“Fish Tales” Editor Comments

As you all know, we have lost our main source of income due to the closing of Bon-Ton. Our new president, Al Kerner has made development of a working budget his main goal. Our Financial Development Chairman, Larry Kochalski, along with other members, are doing a bang up job of implementing multiple ideas for raising money. Not one idea at present will alone replace the Bon-Ton income, but if these new ideas are supported and promoted by all members, along with watching our spending, we should be able to maintain our spending needs. Many of the club events can be made to be self-sufficient which would help a lot. Keep those ideas coming and do your best to support our current fundraising efforts.

Do you have too many sporting items that are just sitting around collecting dust? You will have an opportunity at our March meeting to possibly get rid of some items. The club swap/sale of unwanted sporting goods is being revived. It will be on March 21st starting at 6 till the start of the meeting at 7. If you would like your listed items in the March Fish Tales Newsletter, please e-mail the info before February 16th because I will not be at the February breakfast or meeting.

Right now it’s 3 degrees so stay warm, summer is coming. Rich
LEC Dates and Deadlines

**February Fly Tying** - will resume on the 7th. at 6:30 in the Burchfield building. Bring your vice, tools and materials. Guests are welcome to tie or just socialize.

**February’s Meeting** - is at the American Legion post on the 21st. Fly tying at 6, meeting to start at 7. The New York Water Keepers will have a presentation on Algae Blooms.

**Erie County Federation of Sportsman’s Club** – February’s meeting is on the 28th at the George Washington Fishing & Camping Club, located at 2805 Niagara St, Buffalo 14207. All members are invited to attend. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM, it’s usually over by 9:00 PM the latest.

**LEC Board Meeting**  March 5th at 6PM at the Burchfield Building

LEC News and Upcoming Events

**LEC Adult Fly Fishing Class has started:** If you are interested in helping please contact Larry Kochalski at 716-982-9468

**Rod Raffle:** It is a Orvis 8wt Helios 3. The drawing will be at the LEC February meeting on the 21st. John Stefko says that sales are going well, but we still have time to sell more tickets. If you have not purchased tickets yet, please do so. This is your club, help us to continue with the events and activities that we do by purchasing some tickets. John’s email is johnstefko@gmail.com.

**Sporting Goods Swap/Sale**  LEC March 21st meeting from 6 to 7.

**Presidents Message**

I can honestly say I was a little nervous conducting my first meeting. In the end we did accomplish what we had to do. Thank you to the members that gave me encouragement at the end.

My hope is to keep members informed of our finances as we move through my tenue. We need to stay focused on fundraising, and I’m grateful we have some events in place.

Addressing the budget, this will always be a work in progress. Over the next few months we will look at our needs and what members want to do. We will work on and send out a survey over the next few weeks, please take time to fill it out and send it back. The results will steer the course for this Chapter.

Fly fishing, tying, and the members of Like Erie Chapter has forever changed my life. I hold Project Healing Waters and the volunteers from the chapter close to my heart. As we forge ahead I look forward working with everyone and even find time to cast a line together. -Al

2019 Dream Catchers-Members Fishing Trip is Full

I have the **12 people needed for this years trip**. If you would like to get on a waiting list in case someone cancels, please contact me. The dates are, June 12, 13, 14, returning home on Saturday the 15th. This is a club members trip. I have 3 cabins reserved on the bank of the West Branch of the Delaware River, Deposit New York. Each cabin has 2 bedrooms with 2 beds in each room, full kitchen, bath & sitting room. This is a self-sustaining trip. No club funds are used. The cost for lodging for all 3 nights is $142 Per person. All meals, water & coffee are included for an additional cost that is shared by all attending. Contact me for more info or questions at richchris13@aol.com or 675-9839. Rich
Save This Date from Larry Kochalski

SAVE THE DATE!!
My fellow "FFILEC" Members, On Wednesday, March 13th, we will be holding a fund raiser @ the Applebees' on Walden Ave. in Cheektowaga. All you have to do is go there and EAT. When you are finished just make sure you turn in your voucher with the bill and the club will get 10% of what you have spent. This event is open to everyone that you know. The event will go from 11 A.M. until closing. I will have vouchers at the next meeting or you can go to the website and print one or if you have a smart phone you can download it to that and show the waiter/waitress that you have the app. They will staple a voucher to your bill. It's that easy! You got to eat so why not treat yourself and family to a nite out.

If anyone has any questions please call, text or e-mail me,
Thanks
Larry

Please print many of the voucher below and share with friends and family

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EASTER HAM SALE

Orders will be taken for Sahlen's whole or half hams. Cost is $5.99 a pound. Deadline to order is April 4th and they will be available for pickup at the meeting on Thursday, April 18th. (Easter is Sunday, April 21st. If you won't be able to be at the meeting, arrangements can be made for pickup. Please call or e-mail Joan to place your order.
675-4766 or jbroser98@aol.com

A Message from Larry Kochalski

Ladies & gentlemen, We all know that our monthly 50/50 split money goes to help supplement our Christmas party each year. With that in mind would you please let me know by phone, text, or e-mail one of the two options:

1. Keep ticket prices the same $1.00/ticket, $2.00/3 tickets
2. Raise the price of tickets to: $2.00/ticket, $5.00/3 tickets

Thanks, Larry
Save This Date Also, from Larry Kochalski

Our annual trip down to Rainbow Paradise in Coudersport, Pa., will be Wednesday, May 8th. I tried to get it for April 24th so that our younger members could go without missing school but it was booked. The cost for the day is $400.00 and will be the same as last year $20.00/person unless the club decides otherwise. (That's $2.50/hr!!) The club will supply lunch (hotdogs) bring your own beverage. We can take more than 20 people. The trip is open to non-members as well. It is always a good time. This is a catch and release trip. If you want to keep your fish Glen will clean it and sell it to you.

I talked with Glen (the owner) and if we were to do this on the weekend, the cost would be $5.00 per hour per person if we could guarantee 25 people and his pond would still be open to the public. So if we fished the full 8 hrs. it would be $40.00/person. If someone wants to try that I will give you Glens' number and you can make the arrangements.

I will have sign-up sheets at the meeting.

Thanks, Larry

PEPPERONI ANYONE??

If anybody wants a stick of pepperoni I can still get them. I would like to have at least 10 sold before I order another case. (There are 20 sticks/case). Right now I have 6 spoken for so if you want another one you can give me a call or text me @ (982-9468) or send me an e-mail @ nonamelarry@hotmail.com. We can work out pick-up details later. Sticks are $10.00 ea.

Thanks, Larry

GET A KID HOOKED ON A LIFELONG ADVENTURE!

Two separate 1-week sessions in 2019: June 23 – 30 & August 4 – 11

Friends of the Upper Delaware River (FUDR) and the Bill Canfield Fly Fishing School partner on a great summer camp program in Hancock, NY that teaches boys and girls (ages 12-17) about the art of fly fishing and the importance of river conservation. All of these skills will be taught by some of the very best nationally known guides and anglers on the Delaware River system.

1st time Camp participants will learn how to gear up before getting on the water with a new complementary Orvis fly rod and reel outfit. Fly casting, fly tying, techniques & presentation, basic entomology, and river ecology are all part of the curriculum. With a little luck, our campers will also learn how to safely handle and release fish after they are caught in one of the local ponds or on the river.

There is also an advanced session for return campers to build on the skills they have already learned. Field trips to renowned Catskill fly fishing camps plus a full day fishing trip to private waters on the famed Beaverkill River are also planned. By the time our kids leave the camp, they will be well versed in the basic elements of fly fishing and will have gained a new appreciation for the value of protecting our fragile natural resources. This single experience will very likely trigger a lifelong passion for angling adventure and a commitment to natural resource conservation.

Each week will offer a beginner course and an advanced course, so if you have experience or have attended previously, you will be moved up to an advanced course!

Kids will be staying at the fabulous French Woods Sports and Arts Center summer camp and will have access to all of the amenities of this beautiful facility (see www.fwsportsarts.com).

Please check out the French Woods facility and the Bill Canfield Fly Fishing School site. Scholarship monies are available through the FUDR, Eastern Waters Council and our club. The applicant will be required to write answers to the following questions: "Why do you want to attend the FUDR/Canfield Fly Fishing Camp? and, What are your expectations from the experience?" The earlier you apply to the camp the better.

For more information contact Joan Rosner at 675-4766.
A new series of articles from member Brian Barrey

THE FLY LINE

A four part series
Tippets, Leaders, Fly Line and Backing

Let me start by saying that I’m no expert of the intimacies of Fly lines, but this is for those new members who are still struggling with the identification and definitions of the fly fishing line. Due to restrictions of space in this newsletter, I will attempt to be brief and concise while imparting as much information to assist you in making an informed decision when making a purchase of a fly line.

Because there is a vast amount of information to discuss, I will break this down by each section of line in the order it is used. Therefore, the line from the reel starts with the BACKING, then the actual FLY LINE, transitioning to a LEADER and terminating with a TIPPET which is tied to the FLY.

Let me preface these articles by saying there are a multitude of line types and weights available for all fish species. Of utmost importance is that you match it to your rod and reel according to it’s WEIGHT. To get the most pleasure out of your experience, it helps to have a balanced combination of rod, reel and line weight. When you know what fish species you will be targeting you can determine what weight rod, reel and line to use for that species, more on this when we get into the FLY LINE.

So I will do my best to impart as much information to help you narrow down adequate equipment to maximize your fishing experience.

Stay tuned . . .

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Dates to Remember in February

2/1 Bubble Gum Day
2/2 Ground Hog Day

2/3 Super Bowl
2/4 [Larry’s favorite] stuffed mushroom Day

2/5 Chinese New Year
2/14 Valentine’s Day

2/18 Presidents Day
2/22 Walk your Dog Day
A good number of LEC members volunteered to help Rick Widman with the Boy Scout Fly Tying Class.

2019 Niagara Falls Sportsmen Show
Snow and cold did not deter members from supporting Chairman Rick Widman at the show. It did reduce the public attendance.
January's Fly Tying Night had the best attendance so far.

Bill Trowman donated all needed supplies, then instructed those interested how to build leaders. Gary Bacon shared supplies and demo'd how to tie a cool grasshopper and shared his fly tying recipe filing system.

NEW DEADLY SPIDER SPREADS ACROSS USA
August 21

THE SPIDER FROM HELL. FIVE PEOPLE HAVE DIED THIS WEEK DUE TO THE BITE OF THIS DEADLY SPIDER... More

Don't forget to look !!!

Public Service Announcement to all Residents and visitors.

According to our insider at Warren general hospital, an early morning spider bite was treated. This is believed to be the same species that has been documented in Chicago this past month. Fever, chills, and vomiting, followed by muscular collapse, paralysis, and even death if not treated promptly. There were signs of some unknown toxin in the blood. It was discovered the victim had been camping in The Allegheny National forest near Jakes rocks. After a thorough investigation of the rest area near the campground where the victim used the public restroom. The spider was captured and brought back to the lab, where it was determined to be the South American blush spider. This spider's venom is extremely toxic, but can take several days to take effect. They live in cold, dark, damp climates, and toilet rims provide just the right atmosphere. The Warren County Health Board ordered an immediate inspection of the toilets in and around Kinzua dam and discovered the Blush spider's nests on 4 different restrooms! It is now believed that these spiders can be anywhere in the county. Please contact Nigel Thornberry for any further questions regarding this outbreak.

So please, before you use a public toilet, lift the seat to check for spiders. It can save your life!