

# THUNDER BAY WALLEYE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## ***NEW MEETING ROOM 126***

***Our previous spot with the comfortable chairs***

**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.**

***Happy New Year!***

While the calendar has uneventfully slipped into winter, the fall like weather seems to really want to hold on. For all of us ice fisherman, that's not the greatest of news, but it's certain to change. There has actually been some ice fishing taking place on some of the smaller inland lakes as well as parts of Long and Grand Lakes. Ice conditions are all over the map as I'm writing this, from open water up to six solid inches. It's hard to stay on top of the REAL condition of the ice with all the freeze/thaw/freeze/thaw/freeze action we are seeing, so just remember to be safe if you do decide to venture out. If you do go, don't go alone. Take someone with you and make sure you carry safety equipment such as a spud, rope, cleats, and hand spikes that can be employed if something is to happen. Be safe.

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## **BROWN TROUT UPDATE**

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Help spread the word! We now have a great opportunity to showcase Alpena and our fishery. The two day Walleye Extravaganza promises to be a much more significant event than in the past with at least \$6000.00 guaranteed to the first place team. In addition, 95% of the \$250.00 entry fees per boat will be paid back to the remaining top 20% of the field. This will make for fantastic payouts for the entry fee, and the more boats, the higher and more payouts! Several members of the TBWC are working in cooperation with the Brown Trout Committee to help ensure this tournament runs smoothly and effectively. We may be looking for some help down the line, we'll keep everyone informed. Details about the tournament will be posted on the Brown Trout Website once updated.

### **MWT coming to Alpena**

More good news! The Michigan Walleye Tour will be hosting their State Championship out of Alpena from August 9<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup>. The Brown Trout two day Walleye Extravaganza will surely pique the interest of many of the MWT teams wishing to familiarize themselves with waters around Alpena. We look forward to seeing these guys in town! There may be some help the club can offer to make this a great welcome from Alpena to the MWT.

### **Reel Fun**

The Reel Fun Ice Tournament benefiting the River Center will take place Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> 2012. Once again, we will be asking any willing and able bodied members to hit the ice the afternoon on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> to bust out 1000 holes. The more guys we have, the quicker it goes! Bring an auger and some gas. It's usually good fun! Hopefully the actual event will be met with better weather than we experienced last year. We will have a club meeting just prior to this date and can nail down any other particulars at that time.

### **Hubbard Lake Ice Fishing Tournament**

As of now the club is still planning on hosting our annual ice fishing tournament on Hubbard Lake in conjunction with Len and Layne's Side Door Bait and Tackle however the bait shop on the northend may be involved this year. Due to the current lack of ice on Hubbard Lake there is no date set yet. If held, it will likely be the last weekend in February. We will keep everyone updated!

### **Ice Fishing Raffle**

After a very successful raffle our first year, we have had nothing but bad luck and stumbling blocks. Hopefully we are on the verge of getting this thing ironed out. A big "thank you" goes out to Denny Burns, as he has been the point man for trying to secure our raffle license. The club had to join MUCC in order to be able to secure a raffle license, and now we are still waiting on the State of Michigan to finish their part of the deal. It looks like we will still be able to make the raffle happen. Denny will give a further update at the meeting.

### **TBWC Banquet**

It's time to start thinking about our annual banquet. Many of us look forward to this evening every year. It's a good time with families and friends. What works the best, March or April? It all depends on how you look at it. March is a great way to break up the later part of winter but we would run into spring break and April 8<sup>th</sup> is Easter. This year we are looking at the 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, or 28<sup>th</sup> of April. It allows the snow birds to find their way back to Michigan if we wait until April, but by then it's go

time on the Walleyes. Let's discuss it and try and get an idea on what we want to do so we can nail down a date.

### ***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. All items are at club cost.

Search ***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 (I've been officially Romeo'd) know the events you are involved with by email me at [walleynesnyper@hotmail.com](mailto:walleynesnyper@hotmail.com) We'd like to promote our member's activities and accomplishments -\*\*\*\*

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

**Jerry Nowicki      Alpena**

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, January 11th, 2012 at 7:00 pm  
**ACC Besser Tech Center (New 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

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

### **AGENDA:**

- New Business
  - Brown Trout
  - Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tourney Raffle Prizes
  - Wayne VanDyke 2011 tournament presentation

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