

## **President's Message 2018**

The 2018 season is about to begin. All of the officer positions have been filled with Chuck Rowlee as Vice President, Chris Killoren as Secretary and Gail Jones as Treasurer. Tournament Director will be Dave Repman as well as membership Director. Fred Blom Past president, Youth , Media Director. Together we will do our best to meet the needs of our membership and provide a great tournament trail for all.

The first event for this year as always is the Take A Soldier Fishing on Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup> at Oneida Shores. This event is said by most that participate that it is the most fun that they have all year, a great thing that we do if you have not done this you need to give a shot you will not be disappointed. This years event is being handled by Burnie Haney , Chuck Rowlee , Peter Knight if interested contact one of them.

As you know by now, we have a new website. It looks great and is a lot more user friendly. I hope you will all enjoy the new site. We also have a new weigh-in trailer that will be a huge plus for the tournament crew. The release boat is going to have a sponsorship to be announced shortly and there are some repairs and upgrades are being done to it now. Each year, the release boat represents NY BASS Nation at a variety of venues including Elite and Open Tournaments. Combined with the nationally recognized video programs on Fishcare, both Paul Hudson and Barb Elliott have represented us as a world class environmental and conservation organization.

Our tournament schedule has been announced. We are heading to Lake Champlain for the first points tournament of the year. Lake Champlain Ticonderoga NY June 10<sup>th</sup>. Our second event if the season is the CTC on Cayuga lake July 14-15<sup>th</sup> Union Springs NY that is a change in the time of year for the CTC. It was moved in an attempt to have more time between the points events. The second points tournament is on Cayuga Lake August 19<sup>th</sup> Union Springs NY. The third points tournament is on Oneida Lake Brewerton NY on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. There are two youth fundraisers this Spring with the Bracket Bash in association with Cashion Rods they are May 5<sup>th</sup> Conesus Lake and May 19<sup>th</sup> Oneida Lake. The youth also have their state championships on June 2<sup>nd</sup> on Cayuga Lake for the junior state Championship and June 3<sup>rd</sup> for the High School State Championship on Cayuga lake

With all the upgrades that we have and the people that we have involved and the great schedule, I hope that you come out this summer and support the NEW YORK BASS NATION in full force.

Thanks

Pete Knight

NY BASS Nation President

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