

South Bristol Fish-n-Game Club Newsletter 2025

In memory of Stephen Marshall

Greetings!

Once again I'm writing my annual letter to the membership with a lot of information of what happened last year and what we have scheduled for the coming year of 2025!

We do have a full roster of events this year and it's going to involve all of you to be successful! ***I need, we need, more participation from the full membership of over 200 members, especially our new members, to give our life-timers a break from the good work we do for our community and youth! Step up please! Some of us are getting tired!***

First, I would like to recognize a long-time member and good soul Brooks Lyon. He has been in charge of our membership list, event/dinner communicator, original website setup and anything that the club needed to inform the membership via email, snail mail and phone calls. He has been doing this for upwards of 20 years and has officially past the baton over to our Vice President, Dinner Coordinator, Membership List/Communicator Glenn Parker. My hat is off to Brooks for his dedication and efficiency to take on those duties. Thank you so much Brooks!

Next, we had a large donation given to us from Ontario County Conservation Federation (OCCF) this past year. I believe 11 or 12 years ago Graham Hoffman asked me to open the Club doors so we could resurrect this organization that was made up of Sportsman Clubs in Ontario County. I/we got a few things done over the years like making rifle a legal implement to use during regular deer season. Well, in late 2024 OCCF dissolved and the lasting members of OCCF voted on giving the amount of \$1,284 to the Club to help pay for DEC camperships. A big thanks goes out to Frank Shutter (president/treasurer) for their dedication to OCCF, Steve Cowley (VP/Secretary), Jim DeMay, Gary Hooper, John Stanfield and founder Graham Hoffman (deceased). We all made a difference in our county by getting involved in our community.

The Canandaigua Lake Trout Derby was another successful event both in the lake and our Raffle Dinner at Brew & Brats. Thanks to Jeremy Fields and Wilcox Lumber Company, they were the Grand Prize Sponsor donating \$2,500 and purchasing 300 tee-shirts for all of the fisherman to receive for free as a registered fisherman. We raised and donated \$19,500 divided equally among 3 beneficiaries. Hospice House, Mercy Flight Central and Camp Good Days & Special Times who were all involved in the success of the fundraiser. A local gentleman, Jim Winnick, caught the 18.07 lb. monster laker to win a \$1,000 and have it mounted for free by Rick Cleveland of Flint Creek Taxidermy. Thank you Rick and all who made it a successful derby.

Some new updates to our club website. You can pay for your membership online now thanks to Meg Fuller making that change so it is more user friendly for our younger cashless members. :) We would like to also make it possible to pay for a dinner online but that is not available yet. A private Club Facebook page was also discussed so we can

have a social media page and be able to tag other members to spread the word of our events.

Here are our donations to the community: Naples (35 yrs.) & Honeoye (23 yrs.) Central School, Charles & Elise Standish and the Merit Storm award, \$350 each. Venison Donation Coalition \$100; NYSCC Buck a Member, \$200; Membership donated \$500 to Hospice House and the Club matched it \$500; Membership donated \$1075 to Sutton Company's buildings fund and the Club matched \$1000; Canandaigua Lake Trout Derby \$100; So, the Club gave back to our community a total of \$2600 in 2024! Wow! \$19,500 Club sole sponsor...

Other donations received were from the Livingston County Conservation Federation, \$350 paying for two camperships. Tom Schwartz, \$50 from arrows sold and Bill Smith for our freezer replacement. Gary Profetta, owner of The Ski Company, for new Chicken BBQ signage and Jeanne Parker for beautiful garden upgrade/upkeep... Thank you all for your donations and time, it's greatly appreciated!

It's also important to mention our 2nd Saturday Clay Target Shoot at the pit on Rt. 64 and Rt. 21 intersection. Thanks goes out to Jeremy Fields for the use of the property and the two people in charge, Eric Douthit and Guy Rogers putting this event together every year. It's a lot of fun for anyone to participate, expert or novice are welcome. Eric is the range coach and instructor at the event. We raised \$444 last year for the good of the Club. Try it out this year, it's a blast!!

In closing, I want to thank all involved for last year's successful events and dinners (please review 2025 schedules). ***We are still looking for two members for positions of Bar Manager and Dinner Czar Coordinator.*** We created job responsibilities & descriptions for these two positions. ☺ So please consider volunteering for any of our dinners/events or open high paying positions! I'm in my 39th year as your fearless leader (as a founding member would call me). Have a great day, shoot straight and be happy!

PS- Special thanks to our Club Officers for their ongoing dedication: President, Steve Cowley; V.P., Glenn Parker; Treasurer, Geno Lewis; Secretary, John Manser and Buildings & Grounds leader Scott Francisco

Sincerely,

Stephen M. Cowley
President

