

ORANGE LAKE FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION FALL 2024 NEWSLETTER

As summer draws to an end, we give thanks for another safe and successful year on the lake. We had several bass tournaments and a panfish tournament on the lake. We had a good turnout for the husband/wife tournament and a good number of kids (13) for the kids tournament. Now if old man winter gives us some ice, maybe we can have some winter activities. I've been able to get out a total of 2 days for ice fishing in the last two winters. For most of the year the water level has remained high, unlike last year. We still see some remnants of the grass carp that were put into the lake in 2009, but we are starting to see a rebound of some of the weeds. American Lotus continues to spread at an alarming rate, not only in the past locations but spreading to new ones as well. There is no solution to that problem at present.

The slate of officers for the coming year will remain the same with one exception. Alex Burka has been experiencing some health issues and will not continue as secretary. We will need a volunteer to step up to take over that spot. It will involve attending the club meetings and taking notes on the minutes. There is a \$75 stipend for the office. The officers and board members are all starting to age. We need new blood to start stepping up and taking over some of these positions. Contact Pete Kosloski at the club e-mail address orangelakefishandgame@gmail.com if interested.

This year saw something I have not seen in 40 years in the club, vandalism of our lot. On Wednesday August 28, someone proceeded to do "donuts" all over the lot. It looked like between 10 and 20 circuits. There were deep ruts, high spots and gravel spread all over the lot. The gate appears to have been locked as always, so it means someone with the combination did this. It appears to have been done by a large powerful truck. Either a member did it, or someone who should not have had the combination. I prefer to hope it was the second and that we do not have members who are that dumb. We stress not to give the combination to ANYONE. That includes family members. The member should get out of their vehicle and unlock and relock the gate every time they are at the club. I have gone to the lot on three occasions to try and even out the mess, but a rake can only do so much. The lot is still a washboard, though not quite as bad as it was. We will have discussions in the future about how to get the lot back to normal.

Our annual Christmas party is scheduled for Friday, December 6th at 6 PM at La Casa Vicinia on Route 207 by Stewart Airport. They have not given me a firm price yet, but it should be close to last year's cost of \$55 per person. As in the past the club will pay for the meals of honorary members who attend. We need at least 40 people to guarantee the room. Please make reservations at the club email, orangelakefishandgame@gmail.com.

We will be removing the docks from the lake on Sunday October 20th at 9 AM. If we get a good turnout, the task can be accomplished in about 90 minutes. It would help to have some younger members there to help with the lifting. Lend a hand if you can.

Results from all the club's tournaments are available at the club website orangelakefishandgameny.com. The guys fishing the tournaments fish Orange Lake and a good number of other locations. Attending a club tournament can be a good way to get to know some new bodies of water, without doing it solely on your own. This newsletter will be posted on the club website as well. If you do not get the newsletter through an email, it means we do not have your current email address. Please provide it to Phil Gaudio when you pay your dues. Dues can be sent to Phil Gaudio, 36 Rockwood lane, Newburgh NY 12550. Dues are \$35 per year.

The club also has a facebook account where I try to keep up current events on the lake. Eagles, Otters, spotted lantern flies and reminders about club events can be found there.