



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the GBN
Newsletter!

This newsletter is a quarterly publication with the purpose of bringing news, information, announcements, and editorial comment for the unity and morale for all GBN membership.

We; the GBN BOD, hope you find this newsletter informative and as a communication platform for your feedback and comments.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

- We are 8 months into our 2022-23 season and the GBN BOD hopes that you have had safe and fruitful events. We have had a great registration period thus far with 22 clubs totaling 342 members joining for the new year. Currently four clubs have 21 or more members that will be eligible to send two six-man teams to the 2023 Georgia BASS Nation State Classic at Lake Hartwell in December. Reminder that members must be on your roster prior to July 1, 2023, to be eligible to compete in the 2023 State Classic. As we move into the summer season, when our lakes will become very crowded, we ask that you be very mindful of safety on the water. Always remember to wear your life jacket with your kill switch connected. We hope you have a great last 4 months of your club season, and we look forward to seeing you soon. Regards,

Tony Beck – President / Georgia B.A.S.S. Nation



Adult|College|HS|Jr

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UPDATES



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST SPONSORS: **SONARPROS, MUSTANG SURVIVAL & PRECISION SONAR'S: THE LEASH**

- **SonarPros:** \$150 towards a SonarPros install for all GA bass active members. \$50 off any SonarPros harness order that is placed online. **REQUIRES** active GBN roster listing and validation to get discount code setup.
- **Mustang Survival:** Contact GBN for more information.
- **Precision Sonar: The Leash:** 15% off with code, **REQUIRES** active GBN roster listing and validation, contact GBN for code issue.



REMINDER!!

- Ensure your club has plans for Conservation OR Youth Project for 2023. Check for opportunities with GBN for HS|Jr tournament assistance for a Youth Project.

GBN CONSERVATION



NEW Big Bite Baits Plastic Recycle Program

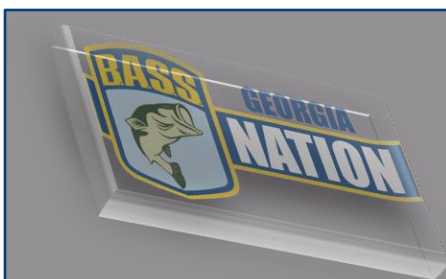
- use this program to support our youth program where they will receive baits from Big Bite.
- state conservation project and not individual club projects
- Please collect your used soft plastics until **May 15, 2023** at which point we will arrange to pick them up from you
- We cannot accept the following soft baits: Berkley Powerbait, Gulp, MaxScent or Zman plastics (stretchy plastics) It is very important you sort out these baits.



STATE TEAM INFORMATION

- **Southeast Regional: May 24-26: Douglas Lake**
<https://www.bassmaster.com/b-a-s-s-nation/news/b-a-s-s-nation-2023-regional-championship-schedule-announced/>

Our 2023 State Team will be competing on Lake Douglas on May 24-26. They are all competing for those coveted spots to the 2023 National Championship to keep that dream alive in making the 2024 Bassmasters Classic. The team consist of boaters Eric Cerny, David Morton, Jason Cheek, Justin Durham, Chris Moody, Brad McCarthy, Eric Holder, Christopher Brummitt, John Holtman, and Wayne Pittman and co anglers Ben Sarno, Josh Hosford, Geanpaolo Amendola, Brad Gandee, Ryan Bearden, Dale McPherson, Craig



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Comments always welcome



Monnin, Ryan Stewart, Jeff Williamon, and James Kilby. Join us in wishing them the best of luck.



ADULT STATE CLASSIC NEWS!!

- **2023 ASC** - 2023 Georgia BASS Nation Adult State Classic and College Qualifier will be held at Lake Hartwell December 1-2 out of Tugaloo State Park. Official practice will be November 29-30 with a meeting on the 30th. Unfortunately, the cabins at the park will not be available due to renovations and a park deer hunt. We will work to get lodging information out and hopefully discounted hotel rates.

- **2024 ASC** - the 2024 Georgia BASS Nation Adult State Classic and College Qualifier will be held at Lake Eufaula October 25-26 out of Lake Point. Official practice days will be October 23-24 with a meeting on the 24th. More to come.



NEW BASS NATION FORMAT!!

- <https://www.bassmaster.com/b-a-s-s-nation/news/new-b-a-s-s-nation-format-creates-more-opportunities-for-grass-roots-anglers/>
 - New qual format for Regional & National
 - Direct qual to BNC for top anglers from GBN State Championship
 - NO loss of Top 10 finishers for Regional in addition to direct qual to BNC
 - 4 Qualifier events



REGION 1 NEWS:

Director: Donnie Hendrickson | 770-328-2177

E3 & Marietta Bassmasters

Enhance Lake Allatoona's Fisheries and Wildlife Health.

On February 4, 2023, fishing club members of the E3 Bassmasters, the Marietta Bassmasters, Lake Allatoona USACE volunteers, the Lake Allatoona Association, and the Georgia DNR conducted another planting as part of an ongoing habitat enhancement project on Allatoona Lake in Cartersville Georgia. The fishing club members belong to the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society's, as well as the local chapter of Georgia Bass Nation. BASS encourages clubs to work with resource managers in their respective areas to enhance and protect freshwater fishing habitats for public enjoyment and



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benefit. There were 35 volunteers on hand and 380 Button Bush (Cephalanthus occidentalis) plants were planted.

<https://www.bassmaster.com/b-a-s-s-nation/news/georgia-b-a-s-s-nation-continuing-to-enhance-lake-allatoona-bass-habitat/>



REGION 2 NEWS:

Director: Mark Hicks | 770-262-5476

20# CLUB

John Duvall with the Butts Bass Busters won the clubs April 1 event on Lake Oconee with 25.25 lbs Great catch John!



HS | JR



FINAL TWO TOURNAMENTS IN THE BOOKS:

The GBN High School and Junior Division concluded their final 2 qualifying tournaments.

3/18- LAKE HARTWELL

HS || Irwin County HS || Peyton Dunn || Gavin Guy || **18.13 lbs**



Jr || Carrollton MS || Karsyn Smith || Andrew Pittman || **12.01 lbs**



4/15 - CLARKS HILL LAKE

HS || Clarks Hill Youth Fishing || Levi Bessinger || Trip Parks || **21.45 lbs OUTSTANDING!!**



Jr || Clarks Hill Youth Fishing || Carter Faulkner || Colton Silas || **15.46 lbs**



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GBN HS/JR AOY:

We also concluded the GBN HS/JR AOY races. After all the fish had hit the scales, we want to congratulate our 2022-23 AOY Champions.

High School Division Anglers of the Year from the Chatuge Anglers, Buddy Benson and BJ Collins.



Junior Division Anglers of the Year from Hart County Middle School, Kale Temple and Luke Schnell.



Both teams will be headed to the Bassmaster Junior and High School National Championships to be held on Lake Hartwell in July. Congratulations on a great season and go win the Natty.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

6/9-10/23 – Classic || Lake Eufaula

27 Junior teams and 124 High School teams will be headed to Lake Eufaula on June 9-10 for the 2023 GBN HS/JR State Classic. They will be competing for prizes, scholarship money, and spots to the 2023 Bassmaster Nation Championship!!

BASS ANNOUNCES THE HS/JR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2023 national championships for the hugely popular Bassmaster High School and Junior Series will be decided on the renowned waters of Lake Hartwell. The 2023 Bassmaster Junior National Championship for second- through eighth-grade anglers will head to Anderson, S.C., July 21-22, while the Strike King Bassmaster High School Championship presented by Academy Sports + Outdoors will be held July 27-29.