

The Dragons Jaw



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On June 6th and 7th we staged our 14th Annual All Night Catfish Derby. This was the best Catfish Derby we've ever had! Since I've been here anyways. I'd like to thank my Vice President and Head Judge Rick Deubler for all of his hard work weighing our fish for the last four years. The Pre-Registrations flew thru this year and the average waiting time was around ½ hr, which was astounding. We had a great crowd this year with no problems at all. The DEC and the Sheriffs Department had no complaints and actually complemented us on a well run Derby. Thanks again to our my great CFD Crew, you worked like a well oiled machine! Semper Fi!.....Jack

Grand Prize Winner-Sharrie Slater 16.69 lbs



This is the Largest Catfish ever entered in our Derby, as far as I know!



R to L-1st Place Austin Hines, 2nd Place Miranda Gregg & 3rd Place Jacob Latier

The Results of our Derby are as follows:
ADULT DIV.

Sharrie Slater -2009 Grand Prize Winner-16.69 lbs

1st John Elliott-14.07 lbs

2nd Michael Hollenbeck-13.18 lbs

3rd Chris Thompson-12.20 lbs

4th Lawrence Brewer-11.93 lbs

5th Alwyn Johnson-11.82 lbs

6th James Morris-11.54 lbs

7th James Welliver Jr-11.08 lbs

8th Jeffery Harris-10.52 lbs

9th William Burnside-10.49 lbs

10th Joshua Morley-10.07 lbs

11th Lewis Landon Jr-9.89 lbs

12th Myron VanHousen-9.65 lbs

CHILDREN'S DIV.

1st Austin Hines-9.23 lbs

2nd Miranda Gregg-5.31 lbs

3rd Jacob Latier-4.42 lbs

VA INFORMATION

If you have a VA Disability rating of 10% or more you are eligible to receive Hearing Aids and Eye Glasses at the VA Hospital. However, in certain circumstances you may still be eligible without a disability rating. **The Tioga County Veterans Service Agency number is: 607-687-8227.**

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On March 24th of 2009 a resolution was sent to the NY State Legislature requesting that they designate State Route 38 as New York State Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway. As you know, the NY State Legislature is at a stalemate. So if you would like to help get this done please contact: NYS Senator Thomas Libous at senator@senatorlibous.com or by phone at 518-455-2677. You may also contact Assemblyman Gary D. Finch at finch@assembly.state.ny.us or by phone at 518-455-5878. If you believe like I do, that this is a worthwhile project, please contact both of these gentlemen. This might be the only way to put a fire in their butts and get this done!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Our next meeting is on July 7th at 7pm! On July 29th our Chapter will again be sponsoring the Kiwanis Club Captain & Crew Tournament at LINKS Golf Course. The money Kiwanis makes will go towards their Kids Scholarship Program. This year we will have a chapter mini golf tournament to decide the four members who will represent our Chapter in that tournament. I feel that this is the only fair way to do it. So if you play golf and would like to compete and represent our chapter, please immediately give me a call at 607-821-2912. We will be having our next Chapter Clambake on August 22 at Hickories Park Pavilion 2 starting at 1pm. Please bring a dish to pass! At one of our previous meetings we decided we would participate in Rudin's Old Time Farm Days on September 3rd-6th and set up a table to sign new members and maybe get donations. I need to nail down who is going to volunteer to man the tables on Saturday and Sunday. When you aren't manning the table there is plenty of fun for the whole family. We will be marching in the Nichols Parade on September 7th lining up at 10:00 am.

If one of you gentlemen has a picture from your time in the service that you'd like in our newsletter. E-mail it to me or give it to me at a meeting, along with a little info and I will insert it into our newsletter! Since nobody sent in a picture of their time in the service, here is a picture I took with a Kodak Instamatic 126 when we were patrolling outside of Camp Carroll in I-Corps. That is my M-60 B-Pod across the picture.



I recently received a letter from Chapter Life member Joe Brown who moved to Canandaigua, NY. He was giving me his change of address and said he would try to be as active as he can. I appreciate this kind of loyalty. Semper Fi Joe!

While I have your attention, please start looking for and signing up new members! Remember, we are all Vietnam Era Veterans, Some of us served in Nam and some of us didn't! We All Served Honorably! So don't let the Veterans that weren't in Nam get away! They need our Camaraderie and we need their membership. Sign Them Up! I want our Chapter to have 100 members before I die!

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