

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our June meeting was held at the Gander Mtn. store in Cicero. Dave MacNeill from New York Sea Grant gave informative presentation on Asian carp issues facing the Great Lakes from how they were originally introduced to the Aqua farms in the Midwest to how they became so prolific today. I'm sure Bill has the rest covered in his monthly minutes as there was quite a lot to talk about.

I received a note from Stephen Wowelko President of the Onondaga County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs. Members of the Women in Nature(WIN) committee along with the Onondaga County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs are putting together a wild game/fish cookbook - with recipes from our best cooks- YOU!

Have a recipe or two to share? If you send Nancy your recipe (s) and copy Steve he will email you back some of his famous recipes - like Pickled Pickerel, Dinosaur Barbeque pulled venison, and Squirrels in Hard Cider.

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Stephen Wowelko email address: [wowelko@juno.com](mailto:wowelko@juno.com)

After having shoulder surgery in March for the second time I have just started to get out fishing, Oneida Lake has been real good for the walleyes. Rick Paninski and I have been doing well in the weeds, and Tom Lott is still doing excellent trolling with spinners for the eyes. I hope to be up to Salmon fishing, or a least a boat ride with Roy, Tom, Pete and Charlie.

While doing some "surfing", I found the following links on fuel additives that you might find interesting:

[http://www.fuel-testers.com/marine\\_additive\\_gas\\_treatment.html](http://www.fuel-testers.com/marine_additive_gas_treatment.html)

[http://www.fuel-testers.com/is\\_gas\\_additive\\_safe\\_with\\_e10\\_list.html](http://www.fuel-testers.com/is_gas_additive_safe_with_e10_list.html)

**Our meeting schedule has changed. We will be meeting Wednesday, July 20th at 7:00P.M. at the Post 369 VFW Pavilion in Mexico - same location as our Derby/Picnic. Captain Rich Nau will be presenting on Summer Salmon fishing.** Remember to sign up for our 33<sup>rd</sup> annual ELOSTA Picnic/ Derby Saturday, August 6th, 2011. Hope to see you all at the meeting or the Derby/ Picnic.

Good Fishin'  
Jerry

## CHARLIE'S CHATTER

### Charlie Ames

Wild Carp week was May 15<sup>th</sup> thru May 21<sup>st</sup> on the Seneca River. This consisted of the normal 50 hr endurance event from 9:00 AM on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> thru 11:00 AM on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> plus 4 one day events.

The fishing this year was tougher than usual due to high water and heavy currents in the river. Also, It rained almost continuously during the 50 hr event.

My son Eric and his partner Steve Ware entered and had a decent peg in Lion's Park in Baldwinsville. ( a peg is the location where you fish for the length of the tournament and is determined by a drawing). There were about 6 or 7 fewer teams than last year which was a good thing since the high water made a number of last years pegs unfishable.

Eric and Steve got off to a slow start the first 12 hrs with only 3 fish to show for their efforts. However, things steadily improved and by the final morning they were pulling them in one after another. The 11:00 AM Finish came a little too soon and they finished in seventh place just out of the money since six places were paid.

The winning team of Mihai Aciu and Bogdan Bucur of Chicago caught 84 fish with a total weight of 1509 lbs. Eric and Steve caught 56 fish with a weight of 847 lbs. They caught more fish than the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> place teams but the weight wasn't there.

The week continued with a one day total weight contest on the 18<sup>th</sup>, a big fish contest on the 19<sup>th</sup> and a top 4 contest on the 20<sup>th</sup>. The conclusion was the Celebrity Challenge where 5 local celebrities assisted by local experts competed for prizes that were donated to local charitable organizations. Eric assisted Jim Kenyon of Channel 3 and Magician Wade Live to a first and second place finish.

First year tournament directors Jason Bernhardt and Sean Sauda did a great job and laid the foundation for an event that will only get better. Also, Duke Strache deserves a big thank you. Duke owns

the property where pgs 4 thru 21 were located and where all of the one day events took place. If not for Duke's generosity this event would have been impossible.

## **ELOSTA Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes Wednesday June 15, 2011**

The June meeting was at the Gander Mountain store in Cicero on the 15th. Treasurer Tom Lott indicated a balance in the treasury of \$12,631.16 and \$3023.67 that we are holding for the net pen fund.

Jerry said that the N.Y.S. Conservation Council finally acknowledged that we donated to the "buck-a-member" fund.

Jerry also mentioned that the picnic & derby will be on Aug.5 and we need NEW help running it. Call him to volunteer...his number is on the front of the newsletter.

We are billing our advertisers now when a lot of them have a cash flow instead of the beginning of the year.

K-100 has been mentioned as a good gas additive.

Our guest speaker was Dave MacNeill from Sea Grant. Dave's topic was the newest invasive species that the Great Lakes States are becoming very concerned about...namely the Asian carp...two of which are the Silver or "flying" carp and the bighead carp. The main concern is the silver as it grows up to 100# and is very dangerous to boaters. They were introduced in 1972 in Arkansas to control water quality in catfish ponds. Originally from southeast China they consume 20% of their weight in food daily of which 10% is waste material. They live in slow moving water from 15' to 60' deep.

Their primary source of food is plankton which means that they will compete with baitfish in the food chain. A female is capable of producing 700,000 to 1.7 million eggs. Dave feels that they will do well in the great lakes and we may see them close to shore where the plankton is. An ideal entry point is the Chicago River as well as the Chicago canal and the Calumet River into Lake Michigan. DNA has already been found in that area. Dave feels that the electrical barriers won't keep the carp out.

Dave said that if you care to write to your representatives in Congress write letters - not post cards as those are discarded.

We'd like to thank Dave for his very informative presentation.

**The next meeting will be on July 20 at the VFW Pavilion in Mexico at 7:00. The pavilion is about a mile north of the village on Rt 3.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Thomas, Secretary

## **THE LITTLE SALMON RIVER CHALLENGE WILL TAKE PLACE ON JULY 23RD AS SCHEDULED Mac MacKenzie**

Most of you are aware that Mike D'Alonzo had an operation on June 6th to remove a tumor from his neck. As usual the "I heard that" rumors concerning his obvious absence and/or the sale of the marina's are being spread around by everyone but the knowledgeable. Mike fully intends to return to the shop as the healing process permits. In the meantime Beth and Ron Sharpe will be available to address any and all of your boat related problems and launching concerns.

The Annual Little Salmon River Challenge and Picnic will take place at Mike's Marina East on Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup> as scheduled. Tickets and derby participation forms can be picked up at "Little Jon's" tackle shop or by calling 325-963-7800.

## **GOOD FISHING IN FAIR HAVEN WELCOMES WOUNDED WARRIORS AND SPECIAL YOUNGSTERS**

**June 25 & 26**

**Phil Lucason**

On Friday June 24<sup>th</sup> Fair Haven welcomed some of our service men who did not come back unscathed. Through a true community effort these soldiers were received with a parade and dinner at the American Legion, followed the next day June 25<sup>th</sup> by a breakfast, time on the water, and a cookout. Due to the volunteers and supporters on and off shore it was a tremendous success with a ton of fish brought back to the docks at Anchor Resort (so many that the two large fish boards were full with many fish still in coolers) and many more on the lines that never made it into the boats. Each of the soldiers received goody bags loaded with appreciative items, plaques, and hopefully memories, and a sense of the fishing community's appreciation for helping keep the war overseas and their personal sacrifices in doing so. My family and I were able to help out and my daughter who is 8 understands what these guys did for her and expressed how much it meant to her to help some of these guys catch fish and have fun on the water with her. She even got them to do her fish dance on the boat to encourage the fish – and it worked. It was really amazing to see what the fishing community can do united; it was awesome! The fishing did not end with the departure of the soldiers. On Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> Anchor Resort was greeted with special youngsters from the Auburn area. They were matched with captains and set out in pursuit of bluegill, perch, pumpkinseeds, and anything else that was willing to bite a worm. Once again it was a true fishing community effort and each kid received a rod and reel rigged and ready to fish that they were able to keep at the end of the day. For many of these kids it was their first time on a boat and for many it was their first time fishing. Just like the rest of us, when we get on the water we are all fishermen regardless of age or ability, and it was true in this case as well. They all left after being treated to a cookout with memories of fun on the water.

The fish are biting off of Fair Haven with all species around, just some cooperating more than others on different days. Outside of continued good steady fishing, these two days were the highlights of the month in the Fair Haven area for so many reasons. May the fish keep on biting.

### ***Perch – Perch – Perch – Perch – Perch*** **Mac MacKenzie**

If a school of perch has an assigned seating order – make that eating order. The above title is a good example of how their size would stack up from top to bottom. To narrow that down a bit, I am talking about a depth of around four to six feet in a reach of shoreline that, for discussion purposes, extends roughly from mouth of Catfish Creek to Butterfly. Contrary to popular belief these fish are not always sorted according to year class. It is a mixed bag and you are going to have to get through the little eager eaters that constantly hover above the larger and fussier filets. When the lake is calm and clear the fish are easily identified down to their last spot, stripe, and color. However, the action picks up with a light on-shore chop.

So what is the best approach to collecting a few of the larger fish for tomorrow's dinner? There are occasional days when you can take roaming 10 inch or larger fish with both feet firmly planted on the beach. But, most families will opt to locate the fish, drop an anchor of sorts, and shotgun the area with a small curly tailed jig sweetened up with a bit of worm or minnow. Kids, including me, like the feeling of apprehension provided by adding a bobber. Relaxing, but unfortunately, this method often results in a few frustrating hours of pulling four inchers in one side of the boat and dropping them over the other.

I generally fish with Cy Rafalko and, admittedly, our patience wears a little thin long before we have begrudgingly served up the last of our bait. We figure it is time to juice up the electric motor and start covering a little more ground. No need to change the rod and reel. We use four foot ultra-lite rods with matching reels, 8 pound test line, and small blue & silver "Little Cleo" dressed with a fathead minnow. That's it!!!! Forget the rod holders and all that other big league trolling "stuff". Enjoy the feel of a scrappy 12 incher that is bent on ripping that little rod out of your hand. Those tenacious little bait stealers might still give chase but this fast moving spoon is a bit out of their weight class.

From mid-June on we have been treated to a welcomed plus. After a noticeable decline we are beginning to see schools of 8-12 inch small mouths mixed in with the perch. Strange bedfellows with a common interest – Gobies! Our last two trips, which averaged about two hours each, produced a bonus of ten acrobatic smallmouth's ranging from a pound to well over three pounds. Some nice browns are also prowling around inshore during the early morning and evening hours. Their presence explains the reason for the eight pound test line on our light rigs.

If we encounter feeding gobies – it's time to move to deeper water or go home!! ..... Mac

## **THE OSWEGO COUNTY FEDERATION OF SPORTSMAN'S CLUBS**

### **Bill Lefancheck**

This organization is comprised of approximately 28 member clubs and is a well run entity. It has a Constitution, by-laws and web-site and each meeting follows a previously published agenda. The monthly meeting is hosted by various clubs across the county. These meetings are often attended by representatives of various state agencies, the school system, and other parties who are interested in pursuing the goals of the Federation.

One of the main thrusts of the federation is youth education. Linda Brosch of 4H and Erica Shriver of the county Soil and Water district are regular attendees at the meetings and they work closely with the club delegates to coordinate various events and activities such as :

- Firearm and long bow instruction
- Conservation education
- Species identification both plant and animal
- Fly fishing and fly tying courses
- Environmental competitions
- Oswego County Fair displays

Many of the Foundation members are involved in:

Hunter Safety Courses

Lobbying (a group of delegates goes by bus to Albany to discuss upcoming bills with legislators every April) also regular E-Mails keep members apprised of pending bills and their possible effect on sportsmen.

Construction projects such as the new fishing pier at Seneca Hill

Attending meetings regarding sportsmen's issues

An Oswego County Fair Exhibit

Although the average age of the participants is similar to ELOSTA's they seem to have the time and energy to accomplish much on our behalf. I thought it would be appropriate to inform our members of this. By the way, anyone who is arrested for a fish or game law violation cannot hold office in the Federation.

I enjoy being ELOSTA's delegate to the Federation and hope to continue in this capacity. It was a real eye opener to me to find out how much goes on in the county and the quality of the people who work behind the scenes to accomplish many goals.

## **DEC ANNOUNCES REVISED BAITFISH REGULATIONS**

The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has announced changes to the regulations that formerly banned the overland transport of uncertified baitfish. The amended rules, which became effective June 29, 2011, allow for the overland transport of personally -collected baitfish within

three specified transportation corridors. Provided, the baitfish are used in the same water body from which they are collected.

"The three transportation corridors include: the Lake Erie-Upper Niagara River; the Lower Niagara River-Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River; and the Hudson River from the Federal Dam at Troy downstream to the Tappan Zee Bridge. While overland transport is allowed within these defined areas, the use of uncertified baitfish is restricted to the same water body from which it is collected. Only certified disease-free baitfish may be transported in motorized vehicles outside of the transportation corridors specified in the amended regulations." The "current fish health regulations were established shortly after Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) was first confirmed in New York waters in May, 2006". The amended regulations, as follows will:

- "Allow the overland motorized transport of uncertified baitfish that are collected for personal use within the identified transportation corridor. Such baitfish may only be used in the water body from which they were collected.
- Allow the overland motorized transport of uncertified baitfish by anglers purchasing the baitfish from licensed bait dealers located within one of the transportation corridors (provided the seller has obtained a permit from DEC to sell uncertified baitfish). The seller must provide the purchaser with a receipt that identifies the water body from which the bait was collected and can be used. That water body is the only place where the baitfish may be used.
- Impose no restrictions on the number of uncertified baitfish that may be collected or purchased for personal use in the water bodies associated with the transportation corridors. Also, such fish may be retained or preserved in any manner within the boundaries of the corridors. They may not be transported outside of the transportation corridors.
- Continue to subject any commercial sale of uncertified baitfish involving overland transport to a permit issued by the Department". Mac

## FISHING REPORT Tom Lott

This is my fishing report for May through June. I fish Lake Ontario and Oneida Lake. Oneida, at this time, is getting all of my attention and is almost in my back yard.

We started the walleye season the first Saturday and Sunday of May. On Saturday, we trolled stick baits in my usually early season areas. The areas are the western end of Frenchman Island. The system I was using and most know about is the three-way set up off planer boards. We were able to boat six eyes, but it took several hours to do so.

On Sunday, we ran the same set up and we boated our six eyes in a couple of hours. I thought the season would be as good as in the past, but I struggled for weeks after the opener to put walleyes in the box.

Things as of late have changed for the better and I have changed my fishing methods. The weed bite is on full blast. I'll fish the weeds in 13 to 14 feet of water using a spinner and a worm. I have found if I get into 11 to 12 feet of water, the pickerel will drive you nuts.

A new method for me is trolling for walleyes using bottom bouncers with a spinner and a worm. A friend of mine has been using this system for years and swears by it. I know bottom bouncers have been around since Noah's time. The difference is we are using in-line planer boards. This is what is working for me:

1. Mustad Slow Death hooks #2
2. 1-1/2 to 2 ounce bouncers
3. Slide the worm up the hook shank to the eye
4. Poke the point of the hook through the worm and leave 1 -1/2" of trailing worm
5. Troll slow – 1.2 to 1.3 mph

I have been fishing Shackleton Shoals as of late. This water changes depth like you have never seen. The water will be 25 feet deep one minute then 10 to 12 feet the next. What I have found with 60 to 70 feet of line out and then the board, is that the boards will rip back when the bouncer hits bottom.

Don't get excited – they will come back up in a second. When the flag goes down and the board goes back slowly, it's a fish – not bottom. When you bring in your lines, check them for nicks. The zebra mussels are nicking up both the main line and spinner line.

This past week we did four short trips and boated 55 walleyes, perch, bass, huge sunfish, drums and almost anything that swims. Some people say this is not the correct way to use bouncers, but my fry pan doesn't care and neither do I.

July is here and my interest is changing. I want a big fight, as the salmon should be here soon. See ya on the big lake.

## **33rd ANNUAL E.L.O.S.T.A. PICNIC & DERBY SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2011**

**MEXICO VFW PAVILION, ROUTE 3, MEXICO, N.Y.  
(NORTH OF MEXICO ON ROUTE 3)**

**STARTS AT NOON -- CHICKEN SERVED AT 2 P.M.**

ADULT PRICE: \$17.00

Includes:

1/2 B.B.Q. Chicken  
Hamburgers  
Hot Dogs  
Salt Potatoes  
Baked Beans  
Macaroni Salad  
Corn  
Beer, Soda, Coffee

CHILDREN (12 & UNDER) \$7.00

Includes:

Hamburgers  
Hot Dogs  
Salt Potatoes  
Baked Beans  
Macaroni Salad  
Corn  
Soda

NOTE: If you want your  
Child to have chicken, you  
must pay \$17.00/child

DERBY: \$10/Person - MUST BE A MEMBER!!! - Fish Weigh-In Closes @ 2:30 P.M.

There will be numerous raffles throughout the afternoon. Come join us, have a good time and meet your fellow club members!

**R.S.V.P. BY JULY 25, 2011 TO:**

Tom Lott, Phone (315) 699-4797

Jerry Loughnot, Phone: (315)699-0112, email- fishless@twcny.rr.com

**REMINDER: FISH WEIGH-IN CLOSSES AT 2:30 P.M. SHARP!!  
IF YOU ARE NOT IN LINE, DON'T WHINE!!!**

**THIS IS YOUR CLUB'S MAJOR FUNDRAISER!!!  
WE NEED EVERYONE TO ATTEND!!!!!!**

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FINANCIAL REPORT  
May 19, 2011-June 15, 2011

Balance as of May 18, 2011

Checking	\$ 1,397.55
Savings	<u>\$ + 14,899.47</u>
Total	\$ 16,297.02

Checking Deposits	\$ 104.00
	<u>+ 40.00</u>
	\$ 144.00
Checking Withdrawals	<u>\$ -786.19</u>
Total	\$ -642.19

Checking	\$ 1,397.55
Checking Activity	<u>\$ - 642.19</u>
Total Checking	\$ 755.36

Total Savings	<u>\$ 14,899.47</u>
Total Checking	<u>\$ + 755.36</u>
Total	\$ 15,654.83

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No Activity	
Total	\$3,023.67

Net Pen	<u>\$ - 3,023.67</u>
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ELOSTA'S FUNDS	<u>\$ 12,631.16</u>
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Submitted by Tom Lott, Treasurer

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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