

## **ELOSTA Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes Wednesday May 18, 2011**

The May meeting was held at the Gander Mountain Store in Cicero On the 18th. Treasurer Tom Lott indicated a balance of \$13,273.35 in the treasury, and \$3023.67 that we are holding in net pen funds.

President Jerry Loughnot told us that for the past three years ELOSTA has sent \$350 to the New York State Conservation Council for the "Buck - Member- Program " and have not ever received a "thank - you" in the form of a letter or mentioning us in their newsletter. Many Members were upset but finally we decided to send them \$ 250 this year. Let's see what happens....

Tom , Jerry, and Mike Roche at their meeting with Congresswoman Buerkle were very pleased to hear that she proposed \$ 1 million in federal funds to help take care of the cormorant problem on Oneida, Champlain, and the Eastern Basin of Ontario. Now we are going after Congressman Bill Owens and our two Senators for their help.

The winner of the Drawing for the Lowrance HDS7 depthfinder was Nick Polifko of Mexico Point Dr. in Mexico. It is valued at around \$1300. Congratulations Nick !!!

Dave MacNeill of Sea Grant will be our speaker at the June Meeting on the 15th. Dave will give us an up-date on the Asian Carp problem that may impact the Great Lakes.

Tom & Jerry also said that they got a lot of good comments from the content of the last newsletter. If anyone has anything to pass along to the members feel free to e -mail your comments to Libby at [LibbyL@twcny.rr.com](mailto:LibbyL@twcny.rr.com).

Ken Esser did an especially good report in the last newsletter.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Capt. Rick Miick from Sandy Creek. Rick kept his talk on the walleye fishing on Oneida. He likes to use Sonar-type lures in the Spring. Red is always a good color and DON'T use ones with big eyes and rattles. He likes to "doctor" his lures with yellow tape and other colors; a strip here and a strip there and use a Sharpie to put red bottoms of the lures. I've been doing that for years.

Drift and cast down-wind and retrieve slowly after the lure hits bottom. Lift the rod only a foot or so and keep this right up to the boat. He catches many fish on the way up. Rick uses 12# Power Pro line with 18" to 24 " flouorocarbon leader and he ALWAYS keeps the snap in the middle hole.

He likes to fish in 17to 24 ft. of water early and going deeper to 22' to 27' later on - the northside of the shoals from Buoys 109 all the way toward 121. Tom Lott asked him how many pickerel he catches because Tom is getting "tons" of them and Rick said he doesn't catch any.....food for thought. The Sonar is size #433. Don't rip it..use a stiff rod and lift it about a foot at a time.

When Rick trolls he uses 10# to 12# line and flatlines with a line-counter reel at a speed of 1.5 to 2.2 mph. Favorite lures are fire-tiger Shad-Raps (SR-7). He may use a 1oz. keel weight with an 8' leader to get it down a little deeper when the fish are not near the top 6 ft.

One rod is usually out with a Chart./yellow/orange spinner on a worm harness Lindy -Rigged with 3/4oz. weight down at a 45degree angle off the boat. The weight is a sliding Rocky-Roller with a 3' leader in 17' to 27' of water.

If things are going slow Rick goes to a black and purple jig with a treble stinger in size #6. Don't be afraid to use a glo jig when nothing else works. He likes to use Smelly Jelly on his terminal gear.

In deep water Rick also likes a purple or fire-tiger Reef-Runner.

Now you folks have a few new ideas to try when you are walleye fishing on Oneida...or any other lake for that matter.

We'd like to thank Rick for a very informative and interesting talk !!

By the way...I can't add any fishing experiences as I've been chasing my Grandson and his baseball team. I'll be out fishing by the time you get this though.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Thomas, Secretary