



GUIDELINES



President Scott and Daughter Mia

President's Message

By Scott Locorini

As I write this message, I've been reflecting on what NYSOGA has accomplished over the past few years and feel a deep sense of pride and gratitude. I've been blessed with the opportunity to work with seasoned members who knew how to move NYSOGA forward into the digital age, create new member benefits and to continue providing stellar instructional programs.

The business of this organization doesn't get done by paid employees or

get outsourced. Everything we have accomplished is from the hard work of our Board of Directors and valued input from members. The BOD all have lives, jobs, businesses and families outside of the NYSOGA family, so much of the work is done by email in the early morning or late night. While we all work together, there are a few that stand out and deserve some recognition.

Lynn Malerba, our Virtual Office Goddess, has been the driving force on our website for many

years and keeps us moving forward on that front. In this age, you need a strong web presence to survive and we have not only survived but flourished with our website.

Sheila Young, our Bylaws and Policies Chair, is the queen of "clarification" when it comes to our bylaws and policies. Over the past 30+ years there have been many changes and when there's a question about what we can and can't do within the association, Sheila is the "go to" person for clarification.

Sonny Young, Sonny,

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2017 Rendezvous to be 'Down South' in Catskills

By Will Soter,
Rendezvous Chair

Mark your calendars! March 23rd-26th is time for Winter Rendezvous XXXVI. This year, we will be in Region 3, right in the heart of the Southern Catskills, at the Frost Valley YMCA.

The Catskill Park is an area that has seen a recent wave of attention from tourists far and wide, thanks in part to the Governor's initiative to open New York's outdoor spaces for recreation.

The Catskills are home to many of these special places, and, since 1894, there has been an effort to protect these places, as forever wild. Now, we are realizing the rewards of these efforts with over 705,000 acres set aside inside the Catskill Blue Line, and another 125,000 acres of NYC watershed lands, all open to recreation.

The heart of the Catskills was also a favorite of John Burroughs. Burroughs, an avid outdoorsman and Catskill

native, is often credited for spurring on public support for the conservation of these forever wild lands.

The Rendezvous will be a time for aspiring guides to

acquire the certifications they need, as well as advice for their licensing exam. For those who have already obtained a license,

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Looking for Door Prizes

Our Saturday night banquet at the Rendezvous is a special time to have a great meal, socialize with friends, give awards to members who have contributed time and talent, etc.

As part of this gathering, we sell chances on door prizes brought in by attendees. If

you have a duplicate piece of outdoor equipment, received a gift you will never use from Aunt Susie or wish to purchase and contribute something to the cause, these items will be gratefully added to the pile. Profits realized are applied toward our multitude of expenses during the year.

Nominations Needed for Annual Awards

A highlight of our annual Guides' Banquet at the Rendezvous is the announcing and presenting of awards to members who have served us well.

If you know of someone you think is worthy of one of them, you are encouraged to turn in a recommendation to Awards Chair Peter Siskavoch. He can be reached by writing to him at 32 Trudeau Rd., Cadyville, NY 12918 or by email at LithLbj@yahoo.com.

The awards are described below and past recipients are listed at the end.

Camp Spoon. "The Worker Bees."

This was inspired by the NYSOGA president's gavel, carved by members at an early encampment, and is given to a member who has worked diligently to further NYSOGA'S goals.

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Membership Report

By Lee Godin

Hello Fellow Outdoors Persons:

The following are our member numbers as of 1/1/2017:

3 Pending
16 Life
135 Active
16 Associate
11 Honorary

Please welcome the following new members:

Richard Preis from Lake Placid is one of our new members in 2016. Richard can be reached (518) 523-1341 or email at rpreis@hotmail.com.

Keefe Hollow Outfitting Co. is run by Timothy Keefe from Kingston NY.

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As always, please contact me if you need anything. (518) 542-2709. Everyone have a safe and successful New Year !!

Lee

Tap ... Tap ... Tap ... Tap ...

By Sandra Petrie Rose~ "Squeak"
~ January 2017

A stretch at the driveway gate and I'm on my way... My faithful stick, a former pitchfork handle, begins the cadence.. Tap.. Tap.. Tap.. Tap...

A road I have walked a million times and still, I can't get started down it fast enough. Car tires slow down alongside me, folks inquire as to my wellbeing; most saying, "Squeak you're nuts to be walking on a day like this." I just grin and proceed because, oh no, that's not Squeak's sentiments at all.... I thank them and wave to their rearview mirror as their tires turn going away from me in the gravel again. A southwesterly wind pushes me along as I head north and encourages me to gain ground.

The woods along the way are quiet.. they are sleeping and I don't blame them a bit; their slumber is so deep that I can walk right past and not disturb them

at all. I will keep on walking, keep on tapping ~ Tapping..

The tasks ahead seem mountainous; the road of 2017 seems all up hill, the work load for the year ahead~ seems, "optimistic but crushing." I wish that I had, "as much faith in me as he does." While walking, the "escape" is boundless and mentally I feel as though I could walk to Africa and, figuratively, I do as I "wrestle some of the big animals of life"~

I turn reluctantly towards home and that wind hits head on ~ sleet, rain, ice pellets and all that the sky has to offer ... Squeak tips her head up and murmurs "bring it on" ~ smiles, tears and rain mix.

Yes, this road has felt my feet and heard my stick a million times since 1964 and I will keep on walking, keep on tapping and wrestling into 2017.

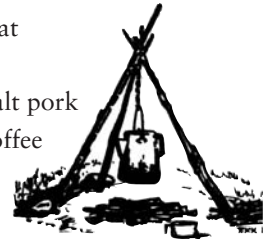
Tap.. Tap... Tap..... Tap..... onward ~ upward ~

Try This Recipe...

Bear Roast

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 lbs. bear meat
- 2 cloves garlic
- ½ lb. chunk salt pork
- 1 cup black coffee



Rub meat with plenty of salt (celery salt is preferable) and black pepper, place in kettle with plenty of water and salt pork, garlic and black coffee. Boil until tender, remove to roaster, add more salt and pepper and cover with plenty of sliced onions. Roast in 350 degree oven until brown. Use liquid boiled in for basting and making gravy.

For those who do not desire the 'wild taste' in bear meat, boil for about 10 minutes in soda water – one tbspc. soda to 2 qts water. Drain and the meat is ready for cooking or preserving.



The Mary Tryon quilt we raffled in 2015.

Rendezvous

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Rendezvous is a great time to network and connect with fellow guides from around the state. There will be a series of seminars that will cover topics ranging from John Burroughs and the history of the Catskill Park, to NYC commercial Guiding permits, and recreational lands, as well as Leave No Trace. These seminars will help participants understand the history of this region, the current opportunities to expand their recreational opportunities, and the methods in which we can all care for the health and future of these wilderness areas.

The annual NYSOGA business meeting and election will take place during the Rendezvous on Saturday afternoon. Details on how to register will be forwarded to all members in the near future.



REGION 1

Guidelines is pleased to introduce our new Region 1 Director, Ed Moran. Ed operates Eastern Outdoor Experiences, is currently the president of the Long Island Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club, a Boy Scout leader and a Project Manager



Ed Moran

in IT infrastructure. He enjoys off trail navigation with map and compass.

Ed reports that winter is off to a slow start down his way. DEC is battling a number of destructive tree pests and diseases that have been encroaching Long Island such as the Southern Pine Beetle and Oak Wilt.



REGION 3

By Alex Marra

Winter has brought with it much needed precipitation. We saw an early close to the fishing in many areas due to lack of water and, in the case of the Esopus Creek below the portal, fishing was closed by DEC special regulations. Some rainfall deficits through the spring, summer and fall exceeded 20 inches. The drought conditions were spawned by a snowfall deficit across the Catskills and



Alex Marra

Hudson Valley with some location not exceeding 10 inches of snowfall for the season, last year.

This winter, without the overpowering influence of El Niño, we have seen an earlier start to the winter season with a few early season snowfalls and arctic air masses that have helped bring winter conditions to the Catskills. These conditions continue to persist, even when everything has melted away in the valleys below. Conditions like these require snowshoes and crampons for travel.

Don't forget, if you are traveling in the backcountry this time of year, the days are shorter and the conditions can vary throughout the day and by elevation. Extra food,

clothing, emergency shelter, batteries, and headlamps should be in your pack. With the possibility of large fluctuations in conditions, you should also know when turn around, and scrap your plans.

As mentioned, the lack of snowfall last season had quite the impact on some of the conditions that are heavily relied upon for outdoor recreation. Hopefully, a change in our weather patterns will refresh our reservoirs and bring some healthy snowpack to the Catskills.

I look forward to hearing about all your great adventures over the next few months. Let's get the dust of the snow shoes and micro spikes and get out there and explore! Don't forget to be safe!

REGION 4

By Bruce Fuller

Like much of the State, we have already had far more winter weather than all of last year and we are at the beginning of the season. Snow, cold weather with temperatures below 0, and wind chills at 35 below have already entered the picture. Since we haven't even started into our usual colder periods, I hope this isn't a sign of what is to come



Bruce Fuller

for the rest of the winter. Would not like to see the benefits to wildlife from last year's mild winter destroyed by a bad one this year.

Mixed reports on the Region's Deer Season. Certainly not great, but I believe it will probably be slightly better than last year. The Bear Season harvest should also hold its own as I am in one of the major bear areas in the Region and know of several taken near my home. Water levels are still far below normal for many sections of the Region. Not quite sure of all the problems associated with this fact but know there are some major concerns

for fish and DEC is monitoring the situation very closely. Hoping to see some improvement by spring. Based on what we have already seen, we will likely have the weather to support the winter sports that many of us enjoy. I just hope it will not prove to be so severe that wildlife has a survival problem. Have not seen or heard of anything else that would be of any significance.

Would love to hear from other individuals in the Region that could offer some information to include in the Region Report. Wishing everyone a healthy, happy, and prosperous 2017.

REGION 5

By Sheila Young

Winter snows came early to my part of the North Country, if you consider recent weather trends. There isn't much ground cover when leaving the dome of the Tri-Lakes area. But the High Peaks has up to three feet of standing and drifting snow. Many lower-level X-C ski trails are still bony, and the trail from Adirondack Loj has been badly post-holed. A couple of rainy days have compacted



Sheila Young

the snow cover, and I don't think many snowmobile trails are ready for use.

I'm seeing lots of hunting hawks this season. Migrating Snow Geese were a plentiful sight on the Vermont side of Lake Champlain and Tupper Lake was the summer nesting site for a pair of Sandhill Cranes...the first known nesting pair in the Adirondacks! Of course, with 6 million acres, and many suitable areas uninhabited or untraveled, who knows how long the cranes may have been nesting inside the Blue Line.

On a sad note, the iconic dilapidated Red Barn at the intersection of Routes 9N and 73 in Keene Valley has been demolished for safety reasons. This may

have been one of the most photographed sites in Region 5. Only a naked sand footprint remains. But the rounded stone and sand dome of the glacial kame near the center of the flat field remains an area of interest to me. Once thought to be an Indian burial ground, it is actually a feature from the Ice Age; it was the base of a 5,000 foot high glacial waterfall.

Region 5 members have received fairly regular email updates from me this year. If you are a Region 5 member who has not been receiving these emails, please contact me to let me know.

Have a safe, warm and prosperous New Year. We hope to see you all at Winter Rendezvous.

REGION 6

By John Wainwright
Warm fall weather certainly impacted the Northern Zone of Region 6's deer hunting. I expect lower than usual deer take numbers in these areas. The southern zone had similar weather



John Wainwright

conditions but from what I've gathered, deer takes were probably similar to last year.

Fall stream fishing was still hampered by the low flows of summer but did pick up in November on the West Canada with some nice trophy size browns being taken on large streamers. Ice has started forming on area bodies of water so hopefully we'll have good ice in another few weeks. 2016 was the first year in over 20 years that I never got out on

the ice due to the warm temperatures.

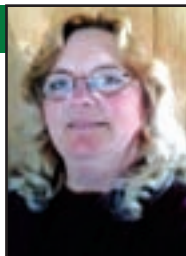
Hope all of you have a healthy and prosperous 2017.



REGION 7

By Sandra "Squeak" Rose

Well, Hello Friends~ Squeak checking in~ No, I didn't fall off the Earth. My schedule since seeing you last, has been monotonous, mostly with good, but monotonous nonetheless.



Sandra "Squeak" Rose

It is quiet in Region 7 at the moment, just the basics to give this report. The ebb and flow between rain snow and wintry mix has been about equal so far

and leaning towards rain if anything. The report coming out of the radio says that is about to change and heavy snow is on its way, I like the rain.

My travels and inquiries have declared a below average deer season (Squeak did get one buck) I could have taken many doe but I am attempting to rebuild the population in my immediate area and decided to let them walk this season. In the last two years, I have been encouraging my countryside neighbors to do the same and I have been rewarded by seeing ten deer across the road last night which is as it used to be. I am hoping that sight bodes well for next season, barring the normal winter complications that arise.

I am seeing an increase in numbers for the turkey population in our area and I am quite hopeful for a great turkey season coming at us in May and I can't wait!

We were thankful for a "fair" salmon season with a trend towards larger salmon.

The snowfall that we have received so far, which included one heavy storm, has given our local snow dependent businesses a "slightly early" boost, for which we are grateful. So, I think it is safe to say that Region 7 is holding its own as we normally do and looking forward to 2017 with enthusiastic positive hope and belief for an even better year ahead.

Happy New Year from Squeak~ In 7.

REGION 8

By Capt. Jim Morgan

It has been a very tumultuous several months. I lost my father in October and had to deal with a funeral, family gathering, financial stuff, etc. At the same time,



Jim Morgan

our 4 year old beagle, Maddie, became sick and in a few days almost died. She became anemic and all the tests never proved why. Her blood count was 5%. Four thousand dollars later, she is back to almost normal.

My last fishing charter in October, my boat broke down but I was able to limp back to port. I had a successful season fishing and caught lots of nice big salmon and trout on Cayuga Lake.

Seneca Lake is going to take a long time to recover from mismanagement.

I still consider myself a youngster but - this was my 50th year of deer hunting! So, I celebrated by killing a big 8 point buck on opening day. Just to make it really unique - 200 yard shot with my 30:06, neck shot! My dad would have been proud of me.

A happy prosperous New Year to all.



"Guidie Says ..."

... Leave your ice auger out of doors for at least five hours before using it. If you use a warm ice auger, it is apt to chip the blade as the edge quickly changes temperatures when it comes up against the ice ...

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... If the ice on a river or lake is dark in color and free from snow, it is not safe and you should keep away from it ...

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... Make sure all zippers on waterproof garments have deep, overlapping storm flaps ...

... Take a long bamboo fish pole or long stick with you when squirrel hunting. Look for good squirrel holes in trees, take the pole or stick and scrape the bark of the tree lightly a few feet below the hole. Any squirrel in the hole will stick its head out to see what is going on, giving you a chance for a quick shot ...

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... When buying a winter sleeping bag, make sure it is roomy enough that you can touch your toes in case you need to warm them on very cold nights ...

2016 Trip Planning Request

Compiled by Roy Earley

October November December

DATE	ORIGIN		REGION	CATEGORY
10-06-16	CA	1-2	3	Photo
10-08-16	NY	1-2	3-4	Big Game
10-10-16	PA	1-2	??	Big Game
10-13-16	NY	1-2	7-9	Multiple
10-13-16	NY	1-2	4	Multiple
10-14-16	NY	1-2	5	Water Fowl
10-18-16	NY	1-2	3-5	Multiple
10-19-16	NY	1-2	??	???
10-22-16	NY	1-2	3-5	Big Game
10-24-16	NY	??	1-9	Multiple
10-25-16	NY	??	5-6	Big Game
10-28-16	NY	1-2	6	Multiple
10-30-16	PA	6-10	8-9	Ice Fishing
11-08-16	NJ	??	6	Ice Fishing
11-16-16	NH	1-2	7-9	Big Game
11-20-16	NY	1-2	8	Big Game
11-27-16	MA	??	7-8	Big Game
11-28-16	NY	6-7	6-7	Multiple
12-13-16	DC	??	8-9	Multiple
12-19-16	NY	6-10	3	Hiking
12-24-16	NY	1-2	8-9	Multiple

B/P — Back Packing
 B/G — Big Game
 C/H — Camp, Hike
 C/K — Canoe, Kayak
 C/B — Charter Boats

D/B — Drift Boats
 F/F — Fly Fishing
 L/R — Lakes & Rivers
 N/T — Nature Trips
 O/E — Outdoor Education

S/G — Small Game
 S/P — Streams & Ponds
 W/F — Water Fowl
 Y/G — Youth Groups



Attendance at Sports Shows Helps Promote Our Members

NYSOGA had a booth at the Saratoga Adirondack Sports Winter Expo November 19 and 20. This show was reinstated after a two-year hiatus and now has a five dollar admission fee. Exhibitor space was not sold out, so NYSOGA was allowed a double space by show management, resulting in a good location and ample space to present the photo display and converse with attendees.

The booth was staffed by Jeff Whittemore and Bryan Spinner on Saturday. Weather was unseasonably warm, which resulted in moderate attendance with interest in the fly tying demonstration and the NYSOGA website, which was displayed on a laptop. The admission fee may have reduced general attendance, but seemed to result in individuals who were more serious about engaging in winter outdoor pursuits and learning about guiding in general.

Sunday was marked by a snow event which prevented some volunteers from staffing the booth. Will Soter worked the booth alone and reported moderate attendance and similar interests by attendees. The winter event has never matched the popularity of the summer Saratoga show, held in March, but offers a low-cost opportunity to

showcase NYSOGA and member guides who engage in winter adventure sports. Attendance at the 2017 summer show this March in Saratoga is likely but plans have not been finalized yet.

The Springfield Sportsmen's Show in West Springfield, MA will be on February

24 – 26 and NYSOGA has been tentatively assigned to Booth 003.

The World Fishing & Outdoor Exposition in Suffern, NY runs four days from March 2 – 5. This show has a large attendance and we are tentatively assigned to Booth 713.



Rendezvous musicians.

Sponsorship and Charity Committee Report

By *Craig Tryon, Chair*

Kids to Camp. Our Kids to Camp Program is alive and well in 2017!! This is a very important function that NYSOGA provides to youth by sponsoring them to one of the NYSDEC Environmental Education Summer Camps during July and August.

To date, I have been informed by NYSOGA members of a possible six applicants for sponsorship that may be submitted. I know of three that are definitely in the application process and the other three are in the decision process.

All applications should be in the hands of the committee chair no later than January

13 to be considered for sponsorship. After the deadline, applications will be reviewed by our committee to make the decision on who we will sponsor in 2017.

DEC will begin accepting camper reservations on January 25. The available spaces fill up rapidly and reservations need to be finalized quickly.

President

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Craig Tryon and Alan Woodruff are our water safety, first aid and CPR instructors who many times are the first point of contact for aspiring guides. These folks all donate their time to become instructors, teach and travel (sometimes several hours) so that NYSOGA can offer these courses to aspiring and current guides. Without them we wouldn't have the presence in the state that we currently have and our annual Rendezvous wouldn't

have the draw that it currently does.

Jeff Whittemore, aka "Digits," is our treasurer and is VERY diligent in making sure that your membership dues are spent wisely. He is also responsible for paying all our bills, preparing our taxes and making sure all our various tax forms are submitted on time. It's a big job for our association and can be quite time consuming at certain times of the year.

Last but certainly not least, Mary Hall, our Secretary, is the one who keeps our minutes, distributes them and keeps them archived for future generations to continue this great association. Without

her "sharpened pencils," we'd be lost.

As I said, these are just a few of the folks that make the association as great as it is and without them we'd be unable to continue our mission of promoting our members and guiding in NYS. We are always looking for folks to get involved and help where they can. If you would like to get involved drop me a line and I'll help in any way that I can.

That's all for now. Happy New Year and I hope to see you at the Rendezvous in March!

Yours in Service, Scott

Nominations

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Camp Lantern. *“It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.”*

This is given to a guide who, through words, deeds or actions, best exemplifies the true spirit of professional guiding and service to others.

Pack Basket. *“Those who carry the load.”*

A step beyond the Camp Spoon, this is given to someone who has consistently gone above and beyond in service to NYSOGA and guiding.

First Aid/Emergency Service. Given to NYSOGA members who, during the past year, have assisted in a life saving effort while guiding.

Honorary Membership. This honor is given to a person or persons who, through words, deeds or actions, have aided the environment, conservation or outdoor guiding in New York State. Recipients do not have to be current or former licensed guides.

Life Membership. *“The few, the best of the best.”*

NYSOGA’s highest honor is given in recognition of a member’s long and devoted service to NYSOGA and the guiding profession. (The deadline has passed to nominate someone for life membership this year since the award has to be approved at a Board of Directors’ meeting.)

Friend of NYSOGA. Given to a person, business or organization who, through words, deeds or actions, has directly benefited NYSOGA.

Previous Recipients

**Means the person is deceased.*

Camp Spoon – *Walter Bonome, Chuck Branigan, *Mike diPalma, Roy Earley, Stan Grose, Mary Hall, *Tim Hallock, *Don Hawkins, Doris Herwig, Michael Kilcher, Scott Locorini, Brian McDonnell, Lynn Malerba, Rick Mundy, Bill Naple, Mike Olivette, Chris Palumbo, Jerry Roberts, Sandra Rose, Delbert Ryan, Sonny Somelofski, Barbara Stone, Craig Tryon, Joe Vivenzio, Anne Twilley, John Wainwright, Alan Woodruff, Sheila Young and Sonny Young.

Camp Lantern – Bob Bearor, Wayne Failing, *Paul Hogancamp, Bill Leege, Lynn Malerba, Ed Murphy, Paul Orzolek, John

Palmer, Hank Rope, *Jack Smith, Craig Tryon, Jeff Whittemore, Don Williams and Alan Woodruff.

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