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BROWN BATTLES HIS WAY TO WIN THE 2019 RB MEMORIAL CLASSIC



**LONG TIME MEMBER
ROD BROWN WON
HIS FIFTH CLASSIC
WITH 16.56 LBS.**

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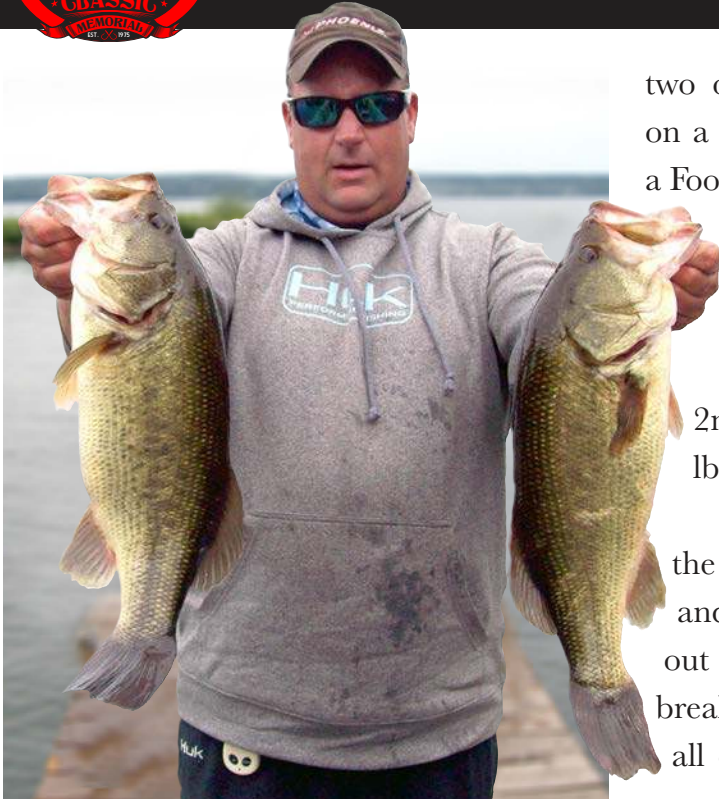


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TJ VALLE
2nd Place - 16.07 lbs.

Rod Brown with the most wins of any club member, won his fifth Rochester Bassmasters Memorial Classic with 16.56 lbs.

Rod said, "Out of all the Classic lakes in the lineup Owasco Lake was my favorite. I had some experience there from a past Rochester event and a New York Bass Federation 6 Man Team event that was held there in 2008 (*I believe*)."

My plan was to start running shallow on points with top water bait and an A-Rig. After breaking off a fish almost immediately and snapping off another A-Rig. I decided after no strikes on the topwater I moved deeper. I ran down the east side to a cottage that was on a point and started throwing a drop shot out into 25 ft. Moving around this point and a secondary point within a 1/4 mile I caught 7 keepers for the day. I got

two on Drop Shot, three on a Ned Rig and two on a Football Jig. Finding rock was a key factor in this win."

TJ Valle came in 2nd Place with 16.07 lbs. limit.

TJ said, "I started the day fishing points and progressed to flats out to the first major break, I caught fish almost all day long, just no big ones.

With my past experience fishing the fall season, I knew the water temperature would dictate where I was going to begin my day and it worked out. I caught most of my fish on a small compact Football Jig that I made myself and a A-Rig.

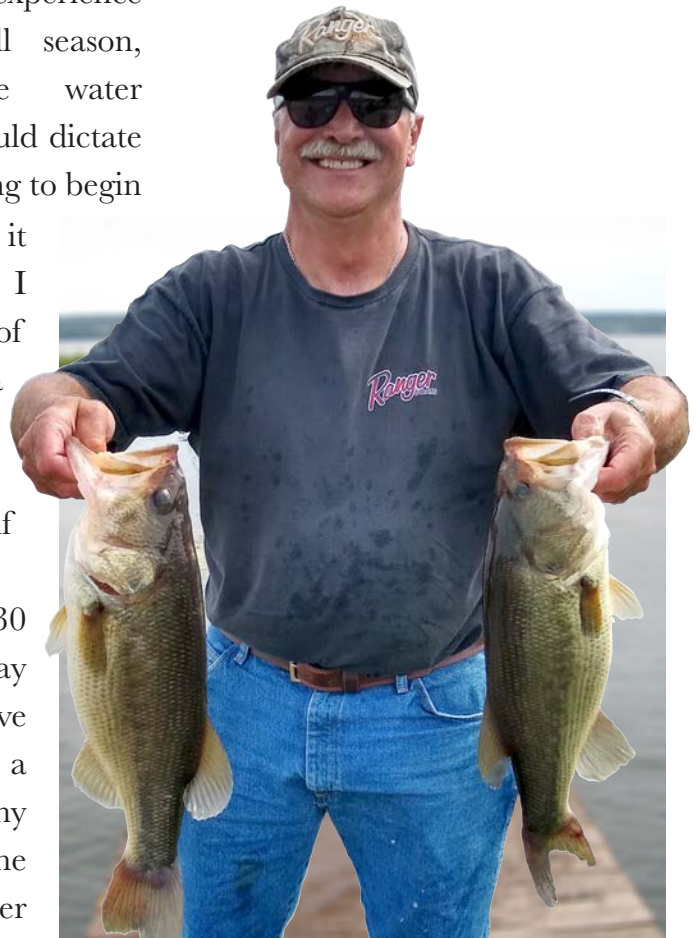
I caught 25-30 fish on the day and I would have not changed a thing about my decisions on the day. I just never hooked up with

any quality fish to boost my weight."

Rich Bush finished in 3rd Place with 14.87 lbs. bag.

Rich said, "I started the cool windy morning at the northeast end of the lake. I fished the shore with spinnerbaits and jerk baits, but had no luck finding any fish. It had a nice rocky bottom, so I switched to the Ned Rig and began to have some bites especially on a big point.

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DAN PATANE
4th Place - 9.47 lbs.

I caught 4 out of the 5 that on that point that I weighed in.

I moved a little farther south where I found rocks and I caught a 4 plus pound fish and few smaller ones. All my fish came in 4-6 feet and I only culled only once.”

With 3 nice fish *Dan Patane* weighed in 9.47 lbs. for 4th Place. Dan said, “With this classic being my first and the idea of no practice I was excited to get out on the water. It even made me get down from the tree stand which is hard to do in the fall. I started the day on a point and caught a good one on the third cast which made me say the famous words “it’s going to be lights out.” Four hours later . . . not another bite! After hitting just about every point and bay on the lake I pulled up to a spot and

“Wes the Mess” aka the “Dutchman” caught his first. After a small flurry, we were able to put a few fish in the boat. In the middle of the flurry I lost a 4-5 pounder which I was afraid was going to haunt me. Toward the end of the day I scrambled for my last bite which came on a Ned Rig in deep water to finish off my bag.

Thank you to everyone involved on in putting on such a great trail. I really enjoyed my first year with the club and I look forward to more years to come!



2019 MEMORIAL CLASSIC RESULTS OWASCO LAKE AUBURN, NEW YORK OCTOBER 13, 2019			
Place	Angler		CLASSIC WEIGHT
1	Rod Brown		16.56 lbs.
2	TJ Valle		16.07 lbs.
3	Rich Bush		14.87 lbs.
4	Dan Patane		9.47 lbs.

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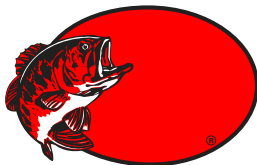
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