



GUIDELINES



President Scott Locorini

President's Message

By Scott Locorini

Hello all in the NYSOGA World!

As I write this it is pouring outside, again. Seems to be a recurring theme throughout the spring and into early summer. I hope we get some sunny weekends soon! While this is good for whitewater rafting, it is not good for much of anything else. Hiking trails in my region are still a muddy mess, my

favorite trout river has been blown out for most of the season and many of the lakes are still high and cold.

Winter Rendezvous was an enormous success with many new folks trained and a good time had by all! Thanks to Will Soter for doing a great job as Winter Rendezvous Chair and for working closely with Frost Valley YMCA to make everything great! The DEC recently held

a meeting for all interested parties regarding the Guide and Outfitter legislation that has been recently revised. It was late notice but we were able to get three NYSOGA representatives to attend. It seems like most of the meeting centered on the recent revisions from the DEC. A full report was given in the e-news earlier this month.

Good luck to all in the summer season!

Scott

Summer Rendezvous Coming Up; To Be Held at Moose River Plains

By Craig Tryon

COME JOIN US FOR SUMMER RENDEZVOUS 2017!

Mark your calendars and plan to join us on July 28, 29, and 30 for our NYSOGA Summer Rendezvous 2017 in the Moose River Recreation

Area. This tract is located in the west central part of Hamilton County and is a great location to relax and enjoy a weekend in the woods with fellow NYSOGA members and their families. Activities planned include... Pot luck Saturday night dinner, an improvement

project in the area with DEC, our usual Board of Directors meeting, fishing and shooting contest, a campfire nightly, and lots of camaraderie.

Moose River Recreation Area is a primitive camping location. There are approximately 150 sites spread throughout the area. Sites typically are a flat cleared area with picnic tables, fire rings, and pit privies. All sites are first come - first serve. We are planning to camp together with close sites. Our choice of camping locations will be... 1st choice- sites 42,43,44,50,51 and 2nd choice - sites 72,73,74,75 and last choice-sites 88,89,90,91,93,94,96. Due to the fact that sites are first come-first serve, we will

not know definitely where we will be able to get enough sites together until we get there and settled in. We will try to be in one of the noted locations. A sign giving you our camping location will be posted in the registration booth at two entry points into the area. To find more information about Moose River Recreation Area go to www.cnyhiking.com. In the search box on the home page, type in Moose River Plains. Moose River Plains Camping will come up. You could also do a google search for DEC Moose River Recreation Area.

If you would like a location with improved facilities,

See Rendezvous on page 5



Long Lake guide Jeremiah D. Plumley (standing) with guide Curtiss Hall (son-in-law of guide Rubin Carey) at Brandeth Lake around 1910.

Please take note of the social media article on P. 3, even if you are not into that. Responding can provide you with free advertising.

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Membership Report

By Capt. Lee Godin

The following are our member numbers as of 4/13/2017:

- 16 Life
- 126 Active
- 12 Associate
- 10 Honorary

Please welcome the following new members:

John J Winkler from Deposit, NY runs Red House Flyfishing, LLC. His website is redhouseflyfishing.com John can be reached @ 315-491-7528 or via email at johnjwinkler1@gmail.com.

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Please take advantage of your online renewal/payment system to submit your dues payment and any web changes you may have. The online renewal form can be found at <http://nysoga.org/membershiprenewal.html>.

As always please contact me if you need anything 518-542-2709 or go_lee3@yahoo.com Everyone have a safe and successful Summer season.

Lee

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Many Photos Needed ... Help Us Promote You Through Facebook and Instagram

By Lynn Malerba

Greeting fellow guides!

It's a privilege to introduce fellow NYSOGA member Timothy Keefe - co-chair for the Social Media committee. Since coming on board in March, Timothy's efforts to promote the NYSOGA Facebook page have resulted in over 300 new active followers! The paid monthly boost on 6/1 and Timothy's post promoting NYSOGA on Catskill Outdoors page last week earned us 89 new followers in a two week period! We are gaining "Likes" almost every day! Our goal is to keep things growing and promote our member guides as much as we are able.

But...We need YOUR HELP!

We need NYSOGA members to send photos and short videos of your business actively participating in guiding activities (pictures of recent trips



or upcoming trips) that we can share on Facebook and Instagram. We want to promote YOU! It's free advertising, folks! You do not need a Facebook or Instagram account to participate in this opportunity... but it is greatly beneficial to you if you have one.

Information we need from you - along with the photos or 30 second video clip, we also need you to provide the following info:

- Guide's name or business name
- Type of trip or service you are offering
- Where the photo was taken (optional)
- A sentence or two about what is going on in the picture
- Your Facebook and/or Instagram username (if available) so NYSOGA can tag, like and follow you
- Your website or the URL you would like attached to the post (if available)
- Your contact email

SUBMITTING the info to us...

** Folks with a Facebook account... Please send photos/videos and the above

info to the New York State Outdoor Guides Association Facebook page using Messenger.

**If you do not have a Facebook account, please submit to: nysogasocial-media@gmail.com and we will create a post and publish it for you. Be sure to attach photo to the email.

We encourage you to get on Facebook and get those photos and info to us ASAP!

Thanks!

*Timothy Keefe & Lynn Malerba
Social Media Co-Chairs*

Please note that NYSOGA will be sponsoring a wilderness first aid class on Sunday, Sept. 24, at the White Otter Fish & Game Club in Woodgate. Contact Sheila Young for more information.

Insurance Agent NYSOGA Member Offers Tips on Coverage, Etc.

By Bob Ruh

Region 9 Rep. Allison Powell asked that I contribute something regarding insurance for this issue of Guidelines. A few questions were outlined. I will address NY State since the majority of our business is done here:

What's happening? More or fewer claims? Cost - increasing or decreasing? Other issues?

The Outfitter/Guide insurance business has been pretty much status quo for the past decade. Premiums have remained stable and for the majority of guides in NY, the annual cost is between \$500 and \$1500, depending on the specific nature of your business. Of the three principal carriers offering coverage, we cannot point to one and say 'they're the lowest cost.' We just never know... Claims experience has been minimal as evidenced by the continued availability of coverage with multiple carriers at what they consider to be

'minimum premiums.'

The larger question perhaps is whether any of us ought to carry coverage at all? Some of us may be 'judgement proof' in that we have few or no financial assets to protect or to take if we're successfully sued for negligence. Some of us may protect our personal assets via some form of incorporation. That's all well and good. However, some of us may end up taking customers into situations that are beyond their capability, whether measured by their skill or by their health, thus resulting in injury or death. Given that we made the decision to take them out and things went badly - do we 'owe' them or their family something? That's a decision each of us has to make. If we do, where will that money come from? Frequently that will be an insurance policy.

And, if we're put in the untenable position of being blamed for something for which we truly bore no responsibility, we still may become a victim of the legal system in that we'll have to pay to

legally defend ourselves. Many don't realize that, along with the insured limits on an insurance policy, that your insurance company will provide you with a legal defense. In many instances, I suggest that this alone is worth the price of carrying insurance with the possibility of a settlement or payment of a judgement coming along as kind of a bonus.

Considering the reality that most guides in NY State are seasonal or part time, the cost of insurance in light of income derived from guiding seems high. On the other hand, being involved in a single legal proceeding will quickly convince you of the value of insurance. Having been there once myself - following one of my kids having a very minor auto accident that resulted in \$1,495,000 being paid to one victim - I can attest to the value of insurance coverage and all that entails.

*All the best,
Bob Ruh*



AROUND THE REGIONS



REGION 4

By Bruce Fuller

Not much to report as the weather has certainly hindered the enjoyment of most outdoor activities. Rain and temps in the 30s and 40s sure doesn't feel like June. More rain and cold in the forecast and I can only assume many individuals are postponing their plans until they see some evidence that the weather is improving.

I feel the Turkey Season in the Region could only be rated as fair but I even got out to take my two birds. Nothing like the seasons we used to have but I feel certain

those days are gone forever. I believe when the final harvest figures come in it will only show a very small increase over last year. The never ending rain this spring will undoubtedly have a major negative impact on the 2017 reproduction figures so I do not see anything but the probability of another decline for 2018.

Due to the nasty weather it has been difficult to find people who actually did try to fish. The one exception in our area was the Pepacton Reservoir that had some good fishing for its prized brown trout. For some reason, they must have fed very well over the winter as many of the fish look like footballs. A 24" brown trout out of the Papecton will usually weight about 5 1/2 lbs., which I believe would hold true for most NY waters. This year, some of

those same size fish are pushing the scale at over the 7 lb.

Fly fishermen in the area are anxiously keeping an eye out for signs of the Green Drake hatch on the East Branch of the Delaware but who knows if that will ever happen this year. Hopefully there will be some improvement in the water conditions as summer approaches.

Although we did have some significant periods of snow during our winter months, I do not believe we had any major losses in our turkey flocks or deer herds. I have been seeing fairly good numbers of deer during my travels and am hopeful we might have a good deer season in 2017.

With summer almost upon us, it is time to gear-up for another season. Wishing everyone a great summer.



REGION 5

By Sheila Young

Hello from Region 5!

Wow, summer is off to a late start! Early June is usually a little cool and rainy here, but this season has been exceptional

for days and days of rain and cool temperatures. Trails, especially above

2500 feet, remain extremely muddy, and foot traffic could have an awful impact.

A cooperative research effort between Paul Smiths College, the NYS Department of Health and the Adirondack Watershed Institute stewards has demonstrated a 20-fold increase in Lyme-bearing ticks since 2004, so be especially careful about personal tick surveillance in our northern Region 5 counties.

DEC would like backcountry and urban travelers to help estimate the range and density of black bears. Check out

the smart-phone app iSeeMammals to learn how you can be a Citizen Scientist.

On August 21 a partial solar eclipse will be seen across NY State. The time of maximum occlusion is 2:44 p.m. Come to the free event at Adirondack Public Observatory in Tupper Lake to watch the first total eclipse visible from the mainland U.S. since 1979! They have solar telescopes and eclipse glasses for safe solar viewing from 12:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Skén:nen, Sheila



REGION 6

By John Wainwright

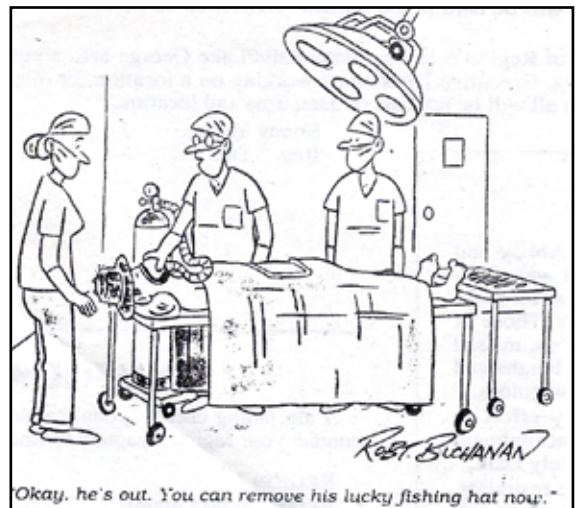
Well, guess we all know how wet this spring has been putting Lake Ontario and the St Lawrence River at historic

levels while rivers and streams were unfishable in many areas until May. This was the second year in a row that we missed the Hendrickson hatch on the East Canada due to high water. Finally we seem to be starting into a

dryer pattern. Also have to believe that the turkey broods must have taken a hit with cold rains dominating our weather. Have been hearing of some good catches on the West Canada both spin and fly fishing

I floated the Mohawk last week and the bass were still in their post spawn doldrums. I did represent Region 6 doing trail maintenance on the 4 mile section of the Northville Lake Placid Trail we sponsor, joining Sheila Young and Lynn Malerba. It was a long day but great fun working with the gals who ran me into the ground.

Guess that's all I have for now. Hope to see some of you at the summer Rendezvous in the Moose River Plains.





Jim Morgan

REGION 8

By Capt. Jim Morgan

The weather man says it is going to warm up! I sure hope so, I'm sick of leaving the dock every morning with fog, rain, and 45 degree temperature.

April was wiped out with flooding, high water, and all kinds of debris floating on the lake. I didn't start chartering until the 1st week in May and had to reschedule several

charters.

Hydrilla (invasive plant) has spread in Cayuga Lake after enormous amounts of money were spent trying to stop it. 27 acres was found in Aurora, NY. I'm sure they will find more of it on the north end of the lake soon.

Also, V.H.S. (viral hemorrhagic septicemia) has invaded Cayuga Lake. It causes hemorrhaging of tissue and internal organs in fish. So far it killed thousands of Round Goby (invasive species), perch, and bullheads. In other lakes it has nearly wiped out bass populations, pike and muskies. Currently, it is responsible for

fish kills in Lake St. Clair, Lake Michigan, and Lake Erie. The prime condition for development is 50 to 58 degree water temperature. This is the 1st case of it in Cayuga Lake and 1st case in a decade for the Finger Lakes.

Seneca Lake is still the dead sea. Two charters over there resulted in 1 brown trout. Cayuga Lake averages 6 trout/trip and some days twice that or more. Region 8 has mismanaged Seneca lake like a bunch of amateurs. It is really very sad. It is going to take a long time to recover.

Everyone, have a safe and successful season.



Allison Powell

REGION 9

By Allison Powell

In April, eighty-five questionnaires were mailed to licensed guides in Region 9, of which seven were active members of NYSOGA.

The objective was to gather insight into uniting the guides in this region and to find out how NYSOGA could assist in this process. The questionnaires are still slowly trickling in; however, to date, the return rate is a bleak 10%. On the positive side, of those responding, all are in agreement that the guides in Region 9 need representation, promotion and cohesiveness. With that in mind, I will be organizing a meeting in the Fall of this year at a central location for all interested guides to attend. This will be an opportunity for

introductions and brainstorming as we begin to unite and promote the guides in our region.

The following was submitted by Shea Ryan of Brookdog Fishing Co., Grand Island, NY: "The Niagara River and Lake Erie smallmouth bass fishing is incredible now with state records being tied and huge fish coming to hand. Cool temps and high water will hopefully keep them in this big water spring pattern for a long time. The "typical" spring patterns have been at least 2 weeks behind schedule due to these factors ... and we're not going to complain. I'm still wondering what "typical" actually means these days - I guess what it really means to all us anglers is we have to get out there regularly and remain flexible.

We've seen only a handful of smallies on beds in the lake and none in the river. All the fish we've caught were along staging lanes where the bottom is sandy and loaded

with rocks. Depths vary widely, between 5-25ft. The offering has been pretty consistent - anything that represents a small baitfish has been the most productive. However, speed of presentation and the fish's willingness to eat varies throughout the day. All I can say here is once you find them, start slow and speed it up until you dial in the right pattern.

The rain and mild temperatures have also been awesome for our inland trout fisheries. This time last year, it was "uncharacteristically" hot and dry. That's definitely not the case this year. Water is up and cold and trout are feeding off the surface. We haven't been out there too much but many of our friends have. The few times we got out, there were plenty of bugs around. From sulphurs to march browns to caddis - the evening rise is getting increasingly better. Once we get a stretch of consistently warm days, it will explode!

Rendezvous

Continued from Front page

there is an option to camp at the DEC Limekiln Lake Public Campground close to the western gate into the area. This public campsite has reserve campsites, flush toilets, hot showers, and a bathing beach. You can then drive into Moose River Recreation Area and join us for the day activities. Do a google search for DEC Limekiln Lake Campground for more information.

Entry and camping are free and by gates at two locations. To reach the western gate, proceed to Inlet, NY,

continue north on Route 28 and turn right onto Limekiln Lake Road. Follow the road about 2 miles to the entry gate. Access to the eastern gate is via the 12 mile long Cedar River Road that is approximately 2 miles north of the hamlet of Indian Lake and a left turn off Route 30. Whichever gate you enter, make sure you sign in at the registration booth and check the note posted to find out where NYSOGA will be camping. NOTE- this is primitive camping and you must bring everything you need with you. It is a long trip out to a store. Plan to bring enough water for your use, as there is no reliable safe water source in the area.

Should you have any question, contact Rendezvous Co-chairs Roy Earley or Craig Tryon.

We look forward to you joining us in the Moose River Recreation Area for Summer Rendezvous 2017.



A bit of competition at a past Summer Rendezvous.

2017 Trip Planning Request

*Compiled by Roy Earley
April / MAY / JUNE*

DATE	ORIGIN	GROUP SIZE	REGION	CATEGORY
04-13-17	New York	3-5	3	Fishing
04-18-17	New York	6-10	4	Fishing
04-18-17	Mass.	1-2	5	Multiple
04-20-17	New York	?	4-6	Multiple
04-23-17	New York	1-2	4-6	Wild Turkey
04-25-17	Australia	1-2	1-9	Multiple
05-02-17	New York	11+	4-7	Multiple
05-11-17	New York	?	5	Fly Fishing
05-12-17	New York	1-2	4	Fly Fishing
05-17-17	Penn.	3-5	3-4	Multiple
05-17-17	New York	1-2	6	Fishing
05-18-17	Texas	1-2	7-8	Fishing
05-23-17	New York	1-2	?	Multiple
05-23-17	New York	3-5	4	Multiple
05-26-17	New York	6-10	4	Hiking
05-31-17	Australia	1-2	3-7	Multiple
06-04-17	New York	1-2	5	Fly Fishing
06-09-17	New York	1-2	3-4	Camping
06-10-17	New Jersey	1-2	?	Fly Fishing

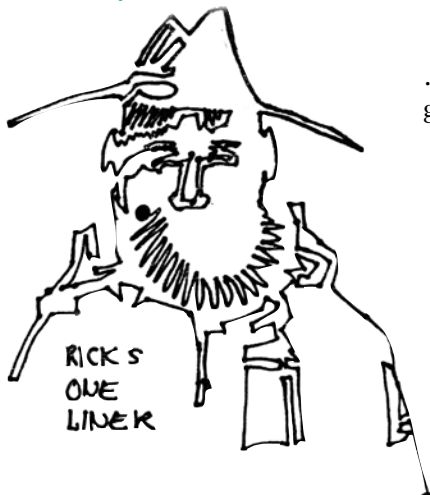
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B/G — Big Game
C/H — Camp, Hike
C/K — Canoe, Kayak

C/B — Charter Boats
D/B — Drift Boats
F/F — Fly Fishing
I/F — Ice 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
W/T — Wild Turkey
Y/G — Youth Groups

“Guidie Says ...”



... To soothe the itch of a mosquito bite, dab on a drop of roll-on antiperspirant. The aluminum salts in it help the body reabsorb the fluid in the bite and reduce the swelling and itching ...

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... In case you didn't know, fingernails grow .02 inches per week - four times faster than toenails ...

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... One way to prevent your client from stumbling over tent stakes at night is to paint them with luminous paint. You can also tie white rags to guy ropes to prevent your clients from tripping over them ...

... Many inexperienced outdoorspeople overinflate an air mattress, thinking that it will be more comfortable. Actually, it is difficult to stay on it. Instead, inflate it only so that, when you lie on it, you will be lying in a pocket with a small inflated ridge around your body ...

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... In rivers and streams that contain catfish and bullheads, you will find small ones in the shallows. Ones from 2 to 4 inches long are wonderful bait for walleyes and will catch more than shiner or sucker minnows. However, they are not very effective on northern pike or bass, which prefer perch, shiner and sucker minnows ...



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To mail a merchandise payment (make checks payable to NYSOGA)

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ITEM	DESCRIPTION	COST	TAX .08%	SHIPPING
Logo Patches	Embroidered, 3" round	\$6.00	\$0.48	\$1.00
Window Decal, transparent	Interior 3"x7"	\$2.00	\$0.16	\$1.00
Window Decal, transparent	Exterior, 2"x2"	\$0.50	\$0.04	\$1.00
Window Decal, yellow	Exterior 5"x8", NY outline	\$6.00	\$0.48	\$1.00
NYSOGA pens	Yellow	\$2.00	\$0.16	\$1.50
NYSOGA Lapel Pin	Pewter, 1" round	\$6.00	\$0.48	\$1.50
Travel Mug	Plastic, gravel/green, logo	\$6.00	\$0.48	\$3.00
Membership Pin Collection	10 pin, 1996-2005	\$3.00	\$0.24	\$1.50
Membership Pin Collection	11 pin, '93+'95-'04	\$4.00	\$0.32	\$1.50
Membership Pin Collection	21 pin, '93+'95-'14	\$5.00	\$0.40	\$2.00
Random membership Pins	'93+'95-'02+'05-'14+'16	\$0.50	\$0.04	\$1.00
Hat, Cotton Twill	Tan, embroidered logo	\$20.00	\$1.60	\$2.00
Hat, Waxed Canvas	Green/tan, embroidered logo	\$20.00	\$1.60	\$2.00
2017 Claryville NYSOGA tee	Mint green	\$15.00	\$0.40	\$4.00

For an order of multiple items, the actual Post Office package and shipping fee will apply

TEE SHIRTS

ITEM	COLOR	COST	TAX	SHIPPING
2016 Hamilton	Navy long sleeve	\$7.00	\$0.56	\$4.00 ea Two tees \$7.00
2015 Lake Placid – 1 only	Maroon long sleeve	\$7.00	\$0.56	
2014 Lyons Falls	Grey	\$5.00	\$0.40	
2013 Malta	Black	\$5.00	\$0.40	
2012 Hamilton	Tan long sleeve	\$7.00	\$0.56	
2011 Saranac Lake – 1 only	Gray wick	\$5.00	\$0.40	
2010 Hamilton	Black	\$5.00	\$0.40	
2009 Margaretville – 1 only	Khaki	\$5.00	\$0.40	
2008 Boonville – 1 only	Burnt Orange	\$5.00	\$0.40	
2007 Saranac Lake	Ivory	\$5.00	\$0.40	
2006 Hamilton - 1 only	Yell long sleeve	\$7.00	\$0.56	
2005 Margaretville - 1 only	Khaki	\$5.00	\$0.40	
2004 Saratoga Spr.- 1 only	Olive	\$5.00	\$0.40	
2003 Johnstown	Brown	\$5.00	\$0.40	
2002 Boonville – 1 only	Ivory	\$5.00	\$0.40	
2001 Saranac Lake	Ivory	\$5.00	\$0.40	
2000 Blue Mt Lake - 1 only	Beige	\$5.00	\$0.40	
1999 Saratoga Springs	Ivory	\$5.00	\$0.40	
1998 Boonville – 1 only	Brown	\$5.00	\$0.40	

Honorary Member Jack Plumley Had an Extensive Guiding Heritage

By Alan Woodruff

NYSOGA honorary member John D. “Jack” Plumley of Camden was a direct descendent of the legendary Plumley guides of Long Lake, NY during the mid nineteenth century. His namesake, John Plumley, guided the Boston preacher and author, William H.H. Murray, during many summers. Murray’s book *Adventures in the Wilderness* was published in 1869 and paid special tribute to John Plumley’s guiding abilities and is often thought of as making the Adirondacks a popular destination for sportsmen.

The four Long Lake Plumley guides were named John, James, Joel and Jeremiah. NYSOGA extends its condolences to our late Honorary Member Jack Plumley’s four sons - John, James, Joel and Jeremiah.



Jack Plumley after a successful hunt.



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“Many a time I have returned to camp late in the evening after a difficult trip to find that Mr. Murray had, with his own hands, prepared for me a warm supper.

God bless the man who is kind to guides.”

– John Plumley, 19th Century Long Lake Guide