

Coming March 16, 2024!

The YBAC Fishing and Outdoor Show

St. Patrick's Activity Center, 87 Marsh Drive, Carlisle, PA

Attractions include

“The Falconry Girl” with live flight demonstrations

Summit Search and Rescue Demonstrations with K9 Briggs and K9 Stratton

Fly Casting with Bobby Clouser, Bass Pro Shops

More Fishing Seminars

Craig Hull: “Finding and Catching Big Trout”, “Small Stream Fishing from the Blue Ridge to the Adirondacks”

Fly Tying seminar with Craig Hull & Bobby Clouser of Bass Pro Shops

Precision Fly and Tackle - Steelhead fishing

Brad Ritter of Drifted Hook - Bass on the Susquehanna

Ed Lewandoski - Muskie fishing techniques

Capt. Jaime Hughes -Tips and Techniques for Monster Catfish!

Bass and Trout flies and lures

New, Used and Vintage fishing gear!

New and Improved Brown Bag Raffle

Ducks Unlimited, PA Trappers Association, District 8

Fly tiers, Wood Carvers, Guide Services

Kids Zone at Breakline Charters

Door prizes, Discount cards

Doors open at 8:00 AM Show closes at 3:00 PM

Money Raffle Winners drawn at 1:30 PM

Admission \$5 for Adults Twelve and under Free

Active Military and First Responders Free

President Andy Madison
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Secretary Craig Sunday
Nursery Mgr. Randy Raudabaugh
Stocking Mgr. Rick Fetchko

General Membership Meeting
1st Tuesday each month except December
7:00 PM at the Nursery

Directors Meeting
1st Tuesday each month
after Members meeting

Yellow Breeches Anglers And Conservation Association, Inc.

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Fourth Quarter 2023

NEWSLETTER

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YBAC Money Raffle Ramps up the Prize Money and more!

The 2024 YBAC money raffle will feature a re-structured prize money payout to attract more ticket sales. For a number of years, the prize structure has been from first to last: \$1,200, \$600, \$400, \$300, \$200, \$100, \$75, \$50 \$50, and \$25. Last year we distributed nearly 6,000 tickets and sold less than 3,000. For the 2024 raffle the committee has decided to change the prize structure in an effort to incentivize sales. The monetary prizes for the 2024 raffle will be as follows:

First prize—\$2,000

Second prize—\$250

Third prize—\$250

Fourth through eighth prizes will be \$100 each. The total prize money distributed will not change. The old prize structure totaled \$3,000 in total payout. The new one pays out the same total amount but increases the grand prize to hopefully increase sales.

In addition, the committee decided to return to a former custom of awarding winning ticket sellers a \$25 bonus.

All members are receiving five tickets along with this newsletter. Please make an effort to sell all five, and return the stubs in the accompanying self-addressed envelope. If you have a personal objection to gambling, no problem, please return the unsold tickets to YBAC in the provided envelope so someone else can use them.

We need to do a bang up job on the raffle this year and here is why. If you haven't been able to get to a stocking event or meeting, you wouldn't have been able to see how low the water flow has become through the raceways. Lower flow means less oxygen for the fish at the lower end which results in higher mortality rate for mature trout. To correct this ongoing issue, YBAC is looking to purchase a system to increase oxygen content in the water., especially for the lower runs. Likely every dollar we raise from the money raffle will go to pay for the oxygen system. Without the system we will continue to lose the big fish everyone looks forward to catching. YBAC needs the support of every member in this effort to save the fish we've spent many months and a great deal of money growing

Fly Tying Classes Set To Begin January 3

YBAC will begin fly tying classes on Wednesday evening, January 3. Two classes will be offered. ADVANCED TIERS will begin a 6:00 PM and will feature more difficult patterns as well as new methods and materials of tying established patterns. The pattern discussed and tied on week one will be the Bead Head Copper John. Advanced tiers are expected to bring their own vice, tools, and materials. The beginners class will start at 7:00 PM. Two patterns will be tied each week beginning with basic patterns and skills, building knowledge and competence each week. Experienced tiers will be on hand to assist newcomers. YBAC will supply vices, tools, and materials for the first two weeks until beginners can acquire their own tools. A pattern book will be supplied to beginners at no cost. Classes will continue for ten weeks. Craig Hull will demonstrate the flies step by step, explaining materials and sources for each fly. Complete descriptions of the classes can be found on the YBAC website: ybacnursery.com. Questions? Call Craig Sunday at 717-713-1161, Paul Dunne at 760-522-70-34, or Craig Hull at 717-686-5137.

Assistant Nursery Manager Wanted

Future planning is always going on at YBAC. Right now Nursery Manager, Randy Raudabaugh is planning for the day he hands over the care of our nursery to someone who cares as much as he does. While that day is some distance *in the future*, planning and training should begin well in advance. Nursery management isn't just about making sure the fish get fed, keeping track of mortality, and making certain the air stones are doing their job. There is more, much more to the job. With that said, we are looking for an apprentice to learn the job: daily tasks, fish culture, schedule feeders, equipment maintenance, state reports, contacts, etc. Interested individuals must be a YBAC member. For additional information, please contact Randy Raudabaugh at 717-386-8335 or sracer2254@aol.com

YBAC is looking for Show Sponsors

Out 2023 Fishing and Outdoor Show made more money for the club than ever before. This was largely because we did not spend a dime of the budgeted amount for expenses. It was all covered by sponsor donations. In all our sponsors gave \$5,200 which exceeded expenses by \$2,500.

This year we are hoping to increase sponsorships to a total of \$6,000 and here is how our members can help. Everyone works for someone or knows someone with a business large or small. Ask if they would be interested in becoming a YBAC Fishing and Outdoor Show sponsor. Our sponsor levels begin at \$100. This level gets mentioned on our Face Book page, Website, throughout the day at the show and mentioned in the February newsletter.

Sponsors at the \$300 level, receive all of the above plus a banner at the show.

\$500 sponsors receive all of the above and are mentioned in show advertising as a major sponsor.

All sponsors will receive a letter thanking them for the tax deductible donation.

If you find an interested business please contact Donations Chairman Doug Alwicher at 717-440-2987 and he will handle things from there. All we ask from our members is a lead.

Vendor Tables still available

The show has a total of sixty vendor tables and eighteen booth spaces. Only two booth spaces remain available, but we have plenty of tables open as of this writing. If you know of anyone who makes lures of any kind and would like to get them in front of buyers, have them contact Craig Sunday at 717-713-1161. Tables are \$35. Booth spaces are \$50. Check our website for vendor applications and show map or contact Craig Sunday at 717-713-1161 or ybacwm@yahoo.com

Membership Report As of 12/07/23

Adult 1,370

Junior 111

Life 29

Total 2023 members 1,510

2024

YBAC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

2024

PLEASE PRINT PLAINLY

Name _____ New member _____ Renew _____ Adult _____ Junior _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

2024 Limited Edition Lapel Pins and Patches are available.

A membership card will be mailed to you for the cost of membership: \$20 adult \$3 Jr. (under 16). If you want the club membership button or lapel pin mailed to you there is a \$3.50 s/h fee. Multiple items can be sent for a single \$3.50 charge. Memberships, buttons, patches, and lapel pins can be obtained at club functions without additional postage fees. All donations, whatever amount, are gratefully accepted. Our original "Feed the Fish for a Day" program has become quite expensive, almost \$100. A bag of feed is about \$40 so let those figures guide your giving and thank you very much for any donation you may afford.

ADULT MEMBERSHIP (\$20)

JR. MEMBERSHIP (under 16 yrs.)(\$3) \$ _____

OF 2024 LAPEL PIN(S) @ \$6.50 EA. = \$ _____

OF 2024 PATCHES @ \$6.50 EA. = \$ _____

S/H \$3.50 (FOR CLUB BUTTON, LAPEL PINS) \$ _____

SUSTAINING MEMBER DONATION \$ _____

OTHER DONATION \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Sustaining Member Club Donations

Rainbow(\$25-\$49) Brook(\$50-\$99)

Brown(\$100 +)

Amount donated \$ _____

Show us your fish

Send us a picture of that great fish you caught on the Yellow Breeches whether baitin', casting or fly fishing and tell us the story behind the catch and we will publish it in the newsletter. Remember, without the pic, it is just another fish story.

Caught this nice golden trout one morning in early November. Wading the Breeches in one of my favorite spots, I saw him across the stream, about 15 yards away. He looked to be holding at the bottom of a small riff so I took some time to move to a spot where I could still see him and get a good cast and drift with my soft-hackle nymph. I wanted to keep clear of the trees to avoid a hangup in some low hanging branches. Everyone who fly fishes the Breeches knows how those small branches hanging all alone can reach out and grab your fly in a back cast, so I was trying to avoid that catastrophe. Quietly finding the right spot just upstream from where he was, I settled for a couple of minutes and got ready to give it a shot. Most of the time, goldens just ignore my fly but I cast my nymph in his direction thinking there may be a brown or rainbow holding in the same spot. The first cast missed the target and just went drifting by without any response. The second cast was close and much to my surprise he took it and the fight was on. I set the hook, and he ran up stream away from me, across the stream and right back at me and somehow, I managed to keep from losing him on a barbless hook and get him in the net. Took his picture, admired him for a bit and then set him free to fight another day. Paul Dunne



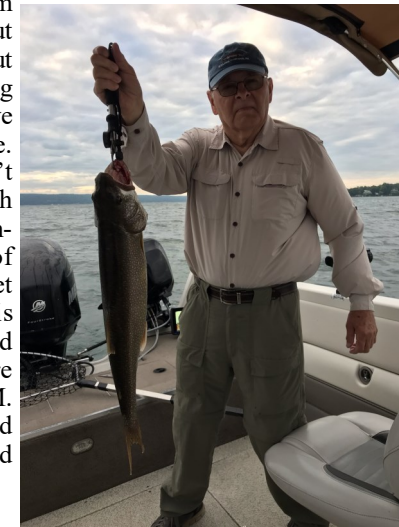
This muskie measured 49 inches and is my personal best. I caught it on a Muskie Innovations Shallow Invader on the New River, Virginia. I caught it in the same area that my friend caught a 54 inch fish several years before at night.

Ed Lewandoski

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM YBAC! NOW IS THE TIME OF YEAR TO CHERISH WHAT WE HAVE AND FRET A LITTLE LESS ABOUT WHAT WE DON'T. WE HAVE A GREAT ORGANIZATION WITH TREMENDOUS PEOPLE AND THE TOP TROUT NURSERY IN PENNSYLVANIA. WE HAVE FRIENDS WE WOULD NEVER HAVE KNOWN WITHOUT YBAC. SO GIVE THANKS AND GIVE BACK. CES

Lake Trout

Last July I was fishing with a buddy on Cayuga Lake in New York. We hit the water at 6:00 Am with Capt. Joe Rao of Seneca Lake Charters and fished off Shelldrake Point using a white plastic lure that resembles an Alewife. There are millions of them in Cayuga lake and the Lake Trout feed on them. We each had about 250' of copper line out bouncing along the bottom. About forty-five minutes in, I felt the fish strike. With that much line out you don't do any setting of the hook. The fish accommodates by hooking themselves. It takes about ten minutes of serious cranking to reel in 250+ feet of copper line, but at the end of it is your reward. This was the first and largest of the two I caught before they stopped biting about 10:00 AM. The one in the photo was grilled whole. The smaller one I smoked and froze for future enjoyment. Craig Sunday



Sustaining Members since the Third Quarter 2023 issue

Rainbow	Brook	Brown
Robert Goldsmith Jr.	Brian Weikert	J. Robert Ainsley
Igor Lukic	Tyler Weikert	Charles Hass
David Reasey	Col. Walter J. Wood	Bill martin
Charles Gipple	Patrick McCrossan	Dennis Garland
Troy Taylor	Igor Lukic	Larry Freeman
David Horwedel	Robert Harris	Allen Clarke
Robert Sheaffer	Tim Mitzel	
Scott Nadzom	Brian Mummert	

Nursery Report

Hope all is doing well. The fingerlings are doing well. As you read in previous newsletters, we only got 13000 of our fingerlings in July and the others in October so there is a difference in size. The ones we got in July are anywhere from 1 inch to 2 inches bigger. Our water flow is as low as anyone can remember. We need rain. Usually this time of year we are flowing about 800 gallons per minute through the nursery. At this time, we are about 350 gallons per minute so do your rain dances. Hopefully you can get out this winter and do some fishing. We will be putting some nice sized fish out in our winter stocking. I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Your Nursery Mgr.

Randy Raudabaugh

Stocking Report

A quick update on how many trout your club put out into public waters in 2023. With regular stockings and a preseason stocking, 32,300 fish were released from late March through mid December in the Yellow Breeches Creek. Once Children's Lake was completed from the construction to improve the dam and other issues, about 2,000 trout were stocked in the lake.

There were a handful of kid's fishing derbies that the club provided trout for and a week long fishing school. There were 1,600 fish stocked for those.

The total number of trout put out by YBAC in 2023 was just under 36,000.

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Rick Fetchko

Sticking Manager

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