

## **Hot Night Hot Bite**

### **Team Cassidy Take Denmark Evening Tourney**

Surface water temps in the high 80s and air temps in the 90s surely sounds like a recipe for sluggish bass and a tough bite. That was not the case as a record number 12 boats took to Lake Denmark in the middle of a Northern Jersey July heat wave. Thankfully for the anglers and the fish there was a stiff southwesterly breeze over Denmark, and Tim and brother Matt Cassidy took advantage of it early and often as they reached their culling limit of bass within the first 90 minutes of the tourney. Matt found that some bass were still willing to hit top-water through the chop created by the wind. They also landed fish on ‘corkscrewed’ plastic worms and crawfish jigs. Their sack weighed nearly 20 pounds and was anchored by three fish near 4 pounds. Tim’s 3.96 lb hog held up for tourney lunger and sets the new mark for 2010 Big Tourney Bass of the Year.

If you listened closely enough through the wind you could hear the coaxing calls of our 2<sup>nd</sup> place team – “Here Fishy Fishy!” Vance and Brian Chase also took advantage of the early bass activity and filled out their limit of 8 bass in just under 2 hours. They threw Texas-rigged Senkos to cull up to just over 14 ½ pounds which was good for second place. 18 year old Wallkill HS grad Katie Hartigan teamed up with her Dad, Tom, to round out the leaderboard in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with a limit just shy of 14 pounds, when they lost weight when their 3-pound lunger died in the livewell. Katie and her Dad took just over 2 hours to fill their limit and caught fish on a variety of baits including Texas-rigged ringworms, Stickos (BPS version of a Senko), Chigger Craws, Baby 1-Minus crankbait, buzzbaits and spinnerbaits.

As expected, with 2 tourneys remaining on the 2010 PR&GA Tourney Trail, the Angler of the Year race is up for grabs. Three anglers are within 8 points of the leader Tom Hartigan including Tim Cassidy, Brian Chase and his Dad Vance. Your next chance to chase the crown is Friday, 13 August when the PR&GA Bassmasters set out for another evening hawgfest and moonlight weigh-in on Picatinny Lake. In the past 2 years this tourney produced 4 fish in the 4-5 pound class.

Picatinny Rod & Gun Assoc.  
Denmark Evening  
When: Friday 16 July, 1600-2200 hrs  
Where: Lake Denmark

### ***RESULTS***

	<u># Bass</u>	<u>Total Weight</u>	<u>Big Bass</u>	<u>Points</u>
1. Tim Cassidy & Matt Cassidy	8	18.65*	3.96 lbs	17
2. Vance Chase & Brian Chase	8	14.52	2.91	13
3. Tom Hartigan & Katie Hartigan	8	13.74**	2.97**	11

4. Doc Patlen & Rich Swanson	8	13.70		9 9
5. Bob Smith & Brad Garie	8	13.01		8 8
6. Don Geiss & Don Geiss Sr.	8	12.27		7 7
7. Click Schreck & Mark Keck	8	12.25***	3.18	6 6
8. Frank Costanzo & Justin Saleeby	5	7.53		5 5
9. Sal Longo & Joe Longo	4	7.51		4 4
10. Tom Prendergast & Jack Kinney	2	4.89		3 3
11. Dylan Noyes & Joe Carson	1	.81		2 2
12. Eric Smith & Bill Regan		DNF		1 1

Lunker Bass – Tim Cassidy, 3.96 lb Largemouth

\* - Penalized 1 lb for bringing 9 fish to the weigh-in

\*\* - Penalized 1.48 lbs for dead fish

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