



Strong Showing for HOA at Team Regional Tournament; Six Anglers Qualify for State Championship

Cayuga Lake—Union Springs, NY

June 18–19, 2016

There was a small eruption in Union Springs, NY on June 18. Late that Saturday evening, Hawghunters of Allentown learned that angler **Jon Hardenberg** landed the day's lunker, a 5.76 lb. largemouth, helping to catapult HOA Team 1 to second place, just a half pound out of the lead. The boys were on the bite.

Two long, grinding days of practice paid off as the game plan came together for HOA at the 2016 PA Bass Federation Team Regional Tournament held on Cayuga Lake. Fueled by **Hardenberg** and **Charlie Harris's** top six individual performances, HOA Team 1 delivered a 4th place finish (22 teams), the club's best since winning the tournament in 2010.

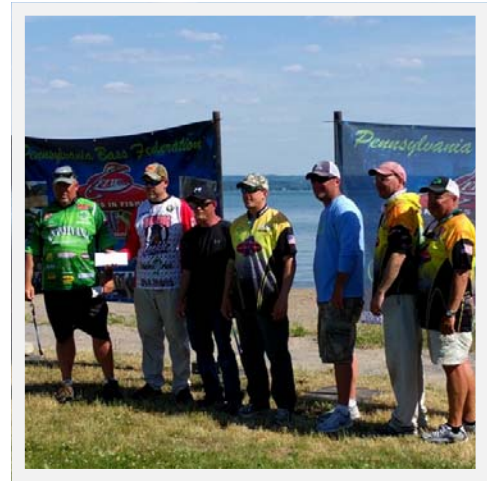
The team, comprised of three anglers and three co-anglers, caught a total of 147.54 lbs. for the two-day tournament. **Harris**, 5th place overall, sacked 31.14 lbs. while **Hardenberg** was right on his heels with 30.66 lbs., good enough for 6th place. Both anglers qualify for the The Bass Federation National Semi Final at Lake Champlain in October. Reigning HOA Angler of the Year **Mike McNicholas** also put forth a solid performance, landing two limits for 26.46 lbs., earning him a spot in the PA State Championship at Lake Wallenpaupack in September.

On the Co-Angler side, **Mark Ream** once again proved that he is a force in the back of the boat. His 23.93 lbs. locked up 15th place (co-angler division) and a trip to the state championship. Strong fishing by **Kevin Fulmer** and **John Palmer** rounded out a great team effort which earned the club a pay check.

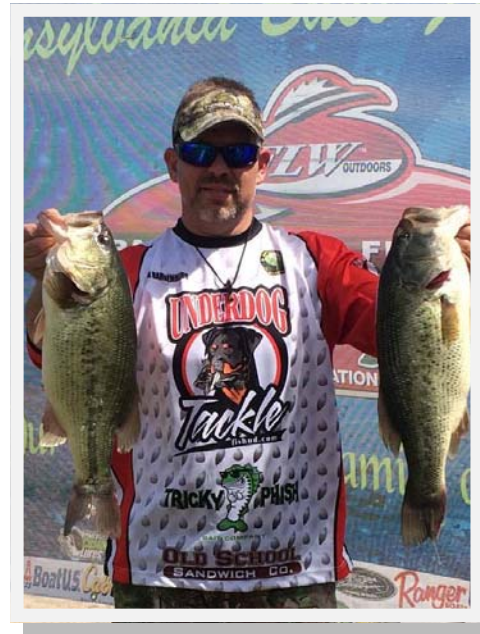
Overcoming its Inexperience, Team Two Shows Promise

HOA was fortunate to be represented by two teams at the Regional Team tournament. Team veteran, Club President and senior member **Tim McNicholas** did his best to share his knowledge of the lake, with most HOA Team 2 members making their first trip to Cayuga. After day one, HOA Team 2 found itself in 19th place, but rallied on Sunday leaping six spots to finish 13th with 122.77 lbs.

Boater **Mitch Metcalf** anchored Team 2 with 26.54 lbs., securing 24th place and a spot in the State Championship. Fishing for the first time at Cayuga Lake, **Jason Penrose** impressed with 23.99 lbs. to lead all HOA co-anglers while finishing 14th and qualifying for the State Championship. Boater **Ricky Ritter's** 22.17 lbs. helped carry the team while co-anglers **Harrison Hunter** and **Evan Rehrig** put fish in the well and pounds on the scoreboard.



HOA Team 1 finished the tournament in 4th place and earned the club a paycheck.



Jon Hardenberg caught two five pounders on the first day of the tournament. His 5.76lb. claimed day one lunker honors.

Place	Participant	Division	Total Weight
5th	Charlie Harris	Angler	31.14 lbs.
6th	Jon Hardenberg	Angler	30.66 lbs.
26th	Mike McNicholas	Angler	26.46 lbs.
15th	Mark Ream	Co-Angler	23.93 lbs.
32nd	Kevin Fulmer	Co-Angler	20.82 lbs.
51st	John Palmer	Co-Angler	14.53 lbs.

Place	Participant	Division	Total Weight
24th	Mitch Metcalf	Angler	26.54 lbs.
44th	Ricky Ritter	Angler	22.17 lbs.
52nd	Tim McNicholas	Angler	19.34 lbs.
14th	Jason Penrose	Co-Angler	23.99 lbs.
39th	Harrison Hunter	Co-Angler	18.94 lbs.
59th	Evan Rehrig	Co-Angler	11.79 lbs.

