
The River News

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Entries Needed For Youth Tournament; Webmaster Needed For DRFA Website

As of June 16, we had no official entries in the Youth Tournament scheduled for Saturday, June 26. ***This is a FREE tournament, with awards and refreshments for all participants.*** Regardless of whether you are an individual or family member of the DRFA, you are entitled to bring any youth anglers – sons, daughters, nieces, nephews, grandkids, friends, or neighbors – who are 15 years or younger. This is our chance to encourage the next generation of anglers who will take us along for the ride when we get too old to launch our boats ourselves.

Check out the tournament flier inside this newsletter for complete details, and call Pete Antoniewicz at (609) 466-7719 to register or ask any questions. Anyone registered for the event by the club meeting on Thursday June 24 will receive a DRFA hat for their participation on Saturday June 26.

On another note, we will need a new Webmaster for the DRFA Web site, due to Frank Kivler's recent move to Florida. We thank Frank for picking up the ball this year

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and for the fine job he did on the Web site. But now it's time to hand the ball off to someone else. Anyone who can help should contact Pete Antoniewicz or Steve Raulfs. Their phone numbers are listed at the bottom of page 2 of this newsletter.

President's Message

Hello everyone. This is my first communication with you as president. I would like to thank everyone for their confidence in me. I would first like to say we all owe a big debt of gratitude to the past presidents, Pete Antoniewicz and John Strada. Without the efforts of these two men, our club would not be enjoying the success we have. I spoke with John the other day. You can hear in his voice he misses being here with his friends in the club.

I would like to start off with my goals for the club. First, is to increase membership. Second, have more fun with the club. On increasing membership, I believe we can double our numbers in the next two to three years. This we can accomplish if we focus some of our recruiting efforts, particularly at the Outdoor Show in Fort Washington. We have a couple of ideas to help with this. Also, when you're talking with someone about fishing on the river, tell them about the club. Remember, if you like it for particular reasons, chances are they will too. I signed up a new member the other day in my neighborhood dinner, having breakfast. You don't have to have an application on you. Just get

their name and number and 15 bucks!! We'll get the rest.

Since we already have lots of fun at our tourneys and meetings, it'll be hard to increase the fun level. However, I have some ideas for this as well.

One of the reasons I joined was to learn about catching bass, particularly largemouth in the lower river. The club has helped me in that endeavor. I would like to emphasize this in the future.

The Big Cat Shootout was a huge success. It was sunny and the band was jammin'. Everyone was commenting how great the tournament was. I would like to send my thanks to everyone who helped with this event, especially Tom Zerumski. Tom's extensive efforts need to be recognized. Tom has picked up the slack in John Strada's absence.

Remember: Check your drag and set the hook.

Steve Raulfs

Important Dates

Thursday, June 24: 7:00 pm. Monthly meeting in the back upstairs meeting room of The Sportsmen's Center, Route 130 North, Bordentown, NJ.

Saturday, June 26: Youth Tournament. (See flier on page 6 for specifics.)

Saturday, July 17: Largemouth tournament at the Frankford Arsenal Ramp. 6:00 am to 12:00 noon. (See flier on page 7 for specifics.)

Minutes of the May Meeting

The May 27th meeting of the DRFA was called to order by the club's president Steve Raulfs at 7:10 pm with 15 members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Matt Kicinski reported a balance of \$7,732.09 in the club treasury.

Environmental: Club member Sam Shiels reported that the PA fish commission is doing a study on stripers and while they were doing the study they think that the American Shad are spawning near the Tacony bridge.

Sam also said that they are stocking hickory shad in Pennypack Creek, Ridley Creek and the Delaware River. Over 600,000 fry are in Pennypack Creek. This is the first year for stocking hickory shad in the Pennypack and Delaware, and the third year for Ridley Creek.

Some of the following has been added to what Sam has said. Visually, Pennypack appears to contain suitable habitat for this species compared to other locations along the East Coast. The Delaware may offer the best opportunity for restoring a run. Hickory shad spawn a little earlier in the spring than American Shad. The hickory shad may show up as adults in either year two or three. The first fish could show up in Ridley Creek as early as next spring. The first hickories would not be expected to show up at Pennypack or the Delaware River until 2006 or later.

It has been confirmed that hickory shad were caught in the lower Schuylkill River this year. This is the first documented record of

them there in many years. The hickory shad is currently listed as a PA endangered species.

Old Business: Club member Dick Schroeder purchased a digital camera for our club tournaments.

The May 22nd smallmouth tournament had 31 participants and six fish were weighed in, with Scott Ferral taking first place, Bill Marshall, second place, and Rick Mawson, third place.

The striped bass paper tournament will be held on June 5th.

The Big Cat Shootout is June 12th. Club president Steve Raulfs said that he will talk to Bob Bonczyk about being weighmaster for the tournament.

The club catfish tournament is June 19th with Bob Bonczyk being the weighmaster.

The youth tournament is June 26th from 8 am to 1 pm at Neshaminy Park Ramp/Snug Harbor Marina. Volunteers are needed.

Steve Raulfs accepted the role of President for the club. The position for vice-president is still open for nominations.

Club president Steve Raulfs asked again for volunteers to help out doing little things for the club, such as bringing trophies to tournaments, bringing magazines to meetings, or helping to line up speakers for meetings. Any help will be appreciated.

Please take the time to fill out the DRFA survey form for having our meetings in another location. We want to see if this will increase the attendance at our meetings.

New Business: There was no new business reported.

The winner of \$7.00 in the 50-50 drawing was Frank Beck. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Tight Finish In Smallmouth Tourney Creates Logjam In AOTY Standings

A second tournament with just six fish weighed in has lead to a tight pack in the lead for the Angler of the Year standings. No angler who scored in the shad tournament was able to bring a smallmouth bass to the scales, so the 12 anglers in the standings are all bunched within six points of each other.

Erratic water levels and temperatures were blamed for the poor results in the May 22 smallmouth tournament. Scott Ferral took top honors with a 1.65-lb., 16.25" fish. Second place went to Bill Marshall with a 1.61-lb., 16" fish. Rick Mawson was third with his fish weighing 1.51 lbs. and measuring 15".

Other anglers that brought legal fish to the scales included Ed Evans (1.50 lbs., 16.25"), Warren Brady (1.00 lb., 14"), and Dick Schroeder (0.72 lbs., 12.13").



Scott Ferral hoists his first place smallmouth which put him near the top of the Angler of the Year standings.

DRFA Contacts: **President** – Steve Raulfs, 215-969-1010; **Tournament Coordinators** – Bob Bonczyk (215) 945-4297 and Curt Kirby (215) 946-0176; **Treasurer** – Matt Kicinski, 215-426-5086; **Membership Secretary** – Karen/Hollis Laing, 215-612-2814; **Recording Secretary** – Eileen Kicinski, 215-426-5086; **Editor of The River News** – Pete Antoniewicz, 609-466-7719 <DRFA_TheRiverNews@hotmail.com>; **Webmaster** – <webmaster@drfishermen.com>; **Tournament Hotline** – 215-945-3635



Bill Marshall displays his second place fish which was just four hundredths of a pound off the lead.



Rick Mawson slipped into third place with this 1.51-lb. fish, just one hundredth of a pound ahead of Ed Evans.

DRFA Striper Tournament, Part II

For the second year in a row, the club's paper striper tournament was visited by bad weather. This year, no members registered fish on the day of the event.

Guest To Address River Fishing At July Meeting

Mark your calendars for the July 29th meeting when our guest speaker will be Alan Moyer from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. He is going to speak on fishing in general on the Delaware River.

76 Boats Compete In Big Cat Shootout

Here are the top 10 finishers and their total weights in the June 12 Big Cat Shootout, listed by boat captain. A complete listing will be posted on the DRFA Web site as soon as it is available.

1. William Roy Trainer – 27.73 lbs.
2. Bruce Emerson – 23.57 lbs.
3. Jim Rodann – 23.32 lbs.
4. Ron Dick – 19.16 lbs.
5. Todd Hall – 17.92 lbs.
6. Rick Mawson – 17.35 lbs.
7. Jim Hughes – 17.08 lbs.
8. Bill Tillett – 15.85 lbs.
9. Joe Tropea – 15.35 lbs.
10. Bill Brooks – 14.62 lbs.

The lunker award went to William Roy Trainer's team with a weight of 12.75 lbs. The total prize money paid out was \$6,632.72

Smallmouth Recap Delayed to July

Due to a lack of space again this month, a synopsis of the presentation given by Bob Murray to DRFA members at the April meeting will have to be delayed to next month's newsletter.

Important Election Information

Steve Raulfs has been elected to take over the role of President for this year, but he needs someone to help share the duties in the role of Vice President. We also need a new Webmaster to take over for Frank Kivler.

If you can't make the meeting, but would like to help, please contact Steve at (215) 969-1010.

Angler Of The Year Top Ten Standings

The following standings are up to date as of the May 22 smallmouth tournament.

#	Name	Points
1.	Joe Pocetti	100
2.	Scott Ferral	100
3.	Jim Pocetti.....	99
4.	Bill Marshall	99
5.	Chris Hoffman.....	98
6.	Rick Mawson.....	98
7.	George Hoffman	97
8.	Ed Evans	97
9.	Richard Hoffman.....	96
10.	Warren Brady	96

2004 DRFA Tournament Schedule

All of these tournaments are free and open to dues-paying DRFA members only. Members accrue points for the Angler of the Year competition based on their finish in the eight regular club events. New members may register on the morning of the event, before the check-in time. Weigh-in is at the time specified. Late entries will not be weighed in.

Date	Event	Location	Time
6/26	Youth Tourney (Open to 15-year-old and under guests of paid DRFA members.)	Location TBD	8 am to 1 pm
7/17	Largemouth	Frankford Arsenal Ramp	6 am to 12 noon
8/15	Catfish	Frankford Arsenal Ramp	6 am to 12 noon
9/19	Largemouth	Frankford Arsenal Ramp	7 am to 1 pm
10/3	Smallmouth	Byram Access Ramp	7 am to 1 pm
10/17	Catfish	Frankford Arsenal Ramp	7 am to 1 pm

DRFA Survey: What's Your Preference?

In an effort to generate greater attendance at DRFA meetings, we are conducting a survey to see if holding meetings in different locations would enable more members to attend. *Please complete this form, clip it out, and mail it to Steve Raulfs, DRFA, PO Box 25, Langhorne, PA 19047-0025.* Or bring it to a meeting, or call Steve at (215) 969-1010.

On a scale of 1-10, please indicate the likelihood of you attending a meeting at each of the following three locations:
 10 = Highly likely, 1 = Highly unlikely.

_____ Bordentown, NJ _____ Croydon, PA _____ Northeast Philadelphia

Member's Name (print) _____

Classified Ads

If you are interested in buying or selling a boat or other gear, submit your ad to The River News Editor, Pete Antoniewicz at the contact address or phone number listed on the back cover of this newsletter.

Karen Laing has asked us to post these two ads for relatively new vehicles that require a quick sale:

2002 Jeep Liberty Limited Edition 4WD. Exterior: Dark Garnett Red Pearl. Interior: Dark Slate Gray Cloth. Engine: 3.7L Power Tech V6. Auto Trans. Selec-Trac Full Time 4WD system. 4-wheel anti-lock brakes. Other features: fog lamps, roof rack, AM/FM Cassette/CD/Equalizer, power heated foldaway mirrors, AC, auxiliary 12V power outlet, speed control. About 28,000 miles. Asking \$17,000. Please call 267-312-8927

2002 Volkswagen Passat GLX. Exterior: Silver Gray. Interior: Gray leather seats. Engine 190-hp, 2.8-liter V-6. 5-Speed Automatic trans. w/Tiptronic & OD. Other features: auto climate control, anti-lock brakes, anti-slip regulation, power sunroof, electrically adjustable and heated driver and front passenger seats, power heated foldaway mirrors, fog lights, rain sensor part of intermittent wiping function, self-dimming rear view mirror, homelink universal transmitter, cruise control, AM/FM Cassette/6 CD/Equalizer. About 27,000 Miles. Asking \$21,000. Please call 267-312-8927.

York Safe (used) – 62" tall, 23" x 25" wide. Contact Anthony Scholl (215) 514-1761.

Walker Mini-Laker Downriggers

– In Cabella's catalog, page 133. Catalog price \$72.99. Will sell for \$55.00 each (New). Call Anthony Scholl. (215) 514-1761.

2000 Lowe 160 Boat – 15 HP Evinrude, w/44 lb. 12v Evinrude troll mtr., Eagle Ultra3 graph w/speed and temp., lights, fire extinguisher, dual battery charger, 2 new batteries, trailer, spare props, and lots more. \$5,200 w/motor. \$4200 w/o motor. Call Tom at (215) 295-8933.

50% Discounts On Fishing Tackle

Once again, through Tom Zerumski's contacts with the Pure Fishing Company, owner of many popular tackle brands, DRFA members will be able to purchase a wide range of fishing tackle at a 50% discount.

If you are planning a purchase of a major piece of equipment, this could be a great chance to save. If you are interested, see Tom at an upcoming meeting. Or call him at (215) 357-0570.

Fishing Reports

Unless otherwise noted, all reports included here were gathered on Tuesday, June 15.

Tidal River:

*This listing is abridged from the report posted on Friday, June 11th on the Web site of **Brinkman's Bait and Tackle** in Northeast Philly (215-632-0674). For the complete report go to Brinkmans Web site <http://members.aol.com/wormpeople/>*

"I have talked to a ton of guys fishing the river for stripers and most are doing better on catfish. Now I have not heard of many really big fish but the numbers have been very good. Most fish being picked up are 2 to 4 pounds and are being caught on all kinds of baits. Some of the best are herring, clams, shrimp, chicken livers, nightcrawlers and all kinds of package stink baits. The guys are still catching a few stripers from Trenton south. Most of these fish are being caught on bloodworms, if you can afford them, or cut herring and live white perch. I think the herring run is finished at Trenton. But the perch work either chunking or live lining. The stripers being picked up on the perch have been 18 to 24 inches.

"One of the best things to do now has been the smallmouth bass fishing. Rivers and streams are in perfect condition with water being in the mid 70's clear and just a little higher than low. In the Delaware at Frenchtown, one fisherman had 30+ fish on Saturday using live minnows and leeches. Most of the fish were 12 to 14 inches. Another couple of guys have been fishing Yardley doing well on bass and smaller stripers. They have been fishing minnows and grubs to catch plenty of stripers (10" to 15") in the fast water and smallies in the deeper water. The Susquehanna River has really turned on. Now that the numbers are way up the size is coming down. You can still catch several 14 to 18 inch bass in a days time but there are tons of 10 to 13 inch bass to make the numbers look really good." Bill

Trenton/Yardley/Lambertville Area:

Dan Leach at *HL Bait & Tackle* in Morrisville, Pennsylvania (215-295-1400) reports that lots of small stripers (12" to 20") and an occasional keeper are being taken on cut herring, bloodworms, eels, and clams. Catfishing has been steady with some being taken on eels as a byproduct of striper fishing. Smallmouth in the 12" to 14" range are hitting shiners and leeches from Trenton to New Hope, while some walleye have been taken on nightcrawlers and leeches behind the Trenton Waterfront ballpark.

Easton/Phillipsburg Area:

Bill Pierce at *Bill's Bait and Tackle* (908-859-5729) Phillipsburg, NJ <<http://community-2.webtv.net/BILLSBAIT/FISHINGREPO>> reports that many anglers have bypassed the muddy river for better action in clear lakes like Merrill Creek. He is just starting to hear about stripers approaching the 10-lb. range locally. There has been some activity with smallmouth and walleye taking live bait like minnows, crayfish, and leeches in the river. Also, some "typical" catfish have been taken, although some larger ones can be expected as a byproduct of striper fishermen using eels and cut herring in coming weeks.

Lackawaxen Area:

Dimitri at *The Angler's Roost* (570-685-2010) in Lackawaxen, PA says that the smallie fishing has turned on "bigtime" for anglers using live bait and artificials like spinnerbaits and twistertails. Trout are hitting flies, spinners, and baits in the Lackawaxen. Bigger stripers are being caught in both the Delaware and Lackawaxen Rivers. Shad are just about done, but it was a good season for them. Current water conditions are "good" according to Dimitri, with good clarity, good levels, and temperatures into the upper 60s.

July 2004 Tide Predictions, NOAA National Ocean Service

Readings taken at Municipal Pier 11, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

All listings are Eastern Daylight Time. **Weekends are indicated by bold**

Day	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.
7/01	1:03AM H	7.5	8:30AM L	0.3	1:32PM H	6.0	8:32PM L	0.4
7/02	1:54AM H	7.7	9:24AM L	0.2	2:25PM H	6.1	9:27PM L	0.4
7/03	2:45AM H	7.7	10:16AM L	0.1	3:18PM H	6.2	10:20PM L	0.4
7/04	3:37AM H	7.6	11:07AM L	0.2	4:12PM H	6.2	11:13PM L	0.5
7/05	4:29AM H	7.4	11:57AM L	0.2	5:08PM H	6.2		
7/06	12:06AM L	0.7	5:24AM H	7.2	12:47PM L	0.3	6:04PM H	6.2
7/07	12:59AM L	0.8	6:19AM H	6.9	1:36PM L	0.4	7:03PM H	6.2
7/08	1:53AM L	0.9	7:17AM H	6.6	2:25PM L	0.5	8:01PM H	6.3
7/09	2:48AM L	1.0	8:15AM H	6.3	3:14PM L	0.5	8:57PM H	6.4
7/10	3:43AM L	0.9	9:13AM H	6.0	4:03PM L	0.5	9:52PM H	6.5
7/11	4:39AM L	0.9	10:09AM H	5.9	4:53PM L	0.6	10:43PM H	6.6
7/12	5:34AM L	0.7	11:03AM H	5.8	5:42PM L	0.6	11:32PM H	6.7
7/13	6:27AM L	0.6	11:54AM H	5.7	6:31PM L	0.6		
7/14	12:19AM H	6.8	7:17AM L	0.5	12:43PM H	5.7	7:18PM L	0.6
7/15	1:04AM H	6.9	8:06AM L	0.4	1:30PM H	5.7	8:04PM L	0.6
7/16	1:47AM H	6.9	8:52AM L	0.4	2:14PM H	5.7	8:49PM L	0.6
7/17	2:28AM H	6.9	9:36AM L	0.5	2:57PM H	5.7	9:32PM L	0.7
7/18	3:07AM H	6.9	10:18AM L	0.5	3:36PM H	5.6	10:15PM L	0.8
7/19	3:44AM H	6.8	11:00AM L	0.6	4:14PM H	5.6	10:59PM L	0.9
7/20	4:18AM H	6.8	11:40AM L	0.7	4:50PM H	5.7	11:43PM L	0.9
7/21	4:52AM H	6.6	12:20PM L	0.7	5:26PM H	5.8		
7/22	12:29AM L	0.9	5:28AM H	6.5	1:00PM L	0.7	6:05PM H	5.9
7/23	1:18AM L	1.0	6:10AM H	6.2	1:43PM L	0.6	6:53PM H	6.0
7/24	2:12AM L	1.0	7:04AM H	6.0	2:28PM L	0.5	7:49PM H	6.2
7/25	3:10AM L	0.9	8:07AM H	5.7	3:19PM L	0.5	8:51PM H	6.4
7/26	4:11AM L	0.9	9:15AM H	5.5	4:15PM L	0.5	9:52PM H	6.6
7/27	5:13AM L	0.8	10:19AM H	5.5	5:16PM H	0.4	10:52PM H	6.8
7/28	6:15AM L	0.6	11:20AM H	5.6	6:17PM L	0.4	11:49PM H	7.1
7/29	7:14AM L	0.5	12:18PM H	5.8	7:16PM L	0.4		
7/30	12:44AM H	7.3	8:10AM L	0.3	1:14PM H	6.0	8:14PM L	0.4
7/31	1:37AM H	7.5	9:04AM L	0.3	2:08PM H	6.2	9:09PM L	0.4

Station	Time Differential		Height Differential	
	High	Low	High	Low
Marcus Hook, Pa.	-1 29	-1 16	*0.90	*0.90
Bridgeport, Raccoon Creek, N.J.	-1 13	-0 55	*0.87	*0.87
Darby Creek, Pennsylvania				
Tincum National Wildlife Refuge	-0 26	+0 18	*0.71	*0.71
Paulsboro, Mantua Creek, N.J.	-0 25	-0 28	*0.90	*0.90
Woodbury Creek, N.J.	-0 19	-0 23	*0.93	*0.93
Schuylkill River, Phila., Market Street Bridge	-0 26	-0 09	*0.97	*0.97
Westville, Rt 47 bridge, Big Timber Creek, NJ	-0 04	-0 06	*0.94	*0.94
PHILADELPHIA, Municipal Pier 11	+0 00	+0 00	+0.00	+0.00
Bridesburg, Philadelphia, Pa.	+0 11	+0 13	*1.04	*1.04
Palmyra, Pennsauken Cr., Rt 73 bridge, N.J.	+0 49	+0 57	*0.84	*0.84
Pompeston Creek, N.J.	+0 19	+0 37	*1.02	*1.02
Bridgeboro, Rancocas Creek, N.J.	+1 09	+1 09	*1.03	*1.03
Cornwells Heights, Pa.	+0 40	+0 49	*1.14	*1.14
Burlington, N.J.	+0 41	+0 58	*1.17	*1.17
Edgely, Pa.	+1 02	+1 19	*1.24	*1.24
Fieldsboro, N.J.	+1 01	+1 30	*1.26	*1.16
Trenton, N.J.	+1 12	+1 48	*1.30	*1.05

Height Differences: For most stations, use of a predicted height difference would give unsatisfactory predictions. In such cases they have been omitted and one or two ratios, indicated by an asterisk (*), are given. To obtain the height of tide at the subordinate station in these cases, multiply the height of

2004 DRFA Youth Tournament

Saturday, June 26, 2004 – 8:00 am until 1:00 pm

Sign-In: Neshaminy State Park Launch Ramp (near mouth of the Neshaminy Creek)

Weigh-In and Awards: Snug Harbor Marina, 400 Main Avenue, Croydon, PA

To Register: Complete the form below and contact Pete Antoniewicz at (609) 466-7719

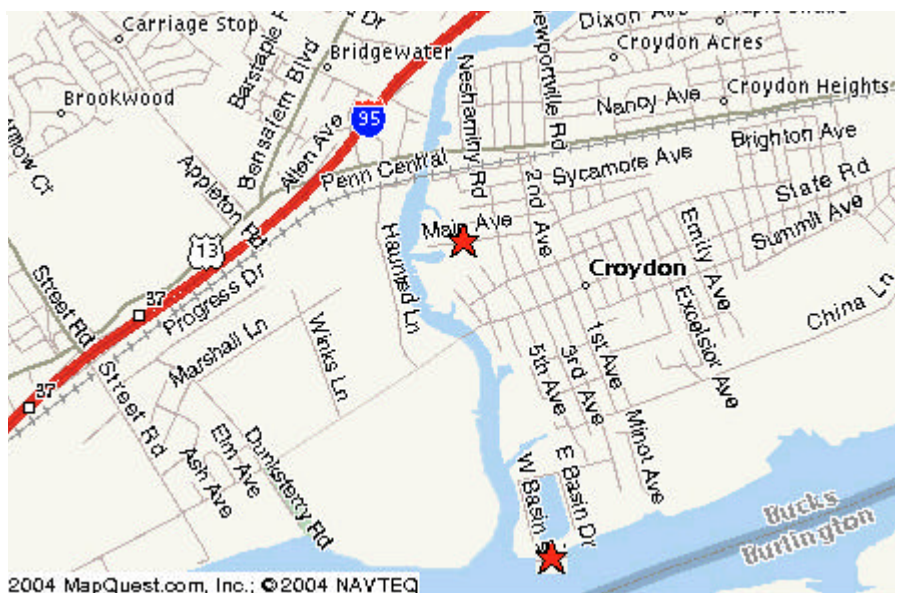
- There is no entry fee, however, all participants must register in advance of the tournament. (*Bring completed form to sign-in.*)
- Youth anglers 15-years old and younger (*born after 6/26/88*) who are guests of any dues-paying DRFA member are eligible.
- All participants must check in between 7:00 AM & 8:00 AM at the Neshaminy State Park Ramp before fishing.
- Youth anglers are allowed to weigh in one fish in each of three categories: Bass, Catfish, Other.
- The heaviest fish in each category will determine the winner. In the event of a tie in weight, the longest fish will be the tie-breaker.
- The fish must have been caught on that day, during the hours of the tournament. Fishing can be done from a boat or the shoreline in any part of the Delaware River and its tributaries that can be reached by boat from the Neshaminy State Park Ramp.
- **All youth contestants and their adult sponsors must wear Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Devices at all times that they are in a boat during this tournament.**
- Sponsoring adults may aid the youth contestants in terms of baiting hooks, netting, and unhooking fish, but they may not hook, play, reel, or land fish for the youth contestants.
- Only legal fishing methods of the States of New Jersey and Pennsylvania may be used. Live bait is permitted.
- Weigh-in is at 1:00 pm sharp. Those arriving after 1:00 pm will not be permitted to weigh-in fish for prizes.
- All fish must be of legal size and alive at weigh-in. All fish will be released after weigh-in.
- The tournament judge will have final say in all disputes.
- All youth participants will receive awards. Plaques will be awarded to the top finishers in each fish category in each age division.
- Refreshments and awards will be distributed at the weigh-in location at the end of the tournament.

Directions to Sign-In:

By boat, enter the harbor inside the rock jetty just north of Neshaminy Creek. **By car**, from State Road, turn eastbound onto Cedar Ave (*toward the river*). Take Cedar Ave. to River Road and turn right. Go to Fourth Street and turn left. Follow Fourth Street into Neshaminy State Park Marina.

Directions to Weigh-in:

By boat, go up Neshaminy Creek past the first bridge (*at State Road*). Snug Harbor Marina is around the bend on the right hand side. **By car**, take State Road north across the bridge over the Neshaminy Creek and turn left at the first traffic light, onto Cedar Avenue. Go to the second street on the left and turn left onto Main Avenue there (*at sign for Snug Harbor Marina*). Follow to end of road, into marina.



(Complete and cut out entry form below.)

I give my permission for my child to participate in the 2004 DRFA Youth Tournament and I accept full responsibility for my child's participation in this event.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name (print): _____

Sponsoring Club Member's Signature: _____

Sponsoring Club Member's Name (print): _____

Club Member's Phone Number: (_____) _____

Youth Angler's Name (print): _____

Birth Date: _____ Age: _____ Years _____ Months

DRFA Summer Club Largemouth Bass Tournament

Saturday, July 17, 2004

6:00 am until 12:00 noon

Frankford Arsenal Ramp

Off Tacony Street, Philadelphia, PA (just south of the Tacony-Palmyra Bridge)

RULES:

- All participants must check in between 5:00 AM & 6:00 AM before fishing.
- There is no entry fee.
- Only paid members of the D.R.F.A., and qualifying family members *, may participate and weigh-in fish. (*The most recent membership list will be present at weigh-in.*)
- Only one (1) largemouth bass per person will be weighed. The heaviest fish will determine the winner.
- In the event of a tie in weight, the longest fish will determine the winner.
- The fish must have been caught on that day, during the hours of the tournament.
- The fishing area will be limited to the part of the Delaware River and tributaries that can be reached by boat from the Frankford Arsenal Ramp. Shore fishing is permitted.
- Weigh-in is at 12:00 pm sharp. Those arriving after 12:00 pm will not be permitted to weigh-in fish for prizes or points.
- Only legal fishing methods of the States of New Jersey and Pennsylvania may be used. Live bait is permitted.
- The largemouth bass must be a minimum of 12" and be alive to be weighed. All fish will be released after weighing.
- The tournament judge will have final say in all disputes.

PRIZES:

1st Place-\$125

2nd Place-\$75

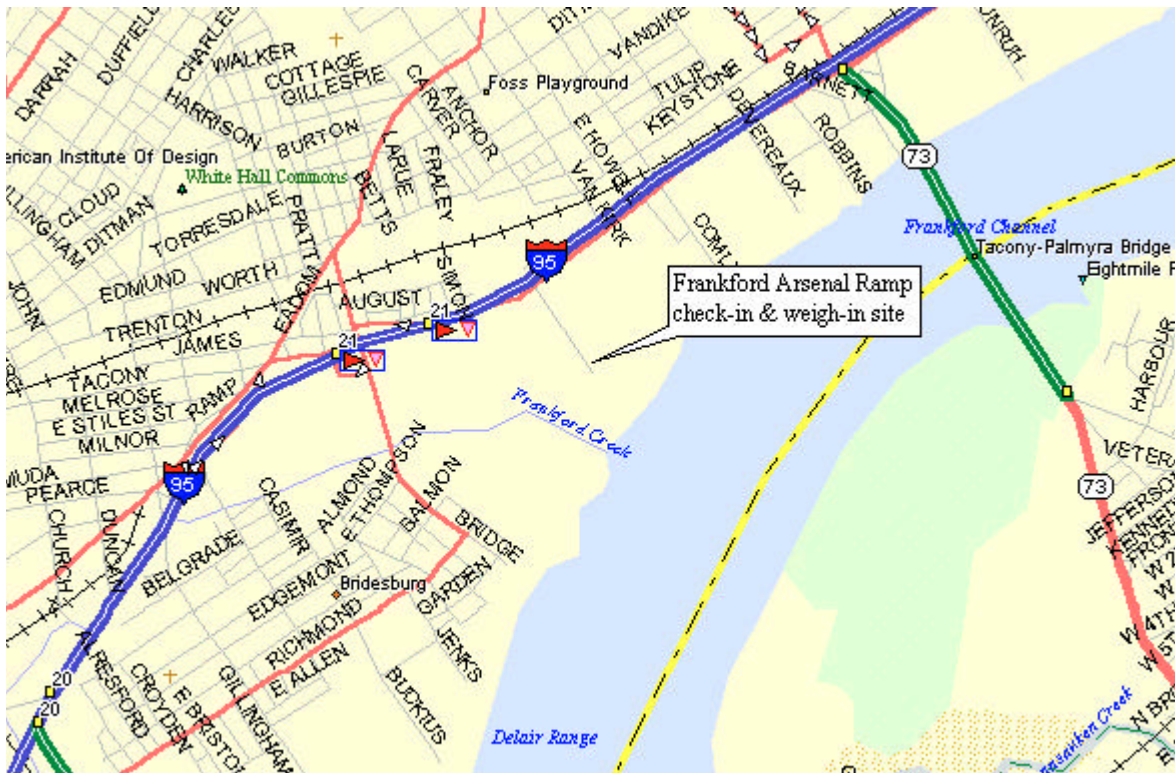
3rd Place- \$50

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