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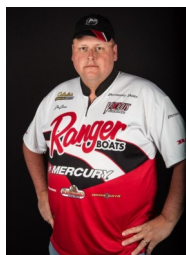
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President's Message

By Jim Jones



We are in the full swing of tournament season here in Wisconsin. It has been a great year of fishing. Our State Tournament held in Alma was very successful with many nice limits being weighed in. We have a great team going to South Dakota next fall. As I sat with all the other state presidents at the national TBF annual meeting, I was reminded how fortunate we are in Wisconsin to have so many great waters to fish. So many states are limited with only a handful of fishable waters in their state, and many laws are even more restrictive than ours.

It is very important that all of our clubs double check that your roster is up to date and all your members are paid. Remember that all clubs who increase their membership by 10% by October 1st will be entered into a drawing for a great prize. Increasing our membership is our main focus this year. TBF has great incentives for members to join, even if they are not serious tournament fishermen. Start talking to your buddies about joining your club. Now that the fishing will be slowing down a little, I hope we can start some great discussions on strategy to grow and improve. Please send me your ideas.

TBF has not changed its adult tournament business model in over 20 years, and now like all businesses, it needs to improve and prepare for the future. The last few years have been focusing on the youth, and now they are focusing on the adult members. There are big changes and great improvements coming in the next year! You will see more opportunities and changes in response to what the members have been asking for. At the same time, our state has also been looking at improvements, and a tournament committee was set up to explore new ideas. I invite ALL members to a very important Saturday October 10th Reps meeting at Chula Vista in the Dells to bring fresh new ideas and begin driving our organization on a successful path!

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Mr. Bass Tournament May 17, 2015 Big Green Lake

Contestants

	#	Weight	
Jason Loewe	5	20.90	1
Shane Holden	5	18.27	2
Adam Eisele	5	17.39	3
Dave Aldrich	5	16.72	4
Chris Truman	5	16.37	5
Dru Appelhans	5	16.31	6
Keith Luedtke	5	15.55	7
Tom Konitier	5	15.26	8
Jake Zimmerman	5	14.93	9
Jared Mataczynski	5	13.65	10



*Big Bass 6.24 lbs
Dru Applehans*

Observers

Doug Blank	5.18
Dennis Ansell	4.31
Tony Melvin	4.02



Zone 5 Results June 6-7, 2015 Madison Chain



DAY ONE			DAY TWO			TOTAL	
# Fish	Weight		# Fish	Weight			
Nick Smyers	5	16.98	4	7.27		24.25	1
Dave Aldrich	5	11.89	5	11.19		23.08	2
Shawn Fulmer	5	10.65	5	11.3		21.95	3
Gary Schild	5	11.7	5	8.52		20.22	4
Mike Smith	3	7.27	5	11.72		18.99	5
Mike Watson	2	4.1	5	13.76		17.86	6
JJ Sibota	5	9.05	5	8.47		17.52	7
Ty Iverson	5	9.39	4	7.31		16.7	8
Chris Pennybacker	3	6.85	4	7.81		14.66	9
Dennis Ansell	4	7	3	7.53		14.53	10



Tim Flaherty 3.68# Shawn Fulmer 2.79#



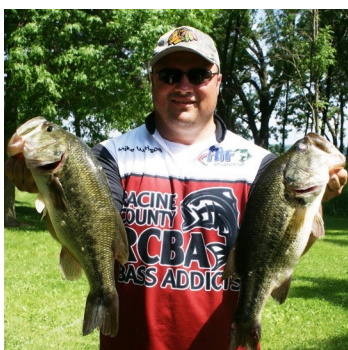
Dennis Ansell 3.47#



Nick Smyers 4.31#



Mike Smith 3.14#



Mike Watson 3.78#

Ranger Cup
Winner!
Dave Aldrich



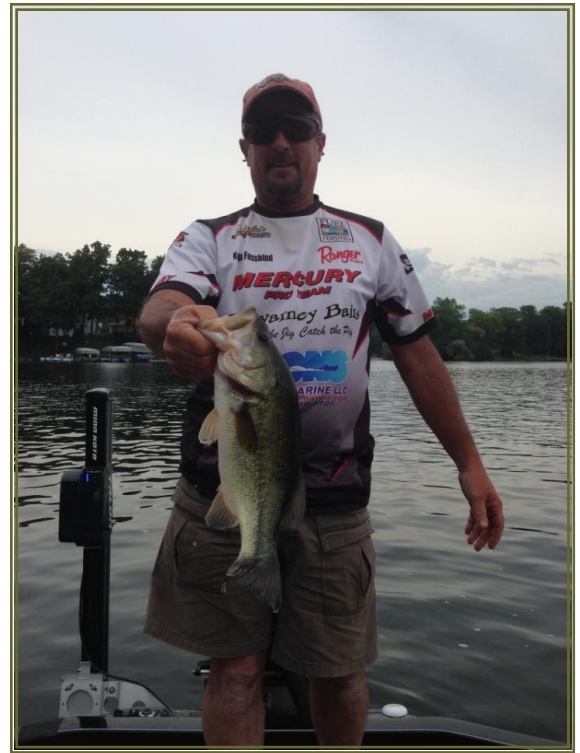


Zone 3 Results

June 13-14, 2015

Mississippi River Prairie du Chien

	# Fish	Big Fish	TOTAL	
Kevin Fassbind	10	2.72	21.84	1
Dave Vanert	10	3.08	19.94	2
Adam Eisele	10		19.61	3
Doug Blank	9		19.24	4
Joe McMinn	8	3.49	18.94	5
Dan Ehmen	10		18.71	6
Mike Cottrell	10		18.71	6
Brady Farrell	9		17.19	8
Joe Kelter	8		13.72	9
Brian Saari	6	2.53	11.99	10



*Congratulations to Kevin Fassbind
2015 Zone 3 Winner*

2015 Wisconsin Federation Goals:

1. Increase membership by 10%
2. Revise tournament structure to meet membership needs
3. Plan State tournaments over a year in advance
4. Increase State tournament community advertising- donations- fundraising
5. Increase collaboration with BFL's
6. Increase participation at Convention
7. Increase youth tournament participation by 20%
8. Increased Communication- new message board, website, facebook, newsletter, email blasts?
9. More Conservation projects

Calendar of Events

Sept 7-11: Northern Divisionals - Lake Carlyle, IL

Sept 26-27: 4 Man Classic - Mississippi Pool 5

Sept: Tournament Committee Meeting

Oct 10 : Chula Vista Resort Wisconsin Dells.

8 am Board Meeting, 1 pm Reps Meeting

Jan 22-23, 2016: Convention at Chula Vista-

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!

April, 2016: Board & Reps Meeting





Our Trip to the TBF Junior World Championship

By Noah Carver



Hi, my name is Noah Carver. I was given the opportunity to fish in The Bass Federation Junior World Championship in Hot Springs, Arkansas. I qualified by fishing in a Waukesha County youth club and then winning the state championship in Madison, Wisconsin.

My overall experience was great. I stayed four days at the Clarion Inn on Lake Hamilton. This is the lake the tournament was on. A special banquet was held on Thursday evening to recognize the 39 state champions and go over the rules and regulations. I met my fishing partner. He was from Utah. Friday morning I woke up at 4:45 and made my way to the parking lot where we would meet our boat captain. At 7:00 the tournament started. Throughout the day I lost four fish and caught two, but one wasn't big enough. The one that was legal was 1 pound and 5 ounces. That was not enough to put me through, but I got to be on stage with Hank Parker who was our MC. I was using spinner baits, swim jigs, & a variety of plastics.

Friday night we went to the Forrest Wood Cup weigh-in. This was awesome to see and we got to see our own Jim Jones come across the stage and weigh in his fish. There was two more weigh-ins on Saturday and Sunday. Brad Knight eventually took the cup. Overall it was a great experience for me. They treated us just like they would treat the pro anglers. I would like to thank Jim Jones for introducing me to The Bass Federation, The Bass Federation for all they did for me and giving me an experience that I will never forget, and my parents for driving me 12 hours to Arkansas. I hope I'll be able to get an experience like this again.

Lake Hamilton
Hot Springs, Arkansas
August 21-22, 2015





State Line Bass Anglers Conservation Project



Stateline Bass Anglers is a small club consisting of only 6 members.

At each launch site we picked up any debris that we could find on the shore line or in the launch area.

Fortunately we observed that some of the launch areas were very clean when we arrived.

All trash was properly disposed of at each launch site



Launch Sites Used / Cleaned

Lake Whitewater
 Rock Lake (Lake Mills)
 Madison Chain (Lake Farm)
 Savanna Pool 13 (Big Slough – Spring Lake)
 Pewaukee
 Galena Pool 12 (Gears Land ing

Project Goal:

“To leave each launch site in better condition when we leave than it was when we arrived”





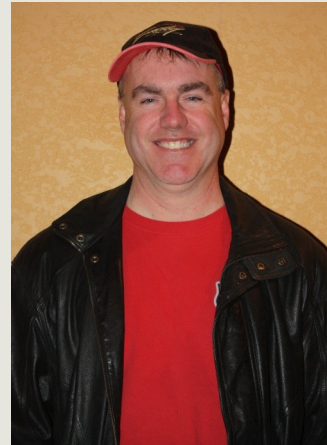
**2015 State Team- Fifth Place
Adam Eisele**

Lake Ripley Lunkers
Hometown: Cambridge, WI
Married/ Children: No
Second time on the State Team
Boat: Triton TR-196, Mercury 200
Years of fishing: 25 Years in Federation: 8
Favorite Place to Fish: Madison Chain
Favorite Technique: Frog Fishing
Biggest Bass: 6.25# Smallmouth Pewaukee Lake



**2015 State Team- Sixth Place
David Grosse**

Racine County Bass Addicts
Hometown: Racine, WI
Married: Yes Children: 2
First time on the State Team
Boat: Triton TR-21HP, Mercury 250 pro XS
Years of fishing: "A Lot" Years in Federation: 20
Favorite Place to Fish: Door County
Favorite Technique: Jigs
Biggest Bass: 7# Lake Como



**2015 State Team- Seventh Place
Brian Saari**

Madison Bass Club
Hometown: Madison, WI
Married: Yes Children: 1
Eighth time on the State Team
Boat: Ranger R20, Mercury Pro XS 225
Years of fishing: 46 Years in Federation: 20
Favorite Place to Fish: Green Bay
Favorite Technique: Swim Jigs
Biggest Bass: 6.5# Smallmouth, Green Bay



**2015 State Team- Eighth Place
David Gnewikow**

Team Interstate
Hometown: Tomah, WI
Married: Yes Children: 4
First time on the State Team
Boat:
Years of fishing: 20 Years in Federation: 2
Favorite Place to Fish: Mississippi River
Favorite Technique: Swim Jigs, Senkos
Biggest Bass: 5# Bass on Mississippi River



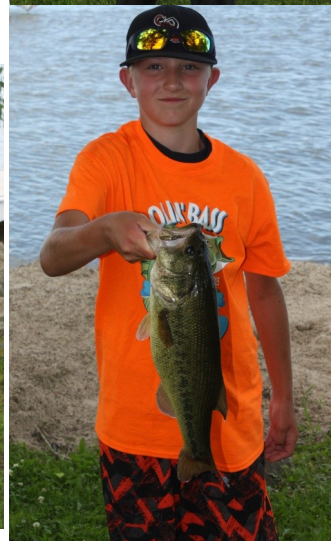


State Youth Championship Tournament

July 18, 2015

Big Green Lake

1	Hunter Krueger	3	7.33 #
2	Hugh Ballweg	2	7.30 #
3	Brady Wendt	3	6.11 #
4	Joshua Miller	3	6.00 #
5	Anthony Curro	2	4.50 #
6	Caden Damaa	1	3.06 #
7	Donovan Huber	1	2.77 #
8	Harmon Marien	1	1.91 #
9	Noah Carver	1	1.83 #





Mark your calendars for the Wisconsin Bass Federation Convention!

Friday– Saturday Jan 22-23, 2016
at the Chula Vista Resort & Waterpark

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!

We will be planning activities just for the junior and high school anglers.

By moving the convention back into January, we have been able to get even more reduced room rates, and are working on getting a great guest angler that we can't get during the tour season.

RAFFLES! PRIZES! FUN!

Awards will be presented to the top five from each zone, Mr. Bass, 4-Man, 2016 State Team, youth, as well as presentations from our 2015 State Team and Nationals qualifiers. Watch for more details in the next newsletter or on the web as it gets finalized..

Remember....

The Top 5 winners from each Zone will receive their plaques at the State Convention Awards Banquet January 30, 2016. Please plan to attend!

Attendance is mandatory for all Board members and State Team Members.

TBF/FLW Dues Reminder

It's that time of year again! The new club year is beginning soon, which means it's time to renew your TBF membership! All TBF memberships expire December 31st. To receive the full benefit of a TBF Membership and maintain our insurance coverage policy, you should renew before they expire. TBF does not prorate your dues if you decide to wait, and your club meetings will not be covered by insurance over the winter. It's just like buying a fishing license, you will have to pay the full amount, regardless of when you decide to renew your membership. Most clubs are already collecting dues and sending them in, and we appreciate your hard work, you are doing a great job! If you have questions or concerns, contact your local club Secretary, or call our national office at 580.765.9031.

**DON'T LET YOUR DUES EXPIRE–
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In the Next Issue....Classifieds!

If you would like to place a classified ad in the next issue, send an email to bjones@wi.rr.com. Ads will be free to members, limited to space available, first come first serve.

All information for next issue Due By: Oct 1st



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