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President's Message

By Scott Locorini

What a summer it has been! I know that many have complained that it was too cold, too rainy, too hot, etc, etc. But I saw impressive growth in our trips for this season and hope that it's the beginning of a trend. Maybe the economy is improving or the winter had folks chomping at the bit to get outside. I don't know and, honestly, don't care as long as the trend continues and folks are looking to go on guided trips in New York State!

Our summer Rendezvous and board of directors meeting went well and ran smoothly, due to the hard work of the rendezvous chairs and committee. Thank you, Brett and Mary Lawrence, Sonny Young, Sheila Young, John Dixon and everyone else that helped.

Our next board of directors will be at the Tailwater Lodge in Altmar, NY on October 15, starting at 10 a.m. All are invited and encouraged to attend and become involved. Also, the lodge has granted access to their private section of the Salmon River to meeting attendees. If salmon fishing is your thing or something that you've wanted to try, this would be a great opportunity to fish a less crowded section of the river during the peak of the salmon run. Other opportunities are also available for float trips on the river. One final bonus is that Tailwater Lodge offers a guide and guest discount on



Scott Locorini

lodging, the restaurant and the store. Just mention the guide discount when making your reservations.

The New York State Outdoor Writers Association, of which NYSOGA is a supporting member, invites all NYSOGA members to their conference on October 2-5 at Greek Peak Ski Resort in Cortland County. This could be a great place to meet a writer, have them do a trip with you and get written about in print and online publications. For more information, contact Mike Kelley at jkelley17@twcny.rr.com.

At this time, the biggest news of importance to NYS guides and outfitters is the meeting in Albany regarding the proposed Guides and Outfitters legislation. On August 28, the DEC Office of Legislative Affairs invited all guides and outfitters to attend a meeting in Albany to discuss guide licenses and the proposed Guide and Outfitters Legislation. In case you missed it, a notice was sent out in the e-newsletter. At the time of this writing, the meeting hasn't happened yet but there is a short report in another part of Guidelines that was submitted just prior to going to the printer. Please stay up on this legislation as it affects all of you directly.

As my New York season slows down, I realize that we're coming into a busy time for many members. Good luck with your fall trips and stay safe.



President Scott (on left) with daughter Mia

Summer Rendezvous Leftover Concoction

Submitted by Sheila Young; devised by several

This delectable dish was created using leftovers from Saturday night's pot luck dinner. As I remember it, the stir-fry primary base was 6 ears of Tim's sweet Long Island corn, pre-soaked in the cold water of the Ausable River and then fire-roasted in the shucks and cut from the cob that morning. Plus a handful of Brett's lean savory venison roast thinly sliced, a handful of Bruce's thinly sliced wedges of summer sausage, a handful of Mary Hall's finely cut broccoli,

tomatoes and carrots from the evening's fresh tray, a small handful of onions and garlic from the general kitchen. Also a TBS of my home-made jalepeno-garlic sauce (9 canned red jalepenos, 2 cloves garlic and 1/4 TSP salt, pureed and stored in a clean jar, covered with a thin layer of cider vinegar) All this was sautéed in a dash of olive oil.

It was made from Saturday's leftovers and was a totally delicious concoction shared by the Sunday morning folks. Lots of luck trying to duplicate it!



Leftover Concoction

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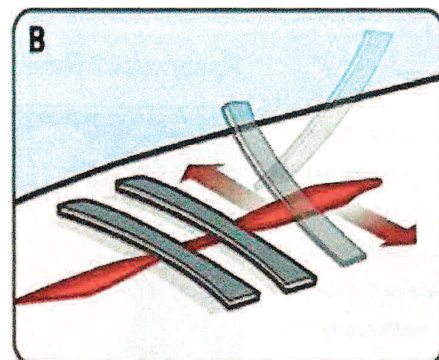
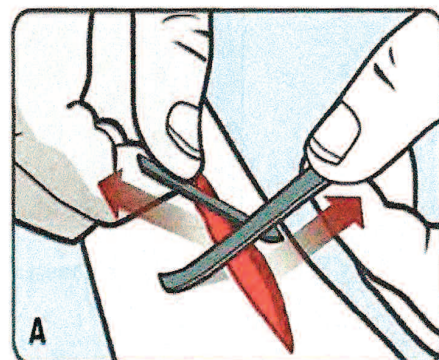
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Kids to Camp chair
Craig Tryon asks
any member who
wants to nominate a
young person for us
to sponsor to a DEC
camp in 2015 to get
in touch with him.

Plan Ahead for Our Annual Rendezvous

NYSOGA's annual Rendezvous and business meeting will be the weekend of March 12-15 in Lake Placid. Watch for more details in the near future or direct questions to Sheila Young.

How To Close A Wound With Duct Tape



Membership Report

By Lee Godin

Hello Fellow Outdoors Persons:

The following are our member numbers as of 9/11/2014:

7 pending

17 Life

117 Active

14 Associate 0 sponsors

10 Honorary

Total 165

Please welcome the following new members:

Michael N Hunt from New Castle DE runs **Hookalip Custom Rods and Guides Service**. He specializes in fly fishing, centerpin and noodle rods for steelhead and brown trout.

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John Dixon is a new (ed. note – rejoined) member from Tupper Lake NY. His number is 518-354-9194 and email is forevild@hotmail.com

We have more new members and they will be featured in future issues of guidelines.

As always please contact me if you need anything 518-542-2709 or go_lee3@yahoo.com

Everyone have a safe and successful Fall season.

Summer Encampment a Success At Keene Valley Airport

By Mary and Brett Lawrence

The 2014 summer NYSOGA Rendezvous was held at Marcy Field in Keene Valley over the weekend of August 1st-3rd. Some of the "old timers" (Sonny & Sheila, Hank, Tim, Sonny S., Bruce) arrived Thursday evening for a little extra mountain time. We had a board of directors meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, and sadly, many members had to return home to previous commitments.

Hank went out fishing with Brett on Saturday morning and showed the local boy how it is done. Hank's first cast hooked a hefty 15-17 inch trout and a few casts later, he and Brett left for another spot with two nice trout in Hank's creel. One more stop and the master brought about a dozen to net keeping only three to round out his day's limit in less than two hours Saturday afternoon, we were treated by a visit from the Wilmington Wildlife Refuge who brought with them "Kiska" a four month old pure bred wolf. Much information was given about wolves and their familial lifestyle followed by a question and answer period. Thank you, Steve Hall.

Saturday night's dinner was an absolute delight with fresh trout, Long Island corn on the cob, fresh green beans, corn bread, and grilled venison loin - thoroughly enjoyed by all in spite of an absolute deluge that dampened everything but our spirits.

We thank those brave hearts who attended and especially

Sheila for her tent and portable kitchen, as well as Mary Hall and Tim Hallock for the photos.

Semper Fi!



*Quoting from Celtic Thunder,
"All of God's Children Got a Place in the Choir."*



REGION 1

By Capt. Tim Hallock

Hello to all around the state from down here on tropical Long Island. The summer has been quite nice with near constant breezes, and no major heat waves and cooler than average temps. Sept.

1 is usually a time to look back on the "dog



Tim Hallock

days" but this year, it seemed all the heat and humidity were stored up and unleashed just after Labor Day Holiday as if not to spoil such a fine summer.

On the East End, the local beaches and villages were busy and so were the waters. All reports had fishing numbers down from previous years across just about the range of species here including bluefish, which have always been plentiful. Increasing boat traffic and temperature factors have been discussed among local fishermen but the jury is still out. There is also the runoff, and contamination issue with the many creeks that are part of the tidal system with the bays and the Sound. This summer, shell fishing was prohibited in many of the creeks out east due to unacceptable levels of some contaminant, restrictions to be lifted about the time of this report. In the same creeks, however, Blue Claw Crabs of legal size are allowed to be taken and the crab numbers, while not up to those of a banner year a season ago, are still quite good. Most of the serious fishermen hereabouts are concerned with Striped

Bass. Along with other prevalent species, the Bass numbers are down.

With regard to the deer issue out here, the numbers came in for the Sharp Shooter Program. With a combined financial commitment of \$250,000 from federal and local grants, a total of 196 deer were culled. It seems this will provide fuel to the fire as far as the need for promoting more local participation in hunting, and programs to teach and certify for bow hunting, and shotgun. Because of the nature of the area with pockets of residents, proximity of roads, fenced farm lands, etc., necessitating knowledgeable instructional purposes, etc. Anyone interested in hunting out this way or with ideas for such programs, don't hesitate to give me a shout.

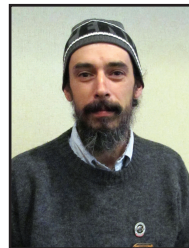
It was great to see many of our members at Keene Valley for the Summer Rendezvous, thanks to Brett and Mary Lawrence. Great food, an outdoor Board meeting, a few nights camping and the Ausable to cool off in!

Safe guiding and Travels, everyone!

REGION 3

By "Catskill Bill" Swiac

There is quite a bit going on here in the Catskills and Region 3 as a whole. Hunting season is in full swing for the first time ever around here. Not only has the early goose season been going since the 1st of September but we welcome the earliest bear season in the state which began on the 6th. There have already been several big bears taken in the Ulster County area.



William Swiac

On the DEP front, we have seen several new properties added to the already 100,000+ acres open to public use and a recently added Guides Listing being compiled by the DEP of their website and publications. The listing consists of all the guides who have applied for and received their DEP Guides Permit. If you are a guide in the areas of DEP land and want to guide on their lands, then you need to have this permit. It's easy enough to get and more information can be found on their website.

The Rondout Creek has been in our local news of late. The DEP has decreased the water flow to the lower Rondout in order to drain Honk Lake, due to a dam that was

deemed unsafe. The action, however, has had a major negative effect on the fishery and raised water temps for several weeks this summer. The question remains as to how much of a fish kill resulted in this action.

I am again working on organizing a benefit hunt for Wounded Veterans this season. In our sights this year will be an upland hunt in February. The wheels are turning and as details become more available, I'll be sure to pass them along. If anyone is interested in helping with this hunt or would like to participate as a guide, please feel free to get in touch with me. The hunt will take place on DEP Lands in Regions 3 and 4.

Happy Hunting and Tight Lines.

REGION 4

By Bruce Fuller

Hard to believe the Summer Season is already coming to an end. Can't believe we are already seeing the changing of the foliage. Not much of a summer for most areas and it seems the entire year has been an odd one throughout a large portion of our state and beyond. Although there were a few periods of good fishing on the local NYC reservoirs, I have heard many complaints that the fishing and Spring Turkey just never reached their potential. Hopefully, there will be some improvement



Bruce Fuller

in the fall.

I have been seeing a good number of deer in my area of the Region and have heard several similar reports. Some of our DEC Deer Management Units went to the 3 Points to a Side Regulation a couple of years ago and that does seem to be bringing a few more bucks into the picture. It will probably take a few years to determine the true impact on the deer herd in these areas but I personally believe it will prove to be a positive impact. Some individuals believe we should start to see a lot of large racked bucks because of the new regulations but I do not believe that will ever happen. More legal bucks - yes. Large increase in big bucks - no. There are far too many other factors involved in putting a big set of antlers on the head of a deer and, with the exception of a few remote areas and

some large private tracts, they simply do not apply to most areas of our state open to the public. Just my two cents.

There have also been some changes in PORTIONS of the Region concerning Bear Season. I have highlighted portions as there were all sorts of rumors circulating before the legislation actually went through and I have spoken with individuals that have basically no idea of the true regulations. I would strongly recommend that if you hunt bear, don't stay out in the cold too long. If you hunt for bear - read the regulations.

With hunting seasons and the fall hiking, camping and paddling trips just around the corner, many of us will be coming into another busy time of our year. Wishing everyone involved a safe and prosperous season.

REGION 5

By Sheila Young

We are proud of our Region 5's extensive waterways. We use them for sport, recreation, and income. Inadvertent introduction of an invasive species can forever change the biota and quality of the pond, lake or river. Many of our remote lakes and ponds struggle to overcome acidification, and introduction of aquatic invasive species would compound the degradation of our fresh water resources. Invasive freshwater



Sheila Young

species, such as milfoil, are readily visible to the naked eye. But other invasives, such as didymo ("rock snot") and spiny water flea, are too tiny to be seen individually. News of spiny water fleas in Lake Champlain seemed nearly simultaneous with the announcement of a new law.

New York's DEC now regulates the cleaning of boats, trailers, waders and other fishing equipment launching or leaving from any DEC launch site. I refer to 6 NYCRR Section 59.4 and 190.24. Water must be drained and any boat, trailer, and any equipment (such as trailers, livewells, bilges, motors, rudders, and anchors) in contact with water must be cleaned. Any visi-

ble plant or animal material must be removed.

As I understand it, the following are exemptions from this regulation-non-invasive plants used to create hunting or wildlife-viewing camouflage

- legal bait including baitfish
- legally taken game or fish
- and activities expressly approved by DEC

NYSOGA members hold themselves to represent the best-of-the-best guides New York has to offer. In holding with the letter and the spirit of NYSOGA's Mission and Code of Ethics, I ask that we all support the rationale of the new law, even when putting in or taking out at non-DEC launch sites.

REGION 6

By John Wainwright

Well another interesting summer with high water conditions the norm, which has been good for our rafting and canoe guides. Fishing has been iffy due to our wet weather conditions but on good days, Region 6 streams and lakes have been pro-



John Wainwright

ductive. The water temps have been good with a cooler than normal August. Actually, I just checked the West Canada Creek flow chart and it's running around 1500 cfs, which is about double what you might expect for this time of year.

We did have a client catch a 10 lb. walleye on the Mohawk River the third week in August. That's the largest walleye we've ever caught in this river system.

Even though we had a wet and cool

spring, I've heard many reports of does with 2 and 3 fawns and, with the lush vegetation, it seems like we're looking for a healthy deer herd going into the fall and winter months. Geese, ducks and blackbirds are starting to flock up, which means fall is just around the corner.

Well, hope you folks have a good hiking, hunting and fall fishing season and please let me know if you have any issues or suggestions to bring to the Board's attention.

REGION 7

By Craig Tryon

Region 7 has been pretty quiet for most of the summer and into early fall. Not much happening except the wet weather and rain close to daily.

With autumn soon to arrive, so will some



Craig Tryon

great fall fishing and the much awaited hunting season. The early goose season should be a good one. At camp here on the St. Lawrence River, there is an abundance of geese. The big game season should be a good one with lots of deer in the fields nightly.

Fall fishing is starting to get good - bass on the shoals and northern pike coming into shallower water to feed. Muskie fishermen will be on the river soon also.

Region 7 will be hosting the October NYSOGA board of directors meeting. If you have never attended a board meeting, this is your opportunity. Plan to join the NYSOGA board on October 15th at the Tailwater Lodge in Pulaski. I am sure a meeting announcement will be elsewhere in this issue.

As always, please contact me with any issues you may have that you feel need to be brought to the full NYSOGA board. Get out and enjoy the great fall weather.

REGION 8

By Capt. Jim Morgan

Fellow guides Herb Broome and Mike Kilcher stopped by this summer out touring the Finger Lakes on their motorcycles. We went fishing on Seneca Lake for a few hours in the afternoon. Of course, whenever friends or outdoor writers go out with me, the fish "clam" up and don't play the game. Herb did



Jim Morgan

boat a beautiful rainbow trout and released it. We had a good time though. Speaking of rainbows, on today's charter from Maryland, Pete caught a 10 lb 27 1/2" rainbow. Our biggest rainbow of the year. Fishing charters are coming to a end. Fishing once a week if that. Everyone's turning their attention to the salmon action on Lake Ontario. Fall is in the air early this year. Very cool for second week of September. Deer season will be here in a short 3 weeks. How did summer slip away so fast?



New NYSOGA Guide Joins White Dog Co.

Bryan Spinner is a new member of NYSOGA. He has been an avid fisherman and outdoorsman for over 25 years and became licensed to guide in the spring of 2013 at the Spring Rendezvous in Malta, NY. He recently joined White Dog Trail Company Guide Services and guides fly fishing, spin fishing and ice fishing trips.

Bryan is located in New York's Capital Region along with his wife and 2 children. He enjoys chasing many freshwater fish throughout the capital region. He often fishes the Battenkill for large trout as well as the East and West Canada Creeks. He loves fishing many Adirondack lakes for largemouth and smallmouth bass and runs float trips down the Mohawk River for smallmouth and walleye. He has a true passion for fly fishing the Salmon River and other Great Lake tributaries for salmon and especially steelhead. When the weather turns cold, he ice fishes Lake George, Saratoga Lake and other lakes for pike, bass and panfish.

He enjoys exploring new water and discovering all that the outdoors has to offer. He loves giving clients a great outdoor experience and the enjoyment clients get when landing a nice fish.



NYSOGA Represented at Albany Meeting On Proposed Licensed Guide Revisions

By Capt. Tim Hallock

In response to an invitation by counsel for the DEC, several members of NYSOGA's Board of Directors, meeting, along with representatives of various outfitter services and other guides from around the state, attended a meeting on Sept. 16 in Albany.

The topic of discussion centered around recent proposed changes in the legislation with regard to guiding and outfitting in New York State that were proposed through Sen. Betty Little's office. In attendance also were Col. Jacobs of the Rangers, Colleen Kayser of the Guide License Program, and counsel for the DEC.

Input was welcomed and offered by those of us involved with guiding as a profession and who will be directly affected by proposed legislative changes.

Areas of discussion included in part:

1. Increasing guide license fees for out-of-state guides.
2. A proposed written disclosure between guide and client which specifies terms of each outing.
3. The addition of other categories of activity such as flat water paddling to require licensing.
4. Increased penalties for violations such as guiding while intoxicated.
5. Definition of the term "outfitter" as applied in the proposed changes.

Most, if not all, the items of concern identified by our own Guide License Program Advisory Committee were addressed. There seemed to be a greater sense of clarity as DEC personnel explained the next steps going forward to present proposals for consideration to enact changes.

The results of this meeting were positive and, though our committee will continue to monitor progress, it is clear that NYSOGA's voice was heard along with others in attendance and that our input, as professionals in the business, is valued by those working on these proposals.

Anyone desiring more specific information on the items listed above is welcome to contact me.



Jeff Whittemore, Pres. Scott Locorini and Sheila Young (in center of picture) were part of the NYSOGA delegation attending the meeting.



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'Crispy Crahpe'

By Dick Howard

Make a thin paste out of pancake flour, a quarter shot of Worcestershire sauce and Pabst Beer. Roll your crap-pies or other small fish in this mixture and cook in a deep fryer or 1 ½ inches of oil in a frying pan until brown and crispy.



“Guidie Says ...”

...Drill some holes through plastic and aluminum canoe seats so they won't pool water when it rains...

...Cane seats will last longer if you occasionally oil them with Watco or Djeks Olay. Varnish dries out cane and makes it brittle...

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...Geese are easy to age. Simply look at their tail feathers. Juvenile geese have a V notch at the tip of their tail feathers while those on adults have a rounded or pointed tip...

...Sew a large button on the shoulder of your hunting coats to keep your gun from sliding off while you're setting out and picking up your decoys. It can keep you from having to reach down to the bottom of the lake to get your gun...

...Not sure how safely dispose of old monofilament line? Stuff it in a plastic milk jug and toss it into recycling. That way, you can be sure it gets recycled and does not cause environmental damage...



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"There has always been a romantic fascination to persons who could find their way through the wilderness and over hidden trails - the Indian, the pioneer scout, the guide, the trader, the explorer."

Bjorn Kjellstrom