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Chris Hoffman Receives Angler Of The Year Award At December Holiday Party

All 35 members in attendance at the December 16 meeting and holiday party enjoyed an evening of fun, food, fishing stories, and holiday gift. But no one enjoyed himself more than Chris Hoffman, who not only captured 2004 Dave Bryant Angler of the Year honors, but also won the 50-50 drawing!

Winning the 50-50 might have been luck, but the Angler of the Year award was a well-deserved honor. Chris consistently scores near the top of the standings tournament after tournament, and has finished highly ranked in the Angler of the Year standings every year. His total of 573 points represented an average of nearly 96 points per tournament in which he weighed in a fish. That's an average of fifth or sixth place in each tournament.

Several important factors toward winning this year's award were entering a fish in the shad tournament when many other anglers went empty handed, and placing in at least one of the largemouth bass tournaments.

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In what turned out to be a "passing of the torch", club president Steve Raulfs, the 2003 Dave Bryant Angler of the Year award winner, presented the personal plaque and \$250 check to the 2004 winner, Chris Hoffman.

At the December meeting, after receiving his award, Chris shared some of his largemouth fishing experience with club members in attendance. His strategy is a relatively simple one, but it is one that has paid off for him in multiple bass tournaments over the years. It's nothing more than fishing a dark 4" weighted plastic worm around rip-rap.

(A complete listing of all DRFA anglers who weighed in entries in the Dave Bryant Angler of the Year competition is included on page 4 of this newsletter.)

Minutes of the December Meeting

The December 16th meeting and holiday party started at 6 pm with the business meeting being called to order by club president Steve Raulfs at 6:45 pm.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Matt Kicinski reported a balance of \$5,223.66 in the club treasury.

Environmental: The big issue concerning the environment is the oil spill on the Delaware River. It is possibly the largest spill ever on the Delaware River. They will get a close estimate but we will probably never know how much of it got mobilized, or remains rolling around the bottom of the river.

Old Business: Congratulations to the following members who were nominated and elected to their respective club offices for the coming year: Matt Kicinski-Treasurer; Eileen Kicinski-Recording Secretary; Karen & Hollis Laing-Membership Secretary; Ed Evans-Vice-President; and Steve Raulfs-President.

Important Dates

Thursday, January 27: 7:00 pm. Monthly meeting in the back upstairs meeting room of The Sportsmen's Center, Route 130 North, Bordentown, NJ.

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

This will be the last meeting to submit your 2005 membership application and dues before being dropped from our newsletter mailing list.

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Club members who have volunteered to work the club booth at the Fort Washington Show are: Wed. - Frank Beck, Dick Schroeder, Dave Wermuth and Dan Leonetti; Thurs. - Dan Leonetti, Dick Schroeder and Matt Kicinski; Fri. - Ed Evans and Ken Reitz; Sat. - Tom Zerumski, Ron Soto, and Sam Shiels; Sun. - Hollis Laing, Anthony Scholl and Steve Raulfs. Members voted to have a drawing for a rod and reel to all people who join our club at the show.

The tournament schedule for 2005 was discussed. The Big Cat Shootout will be June 11th, 2005.

A coordinator is needed for the Teen Angler Group. Anyone you can help should contact club president Steve Raulfs. A volunteer is needed to act as our representative at the South Jersey Bass Club Association. Club member Jack Wright volunteered to attend some meetings. Also Jack has the lures which will be donated to the SJBCA.

New Business: Angler of the Year Chris Hoffman was presented with his plaque, check and engraved listing on the permanent plaque for the Dave Bryant Memorial Angler of the Year award. Chris recounted his experiences during the 2005 season. Congratulations Chris!

Ed Evans will be the club's trophy and youth tournament coordinator.

DRFA membership dues are now due. If you want to continue to receive the newsletter and fish the club tournaments, you will need to renew your membership.

Club member Pete Antoniewicz is resigning from the position of editor of our newsletter. We definitely need someone to fill this position or our newsletter will be in jeopardy. This position does not have to be done by one person,

several people can work together. We all want to say "Thanks" to Pete for all his work and doing a great job with our newsletter.

Club members in attendance shared in the food, gifts and refreshments at our club's Holiday Party. A great time was had by all.

The winner of the \$29.00 50-50 drawing was Angler of the Year Chris Hoffman. The meeting and party adjourned at 9 pm.

Members Step Up To Fulfill New Responsibilities

Several members have stepped forward since the December meeting to help fill some of the routine tasks of keeping the club running in the coming year.

Ed Evans was elected to the role of Vice President and has volunteered to be the Youth Tournament coordinator and the trophy coordinator. Jack Wright will be our new representative to the South Jersey Bass Club Association, attending meetings so that our club members can fish in the SJBCA Bass Bowl. Rick Mawson and Gary Connor are looking to team up to keep the the newsletter and fishing reports coming out every month. And Jeff Antoniewicz will coordinate the Teen Angler program – helping that up-and-coming program piggyback off DRFA tournament fishing opportunities, and informing DRFA members of Teen Angler opportunities for our young friends and relatives.

Of course there are other tasks that still need to be done. If you can help in any way, contact club president, Steve Raulfs, at 215-969-1010.

Time To Renew DRFA Membership

It's time to renew membership dues for the 2005 season. Use the form included in the back of this newsletter, print one from the DRFA Web site, or complete one at an upcoming meeting. Deadline for renewal to continue receiving your newsletter is the end of February.

NJ Fishing Forum

The NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife will be holding an open Fishing Forum for all interested anglers at the Salem County Sportsmen's Club in Carneys Pt. off of Route 40, on Saturday, Feb. 26, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The emphasis will be on warmwater issues and anadromous fish. For info, or to register (*not required*) call (856) 629-4950 or E-mail Christopher.Smith@dep.state.nj.us

New Jersey Mulls New Trout Stocking

The NJ Div. of Fish and Wildlife is proposing several changes in its trout stocking programs:

- Move up in-season stocking for 70 ponds and lakes
- Redistribute stocking from 7 large lakes greater than 100 acres
- Discontinue stocking 6 streams with reproducing populations
- Produce larger, but fewer trout for the fall stocking program
- Produce larger, but fewer trout for the winter stocking program

For more info, visit <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/trtchanges05-06.htm> or click through from the link on the Fish & Wildlife home page. A public presentation of the plan will be held on Feb. 12 at the Pequest NJ trout hatchery. Interested anglers can E-mail comments to Lisa.Barno@dep.state.nj.us

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Delaware River Angler Logbooks Now Available

NJ Fisheries Biologist Mark Boriek is asking Delaware River anglers to help with a catch-logging study designed to aid fisheries management personnel.

If you don't already keep your own logbook, this is an excellent way to log your experiences for your own purposes, as well as helping fisheries management personnel.

The logbooks are self-contained, with blank tables outlining all information to be reported, as well as step-by-step instructions for reporting fishing effort and results.

A copy of the logbook will be available at the January and February meetings for any anglers who are interested in learning more. Or you can contact DRFA member Pete Antoniewicz at (609) 466-7719.

Annual Hemlock Seminar Scheduled

The Hemlock Rod and Gun Club will be sponsoring their annual FREE Fishing Seminar on Friday, March 4 at 6:00 pm, at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Hall (formerly Hugh Carcella Hall), 920 Trenton Road, Fairless Hills, PA. Food and drink will be available for purchase.

This year's featured speaker will be Bob Murray – host of Delaware Valley Outdoors TV and radio shows – who will talk about "Tube Fishing for Bass." Other invited guests include Pennsylvania Fish Conservation Officers, Mills Taxidermy, Reel Bass Adventures Guides, HL Live Bait & Tackle, New Jersey Angler Magazine, B&B Equipment, Rosati Fluke Rigs, Chum Stain Sportfishing, Yardon Lures, and G.E.N.C Plugs.

From A to Z: A Font Farewell

After more than six years of working on *The River News*, it's time to hang up my keyboard. This issue will be my last as the DRFA newsletter editor. All in all, it has been a very rewarding experience. I believe that I am a better angler as a result of interviewing many winning DRFA anglers, covering many fishing seminars presented by professional guides, and gathering fishing reports for six years.

I thank you for putting up with the occasional typographic error, a few lapses of memory on missed coverage of topics, and the good-natured ribbing I've given fellow club members in the newsletter from time to time.

I plan to stay active within the club in a variety of ways, including

helping to make the transition to a new editor. But I'm hoping to spend some of my "newfound" time to relieve work-related stresses by fishing the Delaware and Susquehanna Rivers. So if you don't mind fishing with someone who talks as much as he casts, and someone who never wants to leave the water, give me a call. I'm always looking for an opportunity to go fishing, and I always enjoy fishing with other DRFA members.

Thanks to all who have helped me in so many ways over the past few years – with photos, news clippings, contributed articles, and other input. I hope you'll all step up to help our new editor keep the flow of information going for all club members every month. For me, it's now time to sign off.

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2005 DRFA Tournament Schedule

All of these tournaments (except for the Big Cat Shootout) 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 an event, before the check-in time (except for shad tournament). Weigh-in is at the time specified. Late entries will not be weighed in. Always check the DRFA Web site or the Tournament Hotline the night before the event to learn about any possible rescheduling or relocation due to water or weather conditions!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
4/23	Shad	Yardley Park 'n Ride Lot	2 pm weigh-in
<i>(Sorry, no registration on the day of the Shad Tournament.)</i>			
5/21	Catfish	Frankford Arsenal Ramp	7 am to 1 pm
6/11	Big Cat Shootout	Lightning Jack's Marina	7 am to 3 pm
6/18	Smallmouth	Yardley Access Ramp <i>(alternate location Byram, NJ Ramp)</i>	7 am to 1 pm
7/9	Largemouth	Frankford Arsenal Ramp	6 am to 12 noon
7/16	Youth Tournament	Neshaminy Park Marina <i>(Rain date is Saturday, July 23)</i>	8 am to 1 pm
8/14	Catfish	West Deptford Ramp <i>(alternate location Frankford Arsenal Ramp)</i>	6 am to 12 noon
9/11	Smallmouth	Bulls Island, NJ Ramp	7 am to 1 pm
9/25	Largemouth	Frankford Arsenal Ramp	7 am to 1 pm
10/23	Smallmouth	Byram, NJ Access Ramp	7 am to 1 pm

Final Angler Of The Year Standings

The list at the right is the final tally for the 2004 Dave Bryant Angler of the Year competition. After being near the top of the standings for the first five years of the Angler of the Year competition, Chris Hoffman finally broke through to capture the top spot. As usual, his dad George also challenged for top honors.

Rick Mawson who has challenged for the top position early in previous seasons made a strong run at the end of the year, also weighing in six fish. But he could not surpass Chris' point total. Our 2003 Angler of the Year, Steve Raulfs, who finished fourth in his attempt to become the first back-to-back award winner, was the only other angler to enter fish in at least six tournaments. This year's competition was made especially difficult by the high water conditions and frequent tournament rescheduling.

The Angler of the Year award was instituted in the 1999 season to honor the memory of Dave Bryant who passed away on March 10, 1999 at the age of 46. Dave was one of the founding members of the club and served as both president and as an environmental reporter. He loved fishing for smallmouth bass in the Delaware River and the club's June smallmouth tournament is officially designated as the Dave Bryant Memorial Smallmouth Tournament in his honor.



Dave Bryant
1953 - 1999

#	Name	Points	Weight	Length
1	Chris Hoffman	573	19.06	117.75
2	Rick Mawson	557	14.83	109.00
3	George Hoffman	549	16.67	111.50
4	Steve Raulfs	540	16.14	105.25
5	Bill Marshall, Jr.	483	18.36	101.00
6	Pete Antoniewicz	464	12.14	85.00
7	Rich Hoffman	442	11.09	85.00
8	Jeff Antoniewicz, Sr	436	10.69	87.75
9	Ed Evans	366	12.31	77.00
10	Hollis Laing	360	12.37	76.75
11	Richard Schroeder	345	7.45	65.38
12	Anthony Scholl, Sr.	291	10.85	62.25
13	Scott Ferral	277	9.46	57.75
14	Jeff Antoniewicz, Jr	273	5.02	44.25
15	Jordan Ferral	265	3.65	20.50
16	Frank Beck	260	9.56	57.50
17	David Raulfs, Sr	251	6.85	50.25
18	Anthony Scholl, Jr.	247	4.84	44.75
19	Jack Wright	199	3.73	29.75
20	Jim Pocetti	190	9.47	44.25
21	Phil Bakanowsky	189	6.41	27.50
22	Dave Milburn	188	2.83	27.50
23	Bob Bonczyk	175	3.25	22.00
24	Jim Wood	170	4.53	34.75
25	Curt Kirby	169	4.72	34.50
26	Dale Cooley	100	7.26	24.00
27	Mike Benincasa	100	5.69	24.75
28	Joe Pocetti	100	5.30	23.50
29	Joe Tropea Jr.	99	6.50	25.00
30	Bill Cox	99	1.82	15.00
31	Megan Benincasa	98	5.40	24.50
32	Walter Goodlin	97	1.53	14.25
33	David Raulfs, Jr	96	5.63	24.50
34	Bruce Galinat	96	1.38	13.75
35	Warren Brady	96	1.00	14.00
36	Mike Zimba	94	5.11	23.00
37	John Pflugfelder	92	2.93	20.00
38	Ed Ott	89	4.30	21.75
39	Frank Hess, Jr.	89	1.05	12.50
40	Matt Ott	88	4.23	22.25
41	Brian Jacobs	87	4.09	19.75
42	Martin Marshall	87	3.17	19.75
43	Bill Marshall, Sr	87	1.23	14.00
44	Dan Wermuth	86	3.79	21.00
45	Ron Soto	86	2.45	19.25
46	Joe Tropea	85	3.77	20.00
47	Tom Zerumski	85	3.01	19.50
48	Jeff Crosley	83	2.59	19.00
49	Dave Wermuth	82	3.63	21.25
50	Andrew Raulfs	80	3.33	20.50
51	Steve Schumacher	73	2.65	20.50
52	Joe Newton	72	2.60	21.00
53	Dennis Boyle	71	2.42	19.50
54	Bill Etlz	69	2.40	19.00
55	Harry Bareuther	68	2.13	19.25
56	Michael Skelton	66	2.09	17.50

Shad Update

The following articles address the 2004 Spring spawning run and Fall young-of-the-year results. Your participation in the logbook study can help quantify this type of information for future seasons.

American Shad Hydroacoustic Population Estimate 2004

by Mark Boriek,
Senior NJ Fisheries Biologist

The hydroacoustic array on the Route 202 Bridge was installed on March 12, 2004 and first detected schools of American shad on March 16, soon after a decline in river discharge occurred. It is estimated that 14% of the total shad passage occurred in March.

The major shad passage events generally occurred at times of relatively low discharge, which followed periods of elevated water levels. A small river discharge peak was recorded on April 3-4, and as subsequent flows declined a shad passage pulse was detected on April 9-10. A larger river discharge peak then occurred a few days later in mid-April which coincided with the sharpest increase in water temperature (April 16-20). As flows declined, several more shad passage pulses were identified and the largest one-day shad passage event of 2004 occurred during this quick river warm up. Reports from American shad anglers indicated that their biggest catches were during this mid-April period and it is also when the haul seine fishery just downstream from the hydroacoustic array, had their largest one day netting of shad. The discharge peak recorded on May 5th was also followed by a shad passage pulse, which occurred as river flows were declining and water temperatures were increasing.

In 2004, river discharge levels were at average levels when the monitoring program began, but then flows decreased and remained

below normal for the entire period from mid-March through mid-April. Then, after the mid-April increase, river discharge – although increasing and decreasing with rainfall events – remained at more historically normal levels through the end of May.

In contrast to many previous sampling years, there were no large shad passage “events”. These large fish passage events appear to occur primarily in years with generally high river flows, which may cause the shad to hold and mass below the downstream wing dam. This large shad school waits for the flows to decline, and then moves upstream in a long, hydrodynamic, ribbon-like school, consisting sometimes, of tens of thousands of shad. The 2004 monitoring year had generally low river discharge levels, as 57 of the 81 monitoring days had discharge levels below historic averages. In 2004, there were no days with over 12,000 shad estimated passing under the bridge. Shad behavior also seemed to vary from most monitoring years, as schools appeared to be smaller, and individuals within the schools did not appear to be as tightly packed as in previous years. This may have been due to the lower flows – that is, the shad did not accumulate behind the wing dam, nor did they need to move upstream in tight, hydrodynamic schools.

As in all monitoring years, shad passage through the various bridge spans was variable and sporadic. It was not clear why the majority (70%) of the estimated shad used span 3. Past studies have shown that spans 4 and 5 were the preferred spans for the majority of the shad passage. It has been conjectured that a change in the gravel bar emanating from the mouth of a nearby tributary could alter flow patterns enough to direct the shad towards span 3.

Shad school passage was the greatest during the daylight hours,

with morning, mid-day, and late afternoon peaks.

Estimated shad passage was the highest (over 2,000 fish) on March 16; April 9, 10, 18, 24, 25 and 26; and May 9. It was estimated that approximately 52% of the upstream migrating American shad run passed beneath the bridge during these eight days.

Total American shad passage during the 81-day monitoring period was estimated to be 75,500 fish. This is a 75% decrease in the magnitude of the yearly shad run as compared to the 2003 estimate (296,600 fish). The haul seine fishery, just downstream, reported a 40% decrease from 2003 and two veteran shad anglers each noted approximately a 30% decrease from their 2003 catches.

One theory for 2004’s low numbers is that repeat spawning of adult American shad is low (5-15%). Therefore, there were few repeat spawners returning this year, from another low adult population estimate year, 1999.

The water warmed more rapidly than the previous year and as a result more American shad may have spawned downstream of the hydroacoustic array. Historically, the main spawning area was off of Burlington County. Additionally, this year adult American shad were electrofished from a lower river tributary, as well as from the lower mainstem river. Juvenile American shad were also collected from a lower river tributary (*Cooper River*) which has a fish ladder.

Delaware River Juvenile American Shad Outmigration

Seining was completed for August, September and October with a total of 15,237 juvenile American shad collected, resulting in a catch per unit (CPUE) effort of 317 American shad. This is the sixth highest CPUE recorded, and is above the long term average of 219. The

majority of shad were collected at Milford, PA (42.11%); followed by Phillipsburg (36.15%); Delaware Water Gap (13.79%) and Trenton (7.95%). In 2003, the seining sites also followed the above order, with Milford PA, the upriver most site, accounting for the majority of shad collected. For the years 2000 through 2002, the Phillipsburg site accounted for the majority of shad collected, followed by the Delaware Water Gap, Milford PA, and Trenton. In 2004, the shad averaged, 68.8 mm in length, which is 15.5 mm longer than those collected in '03.

Larger juveniles, with the majority collected at the upriver most station, may be an indication that more adult shad migrated upstream prior to the hydroacoustic equipment being installed. Some anglers do claim to catch American shad that far upriver in February and March. If a lesser number of adults did migrate upstream, as the hydroacoustics estimated, then optimum conditions (*water temp, flow, available food, lack of predators*) during spawning could produce abundant numbers of juveniles.

Shad Fishing, Then and Now by Keith Wolf, DRFA Member

Now that winter is upon us we can look back and reflect on the past year's fishing season. As I look back over the summer and back to this preceding spring, my thoughts turn to the shad season. Those anglers that were out in pursuit of these fish were in all likelihood disappointed as I was to the low numbers of fish, or at least the low catches. I would like to address a question that I've had and I'm sure others have had: "Are the shad runs later in the season than previous runs?"

A commercial fisherman from the lower bay caught 3000 lbs. (500 fish @ 6-lb. avg.) of shad on April 12 that weighed 5-9 lbs. Two shad he released were just over 11 lbs.

Another commercial fisherman, in the upper bay, was catching up to 2000 lbs. (300 fish @ 6-lb. avg.) daily of which only 400 lbs. were bucks. This indicates there are more roes to come.

This coincides with the reports, in May, of shad being caught in the Trenton area by anglers fishing for herring. Also, Philadelphia Water Co. reports the most shad and river herring they have ever electro-fished in the Schuylkill, all spawning. The PAFish Commission also electro-fished shad and alewives at the Tacony Palmyra Bridge which is very unusual for this time of year. New Jersey electro-fished shad and alewives 1 mile up the Assincunk Creek in Burlington Co. where they have never been documented. (*Mark Boriek N.J. Fish and Wildlife*)

According to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, fish counts at the Easton fish ladders were down again in '04 (754 shad) from other years. Even though the shad count was better than the '03 count, it was still under 1000 fish. The Chain Dam in Glendon, 3 miles upstream from the Easton Dam, didn't have any shad pass this year. The first shad to pass by the camera was on April 9. A month later on May 9 only 138 fish had made their way into the Lehigh River. The largest surge of fish came between May 15 and June 9, when 391 fish passed through the ladders. The last day of counting shad was July 2 for a total of 754. From this, we can see that the middle of May to July 2 accounted for over one half of the total fish counted. (*PA Fish and Boat Commission Web site*)

From this information it seems that the runs are later and that more fish are remaining in the lower river. After shad fishing the river for over 20 years, it has been my experience that the shad run had normally been earlier than it has been the last 2 years. Shad traditionally would show up in the Trenton/Yardley area

the middle of March, sometimes as early as the end of February. The Easton area would have fish April until the beginning of May. After the middle of May, if you wanted to catch fish you'd have to head north to the Delaware Water Gap and above.

The fact that more fish are spawning in the lower river would account for the low numbers of shad in the Easton fish ladders. This could be attributed to the water temperature being warmer when the fish enter the river system from the bay.

I'm looking forward to the '05 season of chasing these fish. This is just my opinion, you be the judge. This coming spring don't give up so soon on this hard fighting game fish. Tight Lines!

Classified Ad



Roughneck Jet Boat – 17' long, 82" beam, 22" deep, with 115/80 Evinrude Jet. Center console/TUNNEL drive model to keep foot of Jet drive 3" above the bottom to protect it and provide a shallower draft. Needs only 3" of water at full plane!! Draws only 6" to 8" when drifting or at rest.

Original package cost for boat was around \$13,000 new, plus more than \$2,000 for extras – 4 downriggers on removable bracket, fishfinder w/speed&temp, Minnkota 65 trolling motor w/foot control & slide mount, aux. outboard motor mount, two river anchors w/ chain & lines, galvanized trailer w/spare, new Bimini top, full canvas cover, and many other extras. I'll even throw in my shad lures!

I will show it to SERIOUS buyers only. This boat is rigged as a fishing machine for the Delaware and has never seen salt water. I am looking for something in the area of \$9,500 for the whole package. I can Email more pictures to anyone who asks, contact me at chuck2550_4@hotmail.com

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- **Access to the password protected Member Services Section of the DRFA Web site**
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THE RIVER NEWS is the monthly newsletter of the Delaware River Fishermen's Association. The DRFA typically meets the last Thursday of each month, at 7:00 pm, in the back upstairs meeting room at The Sportsmen's Center, Route 130, Bordentown, New Jersey. All interested sportsmen and women are invited to attend and join the organization. New members may join at any time, while yearly renewal memberships are to be paid between January 1st and the last Thursday in February, each year. To submit information for the newsletter, contact Pete Antoniewicz via e-mail <DRFA_TheRiverNews@hotmail.com>, by phone, (609) 466-7719, or mail to 101 Weldon Way, Pennington, NJ 08534.

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