Happy New Year from Chris & I

“Fish Tales” Editor Comments

The other day Chris and I were talking about, how and what we learn about people. What do I mean by this? Chris worked at a nursing home, then a Adult day care center, both as a activity coordinator. While at these retirement jobs, she was wonderfully surprised to learn about the lives of the people she was taking care of. Often, sadly, after they have passed on. What their job was, hobbies, type of education and so on. She was very impressed to learn the amazing history some of these people had prior to being where she met them. I propose a new section of Fish Tales be dedicated to learning about our members. This would be a totally volunteer article written by each member willing to share their history with us. It would include anything you are willing to share. Name or no name, education, jobs, military service, family, hobbies and so on, as much or as little as you would like. This is all up to each of you. I would like feed back on this ASAP. Hopefully to have the first one for the February issue. Please contact me with your thoughts on this subject at richchris13@aol.com or 675-9839 Thanks, Rich

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LEC Breakfast
Tuesday 1/08/19
It will be at 9 AM at Alton’s on Walden.

TAPS
NO ONE IS INDISPENSABLE
BUT SOME ARE IRREPLACEABLE

Matthew L. Kochalski

Thomas Waterman
2014

Ray (Marks) Markiewicz
February 4, 2015

Jonathan M. Fabian
October 26, 1973 - May 2, 2016

William (Bill) Swartz
July 2, 2017

James M. Keech
August 5, 2018

This newsletter, named “Fish Tales”, is my idea and creation. It is published monthly for the benefit and enjoyment of the members of the LEC of FFI. Any errors in spelling, grammar or usage of words, may or may not be intentional. The subjects and content of such, are as accurate and complete as needed to get the subject matter across. Any corrections, complaints, additions or submissions are welcomed at any time, as long as they are sent to me. I hope you enjoy our “Fish Tales”.

Sincerely, Rich Siminski
LEC Dates and Deadlines

January Fly Tying - will resume on the 3rd at 6:30 at the Burchfield building. Bill Trowman doing a demo on how to build your own Leaders. Bring your vice, tools and materials. Guests are welcome to tie or just socialize.

January Board Meeting – is on the 5th at the Burchfield building on Union, 9AM, near Clinton St.

January Meeting - is at the American Legion post on the 17th. Fly tying at 6, meeting to start at 7.

Erie County Federation of Sportsman’s Club – January meeting is on the 25th at the Elma Conservation Club, located at 600 Creek Rd, Elma 14059. All members are invited to attend. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM, it’s usually over by 9:00 PM the latest.

LEC News and Upcoming Events

Rod Raffle: It is a Orvis 8wt Helios 3. 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. Also if you have some unsold tickets, please bring them to the next meeting so we have them available for sale at the Sportsmen show. 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.

Niagara Falls Sportsmen Show: Starts on Friday, January 19th and runs thru Sunday the 21st. Call Rick Widman at 984-5774 to help.

LEC Adult Fly Fishing Class presented by Larry Kochalski

The Adult Fly fishing class should begin on Monday, Jan.28th @ WEST SENECA EAST Middle School. the classes will start @ 6:30 - 8:30. They will go until Monday, Mar.25th. The class size will be from 12 to 20 students 18 yrs. old and up, no exceptions. The first 4 weeks will cover the basics of fly fishing. Subjects like knots, what you need to get started, reading a stream, how to fish different flies, casting (including roll casting in the pool). The last 4 wks. will be basic fly tying which will be taught by Greg Piotrowski. He will teach the things you need to get started in fly tying. I don't know what flies he is planning on teaching. The cost of the class will be $40.00/session. It will be $75.00 if the student signs up for both sessions. The class will include materials and information needed to get the student started. We will supply the rods for casting and the fly tying kits needed for fly tying. Registration has to be done @ the adult education office in the W. Seneca East middle school or on W. Seneca School Web Site.

2019 Dream Catchers-Members Fishing Trip

This years trip is on 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. If you have special eating requirements, you are responsible for that, but you are still expected to pay your share of the total food bill. Drift boat trips are extra and info on that will come later. The first 12 people that send the payment of $142 will be on the list. All payments are non-refundable, unless someone is found to take your place. If you are a couple and would like to join us, there are smaller cabins available, contact me for more info.

Any questions please contact me at richchris13@aol.com or 675-9839. Rich
A message from Mr. Leonard Stalski

At the next meeting, Leonard will have 8 wet-fly Capes for sale. The money raised will be donated to the 2019 PHWFF Bob Mooney Veterans Memorial. This is a yearly event hosted by the Mooney family on their property in Forestville N.Y. The 2018 event honored LEC own Ray Markiewicz.
LEC 2018 Christmas Party-Meeting
WILLIAM "BILL" SWARTZ SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES WINNERS

Ronald Ziarnowski, a member of the Swartz scholarship committee, presented $500.00 checks to three young individuals for continuing their higher education. The legacy of the late Mr. Swartz, a biology and science teacher, will continue as his Memorial Scholarships are going towards the education of three outstanding young people who also have a love of the fisheries, clean water and a deep concern about nature.

Bradley Britt is currently a Senior at Lockport High School and has a GPA of 96. He will begin his studies in Wildlife Management, Fisheries and Aquaculture at the State University of New York at Cobleskill. Mr. Britt has done volunteer work with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Lower Great Lakes Service and the Region 9 NYS Department of Environment Conservation in electroshocking and fin clipping to analyze rainbow trout populations before and after the steelhead run. He also created an information tent and activities for Veterans Fishing Day and Project Healing Waters. Brad is a member of the WNY Challenger Sports League assisting individuals with disabilities, the Lockport Conservation Club and the American Fisheries Society.

Annabelle Skalski is a junior with a 3.8 GPA, attends Paul Smith’s College in Paul Smith, New York. She is studying the conservation of soil, water, air and other natural resources. She has received hands on experience in outdoor labs in dendrology and ecology. Environmental science is a broad major, but she is planning on becoming an environmental field technician specializing in rivers by concentrating in watershed management. Ms. Skalski is serious minded and wants to protect the environment through scientific endeavors. She will also be developing her skills in Geographical Information Systems (GIS).

Erin Urbanski is a freshman at the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry, in Syracuse, NY, with a 3.5 GPA. (Erin attended the Lake Erie Chapter-Fly Fishers International Ray’s Kids Day seminars where she “was immediately hooked on fly fishing.”) Ms. Urbanski is a bright and engaged student who possesses a seriousness of purpose in her study of fisheries and aquatic sciences. She is currently studying Environmental Biology, where she will pursue Ichthyology, the zoology of fishes, to help to conserve our native fish populations, as well as to help others gain an appreciation of our fish. Erin is a member of the college’s fly-fishing club and was a volunteer at Carpenter’s Brook Fish Hatchery where she was flipping trout into new pens, feeding them and taking samples of the fish to estimate their numbers.

A review of what LEC members did in 2018 starting with
2018 Niagara Falls Sportsmen Show

The LEC Rod Raffle for a Orvis 8 wt Helios 3 winning ticket was drawn at this show.

Lake Erie Chapter Receives Awards at the annual Erie County Federation of Sportsmen Banquet

LEC Introduction to Fly Fishing Class presented by Larry Kochalski

Volunteers of Project Healing Waters Rod Building Class
I think we called this
Soft Water
Ice Fishing
on 18 Mile Creek

Rainbow Paradise Fishing Park

Club Lunch & Fishing on the Upper Catt.

2018 Austin Great 8
PA Fishing Trip
2018 Ray’s Kid’s Day

2018 Dream Catcher Trip, Deposit New York
2018 LEC Summer Picnic

Reinstein Fall Festival
LEC First Monthly Members Fly Tying Sessions Organized by Al Kerner

Our Youngest active member, Cole Alexander, is at it again. His dad, Craig, informed me that all were caught on a 9wt fly rod with flies Cole has tied. I am pretty close to asking Cole how much he will charge for a few lessons.

The Future of Fly Fishing

This is a picture of John & Linda Stefko’s Grandson, Andrew. He’s getting ready to get a few treats on Halloween. He is a graduate of Ray’s Day. I am sure that John, with his daughter Margie are getting this young man ready to become a great Fisherman like his Grandpa.