



## Up Ahead: The wonderful world of tournament casting

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Get Ready...  
Get Set...  
GO!  
To the 96th ACA  
National!

This is the big one. For North America anyway. The 96<sup>th</sup> American Casting Association National Tournament. The place? Lexington, Kentucky. Home of racing, great food, warm hospitality, but also home to the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League, which will host the tournament. Those of us who were privileged to attend the 94th Annual National know that is the place to be August 2-7 2004. You'll find all the details inside.

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What happened at the  
8th National Indoor  
Tournament?

Plenty! I heard Henry Mittel had to pay excess baggage for all the gold medals he won. Other big winners were: John Seroczynski (lots of silver medals, and the gorgeous All-American Casting Trophy); Ed Lanser (took most of the gold in the Seniors); Pam Peters (eight gold medals!) and lots of others.

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The Revel Brothers!  
Are they the upcoming  
Rajeffs?

Their names are Dustin and George. They are only 14 and 15 and they *WOWed* those of us who attended last year's National and Northwestern Tournaments. But a tremendous amount of credit must go to their coach Guy Manning and their dad Andre Revel. ***This is a "must read" for everyone who wants to get their children involved in the world of tournament casting.***

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And speaking of the  
Rajeff brothers....

They certainly were smiling after their incredible victory at the Fly Fishing Masters tournament. Tim and Steve won the casting tournament and then the trout fishing competition, and this earned them first place honors and \$30,000 cash.

Okay, they're not quite in Tiger Woods' financial bracket (at least we don't think they are!) but they are every bit as good in their sport as Tiger is in his. Maybe better.

# What happened at the 8<sup>th</sup> National Indoor Casting Tournament



The 8<sup>th</sup> National Indoor Casting Tournament, held at McCormick Place, Chicago, January 23-25, 2004, was a huge success. Much credit goes not only to the Seroczynskis, Bill Burke (who handled the laptop computer for almost instantaneous results), the judges and so many others, but also to Jennifer Faulk, her staff and the Chicago Boat, RV and Outdoors Show which co-hosted the event with the Chicago Angling and Casting Club.

One of the most appreciated features this year, was the addition of a full-sized practice casting pool just a few yards away from the main casting pool. This allowed casters to practice or warm up before the main event. This also served as a “classroom” for the many young people (and some adults) who wanted to learn to cast.

Although there were many outstanding casting results, here are some of the incredible accomplishments at the tournament.

■ Henry Mittel won five Gold Medals (1<sup>st</sup> Place) in the six accuracy events, coming in second (Silver Medal) in the 1/4 oz. spinning event (Andy Statt captured the Gold Medal in that event with a 99!) Henry also won the All Accuracy, Accuracy Plugs and Accuracy Flies for a total of eight Gold Medals!

■ John Seroczynski won five Silver Medals coming in second place in Dry Fly, Trout Fly, Bass Bug, All Accuracy and All Flies and won a Bronze Medal (3<sup>rd</sup> Place) in 3/8 oz. plug. He also captured the prestigious All-American Special Trophy (open only to casters who have won a Gold, Silver or Bronze Medal in a National Casting Tournament).

■ Ed Lanser, was awarded six Gold Medals (1<sup>st</sup> Place) in 5/8 oz. Plug, Trout Fly, Bass Bug, and the combined All Plugs, All Flies and All Accuracy. He also earned a Silver Medal in 1/4 oz. Plug and a Bronze in Dry Fly.

■ Pam Peters won nine medals in the Women’s Division She was awarded eight Gold Medals (1<sup>st</sup> Place) in 3/8 oz. Plug, 5/8 oz. Plug, Dry Fly, Trout Fly, Bass Bug, All Accuracy, All Plug and All Flies. She also won a Bronze medal in the 1/4 oz. Spinning.

■ Andy Tulgetske, Josh Carl and Mitchell Mysliwy dominated the Intermediate, Junior and Youth Divisions.

■ Becky Statt won the Non-Adult All-American Trophy after winning a shoot-off with Glenn Carl.

■ There were 24 new National Indoor records set and three scores that tied previous records.

*Below Right: Becky Statt won the Non-Adult All American Trophy while John Seroczynski won the All American. Only casters who had won a medal in a National were allowed to compete in the All American.*



*“PERFECT!” Yell the judges as Pam Peters shoots the plug into the target. She won eight Gold Medals!*



# 8th ACA Indoor National Tournament Results

## TROUT FLY ACCURACY

### *Men's Division*

1. Henry Mittel 96
2. John Seroczynski 95
3. David Roberts 93

### *Senior Division*

1. Ed Lanser 94 \*\*
2. Bill Van Natter 93
3. Bill Clements 92

### *Ladies Division*

1. Pam Peters 89 \*\*
2. Peg Van Natter 83
3. Beth Statt 80

### *Intermediate*

1. Andy Tulgetske 89 \*

### *Juniors*

1. Josh Carl 84 \*
2. Glenn Carl 81

## DRY FLY ACCURACY

### *Men's Division*

1. Henry Mittel 99
2. John Seroczynski 97
3. Dale Lanser 94

### *Senior Division*

1. Bill Clements 94
2. Tony Yap 92
3. Ed Lanser 92

### *Ladies Division*

1. Pam Peters 92
2. Peg Van Natter 87

3. Beth Statt 83

### *Intermediates*

1. Andy Tulgetske 90 \*\*

### *Juniors*

1. Josh Carl 75 \*
2. Glenn Carl 70

## BASS BUG ACCURACY

### *Men's Division*

1. Henry Mittel 95
2. John Seroczynski 94
3. Jim Carl 93

### *Senior Division*

1. Ed Lanser 89
2. Tony Yap 89
3. Bill Van Natter 86

### *Ladies Division*

1. Pam Peters 85
2. Peg Van Natter 83
3. Beth Statt 77

### *Intermediates*

1. Andy Tulgetske 79\*

### *Juniors*

1. Josh Carl 81\*
2. Glenn Carl 76

## 1/4 OZ. ACCURACY

### *Men's Division*

1. Andy Statt 99 \*
2. Henry Mittel 96
3. David Roberts 94

### *Senior Division*

1. Gus Beushausen 92 \*
2. Ed Lanser 90
3. Bill Clements 89

### *Ladies Division*

1. Beth Statt 85
2. Peg Van Natter 84
3. Pam Peters 78

### *Intermediates*

1. Becky Statt 82 \*
2. Andy Tulgetske 80

### *Juniors*

1. Glenn Carl 80 \*
2. Josh Carl 59

## 5/8 OZ. ACCURACY

### *Men's Division*

1. Henry Mittel 98
2. Ray L. Huber 94
3. David Roberts 93

### *Senior Division*

1. Ed Lanser 95
2. Pete Edwards 93
3. Tom Gong 93

### *Ladies Division*

1. Pam Peters 89\*
2. Beth Statt 72
3. Peg Van Natter 54

### *Intermediates*

1. Becky Statt 86 \*
2. Andy Tulgetske 82

### *Juniors*

1. Glenn Carl 80 \*
2. Josh Carl 67

### *Youth*

1. Mitchell Mysliwy 77\*
2. Sarah Thomas 54

## 3/8 OZ. ACCURACY

### *Men's Division*

1. Henry Mittel 96
2. David Roberts 95
3. John Seroczynski 94

### *Senior Division*

1. Dick Fujita 93 \*
2. Jim Chapralis 89
3. Phil Seroczynski 89

### *Ladies Division*

1. Pam Peters 93 \*
2. Beth Statt 86
3. Peg Van Natter 72

### *Intermediates*

1. Andy Tulgetske 80
2. Becky Statt 68

### *Juniors*

1. Josh Carl 50

### *Youth*

1. Mitchell Mysliwy 72 \*

\* New Nat'l Indoor Record

\*\*Ties Nat'l Indoor Record



**Above:** Bill Burke completes the Dry Fly Event. "Cajun Bill" Clements on deck. **Right:** Tom Gong and Tony Yap wait their for their "moment of truth."



# The 96<sup>th</sup> ACA National Tournament Schedule of Events

## Monday, August 2

Practice Day at Distance Field

## Tuesday, August 3

18G 2-Hand Revolving Spool

Distance

18G 2-Hand Spinning

7.5G 1-Hand Spinning

## Wednesday, August 4

2-Hand Fly Distance

1-Hand Fly Distance

Angler's Fly Distance

## Thursday, August 5

Dry Fly Accuracy

Trout Fly Accuracy

Annual Business Meeting

## Friday, August 6

Bass Bug Accuracy

1/4 oz. Plug Accuracy

3/8 oz. Plug Accuracy

## Saturday, August 7

5/8 oz. Plug Accuracy

5/8 oz. Plug Club Team Event

*Annual Banquet & Awards Ceremony*

**NOTE:** *Practice at BGSL*

*club grounds every day until 9:00 PM*

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*Top: BGSL's casting pools are superb;*

*Below: Distance casting events take place at the polo grounds.*

This ACA rate is US \$89 per night plus 12.36% tax (1-5 persons per suite at no extra charge). There are suites with a king size bed and a couch and suites with two double beds and a couch.

Please specify your preference at the time you make the reservation.

The cutoff date for the special rate is July 1, 2004.

Free airport shuttle service and free parking at hotel. When **making your reservation, state that you are with the ACA to get a special rate!**



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# 96<sup>th</sup> American Casting Association National Tournament

## REGISTRATION FORM

Blue Grass Sportsmen's League Casting Division, Tournament Host

**August 2-7, 2004, Lexington, KY**

Please complete & return registration form by July 15, 2004.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Day-Time Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ *(Your e-mail address will be kept confidential)*

**REGISTRATION FEE:** Individual . . . . . \$25.00 Family. . . . . \$15.00 per person

**EVENT FEES:** **Seniors, Women, Men, Intermediates** \$8.00 per event **Juniors** \$2.00 per event  
**Team Event** (maximum of two teams per club) \$10.00 per team (paid @ event)

DISTANCE EVENTS	Senior Men	Women	Men	Intermediates	Juniors	Youth
18 gm Revolving Spool (2-Hand) Tuesday						
18 gm Spinning (2-Hand) – Tuesday						
7.5 gm Spinning (1-Hand) – Tuesday						
Two Hand Fly (1-Hand) – Wednesday						
Single Hand Fly – Wednesday						
Angler's Fly – Wednesday						
ACCURACY EVENTS						
Dry Fly – Thursday						
Trout Fly – Thursday						
Bass Bug – Friday						
1/4 oz. Plug – Friday						
3/8 oz. Plug – Friday						
5/8 oz. Plug – Saturday						

**REGISTRATION FEE** . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Events \_\_\_\_\_ X \$8.00 . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Events \_\_\_\_\_ X \$2.00 . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Sub-Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Creel Subscription (optional) \$7.00). . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND TOTAL** (in U.S. Dollars) . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: ACA/BGSL. Please send registration forms prior to July 1, 2004 to:  
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**NOTE: Payment on-site prior to first event is permissible. Please send registration form early so that tournament officials can prepare score cards and rosters.**

# The Amazing REVEL Brothers

## **Q: How long have the Revel boys been casting?**

GM: I believe we started about 20 months ago. They had already obtained a rough foundation in casting from *The Fly Shop* in Redding, CA. They both had 40+ foot casts with relatively decent loops. But, they lacked an understanding of the relationship between target distance and stroke length and timing. They also need to work on improving their form, especially the stopping of the back cast.

## **Q: How did they get interested in tournament casting?**

GM: I would like to say it was all my "fault" but it wasn't. Andre, their dad, had (and still has) family living across the street from where Tim and Steve Rajeff grew up in San Francisco. He would tell his boys stories about their casting accomplishments. About two years ago, Andre and I got involved in a project to put handicapped access fishing docks at Anderson River Park in Anderson where the Revels live.

Because the boys were always with him I came to know them. I offered a lesson and found they were interested in tournament casting. So I bought some 14-inch pizza tins for targets. We

Dustin is only 14 and weighs about 85 pounds. He cast 109 feet in the Angler's Fly Event in the 2003 Nationals. George is 15, and he cast 126 feet. They also cast 92 and 94 respectively in the Dry Fly Event. They've procured a fly-tying business. Give tremendous credit to their dad, Andre, and their casting coach Guy Manning. This is a "must read" for anyone who wants to teach a youngster to cast! We interviewed Guy Manning (GM) last fall.

worked with the tins for a few months then when the boys expressed an interest in the 2002 Northwestern tournament we bought some PVC irrigation hose and built 24-inch rings. We met every other week and cast for 2 to 3 hours. When we got to the Northwestern they were amazed at how large the REAL rings were. I had created smaller rings on purpose.

## **Q: Do they fish?**

GM: Yes... From what I understand Andre kind of insisted they learn to fly fish over other methods. Their house is about two blocks from the Lower Sacramento River in Anderson. Andre runs a Drift Boat Rental Service out of their home so they fished often. The Revels' and my fishing hours have been drastically reduced due to the boys commitment to compete in the Nationals. I don't believe they regret that and I know I don't.

## **Q: How do they get to the Golden Gate Casting Club?**

GM: We only go there if we're in the San Francisco area for a sports shows or a tournament. Dad is at all events. He doesn't believe in dropping them off so someone else can mind them.

## **Q: Are there other casters who coach them?**

GM: They also met Tony Yap of the San Jose Casting Club. Tony had spent some time with them prior to my involvement

**LEFT:** George, Steve Rajeff and Doug Statt watch Dustin tie a fly.  
**RIGHT:** George cast an amazing 126-ft. in the 2003 Nationals!

and he still calls them up and meets with them. They get a lot of coaching from other casters, too. George and Dusty also listen to experts at the sports shows and ask many questions. During one distance competition, Dusty was given some advice by one of the tournament directors that was not advantageous to take and he didn't cast as well as he could have. This actually turned out to be a good thing because it made them both consider that:

1. Not all advice is good advice.
2. Just because it comes from an adult it doesn't mean it's always right.

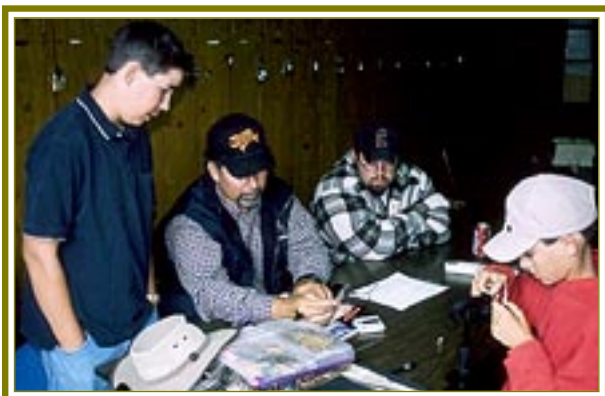


3. Do a little judging of the other person's casting techniques before taking their advice, and,

4. It is wiser to stick with what you have already learned and practiced while you are at a tournament. New or different techniques are things to practice **after** the tournament, when nothing is at stake.

## **Q: Does their father cast in tournaments? Fish?**

GM: Andre makes attempts at it but has never really put in the time to become more than a competent caster. Much of the reason for this is that he is



the "team manager" while I am doing the coaching. He has taken up the role of scorekeeper and distance/accuracy judge while we are working together. At the tournaments Andre participates as scorekeeper and general helper.

I think that the real issue with Andre, as a single father, is that his concern is for his two sons. We both believe that kids need to find an activity that they can focus their excess energies toward. We (all four of us) seem to have accomplished this as a group: The boys have set goals and are pursuing those goals. Andre has helped the boys find and develop an interest in fly fishing. I have taken the boys raw talent and energies and molded them to the point where Dusty and George can objectively see what skill level they are at. As for fishing, Andre often ends up sacrificing his time to the boys. Andre does most of the rowing when they are on the river.

**Q: Will they compete at Lexington, KY for the 2004 National ?**

GM: That's one of their goals. Tim Paxton of Paxton's Buggy Nymph Dubbing Company recently sold his business to the boys for an extremely

generous price because their uncle taught Tim how to fly cast at no charge. The boys will most likely finance their trip to Lexington with the profits from the business.

**Q: What advice would you give adults teaching youngsters?**

GM: It's important with kids to give them some room to do their thing while training. Since the boys both love to do the long double-haul casts I will usually give them some time just to play at whatever they want, during the first part of a session. After a bit I'll find something they may be doing that will allow me to segue into a lesson mode. We will then practice, and cast for score, using what we just learned. I ask them a lot of questions about techniques and also let them experiment with things they may have considered on their own. I challenge them to think the differences through and tell me why they may feel one thing is better than another. It is only after all of this that I give my opinion, and why I feel it is better or worse than their approach.

Also, I had a few occasions where one of the boys might go into "teen-

ager mode". This is the condition every teenager suffers from where they become convinced that they know it all and that the adult knows nothing. I use two techniques to overcome this.

1. Since this is usually associated with a demonstration, I will tell them to watch or look at me. Many time I can get their attention back this way.

2. If this fails, I will call them on the attitude. I will say something like, "I'm attempting to show you something important here, but I can see in your eyes that you are not in a receptive frame of mind right now. So I will just stop trying to help you until I see that you are more inclined to listen." It is amazing how quickly they recover when they want to.

**And this just In....**

We just heard that George Revel cast 94 ft.10 in. with a five-weight outfit to capture 2nd place at the recent San Mateo ISE show! We're talking Adults Division, folks.

Dustin, his brother, cast 93 ft., but it was out of bounds and therefore didn't count. Congratulations!

## Rajeffs win \$30,000 in FFM

Tim (left) and Steve Rajeff went home \$30,000 richer when they won the *Fly Fishing Masters Tournament* which was telecast on the Outdoor Life Network (OLN). It

wasn't an easy road to victory because they competed against some of the finest trout fishermen in the United States. To qualify for the Western team, they had to do well

in the casting competition (they won it) held at Golden Gate Casting Club. For the fishing portion, competitors had to tie their own flies. The Rajeff brothers won the Western and then went on to the Finals. By winning the tournament casting segments they had their choice of beats.

They won the fishing portion and first place in the finals which earned them a \$30,000 check.

What's also important is their victories in the qualifying regional and finals were aided by their unparalleled skill in distance and accuracy casting.

Certainly their victory signifies the importance of skill in casting, not only to get the first choice in beats, but also to place that fly exactly where they want it in the fishing portion.



## ACA All American Team 1941 through 2003

The following casters were elected to the ACA All American team (numbers indicate the number of years on team)

*compiled by Dave Roberts*

Zack Willson Jr.	35	Fred Sexauer Sr.	3	E. Garnsey	1	Gene Roman	1
Steve Rajeff	34	Lee Slaughter Jr.	3	Carl H. Hittenberger	1	Fred Sexauer Jr.	1
Chris Korich	28	Frank Nulty	3	Eugene Anderegg	1	J. Sherron	1
Rene Gillibert	21	Douglas Holliday	3	Clyde W. Marshall	1	Art Herrett	1
Charlie Phillips	18	Ed Thomas	3	Herman Hittenberger	1	Jim Barto	1
Marion Garber	15	Jimmy Kangas	3	Everett Karlene	1	Paul Cadek	1
Ed Lanser	15	Bill True	3	Howard Chatt	1	Joe Masa	1
Robert Budd	14	Baldi Darney	3	R. Fox	1	Don Allen	1
Steve Aleshi	13	Benji Fontaine	3	D. Wilkey	1	T. Allison	1
Bill Peters	13	Bill Kipper	3	W. Walz	1	Jim Bass	1
B. L. Farley	12	Dave Cohen	3	Archie Vogel	1	D. Meyer	1
William Lovely	11	Darryl French	3	R. Wilson	1	Warren Rector	1
George Applegren	11	Bob Archer	3	Cal Johnston	1	Spencer Hinckley	1
Jon Tarantino	11	Steve Willson	3	Frank Steel	1	D. Latshaw	1
Clem Forcade	10	Don Lanser	3	Everette Gribbons	1	D. Huff	1
Charles Sutphin	10	Jon Ray	3	Harold Neumann	1	Charles Wilcox	1
David Roberts	10	Duane Thompson	3	P. Kukonen	1	Ashley Smith	1
Charles Schall	9	Henry Mittel	3	Robert Piros Jr.	1	Jim Venable	1
Myron Gregory	9	Jack Sparks	2	Harold Dixon	1	Nick Simich	1
Terry Schneider	9	Bill Wernet	2	Harold Latimore	1	Bob Hawthorn	1
Tim Rajeff	9	Robert Piros Sr.	2	R. Batchelor	1	J. Randall	1
Kevin Carriero	9	Clarence Anthes	2	William Morris	1	T. Vial	1
Dick Miller	8	Roscoe Reamer	2	Charley Wilcox	1	<i>Norma Collins</i>	1
Casper Rigamer	8	N. Schroeder	2	S. Dennis	1	J. Merrill	1
<i>Mel Gavin</i>	8	Don Carlisle	2	C. Scepherd	1	J. Perkins	1
Howard Lentz	8	George P. Varney	2	L. Troxell	1	Bennie Davis	1
Richard Fujita	7	Marvin Hedge	2	C. Weldon Jr.	1	Chuck Reilly	1
Bobby Spear	7	Henry Fujita Jr.	2	Clare Bryan	1	Steve Monnig	1
Gord Duval	7	Harry McDonald	2	W. Schellert	1	<i>Molly Schneider/Light</i>	1
Earl Osten	6	Ben Rice	2	Ben Hardesty	1	Merideth Chism	1
Tom Sibila	6	Zack Willson Sr.	2	Carroll Thorn Jr.	1	Larry Moffett	1
Dick Ward	6	Jay Reed	2	Jim Corbell	1	Ron Robinson	1
Harvey Beck	6	Wilbur Brooks	2	Lou Gulrin	1	D. Thomas	1
Henry Fujita Sr.	5	Cliff Wyatt	2	R. Reidmayer	1	R. Williams	1
Earnest Liotta Jr.	5	Jack Moore	2	B. Clerihew	1	V. Rodgers	1
Jim Green	5	Marvin Allen	2	J. Wakefield	1	Stanley Houchins	1
D. Hetzel	5	Paul Cowen	2	Jerry Singer	1	Roger Neff	1
Bill Wattie	5	Fred Mathis Jr.	2	B. Bigley	1	Allen Rohrer	1
John Seroczynski	5	Harvey Irwin	2	G. Faucett	1	Bob Keilholz Jr.	1
Jay Klenk	5	Ray Norton	2	L. Hickerson	1	Dennis Dixon	1
Luke Brugnara	5	Gil Hokason	2	Ray Langley	1	Keith Prior	1
Matt Rickerd	5	Ben Fontaine	2	G. Fox	1	Marius Wroblewski	1
Andy Statt	5	Jim Crewdson	2	H. Qualls	1	M. Helbing	1
John Kiedaisch	4	Don Bertelson	2	James (Whitie) Wine	1	Norm Wallachy	1
Phil Miravalle	4	Bill Gill	2	R. Rawls	1	Walt Hoover	1
Jack Crossfield	4	Steve Jures	2	Billy Tutt	1	<i>Alice Gillibert</i>	1
Bruce Brubaker	4	Gary Martin	2	H. Perkins	1	Pete Edwards	1
<i>Brenda McSporran</i>	4	Tony Perry	2	W. Wright	1	Peir Brandin	1
E. E. Cavanaugh	3	Jim Roszell	2	John Dieckman	1	Pat McFadden	1
Paul Ufer	3	Eric Boysen	2	Cliff Netherton	1	John Napoli	1
Harold Smedley	3	Bill Burke	2	J. Meyer	1	Jay Clark	1
Tony Accetta	3	Floyd Dean	2	Bryant Black	1	Ian Walker	1
Len Williams	3	Bill Clements	2	D. Ashman	1	George Wolters	1
Ed Tassi	3	James Price	1	Jake Graff	1	<i>Women members in italics</i>	





*Upon further review...*

## **Rule change for 5/8 oz. accuracy event**

From Bill Burke: There's an important rule change for the 5/8 oz. Plug Accuracy event. Here is the wording exactly as it appears on page 30 of the ACA Bylaws and Regulations document.

### **1. EQUIPMENT...**

**C) 5/8 oz. (18g) Plug Accuracy (Revolving Spool Reel shall be required for casters whose ages are thirteen (13) and over. For casters whose ages are twelve (12) and under the reel shall be unrestricted. A caster who feels that their current physical condition requires the use of spinning tackle may petition the Executive Committee for an exemption. A complete written explanation of why a revolving spool reel is impractical shall be presented. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to grant a permanent or temporary exemption)**

This rule was passed by the Delegates at the San Francisco National Tournament and became effective on January 1, 2004. Anyone needing this exemption shall petition the Executive Committee by contacting John Seroczynski and state the reasons why they should be allowed to use spinning tackle. John will then call for an Executive Committee vote. After the Executive Committee has rendered its decision, John will then need to contact the person making the

petition and the appropriate member clubs of the Executive Committee's decision.

## **And while on the subject of rule changes**

You can now use a 9-ft. rod for the Trout Fly Accuracy event. Previously the length was limited to 8½ feet. Good change. It was virtually impossible to find an 8½-ft. rod for a No. 6 fly line these days.

## **Overheard at the 8<sup>th</sup> National Indoor Tourney**

We had a number of conversations with fishermen attracted to the casting pool. Some didn't even know that there was such an activity as "competitive casting."

The two major "complaints" or suggestions we heard were:

1. The need of a scoreboard that indicates who's casting, his/her score and standings.
2. The necessity of reducing the time in some events, mostly in fly casting.

"It's nice to see casters perform but all this [false] casting tends to be boring. Why don't you limit the number of false casts?"

On the first suggestion a scoreboard would be a superb tool for popularizing casting among audiences. But this would be an extremely expensive item. Perhaps someone has a suggestion for constructing a simple scoreboard that gives the results fairly quickly?

On the second suggestion we agree. We heard this a number of times. Phil Seroczynski who ably handled the PA system explained the basics and attracted many people poolside. But after watching someone false cast numerous times to a single target, they often wondered off.

One person said: "You casters should have casting shirts indicating what city or club you are from."

Not a bad idea. At major European tournaments, casters wear casting outfits that signify their country.

Most importantly, we need to attract youth to the casting games. It's not fair to our present young casters that they do not have sufficient competition. More on this later.

## **The Creel**

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