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# THE Bucket

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**THIS IS YOUR LAST ISSUE OF THE BUCKET**  
if

you haven't sent in your membership dues for 2012. Please rejoin again. Our goal is to grow to 2200 members.

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**Fishing Report:** As this newsletter goes to press, there is still no ice. There were reports of good perch fishing in the bay. Some burbot are being caught on the North and South Piers.

## DRAWING TO BE HELD AT JANUARY MEETING

You should have received raffle tickets with your 2012 membership package. We will draw the winning tickets for the five \$100 prizes at our General Membership Meeting. If you have not yet turned them in, you can do so at the meeting.



**MARCH 2ND - 4TH, 2012**

See the February Bucket for Details

Friday, March 2nd - Noon to 8pm  
Sat, March 3rd - 10am to 8pm  
Sun, March 4th - 10am to 5pm

## CASEY NOWAKOWSKI CELEBRATES 91 YEARS

S.O.N.S. member Casey Nowakowski (center) was presented with a cake by Jim Mattson (left) and Ed Kissell (right) in honor of his 91st birthday at our December meeting.



## E.P.S.F.A. TO HOLD TACKLE SWAP & MEET

The Erie Pennsylvania Sport Fishing Association will be holding their annual Fishing Tackle Swap meet at the Holy Trinity Social Center, 2220 Reed St. Erie, PA on Saturday January 28th from 11:00 to 4:00. Admission is \$3.00 for Adults, Kids 13-18 \$1.00, under 12 Free. If you would like to have a table to sell your stuff, call Shawn Jones at 814- 452-0648. There will be seminars and kids activities throughout the day.

## THE FRIENDS OF FISH FOUNDATION CONTINUES THEIR SUPPORT


Thanks to the Friends of Fish Foundation, which has again made a sizable donation to the S.O.N.S. of Lake Erie, the Liberty Park fishing pier project is another step closer to reality. The funds from the foundation will be added to the funding of the project. It has been eight years in a row that the Friends of Fish Foundation has shared their generosity with us. The Friends of Fish Foundation is headquartered in Philadelphia. The foundation's goals parallel those of the S.O.N.S. that is, to enhance fishing and the fishery.


**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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday Jan. 23** General Membership meeting at the Polish Falcons Club
- Saturday Jan. 28** 11-4 EPSFA Tackle Swap & Meet Holy Trinity Center 2220 Reed St.
- Saturday Feb. 11** 10-2 Ice fishing clinic at Waterworks Pond on Presque Isle State Park, Volunteers needed.
- Sunday Feb 19** 12-4 Winterfest at Frontier Park West 8th Street Side. Volunteers needed.
- Thursday Mar 1** 9-8 Bayfront Convention Center, Set up for Erie Sport and Travel Expo. Volunteers Needed
- Friday March 2** 8-12 Bayfront Convention Center, Set up for Erie Sport and Travel Expo. Volunteers Needed
- Friday March 2** 12-8, **Saturday March 3** 10-8, and **Sunday March 4** 10-5 Bayfront Convention Center Erie Sport and Travel Expo. Volunteers needed
- Sunday April 1** 1-5 S.O.N.S. of Lake Erie Ice Out Party

*For Safety's Sake!* **RECOMMENDED ICE THICKNESS**



2" or Less - STAY OFF!
4" Generally safe for Ice Fishing - Foot Travel
5 inches - Snowmobile 
8 to 12 inches - Car or Small Pickup
12 to 15 inches - Medium Truck

Remember: Ice is NEVER safe. Even if ice is a foot thick in one area, just a few feet away it can be only inches thick. ~ NEVER trust ice. It's safety can be influenced by many things. ~

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## IN CASE THE BAY FREEZES

In case Mother Nature provides us with some ice, we are providing a chart to remind us of what is considered recommended ice thickness for various activities.

# GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2012 7:30 P.M.

## THE POLISH FALCON'S CLUB

431 East 3rd Street, Erie, PA

Presentation by Jerry Skrypzak and SONS Director, Joe Bruno on the launching of Donjon Shipbuilding vessel "The "Lakes Contender".

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#### RECORD OF MEMBERSHIP

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## S.O.N.S. OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS PICKED

An election was held at our December meeting and the following members were chosen to serve a three-year term on the board of directors, Jack Klapthor, Ken Plonski, Jim Mattson and Gerry Vollentine. In an unusual twist Gerry Vollentine and Bill Henderson both received the same amount of votes. A coin toss was necessary to determine the winner. Gerry Vollentine won the toss. The officers, who were unopposed, will continue to serve a one year term, Jerry Skrypzak as President, Ed Kissell as Vice President, Ralph Corvaglia as Secretary and Terry Pfeffer as Treasurer.

## BOB GIBBS TO RETIRE FROM BOARD

At the January 9, 2012 SONS board meeting, Bob Gibbs announced that he would like to retire from his current director's position. Bob has served in that position for 7 years and his leaving will be a loss to the club. He has promised to remain active in SONS activities. The board members appointed Bill Henderson to finish serving the two years that Bob has left in his current term.

## REMINDER

### SHIPS WILL BE MOVING AROUND THE BAY THIS WINTER - BE CAREFUL!!

As stated last month in a Port Authority news release, the Donjon Shipbuilding and Repair Co. will be servicing five to seven vessels this winter. They will be moved in and out of the dry-dock by tugboats. They will be breaking ice (if it ever forms) between the Public Dock and the repair facility. The ice will be unsafe during and after these moves so be careful.

#### S.O.N.S 2012 Officers and Directors



Jerry Skrypzak Pres



Ed Kissell VP



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#### S.O.N.S. 2012 Directors



Joe Bruno



Mike Felege



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Gary Heubel



Jack Klapthor



Frank Kuzma



Kevin Lubak



Ron Lubak



Jim Mattson



Ken Plonski



Gerry Vollentine



Bob Zawadzki

## GUN RAFFLES

### BENEFIT THE S.O.N.S.

Thanks to the generous hospitality and kindness of many of the Erie Area gun raffle sponsors the S.O.N.S. of Lake Erie receive a spin-off benefit from the events. The gun raffle sponsors have permitted our volunteers to display our ATV and sell raffle tickets for our "Fantastic Fin and Fur" raffle. As you know this raffle is our primary funding source for all of our annual activities.

These raffles give us exposure to hundreds of sportsmen who have purchased thousands of dollars worth of tickets every year.

The gun raffles usually take place during the low fishing activity times of the year. They offer a diversion to the winter blahs.

Below is a list of upcoming gun raffles whose sponsors have permitted our participation. If you are looking for some fun, please go to these raffles to support the organizations that sponsor them, thereby supporting us. One hand washes the other!

### UPCOMING GUN RAFFLES:

**Saturday Feb. 4** 1:00-? Erepa Grotto Gun raffle at the Erie Shrine Club

**Saturday Feb 11** 1 til ? Lake Erie Fanfare Gun Raffle at Waldameer's Rainbow Gardens

**Saturday Feb 25** 1 til ? Elk's Club Gun Raffle at Waldameer's Rainbow Gardens

**Saturday Mar 10** 1 til ? FOP Swanson Memorial Lodge Gun Raffle at Rainbow Gardens

**Saturday Mar 17** 5-11 Waterford Lions Gun Raffle at Waldameer's Rainbow Gardens

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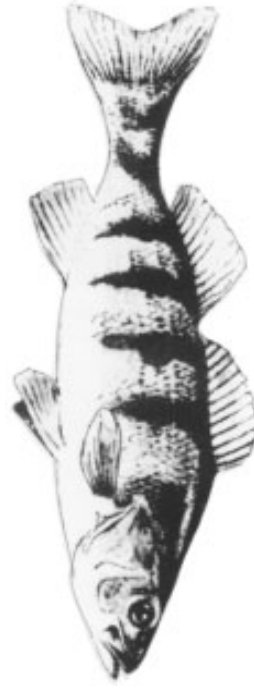
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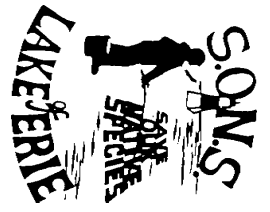
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