

## **ELOSTA Monthly Membership meeting**

Friday August 19, 2005

### **Minutes**

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- President Charlie Ames called the sixth 2005 monthly meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Lodge Meeting Room at Gander Mountain's Cicero store. Thirty five members/guests dropped by to share Pete Lahosky's salmon and brown trout fishing techniques. Bob Wilbur a "Prime Time" teammate was also on hand to answer questions.
- Charlie thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions that made our August outing the most successful picnic ever. Then, noting our 7 – 9 PM time constraint, Charlie motioned to accept the minutes for the last meeting as presented in the July Newsletter. His motion was seconded and unanimously carried.
- In Treasurer Tom Lott's absence Gerry Lougnot read the Financial Report for the period July 20 – August 17, 2005. ELOSTA's combined deposits from the picnic and various odds and ends totaled \$3,382.00. . Checks written for editing and printing the Newsletter, office supplies, door prizes, and picnic expenses totaled \$1,411.10. ELOSTA's net savings (\$7,322.00) and checking account (\$2,328.92) for the period total \$9,650.92. The Oswego River Net-Pen account remains unchanged at \$1819.59. The motion to accept Tom's report, as presented above, was seconded and unanimously carried. Copies of the report were distributed to the officers.
- At 7:15 PM Charlie turned the meeting over to Pete Lahosky of the Prime Time fishing team. Pete and Bob Wilbur took the time to bring some of the tackle items they have on hand to ensure a versatile competitive edge in tournament fishing. Their display included several downrigger and "Dipsey" rods mounted with reels spooled with wire, lead, and power (135#) braided line. Pete noted that the fish will come out of their comfort zone to feed. But, emphasized the values of getting down to where the fish are.  
Of considerable interest to those in attendance was the art of using a tournament knot to attach a single barbed hook above the trailing treble of a fly presentation. This is a guaranteed fish catcher – considering all the other variables that can go wrong?
- At 8:35 PM Charlie thanked those who attended and suggested that the remaining time be allocated to questions and answers. His motion to close the meeting was seconded and carried. The floor was returned to Pete and Bob who continued to demonstrate the art of tying that elusive knot. *Mac MacKenzie*

## The Prime Time Approach

ELOSTA members Pete Lahosky and Bob Wilbur of the “Prime Time” fishing team were on hand at the August 19<sup>th</sup> meeting to share their insight and suggest ways to improve the odds for a successful salmon fishing experience. Pete’s presentation included an array of downrigger and dipsey rods with reels spooled with wire, lead core, braided power, and mono lines. The downrigger rod of preference is a relatively inexpensive 7 – 8 foot glass shaft mounted with a Shimano Charter Special reel. This reel has a smooth almost fool proof lever activated drag.

Like TV’s super sleuth “Monk”, Pete produced a container of wipes and emphasized the need for clean hands while rigging the various presentations. Bilge oil and the fine aroma of a salami sandwich won’t cut it. As an added enhancement artificials are doctored with smelly jelly. Oddly enough, the team members hold off on the use of the more malodorous cut bait until the fish are about to enter the river.

One of their most productive methods is running “Dipsey Divers” clean or as down and outs off the riggers. The desired depth will determine, in part, their option to use wire, mono, or power line. Pete suggested the book “Big Water Precision Trolling” as a reference. Clear or black divers are used almost exclusively. Eight feet of 50# fluorocarbon leader is attached behind the diver with a red snubber. Metallic purple is the preferred diver color when coupled with a spoon.

Pete provided a wealth of information that included the application of lead core line with in-line planer boards; specifically, Church boards that can be tuned for sea state. He also explained the use of a multi meter and “Black Box” to check the voltage between the boat’s ground and the rigger cables - they run theirs at 1.5 volts. Obviously, this crew is not keen on cable fall back at higher speeds. They put their Scotty riggers to the test with 15# black/chrome Shark weights.

A fly tied 22.5 inches (not approximate) behind an E-Chip flasher is the bait of choice. The main treble hook is secured to 50# fluorocarbon leader with crimped wire sleeves – not ungainly knots. A “Glo” float bead placed above the treble serves as a spacer between a second straight shank single barb hook which is snelled to the leader with a “Tournament Knot” Additional colored beads are added to compliment the color of the fly.

The most productive flasher/fly color combinations are: white/white, white/green fly and beads, green/green crinkle fly, chart./green silver fly, trashcan/green crinkle, and chrome/aqua blue fly. White/white is a good bet all the time. In general the color green works better than blue in low light conditions. With that said and, upon popular demand, Pete spent the rest of the evening demonstrating the knack of tying the elusive tournament knot. *Mac MacKenzie*