

## Denmark Produces a Sack of Toads for Team Hartigan Tom Hartigan Holds on for Angler of the Year

Last week the NJ B.A.S.S. Federation held their Junior Championship on Lake Denmark, and the boys struggled to land bass. None were fortunate enough to land their individual limit of 5. That just goes to show you what experience and familiarity with the water will do for you. When the PR&GA Bassmasters took to the water on Saturday, the field of 9 boats brought in 8 limits and culled out several other bass for the season ending Fall Classic that ran from 0600-1200 hours. Tom Hartigan left little drama in the Angler-of-the-Year (AoY) race. He teamed with his father to bring in limit of 8 bass weighing almost 19 pounds, despite not having a fish over 3 ¼ pounds. But all their fish were over two pounds or closer to three. Tom Sr. started the morning off on the right foot when his first 2 fish were nearly 3 pounds on a willow-leaf spinnerbait. They added several more on Chug Bugs, Baby 1-Minus Crankbaits and Senkos and had their limit by 0800, securing the AoY title for Tom Jr.; who showed the most consistency throughout the year with 4 top three finishes and a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish in 6 events.

Dan Murphy joined the PR&GA Bassmasters for the first time this year, after just completing a tremendous season in the semi-pro ranks on the NY BASS Federation Trail with a win on the St Lawrence, and a top 10 finish on Lake Champlain that nearly won him AoY on that trail. Murf teamed with Jim Huff to bring in a limit weighing exactly 14 pounds, good for second place. They caught most of their keepers on spinnerbaits and drop-shotting a Keitech Shad Impact plastic bait. Speaking of consistency – the team of Tim Prendergast and Jack Kinney produced yet another top-3 finish – their fourth of the year. Tim and Jack landed a 12 ½ pound limit mostly on wacky-rigged Senkos, placing Tim in a tie with Tim Cassidy for second place for AoY, among eligible anglers. For the second year in a row, the Big-Tourney-Bass-of-the-Year was caught in the final tournament. This year it was Sal Longo, who landed a 4.15 pounder on a Senko, which was also the tourney lunger.

It was another great year for the Picatinny Bassmasters with six pretty much rain free tourneys spanning six months from April through September. The new rules allowing civilians to sponsor fishing guests has opened up the opportunities to fish with family and friends in the fertile waters of Picatinny Arsenal. And the tourney participation was at an all time high as a result. Be sure to take advantage of it next year! And stay tuned in early March for your chance to ‘weigh in’ on the 2011 Tourney Trail, which will be finalized by the end of March 2011.

### Picatinny Rod & Gun Assoc.

#### Fall Classic

When: Saturday 18 Sep 2010, 0600-1200 hrs

Where: Lake Denmark

#### **RESULTS**

	<u># Bass</u>	<u>Total Weight</u>	<u>Big Bass</u>	<u>Points</u>
1. Tom Hartigan & Tom Hartigan Sr.	8	<b>18.88 lbs</b>	3.14 lbs	12
2. Dan Murphy & Jim Huff	8	14.00	3.65 lbs	10
3. Tim Prendergast & Jack Kinney	8	12.51	3.62	8
4. Sal Longo & Joe Longo	5	12.45	<b>4.15 lbs</b>	8

5. Tim Cassidy & Frank Cassidy	8	12.12 lbs	5 5
6. Click Schreck & Mark Keck	8	11.15	4 4
7. Dylan Noyes & Ryan Hooke	8	10.51	3 3
8. Doc Patlen & Rich Swanson	8	10.06	2 2
9. Vance Chase & Brian Chase	8	9.22	1 1

Lunker Bass – Sal Longo, 4.15 pound Largemouth