

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Charlie Ames

Here it is October and fall is in the air. I think most would agree that the fishing was tough this year. The brown trout fishing was great but the salmon fishing was tough. Although there were some good days in July the August fishing was blah. Two fish days were the norm. However, the size of the fish taken was excellent. The walleye fishing on Oneida also was difficult as compared to previous years. The late summer deep water trolling at the east end was so-so. Bill Thomas and I caught fish but worked hard for every one of them. Last year we were limiting out in 2 to 3 hrs. The perch fishing so far is tough. Jerry Lougnot and Rick Paninski are doing OK, but the rest of us are struggling. Even the carp fishing has been slow. The total catch at the Baldwinsville tournament in May was only 40% of previous years. However, when all is said and done we still have some of the best fishing anywhere in the country. The fact is we are somewhat spoiled. We are indeed lucky to have these resources available in our back yard.

Greg Hackett gave a great presentation on panfishing at our September meeting. There were a number of new faces at the meeting which leads me to believe that there are a number of serious panfishermen in the area.

Many thanks to Bill Lefanchek, Roy Hunsberger, Jerry Lougnot, Mac Mackenzie, and Jake and June Howell for manning our booth at the hatchery on National Hunting and Fishing day. The weather turned out fine after a brief shower in the morning. There was a large crowd and a good time was had by all.

Our next and final meeting of the year will be at the SALMON RIVER HATCHERY on Oct. 20th. We'll get an update on current issues from Dan Bishop and Fran Verdalisa and an update on hatchery operations from Andy Grulic. Election of officers will take place.

MEETING MINUTES

Sept 15, 2010

The September meeting was held at the Gander Mountain in Cicero on the 15th. Treasurer Tom Lott indicated a balance of \$13,367.82 in the treasury. Also we are holding \$3,023.67 in the Net Pen Fund.

Tom wrote 17 checks as well as making 5 deposits during a very busy month. Much of that was related to the Picnic & Derby.

Jerry Lougnot gave a report on the cormorant hazing going on on Oneida Lake which is being done by the Oneida Lake Association & DEC involving 47 individual volunteers. ELOSTA has 8 volunteers who are members of OLA. All are covered by workers comp. etc. even though they aren't getting paid. Jerry and Rick Paninski one morning harassed 157 birds during a 4 1/2 hr. shift. They chased 12 birds off buoy 125 alone. OLA wouldn't let ELOSTA donate \$1000 because they didn't want us to get any credit for it if it was successful. If you are out on Oneida and see a boat going like a bat outta hell with a flag on it you will know what they are doing. By the way cormorants are very smart. When they see a boat coming after them after one encounter they usually take off fast. They hope to chase them off the lake. Also Congress neglected to appropriate any money for this year and also 2011. Rep. Dan Maffei, whose district this is in refused to attend this spring's OLA meeting and didn't reply to requests to include this in next years budget. The OLA and ELOSTA want to remind all to remember this at the Election in November.

Our speaker for the evening was Ex-Capt. Greg Hackett who is a panfish pro who fishes all over central New York for LARGE crappie, perch, sunfish/bluegill etc. Greg usually fishes in spring for crappie near wood...either downed trees boat slips. He uses big bait for big fish except on Oneida. Toad Harbor is his favorite for crappie as it has a 3/8 mi. long pier. He says to get there at least 1 hr. before daylight as there are only about 4 or 5 trees that hold big fish. Crappie love pink and I can attest to that as Charlie Ames & I use pink a lot in Florida during the winter. Grey/olive and olive/silver power bait tube jigs work well also. He loves to fish corner where people dug into boat slips where banks are sharp.

Greg uses long cheap 8-9ft. rods with \$9.98 reels spooled with 8# gold Stren because he says that he can't see too good in his old age. Makes sense to me. He likes #2 aberdeen gold hooks.

For perch Greg drifts fast and keeps the line straight down with fathead minnows hooked in the tail because they stay alive better than buckeyes. He quits fishing for perch by Dec. 1st as the females are full of eggs then.

The following tidbits are offered also:

- * for crappie...a chartreuse jig & minnow near trees or brush...
- * Cayuga Lake is also a favorite
- * 1000 islands was good for perch this year with white jigs
- * In summer big bluegills and sunnies like structure from shallow to 25' dropoff
- * 13' seems to be the best depth for crappie in Winter & Spring
- * fish trees and within 10' of trees for BIG crappie
- * brown is a good color in dirty water
- * sunnies are on edge of weeds..not in them

We'd like to thank Greg for his very informative and interesting presentation. An aside to Greg, if I didn't get this as you said it's not that I didn't try. I don't take shorthand & I wrote as fast as I could for an old guy.