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“Fish Tales” of the



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“Fish Tales” Editor Comments

It's that time of year. We are all itching to get on the water. I don't mean hard water. But it's coming, spring is right around the corner. If you were at the last meeting, Drew showed us some great photos of the fish he is catching at this time of the year. In our back yard. Oh to be young again. We must be patient. It's going to be a good year to be in our club. New this year will be a Members, Family Summer picnic with a casting contest, trips to Rainbow Paradise a couple of times to practice our casting and landing skills. I am sure many trips with friends. A couple of fly shows are coming up. So for now I have to settle for trips to Tim Horton's and breakfast with friends.

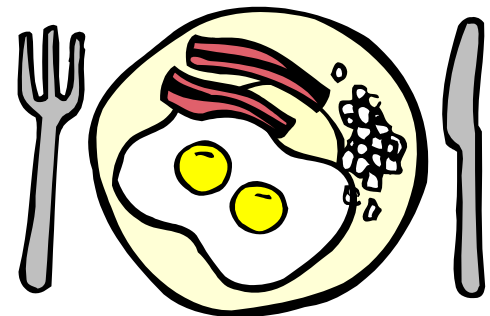
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Dates to remember in February

- 2/2 Ground Hog hunting day for fly fishermen. We don't need 6 more weeks of winter. Get him when he shows his head
- 2/4 Super Bowl
- 2/14 Ash Wednesday
- 2/14 Valentines Day, forget this, you can forget that new rod.
- 2/16 Spring Brook Volunteer Fire Company starts their Lenten fish fries. The Best around.

Join us for the members breakfast at the Holiday Showcase restaurant on Union Rd. Cheektowaga, on Tuesday, February **6th**, at 9 AM. I have been thinking about changing the location. If you have a favorite place, let me know. We can even rotate to different towns each month.



LEC Dates and Deadlines

February Meeting - is at the American Legion post on the 15th. Fly tying at 6, meeting to start at 7. Ron Ziarnowski has scheduled Connie Adams to talk about the birds and water fowl that we encounter while fishing.

Erie County Federation of Sportsman's Club – February meeting is on the 22nd. It will be at the George Washington Club, 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.

LEC News and Upcoming Events

The Adult Introduction to Fly Fishing The first class was January 30th. Followed by 2/6, 2/13, 2/27, 3/6, ending on 3/13, 6:30 till 8:30 at the East Seneca Middle School, room 13. We will need help at each class, please contact Larry Kochalski at **982-9468** to let him know when you will be able to help.

The Youth/Adult Fly Tying class will start on February 17th 1:00 to 4:15 with the following classes on 2/24, 3/3, ending on 3/10. To be held at the Reinstein Woods building. Youths 9 and above will need an adult to stay with them for the class, no drops offs will be allowed. Ron will be needing members to help with this class. Please contact Ron Ziarnowski at **835-3938** or **ziarnowski@roadrunner.com** to let him know when you will be available to help.

On February 10th., there is going to be a Fly Fishers Workshop in Brighton, NY, a suburb of Rochester. This is one day event, that is held every 2 years. The address is, Twelve Corners Middle School, 2643 Elmwood Ave, Rochester, NY. This is not a big vendor type show, the main draw are the speakers and the topics they will be speaking about. For more information go to **Fly Fishers Workshop Brighton, NY, Seth Green**, they don't have a web site, it comes up under the above info. Classes start promptly at 9 AM.

On February 28 the Twin Tiers Five Rivers Chapter of FFI, is hosting a special dinner with a presentation by the world-renowned couple, Barry and Cathy Beck. The event will be held at the Corning American Legion Hall, 8 River Rd, Corning, NY 14830. For more information go to **www.twintiersffi.org**

The Next big Fly Fishing show will be in Lancaster, PA, on March 3 & 4th. This is not as big as the one in NJ, but still a very good show with many fly tiers, presentations, and vendors.

For more information go to **www.flyfishingshow.com**

2018 Dream Catcher Trip - Is on June 14, 15, 16 returning home on the 17th Fathers Day. All spots are filled at this time. I will take names of anyone that may be interested in going in case someone needs to back out. The cost is \$150 for all 3 nights, plus your share of the cost of 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners, lunch, water and coffee. All payments are non-refundable, unless someone takes your place. Start thinking if you are interested in going on a drift boat trip. Last year it was \$150 PP, 2 people per boat. Normal cost is around \$400 PP. for these waters. Contact me at 675-9839 if you have any questions.

New This Year I will be running a club members family summer picnic, with a members fly casting contest. The cost will be \$5.00 PP, to help offset the cost of food, shelter rental, drinks and prizes. The date, location and time have not been determined as of yet. I will get this out ASAP. I am looking at a Saturday or Sunday, late July or early August.

Salmon River Trip 2018. At the last Meeting we failed to discuss this trip. Ron Ziarnowski is not running this event any more. Rooms or lodging of any kind have not been booked. This has been a yearly event for a while, enjoyed by many. We need someone to chair this trip. Please contact Ron or any Board member for information and volunteer to take this over ASAP in order to get lodging.

A message from our President

A very sincere thank you to all the members who volunteered their time at the Niagara Falls Show, it was good to see so many of you there. Thanks to our presenters, Ron Ziarnowski and Rick Widman, for the time they spent in preparing for their seminars.

Congratulations to Jack Taylor from Batavia who was the winner of the Helios 3, and thank you to all who supported this very successful fund raiser.

Congratulations to Annabelle Skalski, granddaughter of Len Skalski, who was the recipient of one of the scholarships from the Erie County Federation of Sportsmen. Annabelle is attending the Paul Smith College in Paul Smiths, NY in the Adirondacks.

International is accepting applications for their scholarship. Any of our members who have a son, daughter, grandchild, niece or nephew attending college and majoring in environmental studies, please contact me so I can give you the application information. Also, keep an eye out for information on the upcoming William Swartz Memorial Scholarship application.

Once again, if you have any children, grandchildren, niece or nephew between the ages of 12-17, coming up will be the applications for the French Woods Sports and Arts Camp in Hancock, NY. (www.fwsportarts.com) It is June 24 – July 1, and August 5 – August 12. 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 kids about the sport of fly fishing and the importance of river conservation. **Camp** participants learn how to gear up before getting on the water, fly casting and much more. If interested, let me know, as I'll have to write a letter of recommendation for them, to be attached to the application.

We've purchased four tickets for the upcoming Erie County Federation of Sportsmen Banquet which will be held on Saturday, March 3 at Kloc's Blossom Grove. We'll be raffling them off at the February meeting, so if you are interested in attending, let me know and we'll put your name in for the drawing. If you don't win, and would like to attend (tickets are \$35.00), please contact David Rosner to purchase tickets.

When you're out fishing, and you are having great luck reeling in the fish, please share your information with Bill Hilts, Jr. from the Buffalo News. You can send the info (and a picture of your fish) to billhiltsjr@gmail.com.

Get well wishes to Bill Trowman and Craig Alexander.

See you at the February Meeting!

Joan Rosner, President (jbrosner98@aol.com or 716-675-4766)

The Orvis Helios 3 Rod Raffle

The club Rod raffle was a great success. John Stefko did a fantastic job of running this first time fund raiser. Some of us are a little disappointed because we truly expected to win. Much time and bragging rights were bantered about, some members were so sure that they would win, they did not purchase a ticket so someone else would be sure to win. In reality, we needed about 15 more rods for those of us that did have the *other* winning tickets, including myself. We did have a good time with it. Our thanks goes out to John for his professional handling of the event and for putting up with ALL us self proclaiming winners. Like John has said a few times, we are all winners! ?????



And the Winner was

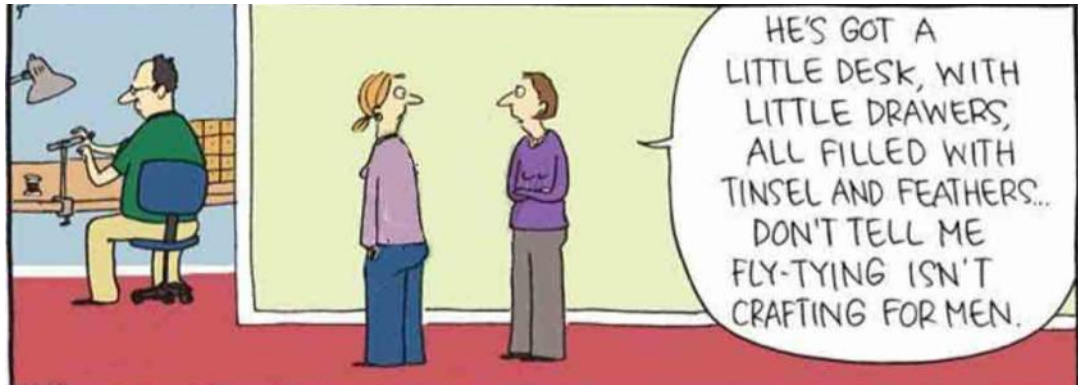
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2018 Niagara Falls Sportsmen Show

This show is always a good time and very busy. Our thanks goes out to Rick Widman who did a excellent job running this event again. Members manned our table to tie flies, promote our club, spread the word about Kids Day and to sell some raffle tickets. Plus, as an extra bonus, after our shift we were able to attend and enjoy the rest of the show for free. Members Rick Widman and Ron Ziarnowski each put on great presentations during this show. Thanks again Rick for all your time and efforts.





Give a man a fish
and he has food for a day.



Teach a man to fish
and he has to buy bamboo rods,
graphite reels, monofilament lines,
neoprene waders,
creels, tackleboxes, lures, flies,
spinners, worm rigs, slip sinkers,
offset hooks, gore-tex hats,
20 pocket vests, fish finders, depth
sounders, radar, boats, trailers,
global positioning systems, coolers
and six-packs.

Orvis Buffalo, Upcoming Events

2/1 Jim Lorentz * Atlantic Salmon-Moody & Mysterious, with book signing. 6 to 8

2/8 Rick Kustich * Advanced fly fishing for Great Lakes Steelhead. 6 to 8

2/17 Alberto Rey * America's favorite flies. 12 to 2

3/3 Brian Slavinski * Situational Spey Tactics 10 to 12

3/20 Damon Newpher * Hendrickson Hatch Strategies 6 to 8

Call 716-276-7200 to sign up

