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Featured: Guest-Speaker Program Coverage; Latest Tournament And AOTY Results

DRFA Guest-Speaker Program Is Flourishing To Start 2025 Season

DRFA members and guests have been treated to a wide range of information about fishing the Delaware River – including stripers (*February*), shad (*March*), and snakeheads (*April*).

At the May meeting we will switch gears from a species-specific topic to a focus on artificial lures you can use to catch largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, and catfish. Our presenter will be Lee Taylor from [Bait Crafters](#), a company representing a variety of lure brands – FITT Lures (*successor to Winco's Custom Lures*), Zee Bait Company, Stinky Balls, and more. He will be doing a show-and-tell comparison of new FITT Lures material formulations for soft baits, demonstrating the natural action of the Third Eye Neko Craw, and sharing results from a new Stinky Balls formulation for catfish angling, among other topics.

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Minutes Of The March Meeting

Kevin Ingram gave a presentation on Shad Fishing at the March meeting.

Treasury Report: Eileen Kicinski's Treasury report showed a balance of \$7,383.35 as of March 26. The March 2024 balance was \$7,812.06, a difference of \$428.71.

Minutes Of The April Meeting

Secretary Pete Antoniewicz called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with 20 members and guests in attendance. Pete turned the floor over to guest speaker Fred Dewees for a presentation on snakehead fishing. (*See separate article on page 4.*)

Treasury Report: Eileen Kicinski's Treasury report showed a balance of \$7,188.67 as of April 27. The April 2024 balance was \$8,327.40, a difference of \$1,138.73. Eileen also noted that the profit made from the Tackle Bag raffle was \$206.05.

Membership Report: As of the April meeting, we had 30 individual members, 17 family members and 10 supporting business members, for a total of 57 members – up from the 48

members we had the previous month.

Tournament Report:

Tournament Director Scott McDonough quickly recapped the results from the April Bass and Shad Tournaments and outlined upcoming events.

Youth Activities: Chick Bay is awaiting final confirmation for the proposed July 13 date for the

Important Dates

Wednesday, May 28, 7 pm. Monthly meeting at Silver Lake Nature Center. Guest speaker Lee Taylor from Bait Crafters will show and tell new developments from FITT Lures and other brands.

Sunday, June 15, 6 am to 12 pm. Bass Tournament at Neshaminy Marina.

Wednesday, June 25, 7 pm. Monthly meeting at Silver Lake Nature Center. Guest Speaker TBD.

Saturday July 12, 6 am to 12 pm. Catfish Tournament at Neshaminy Marina.

Saturday, July 19, 8 am to 12 pm. Youth Fishing Derby scheduled for Pennsylvania Yacht Club. (*See page 10.*)

Youth Fishing Derby at the Pennsylvania Yacht Club.

Old Business: John Pedrick is scheduled to contact the Texas Roadhouse on Street Road to set a date for a fund-raising dinner this summer.

In reference to previously discussed ideas for a social event, Bob Slobodian outlined party boat trips he has organized on the [Mi•Jo charter boat](#) out of Atlantic Highlands, NJ. The cost of those trips typically runs around \$80 per person. A number of members indicated interest in attending an event such as that.

New Business: Dave Wermuth reported that since Mike Blair is now a supervisor for the Southeast Region, there will be no assigned Waterways Conservation Officer in Bucks County until the end of July.

Environmental Reports: There were no new environmental reports.

Fishing Reports: Jason Johnson reported on a good crappie and bass bite in the shallows/pads at Assunpink Lake.

Bryan Malkiewicz reported two nice smallmouth bass (18" and 20.50") taken during the Spring shakedown cruise of his boat. He also reported averaging 40 smallmouth bass per day for his boat on a trip to the North Branch of the Susquehanna River the weekend before the meeting. The best day of the trip was the first day with multiple 16", 17" and 18" fish.

Dave Wermuth reported on a successful five-day trout-fishing trip with his fly-fishing club on Kettle Creek, Little Kettle Creek, and Pine Creek in the Potter County area of Pennsylvania. There were 17 members on that

trip and everyone did well, catching fish every day.

Frank Beck reported on striper fishing in the days before the meeting. He landed a 20" striper and had a larger striper break off while fishing in the Mud Island area. He said others were doing well around the mouth of the Rancocas Creek.

George Hoffman reported just one shad caught at Trenton the week before the meeting, but Frank Beck said they were still catching shad up around the Byram area. George also reported slow fishing at Tullytown Cove with a couple of bass, pickerel and a yellow perch.

The 50/50 drawing for \$40 was won by Frank Beck. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

NJ Fish-For-Free Day Is Saturday, June 7

Is there is a New Jersey resident you know who would like to try fishing, but without the cost of committing to a year-long license? The New Jersey **Fish For Free Day** on June 7 could be just the thing you need to convince them to join you for a day on the water.

The promotion is designed to coincide with [National Fishing and Boating Week](#).

The [NJDEP Fish and Wildlife webpage](#) outlining details of the promotion includes a number of resources that first-time and regular fishermen can use to improve their chances of success. It also includes materials you can

NJ Fishing Digest Invasive Species Focus

The 2025 NJ Freshwater Fishing Digest devotes [pages 34 and 35](#) to the topic of invasive species and Potentially Dangerous Fish classification. The regulation relates to Northern Snakeheads and Flathead Catfish, among other designated species – including Asian Swamp Eel, Bighead, Grass (diploid), and Silver Carp, Blue Catfish, Brook Stickleback, Green Sunfish, Oriental Weatherfish, Round Goby, and Warmouth.

According to the article, ***“Anglers MUST destroy these species regulated as Potentially Dangerous Fish if encountered while fishing and should submit specimen(s) or photos to a NJDEP Fish & Wildlife fisheries biologist for verification. To reach a regional biologist, call 908-236-2118 (north), 609-223-6076 (central) or 856-629-4950 (south). Photos and reports can also be submitted to Christopher.Smith@dep.nj.gov.”***

Invasive Catfish



Blue Catfish

Anal fin straight (30–36 rays)
Deeply forked caudal fin



Flathead Catfish

Lower jaw extends past upper jaw
Short rounded anal fin (14–17 rays)

Non-Invasive Catfish



Channel Catfish

Rounded anal fin (25–30 rays)
Deeply forked caudal fin



White Catfish

Rounded anal fin (22–24 rays)
Moderately forked caudal fin

Catfish illustrations by Duane Raver

utilize to encourage the next generation of potential anglers.

A second New Jersey **Fish For Free Day** is also scheduled for October 18 this year.

Kevin Ingram Provides Shad Fishing Update At March Meeting

At the March meeting, longtime Delaware River shad-fishing angler Kevin Ingram returned to give another shad fishing presentation. Beyond the info provided in his 2024 presentation on the same subject ([viewable on page 3 of this file](#)), Kevin brought some new perspectives to this year's presentation.

One of those was the introduction of information from recent acoustic tagging studies in the Brandywine River, which showed that shad can actually fall back downstream during high water conditions.

He also showed a short video demonstrating how closely the shad hug the bottom in clear-water current, making it critical that an angler has their lure running at the right depth.

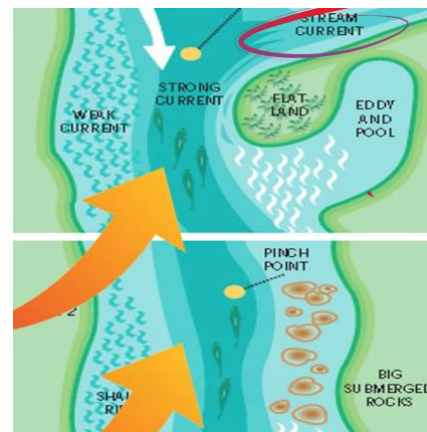
Kevin demonstrated that shad can be caught in cooler water by showing a photo of 44-degree reading on his depth finder after water temps had been rising for three days. He caught a dozen fish that day.

Kevin also reinforced his previous emphasis on using sound/vibration to attract shad. That is why he uses rattling crankbait bodies that dive to the depth he is fishing.

One way to forecast success for a potential fishing location is to see where the fish were biting 24 hours ago and then fish approximately 9 miles upstream (or 18 miles after 48 hours, etc.).

Kevin had a slide that emphasized, *"When fishing via boat, location is key. Selecting the right location will assist in catching shad. In normal river conditions you want to anchor on the channel edges/current seams. Where the water slackens off the main channel is the channel edge. As the river flows strengthen and rise, shad will move closer to the banks. In high flows, fish closer to the bank."*

Kevin referenced several types of current edges, including those formed by bridge abutments, wing dams, and where tributaries enter the river. These are all locations that offer resting places for shad to congregate.



Kevin diagrammed several prototypical locations to target shad. Here he mentioned inflowing streams such as where the Musconetcong and Tohickon Creeks spill into the Delaware.

2025 Tournament Schedule

All DRFA Club tournaments are free and open to dues-paying DRFA members, with club-funded payouts of \$50, \$30, and \$20 awarded to the top three places. Participants also accrue points for the Angler of the Year competition based on their top six finishes among the nine regular Club events. (There are no tournament entry fees, however, ramp, launch, and/or parking fees may apply.)

Except for the Shad Tournament, there is also a voluntary \$10.00unker pool with a 100% payout to pool participants for the three heaviest pool fish – 60%, 30%, and 10% – at tournament's end.

Except for the Shad Tournament, new members may register on the morning of an event before check-in time. All participants should check in at least 10 minutes before scheduled starting time. Weigh-in is at the time specified. Late entries will not count.

Always check the DRFA website or the Tournament Hotline (267-934-2148) the night before the event to learn about potential rescheduling or relocation due to weather or water conditions.

Day	Date	Event	Time	Location
Sun.	6/15	Bass	6 am - 12 pm	Neshaminy Marina Ramp
Sat.	7/12	Catfish	6 am - 12 pm	Neshaminy Marina Ramp
Sun.	7/13	Youth Derby	8 am	Pennsylvania Yacht Club
Sun.	8/10	Bass	6 am - 12 pm	Gloucester City Ramp
Sun.	8/24	Catfish	6 am - 12 pm	Falls Township Ramp
Sat.	9/13	Bass	7 am - 1 pm	Bulls Island Ramp
Sun.	10/12	Bass	7 am - 1 pm	Byram Ramp

And if you don't have a boat, Kevin identified a series of locations where anglers can reach the channel edges fish are following – accessible from shore or by wading. They include:

- Bulls Island State Park & Lumberville Wing Dam, Rt 29 NJ
- Kingwood Access, Rt 29 NJ
- Upper Black Eddy Bridge on NJ side of the river
- Reiglesville NJ, where the Musconetcong River meets the Delaware River on the NJ side
- Forks of the Delaware, where the Lehigh River meets the Delaware River, Easton PA
- Smithfield Beach above the Delaware Water Gap.

Kevin reviewed the various techniques he had presented in earlier seminars, but he emphasized the diving plug rig method where the plug's diving depth is known and can be selected to match the desired fishing depth. He also mentioned his use of Lil' John Divers and Luhr Jensen Jet Divers to get flutter spoons into the strike zone in waters over 7 feet. Those divers can be tuned to help hold the lures out away from the boat so you can get a wider spread on your zone of coverage.

He also reiterated the steps of safe anchoring. You need 7 feet of anchor rope for every foot of water depth, and a few feet or anchor chain between the rope and anchor. When motoring upstream of the spot you intend to fish, you can ease the anchor rope over the bow and let the boat ease downstream until you reach the desired location. He emphasized ALWAYS anchor off the bow, never off the stern.

Once anchored, you can adjust which side you attach the rope to your cleat, to help you adjust your

position to the left or right of the anchor.

Prior to concluding his presentation, Kevin addressed some results from the 2024 shad assessments. On the negative side, the Smithfield Beach Adult Index fared poorly. On the positive side, sampling for juvenile shad did well in both the tidal and non-tidal sections of the river. In fact, the non-tidal river showed its best results in the past 30 years. That bodes well for shad fishing seasons in a few more years!

Look for the recording of this entire seminar and other guest speaker seminars to be included on the new DRFA YouTube Channel we are in the process of developing.

Snakehead Fishing Die-Hards Present “How To” Blueprint For New Anglers

At the April meeting, Fred Dewees and Jesse James provided their insights on snakehead fishing to DRFA members and guests. More information, is available from Fred's [personal Facebook page](#) or on the [Fly Fishing for Snakeheads and Bowfin Facebook page](#). You can also visit Fred's [Instagram](#) page or [YouTube channel](#). More information about the lures demonstrated during the presentation can be found at snakeheadoutlawz.com. SnakeheadOutlawz also has a presence on [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).

While Fred concentrates on flyfishing for snakeheads, Jesse complemented that focus with lures and presentations geared toward spinning rod tackle. Both attested to the fun of anticipating and catching 10+lb. snakeheads on vicious bites during a fast-

paced retrieve. They also provided their perspective on how some people are using select research to paint a worst-case scenario of snakehead impact and how they are working to change that perspective among fishermen and fisheries management.

After providing a background on snakehead biology, Fred addressed how to differentiate a snakehead (*wide, long anal fin*) from a bowfin (*two short anal fins*). He also recapped the introduction and spread of snakeheads in the Mid Atlantic (*and other select locations across the US*) before moving on to discussing different fishing circumstances and tactics for getting in on the action.

Snakeheads are known to haunt shallow, weedy areas of tidal (*and select non-tidal waters*) in the Delaware Valley. Look for shallow water (*six feet or less*) with heavy cover (*spatterdock, lily pads, hydrilla, etc.*) – preferably with a muddy bottom vs. a rocky bottom. (*The [second half of this video](#) features Fred in some excellent examples of prime snakehead habitat.*) In waters without sufficient vegetation, snakeheads can often associate with wood laydowns. Vibration sensing pits on the tops of their heads and the way their eyes are positioned combine to keep the fish always looking up. “They love to have a roof over their heads,” according to Fred.

You can catch snakeheads on a topwater bite at just about any time from mid-March through September. Jesse says they have found snakeheads making a “spring push” in the early season, with fish moving as far up a tributary as they can swim, often congregating around an obstruction or spillway.

Snakeheads tend to be more active in the morning and evening hours or on a falling barometer and a bit more wary during high sun. Jesse related a trip taken just a few weeks before the meeting where they caught 10 fish in one trip and seven of those 10 were “dragon-class” fish. (*A dragon is a 30+” or a 10+-pound snakehead.*)

You can fish for them more aggressively to trigger reaction bites during prime hours but might have to use a bit more finesse when conditions are less than optimum. Look for them right up in the shoreline shallows at high tide and then pulling out to the remaining weed cover as the tide drops.

Fred prefers an 8’ 4”, 10-weight rod for flyfishing and uses a 20# tippet. He uses a power clip for quick fly changes and puts a bead ahead of it to discourage weeds from accumulating on the fly. Jesse recommends a 7’ 2” medium-heavy rod with a fast tip for better casting accuracy. He uses 30# braid on a spinning rod and 50# on a bait casting rod.

Both said that ‘white is right’ when it comes to lure colors but noted that the snakeheads will also attack a wide range of brightly colored lures. Jesse specifically designs his Snakehead Outlawz lures to sit at a 45-degree angle in the water for better hook-up rates. Fred throws mostly white, pink, black, and sometimes chartreuse flies.

Once a snakehead is hooked and brought to the boat or kayak, a good net is essential for landing it. Both anglers recommend a Boga Grip tool inserted flat-wise into the fish’s mouth, then twisted, to get them to open up for easier unhooking.

Frogs designed to be fished in heavy slop are a favorite for snakehead spinning rod fishing, but Jesse claims that bass lures designed to sit flat on the water don’t provide the same hook-up rate as those designed specifically for snakehead fishing.

Whether using topwater flies or casting plugs, you need something that pushes a lot of water to create a commotion but is weedless enough to fish in heavy cover. Samples of those lures can be seen in many of the online photos at each angler’s websites. If a snakehead follows your lure but stops just short of striking, you can pause your retrieve and introduce just enough vibration into the line to cause the bait to send out soundwaves in the water to induce the snakehead to bite. If you experience a hit and miss, continue to cast back to the same spot. Snakeheads will often strike multiple times at the same bait until they catch it. You don’t have to try to set the hook at the first sign of a bite, as this will often result in a missed premature hookset. Fred says that the fish typically hold the bait for a while before spitting it out.

You can power fish through a lot of surface area to get the fish to show where they are, then go back to target those areas with a bit more focus and finesse. Fred recommended covering the water methodically by casting closer at first and then extending your casting distance to let the fish identify to you where they are laying.

Jesse also says to mix up your retrieves to let the fish show you the mood they are in. That can range from a fast, steady retrieve with only an occasional pause to a mix of cadences with a series of multiple twitches and pauses interspersed.

Before June, the fish are fattening up for the spawn. It can be hard to get them to strike when they are paired up and actively mating (*swimming in circles in a courtship dance*). But once the eggs are hatched, the fry form into a ball and the adults will hang nearby in a protective mode. It can be very productive to target these fry balls at that time. Some snakeheads have a second spawn in August or September.

From A to Z:

DRFA Connections Can Pay Off, So Why Not ‘Share A Seat’?

Recently, DRFA members received an email from one of our newer members (*Tom Ferrante*) offering an open seat for a guided trip on the Susquehanna River. Because my schedule was in flux – including having to write this newsletter – I did not respond right away and figured that the seat would quickly be gone. As it got closer to the date of the trip, I fired off an email saying that I might be able to flex my schedule if he didn’t already have a taker. I was shocked when he reported that I was the only person who had responded.

On our early morning ride, we shared some background on our fishing experiences. It was amazing how many shared contacts and experiences we had. For example, Tom often visits the Endless Mountain Campground in Laceyville PA where I have been enjoying annual multi-day fishing trips nearly every April and September for the past 20 years. He is also lifelong friends with a former member of my kayak fishing group – a person with whom I had shared lots of laughs on multiple fishing trips. But in his two years in the Club, Tom had not had the same

learning experiences as I have had over nearly three decades in the Club. I told him to come to the meetings, listen to the fishing reports, ask questions, and offer an open seat on his boat for local trips he would otherwise be fishing alone. I am not going to promise you the same results I shared as a result of taking him up on his offer (*more on the in a second*). But I think you will certainly have a chance to enjoy a pleasant day on the water with someone who probably has a lot more in common than you'd think.

I told him that due to schedule and other issues I recently have not connected with as many new fishing partners as I used to back in the day. But I would certainly be willing to share more days on the back of his boat or hosting in mine as I help him answer some of his questions about navigating the non-tidal river and honing his Delaware River smallmouth bass fishing experience.

If you keep an open mind and are willing to split gas and toll costs, you too might get to share a few laughs, learn a little bit about new lures, and enjoy a good day on the water, like I did



Tom Ferrante (left) and Pete Antoniewicz (right) with their best 'double' of the day on a recent guided trip to the Susquehanna River.

Classified Ads



For Sale: A high-quality Orvis fly-fishing combo with an [Orvis Access 905-4pc Mid-Flex 5-wt. rod](#) and [Orvis Access Mid-Arbor III reel](#). Both were only used for practice casting and never even saw a stream or river. Owner is asking \$300 or best offer for the total combination of the rod, reel, and the storage cases for both. **Also available, FREE buck tails for fly-tying and jig-tying.** Contact Pete A2Z at 609-751-7545, or Jim at 215-295-8524.



For Sale: Former DRFA member selling 2001 Lund 17' V-Hull aluminum fishing boat with 90-HP Honda 4-stroke engine. Serviced and winterized by factory-authorized mechanic annually. Walk-thru windshield. Optional front/rear pedestal seats for fishing. Seats 7 passengers. Front/rear live wells, Bimini

canopy (used only 2 times), anchor with 100' rope, long-shaft Minn Kota 55-lb trolling motor and full boat cover. Load-Rite trailer with rollers. Good mechanical condition. Only deck carpeting needs replacement. Contact Jeff Antoniewicz at 609-744-5511.

(Bass Photos continued)



Tom Ferrante, 9th Place



Chick Bay, 10th Place

Have An Idea For A Guest Speaker?

With three more openings for guest speakers in 2025, do you have a potential speaker or topic you would like to see covered?

Bass Tournament Kicks Off 2025 AOTY Competition

The DRFA kicked off its 2025 season and Angler of the Year competition with a Bass Tournament held at Neshaminy Marina on April 6. Turnout was good with 19 anglers registering, however only 10 brought a legal fish to the scales.

Top honors went to Scott McDonough for his 2.73-lb., 18" smallmouth bass. Second Place went to George Hoffman with a his 2.63-lb., 16.75" largemouth bass. Rick Mawson also finished in the money with his third-place, 1.86-lb. largemouth, just two one-hundredths of a pound ahead of Casey McDonough.

(Additional photos on page 6.)

Pos	Name	Weight	Length	Points
1	Scott McDonough	2.73	18.00	100
2	George Hoffman	2.63	16.75	99
3	Rick Mawson	1.86	14.75	98
4	Casey McDonough	1.84	14.75	97
5	Chris Hoffman	1.80	15.75	96
6	Dave Wermuth	1.78	15.75	95
7	Rich Hoffman	1.42	13.50	94
8	Gregg Southrey	1.26	13.50	93
9	Tom Ferrante	1.07	12.50	92
10	Chick Bay	1.02	12.75	91



Rick Mawson, 3rd Place



Dave Wermuth, 6th Place



Scott McDonough, 1st Place



Casey McDonough, 4th Place



Rich Hoffman, 7th Place



George Hoffman, 2nd Place



Chris Hoffman, 5th Place



Gregg Southrey, 8th Place

Shad Tournament Provides Good Showing, Good Results

The Shad Tournament saw a good number of anglers participating and good numbers of fish caught as 15 of the 17 participating anglers brought fish to the scales. The top of the leader board was extremely competitive, with just 0.14 lbs. separating the top five finishers and just 0.07 lbs between finishers two and four.

(Additional photos on page 11.)

Pos.	Name	Weight	Length	Points
1	Bob Kuntz	4.14	22.00	100
2	Scott McDonough	4.07	22.00	99
3	Pat Baranowski	4.04	21.25	98
4	Pete Antoniewicz	4.03	21.00	97
5	Devan Seliga	4.00	21.50	96
6	Rick Fedeles Sr	3.97	21.75	95
7	Tony Seliga	3.88	21.25	94
8	Matt Weinhardt	3.84	22.00	93
9	Bob Slobodian	3.82	20.25	92
10	George Hoffman	3.55	21.00	91
11	Richard Fedeles Jr	3.40	21.25	90
12	Rick Mawson	3.36	20.50	89
13	Rich Hoffman	2.76	19.00	88
14	Gregg Southrey	2.67	18.75	87
15	Dave Wermuth	2.10	18.00	86



Bob Kuntz, 1st Place



Pete Antoniewicz, 4th Place



Tony Seliga, 7th Place



Scott McDonough, 2nd Place



Devan Seliga, 5th Place



Matt Weinhardt, 8th Place



Pat Baranowski, 3rd Place



Rick Fedeles Sr., 6th Place



Bob Slobodian, 9th Place

First Catfish Tourney Yields A Wide Range Of Weights, Lengths

Despite challenging windy conditions two anglers – Gregg Southrey and Chick Bay – managed double-digit weights to capture top spots in the first DRFA Catfish Tournament of the year. Fourteen of 16 registered anglers brought fish to the scales.

(Additional photos on page 11.)

Pos.	Name	Weight	Length	Points
1	Gregg Southrey	32.25	12.80	100
2	Chick Bay	27.00	10.13	99
3	George Hoffman	27.00	9.04	98
4	Scott McDonough	26.25	7.38	97
5	Jason Johnson	24.25	6.74	96
6	Dan Wermuth	24.25	6.40	95
7	Tony Seliga	24.00	6.06	94
8	Dave Wermuth	25.00	5.63	93
9	Pat Baranowski	23.00	5.25	92
10	Casey McDonough	22.25	4.75	91
11	Rick Mawson	23.50	4.74	90
12	Rich Hoffman	22.00	4.66	89
13	Frank Beck	21.50	3.85	88
14	Pete Antoniewicz	19.00	2.57	87



Gregg Southrey, 1st Place



Scott McDonough, 4th Place



Tony Seliga, 7th Place



Chick Bay, 2nd Place



Jason Johnson, 5th Place



Dave Wermuth, 8th Place



George Hoffman, 3rd Place



Dan Wermuth, 6th Place



Pat Baranowski, 9th Place

Angler Of The Year Competition Features Familiar Names And Unusual Possibilities

On one hand – with familiar names like McDonough, Hoffman, and Mawson at the top of the list – the Angler of the Year standings offers few surprises. But as your eye drifts down to the middle and bottom of the list, the numbers show a different story – one filled with intrigue and possibilities for major shifts in the standings over the remaining tournaments of the year. Through the first three events, nearly half of all Club members have participated in at least one tournament.

This year's introduction of awarding 50 points per tournament for each angler who attends but does not weigh in a fish makes it difficult to project where an individual might finish, even if they weigh fish in multiple tournaments but do not attend all events. Right now, after just three tournaments, that scenario makes the difference between 10th place and 20th place.

To date eight anglers have weighed a fish in each of the three tournaments. Top honors go to Scott McDonough with 296 points on first-place, second-place, and fourth-place finishes to date. Second place belongs to George Hoffman who trails Scott by eight points. Gregg Southrey is in third place, another eight points behind George.

Pos.	Name	Points	Weight	Length
1	Scott McDonough	296	6.80	40.00
2	George Hoffman	288	15.22	64.75
3	Gregg Southrey	280	16.73	64.50
4	Rick Mawson	277	9.96	58.75
5	Dave Wermuth	274	9.51	58.75
6	Rich Hoffman	271	8.84	54.50
7	Pat Baranowski	240	9.29	44.25
8	Tony Seliga	238	9.94	45.25
9	Chick Bay	190	11.15	39.75
10	Casey McDonough	188	6.59	37.00
11	Pete Antoniewicz	184	6.60	40.00
12	Devan Seliga	146	4.00	21.50
13	Dan Wermuth	145	6.40	24.25
14	Frank Beck	138	3.85	21.50
15	Bob Kuntz	100	4.14	22.00
16	Joe Newton	100	0.00	0.00
17	Jason Johnson	96	6.74	24.25
17	Chris Hoffman	96	1.80	15.75
18	Rick Fedele Sr	95	3.97	21.75
20	Matt Weinhardt	93	3.84	22.00
21	Bob Slobodian	92	3.82	20.25
22	Tom Ferrante	92	1.07	12.50
23	Richard Fedele Jr	90	3.40	21.25
24	Joe Tropea	50	0.00	0.00
24	Jase Tropea	50	0.00	0.00
24	Jos. Scannapieco Jr	50	0.00	0.00
24	Tom Ferrante III	50	0.00	0.00
24	Shane Seliga	50	0.00	0.00
24	Adan Schneck	50	0.00	0.00
24	Rob Huebner	50	0.00	0.00

Register Today for the 2025 DRFA Youth Fishing Derby!

Open to relatives and friends of 2025 dues-paying DRFA members.

Visit the [DRFA website](#) for registration form, rules, and information regarding this event scheduled for 8 am, July 19 at the Pennsylvania Yacht Club, 2189 State Rd, Bensalem, PA 19020. **Registration deadline July 1.**

Or contact Chick Bay with questions at 609-744-8260.

Access additional timely info at www.drfishermen.com

(Shad Photos, continued)



George Hoffman, 10th Place



Gregg Southrey, 14th Place



Rick Mawson, 11th Place



Rick Mawson, 11th Place



Dave Wermuth, 15th Place



Rich Hoffman, 12th Place



Rick Fede, Jr., 12th Place

There's Still Time!
*With six events left to go,
there are still plenty of
chances for you to earn
points toward a top-three
finish in the AOTY
competition.*



Frank Beck, 13th Place

(Catfish Photos, continued)



Rich Hoffman, 13th Place



Casey McDonough, 10th Place



Pete Antoniewicz, 14th Place



The Delaware River Fishermen's Association
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THE RIVER NEWS is the bimonthly newsletter of the Delaware River Fishermen's Association. The DRFA typically meets the last Wednesday of each month, 7:00 pm, at the Silver Lake Nature Center, 1306 Bath Road, Bristol, PA. All interested sportsmen and women are invited to attend our meetings and join the organization.

Don't Forget These Supporting Members Who Help To Keep Our Club Afloat

Remember our supporting business members who provide added financial support, share their fishing knowledge with our Club members, or support our Club and youth fishing efforts with their facilities or products. When we return that financial support by patronizing their businesses, be sure to make specific mention of our appreciation for them helping to fund our guest speakers and our tournament cash prizes. Without their support we would not be able to provide the same opportunities to our current members or to attract potential new members.

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