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**LIVINGSTON
ONLY THREW 3 BAITS
FOR 17.13 LBS.
AND THE WIN AT
CONESUS**



**DAVE SHOWS OFF
HIS 5.05 LB. KICKER**

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T.J. VALLE
 2nd Place - 17.74 lbs.

Dave Livingston won the 2019 Genesee Beer Angler of the Years Series at Conesus Lake with 17.13 lbs.

Dave said, “Well, I really wasn’t going to practice for Conesus, because it didn’t seem to help much in the previous tournaments this year. However I couldn’t stay away, and it turned out to be a good thing. The lake had really changed and fishing was tough, so I decided to cover the entire lake, one section at a time. For me, the docks were unproductive, as were some of the common weed beds. So I concentrated on a specific structure or very small isolated weed beds.

Fortunately I found fish in practice in many locations, so I had a list of over 50 GPS spots to go to, and I hit almost every one during the day. (Yes, Kurt, I had a long list this time).

Surprisingly I rarely ran into anyone else during the day, which is very unusual for Conesus. I caught all of my fish on 3 baits, a Paca Craw Jr., a NED rig (finally) and a heavy dropshot rigged with a Senko. The other 6 rods

on my deck were just in case, and I didn’t need them. The bite was very subtle and hard to detect, so I set the hook on a lot of weeds, and probably still missed some fish. The only area of the lake that I didn’t fish was the far north end, which was dead for me. I followed the **Jim Bianchi** philosophy – hit as many spots as possible, some twice, and eventually it will pay off. I really didn’t think I had the winning weight, because Conesus can easily produce 20+ pounds, but I guess the fishing was tough for everyone.

I would like to thank **Matt James** and **Genesee Brewery** for providing the incredible folding chairs as an extra prize.

I collapsed in one for several hours when I got home. And thanks to everyone in the club that provide the intense competition and keep pushing me to my limits.”

T.J. Valle took 2nd Place with 15.07 lbs.

T.J. said, “I started out fishing moving baits in the morning. I caught my first two fish on a chatterbait. I fished high percentage areas all day with a Senko and a drop shot. I caught 10 fish all day. I broke off one good fish and I hooked another and lost it. That fish would have boosted my weight past 17-19 lbs. I had a tough day, but I knew Conesus Lake was fishing tough from pervious tournament weights that I was researching.

Jim Bianchi came in 3rd on his home lake with 14.96 lbs.

Jim said, “Conesus Lake has seemed off since the spring. The color of the water changed to a deep stain a couple of days prior to the event, but it quickly lightening up as the tourney approached.

I power fished and also finessed,

managing to catch a fair number of fish, but not many would cull.

I enjoyed the day with **Rob Browe** and let’s hope some stable weather helps the summer bite.”

Mark Harold finished in 4th Place with a five fish limit.

Mark said, “It’s been many years since I went into a Conesus tournament not looking for a place to throw a Poe’s Jackpot topwater lure. After practicing on an ideal topwater day (Monday) and catching only one bass after many hours of trying, I decided that this year would require a different approach. I spent the rest of the day successfully catching them on moving baits. I returned Wednesday and confirmed the moving bait pattern and also located a spot where I caught and shook off a few by pitching a craw tube in a specific area of a large weedbed.

I started the tournament day on the once largemouth populated weedbed and was rewarded with zero bites.

At the weigh in Sensei **Fred Blom** informed me that fish swim and can

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JIM BIANCHI
 3rd Place - 17.66 lbs.



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MARK HAROLD
 4th Place -14.80 lbs.

caught one...on a craw tube.

I spent the rest of the day throwing a chatterbait and covering what seemed like miles. When the largemouth would bite it they were very aggressive and were all quality size. The problem was that the bites were rare so I needed to remain confident during the unproductive times and just keep the bait wet and moving around the weed edges.

With only thirty minutes left in the tournament day I landed my limit fish, my biggest of the day. I caught one more on my last cast that the balance beam showed wasn't going to add to my total weight. I ended with 14.80 pounds and earned fourth place."



ROD BROWN
 5th Place - 14.49 lbs.

leave an area. You learn something new every day when talking with Fred.

I then ran to another weedbed that was protected from the wind and couldn't resist throwing a topwater. I hooked a big largemouth within minutes and lost it about 20 feet from the boat. After fruitlessly covering every inch of that weedbed with a variety of topwater lures I finally

In 5th Place **Rod Brown** caught 14.49 lbs.

Rod said, "After 15 hours of practice at Conesus, I only caught 4 keepers.

On tournament day I was determined to junk spot fish. I targeted specific structure & cover. I had specific rock and drain spots, specific docks and specific little stretches of vegetation.

My spots ranged in depth from 1 to 10 feet. I used a drop shot followed by a wacky weighted Senko for all 8 of my keeper fish. I did not have a specific time, I caught my fish through the day.

Fred Blom fished weedlines with soft plastics for 6th Place and 14.34 lbs. Fred only had 8 bites and culled

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RAY SACHELI
 8th Place - 13.32 lbs.
 at 80 years young.





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3 times throughout the day.

Matt James caught 14.16 lbs. to round out the Top Seven.

Matt said, "It was an extremely tough day with very few opportunities. So naturally right off the bat I missed a very big fish on top water, one that I would regret much later in the day.

I think I only had seven or eight bites all day. The wind was blowing pretty good so I spent a lot of time working windblown banks with a spinner bait without too much luck. I think two of my five fish came from that. The other 3 came on a finesse worm methodically working weed edges. My two best fish came on back to back casts around 12:00 PM.

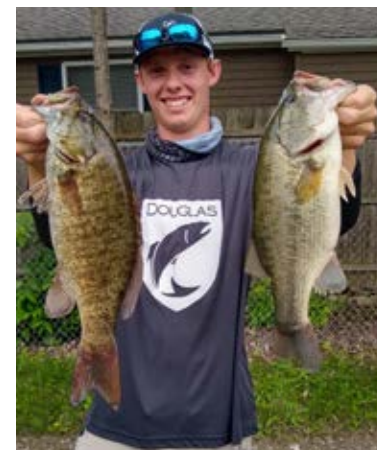
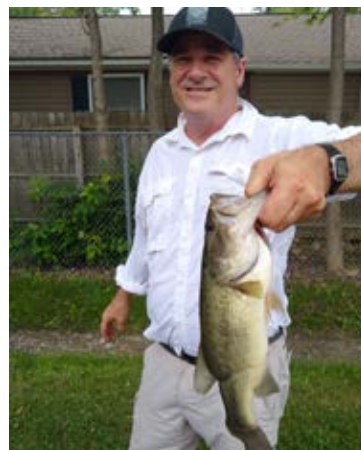
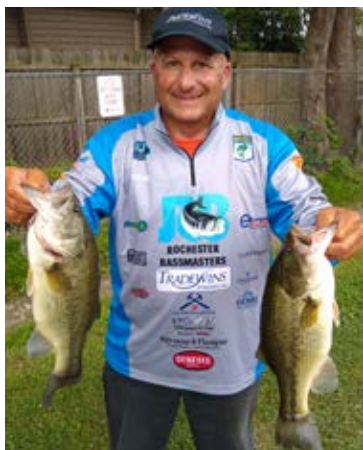
I really wish I hadn't missed that fish early in the morning! I had a great partner for the day **Wes Vyverberg**. I'm not sure how he did it, but he was able to remain positive and upbeat all day even with very few bites. All in all good day!"



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Place	Angler	Fish Weighed	Fish Caught	Weight	Dead Fish	Penalties	Lunker	Total Weight
1	Dave Livingston	17.13	5	5	0	0	5.05	17.13
2	TJ Valle	15.07	5	5	0	0		15.07
3	Jim Bianchi	14.96	5	5	0	0		14.96
4	Mark Harold	14.80	5	5	0	0		14.80
5	Rod Brown	14.49	5	5	0	0		14.49
6	Fred Blom	14.34	5	5	0	0	4.86	14.34
7	Matt James	14.16	5	5	0	0		14.16
8	Ray Sacheli	13.32	5	5	0	0		13.32
9	Will Rogers	12.87	5	5	0	0		12.87
10	Tige Noni	12.51	5	5	0	0		12.51
11	Nate Kalpin	12.30	5	5	0	0		12.30
12	Bill Wittman	12.14	4	4	0	0	5.92	12.14
13	Doug Walker	11.48	4	4	0	0		11.48
14	Andrew Weber	11.32	4	4	0	0		11.32
15	Kurt Keller	10.62	5	5	0	0		10.62
16	Fred Ratcliffe	9.59	3	3	0	0	5.05	9.59
17	Dylan Mackaravitz	8.04	3	3	0	0		8.04
18	Jake Zaremski	8.01	3	3	0	0		8.01
19	Matt Ferrante	7.93	3	3	0	0		7.93
20	Dan Patane	7.37	3	3	0	0		7.37
21	Tyler Austin	7.32	3	3	0	0		7.32
22	Rich Zajac	7.26	3	3	0	0		7.26
23	Wes Vyverberg	7.04	3	3	0	0	4.37	7.04
24	Rich Bush	6.16	3	3	0	0		6.16
25	Steve Levine	5.78	2	2	0	0		5.78
26	Bob Manley	5.01	2	2	0	0		5.01
27	Orlando Roman	4.88	2	2	0	0		4.88
28	Jon Skirment	4.76	2	2	0	0		4.76
29	Paul Caldwell	4.52	2	2	0	0		4.52
30	Rob Browe	4.23	1	1	0	0		4.23
31	Jim Shamp	3.97	2	2	0	0		3.97
32	Dom Cerasuolo	3.91	1	1	0	0		3.91
33	Merritt Diamond	3.68	2	2	0	0		3.68
34	Liane Livote	3.31	1	1	0	0		3.31
35	Don Josselyn	2.55	1	1	0	0		2.55
36	Tyler Muhs	2.38	1	1	0	0		2.38
37	Terry Gartz	2.11	1	1	0	0		2.11





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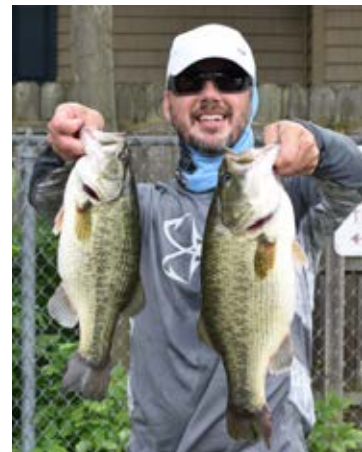
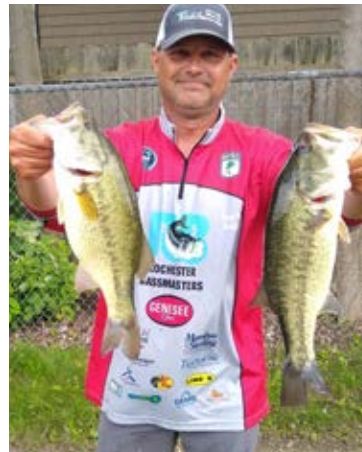
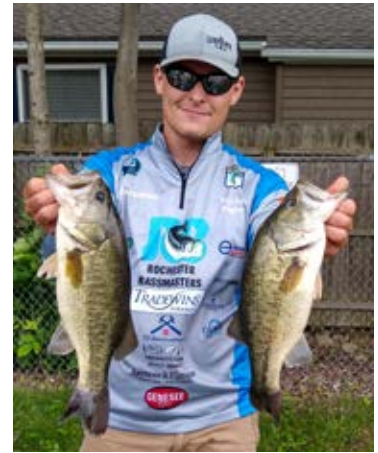
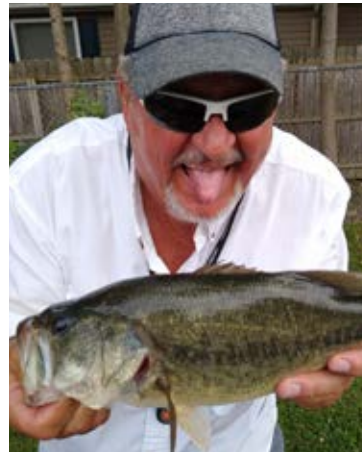
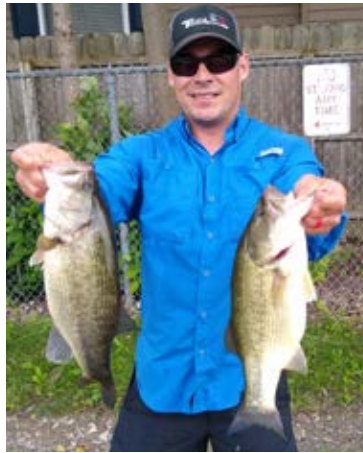
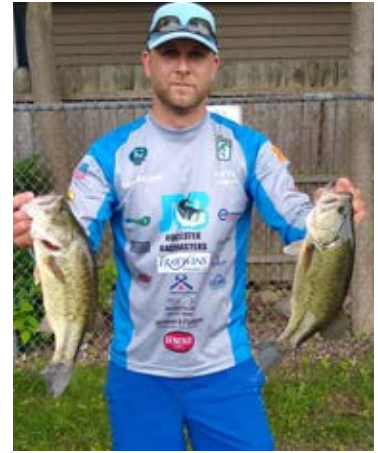
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2019 STANDINGS

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Place	Angler	Lake Erie Day 1	Lake Erie Day 2	Cayuga Lake	Conesus Lake	Chaumont Bay Day 1	Chaumont Bay Day 2	Sodus Bay	Keuka Lake	Total	AOTY
1	Will Rogers	22.05	24.33	17.74	12.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	76.99	64.12
2	Jim Bianchi	21.04	23.31	19.31	14.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	78.62	63.66
3	Chris O'Brien	22.76	23.13	17.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	63.55	63.55
4	TJ Valle	19.22	21.00	17.21	15.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	72.50	57.43
5	Mark Harold	21.60	20.50	13.20	14.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	70.10	56.90
6	Rod Brown	21.08	19.68	15.60	14.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	70.85	56.36
7	Jake Zaremski	19.98	19.90	15.82	8.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	63.71	55.70
8	Dan Patane	18.99	23.16	13.54	7.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	63.06	55.69
9	Nate Kalpin	17.94	18.75	16.54	12.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	65.53	53.23
10	Tyler Austin	19.60	21.00	11.48	7.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	59.40	52.08
11	Wes Vyverberg	17.71	19.05	15.14	7.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	58.94	51.90
12	Dave Livingston	14.89	18.92	13.99	17.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	64.93	50.94
13	Sean Brown	15.15	17.23	17.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.01	50.01
14	Matt Ferrante	18.85	17.36	13.62	7.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	57.76	49.83
15	Steve Levine	19.10	19.48	10.86	5.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	55.22	49.44
16	Drew Damtoft	16.62	18.19	14.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	49.32	49.32
17	Jim Shamp	18.66	17.10	12.72	3.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	52.45	48.48
18	Kyle Sweers	16.88	15.70	15.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	48.34	48.34
19	Paul Caldwell	17.67	18.12	12.24	4.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	52.55	48.03
20	Rich Bush	16.01	16.04	15.07	6.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	53.28	47.12
21	Tige Noni	9.34	18.26	15.52	12.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	55.63	46.29
22	Fred Ratcliffe	16.62	19.29	8.78	9.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	54.28	45.50
23	Bill Wittman	16.57	16.37	12.55	12.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	57.63	45.49
24	Dom Cerasuolo	14.28	20.91	9.66	3.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	48.76	44.85
25	Matt James	15.89	8.98	14.02	14.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	53.05	44.07
26	Tyler Muhs	22.49	17.56	3.55	2.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	45.98	43.60
27	Doug Walker	15.66	13.33	10.93	11.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	51.40	40.47
28	Jon Skirment	14.82	20.42	0.00	4.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.00	40.00
29	Kurt Keller	0.00	17.11	9.99	10.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	37.72	37.72
30	Terry Gartz	10.63	15.32	10.00	2.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	38.06	35.95
31	Todd Keller	16.84	19.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.95	35.95
32	Orlando Roman	16.15	0.00	13.66	4.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	34.69	34.69
33	Jack Kleinman	14.55	17.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	31.78	31.78
34	Kevin Kinnear	16.80	12.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	29.76	29.76
35	Merritt Diamond	16.38	7.90	2.99	3.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.95	27.96
36	Rich Zajac	0.00	19.72	0.00	7.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	26.98	26.98
37	Dylan Mackaravitz	0.00	13.41	5.21	8.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	26.66	26.66
38	Fred Blom	0.00	0.00	10.82	14.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.16	25.16
39	Bob Manley	7.12	11.47	0.00	5.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23.60	23.60
40	Devon Talbot	19.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19.14	19.14
41	Tom Haley	0.00	17.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17.26	17.26
42	Liane Livote	0.00	5.56	6.05	3.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.92	14.92
43	Ray Sacheli	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.32	13.32
44	Dalton Talbot	13.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.07	13.07
45	Andrew Weber	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.32	11.32
46	Ben Levy	3.31	7.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.08	11.08
47	Rich Calabrese	0.00	0.00	10.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.15	10.15
48	Rob Browe	0.00	0.00	1.40	4.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.63	5.63
49	Don Josselyn	2.56	0.00	0.00	2.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.11	5.11
50	Dalton Forte	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
51	Bob McEaney	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
52	John Norton	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00



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