

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jerry Loughnot

Our August meeting was held at the Post 369 VFW pavilion in Mexico. Captain Brian Garrett of Tall Tails Charters, and Pro-Am teammate, Jon Dubbelde gave an excellent presentation on how they document all critical information of their fishing trips in a log book. They use it as a reference for repeatability of what worked a day /week -/ year ago. I'm including a copy on how Jon sets his log book up at the end of this newsletter.

A new law went into affect on August 17, 2011 and will expire on December 31, 2013. Bill S2462B-2011 authorizes an individual to angle for fish with up to 3 lines in freshwater.

On September 24, 2011, we will be attending National Hunting and Fishing day open house at the Salmon River Hatchery in Altmar. Anyone interested in helping man our booth for a couple of hours please contact, Jerry Loughnot at 315 -699-0112 or E-mail me at [Fishless@twcnny.rr.com](mailto:Fishless@twcnny.rr.com).

I had the opportunity to fish with Roy Hunsberger aboard the Ontario fisherman with fellow ELOSTA members Charlie Ames and Pete Tenerowicz. We had a great day of fishing and catching. My shoulder held up to Roy's dipsy rods, so I think the shoulder is good to go. Thanks to Roy and Pete and Charlie for a great time. Oneida Lake walleye bite has slowed, however the lead core jerkers are doing pretty well at the east end. Rick Paninski and I are starting to get nice catches of yellow perch mid lake in the deep water off the shoals.

**Be sure to attend our September 21st meeting at Gander Mtn. Cicero.** We will have a presentation on fall perch fishing in the Henderson area along with Oneida Lake given by fellow ELOSTA members. A representative of Cortland line Company may also be there to bring us up to date on their product lines. **Don't forget open house at the hatchery on September 24, See you there.**

Good Fishin'

Jerry

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next newsletter will be October 1. All information should be sent to Libby Loughnot, 8205 Yukon Dr., Cicero, NY 13039  
e-mail: [LibbyL@twcnny.rr.com](mailto:LibbyL@twcnny.rr.com)

## **ELOSTA MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2011**

The August meeting was held at the VFW Pavilion in Mexico at 7:00PM. Treasurer Tom Lott went through the account information especially the moneys in and out of the derby/picnic. In the end the club netted \$370 from the picnic and an additional \$730 in hat and shirt sales. In the end the balance in our treasury is 14,136.09 and the Net Pen funds increased to 3,625.67.

Motions were made, seconded and approved for the treasurer's report and then again for the Secretary's report in the August newsletter.

The picnic / derby was a great success with a lot of large fish weighed in and many members attending. The only problem was two reservations were never paid up and had to be paid out of club funds for \$48 and \$34 – this was a first. Phone calls have been made to remind them of their unpaid reservations without response.

The number of members attending was a little lower than normal due to great fishing on the east end of the lake. People are getting mature salmon all along the southern and eastern ends of the lake. As was indicated by Jake Howell, there are quite a few small ones that need to be sorted through and a member asked that we add those that are not going to make it to our box rather than waste them. The bite off of Oswego is best in the evening with 400' coppers and 80' riggers. Also, it was indicated that "pee" buckets are illegal and you could be fined. The Kavorkian SD has been hot out West and has been moving out of Gander regularly. Oneida fishing has slowed considerably for walleye, while perch fishing (white and yellow) is picking up.

Jerry reminded everyone that the **next meeting is at Gander Mountain on Wednesday September 21 at 7:00** and will have presentations on perch fishing Lake Ontario and Oneida. There may also be a representative from Cortland line presenting. Also, looking ahead – the **October meeting is Wednesday October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Salmon River Fish Hatchery.**

Jerry also indicated those who will be officers for the upcoming year and they are as follows: Brian Garrett – President, Dan Zanetti – Vice President, Phil Lucason – Secretary, and Tom Lott – Treasurer.

National Hunting and Fishing Day is September 24<sup>th</sup> and we will need volunteers to help man the booth where we will have memberships available for 2012.

**Presenters were Brian Garrett "Tall Tails Charters" and Pro -Am teammate Jon Dubbelde .**

\*\*\*The first news they presented was that the 3 rod per person rule was signed by the Governor before he left for vacation and is now in effect. \*\*\*

**Their presentation to help put more fish in the boat focused on approach, game plan, repeatability, and to use what works for you.**

### **Approach: Making a Game Plan**

- Where were they prior
- What did the most recent wind do to the temps
- Information from friends
- Internet reports – do not ignore Sodus reports as they can relate in depths to Oswego and other areas
- High volumes of shallow water boat traffic will shut them down
- Salmon will be out of temp in shallow at this time of year – especially in the morning – fish the fish

**What to use: Riggers, Dipsys, Copper** – they love riggers

- Use what works for you on your boat – you do not have to do what others are doing
- Try to duplicate what works on your boat from day to day and week to week
- Make sure to pay attention to what works for you so that there can be repeatability

### **Record EVERY fish:**

- Jon records every fish into a computer to get correlations between conditions, lure color, type, speed, direction, species, etc... (a handout was given to members at the meeting that

is also included in this newsletter to show what he does and what he has found – thanks Jon).

- Use this information to help set a game plan – read it the night before and use predicted conditions and information to create a more successful game plan
- His down speed is by using a Moor (different units read slightly different speed from each other)
- Leader lengths are related to the types of attractors. Brian uses 21” and varies action through the throttle.
- Jon also keeps track of his own performance from year to year to see how he has changed as an angler.
- Every time a fish hits he makes a waypoint to create a map to see relationships between the fish and drops, points, humps, etc... to try to help make a better game plan to begin with.
- He now uses a camera to record all information and then goes back through the camera in the winter to enter everything into the computer. The Go Pro camera is widely used now by fishermen and other outdoor enthusiasts.
- Make sure to do the same thing that just worked – if a salmon hit at 2.3 do not move it to 2.5 when resetting – get it back to 2.3 – repeatability is very important and is why they record the information immediately.

Brian will also fish deeper to get away from fleas or go to 30lb Ande line and will use plugs in less than 50’ of water.

It was a very informative and generous presentation – thanks from all of the members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01.

Respectfully Submitted  
Phil Lucason, acting Sec. – Bill was  
enjoying a great evening bite in the bay with  
his kids.

**ALBANY COUNTY CONSERVATION ALLIANCE**  
**14 Leonard Drive, Schenectady, NY 12309**

**President-Bob Mudge**  
**Secretary-Kevin Busch**

**Vice President-Frank Carey**  
**Treasurer-Bill Ackner**

As most everyone knows from the news, Hurricane Irene made her presence felt dramatically in New York State, particularly in Schoharie, Greene, Delaware, Schenectady and Rensselaer Counties. In the village of Schoharie alone, news reports estimate that 80% of the homes were damaged, and it is expected that 60% of those will be condemned. The attached pictures show the devastation.

ACCA is launching a purely grass roots fundraising effort. Our goal is to be able to hand to those counties any monies raised. We feel that members of those federations who live and work in the affected counties will know best where to use the funds.

Our goal is to try to keep this as simple as possible. We want to avoid the politics, administrative snags and bureaucracies of life today. Raise money / donate money (and quickly!) as people try to put their lives back together.

Checks may be made out to Albany County Conservation Alliance and sent to the above address. Any and all donations will be gladly accepted. Again, this is a grass roots effort with everyday people wishing to help everyday people.

Thank you for your consideration and generosity.  
Albany County Conservation Alliance

## **WE ARE ADDICTS – PLAIN AND SIMPLE**

**Phil Lucason**

After long thought from last month's article I have figured it out – we are truly addicted and share all of the traits of an addict. The only good thing is that fishing is a legal healthy yet sometimes expensive addiction. As fishermen we all have the anticipation for our next fishing fix despite how big or small the outing may be. We crave the sound of screaming drags, pounding rods, nibbles, lifts, flags, rises, knockoffs, etc... throughout the year. When we enter a tackle shop it offers us new tools to feed our addiction and more times than not the shelves and displays are a little lighter when we leave. We read, listen, and research to help us enjoy a fix more quickly and consistently when we get our next opportunity. While we wait for the next fix/fish on the boat, in a river, on a bank, or on the ice we would not be defined as a productive member of society (not counting what we had to spend to get there).

Many of us drag others into our addiction to fishing. Friends are taken along and are sometimes instantly hooked. Family members are encouraged to share in the addiction and many times become addicted to fishing at an early age, sometimes surpassing the addictions of their elders. Friends and family members who are also fellow addicts share the addictions with each other and help each other achieve their next fishing fix. Little girls become more interested in what is in their tackle box rather than a jewelry box, they spend their money on spoons rather than Barbies – and everyone is not only okay with this, but happy to help them.

For many of us when we first come off of our fishing seasons we actually feel depressed, sometimes physically ill, sad, fore lawn, or edgy. Our spouses and friends just can't take the edge off. By the middle of winter we become desperate in search for anything that can give us a little sense of a fishing fix – especially if the ice is bad. For many of us we try to find a friendly fishing related environment filled with other addicts suffering withdrawal (formerly active fishermen) – these usually are in the form of fishing expos, sportsmen shows, fishing seminars – anything to help get us over the hump. Being surrounded by the tools that give us our fix and by living vicariously through the stories of others that we meet there, or by the information being disseminated by a presenter we get a healthy fishing fix and we feel better.

Unlike other addicts we suffer quietly and are ignored by the non-fishing community. No one tries to cure us or understand us. Instead our addiction is fed through new tackle, techniques, and opportunities. The only support groups that exist for us are with fishing friends who are also active addicts. I have never known a recovering fisherman or fisherman who is proud to declare the number of days he has not gone fishing. We are left alone to be free fishing addicts and I have never met a fisherman who would want it any other way.

May we all continue to successfully feed our addiction.

## **A GREAT FISHING TRIP**

**Charlie Ames**

On August 31<sup>st</sup> Jerry Lougnot, Pete Tenerowicz and I went fishing out of Mexico Pt with Roy Hunsberger aboard the "Ontario Fisherman". The weather forecast was good and this was the first good day since the August 28<sup>th</sup> storm. Roy had a tough day on the 30<sup>th</sup> since the lake had not settled down from the effects of the storm. We really didn't know what to expect.

It didn't take long to find out. We no sooner had lines in the water when a dipsy rod with 325ft of Power-Pro went off and we landed a nice 20lb. King. We managed to keep busy for the next 4 or 5 hours with a mixed bag of Kings and Cohos. These were all nice fish but no 30 pounders. Then a dip sy rod went off and was immediately grabbed by Jerry who held on while the fish ran out to 600ft. After that it was a tug of war with Jerry gaining a few feet and then losing it back. After what seemed to be a half hour or so the fish came to the surface 37 feet out. Jerry swears the width of the tail was at least 2 feet. Then, as luck would have it, for no apparent reason the fish threw the hook and was gone. Jerry sat down for a needed rest. You have to realize he spends most of his fishing time reeling in 2lb. walleyes and 10" perch. This was one big workout.

We all spent a little time giving him a good natured ribbing. But, as we all know, this is why the call it fishing, not catching.

At any rate we ended up with 8 kings, 3 cohos and a steelhead and atlantic which we threw back. This was one of the best days I've had in a long time.

To add to this Tom Lott and his crew came out around 3:00 to catch the PM bite and they ended up with 11 salmon. A good time was had by all.

At times we tend to forget it, but we are indeed blessed by having this great resource in our back yard.

## **HATCHERY POSITIONS APPROVED**

Below is a message received from DEC's Chris Amato regarding funding for hatchery positions. This is very good news, something we have worked toward for quite some time!

I am pleased to inform you that late yesterday we received approval from Division of the Budget to fill the

11 hatchery positions requested by DEC. As you know, in these tight budgetary times this approval is quite unusual, and is a tribute to Commissioner Martens' dedication to maintaining our hatchery system at full operation and his persistent advocacy for these positions over the past several months.

We intend to move forward expeditiously to fill these positions so that our hatchery production is maintained at full capacity.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you and the NYSCC membership for your unflagging support on this crucial staffing issue.

Best regards,

Chris Amato

Christopher A. Amato

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## TROPHY FISH CONTEST

The "Lake Caught" portion of the contest starts April 1<sup>st</sup>. and ends Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> for Chinook Salmon, Coho Salmon and Lake Trout. The contest continues until Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> for Bass, March 15<sup>th</sup> for Walleye and March 31<sup>st</sup> for Steelhead and Brown Trout. In addition we have a "Stream Caught" contest for Brown Trout and Steelhead that starts Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> and ends March 31<sup>st</sup>. Fish caught from a drift boat are "Lake Caught for contest purposes.

Let's hope every member takes home a trophy this year.

## E.L.O.S.T.A. TROPHY FISH AWARD ENTRY FORM

Return to: Charlie Ames, 1525 State Route 49, Constantia, NY 13044.

(Please print and complete all spaces. Remember to include a photo of the entrant with the fish they caught).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
Species: \_\_\_\_\_ Date caught: \_\_\_\_\_  
Location of catch (i.e. Oswego, Salmon River, Sodus) \_\_\_\_\_  
Weight of fish: \_\_\_\_\_ lbs \_\_\_\_\_ oz. Length: \_\_\_\_\_ inches Girth: \_\_\_\_\_ inches  
Lure/bait used \_\_\_\_\_ Color & size \_\_\_\_\_  
Weigher's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
Business address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**EASTERN LAKE ONTARIO SALMON & TROUT ASSOCIATION**  
**Box 3484 – Syracuse, N. Y. 13220**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
 July 21, 2011-Aug. 19, 2011

Balance as of July 20, 2011

Checking	\$	593.17
Savings	\$ +	<u>14,910.61</u>
Total	\$	15,503.78

Checking Deposits	\$	2,353.50
Checking Withdrawals	\$	<u>-1,303.52</u>
Total	\$	1,049.98

Checking	\$	593.17
Checking Activity	\$ +	<u>1,049.98</u>
<b>Total Checking</b>	\$	<b>1,643.15</b>

Savings Withdrawals	\$	3,000.00
Transfer to Chking	\$	2,000.00
To cash box	\$	1,000.00

Total Savings	\$	<u>14,910.61</u>
Withdrawals	\$	<u>- 3,000.00</u>
	\$	11,910.61


Savings Deposit	\$	4,208.00
From Picnic, ad fees-1,000 from cash box		

Savings Deposit	\$ +	<u>4,208.00</u>
<b>Total Savings</b>	\$	<b>16,118.61</b>

Total Checking	\$	1,643.15
Total Savings	\$ +	<u>16,118.61</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$	<b>17,761.76</b>

Pro Am Net Pen		
Total	\$	3,023.67
Deposit	\$ +	<u>602.00</u>
Salmon River		
Challenge		
<b>Total</b>	\$	<b>3,625.67</b>

Total	\$	17,761.76
Net Pen	\$ -	<u>3,625.67</u>
<b>ELOSTA'S FUNDS</b>	\$	<b>14,136.09</b>

  
 Submitted by Tom Lott, Treasurer

**Log Book Basics**

- 1) Track the critical information
- 2) Create a simplified log book to reduce amt of writing
- 3) 3 ring binder for empty and filled out log book sheets
- 4) Have a partner fill out while you are resetting rods
- 5) Try a video logs if camera is available

**Importance of a Log Book**

- 1) Forces me to fill the information out and think about the details
- 2) Aids in repeatability (trolling angle, speed, lure depth & stretch, etc)
- 3) Advantage to have records with all that information (day to day, year to year)
- 4) Great reference guide to prepare the night before and while on the water
- 5) Provides starting points for most productive locations, speeds, colors, temps  
(not on the water everyday)
- 6) Enables data entry and analysis it to increase performance

## **Key Log Book Data to Understand**

### Most Productive

- Down Speed
- Down Temperature
- Spoon and attractor / fly by condition
- Spoon and attractor / fly by depth
- Fly leader length for each type of attractor
- GPS starting location for time of year, wind direction, etc

### Overall performance

- Number of fished hooked
- Percent fish landed
- Species information (average size, number per trip, etc)

Many, many more...

Fish Log

General Info

Date / Time

Start / End Time

Location

Angler

GPS Waypoint

Trolling Data

Direction

Bottom Depth

Line Out

Ball Depth

Ball Temp

Ball Speed

GPS Speed

Condition Data

Prior Wind Direction

Wind Direction

Wind Speed

Prior Weather

Weather

Light

Air Temp

Water Clarity

Wave Condition

Water Surface Temp

Moon Phase

Thermocline Depth

Equipment Data

Rod Location

Line Type / Dia

Leader Length / Dia

Dipsy Size / Setting

Dipsy Color

Rigger / Ball Type

Lure Data

Attractor Type

Attractor Size

Attractor Color

Tape Color

Lure Type

Lure Brand

Lure Color

Lure Size

Leader Dia / Length

Beads

Result

Land  Drop  Break  Knock

Fish Data

Fish Species

Weight

Length

Released / Sex

Notes