

The River News

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2024 Sees Good Tournament Turnouts As Pete Antoniewicz Takes Early AOTY Lead!

The first three tournaments of the year saw good participation and production compared to recent years, as 28 DRFA members are already in the running for the 2024 Angler of the Year title.

To date, five anglers have weighed in a fish in each of the three tournaments conducted through May. Another seven anglers are close behind with fish in two of those three tournaments. But with only the top six scores of each individual's tournament finishes counting toward their final AOTY total, all competitors still have a chance to move up into the top three prize-winning spots by the end of the tournament season.

The current leader is Pete Antoniewicz with 291 points. George Hoffman and Scott McDounough are close behind with 283 and 282 points respectively. *(Complete standings are available on page 7 of this newsletter.)*

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Up Your Bass Fishing Game With Tips From Local Fishing Guide

DRFA veterans and newcomers alike have something to gain by attending the May monthly meeting at Silver Lake Nature Center. At that meeting, fishing guide Anthony Awgul will speak from his tournament fishing experiences across a variety of East Coast tidal rivers. He will also discuss his successes in guiding bass anglers on Lake Nockamixon, a 1,450-acre Eastern Pennsylvania body of water with a notorious reputation as a difficult-to-fish lake for the casual angler.

Your Help Is Needed To Work Off Meeting Room Costs

In order to meet the Club's service hours commitment for our Silver Lake Nature Center meeting space, we have been given the opportunity to work on our own special projects as well as to help again with mentoring this summer's SLNC campers during their fishing outings.

Keep an eye on the DRFA website for the upcoming dates and hours of these events, then plan to join your fellow members when your schedule permits.

Minutes From The March Meeting

Vice President Scott McDonough called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm with 61 members and guests in attendance. After an hour-long presentation and Q&A session with shad-fishing expert Kevin Ingram, the business portion of the meeting began

Important Dates

Wednesday, May 29, 7 pm.

Monthly meeting at Silver Lake Nature Center. Guest speaker Anthony Awgul will talk about largemouth bass fishing on East Coast tidal rivers.

Wednesday, June 26, 7 pm.

Monthly meeting at Silver Lake Nature Center. Guest speaker TBD.

Saturday, June 29, 6 am to 12:00 pm.

Club Bass Tournament at Neshaminy Marina.

Sunday, July 14, 8 am.

DRFA Youth Fishing Derby at Pennsylvania Yacht Club. *(See registration form on page 7.)*

Saturday, July 20, 6 am to 12:00 pm.

Club Catfish Tournament at Neshaminy Marina.

with the minutes from the February meeting being read and approved.

Treasury Report: The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$7,812.06 as of March 27. By comparison, last year's end-of-March balance was \$8,413.01 – a difference of \$600.95 less this year.

Membership Report: Rick Mawson reported that we had 41 members before the March meeting, but we picked up several new members at the meeting.

Tournament Report: Tournament Director Scott McDonough outlined the upcoming tournament schedule, with the Spring Bass tournament set for Neshaminy Marina on April 7 and the Shad Tournament weigh in at the Yardley Park and Ride lot set for April 20. Scott asked that all participating members be at the Neshaminy Marina in time to attend a 6:50 am captain's meeting on the morning of the Bass Tournament. DRFA anglers were reminded that, per Neshaminy State Park rules, they are not allowed to fish within the marina that day. Scott also noted that there was another bass club tournament scheduled for the river on that day, possibly launching from the Neshaminy Marina.

Youth Activities: The DRFA Youth Fishing Derby is scheduled for July 13. Members and guests were reminded that any DRFA members (*individual or family members*) are allowed to host youth anglers at that event. Any youth fishing from the Pennsylvania Yacht Club docks will be required to wear an appropriate PFD during the event.

Old Business: Scott did not revisit old business that was covered in the reading of the

February minutes at the beginning of the meeting. Rick Mawson announced that we had still not heard back from the Silver Lake Nature Center regarding our service hours for 2023 and 2024. We may need to have volunteers work on the first Saturday of any month to help meet our commitment.

Environmental Report: While it was not specifically an environmental issue, John Pedrick reported on a boating law enforcement case dating back to 2018 for a fishing license check and PFD check where a boater was liable for a \$75 fine for not having enough PFDs on board. The boater claimed that observation of that infraction by the waterways officer who never stepped foot on his boat amounted to an "invasion of privacy". The initial court ruling went against the fined boater, who appealed, was denied, and subsequently appealed to the State Supreme Court. The initial ruling was upheld six years after the initial summons. The moral of the story: Obey fishing and boating regulations to save yourself a lot of time and money.

Fishing Reports: Tim Lang reported his group catching a dozen walleyes during a fishing trip with two relatives near Lambertville. He personally scored a trifecta with a largemouth, a smallmouth, and eight walleyes.

Dave Wermuth reported that the PFBC would not be stocking the canal in Lower Bucks County. Those stocked trout will be stocked in Levittown Lake.

Frank Beck reported fishing with Bryan Malkiewicz, Rick Mawson, and Joe Newton at Falls Township Lake a week before the meeting, when they caught a dozen largemouth bass. Frank

also reported fishing the Susquehanna River a few days before the meeting with Bryan Malkiewicz, Jim Pocetti, and Pete Antoniewicz, where they collectively caught only 23 smallies but that almost all of them were between 15" and 19" and very fat. For the icing on the cake, that day started with a 36" muskie.

The 50/50 drawing for \$63.00 was won by Rick Mawson. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Minutes From The April Meeting

Trustee John Pedrick called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm with 21 members in attendance. The minutes from the January meeting were read and approved.

Treasury Report: The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$8,327.06 – just \$105.31 behind our April 2023 balance of \$8,432.37.

Membership Report: Membership Secretary Rick Mawson reported that the club was up to 50 individual, family, and supporting business members. That includes eight members gained at the March meeting.

Tournament Report: Scott McDonough recapped April Shad Tournament results. He reminded members that the next tournament would be the Catfish Tournament on Sunday May 19 at Gloucester City. Weighmasters for that event are Gregg Southrey and Chick Bay. Weighmasters for the June 29 Bass Tournament at Neshaminy Marina are Rick Gasper and Harry Wireback.

Youth Activities: Due to a scheduling conflict at the Pennsylvania Yacht club the DRFA Youth Fishing Derby will be held on Sunday July 14th. The

event is open to guests (*up to 18 years old*) of dues-paying DRFA members. Members should look for application forms on page 9 of this newsletter or on the DRFA website. John Pedrick mentioned that we should notify PFBC Waterways Officer Mike Blair of the date in case he wanted to participate in the event. The deadline for entries is June 19th.

Old Business: Treasurer Eileen Kicinski reported a net profit of \$269.05 on this year's Tackle Bag Raffle. The winner of the drawing at the March meeting was Ethan Szyszko.

Members were notified that the Silver Lake Nature Center Family Fishing Day was being postponed from May 5th until October 13th. PattiAnn Cutter did speak with Rick Mawson about a separate service project that DRFA members could perform on our own schedule to help defray the cost of our meeting room rental fees. The Club will be organizing that work effort at a future date that is convenient for volunteers. Members were also reminded that they could participate in SLNC's May 4th cleanup day at Magnolia Lake to contribute toward our service hours needed to offset meeting room costs.

New Business: Members had a discussion about the DRFA Facebook page being a private group, limiting our exposure to the world at large. Rick Mawson who moderates that page is going to look into making the viewing of the page open to the public but keeping the posting capabilities limited to our Facebook page members only.

Guest speakers for our May meeting are Towboat US and fishing guide Anthony Awgul of Awgul Fishing.

Environmental Report: There were no environmental reports.

Fishing Reports: Dave Russel and Ron Soto reported catching catfish and stripers (*up to 42"*) on two recent trips where they caught a half-dozen fish each day.

There were also reports of walleye being caught at Firemen's Eddy in Lambertville NJ.

The winner of \$45 in the 50/50 drawing was Tom Ferrante. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

March Speaker Covers Broad Spectrum Of Shad Fishing Tips

More than 60 club members and guests at the March monthly

meeting were treated to an informative talk on American shad fishing by Kevin Ingram.

After providing some background information on the species and the history of the fishery, Kevin got into strategies and techniques for catching shad during their Spring spawning run.

The run can start from early to mid-March with the fish starting to bite as the water temps rise into the mid 40s. Actual spawning will start as water temps start to nose toward the mid 60s, which Kevin noted has been starting earlier than it traditionally did. When that happens, the spawn can take place even for fish that have not reached the upper stretches of the Delaware.

2024 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 \$10.00 lunker pool with a 100% payout to pool participants for the three heaviest pool fish – 60%, 30%, and 10% – at tournament's end.

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
Sat.	6/29	Bass	6 am - 12 pm	Neshaminy Marina
Sat.	7/20	Catfish	6 am - 12pm	Neshaminy Marina
Sun.	8/18	Bass	6 am - 12 pm	Gloucester City Ramp
Sat.	9/7	Catfish	6 am - 12 pm	Neshaminy Marina
Sat.	9/28	Bass	7 am - 1 pm	Byram, NJ Ramp
Sat.	10/26	Bass	7 am - 1 pm	Bulls Island, NJ Ramp

Just like in real estate, the secret to catching shad is location, location, location – whether wading in an area close to the river channel or anchoring a boat along the edge of a channel or a seam at the edge of the hardest current. The fish want to take the path of least resistance while following the current. These seams can be located below a bridge pier or an inflowing stream.

While Kevin does acknowledge the use of downriggers to get flutter spoons down to the depth the shad are running when the depth approaches 10 to 12 feet. But in the lower river where he usually fishes, he typically employs flat lines using either various numbers of split shots or fixed-depth crankbait bodies stripped of hooks and fitted with swivels fore and aft to connect his braid main line and a two-and-a-half-foot fluorocarbon leader connected to a flutter spoon on the back end.

He described his favorite tackle set up as a 6' 6" to 7'-foot fast-action rod and a good reel with a quality drag. He spools it with 200+ yards of 6-lb. to 8-lb. thin-diameter braid.

Kevin uses primarily flutter spoons when fishing from his boat, but advocates for the use of darts when casting from shore. The bright colors of both are used to represent the phosphorescence of the normal forage for shad in their ocean environment, even though the shad are not feeding on their way up the river. Color preferences will change from day to day as water clarity and sunlight penetration vary. He suggests brightly colored spoons for dingy water and maybe just a simple silver or gold spoon for ultra-clear water.

When using split shot to get his dart or spoon down into the strike zone, Kevin starts out with three #2-size split shot and adds or subtracts split shot as needed to compensate for the speed of the current. If the split shot hangs up on the bottom, he'll remove one.

Kevin covered the ins and outs of using a plug rig as a vehicle to get flutter spoons down into the strike zone. Depending on the depth of water to be fished, he chooses a diving plug designed to reach that specific depth – e.g., a D5, D7, or D10 – depending on the level where the shad are running. The shad typically run just above the bottom of the channel but might elevate a few feet higher in dirty water or low-light conditions. Kevin also advocates for using plugs with really loud rattles.

When flatlining with either split shot or diving plugs, he will cast out 20 or 30 yards downstream or count out the length of line fed out to get back to a consistent distance and depth, and then put the rod in a good rod holder. In deeper spots he might also use a Jet Diver or a Little John Diver to get his flutter spoon down.

Aside from fishing techniques, Kevin also spoke about safe anchoring – using seven feet of anchor rope for every foot of water depth and a good length of chain to get your grappling hook anchor to bite into the bottom. Changing the anchor cleat from one side of the boat to the other will help swing the boat into different positions to keep in line with the path of the shad if they move slightly as water flow changes. He also recommends a long-handled deep-mouth net for landing hooked shad. Finally, he warns to be aware of safety in terms of water levels and wearing your PFD during the early season high-water levels.

From A to Z:

Tournament Fishing For Fun And Profit

Over the years, I have heard many reasons why people join or enjoy DRFA membership. Some say it's for the newsletter information, some for the chance to learn more about fishing the river from more experienced anglers (*as I did in my early years*), others for the camaraderie at meetings, tournaments, or other Club events, and still others for the chance to test their skills and win prize money competing against other Club members in our nine annual fishing tournament events. In addition to club-funded prizes for each tournament, a voluntary \$10 luncheon pool can turn a good fishing performance into a profitable one as well.

This year's tournaments have shown a bit of that all. And the overall number of younger competitors – including high-placing finishers – is encouraging for the future of the Club. So, if you have not yet tried one, consider joining us at an upcoming tournament.

Finally, don't forget to submit your 'lessons-learned' experiences for future **From A to Z** columns – anything from discovering new baits, new techniques, or new strategies from other anglers to sharing how you learned to avoid boating or fishing pitfalls through college-of-hard-knocks experiences. If you want, we can even post those stories 'anonymously'.

There's no writing to be done on your part. Simply tell Pete Antoniewicz your story and he'll write it up to appear in the newsletter as a service to your fellow anglers.

Early Bass Tournament Results Show Healthy Start To The Season

While it was a case of feast or famine among the competitors – with only 10 of 30 anglers (*more than half the club membership at that point of the year*) weighing in a fish – the average size of those fish showed hope for the 2024 fishing season.

The median-size fish was 1.92 lbs., and 15” long, with the mean size being almost identical at 1.88 lbs. and 15” long.

#	NAME	WEIGHT	LENGTH	POINTS
1	Casey McDonough	3.27	19.75	100
2	Pete Antoniewicz	2.47	16.25	99
3	Nicholas Knechel	2.42	16.50	98
4	Scott McDonough	2.40	16.00	97
5	George Hoffman	1.92	15.00	96
6	Bryan Malkiewicz	1.80	14.50	95
7	Rick Mawson	1.41	13.75	94
8	Travis Wilhelm	1.14	13.50	93
9	Dan Wermuth	0.99	12.50	92
10	Rich Hoffman	0.96	12.75	91



Casey McDonough, 1st Place



Pete Antoniewicz, 2nd Place



Nicholas Knechel, 3rd Place

Annual DRFA Raft Trip Takes On A New Format For 2024

Because unpredictable weather and high-water conditions have created problems with coordinating this annual raft-fishing event to the upper river north of Port Jervis in years past, we will be attempting a new approach this year.

Instead of trying to schedule the specific date ahead of time, we will collect names, contact info, and dates of availability from interested attendees ahead of time and then notify members of a date once water conditions fall in line. We will do our best to accommodate work schedules for people who need to give advanced notice.

Potential first-time attendees who want to know more about the trip or repeat participants who are interested in making the trip again, should text or call with their questions or to indicate their interest to Pete Antoniewicz at (609) 751-7545 to get on the notification list.

For nearly two decades, this trip has treated us to beautiful scenery and up to 40-fish-per-man on a mostly leisurely float. We typically carpool in a few vehicles to make the trip more affordable.

Anyone interested in making the trip on their own schedule can get more information from the Kittatinny.com website and can contact Pete for a printed map of the float route, including fishing locations and key landmarks for float timing.

April Shad Tournament Results

Another good turnout at the Yardley Park and Ride Area weigh-in saw 17 anglers out of 20 or more competitors bring a shad to the scales that afternoon. Most of the better fish weighed-in that day were from the Trenton or Byram areas, while the Yardley-area anglers struggled a bit on that day.

The top prize went to Alex Scholl with a 4.29-lb. fish. Anthony Seliga took second place with a 4.06-lb. entry. And the third prize finisher was Pete Antoniewicz with a 3.93-lb. fish.

#	NAME	WEIGHT	LENGTH	POINTS
1	Alex Scholl	4.29	21.00	100
2	Anthony Seliga	4.06	20.75	99
3	Pete Antoniewicz	3.93	21.25	98
4	Bryan Malkiewicz	3.75	20.75	97
5	Rich Hoffman	3.65	20.25	96
6	Hazel Scholl	3.44	19.75	95
7	Scott McDonough	3.33	20.00	94
8	Anthony Scholl	3.29	20.25	93
9	George Hoffman	3.27	20.00	92
10	Casey McDonough	3.24	20.25	91
11	Dave Wermuth	3.12	19.75	90
12	Devan Seliga	3.09	19.75	89
13	Patrick Baranowski	3.05	19.75	88
14	Dan Wermuth	2.57	19.00	87
15	Joe Newton	1.06	14.75	86
16	Matthew Weinhardt	0.97	14.00	85
17	Rick Mawson	0.88	14.00	84



Alex Scholl, 1st Place



Anthony Seliga, 2nd Place



Pete Antoniewicz, 3rd Place

Long-Time Supporting Business Member Is Extra Supportive This Year

Fran McKeown, owner of the long-time DRFA Supporting Business Member McKeown Automotive, has been extra supportive this year by adding a \$100 donation to his regular annual supporting business membership dues of \$50. Many DRFA members have been satisfied customers of his automotive repair business over the years.

*Check the Tourney Hotline
267-934-2148 for potential
changes the day before
each DRFA Tournament.*

May Catfish Tourney Sees Good Turnout, Good Results

The first catfish tournament of the year had good participation and good results, with 20 out of 22 anglers bringing a fish to the scales. The sizes of those catches were impressive as well.

The top of the leader board was particularly impressive with the median-size fish being 8.65 lbs. and 27.00". Even though the average-size fish was slightly smaller than the median-size fish, it was still impressive at 7.50 lbs. and 25.37".

Although Joe Tropea ran away with the lead at 13.21 lbs. and 29.75", the next four fish were grouped in the 10-lb range and all within a half-pound of each other.

The younger members were well represented as well, with Jase Tropea's second place finish at 10.61 lbs. and 28.25" and Hazel Scholl's eighth-place fish weighing in at 9.54 lbs. and 27.50".

#	NAME	WEIGHT	LENGTH	POINTS
1	Joe Tropea	13.21	29.75	100
2	Jase Tropea	10.61	28.25	99
3	Gregg Southrey	10.41	28.75	98
4	Rick Mawson	10.27	28.75	97
5	Chick Bay	10.10	27.00	96
6	George Hoffman	9.98	27.25	95
7	Pete Antoniewicz	9.79	26.75	94
8	Hazel Scholl	9.54	27.50	93
9	Dave Wermuth	8.72	29.00	92
10	Scott McDonough	8.65	27.00	91
11	Joe Newton	7.52	26.25	90
12	Bryan Malkiewicz	6.83	25.50	89
13	Rich Hoffman	6.02	23.75	88
14	Xahnder Villanueva	5.21	23.50	87
15	Dan Wermuth	4.98	23.25	86
16	Gerry Rigney	4.96	22.50	85
17	Anthony Scholl	3.93	20.73	84
18	Ryan Villanueva	3.92	22.00	83
19	Nohre Villanueva	3.20	19.75	82
20	Seijhie Villanueva	3.04	20.00	81



Joe Tropea, 1st Place



Jase Tropea, 2nd Place



Gregg Southrey, 3rd Place

Popular Tournament Participation Generates Three Tiers For Angler Of The Year Standings

After three tournaments, the Angler of the Year competition has marked the leaders to chase. But as history has shown, the fact that only an angler’s top six scores count toward the final standings in the annual event leaves plenty of time for all other anglers to improve their position in the final standings.

The top tier of anglers weighing in fish in all three tournaments includes Pete Antoniewicz (avg. 97 points), George Hoffman (avg. 94 points), Scott McDonough (avg. 94 points), Bryan Malkiewicz (avg. 93 points), and Rick Mawson (avg. 91 points).

Close behind in average points per tournament, with two fish entered, are Rich Hoffman (avg. 97 points), Casey McDonough (avg. 95 points), Hazel Scholl (avg. 94 points), Dan Wermuth (avg. 93 points), Dave Wermuth (avg. 91 points), Anthony Scholl (avg. 88 points), and Joe Newton (avg. 88 points).

The next event – the June 29 Bass Tournament – will pose a strong challenge to the top of the leader board and give a chance for anglers with lower standings to move up in the ranks.

But as past history has shown, every event and every other angler in the Club can have an impact on the final standings. First, competing in every event improves your odds of dropping a lower score from an earlier tournament in favor of a higher subsequent score once you pass six fish caught. Second, an AOTY leader’s poor finish in a large-turnout event will earn fewer points than the same size

#	NAME	POINTS	WEIGHT	LENGTH
1	Pete Antoniewicz	291	16.19	64.25
2	George Hoffman	283	15.17	62.25
3	Scott McDonough	282	14.38	63.00
4	Bryan Malkiewicz	281	12.38	60.75
5	Rick Mawson	275	12.56	56.50
6	Rich Hoffman	195	10.63	56.75
7	Casey McDonough	191	6.51	40.00
8	Hazel Scholl	188	12.98	47.25
9	Dan Wermuth	187	8.54	54.75
10	Dave Wermuth	182	11.84	48.75
11	Anthony Scholl	177	7.22	40.98
12	Joe Newton	176	8.58	41.00
13	Joe Tropea	100	13.21	29.75
14	Alex Scholl	100	4.29	21.00
15	Jase Tropea	99	10.61	28.25
16	Anthony Seliga	99	4.06	20.75
17	Gregg Southrey	98	10.41	28.75
18	Nicholas Knechel	98	2.42	16.50
19	Chick Bay	96	10.10	27.00
20	Travis Wilhelm	93	1.14	13.50
21	Devon Seliga	89	3.09	12.00
22	Patrick Baranowski	88	3.05	19.75
23	Xahnder Villanueva	87	5.21	23.50
24	Gerry Rigney	85	4.96	22.50
25	Matthew Weinhardt	85	0.97	14.00
26	Ryan Villanueva	83	3.92	22.00
27	Nohre Villanueva	82	3.20	19.75
28	Seijhie Villanueva	81	3.04	20.00

fish in a small-turnout event. That is why it is important for all members to compete in as many tournaments as possible to keep the leaders ‘honest’ by making them earn their points every step of the way, instead of just coasting in with a 93-point last-place finish in an eight-person tournament late in the year.

Of course, practice fishing before tournaments is also a good way to protect your place in the standings as it can give you more options of where and how to fish if you come up against tough fishing conditions on the day of a particular tournament date.

DRFA 2024 Youth Fishing Derby

(See DRFA website for final confirmation of tentative July 14 event date.) • 8:00 am until 12:00 pm

Sign-In: Pennsylvania Yacht Club

Weigh-In and Awards: Pennsylvania Yacht Club, 2189 State Rd, Bensalem, PA 19020

To Register: Complete the form below and mail to: Charles Bay 734 N. Lenola Rd. Moorestown, NJ 08057 609-744-8260
There is no entry fee for any child

ALL YOUTH CONTESTANTS MUST WEAR A PERSONAL FLOATION DEVICE AND MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT WHILE FISHING, STANDING OR WALKING ON ANY MARINA DOCK. THIS RULE MUST BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO BY EVERYONE.

Youth anglers 3-ish yrs. to 18-ish yrs. of age who are guests of any dues-paying DRFA member are eligible. Any participant aged 16 or older must have an appropriate fishing license.

All participants must check in starting at 7:00 AM at the Pennsylvania Yacht Club Ramp before fishing.

Youth anglers are allowed to weigh in one fish of any species.

The heaviest fish will determine the winner. In the event of a tie in weight, the longest fish will be the tiebreaker.

The fish must be caught on that day, during the hours of the tournament.

Fishing can be done from a boat or shoreline in any part of the Delaware River and its tributaries that can be reached by boat from the Pennsylvania Yacht Club.

All youth contestants must wear Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Devices at all times that they are in a boat during this tournament.

Sponsoring adults may aid the youth contestants in terms of baiting hooks, netting, and unhooking fish, but they may not hook, play, reel, or land fish the youth contestants.

Only legal fishing methods of the States of New Jersey and Pennsylvania may be used.

Live bait is permitted.

Weigh-in is at 12:00 pm sharp. Those arriving after 12:00 pm will not be permitted to weigh-in fish for prizes.

All fish must be of legal size and alive at weigh-in, and will be released after weigh-in.

The tournament judge will have final say in all disputes.

All youth participants will receive awards, and refreshments at the weigh-in location at the end of the tournament.

Deadline for registration is Wednesday June 19, 2024 for participants to receive T-shirts and trophies.

Late entries will still be eligible to fish in the Derby.

(Complete and cut out entry form below.)

I give my permission for my child to participate in the 2024 DRFA Youth Fishing Derby and I accept full responsibility for my child's participation in this event.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name (print): _____

Sponsoring Club Member's Signature: _____

Sponsoring Club Member's Name (print): _____

Club Member's Phone Number :() _____

Youth Angler's Name (print): _____

Youth Angler Shirt Size: (Circle one) **Child** S M L XL **Adult** S M L XL

Birth Date: _____ **Age:** _____



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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.

Timothy Lang • Custom-Crafted Fishing Rods and Rod Repairs • achieftim@gmail.com • 609-548-8844

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Philadelphia Boat Supply • Sales-Service-Parts-Accessories • 8900 State Road, Philadelphia, PA 19136 • philaboat.com • 215-639-4887

Shadillac Custom Fishing Lures • Mustad hooks, hand painted, DRFSA endorsed • shadillac@aol.com • 267-251-5806

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The Fegley Law Firm • 301 Oxford Valley Rd, Suite 402A, Yardley, PA • Business, Employment & Personal Injury Law • 215-493-8287

Reel River Adventures • Smallmouth/Walleye fishing guide service on Susquehanna/Delaware Rivers • (610) 360-5433 • reelriveradventure.com

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Rusty Balls Tackle & Guide Service • 2440 W Columbia St, Allentown, PA 18104 • @rustyballsguideservice • 484-239-4723

Pennsylvania Yacht Club • 2189 State Road, Bensalem, PA 19020, 215-245-9883

Silver Lake Nature Center • 1306 Bath Road, Bristol, PA • 235 acres of woods, lakes, marshes & meadows, 4.5 miles of trails

We also recognize our Associate members – the [South Jersey Bass Club Association](#) and [Delaware Riverkeeper Network](#) – who provide relevant information and additional fishing opportunities for DRFA members.

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