virginia	2.46
50	Dana Gagnier	Virginia	1.93
51	Tim Naylor	West Virginia	1.35
52	Alan White	West Virginia	1.27
53	David Macias	Virginia	0.00
53	Richard Grim	West Virginia	0.00



National Semi Final Tournament continued:

District 12 National Semi Final RESULTS – Kerr Lake

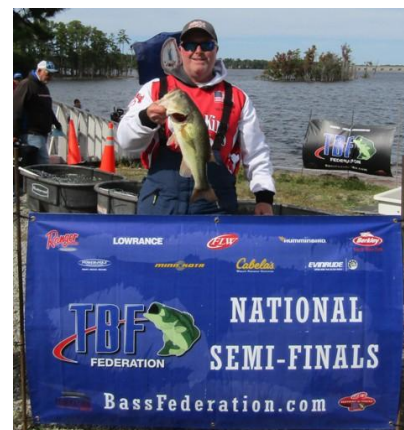
Place	Co-Angler Division	State Federation	Weight
1	Craig Ferguson	Virginia	15.68
2	David Jeter	Virginia	14.66
3	Brenton Powers	Virginia	14.44
4	Kenny Baner	Virginia	13.91
5	William Posey	West Virginia	11.39
6	Trenten Barreck	Virginia	11.15
7	Gerrit Vanvoorhees	Virginia	11.05
8	Chris Burnett	Virginia	10.97
9	Kevin Camden	Virginia	10.09
10	Thomas Barnes	Virginia	9.39
11	Brian Epperly Jr.	Virginia	9.38
12	Alex Buckhorn	Virginia	9.35
13	Jon Witmer	Virginia	8.75
14	Joe Imler	Virginia	8.37
15	Jason Dehart	Virginia	8.37
16	John Taylor	West Virginia	7.98
17	Ronnie Rader	West Virginia	7.95
18	Doug Wine	West Virginia	7.33
19	James Posey	West Virginia	7.15
20	Terrance Minnick	Virginia	7.03
21	Matthew Harkness	West Virginia	6.85
22	William Hoeffler	Virginia	6.04
23	Todd Whittaker	Virginia	6.02
24	Rick Harkness	West Virginia	5.98
25	Bill Mossor	West Virginia	5.90
26	Rick Lemocks	Virginia	5.58
27	Donald Martin	Virginia	5.49
28	Jason Gillispie	West Virginia	5.36
29	Monte Kreps	West Virginia	5.12
30	Jared Vandergiff	Virginia	4.61
31	Christophe Mills	Virginia	4.54
32	James Stollings	West Virginia	3.91
33	Aiden Kerlin	Virginia	3.82
34	Thomas Hains	Virginia	3.58
35	Gary Jones	Virginia	3.34
36	Clyde Cheek	Virginia	2.99
37	Blake Parrish	Virginia	2.93
38	Archie Cannon	Virginia	2.29
39	James Stinson	Virginia	2.26
40	Tim Lester	West Virginia	2.22
41	Chris Wine	West Virginia	2.14
42	Bill Harmon	West Virginia	2.12
43	Alton Vaughan	Virginia	2.02
44	Tommy Goodson	West Virginia	1.91



National Semi Final Tournament continued:

District 12 National Semi Final RESULTS – Kerr Lake

Place	Co-Angler Division	State Federation	Weight
45	Tom Griest	West Virginia	1.90
46	Eric Ellington	Virginia	1.76
47	Alex Goff	West Virginia	1.58
48	Jared Netto	Virginia	1.42
49	Randy Barrett	Virginia	0.00
49	John Beaver	Virginia	0.00
49	John Jessee	Virginia	0.00
49	Steve Perry	West Virginia	0.00
49	David Rice	West Virginia	0.00
49	Douglas Mullins	Virginia	0.00



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Looking Back and Looking Forward

In looking back at the 2020 Tournament season we had an up and down year. Most if not all of the challenges were caused by the COVID 19 pandemic. The pandemic not only affected the State Federation but caused many challenges for the Regions also. Due to the hard work, determination and persistence of our State President, Scott Whitmore, we were able to complete our 2020 State Tournament Trail events and they were very successful. Throughout the season we had a total of 170 angler's fish in a State Qualifier and 64 anglers fished in the State Championship event. In my opinion the new tournament format was very successful for its first year. In comparing the 2019 angler participation (216 participants) to the 2020 angler participation (334 participants) and a nearly double payout for the 2020 season, I can only call the new State Tournament Trail a success.

Congratulations are in order to the following teams for their wins in each of these tournament trail events:

North Regional:	Tom Hayes and Craig Loudan
West Regional:	Wally Dryman and Gary Jones
South Regional:	Donnie Bowman and Chris Burnett
East Regional:	Garrett Geouge and Chris Roberts
State Championship:	Paul Craighead and Brian Burnett

Also none of these events would have happened without the dedication, assistance and hard work of the tournament crew that steps up and handles all of the duties and responsibilities of running the State Federation and the State tournaments. These individuals include the Region Directors (Bill Haire, Chuck Hart, James Vick, John Flicek and Jackie Dye) along with those who hold very important posts (Alton Vaughn – Tournament Director, Stephanie Brewer – Treasurer, Tammy Caldwell – Secretary, Linda Vick – Clothing and Merchandise and Becky Conley – Assistant to the Tournament Director) without whom none of the State tournaments would take place.

In 2021, we are looking forward to an even bigger and better year. As we get ready to enter 2021 we have set our State Qualifiers and State Championship locations.

South Region – Bugg's Island Lake	West Region – South Holston
North Region – Lake Anna	East Region – Chickahominy River
State Championship – Chickahominy River	

Be safe on the water for the remainder of the year and I hope to see all at the State events in 2021.

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Conservation Director

John Flicek

The Virginia Bass Chapter Federation's partnership with the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) and now the Bass Fishing Hall of Fame (BFHOF) are working together to tackle another invasive species threat to our native fisheries. Through a Conservation Grant from the BFHOF we are working to implement a statewide program of education, identification, and containment of a species of spotted bass known as the Alabama Bass. ALABAMA BASS (*Micropetrus henshallii*) is one of about twelve species of black bass. They are a very aggressive species which can be fun to catch; however, their aggressiveness also is proven over time to outcompete our native Largemouth and hybridizes with Smallmouth and our native Kentucky Spotted Bass. Unfortunately, anglers are the primary means by which species are introduced to new waters. There are already sizable populations present in Lake Gaston, confirmed to be in Claytor Lake, Philpot, Martinsville, and likely Diascund Reservoirs. Whenever an invasive species is introduced it upsets the ecological balance that is necessary to sustain healthy native fisheries. Each time it results in the reallocation of limited conservation resources to evaluate impact and manage unauthorized introductions. These are resources that could have normally been used to sustain and improve native populations.

At this point **IDENTIFICATION** and **CONTAINMENT** is our best approach. DWR lacked the financial means within the current budget cycle for initiating a project of education and reporting to address the Alabama Bass issue. In response, several months ago, at the suggestion of our TBF President, Robert Cartlidge, we applied for and were awarded a Conservation Grant through a new offering by the Bass Fishing Hall of Fame. This funding is already in hand and the process of developing and fielding a reporting packet is well underway. We would like to thank the Bass Fishing Hall of Fame, TBF, Robert Cartlidge (TBF President), and Mr. Gene Gilliland (BFHOF Board Member and B.A.S.S. Conservation Director) for their support of our invasive species containment project. I've included the BFHOF News Release "27 August 2020: BASS FISHING HALL OF FAME EXPANDS ITS MISSION – CONSERVATION GRANTS TO ASSIST WITH FISHERY ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS" following this article.

Another Invasive Species, the Northern Snakehead, continues to migrate throughout eastern Virginia waterways. The list of snakehead infested Virginia waterways is growing (i.e. Lakeview Reservoir, Lower Appomattox River, James River, Pumunkey River, Rappahannock River, Plankatank River, Lake Anna, Lake Burke, & several lakes in Northern Virginia) since snakeheads were initially discovered in the Potomac River in 2004. Additionally, Ruffin's Mill Pond (south of Fredericksburg), Hunting Run Reservoir (Spotsylvania County), Pelham Reservoir (Culpeper County), Abel Reservoir (Stafford County), Burke Lake (Fairfax County), and Occoquan Reservoir (Fairfax/Prince William line) have been identified as waters receiving illegal stockings of northern snakeheads. A bill was passed during the 2017 Virginia General Assemble providing for increased penalties for persons illegally moving (stocking) snakeheads. VA Code stipulates a civil penalty of up to \$25,000 per incident for unlawful possession, transfer, or release, etc. of snakeheads (29.1-577).

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

Conservation continued:

What do you need to know?

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

If you catch a suspected Alabama Bass:

1. Take a picture of the fish
2. Clip off a thumbnail sized portion of the pelvic fin and store the fin clip dry in an envelope
3. Contact DWR at fisheries@dgif.virginia.gov or at 804-367-1293.

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

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

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

Proposed DWR REGULATION CHANGES Open for Public Comment

The Virginia DWR has recently posted for Public Comment the proposed regulation changes that once passed by the Board will go into effect on January 1st, 2021. Several proposed changes will have some effect on our bass fishing community. I encourage all members take some time to review and if necessary, provide comment through the link provided. The Public Comment period ends on 11 October 2020. A detailed summary and the proposed regulation changes are available on-line at:

dwr.virginia.gov/regulations

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BASS FISHING HALL OF FAME EXPANDS ITS MISSION – CONSERVATION GRANTS TO ASSIST WITH FISHERY ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS

SPRINGFIELD, Missouri – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – 8.27.20 – Taking a step beyond honoring the greats in the sport of bass fishing, the Board of Directors of the Bass Fishing Hall of Fame announces the Hall has awarded four conservation grants this year to contribute to the mission of celebrating, promoting and preserving the sport of bass fishing. The awardees were selected through a highly competitive process, and they represent a diverse group of deserving projects.

“All our Board members are thrilled with the ability to contribute directly to these on-the-ground efforts,” said Bass Fishing Hall of Fame President John Mazurkiewicz. “These grants will help to restore subpar fisheries or to enhance healthy ones, and it’s extra special that two of the projects include efforts from high school bass fishing teams. This fulfills our preservation mandate, and by enhancing opportunities to fish we hope we can help bring new anglers into the sport.”

The four grantees are as follows:

- Clarks Hill Youth Fishing Team (GA) -- The Georgia Clarks Hill Reservoir habitat project is a continuation of an existing project. High school anglers will build habitat structures and subsequently record data on the success anglers have at fishing around the structures.
- Virginia Bass Chapter Federation (VA) – The Virginia Invasive Species Education Project involves the production and distribution of educational materials and the formation of a coalition of fishing organizations. Later, there will be creel surveys aimed at collecting data on the extent of Alabama bass illegal introductions in Virginia waters.
- Illinois B.A.S.S. Nation (IL) -- The Illinois habitat enhancement project will involve the construction of habitat on a lake to be determined, with the project commencing in 2020, although deployment may not be practical until spring 2021 depending on weather and COVID restrictions.
- Indiana Bass Federation (IN) -- The Patoka Lake habitat project is part of a continuing Indiana DNR initiative. As with the Illinois project, some work may be completed in 2020 with additional effort in 2021 as weather and COVID issues allow.

The total of all the grants will be \$15,000, which also includes a grant to Johnny Morris' Wonders of Wildlife Museum and Aquarium to support its ongoing conservation education programs to ensure kids stay connected to nature and learn about fishing, hunting and the great outdoors.

"These are all worthy projects which will have a direct impact on local fisheries," said Board member Gene Gilliland, who is also the B.A.S.S. Conservation Director. "We wanted to reward deserving projects where sweat equity was already seen in abundance." Gilliland and Board member Carey Shedd with AFTCO spearheaded the BFHOF conservation grant selection process.

The Bass Fishing Hall of Fame has become much more than honoring the legends and innovators in the sport of bass fishing. Noted pro bass angler Guy Eaker, a 2011 Bass Fishing HOF inductee and current Board member, said "while my induction into the Hall continues to be a great moment in my life, to see our volunteer Board stepping up to enhance our role in the bass fishing world is such a worthy initiative. For someone who has made his livelihood off the sport, it's an honor to be involved with giving something back through our conservation grants."

The Bass Fishing Hall of Fame has shifted to an online auction this year due to the postponement of its annual induction dinner. The auction, taking place from September 22 through 25 (visit www.BassFishingHOF.com for details) assists the Board in hosting the dinner and other recognition events each year, along with funding its conservations grants and other worthy endeavors benefiting the sport of bass fishing. Generous donors from all walks of the fishing and outdoors industries have already donated numerous products and experiences, many of them one-of-a-kind items that cannot be purchased elsewhere at any price.

The Bass Fishing Hall of Fame exhibit, within Johnny Morris' Museum and Aquarium Wonders of Wildlife Bass Pro Shops' flagship store in Springfield, showcases more than 75 individuals who helped shape the sport of bass fishing and have been enshrined in the Hall. It is open under COVID-19 restrictions. Appointments to visit the 350,000-square-foot Wonders of Wildlife museum can be made at www.wondersofwildlife.org. For more information about the Bass Fishing Hall of Fame and to learn how to become a supporter of its missions on behalf of bass fishing, visit www.bassfishinghof.com.

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Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources

Greetings TBF Members,

We are currently in the process of seeking public comment on our proposed fishing regulations, which will be voted on by our Board on October 22nd, and if approved, will go into effect on January 1st, 2021. We will be accepting comments until October 11th, and you can comment at <https://dwr.virginia.gov/regulations/>.

I want to take the time to go into detail about some of the regulations that may impact largemouth, smallmouth, Alabama, and spotted bass in Virginia.

First, we are looking to raise the minimum size of smallmouth bass in Flannagan Reservoir from 12" to 15". Our surveys indicate that smallmouth abundance has declined in Flannagan, and though harvest is limited, the harvest that does occur is with smallmouth bass that are 12-13" in length. Raising the minimum size to 15" is an approach that will provide additional conservation of smallmouth, with the goal of increasing the abundance of larger fish.

Next, we are looking to streamline regulations on the North Fork, South Fork, and main stem of the Shenandoah River. Currently, there are six different sections of this system that are covered by three different regulations. We are proposing an 11-14" protected slot on the entire system. This will simplify our regulations. Our surveys also indicate that harvest rates are very low in this system, and we do not anticipate substantial increases in harvest of larger smallmouth with this regulatory change.

Regarding tournaments, we're looking to expand opportunities on our Department-Owned lakes. In the past, contests for prizes have been prohibited on these small impoundments. Given the popularity of catch-photo-release kayak events across the country, we're looking to allow these types of events on our Department-Owned lakes with the proper permit. Permits will be granted on a limited basis, depending on time of year and which lake is chosen, but all will be restricted to catch-photo-release. This regulatory change does not require tournaments to have a permit on public bodies of water that are not Department-Owned, however, current regulations do require a permit on events occurring at DWR owned launch sites on public water bodies (such as Osbourne Landing).

Lastly, we are proposing a set of regulations aimed at halting the spread of Alabama bass, commonly known as Coosa spotted bass. As many of you may know, Alabama bass are highly competitive when introduced as a novel predator in a new system. Scientific studies have shown the species tends to out-compete largemouth bass and hybridize with smallmouth bass and spotted bass. Out of an abundance of caution to protect the integrity of our established largemouth and smallmouth fisheries, we are looking to add Alabama bass to the predatory and undesirable species list, which imposes restrictions on selling, importing, and possessing any species on the list. We have included modifications that allow

the possession and later (i.e. a culling event or post weigh-in release) release of a live Alabama bass only on the body of water from which it was captured. However, this regulation would prohibit anglers from catching an Alabama bass out of one river and releasing it into another (such as from the Chickahominy River to the James River). This exemption is designed to allow tournament competition while preventing the spread of Alabama bass, which pose a very serious danger to our largemouth and smallmouth fisheries. Note that anglers would be able to have dead Alabama bass in their possession at any time. We are also looking to make it unlawful for anglers to stock spotted bass into private bodies of water to prevent the spread of the very similar looking Alabama bass. In addition, we are proposing a no bag and no size limit on both Alabama bass and spotted bass moving forward. However, spotted bass caught in South Holston Reservoir will remain at 15 fish per day until 2022.

Speaking of Alabama bass, DWR is pleased to partner with TBF on the recent grant received from the Bass Fishing Hall of Fame to halt the spread of Alabama bass. The assistance of TBF is vital to the success of this initiative. We look forward to implementing a joint approach to Alabama bass and to continue working with TBF and other fishing organizations on conservation based issues such as Alabama bass, habitat management, and F1 bass stocking.

For official comments on the regulations, please refer to our website, but if you'd like to discuss these or other regulations further, please send me an email at mike.bednarski@dwr.virginia.gov or call me at 804 367-6878.

Thanks you for your support.

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Youth Program Director

Becky Conley



Virginia Junior Anglers Compete in the TBF Junior World Championship on Mosquito Lake, Ohio

Mosquito Creek State Park, just outside of Warren-Niles, Ohio, was the site of the 2020 TBF Junior World Championship Team Tournament the week of 28-31 July. Each year the State Champion Youth Teams from throughout the United States and Canada gather for head to head competition to determine the TBF Youth National Championship Team. Championship week festivities started on Tuesday, 28 July, with registrations and the tournament rules briefing at the Mohoning Valley Scrappers baseball facility, Eastwood Field. Pre-tournament activities were held outside this year to assure adequate social distancing precautions were maintained due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Anglers also received their State Qualifier Awards, treated to a large selection of sponsor products, games, and a family pizza party. The competition started Wednesday morning with the first two days of fishing determining which teams advance as Division Champions to the Championship Finals and the chance to compete for thousands in scholarships.



Youth Program continued:

Virginia State Champions, Luke Combs and Cameron Cheek, found the fishing tough on day one yet managed to bring a limit of bass to the scales weighing in at 9 pounds 6 ounces. After Day 1, Luke and Cameron found themselves in 2nd place and in a tight race for the Eastern Division Title. The top three teams were all within ten ounces of the tournament lead. On Day 2, anglers were greeted with cooler temperatures and overcast skies. Fishing again proved difficult with the Virginia Team weighing in another limit of bass weighing six pounds, 15 ounces to finish the Eastern Division in 3rd Place and 4th Place overall in the tournament.



We are all very proud of our Virginia Team's efforts. Luke Combs and Cameron Cheek along with their Boat Captain Craig Cheek were great ambassadors for the Virginia Bass Chapter Federations Junior Angler Program.



Youth Program continued:

Virginia Youth Anglers Compete at State Federation Region Tournaments

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

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

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

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



Student Angler Federation High School Program

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

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



Youth Program continued:

2020 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
29 February	Smith Mountain Lake	State Park Ramp	7 AM – 4 PM	Region 4
29 February	South Holston	421 Ramp	Safe Light – 3 PM	Region 10
14 March	Lake Anna	To be announced (TBA)	TBA	Region 1
14 March	South Holston	OB Knob Ramp	Safe Light – 3 PM	Region 10
13 June	Potomac River	TBA	TBA	Region 1
13 June	Smith Mountain Lake	State Park Ramp	7 AM – 3 PM	Region 4
13 June	James River	Hopewell	6 AM – 2 PM	Region 6
13 June	Pamunkey River	Williams Landing	Safe Light – 2:30 PM	Youth Championship
14 June	Lake Gaston	Holly Grove	Safe Light – 3 PM	SAF Championship
18 July	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park (RTE 5)	6 AM – 2 PM	Region 6
25 July	James River	Deep Bottom Park	Safe Light – 3 PM	Region 8
27 July-1 Aug	Mosquito Lake	Ohio	TBA	TBF JWC
22 August	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park (RTE 5)	6 AM – 3 PM	Region 8
12 September	Chickahominy River	TBA	TBA	Region 1
12 September	Claytor Lake	Hidden Valley Ramp	6 AM – 3 PM	Region 4
12 September	Bugg's Island (Kerr)	Rudd's Creek Ramp	6 AM – 2 PM	Region 6
10 October	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park (RTE 5)	Safe Light – 3 PM	Region 8
8 November	Chickahominy River	Riverfront Park (RTE 5)	Safe Light – 3 PM	Region 8

Note: Several events will be rescheduled due to CORVID-19 Virus restrictions. Check with the Tournament Host for those dates marked "**CANCELLED**" for rescheduled dates.



Virginia Junior Anglers Cam Cheek and Connor Smith had a good day on the Chickahominy River fishing with Region 8 on August 22nd. Cam and Connor caught a team limit of 5 fish weighing in at 10.38 pounds.

Virginia Youth

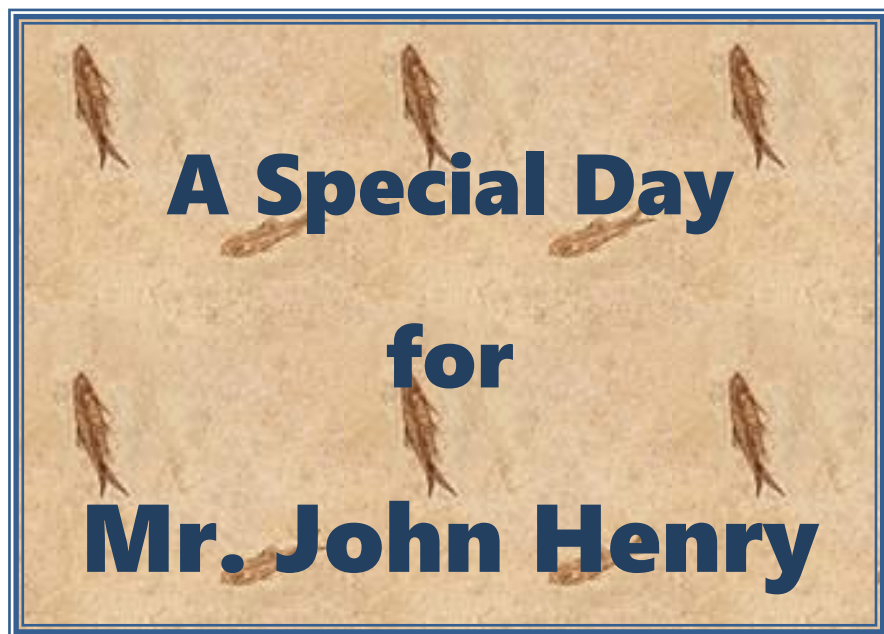


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On July, 26th, 2020, we had the honor of spending a day with an amazing family in tribute to their 89 year old patriarch, Mr. John Henry. Living in Henrico, Virginia, for over 60 years, John and his wife, Margie, of 39 years raised 4 children - Eugene, Rickey, Teresa, and Kenny. John is also very proud of his four grandchildren (Kelly, Eugene Jr., Kenneth and Brandy) and has four great grandsons (Jordon, Tony, Ryan, and Cayden) with his first great granddaughter born on September 16th (Macie). Mr. Henry is a Korean War Veteran serving in both the US Army as a gunner and the Air Force. Following his time in the service John often worked two jobs to support his family. He worked as a steel worker, truck driver, mechanic, and for 22 years as a painter before retiring around 1980. Fishing was a family affair as John and the kids would often spend hours at their local hotspots fishing for trout, catfish and bass.

Mr. Henry is a passionate angler who continually expresses the desire to enjoy his most favored pastime, fishing in a local pond in Dorey Park. John would often fish from daylight to dark where most anyone that frequented the park knew of John and would stop to talk with him. John insisted that the best baits to use were meal worms, corn, and blood worms. He also enjoyed fishing at Fort AP Hill and for rockfish on the James River. When the time came that John could no longer drive, his daughter, Teresa, and daughter in law, Lelia, would often enjoy taking John fishing for the day.

Due to his deteriorating health, John has been homebound since 2018 and in hospice care since 2019. In his present state of health John is unable to leave his home to venture out to his favorite fishing spot. In an effort to fulfill John's wish to go fishing, his family reached out through their hospice care provider, who in turn, found their way to the Virginia Bass Chapter Federation with a request for assistance. Within a few days, State Federation President Scott Whitmore was able to make contact with the family and devise a plan that would surprise John Henry with an opportunity spend some time fishing with family.



Sunday, July 26th, was a warm day as John Henry was wheeled out of his home for the first time in months to see family and care givers gathered around a sheltered area with fishing poles in hand. John enjoyed the next few hours fishing from two tanks stocked with a variety of fish (bluegills, shell crackers, and largemouth bass). Each of his children and care givers spent time alongside John swapping stories, fishing, and, occasionally, catching a few fish.



Sadly Mr. John Henry passed on Sunday, September 13, 2020. In the short time we had to spend with John we quickly learned that he was a special man with a quick wit, a warm heart, and a loving family. We wish the Henry Family fond memories, peace, and comfort in the days ahead.





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Director – William (Bill) Haire

Region 1

Includes the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudon, Clarke, Frederick, Warren, Shenandoah, Stafford, Culpeper, Rappahannock, Page, King George, Orange, Spotsylvania, Caroline, Louisa, Madison, Rockingham, Fluvanna, Albemarle, Prince William and Greene also all the cities within them, and the District of Columbia.

Region 1 is finally getting back on track with our tournament season.

Our second tournament of the year was on the **Potomac River** launching out of Pohick Bay Park on July 18th. Our top finishing teams were:

1. Rick Mills and Chris Mills 14.89 lbs
2. Joe Imler and T.J. Shively 12.75 lbs
3. David Judd and Lloyd Winters 10.85 lbs.

On September 12th and 13th, we held our next two one day tournaments on the **Chickahominy River** out of the Rivers Rest Marina. On Saturday, we also hosted a Virginia Youth Team, Cam Cheek and Connor Smith, who fished the day with us to earn some points in their quest for the Virginia Junior Angler Team Points Championship.

September 12th Results:

1. Larry Kempler and Danny Wilt 15.63 lbs
2. Rick Mills and Chris Mills 13.35 lbs
3. Marty Schray and Mike Longerbeam 13.25 lbs

September 13th Results:

1. Mike Ramey and Joey Ratliff 14.69 lbs
2. Larry Kempler and Danny Wilt 13.14 lbs
3. Tom Hayes and Craig Loudan 12.99 lbs

Current Season Standings:

Rick Mills and Chris Mills	992 points
Larry Kempler	985 points
Craig Loudan	981 points
Mike Ramey and Joey Ratliff	973 points



REGION 1 continued:

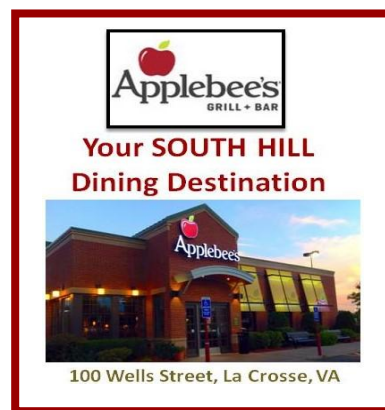
The next tournament for Region 1 is on the Potomac River scheduled for Oct. 10-11.

Planning our 2021 Schedule is in the final stages and will be released soon. In 2021, Region 1 will be fishing on Lake Anna (April), Chickahominy River (May), Potomac River (June), Chickahominy River (September), and the Potomac River (October). We are working on final date selections.

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Bill Haire

Region 1 Director



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First of all, I want to give a big CONGRATULATIONS to Paul Craighead and Brian Burnette of Triangle Bassmasters. Paul and Brian won the first VA Bass Chapter Federation Team Tournament Trail State Championship. The State Championship was held on August 15 & 16 at Kerr. Their winning two-day weight was 24.26 lbs. Paul and Brian are consistent winners in both Region 4 and state tournaments. They are very deserving of being State Champions.



2020 REGION 4 Tournament Schedule:

2/15/20	South Holston	7AM-4PM	421 Ramp
2/29/20	Smith Mountain Lake	7AM-4PM	State Park
6/13/20	Smith Mountain Lake (Night)	7 PM-3 AM	State Park
6/20/20	Claytor Lake	7AM-4PM	Public Ramp
7/18/20	Smith Mountain Lake	7AM-3PM	Parkway
8/22/20	Smith Mountain Lake	7AM-3PM	Parkway
9/12/20	Claytor Lake	6AM-3PM	Public Ramp
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10/3/20	Smith Mountain Lake	6AM-3PM	State Park

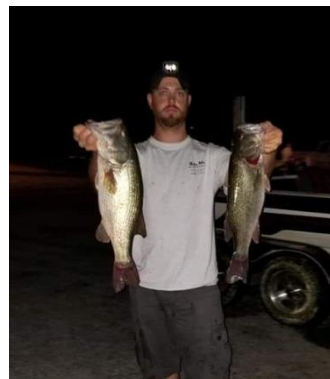
Tournament Results

Smith Mountain Lake, July 18, 2020

Our tournament on Smith Mt. Lake was a night tournament.

The top five teams were:

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| 1. Eubanks/Lambert | 21.08 lbs. |
| 2. Scott S./Brandon Witchum | 19.96 lbs. |
| 3. Craighead/Burnette | 19.34 lbs. |
| 4. Mills/Mills | 18.44 lbs. |
| 5. Hamilton/Hamilton | 17.64 lbs. |



Smith Mountain Lake, August 22, 2020

Smith Mt. Lake top three teams were:

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|--------------------|------------|
| 1. Martin/Green | 18.22 lbs. |
| 2. Peaslee/Peaslee | 18.20 lbs. |
| 3. Basham/Towe | 16.90 lbs. |



REGION 4 continued

Claytor Lake, September 12, 2020

The last regular season tournament for Region 4 was on Claytor Lake.

The top teams were:

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| 1. Adams/Glendon | 14.62 lbs. |
| 2. Pack/Thomas | 10.84 lbs. |
| 3. Craighead/Burnette | 9.06 lbs. |
| 4. Friend/Cox | 8.92 lbs. |
| 5. Dryman/Jones | 8.54 lbs. |

**The Region 4 final year end standings:**

Place	Club	Team Members	SOHO	SML	SML#2	Claytor	SML #3	SML#4	Claytor #2	Total	Bonus	Total+Bonus
1	Triangle BM	Paul Craighead and Brian Burnett	95	98	99	100	99	93	100	0	5	403
2	Claytor Mafia	Zach Peaslee and Bob Peaslee	100	97	97	96	97	100	95	0	5	399
3	Blackwater River Bassclub	Daniel Eubank and Lucas Lambert	0	100	85	94	100	94	0	0	0	389
4	Triangle BM	Jake Adams and Ben Sohrabi	98	95	0	99	0	0	96	0	0	388
5	Triangle BM	Seth Knachei and Charles Lee	92	89	92	95	95	92	98	0	5	385
6	Star City BM	Ian Branson and John Branson	81	91	100	0	96	96	92	0	0	384
7	Triangle BM	Jordan Hardin	0	0	98	96	93	97	0	0	0	384
8	Triangle BM	Danny Reed and Isaac Jones	93	94	82	98	82	82	93	0	5	383
9	Star City BM	Chuck Hart and Hayden Hart	94	99	93	0	92	95	91	0	0	381
10	Blackwater River Bassclub	Todd Whittaker and Jared Vandergriff	96	93	94	97	82	0	0	0	0	380
11	Claytor Mafia	Josh Friend and Aaron Rygas	99	92	82	84	0	82	99	0	0	374
12	Triangle BM	Sean Sabol and Seth Comer	0	90	96	84	0	0	0	0	0	270
13	Triangle BM	Josh Spicer and Jamie Whitt	0	0	0	0	98	0	94	0	0	192
14	Star City BM	Kevin Simmons and David Martin	81	0	0	0	0	99	0	0	0	180
15	Claytor Mafia	Chris Lewis and Jason Clarke	97	0	82	0	0	0	0	0	0	179
16	Southwest	Wally Dryman and Gary Jones	0	0	0	0	0	0	97	0	0	97
17	Blackwater River Bassclub	Brody and Mike Luckey	0	96	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	96
18	Blackwater River Bassclub	Phil Moody and Chris Moody	0	0	0	0	94	0	0	0	0	94
19	Star City BM	Jeff Rollins and James Shorter	91	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	91
20	Blackwater River Bassclub	Brian Epperly and Johns	0	88	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88
21	Blackwater River Bassclub	Jason and Terry M	0	87	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	87
22	Triangle BM	Neil Hunwick and Don Southern	0	0	0	0	0	82	0	0	0	82

Congratulations again to Paul Craighead and Brian Burnette. They are the 2020 Region 4 champions.

REGION 4 continued

Our last event for this season will be our Region Championship Tournament on Oct. 3rd at Smith Mt. Lake. Any region teams which have fished at least four of our regular season tournaments this season are eligible to fish the Championship.

Chuck Hart
Region 4 Director



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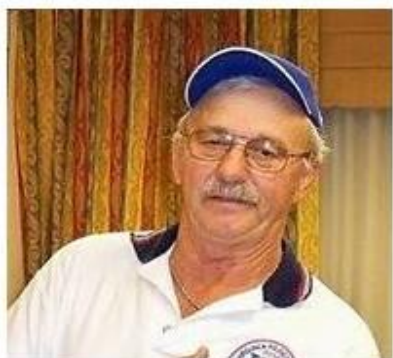
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Director – James Vick

Region 6

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This wasn't one of our normal summers having to deal with the restrictions imposed due to the COVID 19 virus. Most of our early season resulted in canceled tournaments followed by juggling schedules to recover what we could for remainder of our tournament season.

We had good participation (27 Region 6 Anglers) in the TBF National Semi Final on Kerr Lake in September. The changing weather conditions presented some real challenges. However, Region 6 anglers did very well in the Co-Angler Division with Meherrin Bassmasters angler Craig Ferguson winning the Division and Southside Bassmasters anglers David Jeter finishing in 2nd, Kenny Barnes finishing in 4th Place, and Chris Burnett taking the 8th spot. In the Angler Division we had three anglers in the Top 10 finishing order. Chris Williams from the Sandy River Bassmasters finished in 5th Place, I managed a 7th Place finish, and Brian Burnett, also from Sandy River Bassmasters, placed 10th.

I would like to thank all of our sponsors and the members who help keep our efforts on track this season.

Bless all of you

James Vick

Region 6 Director

Region 6 Tournament Results

Chickahominy River - July 18th

1. Ronnie Brewer / David Jeter	Southside Bassmasters	16.41 lbs.
2. Wade Rook / Caleb Rook	Tri Cities Bassmasters	14.79 lbs.
3. Jason Davis / Mark Miller	Tri Cities Bassmasters	13.96 lbs
4. Scott Stephenson / Scotty Stephenson	Southside Bassmasters	12.66 lbs.
5. Bob Graves / Clyde Cheek	Tri Cities Bassmasters	11.87 lbs.
6. Brent Williams / Thomas Latham	Sandy River Bassmasters	11.84 lbs.



REGION 6 continued:



Kerr Lake - September 12th

1. Clyde Cheek / Bob Graves	Tri Cities Bassmasters	15.44 lbs.
2. Donnie Bowman / Chris Burnett	Southside Bassmasters	14.02 lbs.
3. Ronnie Brewer / David Jeter	Southside Bassmasters	10.69 lbs.
4. Tim Byers / Craig Ferguson	Meherrin Bassmasters	9.98 lbs.
5. Mike Renshaw / Ken Hubbard	Sandy River Bassmasters	9.17 lbs.
6. Frank Glazier / Drew Berry	Tri Cities Bassmasters	9.05 lbs.



Annual Children's Hospital Foundation Charity Tournament

This year's Children's Hospital Foundation Charity Bass Tournament was cancelled due to the restrictions imposed in response to the COVID-19 virus. We are looking forward to have another great event on the James River in 2021.

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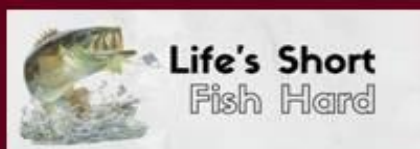


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After a slow start to our 2020 season, we seem to be getting back on track for another successful year for Region 8 Anglers. With two tournaments remaining for the season, it looks like it will be another tight race for the Region 8 Team Title again this year. With both tournaments scheduled on the Chickahominy River, the potential is there for any team to make a big move up in the standings with just one big limit. Beyond our Region 8 tournaments, our anglers continue to compete in both the State and the National Semi Final Tournaments. We had twenty-four Region 8 anglers compete in the inaugural Team Trail State Championship on Kerr Lake this summer and eighteen of our anglers competed in the TBF District 12 National Semi Final Tournament in September.

Region 8 Angler, Chris Fiore won the TBF National Semi Final (NSF) on Kerr Lake. Chris now has Back-to-Back National Semi Final titles as he won the NSF on Stonewall Jackson Lake, in West Virginia last year. He followed up that victory with an Eastern Division Title at the TBF National Championship earlier this year on Grand Lake of the Cherokees, OK. That title qualified him for the BFL All American that he will be competing in this November on Lake Hartwell. We are all very proud of Chris and wish him the best of luck as he, once again, represents Virginia in the TBF National Championship Tournament next spring.

We continue to add new members each month and I would like to welcome them along with our newest club, the TBF Bass Bandits of Virginia, to the Region 8 family.

Following the August 22nd tournament on the Chickahominy River, we removed the weigh-in fish release pipe as James City County was scheduled to start a bank restoration project at Riverfront Park. I will be asking for a few volunteers later this fall to re-install it following the completion of their restoration efforts.

I'm pleased to report that the Region 8 Board agreed to designate the November 8th, Chickahominy River tournament the "REGION 8 Member Appreciation Tournament". This tournament will be a "No-Entry-Fee" event where anglers are asked to donate some baits to our donation bin. The Region will put up \$700 into the payout and door prizes for this event. Anglers will be responsible for their own ramp fees plus the Big Fish Pot. This event was a lot of fun last year and a great chance to introduce family and prospective members to our Region.

See you on the water & be safe

John Flicek
Region 8 Director



REGION 8 continued:

REGION 8 Tournament Results

James River (25 July)

It was hot summer day with clear skies on the James River. Anglers reported that small fish were easy to come by; the larger fish were not as plentiful. The winning team of Robert and Holly Woods from NASA-Langley Bassmasters took the win with a five fish limit weighing in at 14.88 pounds. Holly also weighed the biggest bass of the tournament, a 4.96 pound largemouth. In second place with 13.94 pounds were the team of Nicky Skinner and Thomas Hains from Nottoway Bassmasters. Following closely with 13.87 pounds was Dave McLean and Ken O'Boyle from Peninsula Bass Anglers for a third place finish. The Top 10 results are listed below:

James River Top 10

Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
1	Robert Woods	Holly Woods	14.88
2	Nicky Skinner	Thomas Hains	13.94
3	Dave McLean	Ken O'Boyle	13.87
4	Chris Fiore	Mike Coleman	12.76
5	Mitch Camden	Kevin Camden	11.88
6	Tom Cirilli	Jason Henderson	11.74
7	Tyler Caldwell	Ben Fisher	11.13
8	Doug Griles	Jamie Brown	9.13
9	BJ Boothe	Alex Buckhorn	8.67
10	Bob Everhart	Robert Hladik	8.30



Robert & Holly Woods Win on the James River with 14.88 pounds



Holly Woods takes Big Fish Honors on the James River with 4.96 lbs Largemouth



REGION 8 continued:

James River Tournament, July 25, 2020



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REGION 8 continued:

Chickahominy River (22 August)

On August 22nd, Region 8 Anglers fished the Chickahominy River. The team of Chris Fiore and Michael Coleman from RVA Bassmasters topped the field with a five fish limit weighing in at 15.77 pounds. Avery Neely also from RVA Bassmasters with 14.40 pounds took second place. With five fish weighing in at 13.84 pounds was the team of Kevin Morford and Gary Svatek from NASA-Langley Bassmasters for a third place finish. The tournaments Big Bass was a 4.82 pound largemouth caught by NASA-Langley anglers Tyler Caldwell and Ben Fisher. The Top 10 results are listed below:

Chickahominy River Top 10

Place	Angler	Co-Angler	Weight
1	Chris Fiore	Mike Coleman	15.77
2	Avery Neely		14.40
3	Kevin Morford	Gary Svatek	13.84
4	Eddie Hogge	Darrell Smith	13.47
5	Dave Christian	John Guzik	13.22
6	Randy Barrett	Larry Lester	13.14
7	Brad Webb	Nicky Skinner	13.08
8	Tyler Caldwell	Ben Fisher	13.07
9	Doug Griles	Chris Newsom	12.85
10	Dave McLean	Ken O'Boyle	12.42



Chris Fiore & Michael Coleman Win on the Chickahominy River with 15.77 pounds



REGION 8 continued:

2020 REGION 8 Tournament Schedule

13 Jun (Sat)	Pamunkey River (Williams Ramp)
25 July (Sat)	James (Deep Bottom Park)
22 Aug (Sat)	Chickahominy (Rte 5)
10 Oct (Sat)	Chickahominy (Rte 5)
8 Nov (Sun)	Chickahominy (Rte 5) "No Entry Fee" Tournament

The 2020 Region 8 season standings will be based on "Best 4 out of 5" tournaments.

NOTICE:

The Annual REGION 8 OPEN TOURNAMENT originally scheduled for 22 August 2020 was not be held this year due to COVID -19 "Social Distancing" and "Public Gathering" limitations. All preregistered anglers have received a full refund of their prepaid registration fees. We plan to bring back the REGION OPEN TOURNAMENT on the Chickahominy River next year.

Regions 8's "Rods & Reels for Kids"



The "Rods & Reels for Kids" efforts continue this year at a much slower pace since most youth activities across the state have been either cancelled for rescheduled due to the COVID-19 restrictions. 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. sufficient rod & reel combo's to support their annual Youth Fishing Camp that was rescheduled for October. 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.

Bass Pro Shops,
Hampton, Fishing
Department Team
Lead, Mr. Nate
Daniels, supports
the "Rods & Reels
for Kids" efforts
with a donation



Holiday Lake Event
Coordinator, Mr.
Greg Heath, takes
delivery of 50 Rods
and Reels for the
annual Youth
Fishing Camp

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Director – Jackie Dye

Region 10

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

Congratulations to Lane Williams our 2020 Region 10 Season Champion.

Tournament Results

South Holston- August 1, 2020

South Holston Night Tournament Top 3 Teams:

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Willy & Brandon | 15.64 lbs. |
| 2. Travis & Andy | 15.15 lbs. |
| 3. Derek & Eric | 11.63 lbs. |
| Big Fish Willy & Brandon | 6.70 lbs. (Largemouth) |

South Holston- August 29, 2020

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| 1. Lane Williams & Josh Osborne | 13.46 lbs. |
| 2. Doug Burks & Allen | 12.34 lbs. |
| 3. Gerald Dye & Mike Scott | 12.24 lbs. |
| 4. Willie Browning & Brandon | 12.12 lbs. |
| Big Fish Wayne Musick & Gary Lawson | 3.46 lbs. |

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Boone Lake- September 12th, 2020

Top Ten:

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| 1. Gerald Dye & Mike Scott | 11.79 lbs. | |
| 2. Miller Castle & Ed Mullin | 11.61 lbs. | |
| 3. Jackie Dye & Jim Eaton | 10.10 lbs | BIG FISH |
| 4. Logan Boyd & Kelly Boyd | 10.02 lbs. | |
| 5. Jared Hoss & Clay Wineberger | 5.78 lbs. | Miller Castle & Ed Mullin |
| 6. Josh Osborne & Lane Williams | 5.36 lbs | 4.31 lbs |
| 7. Doug Austin & Tim Keen | 4.68 lbs. | |
| 8. Willie Browning & Brandon Creasey | 3.94 lbs. | |
| 9. Hunter & Danny McClaskey | 3.22 lbs. | |
| 10. Johnny Huff & Eddie Dotson | 2.65 lbs. | |

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Region 10 Final 2020 Standings

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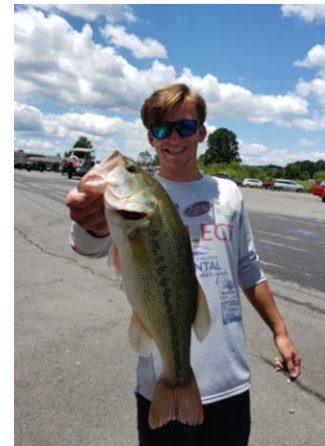
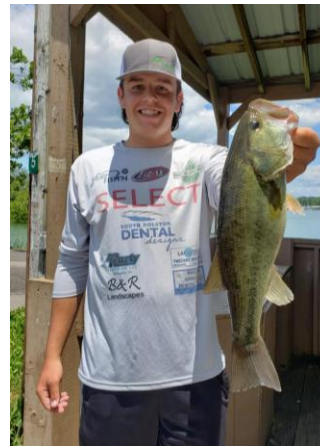
REGION 10 continued:

Region 10 Youth Fishing

South Holston – July 12th

Top Anglers:

1. John Milhorne	5.14 lbs.	Big Fish "Smile Award"
2. Connor Sweet	4.45 lbs.	Connor Sweet
3. Mason Stele	2.78 lbs	3.52 lbs. Largemouth



The Southwest Select Youth Bass Club held its final event of the tournament year with a cookout on September 5th at Washington County Park followed by a tournament. We would like to thank all the Boat Captains' that supported our anglers this season and Mr. Craig Powers for his advice and leadership throughout the year. Congratulations to our tournament winners Carson and Brady Blevins who had limit of fish weighing 8.83 lbs.



"Can't thank everyone enough for coming out to the Southwest Select cookout! We had a blast being around all the people who support us. We appreciate all of our boat captains and sponsors more than anyone could imagine. A huge thank you to my good friend Craig Powers for teaching me and my boys some important lessons. We all learned things that we'll carry on for the rest of our careers. I appreciate everyone's support throughout the year; stay tuned for the next season!"



Tyler Altizer

REGION 10 continued:

Youth Tournament Results / Season Standings



CONGRATULATIONS
to our
ANGLER of the YEAR
JOHN MILHORNE

Leaderboard	Holston (3/15)	Holston (5/3)	Watauga (5/17)	Holston (5/31)	Holston (7/11)	Holston (8/2)	Douglas (8/15)	Total
1. John Milhorne	(1st) 12.71lbs (100)	(4th) 7.64lbs (94)	(T-13) 0lbs (76)	(1st) 7.43lbs (100)	(1st) 5.14lbs (100)	(3rd) 3.60lbs (96)	(T-4th) 0lbs (94)	660pt
2. Mason Steele	(7th) 2.13lbs (88)	(1st) 9.06lbs (100)	(7th) 4.56lbs (88)	(2nd) 6.01lbs (98)	(3rd) 2.78lbs (96)	(T-8th) 0lbs (86)	(T-4th) 0lbs (94)	650pt
3. Konnor Sweet	(2nd) 9.89lbs (98)	(9th) 1.68lbs (84)	(T-13th) 0lbs (76)	(4th) 4.02lbs (94)	(2nd) 4.45lbs (98)	(4th) 3.60lbs (94)	(1st) 2.20lbs (100)	644pt
4. Will Austin	(T-10th) 0lbs (82)	(2nd) 8.28lbs (98)	(5th) 5.03lbs (92)	(T-5th) 0lbs (92)	(T-7th) 0lbs (88)	(2nd) 4.37lbs (98)	(T-4th) 0lbs (94)	644pt
5. Dylan Thompson	(T-10th) 0lbs (82)	(5th) 7.50lbs (92)	(10th) 2.08lbs (82)	Bye Week (88)	(6th) 1.28lbs (90)	(1st) 6.34lbs (100)	(2nd) 2.07lbs (98)	632pt
6. Easton Honaker	(5th) 2.49lbs (92)	(T-10th) 0lbs (82)	(3rd) 7.52 lbs (96)	(T-5th) 0lbs (92)	(T-7th) 0lbs (88)	(T-8th) 0lbs (86)	(T-4th) 0lbs (94)	630pt
7. Carson Blevins	(8th) 1.71lbs (86)	(T-10th) 0lbs (82)	(4th) 6.61lbs (94)	(T-5th) 0lbs (92)	(4th) 1.99lbs (94)	(T-8th) 0lbs (86)	(T-4th) 0lbs (94)	628pt
8. Garrett Bowman	(9th) 1.54lbs (84)	(6th) 6.18lbs (90)	(8th) 3.62lbs (86)	(T-5th) 0lbs (92)	(5th) 1.78lbs (92)	(6th) 2.04lbs (90)	(T-4th) 0lbs (94)	628pt
9. Josh Smith	Bye Week (78)	(T-10th) 0lbs (82)	(2nd) 9.01 (98)	(T-5th) 0lbs (92)	(T-7th) 0lbs (88)	(7th) 1.83lbs (88)	(3rd) 1.59lbs (96)	622pt
10. Colten Parks	(T-10th) 0lbs (82)	Bye Week (78)	(11th) 1.31lbs (80)	(T-5th) 0lbs (92)	(T-7th) 0lbs (88)	(T-8th) 0lbs (86)	0	506pt
11. Zane Poe	(6th) 2.36lbs (90)	(7th) 6.02lbs (88)	(6th) 4.75lbs (90)	(3rd) 4.18lbs (96)	Bye Week (84)	0	0	448pt
12. Jayden Farley	(3rd) 7.31lbs (96)	(T-10th) 0lbs (82)	(12th) .72lbs (78)	(T-5th) 0lbs (92)	Bye Week (84)	0	0	432pt
13. Reed Samuel	(T-10th) 0lbs (82)	(3rd) 7.96lbs (96)	(1st) 10.75lbs (100)	Bye Week (88)	0	0	0	366pt
14. Daniel Hutton	Bye Week (78)	0	(9th) 3.26lbs (84)	0	0	(5th) 3.02lbs (92)	(T-4th) 0lbs (94)	348pt
15. Kendrick Matney	(4th) 5.20lbs (94)	Bye Week (78)	(T-13) 0lbs (76)	0	0	(T-8th) 0lbs (86)	0	334pt
16. Parker Newton	Bye Week (78)	0	(T-13th) 0lbs (76)	(T-5th) 0lbs (92)	0	0	0	246pt
17. Jacob Smith	(T-10th) 0lbs (82)	Bye Week (78)	0	0	0	(T-8th) 0lbs (86)	0	246pt
18. Ty Weaver	Bye Week (78)	(8th) 5.20lbs (86)	(T-13) 0lbs (76)	0	0	0	0	240pt
19. Keaton Smith	Bye Week (78)	0	0	(T-5th) 0lbs (92)	0	0	0	170pt
20. James Smith	(T-10th) 0lbs (82)	Bye Week (78)	0	0	0	0	0	160pt

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