Fishing Report:
The ice is coming and going at this time and mostly unsafe. Most of the better conditions were in the Marina, Misery Bay and Horseshoe Pond with good catches of perch in the Marina and some crappie in Misery Bay. Be Careful!

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Do you want a cure for a case of cabin fever? Join us at Erie Promotions Sport and Travel Expo at Erie’s Bayfront Convention Center. The three day Erie Sport & Travel Expo will be held at the Erie Bayfront Convention Center from Friday, March 1 and closing on Sunday, March 3rd. The show will attract thousands of visitors who will be able to see boats, fishing and hunting gear, outdoor equipment and more. There will be a bass fishing tank where fishing techniques will be demonstrated, a trout pond for kids to fish and talks and seminars by the following experts:

- Professional Angler Mike Delvisco will give seminars on “Understanding Sonar” and “On the Water Sonar”
- Captain Pete Alex of Vision Quest Charters will give a seminar on “Techniques for Lake Erie Walleye Using Jet and Dipsy Divers” and “Stealth Lead Core Tactics and How To Make Your Lead Core Work All Season”
- Bwana Jim is an experienced animal handler filled with enthusiasm and an outgoing wit. He presents the craziest and most educational wildlife show ever seen. After seeing the show you will be talking about it, too.
- Dave Ohmer will talk about “Presque Isle Smallmouth From a Kayak” and “Advanced Kayak Fishing”
- Chad Hoover, Pro Staff Member from FishUSA, will talk about “SWATT – Tactical Approach To Fishing”

Divers World and Scuba Erie Members will present “Diving 101”

Ken Hammel from Mountain Hollow Game Calls will present “Talking Turkey for Success” and “Tactics to Hunting Big Bucks Consistently”

Mark Corsi will talk about “Bow Hunting Africa”

Bobby Hart will talk about “Long Range Shooting”

For a complete schedule of talks visit Erie Promotions and Expos website at: https://eriepromotions.com/erie-sport-show/

The S.O.N.S. of Lake Erie has been a co-sponsor of the Sports Expo for over thirty years. Erie Promotions has been a great friend and partner by sharing the profits from these sport shows with our club. As part of our partnership we provide some labor helping the setup and tear down of the show. We will be passing out volunteer signup sheets at our Feb. 25th meeting. Show setup will begin on Thursday February 28th and finish on Friday March 1st at 12 noon when the show starts. Teardown will commence at 5:00 pm on Sunday March 4th. We will also need help manning the SONS’ table during the show. If you can’t make the Feb 25th meeting, call 814-453-2270 to volunteer.

FIN & FUR RAFFLE LAUNCHED AND ICE OUT PARTY SET FOR APRIL 7TH

The S.O.N.S. of Lake Erie’s family friendly event, the “ICE OUT PARTY” will be held on Sunday, April 7th, 2019 at the Erie Shrine Club, 2525 West 38th St. Erie, PA from 1:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M.

The price of admission to the party is $10.00 for adults, $5.00 for kids under 16, payable at the door (toddlers 3 and under are free). Free hot dogs and refreshments will be furnished throughout the afternoon.

There will be numerous door prizes and games for your enjoyment.

The highlight of the day will be the: “FANTASTIC FIN AND FUR DRAWING”. You should have already received your Fin and Fur packets by now, if not, call 814-453-2270. The drawing features a total of 12 prizes. See List Below.

- Grand Prize - is the Choice of; A Lund, 14 ft aluminum boat with a 15 hp. outboard motor and trailer or a Polaris 570 Camo 4X4 ATV with trailer from Alex Motorsports W. 15th & Peninsula Dr. Erie, PA 814-833-3861
- 2nd Prize - 8 hour Lake Erie Fishing Charter on “Heartbeat” by Capt. Bob Ferraro 814-881-1790
- 3rd Prize - 4 hour afternoon lake trout Spring Charter on “Waterbok” by Capt. Steve Skrypzak 814-450-2160
- 4th Prize- 12 ga. Benelli pump shotgun from Edinboro Sports Sponsored by Church and Murdock Electric 814-825-3456
- 5th Prize- $300 gift cert. to Edinboro Sports sponsored by Winschel Bros. Landscaping Co. 814-834-4047
- 6th Prize-$250 gift cert. to Poor Richard’s Bait&Tackle Shop sponsored by Poor Richard’s 814-474-5623

You may deposit your tickets in person at the “ICE OUT PARTY”, at our booth at the Erie Sport and Travel Expo, or you can mail them back with your donation in the envelope provided with your Fin and Fur packet.

See List Below.

- 7th Prize- $250 gift cert. to FishUSA sponsored by FishUSA and Fish.Erie.com 800-922-1219
- 8th Prize- $250 gift cert to Link’s Taxidermy sponsored by Alex Roofing Co. 814-452-2539
- 9th Prize- $250 gift cert to Poor Richard’s Bait &Tackle by Herli & Brown Physical & Aquatic Therapy 814-456-6000
- 10th Prize- $200.00 in admission tickets on the Perch Pirate head boat 814-746-8599
- 11th Prize - $150 gift certificate to FishUSA sponsored by Janitors Supply 814-459-4563
- 12th Prize- One year membership to Lake Shore Towing sponsored by Cpt. Eric Guerrein 814-453-6387

The S.O.N.S. of Lake Erie PO Box 3605 Erie, PA to cover mailing costs. If you would like one mailed to you, send $3.00 to the S.O.N.S. of Lake Erie PO Box 3605 Erie, PA to cover mailing costs.

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COTTAGE FOR SALE on Crooked Creek in North Springfield, PA. Call David at 814-882-2927.


JEREMY SCOTT TALKED ICE FISHING

Fishing Expert Extraordinaire Jeremy Scott gave an excellent presentation on ice fishing at our January meeting. There were 101 members in attendance who sat quietly and took in some great ideas on fishing techniques. Jeremy brought his two little girls, Jovie and Jancy, who worked on their coloring books while their dad talked.

2019 MEMBERSHIP PIN

If you would like to have a 2019 S.O.N.S. member pin, you can pick one up at one of the upcoming events or our meetings. If you would like one mailed to you, send $3.00 to the S.O.N.S. of Lake Erie PO Box 3605 Erie, PA to cover mailing costs.

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LAKE STURGEON SEASON OVER IN 78 MINUTES
(The Associated Press)

CHEBOYGAN, Mich. (AP) — The annual sturgeon fishing season on Black Lake in Michigan’s Cheboygan County was over in a hurry.

Anglers filled the six-fish quota within 78 minutes of the season’s opening last Saturday morning. The Department of Natural Resources scheduled the season for Feb. 2-6, or until the harvest limit was reached. Officials say 403 anglers registered.

The first four sturgeon caught were males and the other two were females. They ranged from 52-72 inches (132-183 centimeters) long and 25-80 pounds (11-36 kilograms).

Lake sturgeon are prehistoric fish that once were abundant in the Great Lakes region but plummeted because of overfishing, habitat loss, and pollution.

Catches are strictly regulated. Participants in the Black Lake season were notified means after the quota was reached. Officials say 403 anglers registered.

MICHIGAN PERCH LIMIT CUT IN HALF
(Micah Walker, Detroit Free Press Published 4:41 p.m. ET Feb. 5, 2019)

Anglers who love to search the state’s popular fish home this year. They won’t be able to take as many of the fish as before.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources announced Tuesday there will be a daily limit this season of 25 per day starting April 1, instead of 50. The law will apply to all state waters with exception of Lake Erie, which will keep its 50 fish per day limit, and Lake Gogebic in Gogebic and Ontonagon counties, where the 25 fish per day limit will be enforced, but no more than five of those fish can be 12 inches or longer.

According to a news release, the Michigan Natural Resources Commission approved the new regulation last year, after extensive scientific and public reviews. It takes effect with the start of the Michigan fishing season. The intention is increase perch stocks.

UPCOMING GUN RAFFLES FOR 2019
PLACE DATE TIME ORGANIZATION
Rainbow Gardens 2/22/19 1pm-6pm Elks Lodge
Rainbow Gardens 3/9/19 1pm-6pm FOP Swanson Memorial Lodge
Rainbow Gardens 3/16/19 12pm-6pm Ducks Unlimited
Rainbow Gardens 4/6/19 6pm-11pm Waterford Lions Club

Considering the above gun raffles not only for something to do this winter but to support those organizations that support us. If you would like to volunteer call Rich Brine at 814-833-5007.

WANTED:
Old photographs of Erie’s Waterfront - Ships, Boats, Buildings, Fishing and Fishermen, Railroads, etc. Call Jerry at 814-452-6291. I would like to borrow and scan them for my slide presentations.

Unwanted bicycles donations to Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network to be repaired and refurbished by volunteers to distribute to those who can’t afford them. Call Marganta at 814-454-7814 ext 301 to donate.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Thurs. February 28 10 - 7 Erie Sport & Travel Expo set up Volunteers needed
Fri. March 1 9 -12 Erie Sport & Travel Expo set up Volunteers needed
Sun. March 3 4:30 til complete Erie Sport & Travel Expo tear down Volunteers needed
March 2, 3 & 4 Volunteers needed to man our booth at the Erie Sport & Travel Expo
Signup sheets will be available at our February 26th meeting.
Sat April 6th 9:30 AM Frontier Park Cascade Creek Clean Up Volunteers needed meet at LEAF building on 6th St Side of Frontier Park
Sun. April 7th 1 - 5 Erie Shrine Club SONS Ice Out Party
Sat April 13th 8 - 12 Waterworks Pond First Day of Trout Volunteers need to help kids fish

FISHUSA OFFERS FREE DRAWING
FishUSA announced that they recently started carrying gear from AFTCO (American Fishing Tackle Company), who makes some of the best fishing apparel available. In celebration of the event FishUSA is offering customers a chance to win online at bit.ly/FishUSAHydronaut.

RAFFLE WINNERS
The lucky individuals that are shown below each won $100 by having their winning tickets drawn in our January 21st membership drive drawing.

New S.O.N.S. Member?
L to R Ralph Friend, Jack Hartman, John Krupinski, Chuck Miller, and Jack Klapthor pose with a new member, “Mr. Transformer”, at the Erie Auto Show.

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