

Thunder Bay Walleye Club Newsletter

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-----THIS MONTH ONLY-----
MEETING LOCATION IS IN ROOM 122
SAME BUILDING SAME DOOR
EXCEPT TURN TO YOUR LEFT

CLUB TOURNAMENTS

We planned to schedule our 2017 tournaments at our December meeting. If you have issues with the cost, number of tournaments, where and when plan to attend.

IT DID NOT HAPPEN.

There were only 6 people in attendance so we decided to postpone it to this month's meeting. Weather was cold and blowing snow. TBWC would like more fishing membership input.

Plan to attend so we can put together a good tourney schedule. If anyone thinks they can control the weather for our tourney days please be there.

WINTER TOURNAMENTS INFO

Romeo Writes the Hubbard Lake Thunder Bay Walleye Club and Side Door Bait Tackle tourney which is usually in done in February will be moved to January 28th pending weather. My plan is to have Len measure on the South End and will be moved to a Saturday to allow for dark to dark fishing tourney-- they will preregister and the measuring will begin at 7-8pm to allow for people to load and get to the south end. It would be best if everyone launched from the South end, but we know there are those that fish the north end as well and would sooner drive to the South end.

Bay View Resort on Hubbard Lake 727-2341 owner is Jeff Geppert
Cabins-- \$80 a night
3 Rooms available-- Upper are \$70 and the Lower \$60
Mention the Thunder Bay Walleye Club and get a discount.

WINTER TOURNAMENTS INFO continued

Romeo talked with Len and we will make the decision on the safety of the tourney on Wednesday, January 25th and announce via radio/paper/email/Facebook on that day. If it is postponed, the tourney will be moved to a following Saturday (February 4, 11, 18) and all money and registration will continue until a safe Saturday is achieved.

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Jeremy from Blue Water Bait will host a tourney on Hubbard Lake on January 14th with the same format as above.

Pending interest, Jeremy may do another tourney on February 11th if there is interest.



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

WALLEYE & PERCH FISHING TOURNAMENT
HUBBARD LAKE
JANUARY 28TH
DARK-TO-DARK

- Registration is at Side Door Bait & Tackle beginning @ 6am (bait will be available); registration will not be taken after 11am. **Pre-registration is available.**
- \$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 from 7-8pm; late arrivals will not be accepted
- Winner takes all tournament: Largest Walleye and Largest Perch - 100% payback

The tournament will be rescheduled if there is not safe ice on the entire lake on Wednesday, January 25th and announce via radio/paper/email/Facebook.

REEL FUN ICE FISHING TOURNAMENT SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25TH 2017

The club did receive the raffle license for the 2017 Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tournament.

Raffle tickets have been printed.

We need our membership to presell as many as we can prior to the tournament as tournament day could be a bust due to weather.

Denny Burns 989 354 2419 will have tickets at this January meeting. We will mail them to you but must be returned at our February meeting or on the ice tournament day to Denny Burns.

This year we are raffling 6 prizes.

2017 prizes are:

1 st Frabill AEGIS 2110 Ice Shanty	\$500.00
2 nd Vexilar FL-12 Ice Ducer	\$439.00
3 rd HT Polar Fire 8" Auger	\$320.00
4 th Vexilar Fish Scout Color Underwater Camera	\$309.00
5 th Vexilar Handheld Sonar	\$149.00
6 th Jet Sled XL with Hitch	\$130.00

Price is the same, \$2 ea. 3 for \$5.

ICE FISHING REPORTS

Thanks to who did send and call me for this info.

Grand & long Lake

Romeo writes I went out today and about three times before Christmas. I did well each time taking about 20+ perch-- no walleye. I had enough for a meal and freezer bag. We went today and between about 6 of us we got about 40ish in all different areas. My group had about 20+ and Erich Carlson had about 20 when I left at 3:30 because of the rain.

Eric Carlson called and said Grand and Long Lakes have been good with about 9" of ice on average with up to 12" perch. You have to find them.

Tony Gapczynski writes Got some perch off whiskey point 8-12' water mainly tip ups. Got 7 in a row jiggging with Rapala jiggging raps.



Chris Wade says I've been spending my free time bait hunting for coyote. I've been out 4 times now and saw 3 coyote and managed to get



this big female close enough for a shot.

SERVICES

Boat & RV Fiberglass repair-- Mid Michigan Fiberglass Inc. Owner Steve Schnettler, 1809 27th St. Bay City Michigan 989-895-7000
www.midmichiganfiberglass.com Factory Authorized. Highly recommended by Romeo 989-358-5310

Electric Motor, Canvas, and Downrigger Repair

If you are in need of work on your Minnkota, need canvas work, or your Cannon Downriggers Serviced get ahold of Brad Valley @ Valley's Canvas Services and Repairs all Minnkota products including Cannon Downriggers. 989-464-1191.

Looking for upgrades, repairs, and now fall layup WORK?

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 and expertise 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.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday January 11th 2017 at 7pm

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MEETING LOCATION IS IN ROOM 122

SAME BUILDING

ACC Besser Tech Center (Room -122) it's the large room to the *LEFT* 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 or cancelled)

Agenda: Club Tournaments for 2017, Reel Fun, Brown Trout, Fishing Review

Open discussion on any topic