

*From The Editor***RECENT ASSOCIATION CHANGES,
SUMMER ACTIVITIES, AND MORE!**

Mark Daul, Editor, Publisher, News & Views

Of all the News & Views I have been involved in throughout the years, I thought this would be the most disappointing and toughest assignment of all. Well, it wasn't. Yes it was tough but not disappointing. As you read through it you will find some great interesting and informative articles about our summer activities and other things of interest plus you will see all the new, old, and recent valued advertisers that put their advertising dollars with us. We cherish that. They are what makes your News & Views possible and keeps your dues affordable. Be sure to patronize as many as you can and don't forget to thank them for the support. [We still want/need more advertisers!]

At the March Board of Directors meeting President **Ron Hutcheson** resigned his president's position and at the April meeting the BOD accepted Ron's resignation and appointed vice president **Paul Jackson** to the president's post. **Michael Henderson** volunteered for vice-president and then was appointed vice president with BOD approval. That has left an opening on the board for a Directors position to fill Henderson's post. If you have interest in this Directors position, let any board member know your thoughts. You will have to be appointed with the board approval. You would finish Henderson's Directors term until the next elections which happen in December each year. Both Jackson & Henderson terms expire December 31 and will have to be back on the ballot for 2007.

Please support your Association as we all work pretty hard to keep the Niagara River Anglers Association on the top of the list when it comes to our aggressive stance on environmental issues, stocking, youth activities and activities for our members. I think we have done a pretty good job of doing that. Don't you think?

Please remind your friends and relatives of all the opportunities your Association provides

and encourage them to join us! Our membership is down below recent averages this year and it needs bolstering by YOU! There is always an application inside the back cover of your News & Views and if you don't want to write a check use our website. There you can join and actually charge it. We have set up a Pay Pal account and encourage you to use it. That's what it's for! Everyone knows Pay Pal is safe and secure and it is so easy to use too!

As you thumb through this News & Views you will see what is planned for the summer. Please support as many things as you can. That is what makes us work!

If you are wondering where your Presidents report is, we have a deadline for the News & Views, and especially this one because there are so many things we have to let the membership know about. Because of the upcoming summer activities, that we had to set a week earlier than usual the deadline for this News & Views. September issue deadline is August 25th

Enjoy your summer and don't forget to use your Wilderness Preserve this summer especially with gas prices going through the roof. You can fish, picnic, hike, explore and camp there for free too! It is yours, use it and respect it like you own it. Clean up after yourself and others that may have forgotten the rules. Oh, yeah, bird watch too!

Summer fishing activities in Western New York are many. On the next page is a calendar of most of those activities and remember some may be subject to change.

NEXT MEETING

**May 15th. 7:30 PM sharp
At the LaSalle Sportsmen's Club**

**Guest Speaker to be announced in local
Outdoor Writers columns.**

Bring a guest!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS SUMMER?*Compiled by Bill Jilts Jr. & Mark Daul***Here are some things to keep you occupied;**

- May 5-14 Lake Ontario Counties [LOC] derby. www.loc.com
- May 27th.- A-1 Bait Lake Erie Bass Contest 754-1895
- June 3-4. 22nd. Annual Skip Hartman Lake Ontario Pro-Am Salmon Team Tournament.
- June 3rd. Wildlife Fest & Kids Contest at Hyde Park Lake. Free.
- June 9-10 1st Annual Point Breeze/Orleans County Pro-Am Salmon Team Tournament . www.lakeontarioproam.com
- June 11 Members Kids Fishing -Wilderness Preserve . 9-noon
- June 17 Wilson Conservation Club Kids Derby
- June 17th. Bond Lake Kids Fishing Derby
- June 17th. A-1 Bait Lower Niagara/Lake Ontario Bass Tournament.
- June 24 Town of Newfane kids fishing derby. 8 am to noon. Free.
- **June 24-25 - Free Fishing Days in New York State. No License Required!**
- July 5 to 16 Erie Canal Fishing Derby. www.eriecanalderby.com
- July 7-8 12th Annual Oswego County Pro-Am Salmon Team Tournament.
- July 14-15 – Wayne county Pro-Am Salmon Team Tournament.
- July 22. 20th Annual NRAA Open Smallmouth Bass Classic.
- August 5. Orleans County Rotary Club Derby. [716] 589-9881
- August 19th. A-1 Bait Niagara River Walleye Contest and annual picnic. Picnic at 3F Club.
- August 8 to September 4 – LOC Fall Derby. www.loc.com
- September 2 – A-1 Bait - Fall Bass Classic
- September 16 to 24 – 30th. Annual Greater Niagara “ Fall Classic” Derby. “A Fish Odyssey” Details at www.fishodyssey.net or outdoorsniagara.com/fishodyssey

**Remember to use your Wilderness Preserve
Open 7 days a week until November**

**NIAGARA RIVER ANGLERS
OUTDOORSMAN RAFFLE AND WILD GAME FEST
MAY 13TH
MORE DETAILS ON PAGE 3
SUPPORT IT, IT'S FOR YOU!**

**NIAGARA RIVER ANGLERS NOW HAVE
OFFICIAL 501c3 TAX EXEMPT STATUS***Mark Daul*

Of the things you should know about your Association is we are now classified by the Federal and State Government as a tax exempt organization making us eligible for grants and for corporations, companies, individuals and others to make tax deductible donations to the Niagara River Anglers Association Incorporated. Yes “Incorporated.” We have been incorporated for a little over a year now.

All this was groomed by President **Doug Stein** and was completed only by the efforts and stamina of Director **John Hess**. It is my feeling without Hess’s guidance and determination we would still be pursuing this station in our history and growth.

Good work President Stein and John Hess! Now we will try and pursue some of the grants available and maybe get that planned project started at the Walleye Ponds for doing a better job during our harvests.

**20th ANNUAL NRAA 2006 SMALLMOUTH
BASS CLASSIC JULY 22***John Hess, Chairman*

The 20th annual Smallmouth Bass Classic will take place on July 22, 2006. Entry forms and specific information can be found inside this current issue of the News & Views. [Page 16] We are expecting to have record numbers of entrants this year, so get your applications in early. Feel free to make copies of the entry forms and hang them up in your favorite clubhouses or work bulletin boards! Please give me a call at 791-8147 if you have any questions or would like to help out. Anyone or any businesses interested in donating door prizes or baskets for the awards party afterwards, should also give me a call. We will use some of these prizes in our raffles, which will ultimately generate proceeds for our clubs activities. I look forward to seeing you and fishing buddies on July 22. We will have a great time and raise some money for NRAA programs!

OUTDOORSMAN RAFFLE AND WILD GAME FEST™

Michael Henderson

This event is coming together beautifully but still working on minor details. I need two more people to work the door selling raffle tickets and help serving food, also still need desserts. Ticket sales are going slower then expected if you can help selling tickets or if you still need one for yourself call me at 282-8099 or 870-6668 the meal alone will be worth the \$20.00 price.

Along with the game we will be serving deep fried turkeys, beef on weck, baked beans, salad, sauce and shells and **more** for those who don't eat game. If you don't have a good time at this event it's your fault. If you didn't come, you won't know what you missed!

→TO BE HELD ON THE 3F CLUB GROUNDS

Proceeds from this event are going to help with the kids fishing contest June 3rd at Hyde Park Lake that we put on in conjunction with the **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, City of Niagara Falls, Gander Mountain, Tonawanda**, and the friends of the **Lower Great Lakes fishery Office**. [see more details in this News & Views] These proceeds will also support our own children's events at the Wilderness Preserve and the youth contest at Youngstown this summer.

LIST OF PRIZES SO FAR

- Mustang Survival Suit
- 4 Hr. Walleye Charter in Ohio
- Lowrance Color Graph
- 4 hr. Bass/Steelhead Charter
- Scottie Electric Downrigger
- 4 hr. Lake Erie Bass Charter
- Pflueger All Star Rod & Reel combo
- 4 hr. Charter
- Scotty Electric Downrigger
- Pflueger All Star Rod & Reel Combo
- Digital Camera
- 50 Cal. Muzzle Loader

There will be a **Chinese Auction** and door prizes with a lot of great things like baskets, rods & reels, some computer stuff and other surprises. You should get your money back and then some! Get your tickets before May 13th and save even more. There is no guarantee there will be tickets left if you plan on buying them at the door.

OPEN HOUSE AND SWAP MEET AT WILDERNESS PRESERVE

Ken Jackson, Director, Coordinator

On May 21st from 9am – 2 pm., An Open House and Swap meet will be held down at the Wilderness Preserve. This is a Sunday and all are invited to attend. Any questions call **Ken Jackson** at 807-2806 or 731-5600 or email him at Pinsplitr@aol.com.

This is a day the gate will be open all day and is intended to give the public a view of our Pride & Joy, the Wilderness Preserve. A swap meet will be held at the same time and if you would like to get more information give Ken Jackson a call. Good time to clean out the garage! Share your goods with someone that might find value in your stuff. Bring your own table.

Table spaces are free to members and non-members must pay \$10.00. A good time for a non-member to join us!

At prior sales there was a wide variety of things offered like Outboard motors, new and used fishing lures and equipment, archery stuff, smokers, tackle boxes, antique lures, rods & reels, boat anchors, downrigger balls and so many other things it would make your head spin. There were even non-related outdoors things up for sale. Don't miss this one and bring a friend! This would be a great time to introduce your friend to the Niagara River Anglers Association and show them what we are all about! Memberships will be available.

BROWN TROUT STOCKED IN HYDE PARK LAKE ~HISTORY MADE, FIRST EVER!

Mark Daul



At the insistence of **Michael Henderson** and the guidance of **Mike Wilkinson**, DEC Senior Aquatic biologist, an unheard of event happened at Hyde Park Lake in

April. Nearly 2,000 Brown Trout were stocked and a big event it was. Lots of public input and help.

Niagara Falls **Mayor Vince Anello** arrived to see how this is done and he jumped right in dumping buckets of fish in the creek at Duck Island in the Park. The Mayor didn't realize how this was done and when he was finished, his suit was wet and his left shoe was all muddy but he did a great job. Thank You Mayor! [The picture above is Your Honor stocking the Browns!!] Look at the size of those fish!

The local TV station channels 2, 4 & Adelpia Cable were there, the Buffalo News was taking pictures, as was the Gazette. Great job by our local News outlets. Thank You.

The public that showed up was astounded and very interested. There were kids of all ages there and Niagara Anglers volunteers. All this was actually in preparation of the Fish and Wildlife Festival & Youth Fishing Contest to be held on Saturday June 3rd. Get all the kids together and plan to spend the day. Get there early.

More photos of the historical brown trout stocking and more information on the affair on page 13. If you missed this stocking event, it was because there was no prior notice except a tiny article that appeared in the newspaper two days before.

**TAKE A
KID FISHING!
IT'S FREE!**



IN CASE YOU ARE TRAVELING TO THE SOUTHERN TIER THIS SUMMER Trout stockings



The Randolph Hatchery has placed larger brood stock in area waters: Quaker Lake - 400 brown trout, 100 rainbow trout; Red House Lake - 200 steelhead trout, 100 rainbow trout; New Albion Lake - 130 steelhead, 100 browns; and Genesee River - 200 browns, 100 rainbows.

BUY - SELL - TRADE

If you are interested in any of the 5 items listed below, please call **Rich** at [716] 283-5098

- 1.] Hard gun case, rifle or shotgun, locking, \$15.00
- 2.] Men's small fleece lined vest, new, red wool plaid, \$29.00.
- 3.] Cambria, 42 acres farm or residential, deer and turkey, Starpoint school district, low taxes, view. \$225,000
- 4.] Bushnell scope 2.5 power, brand new, \$25.00, two available.
- 5.] 12 gauge 3 inch camber over and under Stoeger, extra choke tubes and hard case fiber optic sights, excellent condition \$350.00

NIAGARA RIVER LONGNOSE GAR PIKE

Mark Daul



Longnose gar - *Lepisosteus osseus*
averages 28-36 inches

"Known as "living fossils" to some biologists, longnose gar have been around for nearly **100 million years**. They are very distinct in appearance, with long, narrow, well-toothed snouts, arrow-shaped bodies, and heavy, rough scales. Gar are large and can reach three feet in length."

"They can survive in water with low oxygen levels because their unusual swim bladder

allow them to breathe oxygen from the air. Adult gar often occurs in groups and will float at the surface.”

“In New York State Longnose Gar are said to be found in the St. Lawrence River, the Niagara River, Lake Champlain, eastern Lake Ontario, and the larger tributaries to these waters.”

The preceding paragraphs were compiled from information on the New York State DEC website.

Not too many fishermen catch gar in the Niagara River because no one pursues them but they are there. If my memory serves me correctly these strange creatures have been mostly caught in deep water at the Stella Niagara Drift just as you cross the area of the underwater gas pipeline. I have had divers tell me they see them there too. The same divers report big walleye lying in there along with them and after observations, they lay facing upstream behind the pipe and watch them rise up and capture any unsuspecting fish going for a cruise down the river. No wonder they get so fat! Without investigating, I believe that pipe lies under the floor of the river now as of about 10-12 years ago.

Some have reportedly been caught off shore in the Devil's Hole area through the years.

They don't get really Hugh but grow to about three feet.

It is also know that the eggs are highly toxic to humans and are not preferred table fare so there are no recommendations for table preparation.

The nice thing about catching one is its history. 100 million years is a long time for a creature of god to still exist.

Member **Gerry Condren** recently sent me a picture of a 8 foot 10 inch, 327 pound Alligator Gar caught in Oklahoma recently and that is what jarred my Niagara River “longnose gar” memory. To see a picture of

that 327 pound gar, go to our new website misc. pictures page. Thanks Ger.

13 YEAR OLD GRAIG BAUGMAN CATCHES FIRST STEELIE!

Mark Daul

Actually he caught two! March 25 was when **Craig's** golden moment came while fishing at Four Mile Creek using wax worms and a tiny split shot. Craig was fishing along side of his dad, member **Charlie Baughman** and dad was quite a proud papa when young Baughman hit the first one then he hit his second and Charlie wanted to tell the whole world.

Well, this isn't the whole world here but it will have to do. Good going Craig and we wish you many more!

25 POUND LARGEMOUTH NEW RECORD?

Mark Daul



Did this 25# 1oz. California largemouth eclipse the 74-year-old largemouth bass record of 22 ¼ pounds, caught in 1932 in Montgomery Lake, Ga. set by George W. Perry? The Perry fish is considered the holy grail of fish records.

There is a shadow of doubt this 25# plus, will qualify for the new world record. Despite being foul-hooked, Mac Weakley's fish might have been recognized as a legitimate catch by the International Game Fish Association, the acknowledged arbiter of world records. IGFA rules say fish **intentionally** foul-hooked are disqualified from the record book. The rules don't say anything about fish **accidentally** foul-hooked. However, California law states **any** fish foul hooked is not recognized.

The big dude was foul hooked unintentionally Weakly said, and was hooked just below the dorsal fin. However, Weakly said he wasn't going to pursue the record because he didn't want controversy surrounding a world record.

The fish was live released. Perry was a Good Sport!

NIAGARA COUNTY FEDERATION OF CONSERVATION CLUBS ANNUAL AWARDS

Bill Hilts Jr.

The people behind the scenes that are always there with their unselfish volunteerism, the groups or individuals that get the job done, the unsung heroes of the conservation movement - these were the people that were recognized Saturday April 1 when the Niagara County Federation of Conservation Clubs held their annual awards banquet at the Holiday Inn Lockport. Over 150 people were in attendance to pay homage to the people that live and breathe conservation, receiving very little recognition along the way. They don't do it for the awards; they do it because of a passion and desire to help the present natural resource situation along and preserve the future of an outdoor legacy and heritage. Without their help, it would certainly be a sad state of affairs.

And The recipients are:

Oliver Jones Memorial Award. Symbolic of "sportsman of the year," this year's winner is a man that exemplifies volunteerism - **Bill Mudge**

Leroy Winn Memorial Award. Symbolic for club of the year, this award was handed out to **North Forest Rod & Gun Club** of Lockport

Victor Fitchlee Memorial Lifetime Achievement Awards. Two awards were given out this year to recognize a lifetime full of dedication, hard work and perseverance.

Ken Sprenger of North Tonawanda and **Jim Snider**. DEC Biologist.

Pinky Robinson Memorial Award. The person who gave the most to the Great Lakes sportfishing resource was **Curt Meddaugh** of Pendleton.

Ken Berner Memorial Award. This special award recognizes person, family or

organization dedicated to conservation. This year's winners were **Carmen and Christie Presti** of Niagara Falls

President's Award. Darcy Rae Tone, Niagara County Soil and Water Conservation District.

John Daly Memorial Award. This award goes to the legislator or elected official that's shown a sincere dedication to conservation or Second Amendment rights. This year's recipient was Niagara County Clerk **Wayne Jagow**

Carl Lass Memorial Award. Symbolic of youth of the year, this year's recipient was **Raechelle Ripley** of Ransomville.

Steve Fountain/Archie Lowery Memorial Award. Don Bronson of Newfane. [NRAA Member]

James Reed/Donald Meyer Memorial Award. Stan Culverwaell of Wilson NY.



Ken Sprenger showing his long overdue award in recognition for his lifetime of dedication to all outdoors people and their activities. Bill Hilts Jr. [R] did a masterful job as Master of Ceremonies again this year. Thank you Mr. Sprenger for all you have done.

OUR #1 WEBSITE FAILED!*Mark Daul*

We were hoping by this summer our website would have surpassed the 100,000 viewers mark. It didn't. Our prediction failed. So what? No big deal I guess, After all, we are only a local fishing club broadcasting to the world of our fabulous Niagara River fishing opportunities. As of press time we have recorded upwards of 97,000+ hits! Phenomenal! We have been seen practically all over the world! By this time our website has relayed more information to interested fisherman than any newspaper, magazine or TV program could ever do about our Niagara River world class fishing, making us the envy of nearly every country in the world and every State in this country.

Certainly, our members and our local fishermen are the greatest beneficiaries and certainly the greatest viewers, but the pride in knowing there are so many others getting information has to be some kind of satisfaction for our members to know that we, together, can be so fortunate to share what we have right here at our back door. Appreciate what you have, use it and share it.

**WILDERNESS PRESERVE
RULES AND REGS**

Wilderness Preserve Rules and Regulations are important and for users to follow. The rules are there for every user. If you see someone violating these rules it is your duty to report these incidents. We have no "cops" out there so therefore we have to police it among ourselves. Report incidents first to Preserve Chairman Ken Jackson or to any other Officer or Director. All phone numbers are on the back cover.

SEASICKNESS/MOTION SICKNESS*Compiled by Mark Daul*

Seasickness is a terrible way to spoil a fishing or a much anticipated boating trip. I for one learned the hard way about seasickness or motion sickness the hard way through my children's suffering an experience. Because of my own ignorance, I never forgave e myself for that.

Reading this article may just help you prevent what happened to me many years ago when my children were much younger. Of course these same kids are old deck hands now and nothing bothers them but they have to monitor their own now.

Seasickness happens when the body, inner ear, and eyes all send different signals to the brain, resulting in confusion and queasiness. Seasickness is not a virus and therefore you cannot "catch it".

It is said, 90% of all people will have suffered from motion sickness at some point in their lives.

Sleepiness can often be the first sign and some people who think they don't get seasick actually do without realizing it. After sleepiness comes the nausea but it is often mild and may not be much of a problem. Studies have shown that maintaining a positive state of mind can help offset the effects.

For many unfortunate souls the symptoms escalate to extreme nausea, vomiting, dizziness, headache, pallor and cold perspiration. If you or your children have a problem with motion sickness in automobiles and airplanes, you may be more prone to seasickness.

Prevention is certainly better than cure. There may not be any positive preventative measure but neither is there any instant cure.

No one wants to be drugged up and drowsy when they should be enjoying a fishing trip

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and there are nearly as many remedies for seasickness as there are sufferers. On the other hand, neither do you want to suffer the effects of seasickness when a simple remedy may have helped.

Remedies must be taken before setting out. First, make sure you eat, but no greasy foods before setting out. Alcohol can be a serious contributor to this sickness too.

Some people find special knitted wrist bands effective. The bands are an ancient Chinese practice. There is a sewn in plastic stud that applies pressure on a wrist pressure point. Some swear by it and others don't.



Another, and you will need a doctors script for this, is a tiny bandage that goes behind the ear and it delivers a drug to the blood stream. You should test this for symptoms before setting out. Dry mouth is one of its side effects.

Rated the best preventative over the counter drug is a little known drug known as Bonine®. For maximum effectiveness, take one dose of Bonine® the night before your trip and another dose in the morning when you wake up. Don't take it just before the outing as you may up-chuck it before it even takes effect. Bonine® is a flavored chewable tablet. The "Old Salts of the Sea" sailors claim Dramamine or Gravol, may cause excessive drowsiness and the sleepiness may ruin a trip so take it with that warning you just read here! Remember motion/sea sickness deterrents are for car, air or boat travel.

Although it is hard to get, Cola Syrup, an old-fashioned remedy for stomach distress [taken with plain water] is proclaimed to be a great cure for nausea and another is ginger root. Yes, ginger root. Available in health food stores in pill, candied, raw or paste form. It is proclaimed to give almost instantaneous relief.

POISON IVY WARNING [AGAIN]

Every year we warn our members that frequent the Wilderness Preserve about the poison ivy/oak that you will find growing up tree trunks at the preserve mostly along the entrance road. Again you are reminded about the discomfort these pretty green leaves can give you. Mind your children and your pets. "Leaves of three, leave them be"

WALLEYE HARVEST REPORT

Don Supon, Director/Chairman

As of today, April 17th, the ponds are ready for the fry. I need to thank all who helped. Providers of materials includes: **Keven Willsmanure**, 50 gal. drums+ lids- Washington Mills through **John Hess**, more drums + tops- **Mike Henderson** and **Paul Jackson**, water pump repair- **John Aneigs**, alfalfa cubes and water dye- Tractor Supply in Lockport, and feed minnows (placed in pond #2) caught with permission at Anchor Marine. The people who I call BOSS did the labor. They are **Paul Kreiger, John Eddy, D.J. Porter, Jim Till, Hoppie Leggett, Andy Touma, Dave Facinni, Dan Mosniak, Tom LeBar and Paul Jackson**. They developed their muscles with this project.

The DEC finished collecting eggs and milt and the eggs are now being incubated. They finished circa April 8, and it usually takes 3-4 weeks for them to hatch. Arrangements will be made to pick up 60,000, which will take place before you read this. Reminding you that these are BABIES/NEWBORNS and would appreciate you stopping anyone from disturbing them in any form as they try to survive. You may be able to see them when they grow to ½ inch or so, guessing early June. Until they reach 1-1.5 inches, they will be attracted to light sources. So go look at dusk or later with your flashlight. Around the time of harvest (early July), they will become light sensitive and try to avoid bright lights. I will need volunteers to help with monitoring growth and with harvesting. Sign up at the next general meeting on May 15, or call me at either of my numbers on the outside cover of any News & Views.

MARK JUNE 3RD ON YOUR CALENDAR!*Michael Henderson*

Frank Campbell and **John Hess** along with other volunteers will be assisting the City of Niagara Falls with their fishing contest on June 3 this year. This year the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are going to be there along with the birds of prey, Charlie the chimp and others. I'm told they will have five tents in all. This is going to be big this year, I'm looking at maybe 300+ kids if the weather is good, so more volunteers are needed to assist with the fishing contest, sell memberships and merchandise. Please call Frank, John or myself to help out. Our phone numbers are on the back of the News and Views. *This years contest at the Wilderness Preserve will be for members and their family only.*

LOST & FOUND*Don Supon**[Dopey Don to Forgetful!]*

Somebody left some fishing gear at the wilderness preserve that I found on April 9. Call me at either number in the director's listings (Don Supon) and identify what I found to arrange pick-up.

RARE NORTHERN GOSHAWK SPOTTED AT WILDERNESS PRESERVE*Mark Daul*

On April 12 while visiting the Wilderness Preserve my wife and I spotted a couple of large unusual birds perched in a fallen tree in the woods off the edge of the entrance road about 1,500 feet from the highway.



We stopped to get a closer look because they were so strange looking to us. Luckily I had

my digital camera with me and as I got set, one flew away but the one that remained, I got a few pics of it. Not knowing what we saw, I sent a couple of photos to NRAA Member **Gerry Condren** and to make sure of the identity, he forwarded them to NRAA member and **Jerry Farrell** of Lewiston, a well known national birder and bird bander.

The birds turned out to be Northern Goshawks. They are a bird legendary for its ferocity, beauty and amazing flight skills, and awesome ability to seize squirrels, rabbits, birds, and other prey on the fly.

Farrell told us, *“that we observed an adult Northern Goshawk. Male and Female adults are colored the same but female is larger. Dark eyeline is the giveaway. Not real common! Good find.”*

I was so pumped up about this sighting that I went on the internet and learned as much as I could about this amazing bird that settled in our own Wilderness Preserve! Check it out yourself, just “Google” it with the words Northern Goshawk.

Next time you go to the Preserve keep your eyes open for these creatures. Several years back we spotted a flying squirrel that we affectionately name “Johnnie” in respectful reference to John Long Sr., owner of the 61 acres of property we are keepers of.



We made a home in the tree for Johnnie and he has never been spotted since. [Unless someone did and didn't make it known] His tree is down the path at the north end of the Preserve just on the west end of the marsh. **Hoppie Leggett** keeps that path cut so it's easy walking if you want to check Johnnie's home out. Remember, flying squirrels are nocturnal and chances of seeing one is rare indeed.

If you spot something unusual at the Preserve, let the editor know via email and then we can share your find with the membership! NiagaraAnglers@adelphia.net

DID YOU KNOW?

By So Smart



In 1937, States received a boost to their conservation funding when the United States Congress passed the **Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act**, which imposes an excise tax on hunting equipment.

The **National Rifle Association [NRA]** was founded in 1871 with the intention of teaching marksmanship and gun handling to the American people. The necessity to get involved in politics was a relatively recent one, and came from the unreasonable pushes of gun control activists.

The **New York State Conservation Council, Inc.** (NYSCC) has been the leader in advocating the wise use and management of our natural resources. Founded in 1933, the NYSCC represents the interests of sportsmen/conservationists.

The **Village of Lewiston** was established in 1822. The village claims to be the most historic square mile in America.

In 1972, **BASS** initiated a "Don't Kill Your Catch" program that evolved into the modern "Catch-and-Release" ethic which the Niagara River Anglers Association encourages.

Signed into law by President Truman on August 9, 1950, the **Sport Fish Restoration Act** has evolved into the most important source of state funding, along with license sales, for fisheries programs. Nationwide, since its creation in 1950, this landmark program has improved nearly every facet of the American fishing experience, providing close to \$4 billion to state fish and wildlife agencies to increase recreational fishing and boating opportunities.

STAY CONNECTED ALL SUMMER!

Mark Daul

It looks as if this summer a lot of our members may be staying within close range for fishing trips due to the rocketing fuel prices. Many will be taking fewer long haul trips for sure.



That doesn't mean you can't make frequent day trips to some of the best fishing holes in New York State.

If it's information you need on fishing local areas and conditions, get your hands on one of those Niagara/Erie County Fishing Hot Spot map/guides. The map is REALLY HOT! There are normally some you can pick up free at our meetings. It will suggest to you where to fish, camp, where boat launches are, shore access and more, all right close to home.

Another way to obtain a FREE map just phone the Buffalo-Niagara CVB at 800-BUFFALO or Niagara Tourism and Convention Corp. at 877-FALLS US.

To keep you abreast of local happenings, write the following numbers down and you can keep up to date on fishing activities:

Niagara County Fishing Hotline has been active for around 25 years or more and if you haven't called it in a while, the old 433-5606 number isn't any good any more. The new TOLL FREE number is: 1-877-FALLSUS extn. 4. That converts to: 1-877- 325 5787 then press #4. ~ The Erie County Fishing Hotline is: 1-716-855-FISH. It is NOT a toll free number. ~ Orleans County Hotline which takes in the Point Breeze/Oak Orchard area is 1-585-589-3220. Farther east is Monroe County on Lake Ontario, that hotline number is 716-987-8800.

A great NYS Website if you want to check it out, the I Love New York Fishing on the web. Just go to: www.ilovenyfishing.com. This website will be sure to keep you in your own neighborhood this summer!

Don't forget our own Bill Hilts Jr. radio fishing show and forecast on **WLVL Radio** on weekends! This is an early morning presentation and it may help you decide where to fishing for the day in the area. Accurate and up to date information. **WLVL is on 1340 AM** Niagara County's only official radio station!

DON'T FORGET! IF YOU ARE FISHING THE RIVER THIS SUMMER, UPPER OR LOWER, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW WHERE YOU ARE. KNOW FOR SURE IF YOU ARE IN CANADIAN WATERS OR NEW YORK WATERS. WANDERING IN ONTARIO WATERS WITH NO LICENSE, COULD COST YOU A LOT OF MONEY, EMBARRASSEMENT, AND HEARTACHES.

Tip **From So Smart**



As the season moves into summer and the larger salmon in the lake are reaching maturity, small flies can work very well. Flies tied 20 to 24 inches behind your flasher or dodger can be deadly. Depending on whom is selling you what, some claim flashers are more effective than dodgers and dodgers are more sensitive to trolling speeds. Just watch it doesn't start spinning on you, if it is, you are trolling too fast. Slow 'er down!

BIO BULLET PILL COULD KILL ZEBRA MUSSELS

*Article from the Great Lakes Basin Report/
Great Lakes Sportfishing Council*

Scientists in England have developed a tiny pill that can kill the zebra mussel, an invasive species that's threatening native species and damaging the environment. A team of scientists working at Cambridge University has produced a pill or "biobullet" which can be administered to waterways infested by the non-native freshwater zebra mussel.

The tiny "pills" are microcapsules laced with potassium chloride and are taken in through

the filter-feeding mechanism of the mussels and release the chemical, which slowly kills the mussel. The microcapsules are harmless to other organisms. The zebra mussel is considered one of the world's top 100 invasive species and is native to the Caspian Sea in Eastern Europe.

The news was originally published in the British Science Journal: Practical Fishkeeping, February 3, 2006.

AN IMPORTANT SPECIAL REMINDER

From Ken Jackson, Director, Coordinator

Also a reminder that the Wilderness Preserve is now open and to be sure to *follow all the rules* especially the **GARBAGE IN GARBAGE OUT**, that includes all **BAIT CONTAINERS**. The fire pits are **not** garbage cans to dispose of what you want. Take it home with you.



SMELLIN' GOOD

Here is a recipe that was sent in by former member John Licata a long time ago. It has proven to be one of our more popular recipes over time. It can be served for breakfast lunch or even dinner. It's real simple and quick. Try it, you will love it!

Margarine or Oil

1 med. onion, chopped

2 or 3 slices bacon [or both]

2 med. cooked potatoes. [cubed]

3 fish cubed [about 6 med fillets]

garlic powder

parsley [optional]

salt & pepper to taste

4 eggs

2 Tbsp milk ⇒⇒⇒

Sautee chopped onion & bacon in oil, add potatoes, fish, salt & pepper, parsley. Simmer about 10 min.

Beat eggs & milk. Stir into fish until eggs are cooked. Eat hot or cold!

TAKE A KID FISHING!

**Historic Brown Trout Stocking at
Hyde Park in preparation of the
Fish and Wildlife Festival
& Youth Fishing Contest Saturday June 3**

Free and open to the public!



Past Niagara River Anglers Association President Joe Urso being interviewed by Adelpia Cable 13 during the Historic Brown Trout stocking at Hyde Park Lake, Niagara Falls.



Niagara Falls Mayor Vince Anello asking about stocking fish in Hyde Park Lake. Looking on l. to r. is Don Supon, John Mikula and Michael Henderson.

**TAKE A KID FISHING!
IT'S FREE! ☺**



The ever present NYS DEC Senior Aquatic Biologist Mike Wilkinson being interviewed by WGR Channel 2 News, Buffalo. Wilkinson oversees all fish stocking activities in the area.



This little girl [unidentified] worked real hard. She returned all the empty buckets to the man that was filling them up on the truck with fish to put in the water by Mayor Anello. The Mayor handed the little girl the bucket and she walked it back up the hill for another filling. She was very serious as you can tell by the look on her face and was determined, that was HER job!

"Ya gotta" just love this photo!

PEN STOCKING PROJECT ON SCHEDULE FOR 2006

Mark Daul



Before putting in pens After~at release size

The first week in May, Youngstown will see **20 thousand** steelhead stocked at Constitution Park boat dock for imprinting in our pens. Only Steelhead are being released this year in favor of Chinook salmon. The steelies will be held for 5 or 6 weeks before being released into the river. The before and after pictures show how fast they grow in only a few weeks. The before and after photos above are **Michael Henderson** photos taken last year. These fish will return to the river, enhancing our steelhead fishing opportunities for the future. Previous stocking plans involved kings and steelies but this year all efforts will center around steelhead production.

If you would like to help on the feeding, get on the schedule, they are fed 5 times a day in 3 hour increments. If you would like to learn more about this stocking effort, give **Paul Jackson** a call for times and feeding schedules.

To find Constitution Park in Youngstown, just go to the only stop light in Youngstown and go down Water Street, and turn a sharp right at the bottom of the hill, go as far as you can to the dead-end. The road there is privately owned so drive careful and SLOW. There are good neighbors there and we want to keep our relationship good. Take a little side trip and check this setup out. It involves a lot of work but the benefits to all are great.

This is a project in cooperation with the NYSDEC and the NRAA

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WAY!
See inside back cover

LEWISTON BOAT LAUNCH GETS IMPROVEMENTS

Mark Daul

The Lewiston boat launch got some much needed improvements this spring with the addition of extra stone put at the drop-off at the end of the ramp. If you backed your boat in too far there, your trailer wheels would fall in the drop-off and then you would have a heck of a time getting your trailer out especially with a slippery ramp.

The Village of Lewiston was aware of this situation and sent a Village crew there this spring. They had a bucket there to dig out at the end of the ramp and it was backfilled with tons of stone.

The bucket you see in the photo is what they had to do the digging and shows where they were digging. The person standing on the dock, guiding the operation is Village employee **Bryan Meigs**, also a Niagara River Anglers member!



This News & Views compiled and edited by Mark Daul, Founding Member, Charter Member and Lifetime Member. Your next News & Views will be the Fall, or September issue. If you have comments or suggestions, direct them to our post office box or email me at MarkDaul@myway.com. Emails require some sort of ID before they are opened. September News & Views deadline is August 25th.

**WILDERNESS PRESERVE INFORMATION
ON NEXT PAGE**

When you received your new key you should have received the Rules and Regulations for the Wilderness Preserve. The rules and regs are posted in various spots at the Preserve just in case.

You are required to know what all of the Wilderness Preserve rules are. The rules are so everyone can enjoy and everyone stays safe.

You are responsible for yourself, your family and guests. These signs are at the preserve and are constant reminders to users.

The new privy should be finished this summer so you don't have to use those porta-potties.



Remember the use of the Wilderness Preserve is your privilege as a Niagara River Anglers member. It is not your right. Please don't abuse it! Keys are not transferable and have to be renewed every year. Renewing helps with needed upkeep and repairs.

Enjoy!

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