

# Thunder Bay Walleye Club Newsletter

**February 2014**

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## Cold, Wind and more Cold!!

The weather continues to be brutally cold, with hints of warmer weather tossed into the mix only now and then. I don't know of too many people truly enjoying this weather other than the ones that are in Florida or Arizona laughing at us! It's not that you can't get out on the ice and do some ice fishing it's just that the conditions have been miserable on most days. This certainly is the winter to have a snowmobile if there ever was one, especially if you want to be fishing. There have been some good catches on Hubbard and Grand, but it has been hit and miss. There are a few upcoming events like the Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tournament, and the TBWC Hubbard Lake tournament that might get you motivated to get out and get some fresh air, hopefully the weather will begin to be a bit more cooperative. Why not go try and win an ATV, or at least some bragging rights? The opportunity is there.

**Don't forget to get your TBWC Reel Fun Ice Fishing Raffle Tickets turned into Denny Burns. You can bring them to this meeting if you are not going to be at the tournament.**

Thanks to everyone who took a little time and effort to sell tickets for this raffle. By working together we increase the potential for this to be a profitable fundraiser for the TBWC. Having a little extra jingle in the account makes it much easier to commit fund to activities in our community that promote the sport of fishing, like fish plants, kids fishing days, cormorant control, donations to the Alpena Library, etc...

## Calling all Augers

Get your augers running! We will once again be the HOLEMASTERS of the 2014 Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tournament. We truly need all the help we can get, so if anyone can sacrifice a couple of hours, it would be truly appreciated. The more volunteers we have the easier it will be for everyone. We will be drilling between 1000 and 1200 holes on Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> for the Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tournament on Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup>. There is usually a little fun and spirits after the big drilling event as well, so if you can plan to spare an hour or two of your time, it would be much appreciated. Please get a hold of Jim Leeseberg and let him know if you can help.

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## **MORE ON REEL FUN**

Only 1000 fishing tickets will be sold with prizes for the top 30 fish. Tickets are available at Alpena Chamber of Commerce, Clems Bait and Tackle, Buck's Bait and our own Dave Birmingham and Jim Leeseberg. Each ticket is also entered in to win a 42" TV and you do not need to be present to win.

From Roger Witherbee;

You say you don't ice fish, but you'd like to be supportive of this once a year fundraising effort for the River Center? There are a couple of ways to help:

Come to FESTIVUS Friday February 14<sup>th</sup> at the Aplex from 6 – 12PM. It's the night before the tournament. Bring your significant other, a group of significant friends and yourself. Tickets can be purchased at the door as well as before the event at the Chamber of Commerce and Nieman's. If you have a ticket for the Reel Fun Tournament, you will receive 5 free tickets for the Chinese Raffle.

Some of the evening activities:

Wine tasting by Thunder Bay Winery

Photo Booth old time fishing theme

Cocktails 6PM, cash bar

Dinner 7PM pasta bar

Chinese raffles, outdoor gear, gift certificates, many more items

Dancing: really awkward, enthusiastic begins a 9PM

Let's come together for fun and while we're at, support our beautiful Wildlife Sanctuary and River Center.

The board would like to thank all the sponsors and vendors who have helped the Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tournament become a success over the last five years. We are anticipating a fun-filled sixth year and have some great prizes of all the hardy folks entering the tournament.

First prize is a John Deere Gator 550 along with a 29 other prizes.

## **CLUB MEMBERSHIPS CAN BE PAID NOW.**

Single person membership is \$15.00 per year. Family membership is \$25.00 includes all persons living in your household.

If you don't know if your memberships are due contact Denny Burns see me at a meeting.

Email members have the membership year after their last name on emails sent by Denny Burns including the newsletter email.

Regular mailed member's membership year is on the envelope.

Make checks out to TBWC.

## **Ice Fishing Tournaments**

### **January's Hubbard Lake "Super Bowl" Results**

These guys were "Hardcore" and braved the brutal temps and wind!!



Here are the results from the 1st Annual Pro Bowl Classic fishing tournament on Hubbard Lake, January 26th. The winner was Ben Hoppe with a 23" Walleye. There were no perch brought in for measuring so he took the entire Tournament winning \$490. Thanks for the continued support by Len from Side Door Bait and Tackle and Romeo Bourdage of the Thunder Bay Walleye Club.

Left to right is Romeo Bourdage, Ben Hoppe, Eric Skaluba, Glenn Wisniewski, Bob Fisher, Bowin Wikaryasz, and Len Barraco, owner of Side Door Bait and Tackle.

**Thunder Bay Walleye Club and Side Door Bait and Tackle**

Present

WALLEYE & PERCH FISHING TOURNAMENT

HUBBARD LAKE

SUNDAY

**FEBRUARY 23, 2014**

7AM-3PM

- Registration is at Side Door Bait & Tackle beginning @ 6am (bait will be available); registration will not be taken after 11am
- \$10 per person- half the pot for largest WALLEYE and half the pot for largest PERCH
- Winner will be determined by the total length of largest walleye and largest perch
- In case of tie, in either category, draw card for winner
- Measuring will take place at the South DNR Launch @ 3pm; late arrivals will not be accepted
- Winner takes all tournament: Largest Walleye and Largest Perch - 100% payback

*The tournament will be cancelled if there is not safe ice on the entire lake up until the start of the tournament at 7am.*

### **2014 Tournament Schedule**

The 2014 TBWC Tournament schedule was set at the January meeting, and is available on the club website [tbwalleye.com](http://tbwalleye.com). The schedule is very similar to last year, but with the addition of both Long and Grand Lakes. Check out the dates, and put as many as you can on the schedule. New this year is 6 lines per boat. Copies will be available at this meeting.

### **Please consider contributing to the Newsletter!**

Please consider contributing to the newsletter! Do you have a fishing or hunting story that is worthy of sharing? Do you have any fantastic pictures to share? Do you have an awesome recipe that you are willing to share? It doesn't necessarily have to be about fish. It would certainly make the newsletter more interesting. If you have something you'd like to share please send it to Erich Carlson's e-mail: [walleyesnyper@hotmail.com](mailto:walleyesnyper@hotmail.com). I'll be sure it gets in! The author can remain anonymous if you so desire, just indicate your preference when submitting something to Erich Carlson.

*Walleye Club jacket orders*

If you are interested in getting a Walleye Club jacket, please give Steve Hubert a call @ 379-4614, so he can make it worthwhile to put orders together. It is really not a cost saver to order one jacket at a time. If you plan on getting one, call ahead, so he can plan for orders.

Steve will have hats, t-shirts, TBWC decals etc. at the monthly meetings for you to purchase.

**Here is a list of high quality hooded sweat shirts we have left.**

Stone washed light blue, 1 M, 4 L, 4 XL, 1 XXL at \$30.00 ea.

Dark Grey, 4 L, 5 XL, 1 XXL, 3 XXXL at \$25.00 ea.

Light Grey, 1 M, 5 XL at \$25.00 ea.

Dark Blue, 4 XL at \$25.00 ea.

All have a small club logo on the left breast.

**All items are at club cost.**

**Looking for upgrades, repairs, winter layup, shrink wrap? Call the Boat keeper!**

Most of you already know that TBWC member Greg Trelfa is a great mechanic. Why order from the big stores when Greg now has access to a full line of marine parts and accessories for all the major brands like Johnson, Evenrude, Mercury, Yamaha and more? He can also supply you with the latest in electronics from Lowrance and Hummingbird, and does professional high end installations as well. His kind of personal service is hard to come by, so if you are looking to upgrade some electronics or need some repairs or maintenance done and want it done right at very competitive prices, give Greg a call @ 595-3149.

Search [tbwalleye.com](http://tbwalleye.com) for the latest tournament results, newsletters, and blog. Todd has posted the up to date tournament results including weights, and points earned.

Please let Erich know the events you are involved with by calling 595-3295 or 464-5623 or email me at [walleynesnyper@hotmail.com](mailto:walleynesnyper@hotmail.com) we'd like to promote our member's activities and accomplishments.

#### NEXT MEETING

**Wednesday February 12<sup>th</sup>, 7pm 2014**

**ACC Besser Tech Center (Room -126) it's the large room to the right as you go in the front entrance in the BTC on the north side of Johnson St.**

Meetings are the second Wednesday of every month unless otherwise noted in the newsletter.

**(Please note: If the college is closed due to weather conditions the meeting will be rescheduled)**

Agenda:

Gota question

Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tourney Finalize plans.

BT Walleye Tourney

Club Fishing Schedule is on the BACK OF THIS PAGE.