

Thunder Bay Walleye Club

The Thunder Bay Walleye Club (TBWC) was established in 1990 to promote walleye fishing in this area and educate its members on walleye fishing and resources. We immediately began assisting the MDNR with the operation of the James Farm Walleye Pond, which is our only supply of walleye fingerlings for the area.

- **Why join the Thunder Bay Walleye Club**

We hold monthly meetings where you will meet others like yourself who love to fish and you can exchange information on the latest hotspots or techniques. We also try to have speakers at our meetings to teach us a little more about the fisheries of the area, what to use and how to use it. Our meetings are always held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at The 19th Hole Restaurant, at 6:00 P.M, in the back meeting room.

- **Monthly Newsletters**

Newsletters to keep you informed on what's going on inside the club. It will list the monthly dates and places for our meetings and tournaments. If you have an article for sale, we'll include it in the newsletter at no cost. Just contact one of the club executive officers who are listed in each issue. If you would like a hard copy of the newsletter mailed to you (instead of emailed) it will cost an additional \$15/year for printing & postage.

- **Club Tournaments and Outings**

At the club tournaments, our members get a chance to compete in friendly competition. Throughout the year, records are kept for each tournament and at the end of the year, the fisherman with the highest number of points is named "Angler of the Year" and honored at our annual banquet. In the past club members have ventured out to Little Bay de Noc, Saginaw Bay, Lake Erie, Houghton Lake, Mullet Lake, Au Gres, and St. Mary's River. Each year a new expanded location is chosen for the club to have comradery.

- **Seminars**

Seminars are given whenever we can get professional fishermen in the area. We even have had opportunities to fish with pros. Area MDNR representatives of the fisheries and law enforcement divisions keep you up to date on fish populations and new laws that will affect you. Also, you can discover new hotspots, new tackle, new techniques, and the most appropriate launch areas at all our meetings.

- **Rearing Ponds**

The James Farm Rearing Pond has become very important to the club, as it is the only rearing pond in the area. We assist the MDNR with its maintenance as well as the harvest and release of the walleye fingerlings into area waters. In 1992 we installed a permanent pumping station for the pond. We strongly believe this is the right track for improving the walleye fishing in the area waters. 150M to 200M fingerlings are raised to plant in area lakes and rivers.

- **Community Projects**

Every year, the TBWC assists the Brown Trout Festival with boat inspections for launch, weighing the fish and various other tasks. In 1999, we also built a handicap accessible ramp for people to have access to the Thunder Bay River on Island Mill. In 2002, we donated funds to help with fish shelters on Hubbard Lake. Other projects were a new dock at the 7 mile dam, and a kids fishing day. Whether it's improving access or launches or helping with people, our club is involved in our community every year.

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Membership Application

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Alpena, MI 49707

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone #: _____ EMAIL _____

Please fill out completely and remit with \$15/year for single yourself only or \$25/year for family membership includes all who reside in your home.