WISCONSIN BASS FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

By Jim Jones

This year I am really looking forward to seeing all our members at the Convention.

We have made the schedule easier for those who only want to attend one day. All members are invited to the Reps meeting and the Awards banquet. I'm sure you have heard about the exciting new changes and opportunities in re-structuring our tournaments for 2016– and we want everyone to be present to share ideas and ask questions. We are excited to be driving our organization on a successful path!

Bring the whole family to the convention! Kids can enjoy the waterpark and we have some great youth activities set up. Encourage your youth clubs to attend! We are happy to be offering a rod-building workshop for the youth at a cost of just \$45, and an informational session for clubs to learn how to hold their own workshop in their community at the club president's meeting. We encourage all clubs to attend to learn about this great activity! See more info on page 10.

This year's awards banquet also is shaping up to be a great event! We would still welcome any additional guest speakers or promotional "booths" members want to set up. We will have tons of great raffle prizes for the whole family. Clubs– please don't forget each club is expected to donate \$25 in cash or product for prizes.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing Board members for their service: Chris Haines as Vice-President, Pat Loendorf as Secretary, and Steve Hjort as Conservation Director. Their countless volunteer hours have been invaluable to this organization and we offer great appreciation. We also welcome our new board members starting in 2016. Chris Morgan from Racine County Bass as Vice President, Becky Smyers from Last Cast Bass as Secretary and Nathan Graewin from Midwest Bassmasters as Conservation Director. Welcome to the Board!

On a personal note, you probably know I am entered into my rookie year in the 2016 FLW Pro Tour. Last year fishing the tour as a co-angler and making it to the Cup was awesome! I can't wait to try it again out of my own boat! I hope you follow me on the live feed and on my journey. The support of all my friends in Wisconsin means so much.



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4 Man Classic Results Mississippi River Pool 5 September 2015

1st - C&R	59.75#
2nd - Interstate	53.89#
3rd - Rod Benders 2	49.48#
4th - River Country	48.54#
5th - Castle Rock	25.09#
6th - 4 Lakes	15.97#
7th - Rod Benders 1	9.15#



18.11# Biggest Limit









Big Bass Day 1 Interstate 3.87# Big Bass Day 2 C&R 4.24#





Zone 2 Lake Mohawksin- June 19-21

Zone 2 Results 2015				
Place	Name	Sat	Sun	Total
1	Andy Dassow	13.71	5.14	18.85
2	Tim Schult	4.81	9.3	14.11
3	Dan Hofmann	1.38	11.89	13.27
4	Shawn Beliunas	1.64	7.91	9.55
5	Josh Roberts	4.28	7.32	9.47
6	Zach Zimmerman	5.49	3.77	9.26
7	Jake Zimmerman	7.2	1.99	9.21
8	Adam Buss	7.11	1.63	8.74
9	J.B.Kruse	0	8.65	8.65
10	Tim Konitzer	3.31	3.82	8.55

Zone 4 Results Madison Chain, June 6-7



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1 DAVE FIELDS 10- 18.99 2 DENNIS CHRISTENSEN 8- 14.36 3 DAN MCADAMS 7- 13.97 4 DON BIENICK 7- 13.30 5 GARY PASZEK 6- 10.58 6 LEVI JOHNSON 4- 8.17 7 RAY LOENDORF 4- 7.83 8 ANDY POISELL 4- 7.75 9 JAKE WILLIAMS 4- 7.37 10 RANDY WILLIAMS 5- 7.36

SUPPORTING DEAL







Reps Meeting Minutes

Wisconsin Bass Federation October Reps Meeting Minutes October 10, 2015 Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells

Present: 4 Lakes, Bass Assassins, Beaver Dam, Belle City, Big Sacks, C&R, Castlerock, Heartland, Last Cast, Madison Bass, Midwest Bassmasters, Packerland, Park City, Racine County, River Country, Rockford, Shawano Red Nek, Stateline, Team Interstate, Rod Benders, Wisconsin Valley, Antigo Bass Warriors

President- Jim Jones called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Minutes were accepted with cor-
rection to 10 d) positions up for nomination: President, Secretary, Conservation Director.
Treasurer Brad Lemke read the treasurer's report and it was accepted
Conservation Director's Report- Steve Hjort
Discussed used plastics project- still collecting at convention
No new regarding bass regulatory issues to discuss
Discussed Buffalo Lake, good news they did not remove dam, contact DNR
Concern for invasive species, especially clubs who come up from south spreading to Wisconsin
after fishing tournaments in other areas. "Clean Drain Dry" Reps declined to make a mo-
tion for the Federation to make a promotional campaign on this issue a statewide conserva-
tion project next year ie flyer, facebook, you tube video, etc, Treat every lake as if it has
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Youth Director Report- Adam Barnard
Discussed youth state tournament on Big Green, 1 st Place Hunter Krueger from Beaver Dam
and will be going to Junior World Championship
Kids Cast will continue in 2016 even with changes in Madison Expo, always need more volun-
teers, last year we had great turnout- ran entire day with success
Next year's state championship will be on Big Green again 11-14 y/o
Adam will take donations for any new but unwanted lures
High School Fishing run through TBF- huge SAF Student Angler Foundation 15-18 y/o
FLW Youth Fish On K-12 program and art contest available
Tournament Director Report- Kris Haines submitted his resignation, an appointment to his position will
be made
All tournament results are posted on website
President's Report- Jim Jones
Casino project continues in development, waiting on tribe
Newsletter- always need more information from clubs- tournaments, projects,
Rosters- need to get in by Jan 1- don't wait until tournament starts- effects insurance coverage
in off season, be sure to update the emails of all members Website- send us updates if you see errors- look at your club contact
Sponsor Contracts- news for January Reps meeting
Youth & Conservation reports due in January- form on website
Old Business- none
New Business
Convention- Chula Vista Jan 22-23. Discussed agenda, room rates much lower than last year. Look for
info in next newsletter. Suggestion for set time for people to come in after the meal, have extra ta-
bles set up.
TBF Changes- see attached ppt
Nominations for offices
President- Jim Jones
Secretary- Becky Smyers
Conservation Director- Natthan Graewin, Midwest Bass
Motion approved to cast unanimous ballot- unanimous
Meeting adjourned at 3:10
Respectfully Submitted, Barb Jones, substituting for Pat Loendorf

New Wisconsin Format... at a Glance

CHANGES TO DIVISIONALS

- States will no longer compete as teams- no combined weights, no combined payouts
- Smaller divisionals- 2-3 states per divisional= less travel costs
- Wisconsin & Minnesota Division
- Less time frame- weekend tournament
- Boater- Co-Angler Format, not competing against each other
- \$200 boater, \$100 co angler entry fee= more prize money

NEW CHANGES:

- Eliminate current zone and state process as is
- Change to 3 One-Day Divisional Qualifiers spread around the state
- Anyone can fish **any or as many** Divisional Qualifiers as they want
- Divisional Qualifiers will be a Boater- Co-Angler format
- Must sign up as a boater co-angler pair- can be members from any club, but fish separately
- Entry Fees- \$200 \$100 75% payout at ramp

3 DIVISIONAL QUALIFIERS REPLACE ZONES

- 2 Ways to go on- Flexibility
- Each Individual Div Qualifier will take top 7% of Boaters and top 7% of CoAnglers to Divisionals (for those who like our current process)
- Remainder of slots (3%) come from cumulative points from all 3 Div Qualifiers, best 2 of 3. (for those who want to have a trail format)
- State Angler of the Year- top cumulative points winner
- Round % down, always equal Boater- CoAngler
- If person qualifies both ways- individual takes priority, alternate goes down to next cumulative

ADDITIONAL CHANGES

- Have at least 1 Div Qualifier in conjunction w/ youth/ HS tournament (One Sat- One Sun)
- Criteria for club to send 2 man per club- Reps meetings, Youth or Conservation project, in good standing meeting with all Federation requirements
- Eliminate Zone Director Positions- replace with appointed tournament committee members specific to each tournament location
- Rescind rule requiring to be member the prior year and also rescind 1st year free

MR. BASS A DIVISIONAL QUALIFIER TOO

- Mr. Bass becomes a 4th Divisional Qualifier
- Change Mr Bass and Observer to Boater-CoAngler format
- Top Mr Bass Boater and Mr Bass CoAngler from each club eligible to fish- each club decides how to select them
- \$200 \$100 entry fee, 75% payout at ramp
- Top 10% of Boaters and top 10% of coanglers go on to Divisionals

SAMPLE NUMBERS

- 30 clubs- 30 boaters & 30 co anglers
- Mr Bass- 3 boaters & 3 co anglers
- 3 Divisional Qualifiers- 100 boats each
 7 boaters & 7 co anglers each
- Cumulative Points- 9 boaters & 9 coanglers
- Total= 63 Boaters & 63 CoAnglers to Divisional
- 2 Boaters and 2 CoAnglers to Nationals

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EDEBATION

NATIONAL SEMI-FINALS

LESS TRAVEL - MORE FUN - MORE MEMBERS - MORE MONEY!

Each TBF state holds events as they choose, any number, format, body of water, etc. , Members choice!

TBF State Federations

Top 10% of each states event participation (UNLIMITED), or minimum of 12 anglers per state, whichever is greater, advance to National Semi-Final

TBF Clubs In Good Standing <

Eligible, active clubs in good standing, (who meet minimum requirements with state, no paper clubs) can advance top (2) anglers from club direct to National Semi-Final

BEST OF THE BEST STATE PRIDE National Semi-Finals Top 8 anglers from each state (4 Boaters \4 Co-anglers) weights are tracked seperate to determine which STATE wins their National Semi-Final!

TBF National Semi-Finals

- CLOSE TO HOME, Over 20 events, (2\3 State Area's)
 Individual Payouts\Advancement
 Popular Boater\Co-Angler Format
- \$200 Entry Fee\Pot For Boaters
- \$100 Entry Fee\Pot For Co-Anglers
- 1 Boater/Co-Angler advances to the Federation National
- Championship (FNC) from the minimum 12 anglers of each state. - 1 additional (B/C) advances for each 50 boat milestone reached
- from each state at it's National Semi-Final! (50, 100, 150, etc.)

75% payback to National Semi-Finals individuals, 10% to states, 15% to Federation National Championship

= 100% payback! + PLUS ADDED PRIZES

CO-ANGLERS Catching Fish & WINI Top Co-Angler(s) qualifing spots who can weigh in MORE total weight than Top Boaters spots from their state can choose to advance to the FNC as a Boater! We will pull up the next Co-Angler and everyone wins!

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FEDERATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

New format = MORE members have a chance at the MOST number of advancement spots in the industry!

Practice out of own boats (just like today) for 2 days (Saturday and Sunday)

States with multiple FNC qualifiers will COMPETE from their own boats on Monday and Tuesday. After Tuesday we cut the field to the top Boater & top Co-angler from each state.

Wednesday is final practice day for all State Leaders out of new Ranger Boats, (just like today) Thursday and Friday the full field competes by division. Friday the field is cut to the top anglers from each of the 7 TBF division (just like today) who will compete on Saturday's Final Day for a National Championship title and...

All 14 finalist will advance as TBF Division Champions to the BFL -All American!
 National Champion Boater advances directly to the Forrest Wood Cup!
 Living The Dream packages for BOTH Boater and Co-Angler National Champs!
 SIGNIFICANT cash and prizes increases for Boaters and Co-Anglers!



2015 State Team– Ninth Place Adam Buss

Shawano Red Nek Bassbusters Hometown: Appleton, 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: Sturgeon Bay Favorite Technique: Jerk Bait Biggest Bass: 7# Lake Bacarac Mexico



2015 State Team– Eleventh Place Dan Elsner

Green Bay Bassmasters Hometown: Green Bay, WI Married: Yes Children: 2 Multiple times on the State Team Boat:

Years of fishing: 42 Years in Federation: 13 Favorite Place to Fish: Sturgeon Bay Favorite Technique: Dragging Biggest Bass: 8# Chetek Chain



2015 State Team– Tenth Place Rick Bosshard

Heartland Bass Hometown: Hartland, WI Married: Yes Children: 1 Sixth time on the State Team Boat: Triton 20x2, Mercury 250 Years of fishing: 40 Years in Federation: 14 Favorite Place to Fish: Mississippi River Favorite Technique: Frogs & Swim Jigs Biggest Bass: 6# Pewaukee Lake



2015 State Team– Twelfth Place Mike Levans

Rockford Hawg Hunters Hometown: Woodstock, IL Married: Yes Children: 3 First time on the State Team Boat: Champion 198, Mercury 225 Optimax Years of fishing: 34 Years in Federation: 7 Favorite Place to Fish: Lake Geneva Favorite Technique: Drop Shot Biggest Bass: 8# 10 oz LM Guntersville AL







Chula Vista Resort & Waterpark, Wisconsin Dells 2501 River Road, Wisconsin Dells (855) 253-5872 for reservations Display & Selling Tables available

Discounted rates for members. Call or email Jim Jones if interested.

Beautiful indoor waterpark, Spa & Nail Salon, 4D Action Cinema, Kids Activities, Arcade, Outdoor Riverwalk, Fitness Center. Several on site restaurant options. Ho Chunk Casino nearby.

Room Rates \$109 Fairway Villa Room, \$129 Junior Suite per night* (each sleeps 6, waterpark passes included)

* Base rate quoted for rooms, discounted for convention attendees if reserved by December 23rd.

Friday:

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Board Meeting 8:00 pm - 12:00 am Reception, Poker Tournament

Saturday:

- 8:00 am 11:00 am: Adult rod building workshop
- 10:00 am 1:00 pm: Youth Activities: guest speaker, contests, rod building workshop
- 10:00 am 11:00 am: Mandatory State Team Meeting
- 11:00 am 12:00 pm: Club Presidents Meeting
- 12:30 pm 3:30 pm: Reps Meeting (all Club Members Welcome)
- 4:00 pm 5:00 pm: Cash Bar Cocktail Hour & Raffle Ticket Sales
- 5:00 pm 6:00 pm: Dinner
- 6:00 pm 9:00 pm Awards, Raffles, Presentations

Presentations by 2015 State Team, Nationals Participants, & Youth Champion Guest Speaker to be announced

Saturday Banquet Italian Buffet Menu:

Featuring Sicilian lasagna, vermicelli bolognaise and fettuccine Alfredo. Accompanied by a grilled antipasto and olive bar, fresh Italian rolls and bread bar, wheels of parmesan and romano cheeses. Also includes our famous hand tossed, three topping, double topped pizzas. Served with Caesar salad, fresh vegetable of the day, marble cake, coffee, tea and milk. Kids chicken tenders meal also available.

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RAFFLE TICKET PRICES:	2016 Wisconsin Bass Federation Registration Form:	
<u>Deluxe Board:</u> (Limit at 100 tickets sold) \$25 each	Name:	
	Guest Names:	
<u>Red Tickets:</u> \$10 each 5 for \$45	Club:	
11 for \$90 15 for \$130	Phone:Email:	
<u>Blue Tickets:</u> \$5 each	Number of people planning to attend:	
5 for \$20 11 for \$40	Sat Banquet Dinner: \$35.00 each: Friday Reception:	
15 for \$60	Banquet- Kids meal: \$14.00 each: Sat Kids Activities:	
<u>White Tickets:</u> \$1 each 6 for \$5	Late Fee After Jan 8 th : \$5.00 each:	
20 for \$15 50 for \$30	\$ Total:	
Basic Package- \$100 6 Red Tickets 12 Blue Tickets 20 White Tickets (\$140 Total Value) Saver's Package- \$175	Please Return Registration Forms by January 8th with payment to:Jim Jones, PresidentMake Checks payable to WBF	
2 Deluxe Board Tickets 11 Red Tickets	W224 S10850 Big Bend Dr Big Bend, WI 53103	
11 Blue Tickets 20 White Tickets (\$235 Total Value)	Any Questions- 262-662-1981, 262-939-2810, jimjones@wi.rr.com	
Best Value Package- \$300 5 Deluxe Board Tickets 15 Red Tickets 15 Blue Tickets 50 White Tickets (\$400 Total Value)	Club Donations : Clubs are still being requested as usual to give a \$25 club donation to buy raffle prizes to help support our Federation and the State Team. You may enclose that donation with this registration form or let Jim know what items you are bringing with you to the convention.	
Make Checks Payable to: WSBF		
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Mud Hole Custom Tackle is proud to support youth fishing. We have put together a selection of rod building kits as well as all the tools and instructions to help any student angler succeed at building a custom fishing rod.

Free Hands On Workshops At the Convention, Wisconsin Dells

Adult Rod Building Workshop!

January 23rd 8:00 am -11:00 am

This hands on workshop is designed to teach adults to become instructional builders so that they can facilitate youth workshops in their local areas.

Free Student Rod Building Workshop!

January 23rd 11:30 am -1:00 pm

This hands on workshop will teach kids some of the basic components of building a quality rod. They will be able to try out some techniques. This class will be a good introduction to rod building so they can complete a full workshop at a later date.

> Email Registration preferred to jimjones@wi.rr.com Instructional materials provided.





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Wildlife Forever's STATE-FISH ART Contest is in its 17th year as an amazingly successful conservation education program combining ART and WRITING to catch the imagination of students and SCIENCE to foster discovery of the natural world ... increasing awareness of and respect for aquatic resources.

STATE-FISH ART has two primary components:

1) The comprehensive State-Fish Art Lesson Plan, *FISH ON*! for students in grades K-12. The full lesson plan is available free online or WE WILL SEND YOU A CD at no charge..

2) A national art contest which serves as an outreach initiative and showcase for youth in the arts. Upon completion of the lesson plan students will have gained an understanding of a fish's anatomy, behavior, and habitat needs, as well as an increased appreciation of the arts.

A STATE-FISH ART CONTEST ENTRY CONSISTS OF TWO PARTS:

- 1. an original HORIZONTAL 9"X12" ART ILLUSTRATION of ANY STATE-FISH on this "official state-fish list"
- 2. a personally written ONE SIDE OF ONE PAGE relating to their chosen fish species, its behavior, habitat or conservation issues and/or needs.





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Discounts for multiple issues (published quarterly) and product donations. If you may be interested in learning more about becoming a Federation Sponsor or advertising, please contact our State President Jim Jones at jimjones@wi.rr.com

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: February 1, 2016

Remember....

The Top 5 winners from each Zone will receive their plaques at the State Convention Awards Banquet January 23, 2016. Please plan to attend!

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

CALENDAR REMINDER

PLEASE SEND US YOUR CLUB OPENS, AREA SPORTS SHOWS, LARGE ICE JAMBO-REES AND OTHER LARGE FISHING RELATED EVENTS TO ADD TO OUR COMPREHENSIVE WEBSITE CALENDAR.

IT IS HARD TO PLAN AROUND EACH OTHER'S CLUB OPENS AND OTHER EVENTS IF WE DON'T KNOW WHEN THEY ARE. EMAIL TO JIMJONES@WI.RR.COM

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-RENEW TODAY!

2016 Calendar of Events

Jan 22-23: Convention at Chula Vista April 3: Board & Reps Meetings April 12-17: TBF Nationals Table Rock MO May 22: Mr. Bass, Lake Wisconsin June 4: Div Qualifier #1, Big Green Lake June 19: SAF High School, Minoqua July 10: Div Qualifier #2, Lake Tomahawk Aug 27: Div Qualifier #3, Mississippi Pool 8 Aug 28: Youth Championship, Big Green Lake Sept 4-9: Northern Divisionals Lake Oahe ND Sept 22-25: Divisionals, Mille Lacs Lake, MN Oct 1-2: 4 Man Classic Madison Chain



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Sponsor Spotlight

Power Pole

Power-Pole is a proud sponsor of The Bass Federation. We will continue to offer a rebate program to The Bass Federation Members. The new rebate structure will be effective March 1st 2015. The new discounts will be as follows:

- Sportsman 2 Model: \$75
- Pro 2 Model: \$100
- Signature Series 2 Model: \$125
- Blade Model: \$150



We're on the Web! Visit us at: www.wisconsinbass.com The above stated discounts are available via rebate program through our website. In order to receive your rebate, you will need to register the Power-Pole at <u>www.Power-Pole.com</u> located under the "Support" column header then "Product Registration".

Once the product has been registered, you will then find the link "Apply for Rebate" to complete the rebate form. Once all the given information is verified we will issue you a check or credit in accordance with the discount you are slated to receive. You will need to provide a copy of your purchase receipt and TBF membership card.

It PAYS to belong to TBF!

