

### **Prize Format**

All winners are allowed to choose their prizes at our awards ceremony. The entrant weighing in the largest bass or blue will get to choose first and so forth down the line. The order the prizes are selected will be solely based on the weight of the qualifying fish regardless of species. For example, the entrant catching a 16 lb. blue would select a prize before someone who caught a 15 lb. bass. Obviously, the selection order for merchandise favors striped bass as they are the largest and the most sought after species. After all, we are the Berkeley Striper Club, not the Berkeley Bluefish Club. If the standings for any species are unfilled, the prize(s) will be transferred and additional places for the other species will be added. Winners, who are unable to attend the awards ceremony, will have the remaining prize with the highest value set aside for them. In the event the categories are not completely filled, a drawing will be held for the remaining prizes. Those entrants who are at the awards ceremony and have not already won a prize will be eligible for this special drawing.

For the cash prize categories, the club will retain 25% of the money collected. There will be a 75% payout for each category.

Of the money paid out, the winners will receive the following:

1<sup>st</sup> place – 50%, 2<sup>nd</sup> place – 30%, 3<sup>rd</sup> place – 20%

### **Tournament Profit Donated To Worthy Causes**

All the profit from our tournament goes to our Fisheries Defense Fund. Thus far we have donated \$13,000. to Stripers Forever, the internet group seeking to have striped bass declared a no-sale or game fish along the entire east coast as it currently is in New Jersey and five other east coast states. We need to stop commercial fishing for striped bass and put a halt to the illegal and unethical slaughter of stripers that has occurred in North Carolina and Maryland this past winter.

We have also donated lesser amounts to following organizations:

- 1.) Jersey Coast Angler's Association, a group that fights for the rights of recreational fishermen.
- 2.) North Carolina Beach Buggy Association's legal fund for its battle to keep beaches open to 4wd vehicles.
- 3.) Barnegat Bay Estuary Program which fights to keep our waters clean.
- 4) Reef Rescue – fighting to get commercial pots off our reefs.