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President's Message

Greetings from the Adirondacks! What a spring it has been so far ... Already this year I've had hiking, canoe, kayak and plenty of white-water trips. We've also had plenty of water, so much we actually had to cancel a weekend of raft trips! The fishing has been spotty due to the river levels but as the water stabilizes, the fishing will improve. Of course, the black flies have also made their long awaited return and will likely be around until the end of June.



Scott Locorini

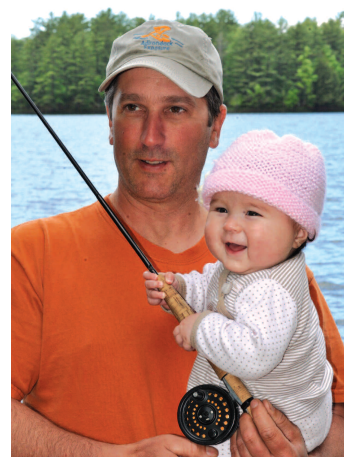
The Board of Directors met in Woodgate, NY on May 20th and, while there were many topics to cover, a considerable amount of time was spent on the proposed changes to the guide law. An opportunity has come up to work with the Hudson River Professional Outfitters Association in order to provide a united front to the bills sponsor, Senator Little, as well as the DEC when the time comes. If you are part of another guide association in the state, let's work together. We will have a louder voice when the time comes to set the rules and regulations.

With the busy summer season upon us, remember that the NYSOGA Facebook page is there for your use. Post trip photos, trip descriptions and interact with the page followers. You never know where your next client is going to come from ...

Summer Rendezvous is quickly approaching and Brett and Mary Lawrence have a great location and venue in store for us. This year, it will be at Marcy Field in Keene Valley, NY. This location offers something for everyone including fishing on the Ausable River, hiking the numerous trails in the area, canoeing, kayaking, climbing, bouldering, Lake Placid shopping and breweries, etc, etc. You get the point The dates are August 1-3.

Hope to see you at Summer Rendezvous! Have a great summer season and be safe.

Scott



President Scott is not wasting any time in teaching daughter Mia to fly fish.

Summer Rendezvous 2014 To Be Held in Keene Valley

New NYSOGA board member Brett Lawrence, along with better half Mary, has set up an exciting time for those attending this year's summer Rendezvous.

Setup will be at the Marcy Field (Keene Valley Airfield) between the towns of Keene and Keene Valley and the get-together will be the weekend of August 1-3. The NYSOGA board of directors will have its summer meeting at 10 a.m. on Friday and other attendees are invited to sit in. Friday evening will be an informal gathering of friends.

On Saturday, a presentation will be held by the Wilmington Wildlife Rehabilitative Center. Mary and Brett report that there may be a surprise visit by a first-time "friend."

Saturday evening will be the annual potluck dinner with participants supplying the grub.

The Mountaineer high peaks store will be offering a 10% discount during the Rendezvous for folks showing



"Lullaby Time"

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Kids To Camp

By Craig Tryon

It is never too early to begin thinking about sending a Kid to Camp in 2015. Begin the search and contact your friends, neighbors or co-workers for potential campers for 2015. NYSOGA sponsors 2 campers per year to attend one of the DEC Summer Environmental Education Camps statewide. Our camper this year, Douglas Godin, is eagerly awaiting his week at camp. Look at the DEC website to get camp information. [dec.ny.gov-education-environmental-education-summer-camps] Use the contact information listed in the Board of Directors list in Guidelines and contact me if you need information about our NYSOGA sponsorship program. We do need your help to send a Kid to Camp 2015.

Trip Planning Form Has Been Revised & Improved Recently

Before leaving on an outing with clients, virtual office chair Lynn Malerba requested that Guidelines report on improvements to the NYSOGA trip planning forms.

More of these communications should now be reaching members who have signed up for them. Recent on came in on June 4, 9, 12, 18 and 19. Anyone signed up who did not receive these should check their spam folder. It is necessary to place the e mail address of tripplanning@nysoga.com into your whitelist to make sure they do not get blocked.

If you wish to receive these inquiries for guiding services and are not getting them at present, Lynn asks you to contact her at adkconnections@spamarrest.com.

Membership Report

By Lee Godin

Hello Fellow Outdoors Persons:

The following is our member numbers as of 6/16/14

17 Life
112 Active
13 Associate
10 Honorary

We also have approximately 12 pending memberships awaiting license copies to complete their membership

Please welcome the following new members:

Michael N Hunt is a new guide from New Castle DE.

He runs Hookalip and offers fly fishing trips

He can be reached at 302-722-3992 or via email hookalip@gmail.com

Donald E DeClerck is a new guide from Naples NY.

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River Street Lodge & Fishing Guide Services is run by Randall Hinton from Pulaski NY. He can be reached at 518-522-2802 or via email at riverstreetlodge@aol.com

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Many new guides have not provided me with information for a website listing. If you are a guide and would like a listing on the NYSOGA website, please provide me with a up to 50 word description of your activities and the categories and regions for each category you offer.

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

Everyone have a safe and successful summer.
Lee

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their guide's license. In addition, there will be a library book sale, church quilt sale and art show at the school. Keene Valley is in the midst of the Adirondack High Peaks and there are day hikes galore. There is also great fishing in the nearby Ausable River.

For those not wanting to camp out, the Town of Keene website can be checked for area accommodations. The Lawrences suggest the Roostercomb Inn (518) 576-9916, or the Keene Valley Lodge (if you don't mind a room over a restaurant/bar – (518) 576-2003). Bunking may be available at the Keene Valley Hostel (518) 576-2030.

Two porta-potties, one with a sink, will be at the camping area and, as usual at the summer Rendezvous, participants bring their own food.

Summer
Rendezvous
"Relaxees"



One attendee
came by air
when we last
gathered at
Marcy Field.



REGION 1

By Capt. Tim Hallock

Summer has finally settled in here on the Island although the nights are still cool. Between timely rain and plenty of sun, the growing season has



Tim Hallock

exploded, benefiting the crops of the roadside vendors on the 2 major routes to the east end. Routes 25 and 48 crawl in the summer due to produce stands and the vineyards.

Early fishing reports beginning this spring told of fair to good flounder and fluke, moderate bass, and a continued resurgence of weakfish in the east end bays.

The hired sharpshooters could be heard much of the winter culling the deer herds, but there are still a high number of road kills and when the summer slows down for me, I'd still like to appeal to those in Region 1 to assist in devising a program to encourage more bow hunting, and more guided hunts

out this way. Any input would be welcome.

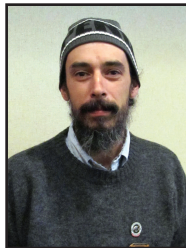
Just to make sure we islanders way down state are represented in other areas of the state, including our incredible ADK High Peaks, I recently squeezed in a guided hike in there among all the boat work, which enabled me to circumnavigate Manhattan Island by boat on a Sunday and hike to the summit of Mt. Marcy less than 48 hrs. later on Tuesday. The biggest problem for us down here is getting on and off the Island and the road time to pull off this two-for was excessive.

Hoping to see you all at the Summer Rendezvous in Keene Valley - this is the Yeti, signing off for now!

REGION 3

By William Swiac

Here in the heart of the NYC watershed, we welcome the newly appointed DEP Commissioner, Emily Lloyd. The lands and waters of the DEP are vital to outdoor recreation throughout the region as many of the storied rivers of the Catskills are reliant on water releases from the reser-



William Swiac

voirs. The Esopus, Rondout, and Delaware River systems are some of the best tailwater fisheries New York State has and are all reliant on cold water releases.

On another note, the same agency has been actively working on eradication of the Emerald Ash Borer from their lands. There are several land closures currently in areas where logging the affected trees is being undertaken.

We also have had the great pleasure of a new state record being set here in the Hudson Valley.

The new inland Striped Bass record now stands at 60 pounds! Congratulations to Eric Lester of Campbell Hall, NY!

While the turkey season was tough this year, due to low numbers and dramatic weather swings, there were several good Toms taken this May. We managed to kill 5 birds out of my camp and the last one I got to take myself. While not a monster, 19 pounds is a very respectable bird. Hope that all of you have a wonderful summer season and I look forward to connecting with all the new guides here in Region 3.

REGION 4

By Bruce Fuller

Not a great deal to report at this time. More bad spring weather than good has made for some nasty days in the field, and I am confident the young turkeys are having some survival issues as well. This should compound the turkey population problem much of Region 4 is experiencing. Although my hunters took some birds, it was a poor season compared to other years and some areas appeared to have very few



Bruce Fuller

birds. I live in the middle of what has always been good turkey country and this year I failed to hear a single bird during the entire season on the property surrounding my home. I would guess the area around my home lost at least 90% of the birds from last year. DEC is aware of the decline in many areas and is supposedly investigating the problem. I personally believe the problem is complex and is somewhat the result of poor nesting due to several wet springs, along with more predator problems, especially with the major increase of fisher over much of the Region. Although some winter fatality is probably another factor this year, the decline

has been so drastic that I firmly believe there is another major player involved that has yet to be determined. I am suspicious of some previous sprayings for insect control and of the additives being used with the salt and material being spread on our roads during the winter.

While it appears there have been several periods when the weather has not been a friend to those chasing trout in our streams and rivers, the local reservoirs have seen several days of good fishing.

I am hopeful we will have a great and prosperous summer. Looking forward to Summer Rendezvous and hoping many of you will be there.

REGION 5

By Sheila Young

Spring was slow to take hold in the higher elevations. Anglers in the Tri-Lakes area often commented that trout have been slow to reward their efforts due to colder-than-usual waters.

Paul Smiths College students have been studying to act as environmental watershed stewards across the State. They will be deployed at many boat launches, inspecting vessels for the presence of several invasive species. For more information, visit www.adkwatershed.com or www.adkinvasives.com.



Sheila Young

Proposed Senate bill S6663-2013 (... an act to amend the environmental conservation law ...) was sent to the Environmental Conservation Committee on February 25. That committee met and agreed to the amendment on May 20. New sections would affect Environmental Conservation law § 11-0532. Highlights, as I understand them, include:

- 1) Significant penalties related to a prohibition of guiding under the influence of alcohol or drugs ... providing an unlicensed/intoxicated/impaired guide becomes a misdemeanor, subject to a very hefty fine or imprisonment;
- 2) Defining any person soliciting to provide or providing services for compensation as an "outfitter";
- 3) Adding kayaking as a guided serv-

ice;

- 4) Increasing non-resident licenses to \$500, while maintaining current resident fees;
- and

- 5) Requiring guides and outfitters to provide written statements of the service to be provided ... failure to provide this, or failing to wear your guide pin in plain sight, is punishable by a fine of no less than \$500.

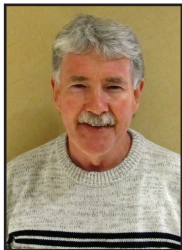
The bill remains without a sponsor in the Assembly.

If you would like to read the full rationale behind this proposed law, or the proposed revision itself, visit <http://open.nysenate.gov/legislation/bill/S6663-2013>.

REGION 6

By John Wainwright

Well, it's been a long time coming but finally waters are receding and becoming fishable. I've heard some good reports for Adirondack pond fishing for brookies but the late spring or in some ways, no spring, has created limited fishing opportunities. The Mohawk River has just become fishable in the last few



John Wainwright

days. Very late for us guides who use that waterway as one of our premier float trips. The West Canada, East Canada and Black River have finally reached wadeable levels and should provide some good early morning and late day fly fishing opportunities.

Mixed bag of reports for spring turkey season. Some really nice big toms being harvested but populations have been reduced throughout Region 6, likely due to late cold and wet springs over the past few years during nesting time.

The fisher population has really expanded, moving from the interior

Adirondacks into the Mohawk Valley. Rather interesting to have these large (can be up to 12 pounds) mustelids wondering around the villages of Central NY. I've also received several reports of martens being trapped just a few miles north of the Mohawk Valley. So now we have fishers, martens, and river otters moving out of the deep woods into more rural areas.

Not much else to report. Hope all of you Region 6 guides have a great season and please let me know if I can be of any assistance through NYSOGA to help promote what you do.

REGION 7

By Craig Tryon

Hi to all fellow Region 7 Guides ... Finally summer weather with its warm temps and sunny days are upon us. Good bye, cold, rainy spring.

The Lake Ontario spring fishery has begun to slow down. For the most part, the weather kept anglers from launching their boats and going out on the lake. Cold, rainy, windy conditions sure dictated what day could be fished.



Craig Tryon

Once they traveled to the lake to find it unfishable, many anglers fished from shore or looked into a lake charter to fish. Most anglers have put their boats in permanent slips elsewhere until the fall salmon fishery starts. Stream fishing in Region 7 was slow to start due to the high water and late stocking. Once Mother Nature began to cooperate, many anglers were successful with nice catches. I was told by a friend that the bullhead and walleye fishing was exceptional around Oneida Lake and tributaries. Though not in Region 7, Dexter March has been producing walleyes in the 6 to 8 pound range on a regular basis. Hope

you had a successful spring.

Summer Rendezvous will soon be upon us. I hope you plan to join us for a good time at Marcy Field in Keene Valley on August 1, 2, and 3. Why not come early and join the NYSOGA Board of Directors on the 1st for their scheduled Board Meeting, beginning at 10am? Summer Rendezvous is a fun time for all guides, spouses, and family. See article elsewhere in Guidelines for details.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or topics that need to be brought up to the board.

Have a safe and enjoyable Summer.

REGION 9

By Capt. Jim Morgan

Lee Godwin and his dad and son fished in April with me. The weather was not good-the trout would not bite and the boat had heating up issues. It was all fishing and no catching.

Also Mary Hall and her two sisters fished in May. Mary won her trip on the raffle at winter rendezvous. We had a



Jim Morgan

great time and they caught some nice brown trout.

Then came May 14th and the destructive rains. Penn Yan, NY on Keuka lake and surrounding areas, including the west side of Seneca, received between 5" - 9" of rain in one night. Downtown Penn Yan received catastrophic damage. Then two days later, there were more heavy rains and flooding.

Several Finger Lakes, including Seneca Lake, rose to dangerous levels and were filled with all kinds of debris, trees, limbs, sticks, lumber, etc.

Several lakes had boat bans placed on

them and Seneca had a 5 mph speed limit. It took 10 days on Seneca Lake before I could even start fishing. I had to reschedule several charters. Even 2 weeks after the flooding, the water was stained and dirty. We have been in this wet cool pattern even now.

DEC finally last week treated several tributaries on Seneca Lake to control lampreys. Also Cayuga Lake has been treated. Its a shame that DEC can't do their jobs without pressure from sportsman, the public, and charter boat Captains. The tax payers lost a lot of fish unnecessarily.



Region 3 Director Bill Swiac was presented with the NYSOGA Lantern Award at the directors' meeting on May 20. Given to a member who has shown exemplary service to others, Bill was recognized because of a hunt he helped organize for several wounded warriors last fall on New York City Reservoir property. Some fellow guides answered the call and each veteran hero had a personal guide. Awards chair Craig Tryon made the presentation and they were posed appropriately in front of the American Flag.

2014 Winter Rendezvous A Success at Lyons Falls

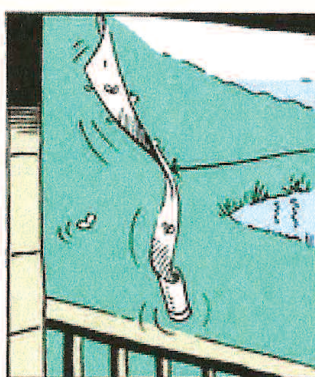
The thirty-third annual NYSOGA Winter Rendezvous was held March 27-30 at the Edge Hotel and Boondocks Restaurant in Lyons Falls, NY. More than one hundred guides, aspiring guides and their families and friends registered for the event, which featured training, seminars, social networking, camaraderie and late-winter recreational activities on the Tug Hill Plateau.

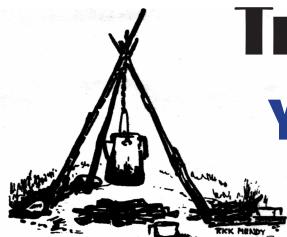
The theme of the event, "A Bridge to Guiding Success", was inspired by the nearby, legendary three-way bridge which stood from 1916 to 1964 where the Moose and Black Rivers join. Every effort was made to prepare aspiring guides attending the event to meet the qualifications for licensure and operate successful guiding business.

Some forty individuals attended water safety, CPR and first aid classes. Several current guides hosted a round-table discussion on starting a guiding business and offered a guide exam to review session to prepare those taking the NYSDEC guides exam, which was administered at the event.

Seminars on photography, the DEC moose and bear studies and outdoor cooking were educational and well-attended. Saturday luncheon speaker, Col. Andy Jacob of the NYS Forest Ranger force, briefed attendees on pending legislation to revise the guides licensing program. Saturday's Annual Guides Banquet featured awards and raffles, followed by an impromptu concert by musically talented attendees.

Ed. note: This Rendezvous report by Jeff Whittemore was supposed to be printed in the Spring issue of Guidelines but, somehow, it escaped my notice and it didn't make the final cut. My apologies.





Try This Recipe...

Yeti's Smoked Chicken Salad Tortilla Wraps

By Capt. Tim Hallock

- smoked, or rotisserie chicken (small chicken)
- 4 celery stalks
- 1/2 medium yellow onion
- 1 cup walnuts
- 1 wedge iceberg lettuce
- 2 tablespoons light mayo
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- salt and pepper to taste (add a sprinkle at a time)
- 1/2 large apple
- (6) small whole wheat tortilla, soft

After smoking chicken, allow to cool, refrigerate overnight. Strip chicken and cut all to bite size. Cut veggies and apple to size or dice.

Crush walnuts by hand. Mix all ingredients, except tortillas, and let stand 1 hour. Spoon servings onto wax paper, wrap, and place all 6 in zip lock bag, and freeze.

Place frozen servings in pack along with whole wheat tortillas, and make wraps in field, to prevent soggy tortillas. Frozen chicken salad will be good at least till 2nd night out, even in summer.

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...Wondering what the temperature is but don't have a thermometer? Count the number of chirps a cricket makes in one minute, then add 40. The sum will be very close to the outside temperature...

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...Are you using frozen bait that doesn't sparkle? Try using one or two creamers in the brine to bring out the shine and luster of the scales...

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...Do you have a dog that chews up everything in camp? Try spraying boots, leashes and other chewables with diluted lemon juice...

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...Soak lantern mantles in vinegar for several hours. Then, let them dry completely before using. Your wicks will last longer and burn brighter...

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...To remove blood stains from your clothing, make a thin paste with water and meat tenderizer. Smear it on the stained area and let set for an hour before washing. Do this as soon as possible after the stain happens...

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...Before casting with a new lure, experiment with it close in where you can study its behavior. Then, you will know what kind of action to give it on the retrieve...

NYSOGA Featured in Recent New York Outdoor News Article

Ed. Note: Vic Attardo, an outdoor writer from Philadelphia, PA, attended the NYSOGA Rendezvous in March as the guest of Region 6 Director John Wainwright. Following are some excerpts from his resulting article, published in the May 16 issue of the New York State Outdoor News.



Forty grown men and women knelt on the floor hugging plastic dummies, and were happy about it.

This supplicant behavior was actually a step in certification for CPR taken by guides and aspiring guides at the thirty-third New York Guides Association (NYSOGA) rendezvous in Lyons Falls.

NYSOGA, which was organized in 1982, has become an integral part in the licensing and upgrading of guides across the state and a voice in the creation of regulations that oversee guiding and help insure clients' safety during a wide range of outdoor experiences.

"You could argue that industry should be able to regulate itself but we kind of know how that works out," said charter member John Wainwright. "Safety and making sure the people

aren't getting ripped off is the basis for a guides' association and NYSOGA.

"Ideally this organization exists to increase the professionalism of guides in the state,"

said newly elected president Scott Locorini. "The client benefits with the guide's higher level of training.

"We see the need for an association that holds itself to a high standard and to ensure the quality of guides in New York," said NYSOGA outgoing president Tim Hallock.

Indeed, NYSOGA has a long history that grew from the need to improve how guides related to their clients, dating back to a time in the Adirondacks when many guides were employees of hotels and the experience was everything but satisfying.

In some unfortunate ways, things have not improved for clients hiring unlicensed guides or those outside professional organizations, according to Col. Andy Jacob, assistant director of Forest Rangers with DEC. Jacob said he still runs into cases where co-called guides drop clients off in the woods "with nothing more than a bologna sandwich and call it a guided trip."

As the keynote speaker for the event, Jacob told the gathering that the state's "guiding program is at a place of change.

"There is no liability on the outfitter and that must change," said Locorini.



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"Of all the paths you take in life, make sure a few of them are dirt."

- Lynn Malerba