

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Charlie Ames**

Here it is the Fourth of July weekend and the summer is half over. It's hard to believe. The fishing on the south shore from Sodus to Mexico has been slow but has picked up in the past few days. The fishing west of Oswego 50 to 100ft. down over 100-200ft. has been steady. Green E-chips and Spin Doctors w/ Atomik green glo flies are doing it. Also, the lake trout fishing is steady in the deeper water. Cow bells and peanuts are working well.

The Walleye fishing on Oneida is still spotty and the location changes on a daily basis. You have to spend some time finding them and try not to get locked in to a given location. Weed fishing has been the best technique but the pickerel are a big nuisance.

I have received very few entries in our trophy fish contest. Check out the entry form in this newsletter and be sure to enter those big ones.

This will be the last newsletter you will receive before our Derby/Picnic which will be held on August 7th. at the Mexico VFW. This is the 32<sup>st</sup>. anniversary of this event so let's make it a success. Check out the ad in this newsletter and get your reservations in early.

**Be sure to attend our July 21st meeting at Gander Mountain at 7 pm.** Capt. Bob Walters will give a presentation on Muskie fishing on the Saint Lawrence river. We'll see you there.

## **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Doug Fuegel**

By now I assume most of you have heard or read of the Asian carp that was caught in the Calumet Bay just six miles from the open waters of Lake Michigan. It was 40 inches long and weighed 20 pounds. Apparently the electric barrier in the old sewer canal has failed to do its job which was erected to keep the dreaded carp out of the Great Lakes System. This may be just an isolated incident of one fish escaping the barrier. I for one am very skeptical; time will tell. If the carp maintains a foothold in the Great Lakes it will be devastating to the multi billion fishing/tourism industry and will be irreversible. .

Seems there is always some disturbing news about our great fishery; a few weeks ago there was a small mouth bass die off in the St. Lawrence River; this was reported at the Lake Ontario Fishing Coalition's June meeting in Watertown. According to DEC's Frank Flack Region 6 Fishery Manager it was not confirmed as VHS related but the suspect is VHS. Flack said it was unlikely it was temperature related since the river does not experience upwelling water variations as does the big lake.

I have not as yet wet a line in Oneida Lake but have done a fair amount of fishing the St. Lawrence River in and around Clayton. The big jack perch are still at this writing plentiful although they are on the move constantly; we have boated many in the eleven to twelve inch range with a few topping thirteen inches. Nine and ten inch perch are the norm but if you get into the small ones just move to a bit deeper depth. The small mouth bass fishing has been outstanding so far with some real lunkers being caught and I am happy to say most of which are released to fight again. If you want to target northern pike this has been a good season so far, anglers targeting them are doing very well. Myself I have pretty much stuck to the perch so far but as of last weekend (end of June) the package count was about all that will be needed for the long winter ahead. My one bass trip proved productive trolling Rapala lures along the island shorelines and humps off the rocky shoals.

Enjoy the great summer fishing from whatever may be your favorite fishing hole and we will see you on Wednesday July 21<sup>st</sup> at the Gander Mountain Store in Cicero .

## MEETING MINUTES June 15, 2010

The June meeting was held at the Gander Mountain Store in Cicero on the 15th @ 7:00.

Treasurer Tom Lott indicated a balance in treasury of \$13,153.61 , which was approved by the membership. He also informed us that we hold \$ 3,023.67 in the net pen account.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Capt. Ernie Langteine of Fish Doctor Charters. Ernie gave us an update of the fishing in the Oswego area which at the present time is very light. There are very few kings around. Some were here earlier and then left. Adult alewives showed up to spawn in early April and they were large and very healthy. Many brown trout were full of 2 1/2 - 4 inch alewife, smelt gobies ,and shiners.

Atlantic salmon were very few and far between last year but this year he has caught 15 already, primarily due to Canada increasing their stocking. In 2005 Canada stocked 138,000 and 866,000 last year. New York is stocking 74,000 this year.

He indicated that the easiest way to distinguish between a brown trout & an atlantic is that browns have a square tail where atlantics have a forked tail. His main topic was the NEW bait that will be available soon in tackle shops is the Sushy -Fly, which he has been experimenting with and having very good results. He uses alewives soaked in brine and attached to a fly by a very thin wire and a free hanging treble hook as a stinger attached to the fly rig. Behind a 11" flasher he uses 36" to 48" leader and behind 8" Spin Docs & similar rudder flashers he uses a 19" leader, with a 27" leader in Fall when fish are inactive.

His hot colors are white flashers with green/silver glow. When the sun is up he may change to a chartreuse pro chip silver/glow with a blue -green Howie fly. After Aug. 15th he always has a j-plug in his pattern.

Ernie is very free with his information and it is noted that this is what this Organization was founded for. We are very grateful to Ernie for taking time out to speak at our meeting.

Other tid-bits....In 2009 92% of the cormorants diet consisted of round gobies. If you want to access the membership list on our web page the password is REELSCREAMER.....August 7 is the date of the Picnic & Derby.....250'000 kings were stocked at the Lighthouse Marina on June 15th.

respectfully submitted....Bill Thomas, Sec.

### CLASSIFIEDS

**For Sale:** Reels - never been used

2	47LC Daiwa	\$45 each
1	47 Accu-Depth	\$30

Contact Jerry Dimeis at 315-481-2431

**For Sale:** 25hp Mariner 4 stroke OB Motor with a "Big Foot" lower unit, PTT, w/remote control & 17' cables. 20" long shaft. Motor has only 28 hrs use. Asking \$2200 OBO. Brian Cary 315/668-8960.

### 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@twcny.rr.com](mailto:LibbyL@twcny.rr.com)

## **SUSHI OR HOOCHIE???**

### **Mac MacKenzie**

Those of you who were unable to attend the June 16<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting missed a good one. Captain Ernie Lantieng shared some of his real time experience with Lake Ontario specific applications of the alewife baited “Sushi Fly” ... a variation of the long time favorite ”Hoochie”. Essentially, the Hoochie is a squid or fly flasher attractor combination that ranges from the ubiquitous Mepps to a tuna enticing creation large enough to fillet. The following *quotes* are taken from Capt. Ernie’s Blog.

“..... my favorite flashers with baited flies include 8” ProChips, 11” ProChips and HotChips, and 13” Kingston Tackle Slashers in a variety of color and finishes. I use 36” -48”, 60 lb. mono leaders behind 11” and 13” flashers, and 19” to 30” leaders behind 8” flashers. Flasher/fly color combos are exactly the same as for clean flies. ”

“I prefer a tournament tie with a 5/0 beak hook and a #2 bronze treble. The same tournament tie used with clean flies can be used with bait, but I prefer to extend the leader length between the beak and treble hooks about 1 ½” so the treble trails at the tail of the bait. Although, the alewife bait strip can be hooked on the leading beak hook, even a properly prepped alewife bait strip softens quickly in fresh water and seldom will stay on the hook very long. ”

“The secret to keeping an alewife bait strip secured inside the fly is to wrap it on the beak hook just behind the hook eye using soft .020” diam. brass wire. Although the brass wire can be attached to the beak hook on a prettied Tournament Tie, I like to attach it before I snell the hook, by simply placing it through the eye of the hook, pulling the brass wire down along the shank of the hook, tying the snell, and trimming the brass wire leaving about 1 ½ inches of each end of the wire extending to each side of the hook. ”

“The Familiar Bite Co., which harvests, brines, and vacuum packs freshly collected alewives in 8-packs has now solved this problem. To properly prep quality alewife bait strips, filet them immediately when fresh or immediately after removing partially thawed bait from the vacuum pack. Trim them to shape, and place them in a Ziploc bag of non-iodized salt. They will keep indefinitely refrigerated. I carry a Ziploc bag of pre-shaped bait strips in a small bait cooler along with a brine jar of whole alewives and an ice pack. ”

That nicely sums up the highlights of Ernie’s presentation. To get the whole story you can go to Capt. Ernie’s Blog at: <http://www.fishdoctorcharters.com/wordpress/?p=185>. Lots of luck trying to find a retail source for “Familiar Bite” alewives.

## A-TOM-MIC OSWEGO RIVER CHALLENGE

### Mac MacKenzie

A persistent light rain did little to dampen the spirits or the smiles on the faces of the competitors who laboriously dragged or carried their heavy coolers that last few hundred yards through the Oswego River Marina. The reason soon became apparent. Long before the last fish had been weighed and the scales washed down the big board confirmed that the word "A -TOM-MIC" accurately described the "Oswego River Challenge".

Fifty four of the 72 boats entered in the event returned 291 fish, mostly Kings, for a total of 2594 pounds. All but seventeen were full six fish limits that included 12 fish over 22 pounds. The crew of the "Dixie Dandy" won the big fish award, including the \$250 ELOSTA bonus, with a 28.1 Lb. King. A total of 16 ELOSTA members were entered. The results of the top ten teams, as follows, give some idea of the consistency of the catches.

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Team Name</b>	<b># of Fish</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Actual Weight</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Big Fish</b>
1	Proteus	6	60	96.20	156.20	24.00
2	Lateron	6	60	76.10	136.10	16.30
3	Hot Wires	6	60	70.70	130.70	21.20
4	Screamer/A-TOM-MIK	6	60	69.50	129.50	22.20
5	Cannonball Runner	6	60	69.30	129.30	20.90
6	Hattrick	6	60	68.60	128.60	23.20
7	Horsin Around	6	60	68.50	128.50	27.80
8	Trout One Siggs Riggs	6	60	62.80	122.80	21.80
9	Spankmayer	6	60	62.30	122.30	21.70

### YAHOO GROUP

Join the Elosta Yahoo group and share your fishing stories and secrets with other members. To join, go to [www.groups.yahoo.com](http://www.groups.yahoo.com) and search for ELOSTA, or send an e-mail to [LibbyL@twcny.rr.com](mailto:LibbyL@twcny.rr.com) and I'll send you an invitation.

For those of you who are already members, keep us posted as to how you are doing fishing. Just send an e-mail to [ELOSTA@yahoogroups.com](mailto:ELOSTA@yahoogroups.com).

Also, I have been sending e-mail reminders of upcoming meetings. If you are not receiving them and would like to, send an e-mail to [LibbyL@twcny.rr.com](mailto:LibbyL@twcny.rr.com) and I will add you to the list.

## TROPHY FISH CONTEST



The 2010-2011 contest begins on April 1, 2010. All fish entered that meet the minimum weight qualifications will earn the contestant a Trophy Patch with the appropriate chevron. The winners of each division receive a handsome plaque with an inlaid photo of the catch. In addition, all winners are guests at our annual picnic/derby which takes place the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in August. The plaques are awarded at the picnic.

The minimum weights are as follows:

Chinook Salmon.....25lbs.	Steelhead.....12lbs.
Coho Salmon.....12lbs.	Walleye.....10lbs.
Brown Trout.....12lbs.	Bass.....3lbs.
Lake Trout.....16lbs.	Atlantic Salmon....10lbs.

The “Lake Caught” portion of the contest starts April 1<sup>st</sup>. and ends Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> for Chinook Salmon, Coho Salmon and Lake Trout. The contest continues until Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> for Bass, March 15<sup>th</sup> for Walleye and March 31<sup>st</sup> for Steelhead and Brown Trout. In addition we have a “Stream Caught” contest for Brown Trout and Steelhead that starts Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> and ends March 31<sup>st</sup>. Fish caught from a drift boat are “Lake Caught for contest purposes.

Let’s hope every member takes home a trophy this year


E.L.O.S.T.A TROPHY FISH AWARD ENTRY FORM


**Return to:** Charlie Ames, 2223 Connell Terrace, Baldwinsville, NY 13027  
 (Please print and complete all spaces and remember to include a picture of the entrant with the fish they caught.)

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE NUMBER:** (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_

**SPECIES:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE CAUGHT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LOCATION OF CATCH (I.E.: OSWEGO, SALMON RIVER, SODUS):** \_\_\_\_\_

**WEIGHT OF FISH:** \_\_\_\_\_ **LBS.** \_\_\_\_\_ **OZ.** \_\_\_\_\_ **LENGTH:** \_\_\_\_\_ **INCHES**      **GIRTH:** \_\_\_\_\_ **INCHES**

**LURE/BAIT USED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **COLOR & SIZE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WEIGHERS NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE NUMBER:** (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_

**BUSINESS ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

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### E.L.O.S.T.A. PICNIC & DERBY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2010

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 23, 2010 TO:**

Tom Lott, Phone (315) 699-4797

Jerry Loughton, 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!!!!!!**