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President's Message

By Capt. Tim Hallock

Hello NYSOGA members and friends - the Yeti here, fresh back from an incredible expedition out west to summit some high altitude state high points.

Just prior to flying out to Flagstaff, I was able to attend our Summer Rendezvous which was held, once again, at Wakely Dam the last weekend of July. As usual, we shared some great fellowship, ate some wonderful camp food, swapped some great trail, hunting, and fishing stories, and had a fruitful BOD meeting on Sunday.

The NYSOGA trail maintenance crew joined forces to clear light branches and debris from our 4 mile section on the Northville Placid Trail, and re-confirm the locations of 3 or 4 large blowdowns, which will necessitate the use of a chain saw when the time comes. Sonny Young, who is our trail master, has taken the chain saw certification class so we should be able to move on this during the prescribed time window for chain saw work, which I believe is in April.

During the BOD meeting, we

worked on issues of our presence at various sport shows, the reporting of invasive species in wilderness areas, the question of discriminatory requests regarding our trip planning form, the possible invitation of the DEC Commissioner as our guest speaker at our Winter Rendezvous, the progress of the Winter Rendezvous planning itself, and NYSOGA's upcoming Wilderness First Aid course, which was held with our good friends at the White Eagle Conference Center on Sept. 15.

We also continue to work toward a meeting with state officials

regarding the continuation of the New York State Guide Licensing Program and changes that may help make that possible. We've also initiated discussion on a Master Guide Program to assist guides in adding to their outdoor skills, and certifications. One suggestion is that of a field certification for Water Safety, dealing with crossing moving water, ice crossings, etc.

Mike Kilcher is heading up the Winter Rendezvous committee this year, and has made arrangements in the Saratoga/Malta area. We

look forward to seeing you there to get your re-certifications for first aid and CPR, take advantage of networking with other NYSOGA members, and enjoy the usual fellowship. Last March at White Eagle, we had some great seminars on Facebook and other topics. Subsequently, we worked toward getting BOD members to take advantage of our forums, set up to allow group communication on certain subjects. We look forward to similar educational opportunities in Malta this coming March. For those members who don't normally attend the Rendezvous, we would love to see you there - come see why it is the "event of the year" for our membership and why it is such an enjoyable gathering.

I would also encourage members, once again, to post trip reports or other news of interest on our Facebook page.

WE NEED YOUR INVOLVEMENT, so don't be shy! I hope to see you all in March. Until then,

Happy trails, tight lines, climb on, etc.

Your President, Capt. Tim Hallock



Tim Hallock

Wilderness First Aid Class Is a First NYSOGA Effort

NYSOGA's first Wilderness First Aid certification program took place on September 15th at White Eagle Conference Center in Hamilton, NY. Instructors Sonny Young, Craig Tryon and Sheila Young worked together for months to make this program a success. We were pleased that member Don Hawkins provided administrative assistance during our class.

Sixteen participants worked together in the classroom and outdoors to understand the important differences in wilderness and community care. Community-based first aid concentrates on supporting ill and injured victims just until the ambulance arrives.



NYSOGA members Hank Rope, Joe Vivenzio, Chris Cucharale and President Tim Hallock work on applying dressings and bandages.

In remote locations, however, critical thinking skills and more complex treatment alternatives can make the difference between life and death, rapid recovery and long hospitalization as well as temporary vs. permanent injury.

Post-program evaluations have been reviewed and tallied and the class was, indeed, a success! Our members commented that the 8-hour certification course is more useful to guides than community first aid. DEC lists our certification as an equivalent to Red Cross First Aid, so it can be submitted for license renewal. Keeping the class within an 8-hour time frame makes it more affordable for our members. We look forward to offering a 2013 Wilderness First Aid program.

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Winter Rendezvous Chair Issues Preliminary Report

Dear Friends,

Let me begin by saying how grateful I am that the NYSOGA Board of Directors has entrusted me to lead a committee for the all-important annual Rendezvous. It has been several years that I have been active on the front line of NYSOGA since I retired from board service, after having served for 15 years. Thank you for the opportunity to participate once again!

A local Region 4 committee has been formed for the purpose of producing and making happen a great Rendezvous. Members are Lee Godin, Herb Broome, Roy Earley, Joe Vivencio and, from from deep in the forest, has re-appeared Ann Twilley. Thanks to these folks for signing on to make this happen.

The committee has met and has the ball rolling. Since it is still early in the planning process I will limit information to that which is solid and stay away from that which is still in limbo. The location is set and our host venue will be the Hyatt Place in Malta, NY. (Let me note here that while the Malta/Saratoga area is technically in Region 5, Region 4 guides have hosted two previous Rendezvous' in Saratoga. As such, we have decided to annex this portion of Region 5 for Rendezvous purposes)

The Hyatt Place is an all-suites hotel and each room has a 42" flat panel HDTV, refrigerator & coffee maker.

There is free WiFi throughout the facility as well as an indoor pool. In short, this facility is really quite nice and since it is a small business hotel, we will be the only group in residence.

The committee is hard at work putting together a varied program for all who attend. We are working on one or two new things to offer and relying on the standby programs that are so important to our annual attendees. Please keep an eye on the web site for registration forms and complete information. It will be published on-line when all is finalized. NYSOGARendezvous.org

The entire committee looks forward to welcoming each and every one of you along with your family and/or friends to Malta, NY in March, 2013. Spread the good word.....

Regards,
Michael Kilcher, Chairman



Wilderness First Aid Class



Wilderness First Aid Instructor Sheila Young makes a point.

More Opportunities Made Available For NYSOGA Water Safety Course

The NYSOGA developed water safety for guides class is being offered more often and in locations with the recent addition of additional association instructors.

When the licensed guide rules and regulations were being formulated in the late 1980s, one proposal suggested was that every licensed guide be a certified lifeguard. NYSOGA representatives suggested a less stringent requirement and, for a few years, we relied on an American Red Cross session called Basic Water Safety. However, during the 1990s, the ARC discontinued that class and we developed our own.

Although the course content has been "tweaked" a bit over the years, the essential concepts presented have remained constant except for additional ones being added from time to time. Information covered is backed up by many organizations and agencies that are very knowledgeable in the aquatic and boating fields.

Some of the topics covered include the danger of attempting a swimming rescue, ice and wader safety, elements of a safe swimming area, hazards in moving water, small craft safety and concerns around ocean areas.

The folder given to every course participant includes an outline, several stapled sheets on various situations and leaflets obtained from a number of sources. One content gives online resources to obtain additional information and some places to obtain materials related to aquatic safety.

While the Water Safety for Guides class provides a good and well-rounded background for the average guide, it should be noted that anyone who spends a great amount of time with clients in and on water should be advised to obtain lifeguard training.

A listing of upcoming classes and contact information for the four current instructors can be found on the www.nysoga.org website. Impromptu sessions can sometimes be arranged, depending on the instructor's calendar.

Winter Expo in Saratoga To Start Our Show Promotions

The NYSOGA show booth will make its first appearance of the 2012-13 season at the Winter Expo in Saratoga Springs on October 27 and 28. Unlike the other sports shows we attend (Edison, Springfield and Suffern), this one and another in March concentrate less on fishing and hunting and, to a greater extent, on hiking, camping, cross-country skiing and other outdoor pursuits.

The Question / The Answer



The question
If a group (such as the Adirondack Mountain Club) sponsors an outing that is

limited to its members, does the leader have to have a guide's license?



The answer:
Not if the clients are all members of the group and the excursion is advertised

as only being available to such. If it is open to the general public, a licensed guide is required..



REGION 6

Region 6 Rep. John Wainwright is on vacation in Montana and Scott Locorini is substituting



John Wainwright

The long, hot summer has had a negative affect on many things. Whitewater and trout

fishing seem to be the hardest hit. The trout took a real beating this summer and whitewater trips on the Moose River and Salmon River were cancelled due to the lack of rain. Hopefully some fall rains will help the trout and there's always next year for whitewater trips!

Bass fishing, hiking, canoeing, kayaking, golf and just about every other outdoor activity had a great season! It looks like it should be a good fall for all of these as well.

I'm still seeing many small critters and hoping that we don't get hit with an early winter. Yesterday, I saw turkeys that were still smaller than the average chicken. I've also seen some really small fawns (some still with spots) and small bear cubs. An early winter (or a "real" winter) could be really bad for them.

Looking forward, we still have plenty of time for fall hiking, paddling, fishing and hunting. I hope that you all have safe travels and a great fall and winter season!

Boreas Ponds Adventure Was Rendezvous Prize

On August 5, 2012, Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced that NYS will acquire 69,000 acres of the former Finch Pruyn and other lands held by the Nature Conservancy (TNC) throughout the Adirondacks.

Just one week before this announcement, courtesy of a Rendezvous raffle prize donated by TNC, NYSOGA immediate past president Jeff Whittemore and wife Phyllis accompanied Connie Prickett of TNC on a paddling preview of Boreas Ponds, a portion of this historic land acquisition.

The Boreas Ponds, located in the Town of North Hudson, border the High Peaks and Dix Mountain Wilderness Areas. The ponds and their access have been closed to the public for over a century. The 22,000 acre Boreas Ponds Tract will provide abundant opportunities for hiking, paddling, hunting, trapping, camping, fishing, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. According to the Governor's press release, this tract and other properties to be purchased through a multi-year acquisition plan, will require classification under the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan in order to encourage public access and appropriate use while protecting the natural resources.

On the day of the preview, Jeff, Phyllis and other guests paddled through the three ponds, enjoying unique and stunning views of the High Peaks and sightings of loons and a heron rookery. The paddle was followed by lunch on the porch of the former Finch Pruyn guest lodge as Connie provided a slide show of photos from the game cameras located on the property. Captured pictures included a fisher and bobcat.

There have also been numerous reports of moose in the area. The Whittemores and NYSOGA thank TNC for this enjoyable opportunity.

REGION 8

By Capt. Jim Morgan

The good news - It was a very good year for my fishing charter business.

The bad news - The price gouging by the oil companies and fuel companies are hurting us all and the economy. Then, with all the fishing regs. changes by DEC, you need a lawyer with you to make sure you are fishing legal. They always have to make it more difficult to comply where you are going to fish - when, how,



Jim Morgan

etc. Even after the comment period, DEC went ahead and ok'ed reducing the limit of rainbow trout from 5 to 1 in the lakes and 3 to 1 in streams. (Seneca, Keuka, Canandaigua, Canadice, and Hemlock lakes) Also, they removed the restrictions of no more than 3 lake trout as part of the 5 trout limit in above mentioned lakes. It makes no sense in Seneca Lake. Now DEC will work on destroying recreational fishing on Cayuga lake.

Fishing season is slowly coming to an end. I'll fish into the 2nd week of Oct. I need to get in the woods and get things ready for the upcoming hunting season. I hope everyone had a healthy and successful season.

Some Deer Camp Characters

Excerpted in part from the Nov.-Dec., 1981 issue of the CONSERVATIONIST
By Lee Chamberlaine, cartoon by Ed Kenney

Camp cook - Never does any cooking at home. Can, and does, cook anything, and makes it taste good - or at least it seems that way to other hunters who have spent the day tramping over stream, mountain and through swamps. Hunts very little himself.

Camp clown - Never does anything wrong either at home or at work. At camp, does everything wrong. Everyone picks on him and he loves it. Usually gets his revenge on group by taking biggest deer in front of camp.

Camp cardplayer - Goes to camp to play cards, eat, sleep and play cards. Hunts very little and ends up losing about \$10 to almost everyone in camp, but in particular to novice card players.

Camp hunter - Goes strictly for the deer hunting. Gets up first in the morning and is the last to come in at the end of the hunting day. Gets a deer every year and occasionally a bear.

Camp eater - Eats any and all food, including foods he will never eat at home. Is always hungry. Carries candy bars, apples, oranges and anything else edible while hunting. Leaves for hunting late, returns for lunch and well before sundown. Never puts on weight and eats like a bird at home.

Camp guest - First time hunter, at least for deer. Has borrowed gun. Clumsy and awkward in the woods. Usually gets biggest or only deer and usually sees and shoots only bear seen during the season. In future, will assume one of the above personalities.

NYSOGA Membership Report

By Lee Godin

Hello Everyone,
Please take a minute to look at your listing on our website to verify it appears as desired. Our membership stands as follows:

- 109 active members
- 4 pending members for 2012
- 15 Life members
- 15 associates
- 12 Honorary
- 2 sponsor

Please welcome the following new members:

Howard Hammonds runs H2O Adventures in Westport.

He offers Bass fishing on Lake Champlain. He can be reached at 518-962-8645 or via email hehammonds@gmail.com

William S. Swiac is NYSOGAS newest guide. William guides fulltime and is from Kerhonkson NY. He can be reached at 845-532-1100 or via email wswiac@gmail.com

Please continue your efforts to recruit new members. If you need anything, please give me a call at 518-542-2709 or via the NYSOGA 800 number or email: go_lee3@yahoo.com

Have a great Fall, Lee

Try This Recipe...

Smother-Fried Rabbit

Ingredients:

1 rabbit or 2 squirrels, jointed

Flour to dredge

Spices to taste - salt, pepper, cayenne, sage, thyme, rosemary, basil, marjoram, nutmeg, celery flakes, garlic and oregano are all good in practically any combination.



Cut the game into frying-sized pieces, cover with heavily seasoned water in a deep pan and simmer over medium heat for one hour. Remove the pieces of meat and save the broth. Flour the pieces and brown in a small amount of oil in a large frying pan.

When the pieces are well-browned, pour off most of the oil, put the meat back in the skillet and add the broth you saved. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, cover and simmer for 30-40 minutes. For thicker gravy, add two or three tablespoons of flour to the oil while browning the meat.

No squirrel or rabbit is tough enough to withstand this tenderizing treatment.

"Guidie Says ..."



...Add a few drops of dishwashing liquid to your dog's bath and shampoo the animal thoroughly. Rinse well to avoid skin irritations. Good-bye fleas...

...The next time your dog comes in from the rain, wipe down the animal with a dryer sheet. Your dog will suddenly smell springtime fresh...

...Do the screws in your eyeglasses ever loosen up? Apply a small drop of clear nail polish to the threads before tightening them...

...When you have a boil, cover it with tomato paste as a compress. The acid from the tomatoes soothes the pain and brings the boil to a head...

...Got a splinter? Pour a drop of Elmer's or similar glue over it and wait for it to dry. Peel the dried glue off the skin and, hopefully, the splinter will stick to it and come out...

...The head and backbone are the most vulnerable spots when shooting turkey. If a head shot is unsure, hold your sights on the butt of the wing where it attaches to the body. This will put the shot into the rib area or backbone, protecting the valuable breast meat...

...Consider keeping a cotton liner inside your sleeping bag. It will trap a layer of warm air around you and keep the bag clean and dry...

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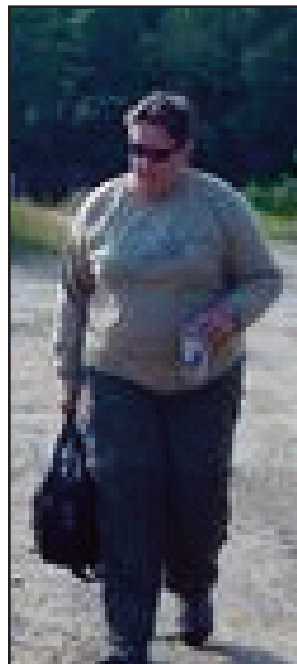
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Summer Rendezvous 2012 Provided Relaxation, Fellowship and Fun



By co-chair Sheila Young

Summer Rendezvous is a time for NYSOGA families to gather. In this very busy guiding season, we all had the chance to recharge our batteries at Wakely Dam outside the village of Indian Lake.

Thursday's rain morphed into splendid weather for the weekend. Saturday's pot luck supper ranged from Bill's wild game to Tim's Long Island corn. Hank not only caught the most fish, he also caught the biggest fish. But, we'll keep the details and the location of his fishing hole a secret. We all had a great time paddling and swimming, fishing and hiking and just sitting around reminiscing.

It was an opportunity to patrol NYSOGA's adopted section of the Northville-Placid Trail. Sunday's Board of Directors meeting was well-attended and productive.

If you attended Summer Rendezvous, thanks for coming and we enjoyed your company. If you didn't have a chance to come, maybe you could tell us why. As a guide, you have seasons and reasons for developing your calendar. Could you please drop me a note at adkfoothill@yahoo.com to help guide our future Summer Rendezvous plans? What would you like to see...a different season, location, amenities, accommodations, activities, etc.?

