



# Tournaments Committee

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## Tournament Season Is Here!

The longer days of spring have finally arrived, and the fishing season is ready to begin! If you haven't already done so, this is a great time to check your equipment and make sure you have plenty of supplies.

And this also means the RISAA Tournaments season is here. This is also a good time to become familiar with the tournament rules. You can find them online at the RISAA web site: [www.risaa.org/tournaments/rules.html](http://www.risaa.org/tournaments/rules.html).

Check the list of Official Weigh-In Stations as well. They are always listed on the web site AND in this news magazine on page 19.

Over the next couple of months the Tournaments Committee will be visiting all of the approved weigh-in stations to verify their scales. Every one of them must give the exact same reading at all weights. These shops do all of us a service by weighing fish for RISAA members. Hopefully, our members will support these local shops.

### FLUKE SPECIAL TOURNAMENT

Since this is a special two-month news issue, this is the opportunity to remind members that the first Special Tournament for 2018 is the annual "Fluke Tournament" which runs from June 15 to July 1.

It is for individual anglers and open to ALL members. No registration is necessary.

The tournament begins on Friday, June 15 at 5:00 PM, and ends promptly at 7:00 PM on July 1.

Just go out and fish. Weigh your catch at any of the



approved weigh-in stations, and then phone in your catch to the RISAA office within 24 hours. The directions for this are on the weight slip and the RISAA web site.

It's easy!

And don't think you need a jumbo fluke to "place" in the tournament. Last year's top fish was between 4 to 8 pounds.

And if you fish from shore, you're urged to enter ANY legal fluke caught. Last year the 1st place was a 3 lb fish with no 2nd or 3rd entries.

And Juniors was wide open. Not one entry for kids in this special tournament last year. Dads, take your child fluke fishing. Any legal catch can be weighed in and has a very good chance of winning or placing. Your child could be receiving an award next year at the annual banquet!

**GET OUT THERE AND HAVE FUN!**



Harry Templeton with a nice fluke he caught last year



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