

2019 Newsletter

Aug 19th: The river was muddy but Larry and Natalie O'Conner said lets try. We used Black Adams Cranks and caught 21 fish out of that mud.

Aug 18th: Thought it might have cleared up a bit but it was bad mud. We tried for 3hrs without a bite so we called it practice and will reschedule.

Aug 17th: Too much mud to fish

Aug 16th: They came from Virginia to watch the Little League World Series games and took a half day off to fish with me. It was 2 dads and their 2 sons having a little contest. The boys beat the dads by 2 fish. 27 fish were caught. We had to keep ahead of the river mud coming down the river.

Aug 15th: Came back for an evening trip with Steve and Sally Crammer. We caught 48 fish with 1 channel cat and 1 walleye in the mix.

Aug 15th: Fished 4hr in the morning with Josh McGroarty and his son. We caught 35 fish.

Aug 14th: Came back for an evening trip with Rick Sturbage. We caught 39 fish with 2 walleyes in the mix.

Aug 14th: Fished with Wayne Elmer and his 2 boys. We caught 48 fish

Aug 13th: Fished with Brian McGuire this afternoon for 4 hrs. We caught 27 fish

Aug 13th: Fished with Peter Regan for a half day. We caught 58 fish

Aug 12th: Fished with Rich Rodack and his brother Tom. We caught 29 fish with 1 angler award carp that Tom caught.

Aug 11th: Came back for an evening trip with Jim Remington and his son Jerry. We caught 38 fish with 2 walleye in the mix.

Aug 11th: Josh and Candace were the winners of a free 4hr charter this morning. It was their 1st time on the river here and they learned a lot. We caught 14 fish with 1 big sucker in the mix. A fun couple.

Aug 10th: Didn't charter this Saturday

Aug 9th: Bill and Mary Salerno came to fish in the afternoon and the river was real muddy. It was black lures only but we did well. We caught 24 fish out of that muddy river that you could only see a black lure 2" down!

Aug 8th: The river turned muddy during the day that Mike and John came to fish. We caught 35 fish.

Aug 7th: Came back for an evening trip with Dale Cooper. We caught 39 fish with 3 walleye in the mix.

Aug 7th: Fished with Mark Hogge and his GF. We caught 44 fish, and had a great time.

Aug 6th: Went fishing with Tom Robins and Linwood Myers. The day was hot and the water dark stained. We caught 62 fish with 3 walleye and 2 northern pike in the mix.

Aug 5th: Took Mark and Robin Lauermann fishing for the first time here. They had lots of action but landed 26 fish. Great folks! LDNF

Aug 4th: Had a cancellation so fished with my buddy Carl. We caught 67 fish in the morning on Ragetail Baby Craws, Adams Cranke and my spinners.

Aug 3rd: Day off

Aug 2nd: Took Mike Miller and his two daughters out to fish this morning. The morning came out bright and sunny. They did great catching 30 bass, a fun time indeed! LDNF

Aug 1st: Fished the morning with Gary Conrad and his cousin Ken. Gary used his fly rod and it was a pleasure watching him catch bass on a top water bass fly. They caught 41 fish with 2 walleye in the mix

July 31st: A fun morning fishing with Randy Emerich of Big Dady Rods and our good friend John Hudock. We caught 55 fish with 2 walleyes in the mix. I ordered a cranking rod for my clients. If it works I will order more.

July 30th: We only got to fish for 2 hours with Randy Emerich and John Hudock before the storm chased us off. We did catch 14 fish.

July 30th: Fished in the morning with Steve Conrad and his son. They did great! with 2 walleye and 2 Northern pike in the mix. They caught 55 fish1 LDNF

July 29th: It's always a great time when Adam LaMey comes fishing with me for a "business meeting", LOL! He brought along good friend Jerry Ward . We only used the new deep cranks ATAK 1.25D in several patterns. We caught 42 fish in the 4 hrs we were out.

July 28th: Fished with long time clients/friends Rick and Chris MacNeal. A great day as usual with 63 fish being caught and 1 walleye and 1 channel cat in the mix.

July 27th: Went out early morning with Dale Griffen. Water was still dirty but the fish were biting today. We landed 72 fish with 3 walleyes and 2 channel cats in the mix and

was off the water by 11:00AM

July 26th: Had fly fishermen Don Chlebowski and his son Daniel. They caught 18 fish on the fly. LDNF

July 25th: The river was muddy so I gave my charter the option of rescheduling which they did. So I put the call out for a free rider on the internet and Bill Parks answered the call. We used all Adams Deep cranks and caught 50 fish! Turned out to be a great day!

July 24th: River was muddy so I asked on the internet if someone wanted a free ride. Doug DeNure came along and we caught 17 fish with 4 walleyes in the mix. My one walleye was 27" long.

July 23rd: A muddy river! Myself and a buddy fished for a few hours with Adams deep cranks and caught 32 fish with 2 channel cats and 3 walleyes in the mix.

July 20-22nd: river just too muddy to fish.

July 19th: Don Chlebowski came to fly fish in the mud! He did catch 2 channel cats on the fly rod and we ended up with 12 fish.

July 18th: Mother Nature painted the river brown from the flash rain storms North of us so had to reschedule charters today

July 17th: Fished with Henry Spisszak and his grandson for their first river trip. The early morning was great and we caught many fish then the river mud came down and turned the river a muddy brown. They did great and I hope learned a few new things. We caught 37 fish today.

July 16th: Bob Limegrover and his two brothers came to fish a half day. They caught 27 fish with 1 walleye in the mix. LDNF

July 15th: Bonnie and Don Monaghan were the winners of a drawing at the Early Bird Expo last January and we fished for 3 1/2 hrs. We caught 21 fish during a great evening, a fun couple!

July 15th: Fished with Barney Cook and his buddy Lonnie. the sky was sunny and the water green stained and 80 degrees. We caught 61 fish with 2 channel cats and 1 walleye. Always fun with these guys!

July 14th; Took Larry Sheaffer and ? fishing. They caught 54 fish.

July 13th: Fished with Rex and Nancy Teller this morning. We caught 64 fish with 2 walleye in the mix.

July 3-4th: No charters, Happy 4th of July!

July 2nd: Fished with Rich Rodack and his friend Chris, the sky was overcast and the river dirty brown. We caught 23 fish with 4 walleyes in the mix

July 1st: Went up to Snake Creek Marine to pick up The Beast which was being serviced with some upgrades while I was in Maine. It's like getting a new boat every time I have it serviced!

June 22nd to the 30th: Went up to North Maine with a great group of guys for a fishing vacation at Wilderness Escape Outfitters with our host and good friend Randy Flannery. As a group we caught and released 575 fish for the 5 days that we got to fish because of some rough weather. I plan to make this a yearly trip.

June 21st: Fished in the morning with Roger Ferrow. We caught 48 fish with 4 walleye in the mix, then I took my boat and dropped it off at Snake Creek Marine for service and some up grades.

June 18th-20th: Rained like heck! River came up high and muddy. Rescheduled all charters.

June 17th: Evening charter with Mike Podwika and his life long friend . They caught 15 fish with 2 channel cats in the mix. LDNF

June 17th: Fished with Big Dady Rods owner Randy Emrich and outdoor writer Doyal Dietz. The sky was partly sunny and the water was dirty brown. We caught 21 fish with 1 walleye in the mix.

June 16th: Fished a couple of hours with rick and Betty Gaines. We caught 28 fish with 2 walleye in the mix.

June 16th: Fished with Greg Gius and ?. We caught 34 fish with 3 walleye in the mix.

June 15th: Fished with the boys from Ohio! Lee Kerschbaum and his buddy Joe who could sure use a shimmy bait! We caught 47 fish with 5 walleye and 5 channel cats in the mix.

June 1st: Fished with Terry Catlin and Cody. The sky was mostly sunny and the water was dark stained. We fished for 6hrs and the only thing that worked was the Adams Crank baits. We caught 19 fish with 1 walleye in the mix.

May 31st: Happy Birthday to me! Fished for a few hours with Jack Strophild. The morning was clear but the water was really dark stained. We caught 15 fish with 1 walleye in the mix.

May 30th: Too Muddy again to fish

May 29th: Was supposed to have fly fishermen today but rain storms and a muddy river

made us reschedule.

May 28th: Muddy river, rescheduled the 6hr charter that we were supposed to have but one of the guys wanted to come up for just 4hrs anyway. I knew it would be bad. We just tried the creeks where there was some light stained water but only got 2 bites and 2 fish, one being a walleye.

May 27th: Fished the afternoon with Chuck Gyeski and his son. There were just 2 spots that had some clear water and they did great with them boating 22 fish with 1 channel cat in the mix.

May 27th: Fished with Larry O'Conner and his daughter Natalie. River came up 2ft! The sky was sunny and the water dirty and 64 degrees. The first half hour at the first spot had action. Natalie had a hard hit on her second cast and a musky erupted from the water! The big fish was more that her line could take and after 2 minuits it bit through her line. I retied her tube back on a a few casts as she got her bait by the boat, a smaller musky came by and took her tube again! We caught just a total of 5 bass because a wall of thick mud came down the river and we couldn't see a black tube 2" down in the river all all bites stopped. I said lets call this one practice and reschedule the charter.

May 25th & 26th: Memorial Day weekend and I didn't fish. Big storm tonight.

May 22nd. Evening charter with Chris Collins and his buddy. We caught 31 fish

May 22nd: Fished with Kevin Readinger and Andy Doyle. We caught 64 fish!

May 21st: Went fishing with Todd Fetterolf and his buddy Rob. The sky was partly cloudy with 12-17mph winds. The water was medium stained and 63 degrees. We caught 61 fish with 2 walleye with half of them from 15" to 19 1/4" in 6hrs.

May 20th: Evening trip with Rich Rodack and his brother. We caught 21 fish with 2 channel cats in the mix.

May 20th: Fished with John Snyder and Jeff. The sky was mostly sunny and the water dark stained and 62 degrees. We caught 44 fish with 2 walleye and 2 channel cats in the mix.

May 19th: Fished with Mike Day and his daughter Rachel. The sky was sunny and the water was dark stained and 62 degrees. We caught 32 bass.

May 18th: Rick Wright and his son Brandon came for their 3hr trip I donated to the Sullivan County Kiwanas. They caught 12 fish with Brandon catching his personal best smallmouth. LDNF

May 18th: Went fishing with Dave Pchola and his grandson nathan. The sky turned out

sunny and the water was dirty brown, high, and 58 degrees. We caught 27 fish with 4 walleyes in the mix on a black teaser tube.

May 15th -17th: High muddy river, I won't risk a clients safety for a paycheck and maybe a few fish. It should be safe tomorrow.

May 14th: Hit the gym early. River up to 10ft. At least 4ft too high to fish up here, rescheduled charters

May 13th: River came up too high to fish, we rescheduled

May 12th: Happy Mothers Day to all! No fishing today in the cold all day rain!

May 11th: Fished with Dave Pchola and Don Eckman. The sky was mostly cloudy and the water came up 6" overnight and was dirty stained and 58 degrees. We caught 56 fish with 1 channel cat in the mix. Rain again tonight!

May 10th: Every day without rain the river gets better. Fished with Todd Fetterolf and his brother. We caught 101 fish with 1 Northern pike and 2 walleye in the mix, Look out it's supposed to rain tonight.

May 9th: Fished with John Snyder and Ed Bardzel. The river came down some and was medium stained. We caught 72 fish! A great day.

May 8th: Fished the evening with Rich Heck and his father-in-law. Things were pretty slow until we got to our last hole where we caught most of our 27 fish along with a 45" musky

May 8th: Fished with Jason Teets and Rick MacNeil for a half day. We caught many big bass with a count of 38 fish.

May 7th: Fished with Shay and Kristin Goodwin for a few hours. For the last 2 years it was Kristin that caught the most and biggest but this year Shay dominated the evening with the most and biggest. we caught 22 fish.

May 7th: Fished for a half day with Tom Alderfer and his buddy for a half day. We caught 21 fish.

May 6th: We rescheduled the morning trip but Jim Benson came for the evening trip with his grandson. We caught 12 fish with 2 walleyes in the dirty fast water.

May 5th: River up and muddy, we rescheduled.

May 4th: yesterday it rained hard up in NY and it made the river here jump up 2ft and muddy! I had 2 guys out for 3 hrs. We tried 3 good spots. Got blanked out at the first 2 and I caught 2 bass on the 3rd. The river was still climbing and I knew it wasn't going to

get any better so I offered to give the guys a reschedule and they wisely took it.

May 3rd: Steve and Justin Hillman came to fish today. The sky was cloudy and the water med stained and 50 degrees. The guys did great! They caught 39 fish with 2 walleyes, 2 fall fish, 1 channel cat and Steve caught a big 50" Musky at 47 lbs! That sure made everyones day!

May 2nd: Filmed a TV show with Wild Sportsman w/Alan Probst in the afternoon. Randy Emerich of Big Dady Rods came along also. We had a great time , caught about 25 fish, Alan landed a big bass on the Ragetail 2.75 Swimmers. I caught a bunch of bass on the new D1.25 ATAK crank bait .

May 1st: Fished with Rich Rodack for 4 hrs. We caught 21 fish mostly on Ragetail 2.75 Swimmers.

May 1st: Doug DeNure and his buddy came to fish. The sky was mostly cloudy and the water stained and 49 degrees. They caught 26 fish on jigs. LDNF.

April 30th: John Snyder and his buddy Jerry came to fish. The sky was mostly cloudy and the water dark stained. They caught 13 fish and John caught 12 of them with 1 walleye in the mix.. Good job!

April 29th: Scheduled day off to see the eye doc one more time after cateract surgery. Everything is all healed, need the drug store readers to tie knots with but now I can see all the river rocks before we get to them! It's great to be able to see clearly again!

April 26th: Cold heavy rains so today and the next 2 days were rescheduled.

April 25th: Ed and Jason Miller fished with me for a pleasant evening before the storm which was going to hit tomorrow. Every year for the last 3 years they have fished in a spring rain so we stayed out for 5 hours for the nice weather. We caught 20 fish with some big ones being caught on the Adams cranks and Rage 2.75 Swimmers.

April 25th: Larry Zuchelli and his buddy came to fish in the tough conditions. Things were starting to look up as the Adams cranks were starting to work. They just caught 12 fish but they caught some big bass. The Adams cranks and the Ragetail 2.75 swimmers caught the fish.

April 24th: Fished 4hrs with Tom Sheriton. The river was still high, fast, and dirty. We caught 15 fish.

April 23rd: Rick & Kevin Machinsky came to fish in the muddy water. Again tough fishing with 11 fish caught.

April 22nd: Fished a few hours with George Rockler: The river was high and dirty. We caught 21 fish with 1 sucker in the mix.

April 21st: Happy Easter! Spending time with family.

April 20th: Didn't hear from client, must have known the river was too bad to fish. Will reschedule.

April 19th: Heavy rains again brought up the river too high and muddy to fish, reschedule charters.

April 18th: Took out Ryan Kissett and his 2 buddies. The river was high, fast, and muddy. Very tough fishing. Couldn't see a black tube 3" down in the river. The guys caught 8 fish.

April 17th: Fished for a few hours with Mike Tressel. The sky was overcast and the river high and muddy. We caught 19 fish with 2 walleye in the mix.

April 16th: River too high from rain, reschedule trip.

April 15th: Got hit with a bad storm last night, heavy rain, lightning, very high winds, even a tornado or two in the county. The river is sure to go up now! Charter rescheduled.

April 14th: Got a message from client, he got hurt yesterday and had to cancel. Bummer, we were on a roll! But you can't fish if you're in pain.

April 13th: Fund day with Terry Bocai and his boys Matt and Tommy. The sky was fog early in the AM turning to a blue sky. Water got up to 51 degrees in the afternoon. I barley touched a rod and the guys caught 47 fish with a huge 30lb carp caught by Terry and Tommy caught his first walleye. Most were caught on the Ragetail 2.75 Swimmer and a modified ned rig. Several were caught on the Adams Encount'r 75 jerk bait.

April 12th: Fished with Gerry Oped. The sky was overcast and some rain. Water was stained and 49 degrees. We caught 52 fish with 3 walleyes and 1 channel cat in the mix mostly on Ragetail 2.75 swimmers and Snagler Baits teaser tubes. The Adams Encount'r 75 is starting to work.

April 11th: fished for 4 hours with Tony Benedict and his buddy JJ. The sky was overcast and the water med stained and 47 degrees. They caught 16 fish and did well. I did pick my rod up for 1 fish. All were caught on the Ragetail 2.75 Swimmer and the 2/0 Moaner Predator jig.

April 10th: Fished with Terry Ridgeway and his son Bill. The sky was mostly cloudy and the water stained and 48 degrees. We caught 39 fish with 2 walleye in the mix. As usual, all fish were released.

April 9th: Fished with Rich Rodack today for 4hrs after I got done at the gym. The sky was mostly cloudy with a threat of rain. The water was light stained and got up to 49

degrees. We caught 34 fish with Rich catching the vast majority of them. He kept me busy on the net most of the time which was great!

April 5th: Another eye doctor visit at the Guthrie, both eyes doing well. Thinking about getting prescription sun glasses for the river so I don't have to keep switching from sun glasses to readers for knots and photos.

April 4th: Fished with Gregg Lipton today. The sky was partly cloudy and the water stained and 43 degrees. We caught 45 fish with 2 walleye in the mix.

April 3rd: Fished with Ed for 3hrs today. The sky was clear but the wind was 25mph which made it very difficult to fish. The water was dark stained, little high at 5ft, and got up to 42 degrees. We only caught 10 fish mostly because of the wind with 2 walleyes and 2 white suckers in the mix. Most of the fish were caught on the Ragetail Baby Craw rigged on a #2/0 Moaner Predator jig. Ed got a nice 24" walleye and I caught a 20" smallie.

March 28th: Went back to the hospital for a follow up exam and I now have 20/20 vision in both eyes! I will need the drug store "Cheater" glasses for reading but that's it!

March 27th: Had cataract eye surgery on my second eye today.

March 26th: Fished with my sponsor Adam LaMey of Adams Custom Lures along with his buddy Jerry. The sky was mostly cloudy and the water stained and 39 degrees. We caught 42 fish with 2 walleye, 1 channel cat, and 1 big carp in the mix. The Ragetail 2.75 swimmer caught most of the fish.

March 24th: Fished with Ron Treaburt for a few hours. Sky was mostly cloudy and the water 38 degrees. We caught 39 fish with 2 walleye in the mix.

March 23rd: Set up at the flea market down to the Shadowbrook resort and sold a lot of old merchandise I still had from my sporting goods store.

March 21st: Went up to Snake Creek Marine to get some boat work done

March 20th: Back to the eye doc for one more check up before I get the last eye surgery next week. Can't wait!

March 19th: Finally after the river calmed down and in between cataract surgeries I got to go fishing with Ed Bardzel for about 3hrs. The sky was mostly cloudy with a cool wind. The water was dark stained and 35 degrees. We caught 18 fish with 1 walleye in the mix and yes I lost a small pike or musky close to the boat. Ragetail 2.75 Swimmers and small teaser tubes by Snagler Tackle caught the fish. My new rods custom built by Big Dady Rods worked great!

Feb 22-24th: Had a 30ft booth at the Wild Outdoors Expo at the Mohegan-Sun in

Wilkes-Barre PA. I gave away my new DVD on fishing in Maine with Randy Flannery to everyone that attended my seminars. Gave out over 50 of them. Not bad for a small Expo. Word has it that this show is moving down to Oaks PA next year.

Feb 15th-16th: Had a double booth at the Mifflinburg PA Expo. A Great little show!

Feb 7th: Took the "Beast" up to Snake Creek Marine and had them install a new Ultrex trolling motor. Now I can stand in the center of the boat with fly fishing clients and control the trolling motor with a remote.

Jan 24th - 27th: Worked my booth at the Early Bird Expo in Bloomsburg PA. I've done this Expo for over 20 yrs now. Always a good show.

Jan 4th: Fished with good friends Adam LaMey and Ed Bardzel. The sky was semi cloudy and the water 37 degrees. We caught 12 fish with 2 walleyes in the mix.

Jan 8th: Fished with Ralph Lester for a few hours. The sky was partly cloudy and the water 35 degrees. We caught 17 fish with 3 walleyes and a northern pike in the mix mostly on Rage 2.75 swimmers rigged on a Moaner Predator 2/0 jig.

Jan 17-20th: First Expo of the season at the Lycoming Mall. Big snow storm on the way had to leave Sat afternoon. got home just as the storm hit.