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“Fish Tales” Editor Comments

Thank goodness March is over. It was a cold windy month, among other things. I did get to fish like I hoped, but no fish. (Al, John, I know what your thinking). Believe it or not, Spring is here. Things will be looking up in the coming months. Our club has a lot planned already. So read Fish -Tales and e-mails coming from Dave, then mark your calendars. You're a member, why not start taking advantage of some of what this club has to offer. **Something New.** Starting next month, Al Kerner, will have a monthly article in Fish Tales. I look forward to this new addition.

Dates to Remember in April

- 4/1 Easter Sunday
April Fools Day, which is perfect for Trout Opening Day
- 4/2 Dyngus Day
- 4/13 Friday the 13th Day
- 4/15 Everybody's favorite,
Income Tax Due Day
- 4/21 Husband Appreciation Day

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Members Breakfast

Old location but different day. We are going back to Holiday Showcase on Union Rd. But lets try a **Monday** to see if we can get more people. **So Monday April 9th., 9 AM**

TAPS

NO ONE IS INDISPENSABLE
BUT SOME ARE
IRREPLACEABLE

Matthew L. Kochalski

May 30, 1983 - April 13, 2008

Thomas Waterman
2014

Ray (Marks) Markiewicz

February 4, 2015

Jonathan M. Fabian

October 26, 1973 - May 2, 2016

William (Bill) Swartz

July 2, 2017

Sick Call

Last months members
are all doing well.

For April keep

Jim Parks

&

Ron Ziarnowski

in your thoughts



This newsletter, named “Fish Tales” is my idea and creation. It is being published monthly for the benefit and enjoyment of the members of the LEC of FFI. It is not the product of a college graduate or English major. 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 “Fish Tales”. Sincerely, Rich Siminski

LEC Dates and Deadlines

April Meeting is at the American Legion post on the 19th. Fly tying at 6, meeting to start at 7. Speaker will be Geoff Hintz from the Army Corp of Engineers. To talk about the Springville Dam Project

Erie County Federation of Sportsman's Club – April meeting is on the 26th. It will be at the West Falls Conservation Club, located at 55 Bridge St., West Falls, 14170. 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

Rainbow Paradise Pond April 11, rain date April 25, our first fishing trip of the year. Larry Kochalski is running this event for the students of his Introduction to Fly Fishing Class, and for our club members. The cost to fish this pond is \$400 for the day divided by the number of people attending. We need at least 20 people. This is a perfect place to practice your casting and fish landing skills. Contact Larry at 716-982-9468 or email at nonamelarry@hotmail.com. He is collecting \$20 PP, in advance. Hot dog lunch will be provided by the club.

A Meeting on the Water is on June 9th. Paul Doyka is running this event. It will start at 7:30 AM. The location is, Rt. 39 (Springville Sardinia Hwy) at Hake Rd. Its east of Springville, half way to Sardinia. Large parking lot on the south side of 39, with a bridge crossing the Catt. at Hake Rd. can't miss it. Hot dog lunch will be provided by the club. There will be a sign up sheet at all meetings. If you have any questions please call Pauly at 716-548-1172.

2018 Dream Catcher Trip - Is on June 14, 15, 16 returning home on the 17th Fathers Day. **As of today I have 1 [one] opening. Please contact me ASAP for information.** 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. This year we have 7 teams going on a drift boat trip. The cost is \$175 PP plus tip if you are so inclined. 2 people per boat, payable at the end of the trip. Normal cost is around \$400 PP. for these waters. **Contact Rich Siminski at 716-675-9839 or e-mail at richchris13@aol.com .**

New This Year - A Members-Family Summer Picnic. The cost will be \$5.00 PP, to help offset the cost of food, shelter rental, drinks and prizes. It is being held at Sprague Brook Park on Saturday August 4th. Starting at 11 AM. We will have a Fly Rod Casting contest, Cornhole Bean Bag tossing contest [its kind of like horse shoes without the horse shoes, stake or the horse] and my wife Chris, will bring her Left Center Right, dice game, which could last for hours. A sign up sheet will be at all meetings or you can call or email me. Family members, your children, grandchildren are all welcome. I need the money and head count in advance to insure correct amount of food and drinks. Contact Rich Siminski, 716-675-9839, richchris13@aol.com or Al Kerner 716-474-1295 alkerner3@yahoo.com

Salmon River Trip 2018. Contact Dave Rosner for information. 716-913-0962, dgrosner@aol.com

Bill Canfield Fly Fishing School at the French Woods Sports and Arts Center summer camp.

Again this year, Friends of the Upper Delaware River [FUDR], Eastern Waters Council of Fly Fishers International [EWC-FFI] and our Lake Erie Chapter-FFI are sponsoring kids 12-17, to a 1 week class on June 24-July 1 or August 5-August 12, 2018. If you have kids or grandchildren you think may be interested in a week of Fly Fishing instruction Contact Joan Rosner at 716-913-9879. For more information go to www.fudr.org or www.fwsportsarts.com

LEC News and Upcoming Events Continued

Club Shirts This was brought up at the February meeting. At the March meeting Joan presented the club with a nice shirt, which she suggest we have our Club logo, FFI logo and your name embroidered on the shirt. Joan stated that the cost of the shirt would be between \$17.99 and \$29.98 plus \$25 for all the embroidery, per shirt. Rich Siminski proposed silk screened shirts, fly fishing artwork with our logo worked into the artwork to be placed on a assortment of shirt types. At the April meeting I will have samples of colors and shirt styles with prices. There will be sign up sheets requesting type, size and payment in advance at the April and May meetings for both, the embroidered and silk screened shirts. If you are interested in a nice shirt, please attend to see what we are proposing. Bring sizes and your check book.

This is the silk screened art work proposed. The artist is requesting **\$0.50** per shirt and I will motion that **\$1.50** be added to the cost as a fund raiser to our treasury, for a total of **\$2.00** over the cost of each shirt. Prices below are for 36 to 71 items ordered, 72 items and over, the cost will be reduced \$2.00 per shirt. T's \$10.25, Long Sleeve T's \$13, Sweats \$14.25 Hooded Sweats \$14.25 Golf \$20.00 2 X to 5X are available at a extra cost of \$1.00 per X, 2X \$2, 3X \$3 and so on up to 5X. The screen charge is \$25 per screen, 4 are needed. I will motion the club pay that. For info contact Rich Siminski at 675-9839 or Al Kerner at 474-1295.



Lake Erie Chapter Receives Awards

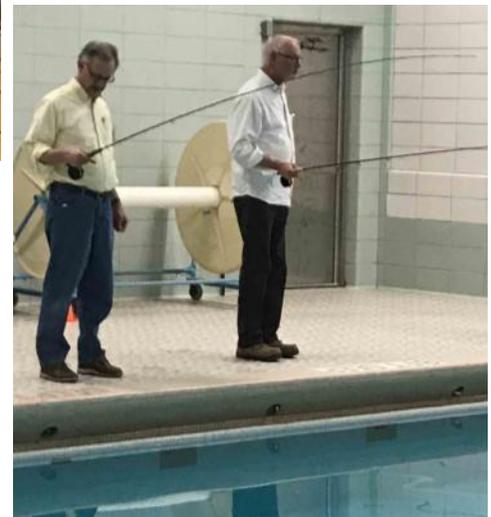
At the annual Erie County Federation of Sportsmen Banquet, that was held on Saturday March 24, LEC-FFI was the recipient of Club of the Year Award. Joan Rosner received the Valerie E. Gonnello Sports-woman of the Year. Youth of the Year Award was given to Cole Alexander. This is the second year in a row that Cole was recognized at this event. Last year Cole received a certificate acknowledging his volunteerism and contributions in the education of the art of fly tying. LEC members that attended were, from the left: Dan Slade, Ron Ziarnowski, Joan Rosner, Nancy Schill, Cole Alexander, David Rosner and Paul Doyka.



LEC Introduction to Fly Fishing Class

presented by
Larry Kochalski

The class learned a lot and looked like they had a very good time. Larry presented himself and represented the club in a very polite and professional manner. Some from the class have joined our club and are looking forward to the Rainbow Paradise Pond trip to practice what they learned in class.



Volunteers of Project Healing Waters-Rod Building Class

This was a very interesting adventure. We all finished our rods and hopefully they will stay together for at least one fish. We did have a lot of fun and that was the only thing that saved us from some very frustrating times. We bit the bullet and did not break anything or throw anything at anybody, not that I know of anyways. In attendance was, from the left: Larry Kochalski, Al Kerner, Dave Bollman, Jose Olea, Mike Fabain, Rich Siminski.



At last we went fishing, not on the ice, with the ice. Ice and fish. What more could you ask for. One thing, Coffee or Hot Chocolate

