

Good Afternoon everyone!

FOR THE PEOPLE WHO LIKE IT QUICK.....TEAM MATTY CENTAK TAKES THE WEEK 5 WIN!

If Week 4 hinted that the Susquehanna River was starting to wake up...Week 5 removed all doubt.

The fifth week of the 2026 Suskie Bassmasters Wednesday Night Series brought the kind of evening anglers have been waiting for. Attendance climbed to a **season-high 51 anglers fishing from 25 boats**, more bass found their way to the scales than in any previous tournament this season, and for the first time this year, multiple bass broke the coveted two-pound mark.

Twenty-one bass crossed the scales for a total weight of **27.68 pounds**, highlighted by the **heaviest winning fish of the season**. While the average fish weight settled at **1.32 pounds**, the quality at the top of the leaderboard made it clear that the bigger summer bass are finally beginning to show themselves.

If you've been waiting for the river to turn the corner, **Week 5 may have been the night it finally happened.**

Week 5 Tournament Sponsor

This week's tournament sponsor is **Ole Tyme Charlies Pub & Grill**, located at **31 South River Street, Plains, PA 18705**.

A longtime supporter of the Suskie Bassmasters and many other local organizations, Ole Tyme Charlies has become a favorite gathering place for anglers, families, and friends throughout the Wyoming Valley. Known for its outstanding food, welcoming atmosphere, and commitment to supporting the local community, they've proudly supported our club for years.

Whether you're looking for a great meal after a night on the river, a place to meet up with friends, or somewhere to relax and catch the game, be sure to stop by **Ole Tyme Charlies** and thank them for supporting local fishing and our Wednesday Night Series.

Ole Tyme Charlies is open Tuesday through Saturday from 6:00 PM until 2:00 AM and is conveniently located at 31 South River Street in Plains Township.

We sincerely appreciate **Ole Tyme Charlies Pub & Grill** for sponsoring Week 5!

WEEK 5 TOURNAMENT STATS

 51 anglers

 25 boats

 21 fish weighed

 27.68 lbs total weight

 1.32 lb average fish weight

RIVER & WEATHER CONDITIONS

 River Level: **0.8 ft** (*Wilkes-Barre Gauge*)

 Flow: Approximately **4,300 CFS**

 Water Clarity: **Crystal Clear**

 Weather: Partly Sunny

 Air Temperature: Approximately **81°F**

 Light Northwest Wind

 Barometric Pressure: Approximately **29.90 inHg**

SEASON TOTALS

 87 fish weighed

 112.91 lbs total weight

 1.30 lb season average

NOW FOR THE RESULTS...

Week 5 certainly didn't disappoint. With a season-high turnout, more fish hitting the scales than any tournament so far this year, and several bass eclipsing the two-pound mark, anglers quickly found out that an average fish wasn't going to be enough to earn a trip to the payout table.

On the Bubble

This week's visit to the **Bubble Club** belongs to **Team Bevilaqua**, who finished **6th** with a solid **1.43-pound** smallmouth.

With a season-high **51 anglers**, the Wednesday Night Series paid out **five places** this week, making **6th place** this week's Bubble Club position.

On many Wednesday nights, a fish like that would have been enough to cash a check. This week, it was just one spot short—a testament to how much the fishing has improved.

Wildcard Winner (10th Place)

This week's **Wildcard** winner goes to **Team Hamm**, who claimed the Wildcard with a **14⁷/₈-inch, 1.36-pound** smallmouth.

It may not have been a trip to the trophy table, but any night that ends with a little extra gas money is a good one. Congratulations to **Team Hamm** on picking up this week's Wildcard prize.

More importantly, **Team Hamm continues to lead the Team of the Year standings**, proving that consistency is paying off through the first five tournaments. With plenty of fishing still ahead, they'll be looking to hang on to that top spot as the championship race heats up.

4th Place

Congratulations to **Team Kane**, who brought a **14⁵/₈-inch smallmouth weighing 1.48 pounds** to the scales.

Another week, another quality fish, and another trip to the payout table. **Team Kane** continues to quietly put together one of the strongest seasons in the club, proving that consistency is one of the biggest keys to success in the Team of the Year race.

3rd Place

Congratulations to **Team Mrochko**, who followed up last week's victory with another strong showing, bringing a **15¹/₄-inch smallmouth weighing 1.67 pounds** to the scales.

Back-to-back trips to the payout table are never easy, especially with the level of competition we've seen this season. After a rough start to the year, **Team Mrochko** has quickly turned things around and continues to climb the Team of the Year standings.

2nd Place

Congratulations to **Team Orloski**, who landed a beautiful **16³/₄-inch smallmouth weighing 2.11 pounds**.

One of several bass to break the two-pound mark this week, Team Jerry Orloski's fish would have been good enough to win almost any tournament we've held this season. Unfortunately for them, another team found just a little bit bigger bite.

Even so, it was an outstanding catch and a well-earned second-place finish.

1st Place – WEEK 5 WINNERS

Congratulations to **Team Matty Centak** on capturing the Week 5 victory!

Week after week, **Team Matty Centak** continues to prove why they're one of the teams to beat in this year's Wednesday Night Series. On a night when the river finally started producing bigger fish, they rose to the occasion with a beautiful **17-inch smallmouth weighing 2.23 pounds**, earning both the Week 5 championship and extending their **Lunker of the Year** lead.

With multiple two-pound fish hitting the scales, the competition was fierce, but Team Matty Centak's fish stood tallest when it mattered most.

The victory also moves **Team Matty Centak** into **2nd place** in the Team of the Year standings, keeping the championship race incredibly close as we head into Week 6.

Congratulations to **Team Matty Centak** on another outstanding performance. We'll see if they can keep the momentum rolling next Wednesday! 🏆

TRENDING

Five weeks into the season, the numbers are beginning to tell the story.

 **Season-High Attendance:** Week 5 welcomed **51 anglers**, the largest turnout of the season.

 **Most Fish Weighed: 21 bass** crossed the scales, the highest single-night total so far this year.

 **The big fish have finally arrived.** After only one bass over two pounds was weighed during the first four tournaments, **multiple bass topped the 2-pound mark** in Week 5, including the new **Lunker of the Year** at **2.23 pounds**.

 **Biggest Move:** **Team Matty Centak** made the biggest jump in the Team of the Year standings this week, climbing **five spots** into **2nd place**.

 **Five weeks...five different winners.** Through the first five tournaments, no team has repeated in the winner's circle, showing just how competitive the Wednesday Night Series has become.

SMALL FISH OF THE YEAR UPDATE

The **Small Fish of the Year** race remains unchanged.

Team Geist continues to hold the lead with the smallest qualifying bass of the season. As always, it only takes one slightly smaller fish to take over the top spot, so every fish that reaches the scales still matters.

Remember...sometimes the smallest fish of the year can still earn you some bragging rights—and a little extra money at the end of the season!

50/50 UPDATE

Good news...the proper channels remembered to bring the 50/50 supplies this week! 😊

Congratulations to Lori Mrochko, who took home this week's 50/50 prize.

Coincidence?

Three of this season's four 50/50 drawings (75%) have now been won by someone named Lori.

Lori 50/50 Statistics

-  Total 50/50 drawings: **4**
-  Winners named Lori: **3**

-  **75%** of all 50/50 drawings this season have been won by a Lori.

The committee has officially elevated the investigation to a Level 2 inquiry. At this time, no evidence of wrongdoing has been uncovered...but the statistics are becoming increasingly difficult to ignore.



SUSKIE BASSMASTERS WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES – WEEK 6

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.

Five weeks are now in the books, and the 2026 Wednesday Night Series just keeps getting better. Attendance continues to grow, the fishing is improving, and the Team of the Year race is tightening up with every tournament.

Will **Team Hamm** continue to protect their Team of the Year lead? Can **Team Matty Centak** keep the momentum rolling after their Week 5 victory? Or will Week 6 produce yet another first-time winner?

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

Let's do it all again next Wednesday.

Good luck, tight lines, and heavy bags! 