

The River News

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Election of Officers at December Meeting

President's Message

I would like to start out by sending everyone my best wishes for a happy and healthy Holiday Season and the best to everyone in the coming year.

As we come into this Holiday Season, everybody is worried about the economy. Every day we hear more and more negative news. The DRFA has some good news to report. For the year 2008, we had 220 members for last year and that is a pretty good number. Again, the good news, the club has maintained its balance in the bank and this is a result of everyone's hard work. I do not have any figures at this point, but will be able to give you the year-end totals in the next issue. We tightened our belt a little and made sure we did not have any unexpected extra costs. All of our fund raising programs were successful. It was the club's first year for some of these. The "Catfish Round-up" and the "Basket of Lures" raffle were both a first year success. Both of these were suggested by members and we had good participation from folks to both sell the programs, organize them, and the follow

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through was very good. Both "Big Cat Shootouts" were also very successful this year as well. We have also added a couple of new sponsoring business members. Now the other side of the coin, as we prepare the budget for next year, we have an immediate shortfall projected. Ed Evans was the Coordinator for the "Big Cat shootouts"; however, Ed has taken on a new job and is no longer able to do this to the level he has in the past. I have spoken with Ed and he is happy to help at the weigh-in; however, he does not want to guarantee this time because of the possibility of overtime work. This means we need someone or a committee to step up and run the "Big Cat Shootouts".

Let me give you a little overview of what is involved. Organizing these tournaments will require preparing and printing the application forms. [You can change the date on last year's application.] Coordinating that the application is posted on the web site, available at the various shows, and at local tackle shops and mailing the application to past participants. In the past, we have asked businesses to take out an advertisement on the back of the T-shirts. This was very profitable. We have also asked for donated fishing & hunting merchandise to give out as door prizes. We did this to entice people to come back to next year's tournament. Matt has been working on this very hard and can again this year. We also have a Captain's meeting the night before. We also

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December Meeting and Christmas Party

The December meeting and Christmas Party will be held on Thursday, December 18. Food & beverages will be served.

Anyone who would like to volunteer to bring a dessert, bake a cake or pie, cookies or any other type of dessert, it would be greatly appreciated.

Final nominations and elections of Club officers will be held at the upcoming December meeting. All offices are open for nomination.

Nominations from the November meeting were:

President - Steve Raulfs

Vice President - Steve Steinmetz

Treasurer - Matt Kicinski

Recording Secretary - Eileen Kicinski

Membership Secretary - Karen Laing

Important Dates

Thursday, December 18, 7 PM, Monthly Meeting:

(Election of Club Officers)

Dick's Sporting Goods, Franklin Mills Blvd, Philadelphia, Pa in the seminar room, rear of the store on the right hand side.

Thursday, January 15 thru Sunday, January 18, Phila Sportsman Show, Valley Forge Convention Center, Valley Forge, Pa. (see pg 3 for details)

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have a band and food after the weigh-in to make it a very nice party. Most of these extras have been done for the spring tournament and not for the fall. These items are on a short list of what the club has done in the past. The new team could make changes. These extra items could be reduced or expanded depending on the time and energy the team wants to put into the tournaments. Setting up a committee instead of just one person would be the best, and then there would be sharing of the work. More good news, even if we do not have the "Big Cat" fundraisers, we certainly are not going to Washington to ask for a bailout. [My private jet plane is in the shop] The club will just have to tighten its belt or raise dues to offset the loss of funds. Usually the most palatable is a little of both. We have kept our dues at \$15.00 to provide extraordinary value to our members. The thought of increasing the dues does not appeal to me because some members may not renew based on the value they receive. We will have a discussion of our options at the Christmas meeting. Speaking of the Christmas meeting, everyone should put it on his or her calendar to attend. This year it's Thursday Dec. 18 at 7:00 pm. We will have pizza, wings, & hoagies. We have been getting the food at Santucci's and it has been very delicious. If anyone wants to bring some desserts, please do. I have invited the new manager of Dick's, Kenneth Remaily, to stop by to partake in the refreshments and meet some of the members.

My hope for 2009 is that the club can maintain the Big Cat Shootouts. May all of the fish you catch be Trophies!

Minutes from the October Meeting

President Steve Raulfs called the November 20 meeting of the DRFA to order at 7:15 pm with 22 members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Matt Kicinski reported a balance of \$4,626.51 in the club treasury.

Environmental:

There were no specific environmental reports.

Fishing Reports:

The members discussed their fishing experiences with a lot of good fishing still going on.

Old Business:

The following members were nominated at the November meeting for club offices.

Membership Secretary--Karen Laing

Recording Secretary--Eileen Kicinski

Treasurer--Matt Kicinski

President--Steve Raulfs

Vice President--Steve Steinmetz

All offices are open for nominations. If you know anyone that would be interested, come to the meeting and nominate them. Elections of all offices will take place at the December meeting/Christmas Party.

A volunteer is needed to be the coordinator to collect the Lures for the Tackle Bag of Lures.

Steve has discount tickets for the

Valley Forge Sport Show that will be held January 15, 16, 17 and 18th, 2009.

Anyone who needs these tickets can contact Matt Kicinski.

Steve also asked for volunteers to work the booths at the Valley Forge Sport Show. Volunteering so far for Friday, January 16 are Sam Shiels, Rich Bryant and Bob Slobodian. More volunteers are still needed.

New Business:

Steve talked about the Big Cat Shootout and said that a coordinator is needed to run this tournament. He said that he would check with Ed Evans about running it on Sundays but we would still need someone to take charge. This would be a great loss to the club if we do not have a Big Cat Shootout. Ron Soto's grandson will put the Underwater Digital camera on Ebay and see what that brings as far as selling it for the club.

It is not definite but Chris Gatley may be at our December/Christmas Party meeting.

The winner of \$31.00 from the 50-50 drawing was Ron Soto.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Membership Renewal

As another year comes to a close, it is time to renew membership dues for the 2009 season. You can print a membership form from the DRFA Web site, complete one at the December meeting, or use the one included in this newsletter.

That way, you are sure to be included in all the fun for the coming year. Anyone who does not renew his or her membership will

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be dropped from the newsletter mailing list and will not receive the new 2009 password for the DRFA Web site.

Philadelphia Sportsman's Show

The DRFA will be setting up a display at the Philadelphia Sportsman's Show at the Valley Forge Convention Center in Valley Forge, Pa. The show will be held from January 15 thru January 18. Show times are Thursday & Friday from 12 noon - 9:00 pm., Saturday from 10:00 am - 8:00 pm and on Sunday from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm.

The DRFA will have a booth set up at the show to recruit new members and to answer any questions about the club.

Volunteers are needed to help man the booth during these times. To volunteer contact club president Steve Raulfs or come to the December meeting and let us know. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

Annual Hemlock Seminar Scheduled

The Hemlock Rod and Gun Club will be sponsoring their annual FREE Fishing Seminar on Friday, March 6 at 6:00 pm, at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Hall (formerly Hugh Carcella Hall), 920 Trenton Road, Fairless Hills, PA. For info: call 215-493-2072.

This year's featured speaker will be John Punola who will give a talk about shad fishing on the Delaware River.

The special guest this year will be Alan Moyer from the Pennsylvania Fish & Game Commission. Several other guests will also be present.

Bass Tournaments

U.S.A. BASSIN is a grass roots team tournament trail, catering to the amateur angler.

We promote a "family-friendly" atmosphere, this allows the youth to be involved and experience competitive angling, while learning good sportsmanship. We offer free membership for anyone under the age of 16.

Low membership fees of \$25.00 and entry fees starting at \$25.00 for a weeknight and \$50.00 for a weekend per boat. This makes U.S.A. BASSIN not only fun for everyone, but one of the most affordable tournament trails in the country.

In 2006, U.S.A. BASSIN held over 200 tournaments throughout Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky and Ohio culminating into the last event of the year, the Classic where the winners received a brand new Tracker™ boat valued at \$19,000.00. In 2007, we added even more States and effectively doubling the number of divisions we currently have. With ten states sending members to our Classic this year, to compete for a new Nitro™ boat valued at over \$22,000, our growth continues because of our dedication to the weekend angler and a "youth-friendly" atmosphere.

We would like to invite you to become a member of our organization to experience the difference and see how tournament fishing is supposed to be. Nationally and locally, U.S.A. Bassin has partnered with many companies who believe in U.S.A. Bassin's goals and efforts, anglers are assured a chance to win big prizes during the course of the season at many of our tournaments, including the Classic. Please feel free to browse our web site www.usabassin.com and register to participate in our bulletin board.

Welcome to the Pennsylvania/New Jersey Division

Hello all, I want to welcome you to the inaugural season for the PA/NJ Division of USA BASSIN!

I am looking forward to a successful and enjoyable tournament season.

Please pass the word to your friends about the "most affordable tournament trail in the country" promoting friendly competition and a wholesome atmosphere.

Our tournaments are conveniently held on the Delaware River from the Frankford Arsenal ramp, no ramp fees & free secured parking.

2009 Tournament Dates

Saturday, 04-11-2009, Frankford Arsenal Ramp 7:00am-3:00pm

Saturday, 06-20-2009, Frankford Arsenal Ramp 6:00am-2:00pm

Sunday, 07-05-2009, Frankford Arsenal Ramp 6:00am-2:00pm

Saturday, 07-18-2009, Delaware River Frankford Arsenal Ramp 6:00am-2:00pm

Saturday, 08-15-2009, Frankford Arsenal Ramp 6:00am-2:00pm

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Our Fishing Reports start up again in the March issue of the River News.

Don't miss an issue; submit your 2009 membership application and dues today!

Cold Front

(The following article is a reprint from the November 2001 edition of The River News).

The worst weather for fishing is the best weather for the rest of the world. When I hear the weather person say that it is going to be a beautiful day, I shudder. He means temperatures in the 70's, lows in the upper 50's, and wind west to northeast at 15 knots or more and tough times for anglers. He means Cold Front. He means Tough Fishing.

Cold fronts are tough fishing, but much of the problem is mental. Through all my weather, I have learned, too, that the river is not hopeless on a windy high-pressure day, though it is not easy. What follows is a few tactical suggestions for river fishing on those cold-front days.

First, a caveat. Different regions of the country react differently to weather. Our eastern Piedmont rivers – James, Susquehanna, Potomac, etc. – typically slow down on the cold front. Also, our usual Fall weather looks and acts a lot like a cold front. Furthermore, other factors in the highly volatile river systems can override the effect of the cold front, and there are some situations where the cold front symptoms remedy worse situations – very high water temps, for example, or algae blooms. So take these with a grain of salt. Smallies react to high barometric pressure by becoming very cover-oriented.

Whether this means that they also are unwilling to feed is a different point. Regardless of their willingness to bite, they tend to be stapled to cover. This means that they have exchanged one key judgment of placement in the river – current efficiency – for rock proximity.

Practically, that means that fish are more likely to be in front of rock than behind it.

In a normal feeding mode, the optimum spot for a river smallie to feed is in the cover break behind an obstruction. The fish are there, of course, because they are seeking feeding efficiency; they want to expend less energy than they take in by hiding from the current in a place where they can see the maximum amount of current go by. Secondarily, they want to position themselves over or around the kind of bottom where their preferred prey hangs out; most of the time that is crayfish, so most of the time they are happiest with chunk rock. Chunk rock occurs most often in the intermediate area behind an obstruction, but not too close to it. Main current overpowers the forage (and takes it past another fish's hold); broken current keeps the bottom clear and gives the forage animals their own current to work. Dead or circulating current allows silt and sand to settle out and is generally less valuable as a feeding (though not resting) location. Much active feeding activity calls for open water around the fish; they are using current variation less than actual cover to position themselves. In the cold front, the fish crave connection to actual objects, so they abandon the productive for the protective. In our river, that is often the front of a ledge. Ledges are bedrock, usually composed of the most erosion resistant stone. This stone is very old surface rock – over 1 billion years old. The age, density, and toughness of the rock is what allowed it to outlast the surrounding stone. The fronts of such ledges tend to have a trough where water circulation has weathered out a space in the softer surrounding stone. Some troughs extend a considerable distance back under or into the rock, and they are prime spots for inactive, hunkered

down fish. The current is stalled or “pillowed” against the stone and fish can settle back into such spots to wait out the high blue sky. Other typical hunkering spots for smallies include wood cover, cliff faces, and the caves or rock-edges that cast a shadow on an otherwise shallow or featureless flat.

Hunkered fish need a long time to make up their mind to take a lure. That calls for a patient approach that uses the current rather than fighting it. We smallie anglers rely on the violence and certainty of the usual hair-trigger reaction hits from smallies; cold-front fish are far more particular. By the same token, they may need more realistic lures, though there is a school of thought exactly contrary to this.

Therefore, one good tactic for cold front smallies is to do what is called “settle fish”. This technique requires careful boat control (or wade fishing patience). Most any lure will work though lures with good “hold” characteristics (lures that a fish will hold onto) will work best. Neutral or slow-sink lures are a good call here. From a drag-chained, anchored boat, make a series of casts that fall well up current of the front of the ledge – even in slow current. Leave a substantial space, perhaps ten feet, from the cover point. Remember that the fish are tight to cover here, but they are not comfortable; they are probably a bit spooky. They will not nail a lure on impact, as they will in other situations.

When the lure falls, deadstick it. Senkos are effective here, as are any lures rigged weedless. Maintain the minimum contact to detect a pickup. The pickup probably won't occur right away – the reason why you left such a cushion between the rock face and the aim point for the lure. Allow a belly of line to build between you and the lure, and then stop dropping line so the current picks

the lure up and moves it toward the rock.

With the belly of line, a light motion of the rod tip will make the lure move downstream, but will still give you some contact with the lure. If you have a light touch on the rod here, you will get a soft, helpless jigging action as the lure moves downstream. Consider using circle hooks to reduce gut hooking and improve hookup ratio here; they take some getting used to, but will allow a kind of confidence in a slow presentations. Senkos and other salt impregnated "bite and hold" lures are a good place to start with circle hooks. This technique will allow easy access to the flat ledge-fronts that are a common cold-front haunts of smallies in our stretch of the river. A last resort in the cold front, especially if water quality is not perfect, is the provoking lure. Use lures fish can examine and will hold – Senkos, tubes, jig-and-pig, and grubs and Flukes. But one surprisingly effective technique is to go with the most obnoxious provokers. There will be days when fish will not take realistic lures, but would hit a Chug-Bug or buzzbait. This is because they are edgy and irritable.

The key to plugs in this situation seems to be a long wait-time between movements. A Tiny Torpedo or Chug Bug cast fifteen feet upriver of a ledge, chugged a couple of times, then allowed to drift all the way to the rock face will draw strikes. This takes extraordinary patience. One reason to use a buzzbait in this case is the ability of the lure to track around rocks. Throw it across the ledge face then let it drift right to the rock then clatter its way around it, actually brushing the rock. Retrieve the buzzbait steadily here as always, just fast enough to operate the blade. The strike often

comes as the lure breaks away from the rock into open water.

Fish in this situation often do an odd thing – they bump or bang a lure with a closed mouth. Whenever you get a high percentage of non-hookups consider this problem. If you notice a number of fish that are hooked outside of the mouth, it may also be an indicator of that particular fish behavior. Obvious ways to increase your hookup ratio in that situation is to go to a treble-hooked lure, especially one of those with wicked sharp hooks – such as a Rapala or a Chug Bug, or to downsize sharply. A third way is to amend your hookset: take a lesson from the fly-guys and do not set the hook at all, just keep stripping or reeling. Let the sharp hooks do their job. The general approach of cold front fishing is at the heart of fishing in general. Nothing is fun if it's dead easy; fishing is no exception (*though an occasional day when they're willing and stupid is nice*). Though your numbers may be down on a cold front, your learning and pleasure at success may be much higher than usual.

Winter Meetings a Great Way to Get a Jump on the New Season

If you're like I am and can't wait to get a jump on the upcoming 2009 fishing season, now is a great time to start planning.

Join us at one of the winter meetings to swap stories of the past fishing season, ask questions about the upcoming season and learn from fellow club members. Keep an eye on *The River News* or the DRFA Web site to see when we might have a special guest speaker, too. With the better attendance we

typically have over the colder months, we can usually attract a special speaker – a guide, a state fisheries representative, or an experienced club member – to share their knowledge with club members.

EasyReleaseFishing

I recently received an email from this company about a children's fishing system that makes it easy for children to bait hooks and release their fish. I am trying to get this company to attend one of our meetings to demonstrate their product.

Welcome to EasyReleaseFishing.com.

My name is Tom Copeland. The reason I created the EasyReleaseFishing Kit is that I have two kids. Even though I have been fishing since I was their age that did not prepare me for teaching my kids to fish. Kids seem to be willing to listen to a complete stranger better than listening to their own parents, so the quicker the kids can fish on their own the better off you are. The real trick is feeling comfortable letting the kids bait their own hooks without worrying they will hook themselves, and getting the fish off the hook, which sometimes can be tricky even for adults. The EasyReleaseFishing Kit makes it easy to get started.

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December 2008 Tide Predictions, NOAA National Ocean Service
 Readings taken at Municipal Pier 11, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
 All listings are Eastern Standard Time. **Weekends are indicated by bold.**

Date	Time	Hgt	Time	Hgt	Time	Hgt	Time	Hgt
12/01	03:41AM	5.4 H	10:06AM	0.3 L	03:48PM	6.4 H	10:55PM	0.3 L
12/02	04:23AM	5.4 H	10:46AM	0.2 L	04:29PM	6.4 H	11:36PM	0.3 L
12/03	05:06AM	5.3 H	11:29AM	0.2 L	05:13PM	6.3 H		
12/04	12:18AM	0.2 L	05:52AM	5.4 H	12:16PM	0.2 L	06:01PM	6.2 H
12/05	01:02AM	0.2 L	06:40AM	5.5 H	01:10PM	0.2 L	06:54PM	6.1 H
12/06	01:50AM	0.1 L	07:32AM	5.7 H	02:10PM	0.3 L	07:50PM	5.9 H
12/07	02:41AM	0.1 L	08:25AM	5.9 H	03:13PM	0.3 L	08:48PM	5.9 H
12/08	03:35AM	0.0 L	09:18AM	6.2 H	04:16PM	0.2 L	09:44PM	5.8 H
12/09	04:30AM	0.0 L	10:11AM	6.6 H	05:17PM	0.1 L	10:40PM	5.8 H
12/10	05:25AM	0.0 L	11:03AM	6.8 H	06:16PM	0.0 L	11:34PM	5.7 H
12/11	06:20AM	-0.1 L	11:55AM	7.0 H	07:13PM	-0.1 L		
12/12	12:27AM	5.7 H	07:14AM	-0.2 L	12:47PM	7.1 H	08:08PM	-0.1 L
12/13	01:20AM	5.7 H	08:08AM	-0.2 L	01:40PM	7.1 H	09:02PM	-0.2 L
12/14	02:13AM	5.6 H	09:02AM	-0.3 L	02:34PM	7.0 H	09:54PM	-0.2 L
12/15	03:08AM	5.6 H	09:56AM	-0.3 L	03:30PM	6.8 H	10:45PM	-0.3 L
12/16	04:04AM	5.6 H	10:50AM	-0.3 L	04:26PM	6.6 H	11:36PM	-0.3 L
12/17	05:01AM	5.6 H	11:45AM	-0.3 L	05:24PM	6.2 H		
12/18	12:27AM	-0.4 L	05:59AM	5.6 H	12:41PM	-0.2 L	06:21PM	6.0 H
12/19	01:18AM	-0.4 L	06:57AM	5.7 H	01:38PM	-0.2 L	07:19PM	5.8 H
12/20	02:09AM	-0.4 L	07:53AM	5.8 H	02:35PM	-0.1 L	08:16PM	5.6 H
12/21	03:00AM	-0.4 L	08:48AM	6.0 H	03:33PM	-0.2 L	09:11PM	5.5 H
12/22	03:51AM	-0.4 L	09:41AM	6.1 H	04:29PM	-0.2 L	10:05PM	5.5 H
12/23	04:41AM	-0.3 L	10:31AM	6.2 H	05:22PM	-0.3 L	10:56PM	5.4 H
12/24	05:30AM	-0.3 L	11:19AM	6.3 H	06:13PM	-0.3 L	11:44PM	5.4 H
12/25	06:16AM	-0.3 L	12:04PM	6.3 H	07:00PM	-0.3 L		
12/26	12:30AM	5.4 H	07:00AM	-0.2 L	12:47PM	6.3 H	07:45PM	-0.3 L
12/27	01:13AM	5.3 H	07:43AM	-0.2 L	01:28PM	6.3 H	08:28PM	-0.2 L
12/28	01:55AM	5.2 H	08:24AM	-0.2 L	02:07PM	6.2 H	09:09PM	-0.2 L
12/29	02:35AM	5.2 H	09:03AM	-0.2 L	02:46PM	6.1 H	09:48PM	-0.2 L
12/30	03:14AM	5.1 H	09:43AM	-0.2 L	03:23PM	6.1 H	10:26PM	-0.2 L
12/31	03:53AM	5.1 H	10:23AM	-0.3 L	04:01PM	6.0 H	11:04PM	-0.2 L

All times are listed in Local Standard Time (LST) or, Local Daylight Time (LDT) (when applicable). All heights are in feet referenced to Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW).

Station	Time Differential		Height Differential	
	High	Low	High	Low
Marcus Hook, Pa. -1 29	-1 29	-1 16	*0.90	*0.90
Bridgeport, Raccoon Creek, NJ.	-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, NJ.	-0 25	-0 28	*0.90	*0.90
Woodbury Creek, NJ.	-0 19	-0 23	*0.93	*0.93
Schuylkill River, Market St 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. Rt73 Bridge, NJ.	+0 49	+0 57	*0.84	*0.84
Pompeston Creek, NJ.	+0 19	+0 37	*1.02	*1.02
Bridgeboro, Rancocas Creek, NJ.	+1 09	+1 09	*1.03	*1.03
Cornwells Heights, Pa.	+0 40	+0 49	*1.14	*1.14
Burlington, NJ.	+0 41	+0 58	*1.17	*1.17
Edgely, Pa.	+1 02	+1 19	*1.24	*1.24
Fieldsboro, NJ.	+1 01	+1 30	*1.26	*1.16
Trenton, NJ.	+1 12	+1 48	*1.30	*1.05

Height Differences: for most stations, use of 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 tide at the reference station by the ratio listed. The result is normally rounded to the nearest .1 foot.

Delaware River Fishermen's Association 2009 Membership Application

Indicate type of membership and dues amount enclosed:

- ___ Individual: \$15.00
- ___ Family: \$20.00
- ___ Affiliated Sportsmen's Club: \$25.00
- ___ Supporting Business: \$50.00

Every membership includes:

- **Access to the password protected Member Services Section of the DRFA Web site**
- **12 monthly issues of the DRFA Newsletter** *(delivered to your door every month)*
- **Entry in all eight DRFA Tournaments**
(Each tournament paying \$125 for first, \$75 for second, and \$50 for third)
- **Eligibility for the 2009 Dave Bryant Angler of the Year Award**
(An individual plaque and \$250 cash prize to the winner)

Make check payable and mail to:

Delaware River Fishermen's Association
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For more information, contact:

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Phone: 215-426-5086

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

E-mail Address *(to receive DRFA Web site password)*: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

New Membership or Renewal: If new, referred by: _____

(Please select one of the two options below, and confirm with your signature.)

I give my permission for the DRFA to publish the above information in its member directory:

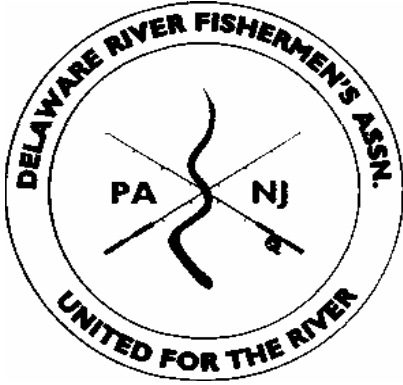
Signature: _____

(Directory use is strictly for club business, not for sales or promotions.)

I DO NOT wish the above information to be published in the DRFA member directory:

Signature: _____

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