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Maine State Champion Darryl Fitzgerald holds up 2 bass from the Fish Off event. Junior Bassmasters Champions Cullen Behen, and Body Meader show off their awards. High School Champions Brenden Wood and Hamilton Gray hold their awards.

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The B.A.S.S. Nation is a network of locally organized clubs whose members participate in and support a range of activities, including tournaments, conservation initiatives and youth programs. They are organized in 47 U.S. states and 10 countries (Australia, Canada, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Namibia, Portugal, South Africa, Spain and Zimbabwe).

The B.A.S.S. Nation has played a large role in B.A.S.S. history since B.A.S.S. chapters were formed in 1968 to combat water pollution at the local level. In 1972, these individual chapters were organized into state federations, now known as Nations. B.A.S.S. founder Ray Scott called B.A.S.S. Nation members the “minute-men” of the organization. Through the years, he called on members to support causes ranging from legislation to a famous 1970 lawsuit against 250 companies that B.A.S.S. alleged were polluting water in violation of the Federal Refuse Acts of 1899.

Each Nation has a group of officers, including a president, conservation director and youth director, who work closely with the B.A.S.S. Nation staff to promote B.A.S.S. initiatives at the local, state and division levels. Past efforts have included the grass-roots “Don’t Kill Your Catch” initiative — the forerunner to the modern catch-and-release ethic — coordinating and supporting High School and Junior Bassmaster clubs, conducting educational events such as CastingKids exhibitions and organizing local tournaments.

The B.A.S.S. Nation will also send three amateur anglers to the Bassmaster Classic each year, beginning with the 2017 GEICO Bassmaster Classic presented by GoPro. By participating in local and state events, anglers can qualify for a 20-member state team, which represents its state Nation at one of three annual B.A.S.S. Nation Regional tournaments.

Each Nation’s top-finishing boater and co-angler at the regional qualifies the B.A.S.S. Nation Championship. The Top 3 anglers at the championship advance to the Classic.

In November 2015, Albert Collins of Texas bested the competition on Louisiana’s Ouachita River and qualified for the 2016 GEICO Bassmaster Classic presented by GoPro.

Collins and the top angler from each of the five divisions received automatic qualification into the 2016 Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Central, Northern and/or Southern Opens. One of the division winners earns an invitation to compete in the prestigious Bassmaster Elite Series, which Fabian Rodriguez of the Delaware B.A.S.S. Nation has accepted for 2016.

In 1994, Connecticut short-order cook Bryan Kerchal became the first B.A.S.S. Nation qualifier to win the Bassmaster Classic. Kerchal was killed in a plane crash just five months after his victory and never had the chance to defend his title, but his legacy lives on. To date, Kerchal is the only B.A.S.S. Nation qualifier to hoist the Bassmaster Classic trophy. Paul Mueller, current Bassmaster Elite Series pro, earned the runner-up spot in the 2014 GEICO Bassmaster Classic presented by GoPro when he was a B.A.S.S. Nation representative.

Several top pros originated from the B.A.S.S. Nation, including Mike Iaconelli, Brandon Palaniuk and Davy Hite.

Jon Stewart leads the B.A.S.S. Nation program as the national director. Underneath the B.A.S.S. Nation umbrella is the Carhartt Bassmaster College Series and the B.A.S.S. Nation High School program, both managed by Hank Weldon, B.A.S.S. Nation youth director. Emily Hand serves as coordinator of all B.A.S.S. Nation programs.

Learn more about the B.A.S.S. Nation at Bassmaster.com/Nation, or contact Jon Stewart at jstewart@bassmaster.com.
In Partnership with MAINE Bass Trail

Present to you:
The 42nd Annual Androscoggin Lake “Father’s Day Classic”
*In support of The Travis Mills Foundation*

Sunday, June 19th 2016 – 7:30am-3:30pm
Morning check in & registration 5:30-6:30

Entry Fee: $125 per two man team, includes split lunker (lunker pool paid back 100%)

Mailed applications to be received by Monday, June 13th. After that, cash only on tournament day
Registration and take off from Riverbend Campground. All launch fees will be paid by the host club

1st Place - $2500 Guaranteed
2nd Place - $1500*
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* Based on a full field of 100 boats. 1 place per 10 boats paid. Guarantee is for 1st place only.

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A. Boater’s Name___________________________________________Address__________________________________________________
City______________________________State______Zip____________Phone_______________email___________________________

Boat/Model___________________________________________ Motor_______________________ Year___________ HP___________

B. Partner’s Name___________________________________________Address__________________________________________________
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Please read carefully signing. Deadline for entry is 6:30am 06/19/16 – No Exceptions.
We are enclosing this completed application with our non-refundable entry fee payable to Maine BASS Nation. In signing this application, we hereby waive and release all other contestants, the host sponsors, and tournament officials from all claims for injury and/or damage incurred in conjunction with this tournament. We understand and agree that the Tournament Rules Committee reserves the right to return submitted entry fees if it shall elect for any reason to reject this application. We have read the tournament rules and agree to abide by the terms outlined in them. The above facts are true and accurate to the best of our knowledge. We are submitting a copy of the boat insurance (valid on June 19th, 2016) as proof of insurance (minimum of $100,000) liability

Boater Signature______________________________   Non-Boater Signature______________________________Date_________
Wow, another year has gone by, that was fast wasn’t it?

The membership of the Maine B.A.S.S. Nation is incredible.

In 2015 we again assisted IF&W with the tournament draw, it went quick and smooth. We mustered over 15 boats taking members of the Maine State Senate and House out during the Governor’s Cup event. Worked with SAM on a Wounded Warrior fishing event, showed up in numbers for the Paralyzed Veterans’ event in the Belgrade’s. The membership attended the Maine Sportsman’s Show manning a booth in Augusta. We held our second Father’s Day tournament with 100% of the proceeds again going to the Travis Mills Foundation. We did not fare so well at the annual B.A.S.S. vs. TBF Rockland Rotary Clubs fundraising event but it was for a great cause and well worth being a part of. And our annual awards banquet this year we held in December, busy, busy, busy!

In September the Maine B.A.S.S. Nation sent a team to CT to compete in the 2015 Divisional. Again in September we held our State Championship and qualified 22 anglers to compete in the 2016 Regional’s to be held on Douglas Lake in TN, May 2016.

We qualified juniors and high school aged youths for events both in and out of the State of Maine and completed many conservation projects at boat ramps around the State. With 2015 finishing up at 19 Nation clubs, just over 235 adult members with another 46 youth members, well I could go on and on but I just want you all to know that I am both honored and privileged to represent you all as your president, Thank You!

As we prepare for the 2016 season we must all remember that we are blessed to be able to pursue our passion and that we are not the only ones recreating upon the waterways of the great State of Maine. Each of us must strive to lead by example, educate others about our sport, assist others we encounter that need assistance and to treat others as we would like to be treated. In doing this we will assure that this sport will survive and prosper, that we will be welcomed into communities and with understanding others will look forward to watching and talking to bass fishermen and woman for many years to come.

To the Members of the Maine B.A.S.S. Nation, you are part of something much larger then even I am aware of, it is taking place all across this nation and it involves people just like you! At filling stations, boat ramps and along the banks of our lakes our smiles are contagious and our attitudes & behaviors both remembered and often mimicked. In 2016 go out there, have fun, catch fish but most importantly remember you are a role model and always do your best.

Steve Wilson
President
MAINE B.A.S.S Nation
The Maine B.A.S.S. Nation has a new Triton Boat at a discounted price for any member or nonmember looking to purchase one. All you need to do is go to Triton Boats, build your dream rig and print your specs and contact Maine B.A.S.S. Nation President Steve Wilson (contact info on mebass.com) to see your discount and purchase your dream rig! It’s that easy.

Cash Calendars
Would you like a chance to win cash every day? Get your Cash Calendars with a chance to win from $25-$100 a day are on sale for $10 each through several Maine B.A.S.S. Nation members or contact Maine B.A.S.S. Nation President Steve Wilson (contact info on mebass.com), 1st draw is April 1st, winners will be posted on www.mebass.com. Only 300 tickets to be sold.

Custom AR-15
Winner will receive a Custom AR-15 from A&G Shooting Fairfield, ME.

Drawing June 19 at the Father’s Day Tournament at Riverbend Campground in Leeds, ME.

Winner is subject to all background checks, and must also meet state and federal firearm requirements to receive or possess firearms.

You must buy a ticket in person from a member of the Maine B.A.S.S. Nation or contact Mark Desjardin.

Lobster Raffle
The Maine B.A.S.S. Nation will be having a lobster raffle this summer, winners will receive 25 pounds of lobster. Contact one of the officers on page 4 or mebass.com for tickets.
I have been bestowed the honor of serving the Maine Bass Nation in the capacity of the state youth director for 2016 and am looking forward to the challenge. I know that replacing Eric will be difficult as he has done a tremendous job for us for a long time now, but I look forward to the task and hope to eventually bring even more involvement and opportunity for youth in our state to participate and remain involved in the sport.

I don’t have any specific plans right now as I am still feeling my way around with the new assignment but I do have a couple goals in mind to share with our member clubs. First I am hopeful to involve each individual club with a youth project of some kind for 2016. A youth project ideally would include helping to sponsor and coordinate a youth/high school, club/team in your respective areas. I know that isn’t practical for many clubs especially those with limited participation already, but I am confident that most clubs are at least familiar with a club that does that now and have members who could help them out. My idea of ‘helping them out’ would normally involve taking someone out fishing which is something we can all relate to and find some time for. The more we can all help out with worthwhile projects like these, the more young anglers are encouraged to participate and the more secure the future of our sport becomes.

Thanks again for entrusting me with this responsibility. I pledge to give it my best effort and will look forward to working with individual clubs with your projects too. Anyone with interesting new ideas or information on how to get more kids out fishing please reach out and contact me and share!

Dave Trask
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The Maine B.A.S.S. Nation held the 2015 Junior Bassmaster State Championship at Pleasant Pond/Cobossee Stream on Oct 11. The Gardiner Sportsman’s Club was the host site as four teams of Junior Bassmasters gathered to compete for the state title. After boat inspections and the rules briefing, the contestants and their boat captain/coaches headed out trying to catch a limit of five bass to bring to the weigh-in scales.

The team of Cullen Behen and Bode Meader from Mainely Bass Jr Bassmasters reeled in the 2015 state title, bagging a 5 fish limit that weighed 9.75lb. Finishing closely in second was the team of Zachary Morris & Owen Gray from L/A Jr Bassmasters with 5 fish weighing 9.22lb. Third place was awarded to the team of Bryce Poulin & Abe Lafrance from L/A Jr Bassmasters who caught 4 fish totaling 4.59lb.

The Cabela’s big fish award went to the team of Cullen Behen and Bode Meader from Mainely Bass Jr Bassmasters who weighed in a 2.23lb largemouth. As the 2015 State Champions, Cullen Behen and Bode Meader qualified to advance to compete at the 2016 Junior Bassmaster National Championship. All anglers and boat captains enjoyed lunch after the weigh-in, courtesy of the Gardiner Sportsman’s Club.

The Maine Junior Bassmaster program is for youth age 7-13, who are members on one of the Maine Junior Bassmaster clubs. The Maine Junior Bassmaster program is sponsored by Triton boats, Mercury outboards, Motorguide trolling motors, Lowrance electronics, Cabela’s, Northern Bass Supply and the members of the Maine B.A.S.S. Nation. Special thanks go out to the Gardiner Sportsman’s Club for allowing us to use their facility & for providing everyone with a great lunch.
High School Bassmasters State Champs

The Maine B.A.S.S. Nation held the High School Bass Championship Oct 11 on Pleasant Pond/ Cobbossee Stream at the Gardiner Sportsman’s Club. Nine teams from high school bass clubs who have joined the B.A.S.S. high school program were present to vie for the state title and opportunity to advance to the 2016 B.A.S.S. High School National Championship. The high schools represented were Noble, Biddeford, Bonney Eagle, Belfast and the Southern Maine community club. The weather was great, but a week of rapidly changing water levels had the bass in a funk and would challenge the anglers and their boat captain/coaches who headed for their favorite fishing holes to try to catch a team limit of five bass. After the fish were weighed in and released, the winners were declared. The Southern Maine team of Brendon Wood & Hamilton Gray weighed in a limit of bass weighing 8.41lbs in their first trip to the High School championship and it proved to be enough to capture the High School State Championship title. Finishing second was the Bonney Eagle team of Connor Sirois and Riley Brannigan with a limit weighing 7.94lbs. Third place was awarded to the Biddeford team of Read Lavigne & Vincent Seaboyer who had 7.29lbs.

Cabela's big fish award went to the team of Connor Sirois and Riley Brannigan from Bonney Eagle who caught a 2.46lb largemouth. Following the weigh-in, all anglers and boat captains enjoyed lunch provided by the Gardiner Sportsman’s Club and an opportunity to exchange fish stories.

The first place team of Brendon Wood & Hamilton Gray will also be awarded fishing rods donated by Skeeter boats and both the first and second place teams will advance to the 2016 B.A.S.S. High School Championship to compete for the national title and over $21,000 in college scholarships and prizes.

The Maine B.A.S.S. Nation High School program is sponsored by Triton boats, Mercury outboards, Motorguide trolling motors, Lowrance electronics, Cabela’s, Skeeter boats and Yahama outboards. Special thanks to Gardiner Sportsman’s Club for allowing us to use their facility and being such gracious hosts.
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In the last event our tournament was shortened by a thunderstorm that rolled in with just 90 minutes left in the contest, so for safety reasons we called the event. Anglers mentioned that the fishing was just starting to get better when the day was called.

7-13 Division
Our third and final event was held on Webber Pond and in the 7-13 Division Zachary Morris is tops once again by weighing in 10.01 pounds for his 5 bass limit. Zachary also won Angler of the Year in the 7-13 Division with 15 bass weighing 31.26 pounds.

2nd place went to angler Caleb Vose weighing in 9.65 pounds for his 5 bass. 3rd place Bryce Poulin caught 2 bass for 7.29 pounds. Abe LaFrance finished in 4th with 4.45 pounds, 5th was Ethan Doyle with 3.50 pounds, 6th went to Owen Gray with 2.92 pounds. Big largemouth for the day was a 3.77 pounder caught by Bryce Poulin.

14-18 Division
The 14-18 Division long time member Brenden Wood weighed in 3 bass for 4.51 pounds. Brenden also netted the Angler of the Year award in his Division with 13 bass for 27.35 pounds. 2nd place angler Hamilton Gray weighed 1 bass for 1.98. Rounding out the top 3 was Devon Fournier with 1 bass at 1.08 pounds.

Also thanks to Volunteer boater Heath Morris for buying us all ice cream, and Chuck Gray, volunteer boater and owner of the World Famous Hamilton’s Dairy Bar for the delicious ice cream after the tournament. At the conclusion of the tournament a pair of rods and reels, tackle bags and lure packages were giving away, every member that attended went home with a prize.


Our members and volunteers wish to thank our sponsors, Community Credit Union, Emerson Toyota, and Grizz Baits for their support over the years!

A shout out to all our volunteer boater this season, Bruce Wood, Keith Poulin, Chuck Gray, Cory Vose, Heath Morris, John Volkernick

FMI on our club check us out at www.lajrbassmasters.com
2015 began with the Auburn Lake clean up where several hundred pounds of trash was removed from the shores of the watershed, great job once again! We also placed plastic bait recycle tubes on the shores of Auburn Lake.


The team of Mike Hogue/Fran Hogue won the 2015 Battle of the Boats Androscoggin River Gulf Island Pond Open with 7 bass 19.03. The team of Poulin/Poulin had the lunker smallmouth at 3.95. The team of Robert/Gardner caught the big largemouth at 4.42. Teams received cash prizes, and several raffle prizes from local sponsors. Thanks to Community Credit Union, the anglers, and sponsors we were able to donate over $1000 to Children's Miracle Network, and the Campaign for Ending Hunger Program.

There will also be 2 opens to benefit the University of Maine Fishing Club, the Black Bear Tacoma Sept 25, and the Black Bear Androscoggin River Open July 30. Applications for all will be on androscogginbassmasters.com or the mebass.com site.

Congrats to our members who fished the State Fish Off, 7th place Louis Deering 30.73, 10th place Brenden Wood 11.59. These members will head to Douglas Lake, TN May 2-6, 2016.

After their State High School Championship win two of our members will compete in the Bassmaster High School Championship, congrats to Brenden Wood, and Hamilton Gray!

At our banquet awards were given to the Arnie Yates Sportsman Award recipient for the member who went above and beyond and the members voted that to be Keith Poulin.

In recognition of 25 years as a club member, officer, and numerous hours of volunteering, Mark Swett was awarded a plaque for his service, congrats Mark and Keith!

We welcome new members Derek LaCroix, Bill Roberts, Kyle Montgomery, and Jamie Smyth.

FMI on our club check us out at www.androscogginbassmasters.com
Bronzeback Mainiacs is a Lewiston/Auburn based club that was established in 1985. Our club is proud of our commitment to Catch-Measure-Release during the spawn (May-June).

We hold 6 qualifying club tournaments to determine our top 12 anglers and who will have ½ their entries paid to the State Fish Off.

Our club currently has 23 members who are long time original members. Among them, lies our Conservation Director Erik Michel. Erik is a very committed individual who takes his position very seriously. He has been putting together a project to help collect used fishing line and plastics so they don’t end up in our lakes and launches within the State. With the help of donated products from Lowes of Windham, and assistance from members, we currently have collection units set up at 5 lake launches. The lakes with these are Wilson Pond, Annabessacook Lake, Maranacook Lake (the Readfield & Winthrop launches), and Androscoggin Lake (Wayne launch). We plan on having one set up at this year’s State Fish Off on Sebasticook Lake at the weigh-in site.

Our club plans on fabricating 5 more units to place at all new sites. **We would encourage Lake Associations to contact us, and we will be glad to help you by making one for your launch site on your lake. It is at a very minimal cost to have a unit made for such a good cause.** Call Ray Boies 212-5444 or 897-2772, or Erik Michel at 754-5907 or 783-6720.

The annual Denis Grondin Memorial Open Bass Tournament will take place with the help of our 2 Major Sponsors Daniel R. Grondin Assoc. located in Lewiston along with Portland Yacht Services and all the many advertisers in our PINK booklets. These booklets can be found at various sporting goods stores and boat dealers. We couldn’t have such a great event without our sponsors. This year marks our 22nd Annual Open where we help a charity of choice. This year, we are working with **“Riding To The Top”** Therapeutic Riding Center located in Windham, Me. For more information you can visit their web site at www.ridingtothetop.org. Our Open is on the beautiful Androscoggin River at the Center bridge boat launch; this year’s event will be September 18. There will be a lunch wagon there to provide anglers with warm breakfast sandwiches and hot coffee in the morning, as well as greet them with hot dogs and soda during the weigh-in. All proceeds of the 50/50 raffle plus $10 from each entry goes to help the Charity.

Our club is always ready to help others with youth functions as well as provide boats for junior championship events. We take pride in bringing youngsters out for a good time on the water and teaching them good fishing ethics, safety on the water, and of course “catching fish”.

Speaking of catching fish, our top 3 anglers for 2015 were as follows......
2015 Top Three Anglers:
1st place – Steve Beaudin    70#12oz  5 Limits
2nd place – Doug LePage      62#15oz   4 Limits
3rd place – Jamie Lobb       64#6oz    5 Limits

2015 Lunkers of the Year:
Smallmouth - 31bs 11oz       caught by Steve Beudin
Largemouth - 6lbs 2oz        caught by John Farrand

The club officers for 2015 are as follows:
President / Treasurer / Tourney Dir. | Ray Boies
Vice President | Doug LePage
Secretary | Steve Beaudin
Conservation Director | Eric Michel
Youth Director | Matt Bedell

CLUB TOURNAMENTS FOR 2016:
April 30 Seven tree pond Weigh-in
May 14 Cobbossee Lake C-M-R
June 4 Wilson Pond C-M-R
July 9 Damariscotta Lake Weigh-in
August 20 Sebasticook Lake Weigh-in
October 1 China Lake Weigh-in

If anyone is interested in more information about our open, or has interest in joining the club, please call Ray Boies at 207-897-2772 or email at Bassinray@hotmail.com

Lunker of the year Largemouth went to John Farrand with a 6# 2oz largemouth caught in Maranacook Lake. Lunker of the year Smallmouth went to Steve Beaudin with a 3# 11oz smallmouth caught in Echo Lake.

Our slate of Officers and Directors are:

President Ray Boies
897-2772-home 212-5444-cell

Vice President Doug LePage
782-9410-home or 513-0871 cell
The Classic Bassmasters continue to be a well diverse group of anglers dedicated to the conservation and quality of our lakes. We are still strong with 14 members and it is our goal as anglers to preserve the quality of nature and the wild life around us for our future generations to come.

In 2015 the Maine Special Olympics Tournament was once again held at Lakeside Motel and Marina owned by Andy and Sheree Wess in East Winthrop Maine. All of our members took great pride and honor in hosting this event. Through the support of our fellow Bass Nation members, sponsors, and volunteers, we were successful in achieving our goals. With this support and some very generous donations the tournament brought in over $20,300 for this special event. Thanks to our own Jimmy Burke for bringing in Old Town Kayaks and Canoes with a generous donation to our cause. We would like to thank everyone who participated in this event to make it a very special day. THANK YOU!

Once again this year we would like to continue our yearly tradition in hosting the 27th Annual Maine Special Olympics on Sunday May 1, 2016 at the Lakeside Motel and Marina. We encourage everyone to tell your friends and come out and enjoy this event. This tournament has many sponsors, prizes, 50/50 raffle, and giveaways along with an early morning breakfast and an after tournament hot dogs and hamburgers. So set aside this date and help us make the tournament a success. For information contact Andy at 207-395-6741

Our club also hosts a tournament on Maranacook Lake. This event is the “Bobby” Morin Memorial Open and will be on Saturday August 29, 2015. This tournament also has prizes and giveaways with a 50/50 raffle. Everyone is welcome and encourage to come and enjoy the day on the water. The tournament will be held at the Readfield boat launch.

In 2015 our club participated in a total of 6 tournaments including one mulligan. MSO, Androscoggan Lake, St. George Lake, Androscoggan River, Maranacook Lake, and North Pond. The top five anglers for 2015 were:

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Lunker Large Mouth:
John Suplicki 5.68 lbs North Pond

Lunker Small Mouth:
Robert Smith 4.01 lbs North Pond

Congratulation are in order for our own Dave Barnes and Bill Centra winning Man vs Bass in 2015. Also Dave Barnes won a birth to the FLW Forest Wood Cup. Congratulations Dave and good luck. Also our own Toby Cross won 1st place as a non boater in the State Fish Off along with Brandon Skillin making the top 10 as a non boater of which they will be going to the divisionals in early May Good luck to all of our members as we watch your progress thru these events.

Our Club Officers are:
President        Dave Reiss
V President      Brandon Skillin
Secretary       Brian Chadwick
Treasurer       Tim White
Tournament Director John Suplicki

Our remaining members are: Bill Centra, Dave Barnes, Robert Smith, Lou Zammarelli, Lewis Mandell, Toby Cross, Shawn Barnes, Jim Burke, and Skip Hinkley
Classic Bassmasters is always looking for new members to expand the diverse members of our club. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining, you may contact Dave Reiss at 207-315-5051.

Sitting in our wintery homes, anticipating the ice out of the spring season. We should always be thankful that we have all of them. It makes us appreciate it more that we have the privilege of participating in a sport of tournament fishing. Sharing the great outdoors with good friends and fellow fishermen. And what a privilege it is. So the next time you head out the water remember to take the time to take someone fishing with you that has never fished before. It just may make a difference in someone’s life. So good luck this season and stay safe, and . . .

“We will see you at the weigh-in”

John Suplicki

Classic Bassmasters | Tournament Director
In 2015 Central Maine Bassmasters continued their dedication to the youth and conservation efforts in their area. Here are some of the highlights. We started with the Klondike Days with the Boy Scouts in January, followed by an ice-fishing trip with the same Scouts in February. We also began the organization of the Earth Day Clean-up. We have organized and run this event for the last sixteen years. In April we held the Earth Day Clean-up with the help of volunteers and picked up 4 truckloads of trash from the sides of 10 miles of roads.

We also helped the Boy Scouts with their merit badges on conservation and fishing. In June we purchased and helped plant trees with these Scouts to form a buffer zone on China Lake. We have been working with these scouts for the last twenty years. Then in July we held our Pine Tree Camp fishing day on North Pond. This event put 80 Handicapped children (20 confined to wheel chairs) in our boats for some fishing time on the lake. For most of these campers this would be the very first time they were to be in a boat. We have been doing this event for the last seventeen years. In August we went to China Village for their Community Days Youth Fishing Derby. We had children ages 2 to 14 fishing from shore on the causeway and believe me this was no easy thing. In addition we again worked with the I.F. & W. with biologist reports and surveys and continued our lake cleanups and boat inspections. At the Maine State Bass Federation Nation’s Banquet, Central Maine Bassmaster’s hard work was highly honored with the 2015 Youth and Conservation Federation Awards.

In 2015 Central Maine Bassmasters had some time left over to go fishing too. Central Maine held seven club tournaments taking our top six weights and the top five anglers were: 1st place Josh Blackwood with 94.60 lbs, 2nd place Kevin Busch with 89.50 lbs, 3rd place Sean Duricko with 78.57 lbs, 4th place Rich Dorr with 65.31 lbs, and 5th place Scott Laliberty with 57.27 lbs. Kevin Busch caught the largest largemouth, a 5.74 lbs on Little Sebago in August. Rich Dorr caught the largest smallmouth, a 2.80 lbs on Thompson in June. Mike Duricko was the non-boater of the year with 53.60 lbs.

Lastly I invite all of you to join us at our Open in 2016. Our Mid Maine Marine Lund Open on China Lake on July 31st. We hope to see all of you there. We also invite you to attend our Pine Tree Camp Fishing Day in July because we can always use some extra boats for these campers. This is an event that you would never forget.
Eagle Bassmasters, again, had a very busy year in 2015. On our 2015 Camp Sunshine fishing days the fishermen/women took these very special children, and their siblings, fishing on Sebago Lake. We eagerly look forward to 2016, in which we also plan to assist with events/tournaments designed to assist disabled veterans. These events and the Camp Sunshine dates will be announced on the B.A.S.S. Nation website. Eagle welcomes interested parties to join us in participation.

At the State Fish-Off, in September, Eagle relinquished the Club Challenge win to Southern Maine Anglers. This was after Eagle’s fourth year in a row at winning the fish-off club challenge. Well done SMA. Eagle members, Justin Douglas, and by default Steve Wilson made the 2016 state team, and will be fishing in the B.A.S.S. Eastern Regional tournament in May. Eagle wishes the Maine State Team a safe and fruitful tournament in May.

Members of Eagle also participate in The Bass Federation, (TBF). Keith Aucoin and Eric Low made the TBF state team for 2016. We wish them luck in the divisional. In 2015, Keith was voted in as the new president of the TBF.

In February, with the assistance of the Buxton/Hollis Rod and Gun, Eagle held our annual children’s ice fishing day and Casting Kids event. Prizes were awarded for largest game & none game fish and the smallest fish of the day as well as in 3 age brackets with regards to a Casting Kids event.

In 2016 Eagle will be holding three pro/am type club tournaments and hope to attract and mentor a few new members.

Eagle members look forward to supporting the open tournaments this year. We will be hosting our annual Invitational tournament on Moose Pond, Bridgton, Maine, September 4, with the assistance of the Pleasant Mountain Camp Ground and Shawnee Peak. Entries and fees are requested by July 4th. We launch according to date that the entry/money is received. If interested and not already a participant in this event contact the Eagle treasurer, Peter Benham, (207) 283-0585.
Somerset Bassmasters

2015 was another eventful year for our club considering the small membership roster and some difficult work schedules. We fished our regular five club events and two opens but participation was abnormally low.

The overall standings for the year looked very familiar with Dennis Carrier and Chuck Towns tied for first again but chuck had one more lunker to break the tie. Congratulations to Dennis this year for making the state team in his first effort at competing in the fish off.

Our club lost track of most of the members who were in the youth team efforts from the year before but not entirely. We did manage to recruit two of the graduates to join the club and fish with us regularly. We will be renewing the youth club/high school team effort this year but will be including the students from two area schools instead of just one. Hopefully this will bring in more interested kids. Our conservation efforts were lacking last year also as work schedules and other obligations got in the way of putting something together. So far 2016 is looking much better and hopefully we can report on something special next year.

The Somerset Bassmasters are always looking for new members who can participate in our tournaments and give some additional time to helping out with taking kids out fishing too. Anyone interested can contact me or any of our club members.

Dave Trask
President
Somerset Bassmasters

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KEZAR LAKE TEAM OPEN
SUNDAY AUGUST 7, 2016

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- Total of seven (7) boats to be awarded, individual cash, and three (3) Bassmaster Classic invitations
- Each state conducts Bassmaster Opens-style event(s) to determine state team members
- Each state allowed 10 boaters and 10 non-boaters + 2 alternates

B.A.S.S. Nation Regional Championship
- 3-day event for each region of U.S. (West, Central and East)
- Day 3 — final day cut to Top 2 boaters + Top 2 non-boaters from each state
- Boater: five (5) fish limit; non-boater: three (3) fish limit
- Entry fees — boater: $200; non-boater: $100
- Anglers fish for individual cash and merchandise prizes with payment to Top 35 places boater/non-boater based on 190 boat field
- Top state team wins a prize boat at each Regional Championship — Total of three (3)
- Top boater and non-boater from each state advance to B.A.S.S. Nation Championship

B.A.S.S. Nation Championship
- 3-day event
- Non-boater champion crowned after day 2 and awarded a berth as a boater into the final day of competition. (Boat will be provided.)
- Day 3: final day cut to Top 10 boaters + Top 2 boaters from each region (if they are not already in the Top 10) + non-boater champion
- Total possible fishing Day 3 — 16 anglers
- Boater: five (5) fish limit; non-boater: five (5) fish limit
- No entry fee
- Anglers fish for individual cash and merchandise prizes with payment to Top 12 places boater/non-boater
  - Top 3 anglers after the final day earn Bassmaster Classic berth
  - Champion also earns Bassmaster Elite Series berth, paid Bassmaster Opens entry to division of choice, prize boat, plus a “B.A.S.S. Nation’s Best” prize package, which is the use of a Toyota truck and fully rigged tournament-ready boat for one year.
  - Second and third place also earn paid Bassmaster Opens entry to division of choice, prize boat, plus a “B.A.S.S. Nation’s Best” prize package, which is the use of a Toyota truck and fully rigged tournament-ready boat for one year.
  - Non-boater Champion earns memorial trophy, paid Bassmaster Opens entry to division of choice, prize boat and Bassmaster Classic Marshal spot. (All of above if they finish in the Top 3.)
Darryl Fitzgerald is the Maine B.A.S.S. Nation State Champion but had to drop out of the event. Darryl has accepted a job offer in Alabama and would not be able to commit to the Maine team. We wish Darryl all the best and thank him for time he spent as a member of the Maine B.A.S.S. Nation and for his contributions on and off the water, tight lines Darryl.
Club | Southern Maine Anglers

Maine B.A.S.S Member: 6 years
Tournament Experience: 13 years

Member of these Maine State Teams (Years): 1

Favorite Body of Water: Great Pond Belgrade
Largest Largemouth: 7-8
Largest Smallmouth: 4-9

Favorite Lure | Technique: Whatever is working

Sponsors: Maine B.A.S.S. Nation

Boat | Motor: Ranger / Mercury

Best Fishing Story: Being able the hit the water every weekend with the best anglers in Maine.
Club | Southern Maine Anglers

Maine B.A.S.S Member: 10 years
Tournament Experience: 10 years
Member of these Maine State Teams (Years): 6
Favorite Body of Water: Lake Champlain
Largest Largemouth: 9-15
Largest Smallmouth: 6-8
Favorite Lure | Technique: Jig
Sponsors: Wife and Family, Maine B.A.S.S. Nation, Simms Fishing
Boat | Motor:
2013 Skeeter ZX21 Yamaha 250 SHO
Your personal and fishing accomplishments:
2010 & 2013 Maine B.A.S.S. Nation State Champion, 3 Time BASS Nation National Championship Contender
Best Fishing Story:
I have so many fond fishing memories. The majority of the most memorable involve good times with family, fishing club members and friends! One specific memory that stands out is winning my first State Championship on China Lake in 2010. I had figured out a specific “big bite” in practice, but it was a slow bite and knew that I would be fishing for few bites each day... I gambled and went with it because it felt right. I only had 11 bites in 2 days, but brought 10 fish to the scales that weighed 42+lbs! Now that was a quality bite and a quality memory!
Kevin Busch

Club | Central Maine Bassmasters

Maine B.A.S.S. Member: 5 years
Tournament Experience: 15 years
Member of these Maine State Teams (Years): 2
Favorite Body of Water: Lake Champlain
Largest Largemouth: 8-15
Largest Smallmouth: 6-02
Favorite Lure | Technique: Whatever works
Boat | Motor: Stratos 201 Evolution, Evinrude 250 HO
Sponsors: Maine B.A.S.S. Nation

Your personal and fishing accomplishments: Most proud of making my second state team in 4 tries.

Best Fishing Story: They’re all good.
Club | Eagle Bassmasters

Maine B.A.S.S Member: 6 years
Tournament Experience: 6 years

Member of these Maine State Teams (Years): 1

Favorite Body of Water:
Anywhere I can catch big fish

Largest Largemouth: 6-7
Largest Smallmouth: 4

Favorite Lure | Technique:
Hollow bodied frogs

Boat | Motor:
1997 Nitro 884 Savage with a Mercury EFI 150

Sponsors: Family and Friends, Maine B.A.S.S. Nation

Your personal and fishing accomplishments:
Making the state team and Winning a team Tournament with my Father at Moose Pond

Best Fishing Story:
I have a lot of fishing stories, it’s hard to pick just one. One of my favorite memories is when my Dad and I both caught bass over 5 ½ pounds on Moose pond. They were the two biggest bass of the tournament and his was tournament lunker at 5.88 pounds. I lost another bass that day that was almost as big as the first two. Even without the third lunker we had enough weight to win the tournament. They were our biggest bass for that body of water and watching them suck under a Spro frog was an amazing sight. I will never forget our first Team tournament win. Over the last couple of years I have had a lot of great fishing stories while participating in the Man vs. Bass Maine Trail. It’s a great trail and a lot of fun.
5TH PLACE

Maine State Team - Boater

Club | Full Throttle Bassin

Maine B.A.S.S Member: 15 years
Tournament Experience: 15 years
Member of these Maine State Teams (Years): 3
Favorite Body of Water: Great Moose
Largest Largemouth: 7-9
Largest Smallmouth: 5-03
Favorite Lure | Technique:
Deep Structure Fishing
Boat | Motor:
Basscat / Mercury
Sponsors: Fits Insurance, Twin City Tire, Gambler Lures, Maine B.A.S.S. Nation
Best Fishing Story:
I was at the ramp walking down to the boat, when I saw an older man jumping and hitting himself in the legs. I started to walk towards him quickly to see what was wrong, when two red squirrels came shooting out of his pant leg! The poor guy never missed a beat and turned to me and said, “That was close! I could hear them in there saying, ‘should we eat these now or store them for winter!’ The things you see while fishing never cease to amaze me!
Club | Androscoggin Bassmasters

Maine B.A.S.S Member: 21 years
Tournament Experience: 26 years

Member of these Maine State Teams (Years): 2

Favorite Body of Water:
Little Sebago

Largest Largemouth: 8-5
Largest Smallmouth: 5

Favorite Lure | Technique:
Zara Spook / Topwater

Boat | Motor:
Ranger Z520 Evinrude E-TEC


Your personal and fishing accomplishments:
Sharing the great sport of bass fishing with my children seeing them grow and carry on the tradition.

Best Fishing Story:
Traveling with my wife, Debi, to almost every southern state to watch my children compete in the Junior World Championship. Our favorite was seeing my son Nick win the Junior World Championship in Arkansas 2011.
Darrell Wentworth

Club | Capital Area Bassmasters
Maine B.A.S.S Member: 3 years
Tournament Experience: 11 years
Member of these Maine State Teams (Years): 1

Favorite Body of Water:
China Lake
Largest Largemouth: 6-5
Largest Smallmouth: 4-9
Favorite Lure | Technique:
Jig

Boat | Motor:
Triton I Yamaha

Maine B.A.S.S 2016
Maine State Team - Boater

8th Place

29.59

Club | Southern Maine Anglers

Maine B.A.S.S Member: 25 years
Tournament Experience: 24 years
Member of these Maine State Teams (Years): 12

Favorite Body of Water:
China Lake

Largest Largemouth: 8-2
Largest Smallmouth: 5-4

Favorite Lure | Technique:
Jig Fishing/Deep Cranking

Boat | Motor:
Ranger / Yamaha

Sponsors: Maine B.A.S.S. Nation

Your personal and fishing accomplishments:
1996 B.A.S.S. National Qualifier 2011 TBF National Qualifier

Best Fishing Story:
Catching about 30 keepers in a weather shortened final day to qualify for the nationals on Lake Champlain.
Maine B.A.S.S 2016

Maine State Team - Boater

9TH PLACE

MAINENATION BASS

Mark Lodge

Club | Southern Maine Anglers
Maine B.A.S.S Member: 3 years
Tournament Experience: 7 years
Member of these Maine State Teams (Years): 2
Favorite Body of Water:
Kezar Lake
Largest Largemouth: 7-10
Largest Smallmouth: 4-2
Favorite Lure | Technique:
Jigs
Boat | Motor:
Ranger 482v/ Mercury 150
Sponsors: Friends, Family, Maine B.A.S.S. Nation
Roger Laflamme Jr.

10TH PLACE

MAINE B.A.S.S. 2016
Maine State Team - Boater

Club | Mainely Bass

Maine B.A.S.S Member: 23 years
Tournament Experience: 25 years

Member of these Maine State Teams (Years): 6

Favorite Body of Water:
China Lake

Largest Largemouth: 7-12
Largest Smallmouth: 5-8

Favorite Lure | Technique:
Top waters at night

Boat | Motor:
Ranger 519VX / Yamaha HPDI 200 hp

Sponsors: My family, Weirs GMC, Arundel Ford, Maine B.A.S.S. Nation

Your personal and fishing accomplishments:
Six time BASS state team qualifier, 2012 TBF State champion, three TBF state teams, 2016 Federation National Qualifier, President and founder of Nite-Bite Bassers. Married 25 years to my wife Christine and father of two sons Cory and Chase.

Best Fishing Story:
When you fish as much as I do there are so many to choose from. The most recent experience is probably fishing the 2015 TBF Eastern Divisional on Winnebago Lake. I was team captain and had duties to perform besides fishing and still managed to win for Maine. It was a real tight race and I had such a good time with all the guys there. Going into day three of the tournament I was leading for Maine but there were only ounces separating the top three anglers. Luckily I had saved my best water for day three and ended up catching my biggest limit for the tournament. Now I am off to my first nationals on Table Rock Lake in Missouri in hopes of making more stories.
Best Fishing Story:
It was a few years ago when I decided to take terminally ill children, from Camp Sunshine, out bobber and worm fishing on Sebago Lake. We were pulling in perch and sunfish left and right and the kids were having a blast! One boy had the confidence to cast and catch after putting a few in the boat. Next thing you know he’s like “I’ve got another one!” During “the battle,” the rod shot out of his hands and I dove to catch the rod. Luckily I just caught the end and handed it back to the avid angler. He could barely hang on and I had to keep the rod in my hands just in case it happened again. What he thought was another sunfish was actually a Pike that had latched onto his initial catch. After pulling him around the boat he finally got it to the net. It was a 5 lb Pike and he could have never been so proud. His shaking and excitement reminds me of all the times I hook into a kicker in a tournament, which I’m sure you all can relate too. If you have a chance come out and volunteer at a Camp Sunshine fishing event, it will bring memories and fishing stories you will never forget plus you get to appreciate how fragile life is.
Maine B.A.S.S 2016
Maine State Team - Boater

2ND Alternate

21.18

Steven Wilson

Club | Eagle Bassmasters

Maine B.A.S.S Member: 28 years
Tournament Experience: 32 years

Member of these Maine State Teams (Years): 11

Favorite Body of Water:
Sebec Lake

Largest Largemouth: 8-14
Largest Smallmouth: 6-7

Favorite Lure | Technique:
Jig n Pig along the bank

Boat | Motor:
Triton / Mercury

Sponsors: My Family, they go without so I can go Fishing!, Maine B.A.S.S. Nation

Your personal and fishing accomplishments:
Maine B.A.S.S. Nation President for the past 9 years and looking forward to making it number 10. President of Eagle Bassmasters since 2008, the top Nation club in Maine for four of the past five years. Husband and father of three great sons, two incredible daughter in laws, another maybe soon to be, three awesome grandsons and three beautiful granddaughters.

Best Fishing Story:
True story, I in a moment of bravado suggested my number two grandson, Gage, go fishing with me and he agreed that it may be fun. Now remember he was only four years old and I had never even been alone with my own sons at that age for more than a few minutes. Bravado was gone I was in trouble. The next day we set out to a small pond nearby, Gage and I. I have for years worked with Camp Sunshine so I started tending to his casting needs and was quickly informed that he was quite capable of doing this himself. To my surprise he was right as he cast and caught a fish on his very first attempt. After another 4-5 casts I suggested I go to the front of the boat and fish myself. For the next five hours we each caught over 30 bass each with me only netting his catch occasionally. We ate lunch, he drove the boat around, and we had a great day. I left out the laughter, the taunting, the talking smack, etc., that took place but just know that I had a great time, who knew. Point is take a kid fishing, he is not the only one that will walk away with good memories. PS: watch out for Gage Wilson as I expect he will be back on the water competing this year a time or two. This is still the best fishing story I have.
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1ST PLACE

Maine Nation Bass

Toby Cross

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Club | Classic Bassmasters

Maine B.A.S.S Member: 3 years
Tournament Experience: 3 years
Member of these Maine State Teams (Years): 2
Favorite Body of Water: Cobbosseecontee Lake
Largest Largemouth: 8-0
Largest Smallmouth: 5-5
Favorite Lure | Technique: Jigs
Boat | Motor: Co-Angler
Sponsors: Family, Maine B.A.S.S. Nation
Best Fishing Story: None, still working on it.
Club | Somerset Bassmasters
Maine B.A.S.S Member: 1 year
Tournament Experience: 6 years
Member of these Maine State Teams (Years): 1
Favorite Body of Water: Salmon McGrath
Largest Largemouth: 7-4
Largest Smallmouth: 4-75
Favorite Lure | Technique: All of them
Boat | Motor: Skeeter FX20 / Yamaha SHO
Sponsors: My wife, Maine B.A.S.S. Nation
Best Fishing Story: Anytime fishing with family and friends.
Mike Bard

Club | Central Maine Bassmasters

Maine B.A.S.S Member: 10 years
Tournament Experience: 10 years
Member of these Maine State Teams (Years): 1

Favorite Body of Water: Great Moose
Largest Largemouth: 6-5
Largest Smallmouth: 4-0

Favorite Lure | Technique: Heavy jigs & finesse worms

Boat | Motor:
Co-Angler

Sponsors: A1 Affordable Home Inspection, Chris Bolduc Photography, Maine B.A.S.S. Nation

Your personal and fishing accomplishments: Being a husband & a dad. Making the team, so far...

Best Fishing Story: My daughter catching her first fish at camp.
MAINE B.A.S.S. 2016
Maine State Team - Co-Angler

4TH PLACE

Club | Mainely Bass
Maine B.A.S.S Member: 1 year
Tournament Experience: 10 years
Member of these Maine State Teams (Years): 1
Favorite Body of Water: Damariscotta Lake
Largest Largemouth: 6-5
Largest Smallmouth: 4-0
Favorite Lure | Technique: Senko
Boat | Motor: Lund / Mercury
Sponsors: Maine B.A.S.S. Nation
Your personal and fishing accomplishments: Qualifying for the State Team
Best Fishing Story:
My best story is when I was fishing a tournament. It was near the end of the day and I was fishing a spot when other boats stopped by to talk to me. While they were there, I got a bite. I pulled in my 6 pounder while they all watched. I won the tournament that day and won the lunker pool to top it off.

Dana Stevens
Club | Mainely Bass

Maine B.A.S.S Member: 15 years
Tournament Experience: 15 years
Member of these Maine State Teams (Years): 6
Favorite Body of Water: Damariscotta Lake
Largest Largemouth: 8-0
Largest Smallmouth: 6-1
Favorite Lure | Technique: Spinner baits
Boat | Motor: Ranger / Evinrude E TEC 200
Sponsors: Family, Maine B.A.S.S. Nation
Best Fishing Story: “Still working on my best fishing story”
Club | Western Maine Bassmasters

Maine B.A.S.S Member: 5 years
Tournament Experience: 6 years
Member of these Maine State Teams (Years): 1

Favorite Body of Water: Great Moose
Largest Largemouth: 7-14
Largest Smallmouth: 5-11
Favorite Lure | Technique: Jig

Boat | Motor: Champion

Sponsors: Maine B.A.S.S. Nation

Your personal and fishing accomplishments:
4 Time Club Champion
MAINE B.A.S.S. 2016
Maine State Team - Co-Angler

7TH PLACE
Maine Nation Bass

Club | Classic Bassmasters

Maine B.A.S.S. Member: 7 years
Tournament Experience: 7 years
Member of these Maine State Teams (Years): 1
Favorite Body of Water: China Lake
Largest Largemouth: 6-0
Largest Smallmouth: 4-0
Favorite Lure | Technique:
Top Water
Boat | Motor:
Stratos/Evinrude
Sponsors: Maine B.A.S.S. Nation

Your personal and fishing accomplishments:
Making the State Team, and my Family.

Best Fishing Story:
Having my 2 year old daughter help me reel a fish in off the front of the boat.

Brandon Skillin
Club | Mainely Bass

Maine B.A.S.S. Member: 2 years
Tournament Experience: 3 years
Member of these Maine State Teams (Years): 2

Favorite Body of Water:
Panther Pond / Little Sebago

Largest Largemouth: 7-0
Largest Smallmouth: 3-8

Favorite Lure | Technique:
The winning pattern

Boat | Motor:
Pro Craft / Mercury

Sponsors: Family, Maine B.A.S.S. Nation

Your personal and fishing accomplishments:
Mainely Bass Mr. Bass 2015, 3 time Jr State Champion, Made it to the final day of the TBF Junior World Championship and won the Eastern Division also placed 5th overall.

Best Fishing Story:
During a club tournament on Little Sebago we were fishing around this one small circle in a cove. And eventually we realized that there was hundreds of fish around and every time we went around we caught at least one 4 lber. By the time the tournament was over we had over 40 lbs in the live wells. I had never seen anyone cull 4 lbers before, that day will stay in my memory for a very long time.
Club | Mainely Bass

Maine B.A.S.S Member: 1 years
Tournament Experience: 1 years
Member of these Maine State Teams (Years): 1
Favorite Body of Water: Loch Haven Pond
Largest Largemouth: 6-0
Largest Smallmouth: 5-5
Favorite Lure | Technique: Top Water
Boat | Motor: Triton / Johnson
Sponsors: Family, Maine B.A.S.S. Nation

Your personal and fishing accomplishments: Qualifying for the state team in my first year of tournament fishing.

Best Fishing Story:
The first time I caught a smallmouth over five pounds was on a remote pond in northern Maine. It was the most exhilarating fight I ever experienced. The fish made several passes back and forth underneath the boat including numerous jumps. The final breach was between the trolling motor and the bow of the boat. I thought for sure the fish was going to break free. I finally landed it and now I return to the same pond every year in search of giant smallmouths.
MAINE B.A.S.S. 2016
Maine State Team - Co-Angler

10TH PLACE

Club | Androscoggin Bassmasters
Maine B.A.S.S Member: 10 years
Tournament Experience: 10 years

Member of these Maine State Teams (Years): 1
Favorite Body of Water: Oak Pond, ME
Largest Largemouth: 5-91
Largest Smallmouth: 4-07
Favorite Lure | Technique: Jig

Boat | Motor:
2008 Nitro Z7 Mercury 150

Sponsors: Family, Maine B.A.S.S. Nation

Your personal and fishing accomplishments:
2015 Bassmaster High School State Champion
Qualified for the 2016 B.A.S.S. High School National Championship, L/A Jr Bassmaster Angler of the Year
Best Fishing Story:
Anytime fishing with family and friends

Brenden Wood
# 2016 Maine B.A.S.S. Opens, Trails, State Tournaments

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October 9 - Damariscotta Lake
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5 fish limit
Individual or team event

Fish Off
August 20 - Kezar Lake
August 21 - Moose Pond
We couldn’t have asked for a better ending to the NEPVA BASS TRAIL season, with our last stop in the great North woods of Maine. The ride to the camp was unforgettable, as it was peak foliage season. We were pleased to return to the renovated Camp Pine Tree in Rome, Maine, a fully handicapped accessible camp with waterfront cabins. The camp was built in 1945 and designed to cater to children and adults with disabilities, complete with an accessible tree house with a view to die for. Camp Director Dawn Willard-Robinson, Facilities Manager Harvey Chesley, Program Manager Greg King and various staff could not do enough to accommodate us with country hospitality. This year was our first return in over 8 years and quite a success. These no cost tournaments are available to any disabled angler and are supported through a host of volunteers, sponsors and donations.

We cannot thank Steve Wilson, President of the MAINE B.A.S.S. NATION and Dave Barnes, President of THE BASS FEDERATION of MAINE, enough for making this event possible through coordinating volunteer boat captains. The boat captains also assisted with loading and unloading anglers on the docks, ensuring no barriers to “GET OUT and GO FISH.” A few had volunteered with us in the past, however for many it was their first time, and you know it, “they are now hooked.” Tim Hoffman, of VETS ON THE WATER.COM, made a surprise delivery of their lift, for us to borrow for the weekend. Tim was pleased to give back, as he shared that the lift was purchased with funds from a grant provided by the NEPVA. We were also fortunate to have longtime trail supporter, Dan Kenney, aka, GOFISHDAN.COM travel from central NH with his boat and a first time participant, as well as first time boat captain and Fish and Game Guide, Mike Keup of MA. Special thanks to another first time volunteer, nurse Sonny Fernandez who traveled with her family from the Fall River area of MA. As you can see, these tournaments are a team effort and each and every person there is invaluable.

As we arrived and began to set up and greet attendees, we were personally greeted by Bonnie Holding of Maine Fish and Wildlife. Bonnie chose to hand deliver our permits, welcome us and get familiar with our tournaments. What a nice surprise, she is very interested, and an avid fisherwoman herself and will be publishing an article in their newsletter on the NEPVA BASS TRAIL. Keep reading it gets better, lookout Hollywood, Veteran Garath Mannion, of Sugarfree Productions LLC, volunteered with us and created another valuable video to assist us in promoting the trail, (autographs available upon request.) Garath and his son travelled all the way from central MA, he also supported the trail with a great video of the Charles River tournament, available on our NEPVABASSTRAIL FB page.

The weekend began with dinner, a brief meeting, reminiscing, anticipation and plotting the plan for the next morning. Saturday began as a beautiful fall morning, fog lifting, bright sun shining and light winds. Once at the docks, launch was quite swift and the fishing or catching began. Promptly at 2:00 pm, weigh in started with our animated and humorous commentator, Director Tiny Lafontaine who attempted to gather as much information as participants would reveal, as some secrets to fishing will never be told. We had a great turnout with anglers and their families from Maine, MA and CT, returning participants and new, all stating they won’t miss the next one. John Worrall, founder of “WARRIORS at 45 NORTH,” a nonprofit camp providing rest and outdoor activities for wounded or deployed Veterans in Pittsburgh, NH, participated as an angler again and brought several participants from his organization. He brings more participants to each tournament and

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shares information on his organization–what a great partnership.

**1st place:** Steve Wilson and Gary Clawson 14.54  
**2nd place:** Matt Carter and Ed Tyler 14.2 LUNKER 3.69  
**3rd place:** Charlie Wilson and Terry Manges 12.58

Once weigh in commenced, there was plenty of time to rest up from the day and get ready for the evening. The awards ceremony was held, another great meal and an awesome, surprise dessert from Air Force Veteran and angler, Edith Davis. Edie, surprised us by not resting like many, but shopping in the woods of Maine for all the fixings of homemade apple pies, made at her bedside in her cabin. Uh oh, she may have started a tradition and a very good one! The evening continued with a celebration for 1st time angler, Leonard Darlin who celebrated his “surprise 29th” birthday with us and Gary & Karen Clawson who were also showered with a surprise celebration for their recent wedding.

Gary Clawson, a longtime member of the board of directors and die hard supporter of the trail had moved several years ago to Missouri, however had missed the trail since the day he left. Gary made the trip East with his new bride, landing in Boston on Friday, heading North to NH, picking up his daughters, arriving at camp, and flying home Monday. Gary’s daughters assisted with various tasks, were quite excited to be there as were we, as we have watched them grow up by coming to the Bass Trail for over ten years. These tournaments are much more than a fishing tournament, they are family friendly events in which lasting friendships begin. If you haven’t attended one of our tournaments yet, you’re missing out. Check us out on our NEPVABASSTRAIL Facebook page.

Would like to thank the NEPVA Board of Directors for their continued efforts in supporting this tournament; Director Tiny Lafontaine, Bob (Soupy) Campbell, Tom Lee (who also participated as a boat captain), Lamaar Edwards, Lori Chase, NEPVA BOD Jim Wallack, and NEPVA BOD Mike Guilbault. We will take a brief rest and begin the New Year fundraising and networking at the 2016 sportsman shows, dates and info to follow. Best wishes for a happy and healthy fall.
I have fond memories of growing up with my dad in the outdoors. No matter where he went fishing and hunting I was invited to go along. Even back when I was still in diapers and just learning to walk.

When I was six years old we took a family camping vacation to California to meet my mom’s relatives. I was excited when we arrived at Piney Lake because I knew a fishing trip with dad was inevitable.

When the time came to put the boat in the lake I was first in line. But dad asked me to wait for the relatives to climb aboard. Then came bad news I’d never heard before: “I’m sorry son but you can’t go this time. There’s not enough room for you,” he said. I was heartbroken and dad sensed that as tears started streaming down my face.

My emotions did an about face when dad handed over his favorite rod and reel. It was an outfit I’d always looked upon with curiosity with the braided line running through shiny guides of the rod and into the spool of the Pflueger reel. And there was always some type of colorful lure tied to the end of the line. This time it was a Heddon Lucky 13, the classic pattern with a glossy red head and white body with a twin set of shiny treble hooks dangling from below.

Dad told me to have fun and to go catch a big one. It took me a few minutes to gain my composure since I’d never had permission to cast the prized rod and reel. Up until that time a cane pole with line, bobber and hook impaled with a live worm or cricket had been the extent of my rudimentary tackle. And I’d never caught a bass. But that was about to change.

I made a few casts, picked out the obligatory backlashes of a casting reel neophyte, and finally settled into a rhythm of casting, twitching and retrieving the topwater plug into the lake and back to the shoreline. With little action my mind’s focus drifted to thoughts other than paying attention to my lure. The moment was suddenly interrupted by the sound of a huge explosion on the surface. My eyes focused on the noise, where a green fish of monstrous proportions erupted from the surface, its head shaking violently in an apparent attempt to shake the Lucky 13.

I was so petrified and caught up in the moment that all I knew to do was run as fast and hard as I could up the shoreline. I never made one crank of the reel handle.

When I looked back I recognized the fish was a large-mouth. And my first bass had just freed itself of the lure and was flopping down the shoreline toward the water. I leapt like a linebacker on a loose football and saved the catch just before it was about to enter the water. I put the fish on a stringer, regained my composure and admired its beauty. Back at camp, my confidence was buoyed even more after dad and the fishing party had returned empty handed.

Since that day I have never forgotten the distinct smell of a bass. And I haven’t ever forgotten the legacy of how my dad passed down the heritage of embracing the environment. And I’ll never forget how he instilled a passion within me for chasing green fish, which I was able to eventually turn into a rewarding career.

Now it’s my turn to pass that legacy down to my sons. Thanks, dad.
The site has gone through many changes over the years in an attempt to keep up with the times. The one constant has been that the content has always been focused on providing a source for all Maine B.A.S.S. Nation members and clubs to use as a “go to area” for all their needs. I urge everyone and each Maine club to look around the site but to submit your clubs news from your tournaments, youth, and conservation events, and even plug your sponsors. It is also a site where many potential new members begin their search for a club.

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How do I submit my items you may ask? Simple, just email John Volkernick at mebass@mebass.com this includes articles, photos, anything at all really. We can edit any article so don’t worry, we’ll make it look right for you. We need your input so we can make MEBASS.COM {Your site, your content} the best site out there.

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