

Casting Competition Request!

The Casting Competition will start in May when our Outdoor meetings begin.

The club is looking for someone to take over the casting competition as the past cast of judges has been doing it for nearly a decade. Please contact Ken Hudak, Jeff Warden, Dan Matousch, or Kelly Kingery if you are interested and willing to take over this club activity. The past judges will work with you to show you the ropes and what needs to be done.

Basic duties include the following:

- 1) Before the start of the Casting Competition, an order of 18 fly boxes with the club logo on them needs to be placed with River Traditions. 3 boxes are used each outdoor meeting; 1 of the boxes are awarded to each Division winner (for a total of 15 for the year). The last 3 are awarded with the trophies to the overall Division winner for the year. (Grand total of fly boxes is 18.)
- 2) All casting rings need to be retrieved from storage location and brought to the first outdoor meeting.
 - a. The club has permission to store all the rings in the FOP garage until the last outdoor meeting in September. There is a total of 7 or 8 rings – only 5 are used for the competition.
 - b. All casting rings need to be stored over the winter.
- 3) Have the 5 casting rings set up and rod to be used rigged with the proper fly by 5:30 pm.
 - a. We only have a 4 WT and a 7 WT rod for competitions.
 - b. Past judges will provide suggested WT rod for each month.
- 4) Rings need to be picked up and put away by the end of the meeting; rod needs to be broken down and put away as well as the fly used.
- 5) For the September meeting, all the stakes need to be put in the ground every 10 feet as marked, starting with 40 feet.
 - a. There is a 100 foot tape measure in the casting competition box to measure out the markers.
 - b. There is also a hammer and rubber mallet to use for the stakes.
 - c. The wood stakes won't fit in the casting box so they are in a bag.
 - d. The past judges would bring in a rubber matt or rug to stand on to help avoid the line getting hung up in the grass while casting. You would need to bring something like a rug, rubber matt or small tarp.
- 6) A roster needs to be printed for each division in order to score the competition every month.
 - a. The new judges will be provided the Microsoft Excel spreadsheet used for this.
 - b. You need to print blank sheets (or cells) each month for the First Flight so you can add new people that come up to cast that haven't done it before and are not on the current casting roster.
 - c. We used to score the rings casting out from 1 to 5 and then back, 5 to 1 but that took too long so members only cast out from 1 to 5.
 - d. Judges need to determine a winner for each division for each competition. Fly boxes are awarded during the meeting after the meal.
- 7) An article needs to be written for the TIGHTLINES at least for May, June, July, August, September, October; and a final recap of the Awards Winners for the January TIGHTLINES after the December Awards meeting.
 - a. The new judges can be provided Templates for the articles if they would like them.
- 8) Judges need to determine the winner for each division for the year.
- 9) Judges need to contact the previous year's winners to bring the floating trophies back to the meeting (ask for them to be brought to the October meeting, but no later than the November meeting so the engravers have enough time.
- 10) Judges need to take the trophies to ALL IMAGES to get them engraved with the appropriate winner for that year and order the plaques for the winners that they get to keep as the division winner.
 - There is a box with all the supplies – a reel for each weight rod, rubber mallet, scissors, pens, and clipboard.
 - Previous judges donated the fly box, flies, tippet material, hammer, tent stakes, nippers, and calculator.
 - The box also has mouse traps that have been used in the past on some Bass Bug nights for an extra challenge (usually buying X trys for X dollars – try to set off the mouse trap with the Bass Bug). But we haven't done that in several years.

CASTING COMPETITION CUT-OFF TIME

Casting will be held ONLY from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. (Note: The new judge(s) may change this time.)

No casting will be allowed after 7:00 PM. The cut-off time will help ensure we are not holding up the meeting with scoring, etc., so come on over and cast early. If no one is casting, at the discretion of the judges, we might close as early as 6:30 PM.

This Year's lineup of events:

- **May** - **Dry Fly**
- **June** - **Nymph**

- **July** - **Roll Cast** (Max. of 15 Casts allowed to attempt all targets)
- **August** - **Bass Bug**
- **September** - **Distance competition** (Using an average of several casts)

Casting Competition Divisions are as follows:

First Flight

Those that have never won a casting event and all new casters.

Seniors

Casters who have previously won a First Flight casting event or former winners of the First Flight casting division.

Masters

Former winners of the Seniors casting division.

Competition Guidelines:

Everyone will cast to the same five rings, using the club rod.

One person from each division will be determined the winner of that night's *competition*. Based on your cumulative scores of all the events, an overall winner will be determined for each division and presented a traveling trophy in December.

Scoring: (TBD)

This is how judging has been done by the previous cast of judges.

(Judges will make the final ruling on all scores; there will be no ties for any event.)

All casters will start with 100 points.

- (-0) Those skillful enough to place the fly inside the gold ring will not lose any points.
- (-1) Any fly that lands inside the black ring will result in the deduction of 1 point.
- (-2) If the fly lands outside all the rings, 2 points will be deducted.

The person in each division with the highest score will win the event for their division.

At the end of the outdoor season, overall winners of each division will be determined by averaging scores of all events entered.

Whoever has the highest score total in their division will be awarded a trophy at the December awards banquet. Even if you don't win an event, you could still be the overall winner of your division (it's happened before!). So come on over and cast.

Remember - although we do keep score and everyone would like to win, the real point of doing this (other than to just have a good time) is to improve our casting abilities.

Good Luck!

Jeff Warden