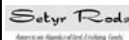




# Illinois B.A.S.S. Federation Nation

P.O. Box 703 Streator, IL 61364

www.ilfednation.com



## Frank Labanowski Voted In As New IBFN President

Frank has served as the IBFN Secretary since 2005 and acting Membership Director since 2008. Like all board members, Frank has sacrificed family and fishing time to help the IBFN run its conferences, state qualifiers and was an integral part of the development of the IHSA fishing organization. Along with his wife Vickie, Frank has been, and will continue to be an asset to the IBFN and its members. We would like to congratulate Frank on his new position and also thank Fred Iantorno for his past services. Brian Tutko has been elected IBFN Secretary.

## Conservation Times

BY MILT WALTERMIRE

Our efforts to stop the confirmation of President Obama's choice (Cass Sunstein) to head the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs has failed. However, our voices were apparently heard with great success. According to National Wild Turkey Foundation sources, the pressure applied during Sunstein's confirmation hearings made the public and elected officials very aware of his positions. As a result, he will be less likely to push and agenda that would negatively affect hunting and fishing. Several senators talked with Sunstein and he has now been educated about the toll his "theories" would have taken on everyone involved. Sunstein now says he has a much better understanding of our hunting and fishing traditions. We'll see about that.

An update on the E-15 initiative: The Senate recently passed the 2010 Interior/EPA appropriations bill, which DID NOT include and amendment filed by Senator Ben Nelson that would have required EPA to grant a waiver for E15 by Dec. 9, 2009, or be denied funding. After several days of heavy lobbying, Nelson ultimately declined to offer his amendment. It is clear he did not have the votes to pass this amendment because of the strong opposition outlined by several groups including B.A.S.S. and our Federation Nation and the National Marine Manufacturers Association. In a testament as to how bad this initiative really is, it was also opposed by the food industry, environmental groups, the hunting community, scientific organizations, citizen activists groups and health organizations. Even so, I would expect the ethanol industry and their paid advocates in Congress to keep trying, so we will most likely have to gear up again to push back.

## Order Your IBFN Gear Today!



Five Colors to choose from!

IBFN Fishing Hat \$12.00 ea.

Available in Black, Gold, Green, White, and White/Blue for \$12.00 each plus shipping. To order, email Jim Nelson at treasurer@ilfednation.com. Please state the color/quantity needed.



Actual size is 3" x 5"

IBFN Boat or Tow Vehicle Sticker \$4.00 ea.

To order, email Jim Nelson at treasurer@ilfednation.com. Please state the quantity needed. Free shipping on orders of eight or more; otherwise please add \$1 for shipping.



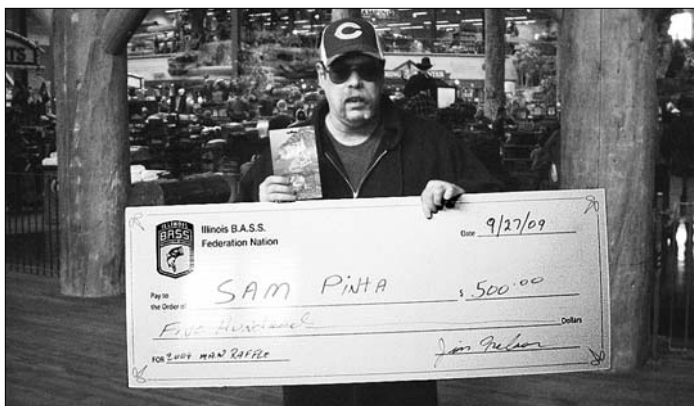
## 2009 IBFN Make-A-Wish Raffle

"It's over, it's all over." The 2009 IBFN raffle was completed in grand fashion at the Silver Springs State Park on September 26. Thank you to all the IBFN clubs who worked so diligently selling tickets to make this year's raffle such a huge

success. Congratulations to this year's winners — Don Kasper and Sam Pinta. Thank you to all who participated in this year's raffle.



Don Kasper — boat winner.



Sam Pinta — winner of a \$500 Bass Pro gift card.

## Through The Illinois B.A.S.S. Federation Nation, Wishes Can Come True

### Alexander's Story:

Alexander is a shy eight-year-old boy who is known for being a bookworm. He does live up though around people he knows like his parents and sister who he lives with in Valmeyer, Ill.

Alexander's favorite snacks are Oreos, peanut butter, and pizza. He loves robots, science, magic and animals. He would love to build his own robot one day.

Right after Alexander was born, he was diagnosed with hemophilia. Hemophilia is an inherited disease that prevents blood from clotting appropriately. Individuals with this condition have a deficiency of blood protein that prevents their blood from clotting in order to stop bleeding.

Because of the risks involved, Alexander is unable to play contact sports that could lead to an injury involving excess bleeding.

When asked to dream BIG, Alexander asked for the chance to go to Disney World. Thanks to the Illinois B.A.S.S. Federation Nation and the efforts of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Illinois, Alexander and his family were flown to Disney World for a trip of a lifetime.

The family was picked up from their home by a luxurious limousine and taken to the airport for departure. Once in Florida, Alexander and his family got the chance to experience roller coasters at Magic Kingdom, go on a safari at the Animal Kingdom, and feed the dolphins at SeaWorld.

Alexander's favorite part of the wish was when he went back in time at the Animal Kingdom to help discover fossils! The trip was a fabulous opportunity for Alexander and his family to create special memories together. It was truly a dream come true!

## IBFN CLUBS:

Send in your tournament info to be posted in Club News.

Featured Sponsor of the Month



The IBFN thanks its sponsors for their dedication to the Illinois bass fisherman.