



# “Fish Tales” of the



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## “Fish Tales” Editor Comments

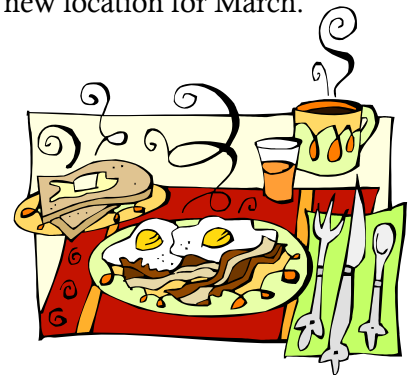
I hope by the time this gets sent out, I will have been fishing with friends, and have caught a fish. Trout opening day is just 1 month away. But we still can fish, catch and release, which most of us do anyways. As most of you know, I have started another event for members to get together and enjoy. In this issue I have put updated info on the Members Family Picnic. Please read, mark your calendar and plan to attend with your Family. I have a few more ideas that I hope to present to the board and membership in future months. My goal is to help make this a club as enjoyable as possible, get together more often and have members that presently do not come to meetings or be involved in club events, become active. Starting this issue I have included a “Sick Call” and “Taps” list. I have tossed this around with members, some that will be on the list and they all agree that this is a nice idea. It will not divulge specific information. I will just name the member that is not feeling well for whatever reason. This way we can say a prayer for them, keep them in our thoughts or possibly contact them to wish them well. I will only include info that has already been shared openly. If you have a name that you would like added to either list, contact me.

## Dates to remember in March

- 3/3 National Anthem Day
- 3/7 Alaska’s 1000 mile Iditarod Dog Sled race
- 3/11 Daylight Savings Time begins
- 3/13 Uranus was discovered in 1781
- 3/17 St. Patrick’s Day
- 3/20 The first day of Spring
- 3/31 Al Gore was born

## New location for this month

One of our regulars responded to my idea of changing locations. He suggested **Bob Evens, located at 6635 Transit rd. Bowmansville, 14026, Tuesday, March 6th**, at 9 AM. So join us for breakfast at this new location for March.



### TAPS

NO ONE IS  
INDISPENSABLE  
BUT SOME ARE  
IRREPLACEABLE

**Matthew L. Kochalski**

May 30, 1983 - April 13, 2008

**Ray (Marks) Markiewicz**

February 4, 2015

**Jonathan M. Fabian**

October 26, 1973 - May 2, 2016

**William (Bill) Swartz**

July 2, 2017

### Sick Call

This first list will cover  
from the start of 2018.

Craig Alexander

Bill Falkner

Bill Kelman

Debbie Kerner

Jose Olea

John Stefko

Bill Trowman

Homer Wide Jr.

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### LEC Dates and Deadlines

**March Meeting** - is at the American Legion post on the 15th. Fly tying at 6, meeting to start at 7. Our member, Scott Feltrinelli will do a presentation on Lake Ontario Stream Fishing.

**Erie County Federation of Sportsman's Club** - March meeting is on the 22nd. It will be at the Evans Rod & Gun club, 864 Cain Rd., Angola 14006. 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 class has 15 students. Larry has put together a well planned, interesting class. This past week the students were introduced to roll casting, using the school pool. The next classes are on 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** Has also started, classes are from 1:00 to 4:15 with the following classes remaining, 3/3, 3/10. To be held at the Reinstein Woods building. If you are interested in helping contact Ron Ziarnowski at **835-3938** or [ziarnowski@roadrunner.com](mailto:ziarnowski@roadrunner.com) to let him know .

**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](http://www.flyfishingshow.com)

**Ray's Kids Day** is on May 19th. This is a all hands on deck event. Please mark your calendar and plan to help out. Contact Dave Rosner for a work assignment. We also need donations, contact Dave Rosner if you have a source for donations to avoid duplicate contacts. We still have quite a few openings so spread the word.

**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 anybody that may be interested in going incase 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.

**Salmon River Trip 2018.** At the last meeting Dave Rosner requested the names of people that are interested in going and which place they would like to stay. Dave stated that he is not running the event, just collecting information. We still need a person that will plan and coordinate the event if it is to be a go. Contact Dave at 675-4766 for more information. If you are a new member, this has been a Fall club event enjoyed by all attending, think about going, but don't wait to long, lodging fills up fast.

**Rainbow Pond 2018 1st Trip.** At the last meeting Larry Kochalski mentioned that he would like to run a trip to the Rainbow Pond some time in April. It would be on a Wednesday for the group rate of \$200 divided by the number of people going. It is a private hatchery with 2 large ponds. Those that have not been there or if you are a new member, it is the perfect place to practice all types of casting and fish landing. Farmers boots are needed, waders are not. Contact Larry if you are interested at 716-982-9468. When a date is picked, a e-mail with needed information will be sent to all members.

**Orvis of Buffalo Winter Speaker Series** continues with Brian Slavinski on **3/3**, 10 to 12 talking about Spey Tactics. On **3/14**, Vince Tobia talking about Bonefishing at 6 to 8 and on **3/20** Damon Newpher talking about Hendrickson Hatch Strategies 6 to 8. Call 716-276-7200 to register.

### A message from our President

A warm welcome to the new members who joined us last month. I hope you enjoyed the program on the Peregrine Falcons. Thank you to the DEC for a great presentation!

Thanks to the fellows who are teaching the Fly Fishing Course. They are doing an amazing job. Talk has it they may be doing another Adult Ed class later in the year.

Continued get well wishes to Craig Alexander, Bill Falkner, John Stefko, Bill Trowman and Homer Wilde. You guys need to do a fast recovery as trout season is around the corner.

Just some food for thought: International's Code of Ethics - "Fly anglers believe fly fishing is a privilege and a responsibility. Fly anglers do not judge fellow anglers and they treat them as they would expect to be treated. Fly anglers always compliment other anglers and promote ethics whether they fish with a fly or not. The catch and release philosophy is the hallmark of the Federation."

At our next meeting, March 15th, the fly tying session will be devoted to tying flies for Ray's Kids Day. Concentration will be on Bass and Panfish flies, which includes tying poppers.

Scott Feltrinelli will be our guest speaker. Besides being a member of our club, Scott is a Guide/Captain-USCG Licensed, Writer/Photographer for the "Fly Magazine," member of the NYS DEC Lake Ontario Fisheries Management Focus Group. Scott's topics will be on the Hatchery on Salmon River (improving the infrastructure, improving the numbers of steelhead,) and also small mouth restoration, Atlantic Salmon restoration and improving Walleye fishing. See you then.

Joan Rosner, President

### LEC-FFI Summer Picnic

**Date** Saturday August 4th.

**Time** 11 AM till ?????

**Location** Sprague Brook County Park, shelter **# 5** (I gave Dave the wrong shelter number for the E-mail) The address is 9643 Foote Rd., Glenwood 14069. Drive time is about 30 minutes from West Seneca.

**Cost** It was decided to charge \$5.00 PP this year to help offset the cost of the shelter, food drinks and prizes. (Children 12 and under are free)

**Food** Typical summer picnic food, hot dogs, hamburgers, pulled pork is a possibility if I can figure a way to keep it hot. If at all possible, I am requesting that each family bring a dish to pass. Summer salad, dessert, or snack for all to share.

**Drinks** Water, Pop, Coffee and Tea, again, if I can figure a way to have it hot. No glass containers are allowed in the park. Also BYOB if you so desire.

**Events** Fly Casting Contest, Cornhole Bean Bag tossing contest. My wife Chris will have her Right Left Center dice game available. More info on the contests will be in future issues of Fish Tales and e-mails.

I will have a sign up sheet at all meetings. You may also call or e-mail me with the number of people attending, then send a check or pay at any meeting. Please plan on attending. It will be a nice time.

Rich Siminski, 716-675-9839 richchris13@aol.com Checks made out to, LEC-FFI

Also, I need hula hoops. They will be cut up and made into casting targets and not returned.

## Members tips and Techniques

It's a slow time of the year. I didn't forget. Keep these coming



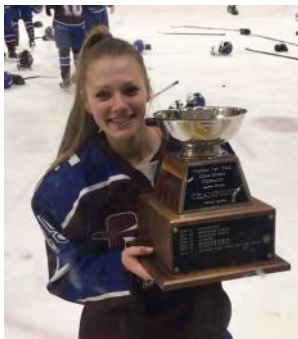
**From Larry Kochalski**—Using 2 Wine bottle corks, a small eye screw and a length of water pipe insulation all glued together. Larry created a holder for “ready to use” very, very small flies tied on a length of tippet. This makes it a lot easier to add or change a very small fly on to your leader when on the water. Especially for us elderly Gentlemen.

### From Gary Aquilian

I keep very small wire clippers in my sling pack to cut bushes or branches that decide to grab my line. Many times snipping the branch makes it much easier to untangle the line or retrieving the fly.



**From John Stefko** Those of us that tie our flies, sometimes we have more flies than we have fly boxes. John showed me his system for keeping the bulk of his flies. You can use a quart or gallon zip lock baggie. Cut a 1/4 thick piece of flexible foam to size for the bag you are using, cut 2 corners, that makes it easier to put into the bag. Stick your extra flies in any manner you like. It very easy to see the flies, takes up very little room, take out the flies that are needed for fishing and put them in a fly box. Just be careful not to crush the baggies when storing.



**On a personal note.** My wife Christine's, Granddaughter, Haylee Tatar, made Monday's Buffalo News sports section. Haylee scored the winning goal while playing for team FLOP, (Frontier-Lake Shore-Orchard Park). Beating team CASH, (Clarence-Amherst-Sweet Home) 3-1 to win the WNY Girls Varsity Ice Hockey Federation title at Harbor Center. This win completes a trifecta of wins for this team. Winning the Section VI playoffs and the NY State Public Schools title in which Haylee also scored the winning goal.