

WALLEYE!—"The LEAD in this year's Newsletter

**BLACK WIDOW-STINGER** 

Sharon Schaufele (IN) along with the Jon Smith (NH) party top the page with John and Sarah Holt (NH), We lead with Walleye because 2015' was such an OUTSTANDING spring season! The cumulative Walleye knowledge that has been accrued over the years (in the Saiff Fleet) is second to none!.. Captains like Bill Saiff Jr., George Kogut and Bill Saiff III have been on these "Eyes" since the mid 1980's Our younger Captain's are like fishing sponges! They know how to take that knowledge, combine it with new techniques and deliver the "Knock Out Punch" to Eastern Basin Walleye! The island structure, back bays and river estuaries are the perfect habitat for "World Class" Walleye fishing. Angler's like John and Sarah Holt have fished everything with the Saiff Charter Team. In

2015', the concentration was on Walleye and they weren't disappointed. John and his daughter have been the feature of many videos and picture displays for the Saiff Fleet. They are fishermen who think "Outside the Box". They are willing to roll the dice for opportunity at special fish! Whether it's giant Lake Trout, huge Browns or trophy Walleye—they are the kind of clients that will sacrifice for the chance at a big fish. This past year, we pushed hard for Walleye and they were rewarded with many "Eyes" in the 8-11 lb.class! Great Job Holts!

Hog Northern Pike were also a bonus to the great Walleye fishing! How about Mother's Day with the Saiff Fleet??? Katie Couch (NY) is featured with Capt. Dave Wright and her big Northern taken on Mother's Day! Great fish Katie!—See you this May! Wendy Hess (PA) busted this big brute over the

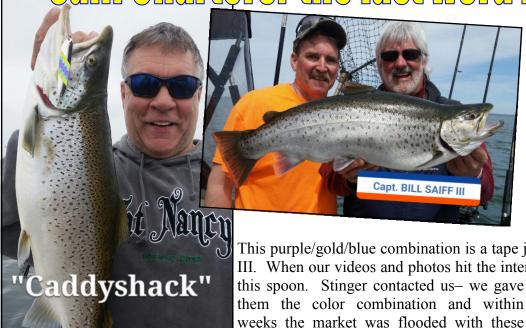
Memorial Day Weekend in May. It is now proudly displayed in the Virginville Hotel in Pennsylvania! Wendy and her husband Richard always fish on Memorial weekend with the Saiff Fleet. This BIG PIKE is just the latest reason why! You may call me at 315-771-3514 (cell) to book any upcoming dates. Gail Smith will be working in the lodge office with me. You may also call her or leave a message at 315-938-5285.

John Holt

A 9lb. "Walleye"



Happy Mother's Day



### We Set the Standard in **Brown Trout Fishing!**

Our current clients know how important "spoon fishing" is for giant Brown Trout. Many of our articles revolve around the techniques we have developed to target these bigger fish. Michigan Stinger Spoons are a big part of our spring success. In 2015' the hottest color combination for big Browns was the "CaddyShack"!

This purple/gold/blue combination is a tape job originated by Captain Bill Saiff III. When our videos and photos hit the internet, it spurred an all out search for

this spoon. Stinger contacted us- we gave them the color combination and within weeks the market was flooded with these spoons- helping to supply the demand created by our fleet! Of course, this isn't the 1st time we have set the standard? How bout the 1980's when Bill Jr's use of the "White Big O" (Cotton Cordell) spurred a

signature series of that bait. At right, Captain Steve Lemieux holds a Brown taken on the "Bissel Missle"- a color combination developed by Capt. Shan Bissel. The leaders in the fishing industry are always searching and experimenting- hoping to find the next HOT technique that will put more distance between them and the rest of the pack! The Saiff Fleet has pushed back the boundaries of fresh water fishing for over 33 years! Our advantage is simple...."8-Boats" that coordinate daily! Our Captain's work together, constantly testing to provide the best quality trips. That type of "on the water coordination' is unmatched on Lake Ontario! Last year, Brown Trout Lodge (on the south shore) was phenomenal! The beginnings of a mild winter should make for outstanding spring fishing so don't miss out. An April trip (South Shore) or a May trip (Henderson Harbor) can yield the Brown Trout of a lifetime! Get your date secured..

### **Shoreline Lakers!!**

One of the toughest fighting fish in cold water is a Spring Lake Trout!



Gary Just Strasser (PA)! We dropped lines just outside the cut at Henderson and were immediately rewarded with this Hog Laker. This fish buried the Planer Board Rod and took drag and did his best to stay away from the boat. He came in deep with all the power that these giant Lakers are known for! When we slid the nylon under this brute, we knew that we had landed the BEST fighting fish of the day! We went on to catch a bunch of Browns but nothing beats these Big Lakers in cold water! Giant Lakers were a Hallmark in 2015' Over 100 fish were taken in the 20-30lb range by our fleet! This is "World Class" fishing for sure... Read on!



# Derby Winners

Saiff Charters

Ron Cohle (PA)

Capt. Dave Wright

Proud of my team!!!!! Oh my! 2015' was a great tournament year for the Saiff Charter Team. We always look forward to the "Spring Classic" tournament in Henderson Harbor each May. The tournament features 5 divisions— Brown Trout, Lake Trout, Walleye, Pike and Pickerel. In 2015', Capt. George Kogut came out of the box swinging posting a 25lb.+ Lake Trout on day one of the 4-day tournament. That fish held its position for all 4 days garnering a 1st. Place for Gene (ME) and a Capt's Purse win for George! Father and son team Mark and Shane Steffen had the #1 and #2 Browns of the derby and a Capt's Purse win for B3. Mike Heath (ME) had a 3rd place Pike finish and a Capt's Purse win for B3 in

that division. Larry Mazzeo (NJ) was fishing with Capt. Jeremy Read when he locked up with the biggest Pickerel. That fish got Larry a 1st place win and a Capt's Purse win for "The Mouse"! All in all, our team took home 4 of the 5 Capt's Purse Wins and some great prizes and money for our customers! The coordination of our fleet was unmatched and I was never more proud of their efforts. Thank you to my Captains and all of our outstanding customers for a job well done!

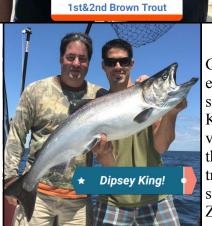
A Steady Fishing Summer! The highlight of summer 2015' were the GIANT LAKE TROUT. These big fish wowed clients all summer long. We also enjoyed a decent smattering of Kings but overall, the salmon fishing remained slower than normal. Roger Bellerose (NH) and his son Scott took some nice Kings at the Shipping Lane with Capt. Jason Julien. The boys used Dipsey Divers set on wire to target some of the late June Kings! Late June-July represents the time frame we refer to as the "Hot Zone". If you are looking for a fantastic trip during the summer, this is one of the best times to come. Early summer salmon like this region of the lake as do Browns, Lakers and Steelhead. The "Hot Zone" is a great combination time period where anglers can catch a bit of every-

thing all in the same location!

Ron Cohle (PA) is an old friend but new client to our Saiff Charter group. Ron is a fellow contributor to Safari Club who had never fished the BIG POND. We talked last March and in July, he came for his 1st trip. We took 9 Kings that day and Ron is featured with his biggest at left! Congratulations Ron—we look forward to 2016'!

For many years Dad and I syndicated Television programming on the PBS network. If you were a regular viewer of "Cabin Country", you will recognize the fellow at left. Pictured with Capt. Dave Wright is my ole' pal Sigfried Gagnon (Tourism Quebec). Tourism Quebec was a

national underwriter of our hunting and fishing programs for many years. Siggy is a long time friend and it was fantastic to have him and his family in to fish with us this summer! Sigfried! "That's one hell of a King you have there"! Nice Job! Our rates will remain at \$800.00 per day on full day trips. Our "8-Hour line in the water day keeps fishermen coming back for more. We can accommodate up to 4-anglers so the price become quite nominal at just \$200.00 per person. Our Lodging at the WESTVIEW is just \$70.00 per room (2 person occupancy) A GREAT DEAL!



Sigfried Gagnon QUE

Mark & Shane Steffer







## Warm, Warm, but NY's #1 Team still gets the job done!

"Reality Check" is the best term to describe this year's resident goose season. Ultra warm temperatures prevailed and bird movement was reduced to a minimum. Weekend outfitting services dried up and blew away with the hot winds! The Seaway Team struggled but with copious amounts of scouting, property and the willingness to succeed, we still managed to get the job done! Vast numbers of resident geese are raised in northern NY state. Once they molt, they take wing and head to Canada to inhabit the region just below the boreal nesting grounds. When the first cooler Canadian winds arrive, these birds usually take wing and migrate back to the Seaway Valley and the farm fields of northern NY. In our service we call these geese "Short Migrators". They are still considered Resident birds but they do move around a bit. 80 degree temperatures kept many of these geese in south central Ontario and major movements of Canada Geese were subdued. This warming

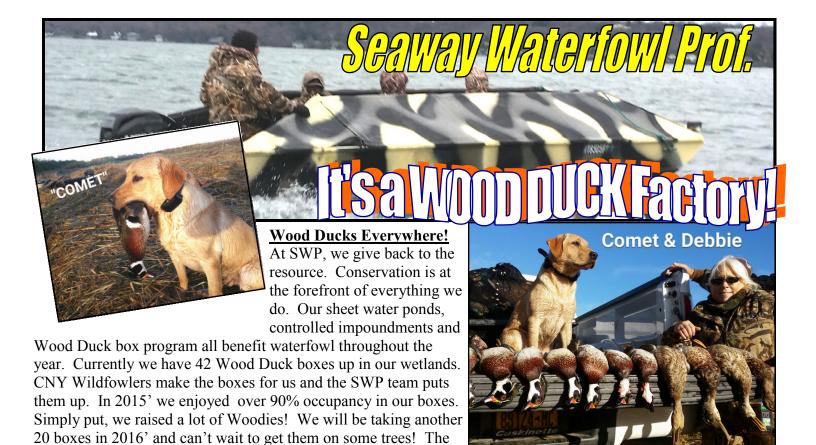
trend set the tone for our entire season. We had some spectacular hunts but nothing came easy! Clients saw first hand why it's better to spend their money with the SWP team. 55,000+ acres of agricultural property kept us into

birds while others failed. We enjoyed some HUGE shoots on geese but as a rule, the harvest was considerably down. "Here's the Good News"! With harvest numbers down and the start to an easy winter, we should enjoy increased volumes of geese in 2016'. Brace yourself for impact—It should be exciting!

The Word Keeps Spreading! Brad and Sherri Lockwood "Love of the Hunt" TV series joined us in early September. Brad said his hunts with SWP were the BEST Canada Goose hunts he had ever been on. The Lockwood's were a Joy to hunt with and our show's should begin airing on the Pursuit Channel in January 2016'. Guides Kyle Waite and Chris "The Beagle" Rexford will be highlighted in these shows! Watch for them!

Dan Bell returned with his gang from Indiana and Illinois to shake down some early season Canada's. These boys drive 14 hrs. to get to us and we are very appreciative. We enjoy their company and always look forward to their arrival. Hunters from 18 states joined Seaway Team for geese this year! Yahoooo! My Ole' Pal Rod Haydel (Haydel Game Calls) came for a visit during the 3rd week of the season. He and Clay McConnell got in on an 82 bird shoot that Rod and I filmed. Rod's short excerpt called "Best Canada Goose Shooting" is tearing up the internet on YouTube.com. Check it out and **BOOK EARLY!** 315-771-3514







fruits of our labor were realized in 2015' as we enjoyed tremen-

dous Wood Duck gunning. I think that Wood Ducks were the single biggest success story of the 2015' season. Hunting with family is important so while Frank and Beagle were hard at work, I slipped off to hunt with Dad, Frank's wife Debbie and her father Bob Doroha. We enjoyed superb gunning on Woodies and Mallards, had lots of laughs and got to train a bit with "Comet". "Comet" is the latest Phenom to come from Tammy Adsitt and the folks at Peak Performance Training in western NY. Tammy, Renee' and Sean Hager do a magnificent job with our dogs and our customers reap the benefits! They help us provide the very best in an outfitted

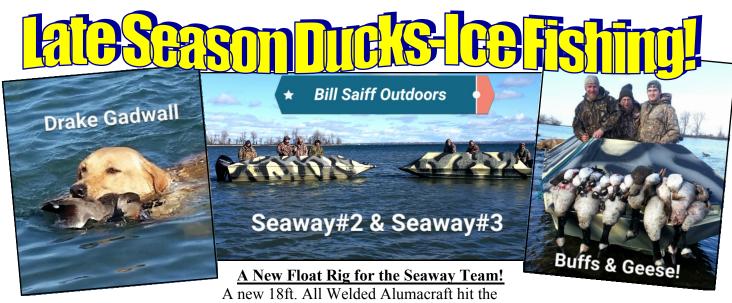
trip. The dogs are pure MAGIC and our clients love watching them work.

The back country hunts were not just about Wood Ducks. Mallards, Blacks and Green Winged Teal flooded our back country holes and provided spectacular early season gunning. Below, Beagle Rexford is pictured with Jeff Cloutier and his gang. This is a classis mix of dabblers from a back country hole.

Chris Bourn worked his magic in Perch River during the month of October.

Clients that like to paddle and hunt from natural cover, love the Perch River hunt. The Seaway Team cut its teeth in Perch River and its still one of our favorite places to hunt! Generally, hunters can expect to harvest upwards of 6 different species of ducks on a trip in Perch River. This is a "Working Man's Hunt" but something that should be experienced by everyone! In 2016' we are refurbishing blinds, building more sheet water ponds and creating water sources so that we can pump sheet water ponds during drought conditions. Our property at Pillar Point will be a Crown Jewel in our line-up of GREAT duck holes this season. The new changes should be GREAT!





water in 2015' for the Seaway Team. Our 3 custom float rigs give us the opportunity to handle up to 12 hunters on the open waters of Lake "O" and the St. Lawrence River. Our custom rigs make it easy for our watermen to access both Dabblers and Divers on open water. We purchased a new 60hp. Mercury Command Thrust motor for the Seaway #2 as we continually strive to upgrade the quality of gear that we run. This was the warmest late season we have ever experienced! In fact, as I write this (Jan 1st 2016)—large numbers of ducks are still well north of northern NY. Warm temperatures

slowed the late season hunts but our ability to be flexible in the boats, kept us connected on birds. We took plenty of dabblers including some gorgeous examples of Gadwall like the one Comet is retrieving above. We also employed large rigs of Canada Goose floaters in an effort to boost harvest numbers. The combo of Buffs and Geese above shows how well these techniques worked!

### New Ice Rigs for 2016'

We have 2 new ice shacks for our clients this season. One shack is Eskimo's new 6 sided hub shack. Like our double hub, it will provide

our fishermen with lots of room. We also purchased an Arctic Cat "Bear Cat" work sled to go along with our "Skandic". Reliable transportation and comfort on the ice—"What more could you want!"

One of the greatest pastimes to thwart the winter blues is ice fishing on the bays surrounding Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence river. We have spent years developing the best access points and acquiring the gear needed to provide top notch ice fishing! America's #1 fishing team, knows the back bays of this lake better than anyone! We access favorite Perch haunts and get our anglers into some spectacular action. All you need are warm clothes and waterproof boots-we have the rest! This is a great trip for the family and everything is included at \$125 per person/per day.

### Ice Fishermen Take Note!

- 1. The Westview Lodge is centrally located to much of the best fishing on Eastern Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River.
- 2. "Winter Rates"—Rooms at the Westview are just \$55 per night (2 person occupancy).



### Forecast 2016'

#### "Where we will be appearing in 2016"

Early Bird Sports Expo, Bloomsburg PA (Fairgrounds) January 28th-31st 2016'. Calvary Church Sports Expo—Souderton PA, March 5th 2016'

Wild Sheep Foundation Show, (Lancaster, PA) February 19th-21st Lancaster County Convention Center

Safari Club International (Lehigh Valley Chapter) Holiday Inn Convention Center- Foglesville, PA March 11th and 12th 2016'

This year we boost the fleet to 8-boats as we expand and get ready for the busiest outfitting season ever! We will be heading to Pultneyville for our specialty Brown Trout trips in April. This spring will mark the 21st season for our Brown Trout Lodge. Those who have made this trip, love staying with us on the shores of Sodus Bay!. Spring Brown Trout fishing gives our clients a nice opportunity to wet lines before the start of normal operations. May 1st will be the kick-off for operations in The Henderson Harbor area. Bill Saiff's Westview Lodge & Marina will be the full time hub for our fishing and hunting operations. Lodging will be available there and it will be a great place to meet and see our fishing and hunting teams on a daily basis. The fishing rate for 2016' will be \$800.00 for the day. The Saiff Fleet still offers an 8-hour "line in the water fish-

ing day", as we continue to offer the highest quality fishing experience. This rate is based on up to 4-anglers. With 8 boats at our disposal, we remain the best fleet for hosting large groups of fishermen. We are able to provide the individual instruction anglers crave on private charters as well as the logistics needed for the corporate executive entertaining clients. Please keep in mind that we do offer a 6-hour dock-to-dock trip that is un-advertized. This trip is \$600.00 per outing and is perfect for the budget conscious or smaller group. The lower cost might also be a way for fisher-

men to extend their adventure into a second day of fishing. I would recommend that these shorter trips be scheduled during the spring and fall when fish availability is closer and run times with the boats are shorter! Clients from all walks of life have grown to appreciate the fish finding capabilities and

coordination of our fleet. We will once again be picking our clients up each morning at Henchen's Marina in Henderson Harbor, NY (except for our specialty Brown Trout trips in April). We accept Cash, Checks and Credit Cards for payment on all trips.

We are expanding our waterfowl operations again in 2016'. Three float rigs and additional hunting areas should make this the best season ever!

We built the NEW Seaway #3 in 2015" & it gave us the opportunity to hunt additional clients on our open water trips. The boat worked great and we look forward to hunting it even more in 2016'. Hunt Rates for 2016' will be \$300.00 per person / per day. We will also be ice fishing with clients from late January through mid-March! Rates for ice fishing (we supply everything) are \$125.00 per person / per day. We encourage our regular and new clients to contact us during the months of January, February and March for bookings. These months are dedicated to working with clients and it's the best time to take care of this business. Once fishing

and hunting begins, the long days make it increasingly more difficult to make these arrangements. Gail Smith is in the lodge office every day and she will be happy to take a booking or get a message to me. To book lodging, call us at 315-938-5285. For charter and outfitting information we can be reached at 315-938-9285 (office) or by cell at 315-771-3514. Please feel free to visit us at the sport shows that are listed at the top of the page. We would enjoy speaking personally with you about your upcoming trip. Please feel free to check out our very detailed web site at

www.BillSaiffOutdoors.com. You may also stay connected with us on Facebook by visiting Bill Saiff Outdoors. In closing, we realize that there are many outfitting services to choose from. We appreciate your interest in Bill Saiff Outdoors and will go out of our way to ensure that your trip is exciting and enjoyable. We want to see you for many years to come! Bill Saiff III



Chris and Mike

**Jason & Vince** 



Fishing Rates:

5 Per Person

