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## President's Message

By Scott Locorini

Wow, I can't believe it's fall already! Where did the summer go?? After drought in the spring, too much rain in July and then drought again, it has been a whacky summer to say the least. It seems that most guides I know have been busy throughout the summer season and reservations for the fall guides seem to be coming in. All good news for the guides of New York State!

Summer Rendezvous was a great event with plenty of catching up with friends, phenomenal presenters and a great location. If you missed it, try to make it next year or even do a presentation. You won't be disappointed. If anyone has any suggestions for Rendezvous,



I'd love to hear them. Should it be mid-week so more people can attend? Should it be in a different location? Any feedback is appreciated.

Along the same line, feedback and involvement are always appreciated. If you have any suggestions for the organization or would like to get involved, you're always welcome to attend a Board of Directors meeting. The next one is 10:00 a.m. on October 28, 2016 at White Otter Fish and Game Club in Woodgate, NY. We'd love to see you there!

Show season is coming on us again and that is another place where you can get involved. We're always looking for folks who want to work the show booths and you get to attend the show as well! Feel free to contact me if you'd like to help out with shows.

That's all for now. Enjoy your fall season and stay safe. Hopefully, we'll see you at the Winter Rendezvous in Hamilton, NY, White Eagle Conference Center, in March of 2016!

## Summer Rendezvous 2015

By Sandra 'Squeak' Rose

The 2015 NYSOGA Rendezvous was held in Altmar New York on the banks of the famous Salmon River during the last week in July and the weather cooperated wonderfully. The campground accommodations proved to be a success and we are pleased with the new friendship between Browns Campgrounds and NYSOGA. A big round of applause for our hostess, Monica Brown, and her family! The moon was high during the pot luck dinner-social time and there were many discussions revolving around it. Around the fireside, guitar music played throughout the evening and we even had the good fortune to enjoy a surprise guest player as well as a little picking from our own Tim Hallock! The food was, of course, spectacular and the variety boundless. From the efforts of our President Scott cooking his Tortellini dish to my personal favorite, the Baked Zucchini Rounds from our beloved Mary, and everything in between we lacked for nothing and what a pity it was to, "have to rough it so severely"~~

The Tailwater Lodge in Altmar was an exciting and pleasant addition to the slightly adjusted format of The Summer Rendezvous and our hats go off to their gracious service, friendly employees and atmosphere, what a beautiful job they have done with the recreation and repurposing of the building. A comfortable



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## 'Bag Ladies' Getting Ready To Promote Your Business

NYSOGA 'bag ladies' Mary Hall and Sheila Young will soon be stuffing bags with members' business cards or leaflets. These will be distributed to patrons at sport shows that we attend during the coming months.

To get your material included in the bags, send 500 individual items to Mary Hall, 90 Country Club Road, Tupper Lake, NY 12986.

## The NYSOGA Mailbag

To NYSOGA,

I just wanted to say a quick THANK YOU to all the people who make NYSOGA happen. My husband John joined up this year to help his business, Tamarack Mountain Guiding. He gets more leads from NYSOGA than any other source so far. We are small, but growing - thanks to you.

Keep doing what you do!  
Thanks,  
Beth Mackey

This embroidered 3 inch patch can be ordered through the NYSOGA Store.





# Summer Rendezvous 2015

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and wonderfully decorated “woods-like” setting for many future NYSOGA events indeed! The social hour at Tailwater was a huge success with guitar music and laughter as well and A Sincere Thank You to Ithaca Beer for their contributions. The classes and demonstrations at Summer Rendezvous were informative and relaxing. Attendees traveled from the Syracuse area, the Theresa- Philadelphia NY/St. Lawrence region, the Adirondacks and all different points in Central New York. From Birding and Compasses to Hiking and Safety, our sincere appreciation goes out to all of those leading these classes and seminars, the guides that displayed their business wares; and all of the NYSOGA members that helped to make the new format a success. Change is never easy and every endeavor has its growing and building years. The first new “Adjusted Summer Rendezvous Format” was a success and I feel in my heart that it will only grow and become even more successful with all of NYSOGA dedication and commitment that has made the organization what it is. I feel that the NYSOGA members in attendance will echo my thoughts. If you missed the 2015 Summer Rendezvous, you missed a relaxing time and the opportunity to witness growth and optimism within NYSOGA.

Onward to our NYSOGA goals and onto The Winter Rendezvous that lies ahead!

*Squeak*



*The booth at Tailwater Lodge*



*Music flowed like the river.*



*The Salmon River*

## *Winter Rendezvous, Annual Meeting Coming...*

Members and prospective guides are reminded to save the weekend of March 17-20 for NYSOGA's annual extravaganza. It will be at the White Eagle Conference Center near Hamilton, NY.  
*More information will be forthcoming.*



## REGION 1

By Capt. Tim Hallock

Hello everyone from way down state on the Island as we ring in the New Year. There isn't too much to report except on-



Tim Hallock

going efforts to cull the deer populations and reduce the high number of road kills, which seemed at an all time high just before the Christmas Holiday.

Driving east on the North Fork on Christmas night was like an obstacle course. The good news is that the local venison program, here called the Venison Donation Program, is well underway, processing and distributing venison with an emphasis on helping the needy.

In other hunting news, there has been an increase in bird hunting out my way - duck mostly, and there are new blinds on the edges of the marshes this winter.

As noted in last report, the fishing was generally off this last season for most species, including bass. The crab-

bing for blue claw was decent, however.

Out at the Point, barge loads of car sized rocks have been brought in for an apparent attempt at fortifying the point itself, which is in danger of being washed out on the spit of beach leading to the rock pile of the point itself, leaving the rock pile an island at high tide. I've posted pix on facebook, Northeast Mountain Guides.

The other big news is a missing person, reportedly last seen walking from the ferry terminal parking lot east toward the point. That was over a week ago, and still no sign of Mike O'Brien, a Greenport resident.

Getting ready now for the show circuit, with first stop at Edison, NJ, and then the BOD meeting in Lake Placid. Hope to see everyone at Rendezvous !

## REGION 3

By William Swiac

As late summer heat continued through Labor Day here in Region 3, the start to some hunting loomed. Along with early goose season we also welcomed the opening of squirrel season on September 1st. We have some notable changes to the hunting rules and regulations this year as well.



William Swiac

Most notable is the change to deer

hunting regulations in the 3M management zone. 3M is now antlerless only! Bear hunting has been opened throughout the state other than a few areas around urban areas and the Catskill region has the earliest big game season in the state with the start of early bear hunting opening on the 12th of September. The fall turkey season has been cut down to two weeks with a single bird limit and for good reason as we have had several poor years of spring hatches and need to rebuild the hen populations.

On the fishing front, it's fishing as usual this time of year. Low water and warm temps have stressed trout in all

waters other than those at the tail waters of the NYC Reservoirs. On the reservoirs themselves, trout have been holding deep and have only fed at the thermocline early in the mornings and well after dark.

One more note. I'd like to thank Will Soter for having me as a guest on his radio program. He hosts an outdoor program out of the Catskills that can also be heard online. It's a wonderful way to give a showcase of the guides in the region.

Stay safe out in the woods and on the water. Best wishes to all in this and every season.

## REGION 4

By Bruce Fuller

Not a great deal to report here in Region 4. Some dry periods within an overall fairly wet summer kept our local streams and rivers in a constant state of change. High, fast, and muddy was followed very shortly by low, slow and clear. This certainly kept fishing these waters challenging. More than usual moisture in most areas had vegetation growing strong all summer and I think I spent



Bruce Fuller

more time on the lawn mower this year than I did fishing. Although most fishing reports were mixed, especially for the streams and rivers, it seems our local Pepacton Reservoir had a good year.

It does appear the deer, at least in my area of the region, came through the brutal winter better than expected. Personal observation and most reports indicate good numbers and lots of fawns. Two days ago there were four deer feeding between my house and pond. They consisted of two spike bucks, a doe, and an eight point. Don't quite understand what that mixture was all about but they did appear to be together. My local turkeys, on the other hand, are

not doing well. Although we are seeing a few birds, their numbers are way down and I have heard several other bad reports from throughout the entire state. It is my personal opinion that changes to the fall season limits will have little impact. There simply are not many of us that do much fall turkey hunting. I believe turkey numbers are down far enough to require dropping the season limit to one bird, be it a spring gobbler or fall turkey of either sex.

It's hard to believe that fall is almost here and it is now time to start gearing up for that season. Wishing everyone my very best.



**REGION 6**

*By John Wainwright*

Hot dry weather definitely has been the story across the state and Region 6 is no exception. West Canada Creek is as low as I can ever remember and that goes for the Mohawk River as well. Adirondack Lakes have dropped considerably and blue/green algae blooms are causing some beaches to close. Hopefully, by the time you receive this Guidelines, cooler more comfortable weather will be the norm. There are already some signs that fall is



**John Wainwright**

on the way with large flocks of red wing black birds showing up along the Mohawk River. The 5 mile section of the Mohawk that I float had its first eagle's nest in recent history with one eaglet taking flight in mid-July. I was there to watch it take some of its first rather clumsy flights. Very nice to see the rebound of our National symbol after the devastating results of the use of DDT and other hydrocarbon pesticides in the 40s, 50s and early 60s.

I know our Lake Ontario charter guides are very busy with salmon starting to stage off their spawning streams and soon bass and trout will start going into their fall feeding modes so, hopefully, we'll see cooler temps soon. The

white fly hatch on the W. Canada should be in full swing although I haven't heard any good info yet. I hope to get out some evening to give it a try. If you're a fly fisherman and haven't experienced the hatch, you're really missing one of the marvels of nature with thousands flying up stream. Always reminds me of driving in a blinding snow storm.

Well, that's about it. Let's hope we get some good rains soon. Hope all of you hunting guides have a great season. Let me know if you have any questions or suggestions for the BOD. (315-894-5834 or [jwainwrightf@aol.com](mailto:jwainwrightf@aol.com))

**REGION 8**

*By Capt. Jim Morgan*

Fishing season is almost over. After labor Day it really slows down. Now I can find time to do some fishing for myself. Most of my charters were on Cayuga Lake where we can still catch



**Jim Morgan**

trout. Seneca Lake was like fishing the Dead Sea! Something is going on in Seneca Lake-not exactly sure what has happened but trout fishing has dropped way off. Most of the charter boats were all going to Cayuga Lake. I need to contact the Region 8 biologist to see if they know anything. Also, there was a blue algae bloom on Seneca Lake in August. Canandaigua Lake too. Cayuga Lake had to harvest over 2 acres of water

chestnut plus their ongoing battle with hydrilla on the south end. The gobbie fish are flourishing in both lakes as well.

DEC finally treated Seneca Lake tributaries with lampicide last week. I was interviewed by Time Warner News (which can be seen online) on my thoughts about lamprey control, seeing that I am a charter boat Captain.

That's all for now-hope all is well with everyone.

# Membership Report...

*From Lee Godin*

## Hello Fellow Outdoors Persons:

**164 total members**  
**3 Pending**  
**17 Life**  
**119 Active**  
**13 Associate**  
**12 Honorary**

*Please welcome the following new members:*

Gary Natalie offers day hiking trips in Region 3 He can be reached at 585-507-6768 or via email at [gmat@rochester.rr.com](mailto:gmat@rochester.rr.com). His website is [www.hydhc.com](http://www.hydhc.com).

New Active member Scott Gardner from Jay, NY runs Nessmuk's Wilderness Guide Services. His phone is 218-556-3809 and e mail is [scottgardner00@gmail.com](mailto:scottgardner00@gmail.com). His website is [www.flyfishADK.com](http://www.flyfishADK.com).

Zero Limit Adventures is run by new Active member Michael D. DeRosa.

Michael is from Webster, NY and can be reached at 585-766-2421 or via email at [Mderosa@zerolimitadventures.com](mailto:Mderosa@zerolimitadventures.com). His website is [www.zerolimitadventures.com](http://www.zerolimitadventures.com).

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## August • 2015 Trip Planning Request

Compiled by Roy Earley

DATE	ORIGIN		REGION/CATEGORY
8-02-15	New Jersey	? .? People	Region ? ? ? Fly Fishing
8-03-15	New York	3-5 People	Region 1-4 Fishing
8-08-15	New York	? ? People	Region 5, 6 Fly Fishing
8-09-15	? ? ? ?	1-2 People	Region 1-9 Hiking
8-10-15	New York	? ? People	Region 1-9 Canoe, Kayak, W/W
8-13-15	New York	3-5 People	Region 3 Small Game
8-14-15	Conn.	1-2 People	Region 3-6 Big Game
8-16-15	Texas	1-2 People	Region 5 Hiking
8-17-15	Minnesota	1-2 People	Region ? ? ? W/W Rafting
8-17-15	California	1-2 People	Region 4,5 Small Game
8-24-15	Massachusetts	1-2 People	Region 3,4 Small Game
8-29-15	NYC	1-2 People	Region 3-5 Big Game
8-29-15	Massachusetts	1-2 People	Region 5,6 Photography
8 30 15	Florida	6-10 People	Region 1-9 Big Game
8 31 15	New York	1-2 People	Region 5-7 Fishing, Campi

## July, 2015 Trip Planning Requests

DATE	ORIGIN		REGION/CATEGORY
7-07-15	Florida	3-5 People	Region 1-9 Fishing
7-10-15	New York	1-2 People	Region 5 Hiking
7-13-15	New York	1-2 People	Region 6 Canoe, Kayak
7-13-15	NYC	3-5 People	Region 4-6 Fish/Back Packing
7-13-15	Kentucky	3-5 People	Region 6 Fly Fishing
7-16-15	Singapore	1-2 People	Region 1-9 Canoe, Kayak, W/W
7-21-15	Bronx	1-2 People	Region 6,7 Hiking, W/C, S/S
7-23-15	New York	1-2 People	Region 5 Ice Climbing
7-25-15	Penna.	1-2 People	Region 3 Fishing
7-26-15	Georgia	3-5 People	Region ? ? ? Fly Fishing
7-27-15	New York	1-2 People	Region 5 Hiking
7-28-15	Conn.	3-5 People	Region 1-5 Canoe, Kayak
7-29-15	North Carolina	3-5 People	Region 6 F/F, Small Game
7-29-15	New Jersey	1-2 People	Region 5-7 Big Game
7-30-15	New York	1-2 People	Region 4-7 Big Game

\*\* F/F Fly Fishing, S/S Snow Shoeing, W/C Winter camping, W/W Winter Camping



“Guidie Says ...”

*Ed. note - Capt. Jim Morgan of Region 8 submitted the following tips along with his regional report. (with tongue firmly in cheek)*

...When using a public campground, a tuba placed on your picnic table will keep the campsites on either side of you vacant...

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...Lint from your navel makes a handy fire starter. WARNING: Remove lint from navel before applying the match...

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...Take this simple test to see if you qualify for solo camping. Shine a light into one ear. If the beam shines out the other ear, it is OK to go into the woods alone...

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...You can start a fire without matches by eating Mexican food, then breathing on a pile of dry sticks...

\* \* \* \* \*

...In an emergency, a drawstring from a parka hood can be used to strangle a snoring tent mate...  
Enjoy your camping.

*Ed. note: The following letter was sent to NYSOGA by the young man that we sponsored to a DEC camp with funds from the quilt raffle.*

Dear members of the NYSOGA,

My name is Alex Mastro. You probably know me because you sponsored me for my trip to Camp DeBruce which I am very thankful for. I had the most fun and experience of the wilderness then I think I'll ever have! I left Camp DeBruce with at least half more than my brain already knew about the wilderness and how many easy things you can find, hear or observe! Even though this is the only time I can attend Camp DeBruce, I feel like I had 5 years worth of fun and adventure! I thank you with every single bit of my heart for graciously sponsoring me, a 13 year old boy living in a small town that almost nobody has heard of. A boy who never thought he'd have so much fun in the wilderness. We sang songs, made s'mores, swan in Mongaup Pond, took a long hike with much to see, made a group skit, etc. I just really loved it and can't thank you enough for giving my family the helping hand to sending me to Camp DeBruce. All of the counselors there were fun and hilarious and could always put someone in a great mood. If I had the time to explain to you all of the stories from camp, it would take me at least an hour to explain half of what happened at camp from only one week! I guess you really don't know what could happen in only one week. Again I just can't ever thank you enough for this because I really can't get over how much fun I had at camp this week.

At camp this week, two of the counselors gave a group of us time to listen and see what there is around us. Then, they gave us as much time as we needed to make a map, write a story, whatever you wanted. I decided to make a poem. I called it simply, "Nature." It took me a total of about 45 minutes to think, write, and edit my poem. I would like to share this poem with you, so please enjoy what I have made.

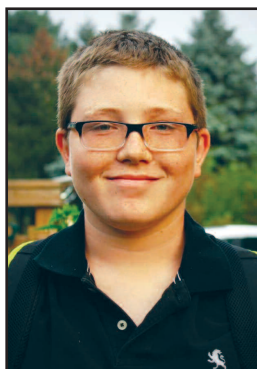
### **Nature**

"The grass is green, as I have seen.  
I hear the birds, As they speak their own words.  
The trees will rustle, By the wind's strong hustle.  
The flowers will grow, Unless there is snow.  
And all of this land, Isn't it just grand?  
Just look around! Listen for sounds!  
Like the bees that buzz, With their black and yellow fuzz.  
But what I like best, Is putting you to the test.  
Listen to what you hear, With the adaptations they call ears.  
And look and see all the great sights! While your smart brain,  
Turns on the lights.  
-Alex Mastro

For one last time, I will thank you for sponsoring me to go to Camp DeBruce, because I just loved it and was so sad when I had to leave and that I won't be able to go back next year. If I were to be able to repay you, I would give you all millions of dollars for the greatest time I've had in my 13 years of life.

Thank you once again from your friend,

*Alexander Mastro*



## **Try This Recipe...**

### **Oatmeal Hotcakes for 4**



#### *Ingredients:*

1 cup rolled oats • 1 cup unbleached flour  
1/2 cup low fat powdered milk  
1/4 tsp. cinnamon • 1/4 tsp. nutmeg  
1/4 cup sugar • 2 tsp. baking powder  
1 powdered egg  
1/4 cup dried apricots, diced, or raisins  
3 tbs. canola oil • 1 1/4 cups water  
oil to coat pan • honey or maple syrup

At home, process rolled oats in food processor until nearly the consistency of flour. Combine all dry ingredients with apricots or raisins and mix well. Seal in a heavy duty plastic bag.

At camp, combine dry ingredient mix with 3 tbs. oil and water and let sit 15 minutes, then mix well. Heat pan, remove from fire, then add oil. Cook hotcakes over warmed stones, cool area of fire or over low flame on a stove. Hotcakes should be cooked until golden brown on both sides. Serve hot with honey or maple syrup. Leftover cakes make great snack food..

## **NYSOGA To Do Promotion At Upcoming Sports Shows**

NYSOGA will be promoting its active members in upcoming months at a number of sports shows.

For the first time this year, we will be at a one day gathering at Morrisville, NY on Sept. 26.

The three major shows we attend are listed below. In addition, we set up at a sports and fitness two day show at Saratoga in March.

### **Edison, NJ Jan 7-10, 2016**

Garden State Outdoor Sport Show  
New Jersey Convention & Exposition Center Edison, NJ

**Springfield, MA Feb. 19-21, 2016** (note that they have reduced this to a 3 day show by eliminating Thursday)  
The Springfield Sportsmen's Show  
Eastern States Exposition, Home of the Big E  
West Springfield, MA

### **Suffern, NY March 10-13, 2016**

World Fishing & Outdoor Exposition  
Rockland Community College  
Suffern, NY

## The NYSOGA Store

To order NYSOGA merchandise: Specify item(s) type, size, color, etc.

Include check or money order payable to NYSOGA.

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ITEM	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
Logo Patches	embroidered 3" round	\$6.00
Window Decal	interior 3x7"	\$3.00
Window Decal	exterior 5x8" NY outline yellow	\$6.00
Window Sticker	interior 2.5" round	\$2.00
NYSOGA Pin	pewter 1" round	\$6.00
Travel Mug	granite/green w/Logo	\$6.00
Membership Pin Collection	11 pins 1995-2005	\$5.00
Hat green/tan waxed canvas	embroidered guide pin	\$20.00
Hat tan cotton twill	embroidered guide pin	\$20.00
Tee Shirt Rend. 2015	maroon long sleeve M, XL, 3XL	\$18.00
Tee shirt Rend. 2014 - Lyons Falls	gray M, Lg, XL, 2XL	\$7.00
Tee shirt Rend. 2013 - Malta	black Lg, XL, 2XL	\$7.00
Tee shirt Rend. 2012 - Hamilton	tan long sleeve M, Lg, XL, 2XL	\$10.00
Tee shirt Rend. 2011 - Lake Placid	grey cool dri fabric Lg, XL	\$7.00
Tee shirt Rend. 2010 - Hamilton	black Med, Lg	\$7.00
Tee shirt Rend. 2009 - Margaretville	brown Med.	\$7.00
Tee shirt Rend. 2008 - Boonville	rust Med. only	\$7.00
Tee shirt Rend. 2007 - Saranac	white S, Med, Lg, XL	\$7.00
Tee shirt Rend. 2003 - Johnstown	brown Med, XL	\$7.00
Tee shirt Rend. 2002 - Boonville	ivory XL only	\$7.00
Tee shirt Rend. 2001 - plain black	ivory S, M, Lg, XL, 2 XL	\$7.00
Tee shirt Rend. 1999 - Saratoga	ivory Med, Lg	\$7.00

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## ~Northern Roots ~ "The Skies Change"

By Sandra "Squeak" Rose

The rain drips softly, quietly from the eaves and I am so thankful as it slowly soaks into the baked earth. The skies have gone from a brilliant blue to a hazy smoky blue gray and that's alright with me, a fine respite from the frying pan as of late. The meadows are drying down, the golden rod beaming. The swamps are quieted, their borders fringed with the first red and gold lace-like display of autumn foliage.

In the villages, the school buses drive by in their dull grumbly roar; their window's like a Norman Rockwell slide show of grinning eager enthusiastic faces, mixed with others of hang dog resentment as to their destination.

The corn grows tall, the pumpkins fat, the maturing fragrance of each is mixed with the aroma of drying wood piles and late season gardens. The lawns are thankful to be slowing their pace; the wildflowers are ready to take a nap. The varsity football players are ready to attack and my Tree Stand beckons to me pleadingly. Ah Yes ..... The skies change and I welcome it.. bring on the frost.. bring on Deer Season.

Squeak~~



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*"The only reason I ever played golf in the first place was so  
I could afford to hunt and fish."*

*Sam Snead*