

Good Afternoon everyone!

If anyone thought this season was starting to become predictable...Week 4 had other plans.

Week 4 of the 2026 Suskie Bassmasters Wednesday Night Series is officially in the books, and once again the Susquehanna River made anglers earn every bite. The river remained low at 1.5 feet on the Wilkes-Barre gauge, flowing at approximately 4,460 CFS, while the exceptionally clear water kept the bass on high alert. A sunny 83-degree evening, light winds, and a steady 30.00 inHg barometer made for another beautiful night on the water—even if the bass didn't make things easy.

The encouraging news is that the fish continue to get healthier. While only 17 fish were brought to the scales by 47 anglers fishing from 22 boats, those fish continue to put on weight. The average fish climbed again this week to 1.37 pounds, another sign that the post-spawn recovery is underway. It feels like we're getting closer every week to seeing those thick summer footballs everyone knows the Susquehanna is capable of producing.

Week 4 Tournament Sponsor

This week's tournament sponsor is the Lunker Ladies, a fantastic group of women anglers who have become an important part of the Suskie Bassmasters family. They're not only active competitors on Wednesday nights, but they've also been longtime supporters and annual sponsors of our club.

Year after year, the Lunker Ladies continue to support our tournaments, strengthen our club, and prove that a passion for bass fishing is something to be shared by everyone. Their dedication, enthusiasm, and willingness to give back are greatly appreciated by all of our members.

A sincere thank you goes out to the Lunker Ladies for sponsoring this week's tournament and for everything they continue to do for the Suskie Bassmasters. We truly appreciate your continued support!

WEEK 4 TOURNAMENT STATS

 47 anglers

 22 boats

 17 fish weighed

 23.28 lbs total weight

 1.37 lb average fish weight

RIVER & WEATHER CONDITIONS

 River Level: 1.5 ft (*Wilkes-Barre Gauge*)

 Flow: Approximately 4,460 CFS

 Water Clarity: Exceptionally Clear

 Weather: Sunny

 Air Temperature: 83°F

 Light Wind

 Barometric Pressure: 30.00 inHg

SEASON TOTALS

 66 fish weighed

 85.23 lbs total weight

 1.29 lb season average

NOW FOR THE RESULTS...

The Susquehanna continued to make anglers work for every bite this week, but the fish that reached the scales were noticeably healthier than they were just a few weeks ago. It may still be a grind, but the trend is definitely heading in the right direction.

The excitement at the weigh-in centered around Team McGovern, who held the lead for much of the evening with a beautiful 1.81-pound smallmouth. As each team stepped up to the scales, it looked more and more like they might just hang on for their first victory of the season.

One month into the season, one thing is becoming very clear...

Nobody is running away with this championship.

Before we get into this week's results, I'd like to apologize for the delay in posting this week's recap. While putting everything together, I discovered that I had assigned a few teams to the wrong finishing positions. Rather than leave incorrect results posted, I pulled the recap to verify everything against the official Week 4 standings. Thank you for your patience, and now...on to the correct results!

Wildcard Winner (9th Place)

This week's Wildcard winner goes to Team Saypack, who picked up the Wildcard payout with a 14-inch, 1.28 lb smallmouth.

Unfortunately, they had already headed home before the payouts were announced, so this week's Wildcard prize goes unclaimed.

The good news? Next week's Wildcard payout grows to approximately \$60! So if you think you might be in the money, it may be worth sticking around a few extra minutes—you never know when your name might be called!

4th Place

Congratulations to Team Russo, who brought a solid 16-inch smallmouth weighing 1.75 lbs to the scales.

On another evening where every quality bite mattered, Team Russo found themselves making another trip to the payout table. In a season that's proving to be incredibly competitive, every cash finish is valuable, and this one keeps them right in the hunt as the Team of the Year race continues to tighten.

3rd Place

Congratulations to Team Lacomis, whose 16¼-inch smallmouth weighing 1.75 lbs earned them a third-place finish.

Not only did Team Lacomis make another trip to the payout table, they also made the biggest jump in the Team of the Year standings this week, climbing five spots. That's proof that one strong Wednesday night can make a big difference as the season unfolds.

2nd Place

Congratulations to Team McGovern, who weighed a beautiful 15⅝-inch smallmouth tipping the scales at 1.81 lbs.

For much of the evening, it looked like Team McGovern had done enough to earn the Week 4 victory. Their fish sat atop the leaderboard as team after team made their way to the scales, and with each passing minute, the excitement around the weigh-in table continued to grow.

Although they were eventually edged out for the top spot, it was another outstanding performance and a well-earned second-place finish.

1st Place – WEEK 4 WINNERS

Congratulations to Team Mrochko on capturing the Week 4 victory!

One of the Suskie Bassmasters' longtime husband-and-wife teams, Team Mrochko has had a rough start to the 2026 season, but Wednesday night was a reminder that every tournament is a fresh start.

On another challenging evening where quality bites were hard to come by, they stayed with it and were rewarded with a beautiful 16 $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch smallmouth weighing 1.90 lbs, earning their first Wednesday Night Series victory of the season.

It's always great to see longtime members rewarded for sticking with it, and after a slow start to the year, Team Mrochko showed exactly why you can never count them out.

The victory also gave Team Mrochko a big jump in the Team of the Year standings, proving just how quickly things can change in this year's championship race.

Congratulations to Team Mrochko on a well-earned Week 4 victory, and best of luck the rest of the season! 🏆

TRENDING

Four weeks into the season, some interesting trends are beginning to emerge.

🐟 Highest Average Fish of the Season: Week 4 produced the highest average fish weight so far at 1.37 lbs, another sign that the post-spawn recovery is well underway.

⚖️ 66 bass have now crossed the scales, totaling 85.23 pounds, for a season average of 1.29 lbs per fish.

🏆 Four tournaments...four different winners. No team has repeated in the winner's circle through the first month of the season.

📈 Biggest Move: Team Lacomis made the biggest jump in the Team of the Year standings this week, climbing five spots from 15th to 10th.

🐟 Only one bass over 2 pounds has been weighed through the first four tournaments, proving just how challenging the bite has been this season.

SMALL FISH OF THE YEAR UPDATE

The Small Fish of the Year pool remains unchanged this week.

Team Geist continues to lead the Small Fish of the Year standings with the smallest qualifying bass of the season. With plenty of tournaments still to go, there's always a chance someone will catch one just a little bit smaller and claim the title.

Remember...sometimes the smallest fish of the season can still be worth some money!

50/50 UPDATE

For the first time in years, there wasn't a 50/50 drawing Wednesday night.

Apparently, someone forgot to bring the 50/50 supplies.

Coincidence?

Lori Shaffer declined to comment.

The committee has officially launched an investigation, and at this time no further statements have been released. 😊

Hopefully everything will be back to normal next Wednesday.

📌 CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

🚤 A friendly reminder to all anglers:

The area between the levee wall and the Market Street Bridge becomes a No Wake Zone beginning approximately 30 minutes before weigh-in.

If you're returning from downstream, please come off plane before passing under the Market Street Bridge and idle the rest of the way to the launch.

We've had a few incidents where large wakes have made it difficult for teams loading boats onto their trailers. Your cooperation helps make the end of the evening safer and smoother for everyone. Thank you!

📅 SUSKIE BASSMASTERS WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES – WEEK 5

We'll do it all again next Wednesday!

📄 Registration: Approximately 4:30 PM

🚤 Launch: 5:30 PM

🐟 Weigh-In: 9:00 PM *(All boats must be between the bridges by 9:00 PM.)*

Tournament results, Team of the Year standings, and weekly recaps are also available on our website at www.suskiebass.org. If you notice any mistakes, omissions, or discrepancies in this week's recap or standings, please let us know. We do our best to keep everything accurate and appreciate your help in making sure our records stay correct.

One month of the 2026 season is officially in the books, and what a start it's been. The fish are getting healthier, the Team of the Year race is tightening up, and every Wednesday night continues to write a new chapter in what is shaping up to be an outstanding season.

Will Week 5 give us our first repeat winner, or will another team add their name to the growing list of Wednesday night champions?

There's only one way to find out...

Let's do it all again next Wednesday.

Good luck, tight lines, and heavy bags! 🏏