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Ed Noonan Receives Pass It On Award

New York State Outdoor Writers' Association and Bass Pro Shops Honor Noonan for Continuing Efforts

The New York State Outdoor Writers' Association (NYSOWA) announced that Edward Noonan was this year's recipient of the Pass It On Award at the organization's annual conference in Webster, NY on October 23, 2010. This award is sponsored jointly by NYSOWA and Bass Pro Shops.

To stress the importance of passing on our outdoor heritage to others, Bass Pro Shops sponsors this annual award and donates \$300 to the scholarship fund of NYSOWA in the name of the recipient. A committee solicits nominations and chooses the writer who is most deserving of this award.

Both NYSOWA and Bass Pro Shops realize that passing on our outdoor heritage is vital if we are to keep alive the ethics of conservation and the enjoyment of natural resources and outdoor sports. This can be accomplished in many forms including youth activities, education, publicity, and mentoring.

Ed Noonan is an avid sportsman and a writer for the "Schenectady Gazette" and a contributor to "Outdoors Magazine" and other publications. He has continually encouraged and assisted other young writers in developing their skills and markets. His columns frequently stress ethics and wise use of natural resources and provide his readers with knowledge of opportunities and outdoor skills.

Noonan is always willing to assist youngsters in the sport of fishing through many youth fishing clinics and contests that he assists with. He is often called upon to give presentations to youth groups involved with hunting, fishing, and outdoor related sports. He actively assists in presentations or fund-raisers with the 4H Shooting Sports Program. Ed is a bass pro and guide and often takes youngsters on fishing trips for in-depth skills and a unique experience.

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