PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our July meeting was held at the Post 369 VFW Pavilion in Mexico. Captain Rich Nau of Praying Mantis Sport Fishing was our guest speaker. Captain Rich gave an informative talk on summer salmon fishing using various techniques that he uses. Leader lengths, however, were not a topic of discussion. We all enjoyed Captain Rich's presentation including a lot of us older guys. We had over 50 people attend the meeting with quite a few new members who joined that night. I would like to thank Rich for staying after the meeting to answer questions from our new members who are just starting out. There is no way better to learn than from an experienced pro that is willing to share his knowledge to help promote this world-class fishery we have in Lake Ontario.

Chris Nutter, Region 7 Director of the Conservation Alliance of NY, forwarded a letter he sent to Senator Valesky with concern over the possibility of New York losing up to $20 million in federal funding aid from Pittman-Robinson, Dingell-Johnson, and Wallop-Breaux funding programs. Senator Valesky has been told by the DEC they do not believe the changes made to the conservation fund will affect federal funding for New York State and expressed that view in a letter to US Fish & Wildlife.

Our 33rd annual picnic and derby were held on Aug. 6 at the VFW Pavilion in Mexico. We had over 165 in attendance. There were 87 entries in our derby. We had a total of 31 fish entered with 17 being salmon. Chris Fisher won with a 31 lb 8 oz King. VFW Post 369 did their usual great job providing us with a great chicken BBQ and hot dogs, burgers along with refreshments.

I'd like to thank everyone who helped make this a successful event with particular thanks to my wife, Libby, Jake & June Howell, Mike Roche, Tom & Sharyn Lott, Rick Paninski, Roy & Debbie Hunsberger, Bill Thomas, Bill Satorius, Dan Zanetti, Brian Garrett, and Bill Ping el.

Many thanks to all of the individuals and businesses who donated prizes with special thanks to Gander Mtn., Northern King Lures, Cortland Line Co., Jack Rosenswie Co. (Pro-troll and Stinger Lures), Salmon Country, and Joe Wilcznski and Carol Dwyer of Hi-da-way Cottages. Be sure to pay attention to the list of individuals and businesses who donated to our derby along with the businesses who advertise in our newsletter. Please support the contributors to our derby and the advertisers in our newsletter.

The youngsters who were runners for the raffles were Sarah Barton; Elizabeth & Morgan Lucason; Fiona, Quinn, and Claire Ames; Dylan, Brian, Spencer & Kylie Cooper; and Cole Dubbelde. They all did a great job at keeping the raffle running smoothly. Each one received a salmon pin courtesy of Tall Tails Charters.

Be sure to attend our next meeting on Friday, August 19, at 7:00 pm at Post 369 VFW Pavilion in Mexico – same location as our derby/picnic. Brian Garrett and the members of his pro-am team will discuss various techniques for late summer salmon fishing. A question and answer session will follow.

Good luck in the LOC.

Good Fishin'
Jerry Lougnot

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next newsletter will be September 1. All information should be sent to Libby Lougnot, 8205 Yukon Dr., Cicero, NY 13039
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ELOSTA MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY JULY 20, 2011

The July meeting was held at the VFW Pavilion in Mexico at 7:00. Treasurer Tom Lott indicated a balance in our treasury of $12,480.11 and the Net Pen funds that we are holding of $3,023.67.

A motion was made, seconded and approved for the treasurer's report as well as the Secretary's report in the June Newsletter to be accepted.

Jerry made a motion to add $500 to the prize money to be paid out for derby prizes.

Other new business discussed was to donate $50 to Wheeling Sports program of the Wild Turkey Federation's experience for wounded Vets.....and paid our membership of $50 to the Fisheries Coalition in Henderson.

Jerry also asked those present to please ask for donations for the picnic from local businesses that they do business with. The donations don't necessarily have to be related to fishing. We accept anything !!!!

Fishing is good at Fair Haven in 150' to 300' of water for kings. Oneida has also been good for walleye.

Jerry also indicated that the weigh-in at the derby closes at 2:30 sharp...not 2:31. All weighed fish will be punched.

Capt. Rich Nau was our guest speaker and his topic was...Salmon Fishing.

Rich believes strongly in electronics..speed & temp

- his dipsy settings are normally 21/2 & he likes 10' to 16' leads , which might sound a little too long for most of us.
- he trolls a little faster with spin-docs than chips & the fly length is usually 20" to 25"
- he runs copper straight off the back or else off boards to increase the spread of his lures.
- he likes e-chips/pro chips
- Rich uses slide divers, which I have found to be productive.

Some more of his ideas.....

- Scotty releases when stacking
- swivel/black offshore under it for cheater.
- all leaders & cheaters are florocarbon
- rubber bands with a half-hitch on cable
- 2 rubber bands for kings
- mini dipsys off corner riggers
- long copper off boards..500' gets down 110'
- shorter off center
- big kings in colder water (44degrees)
- watch currents...straight lines behind the boat
- he uses pancake weights & bends the tails
- use different colors at different times of day
- He likes to use scent but wouldn't give us his secret other than the scent is from out-of-state.

We'd like to thank Rich for his interesting & informative talk..

Next Meeting.. FRIDAY, Aug.19 at the VFW again in Mexico at 7:00....It's the beginning of the Fall Derby so we expect a good turn out.

Respectfully submitted
Bill Thomas, Sec.

THE BEST SIGNALS THE END FOR MANY AND LOOKING TOWARD NEXT SEASON FOR ALL

Phil Lucason

By the time you are reading this, the fishing in Lake Ontario should be at its feverish peak with screaming drags being common place and large fish being brought to the net and some larger by fact or exaggeration, lost. However, the best cannot last and we must make every effort to enjoy this while we have it, because there is only one way to go from the top, peak, climax, etc… We fishermen suffer through this every year and still come back for more. What an odd breed we are to come back pursuing a way of life or passion knowing that regardless of how hard we work by forces outside of our control our efforts will peak and then have diminishing returns. The other wonder is that we survive this cycle without depression medication or help from a shrink, but rather through the anticipation for next season and the experiences and memories accumulated from the season present.

Hopefully many of you attended the picnic on August 6th and walked away with some memories that will help give you a fix over the winter months to help get you to the next season. In the meantime enjoy your time on the water, the fish on the end of your lines, the people that you fish with, and the other little things that very few others experience or that could be truly unique to your season. Try to attend a meeting – the next is August 19th – and relive your experiences and those of others of ELOSTA. I have had the good fortune of meeting many of the members at the meetings and my fever has been fed by their stories and successes. Who knows maybe through some conversations at the next meeting we can all pick up a little information to put the best back in front of us at least for a little longer.

In the meantime work hard to keep putting fish in the boat. The fish have been out of temperature more days than not out of Fair Haven with mixed bags still being the norm. It has taken some searching and experimenting to put successful programs together and they seem to change almost by the day.

May the fish keep on biting and the best be ahead of us all.

FROM THE OSWEGO COUNTY FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS
Highlights of the meeting held on August 4, 2011
Albion fish and game club
Bill Lefancheck

On Sept. 22, the Oswego County Soil and Water Conservation District will hold an Environmental Education day at Selkirk State Park. This will involve 400 to 450 fifth graders from around the county. The pupils will be rotated to several stations in the park which will demonstrate different aspects of the environment including wildlife study, tree identification, hunting, fishing, developing good environmental habits and many other subjects. These stations will be staffed by both professional and local people who want to preserve and protect the environment. If you have a particular skill involving the outdoors and would like to be a presenter at one of the stations you can contact Erica Schreiner at 592-9663. Extra help is always welcome and some members of the Federation will be there.

North Sandy Pond is an embayment which is connected to Lake Ontario by a small Channel through the dunes. It contains many types of fish depending on the season but is not fully utilized because of limited access. The DEC has been negotiating with 2 brothers who have property on the Pond in order to build a launch site, but family differences have prevented the sale and it eventually ended up in court. Dan Bishop of the DEC told me that he is cautiously optimistic that the matter will be settled on August 15 and that the State will be able to purchase the property and construct the launch. Money has already been allocated for this purpose.

Lake Neatawanta is a small lake that borders the city of Fulton. It was once a prime recreational area but after many years of neglect and misuse it has been turned into a mud bottomed wasteland. There are ongoing efforts to revitalize the lake such as dredging to uncover the springs that once fed the lake, but Roy Abbott of the Federation told me that it would take millions of dollars to do this and there are presently no funds available. It is a shame that this was allowed to happen and the city of Fulton and Oswego County have lost an invaluable resource.

The fishing pier at the Spring Hill elderly residences has been a resounding success. The Federation was very involved in the construction of this pier and they are justly proud of it. The only controversy that has been created among the residents is whether fishing should be catch and release only.

The DEC will need volunteers to harass cormorants on Oneida Lake as was done last year. Apparently this was quite successful and hopefully it will be again.

PICNIC AND DERBY

Raffle Winners:
50/50 drawing - $291 - Tim Nies
Hunter Mtn Ski Pass – Matt Nies
Hi-da-way Cottage Stay – Phoebe Kizzell
Marine Radio – Carol Cooper
Cortland Rod/Reel – Dave Marks II
Wood carved bear – Debbie Waner
Carved bear family – Debbie Waner
Congratulations!

Derby Winners:

Salmon

Chris Fisher	31 lb. 8 oz.
William Kopek	24 lb 7 oz
Don Renner	21 lb 14 oz
Rich Aton	20 lb 1 oz
Cal Adomitis	19 lb 10 oz
Richard Robinson	19 lb 2 oz
Gary Barton	17 lb 4 oz
Bill Kopek	16 lb 13 oz
Joe Lavioletti	16 lb 4 oz

Brown

Harold Beppler	10 lb.
Zachary Hapersberger	7 lb 8 oz
Chris Ward	5 lb 12 oz.
Charlie Ames	5 lb 10 oz
Elizabeth Lucason	4 lb 8 oz

Atlantic Salmon

Aidan Daly	4 lb 8 oz.

Lake Trout

Kevin Fuller	15 lb 6 oz
Gary Barton	12 lb

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