

# THUNDER BAY WALLEYE CLUB NEWSLETTER

**January 2013**

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## **Ice is on the lakes and we're going fishing!**

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At the time this is being written, the ice is safe, at least for foot travel, on most of the area lakes. There were a couple quads on Grand Lake last weekend, but at that time there was only four inches of ice. Please be careful wherever you go. Sometimes people don't have the patience, or the knowledge of the ice conditions so if you aren't sure, find out from a reliable source, or keep the machines off the lake. A couple of weeks ago a snow mobile went thru the ice on Long Lake.

There are reports of very good catches coming from both Long and Grand Lakes, from what I've been hearing most of the good action is on the north end of Long Lake, and the south end of Grand Lake in all the usual "community" type spots like Silver Weeds, Cook Stove, and Whiskey Point. Of course the Flood is producing its usual first ice Pike bite too. If you can find, or make the time, get out there and enjoy some ice fishing, and hopefully catching too. Stay safe.

Another thing while I'm thinking of it, please do yourself a favor, and invest a few dollars in a good set of creepers. This one simple purchase can save you from serious injury. Many people I know, including myself and other family members have taken nasty falls on the ice, these can and sometimes do result in severe head, back, neck, groin, elbow, and knee injuries. Good creepers will help minimize the risk. Check into Katoolah Creepers from REI Outdoors. These are well made easy on easy off creepers. I put them on as soon as I get out of the truck and take them off just before getting back in. These have very aggressive cleats and really help minimize the risk of injuring yourself on the ice. Yak Trax is also making a more aggressive type of and ice cleat now too. A good set of creepers is really worth the money!

### **ICE FISHING CONTESTS**

SUNDAY JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup> NORTHEND HUBBARD LAKE, register at the Bait Shop in Hubbard Lake corners. Rules are the same or similar for this tournament as the TBWC February 26<sup>th</sup> tournament. Contact the North End Restaurant & Bait Shop at 989 727 2700 for more info.



THUNDER BAY WALLEYE CLUB  
&  
SIDE DOOR BAIT & TACKLE  
ARE SPONSORING

WALLEYE & PERCH FISHING TOURNAMENT  
HUBBARD LAKE  
FEBRUARY 24, 2012  
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.

**Come to the meetings if you can! What else is happening on Wednesday night? Come talk fishing!**

It's also time to resume our monthly club meetings. If you don't normally attend our club meetings, please consider doing so. It's always good to get input and feedback about the various happenings and events. It's also important to have good member attendance for important discussions instead of the same people making decisions on behalf of the club without the input of others. We sometimes have a lot of topics to discuss at this next meeting! Besides, it would make for a better 50-50! ☺

## The 2013 TBWC Tournament has been set

Hubbard Lake -- Side door Bait and Tackle	February 24, 2013	7AM - 3PM	TBWC		<b>NON POINT</b>
Hubbard Lake -- DNR East Bay	May 04, 2013	6PM - 2AM	TBWC		Night
Hubbard Lake -- Boat Launch North End	May 19, 2013	7AM - 3PM	TBWC		
Nites Eyes Thunder Bay -- Alpena Boat Harbor	May 31 June 01, 2013	6PM - 1AM	TBWC (Public)		Night
Mullet Lake -- DNR Launch North end	June 23, 2013	7AM - 3PM	TBWC		
Thunder Bay -- Alpena Boat Harbor	July 14, 2013	7AM - 3PM	TBWC		
Rockport - Rockport Launch	August 4, 2013	7AM - 3PM	TBWC Change	Date May	Grand Lake Alternate
Detour -- Detour DNR launch	August 18, 2013	7AM - 3PM	TBWC		
Hubbard Lake -- DNR East Bay	September 8, 2013	7AM - 3PM	TBWC		

**There may be some adjustments to the schedule.**

**We may have an issue with the MWT coming to Alpena again in August on Thursday the 1<sup>st</sup> thru Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> for their championship. We are scheduled to fish Rockport Sunday August 4<sup>th</sup>. We will discuss this at this meeting.**

**The Rockport alternate was omitted and will be Grand Lake in case we cannot fish Rockport due to weather conditions.**

**REEL FUN TBWC ICE FISHING RAFFLE TICKETS are available from Denny Burns**

**Ticket sales have been good for those of you who have been selling. We need more people to sell so pickup your tickets at this meeting or contact Denny Burns to mail to you.**

### Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tournament Information

**GET READY TO DRILL Friday February 15<sup>th</sup>  
Tournament is Saturday February 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**Need hole tickets, see Jim Leeseberg . or Dave Birmingham**

**Jim Leeseberg will have an update at this meeting.**

**NEW THIS YEAR...WARMING TENT ON THE ICE.**

## **Banquet INFO**

At the last meeting, we decided to try and reserve the Alpena Sportsman's Club for the 2012 season awards banquet for April 20<sup>th</sup> to try and avoid various opening days the on April 27<sup>th</sup>, in hopes that more people may be able to attend.

The Long Beards are having their event the same day so attendance may be affected.

## **Brown Trout News**

Due to some unfortunate issues with the Brown Trout Committee, we will not be receiving the full amount of money for working the festival. The TBWC will only receive around \$1000 instead of the usual \$2000 we receive for working the festival.

### **Please consider taking on a small task or part of a task.**

As I said in the previous newsletter Denny Burns will no longer be the club rep for the Brown Trout or do the TBWC fishing tournament tracking.

It's time for new blood to step into the TBWC functions. This will be effective starting February 2013. One or more members can team up. Denny will be available to help in the transition to keep these things moving as smooth as possible. Contact him at 989 354 2419.

Denny has a BT meeting the Monday before the TBWC meeting and will inform them that the TBWC may not be involved with BT any longer. It will certainly hamper BT as the TBWC is primary in weighing fish as well as a few other assignments.

The TBWC will be hampered financially by having income reduced by \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00 per year affecting club contributions to fishing related projects in our area.

Denny will continue to do the membership list, financials and be involved with the newsletter and other stuff for the TBWC.

### **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: [walleynyper@hotmail.com](mailto:walleynyper@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.

The following story is from Mike McCourt who got to share a special hunt with his son Patrick who took his first buck. Good Stuff!

I did make it back to the woods this year, and while seeing several does and six different small bucks which I passed on, I got Patrick out right after Thanksgiving for his first buck. He made a nice 80 yard shot with his .243 and dropped this 2.5 year old buck right in its tracks (thank God it didn't run far, cause I'm not sure I could have tracked it through the swamp this year). While this wasn't the biggest deer in our woods, it was a trophy to a 9 year old who's been going to the blind with me since he was 3.

Mike

Congratulations Patrick!



*This smile is what hunting and fishing are all about!*

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**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, or repairs? Call the Boatkeeper!**

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* 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 email me at [walleyesnyper@hotmail.com](mailto:walleyesnyper@hotmail.com)  
We'd like to promote our member's activities and accomplishments.

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 9th**

**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 unless otherwise noted in the newsletter.

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

**AGENDA:**

**Banquet  
Brown Trout report  
Club Tournaments, Rockport  
Ice Fishing Raffle  
Ice Fishing Winter Tournaments Jan 27<sup>th</sup> and Feb 26<sup>th</sup>.**

**CLUB MEMBERSHIPS CAN BE PAID NOW.**

**Single person membership is \$15.00 per year.**

**Family membership is \$25.00 includes all persons in your household.**

**If you don't know if your memberships are due contact Denny Burns**

**Make checks out to TBWC.**