

ORANGE LAKE FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION SPRING 2024 NEWSLETTER

As we approach another fishing season on our lake, we will be glad to see another dismal ice season end. There was fishable ice for about a week and during that time it was often windy and cold. Not many people got a chance to take advantage of ice fishing on the lake or anywhere else for that matter. Right now, it is raining again and the water will be out to the gate again. Hopefully the deluges will not last too far into the season.

We will bring in 20 new members at the April 8th meeting. After that we will see how many other openings we may have, from people dropping out or members being moved into Honorary status. Financial secretary Phil Gaudioso went out of his way to contact members whose dues were delinquent at the February 29 deadline. Phil contacted any member who had a phone number on file with the club. We are also trying to get current e-mail addresses for all current members. We distribute this e-mail and other club news via the e-mails. If you don't have an e-mail address on file please contact Phil at 36 Rockwood Drive, Newburgh New York 12550. That is also the address where dues are sent.

On Saturday April 13 we will have a work party at the lake to install the docks for the coming year. All new members from the April club meeting will be encouraged to attend, along with whoever can volunteer. We made changes to the ramp into the lake last fall, which will alter the normal settings for the dock legs, etc., so the more people we have to help, the easier it will be to get the docks in and adjusted.

VP Rich Cataggio and his tournament committee have come up with a tournament schedule for the coming year. Rich put out questionnaires to the people who normally fish the tournaments and took their concerns into consideration in coming up with the schedule. The schedule can be found on the club website; Orangelakefishandgamneny.com, under the tournaments tab. Tournament results are also posted under this tab. Give a tournament a try. IN addition to the regular schedule, you will see a Husband/Wife tournament, which is scheduled for free fishing day at the end of June. We also sponsor a kids tournament in July at Family Day. Don't have a kid? Borrow one!

Starting in 2025 everyone who operates a boat in NY will have to have taken and passed an approved boating safety course. The club last sponsored a class in 2014. If you took that class you are covered, as long as you can produce your card. I expect the club will sponsor a class sometime this spring or summer to help anyone who needs a class to get it. Look for details this spring/summer on the club facebook site, Orange Lake Fish and Game.

The Orange Lake Homeowners Association, of which the club is a member still have not gotten the new outlet gate system installed. Early high water last fall and since, have prevented the installation. The components have been fabricated offsite and will be installed when conditions allow. This will not have any effect on lake levels before, during or after the installation.

