

Thunder Bay Walleye Club Newsletter

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Some Cold, Some Wind and Some days not So Bad

The weather continues to be winter, with hints of warmer weather tossed into the mix only now and then. It's not that you can't get out on the ice and do some ice fishing this year with 18" on our inland lakes and not much snow this year as last. There have been some good catches on Hubbard, Grand and Long Lakes these last 3 weeks or so but you have to find them. Hubbard started out hot on the north end and now the south end seems to be producing as well. Long Lake silver weeds and the gravels were giving up fish. Grand Lake was kinda mediocre with Whiskey Point Area perch, Three Sisters showing some nice walleye 18" to 20" being hauled onto the ice, not many but enough to keep ya there. There are 2 upcoming events like the Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tournament February 14th (free fishing DNR weekend) on Grand Lake south end, and the TBWC & Side Door Bait and Tackle on Hubbard Lake tournament February 22nd south end launch should get you motivated to get out and get some fresh air. Hopefully the weather will be one of the nice days for both. Why not go try and win a John Deere Gator 550 at Reel Fun and some cash on Hubbard. The opportunities are there.

REEL FUN SATURDAY FEB 14TH

Return the Reel Fun TBWC raffle ticket stubs and money to our February meeting if you are not going to be on the ice at Grand Lake Saturday Feb 14th or contact Denny Burns (989 354-2419) to make arraignments.

Hole tickets are selling fast this year. More than 700 have been sold so far. Last year Michigan Out of Doors was there filming the event and put it on their TV show 2 times last year. More pre sales this year from new anglers to this event from out of our area, so if you planning to fish, get your hole tickets soon. The TBWC will be raffling off 2 hole tickets (\$25.00 VALUE EA) at our February meeting.

Important-Calling all Augers

Get your augers running! We will once again be the HOLEMASTERS of the 2015 Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tournament. The more volunteers we have the better. We will be drilling around 1000 holes on Friday, February 13th. **Start time is noon.** 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 or 3 of your time, it would be much appreciated.

This year we are going to **give a membership to all those who help with the drilling.** Nonmembers can also participate and receive a membership to the TBWC, so if you know any nonmember who would be willing to help with the task and become a member bring them along. If you don't have an auger come on out and help with the people that do. Help carrying the auger from hole to hole helps a lot and keeps things moving. Contact Jim Leeseberg at 989 657 1393, leave a message if needed, so we know who and how many we can expect.

Friday night February 13th 6P – 12P is the Reel Fun Festivus, a casual party of fun, dinner, drinks at the APLEX – Alpena. Present your hole ticket at the door and you will be receive five raffle tickets to the Chinese Raffles and be placed in a special raffle. A yummy Pasts Bar Dinner is at 7P. Cash bar – liquor, wine and beer will be available. Tickets are available at Neiman's, Alpena Chamber of Commerce and some at the door. Tickets for this event are also selling fast so if you want to attend get em now. Lotsa fun.

FISHING REPORTS

From Carl Kelly, Not Walleye but***** Fished Fletcher's for pan fish twice in the past 10 days. First time we took my 5 year old great grandson, his first time ice fishing, he caught 6-8 fish, had a real ball, the fished stopped for 15 minutes and he stopped, lost interest as a 5 year old will. Left early. Second time a friend and I went out and we brought home 40. Nothing real big, good eaters. Heavy snow the second time cut the visibility way down. I am a sight fisherman, love shallow water. I am planning to make a simple plow for my 4X4 to "open up" an area to let more light in. It has a winch to lift up and down. Anyone have any ideas? Carl Kelly 356-4694.

From Tony Gapczynski, Been getting a few on Grand Lake



Grand Lake does have large fish...where are they in the summer???

January meeting notes

Meeting called to order 7:15
Dave Birmingham presided.

Financials were read.

Reel Fun donated 2 dinner tickets and 2 hole tickets. Dinner tickets were raffled at this meeting and the hole tickets will be raffled at the February meeting. Dave and Jim have hole tickets.
Need an enclosed trailer for the Reel Fun Tourney, Dave Birmingham will take care of it.
Friday at the Festivus Dave will give a 1 hour ice fishing Seminar
Michigan Out of Doors will be here again this year
Drill holes Friday around noon.

Discussed the TBWC tourney changes
Reviewed the 350' no wake rule at the mouth of the Thunder Bay River.
Banquet March 21st at Alpena Sportsmen's Club.
Hubbard Lake tourney February 22nd. Tawas Bay perch tourney February 7th and 8th.

Carl Hatala gave an update on the club wounded Warrior Fishing Tournament scheduled for June 28th on the Bay with an alternate of Hubbard Lake if needed Alpena Alcona donated \$744.52 towards this event and more to come. Carl is working with the Chamber to build a letter to send out for the Brown Trout.
Some discussion on the 2015 BT Festival. Glen Klimczak gave us an update. Meeting adjourned 8:15

Brown Trout

What is the club position on the two day BT walleye tourney????

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 at 989 354 2419 or see me at a meeting.

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

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

Make checks out to TBWC.

OPPORTUNITY TO FISH THE NWT

Wayne Vandyke has found someone to fish the NWT as a co-angler.



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SIDE DOOR BAIT & TACKLE

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WALLEYE & PERCH FISHING TOURNAMENT

HUBBARD LAKE

FEBRUARY 22, 2015

7AM-3PM

- 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 @ 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.

BANQUET IS SATURDAY MARCH 21ST 2015 AT THE ALPENA SPORTSMENS CLUB

HELP US

TAKE A FEW MINUTES

We need info for the Newsletter!

Please consider contributing to the newsletter! Do you have a fishing or hunting story **OR ANY 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. 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. 595-3295 or 464-5623

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 Dockside Canvas

Services and repairs all Minnkota products including Cannon Downriggers. 989-464-1191

Looking for upgrades, repairs, and now fall winter 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 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.

NEW

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.

FOR SALE

Strikemaster Mag 2000 gas Ice Auger - like new, only used about 5 times - haven't used it in about 4 years due to health issues. Auger, blade cover and Cabela's travel bag - \$300. I did start this to make sure it still ran last year - fired up after about 5 pulls after sitting for 3 years.

Summit Titan treestand (climber) - brand new, still in the box. Ordered new in 2011, has never been opened. Bottom of box is a little rough from sitting for 3+ years - \$200

Call Mike Mc Court 358-1595

1996 Sea Nymph deep V with a 40 horse electric start and electric tilt trim tiller Johnson motor. It has fish on rod holders and a new Lowrance graph. Boat also has a new 45 pound 24 volt bow mount. Asking \$4750.

Also have a 2008 mercury four stroke 9.9 long shaft tiller motor. Less than 30 hours on it. Asking \$1700. Call Eric MacKenzie boomer2410@hotmail.com or 989 657 0079 *mobile*

NEXT MEETING
Wednesday February 11th, 7pm 2015
NEW MEETING ROOM 126

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 or cancelled)**

Agenda:

Club Tourneys

Reel Fun Tourney

Wounded Warrior Fishing Tourney Brown Trout

Club Banquet March 21st

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2015 TBWC Club Fishing Tournaments

<u>Location:</u>	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 Thunder Bay River/Lk Huron – Launch Alpena Boat Harbor	Sun April 26 th	7AM – 3PM
*2 Hubbard Lake – Launch DNR East Bay	Sat May 2 nd	6PM – 2AM
3 Saginaw Bay - Launch AuGres DNR	Sun May 17 th	7AM – 3PM
*4 Long Lake - Launch Long Lake Park	Sun May 31 st	7AM – 3PM
5 “Nite – Eyes” – Launch Alpena Boat Harbor (Public)	Fri & Sat June 12 th & 13 th	6PM – 1AM
6 Mullet Lake – Launch DNR North End	Sun June 21 st	7AM – 3PM
TBWC Veterans Tournament – Launch Alpena Boat Harbor	Sun June 28 th	7AM – 1PM
7 Thunder Bay – Launch Alpena Boat Harbor	Sun July 12 th	7AM – 3PM
MI. Brown Trout Walleye Tournament – Launch Alp. Boat Harbor	Sat & Sun July 18 th & 19 th	6AM – 3PM
8 Rockport –Launch Rockport, Alternate Grand Lake	Sun August 2 nd	7AM – 3PM
*9 Grand Lake - Launch South DNR	Sun August 16 th	7AM – 3PM
10 Mullet Lake – Launch ALOHA State Park	Sun September 13 th	7AM – 3PM

NON NUMBERED TOURNAMENTS ARE NO POINT TOURNEYS.

ENTRY

- Each boat must contain at least one TBWC member for club tournaments. A non-member may fish **only one club contest** before becoming a member.
- 16 and under may fish more than one time if they are the third person or more in the boat. Membership is not required.**
- You must sign up everyone in the boat **except those 16 and under who are the third person or more in the boat PRIOR** launching. There will be a sign-up sheet attached to a pickup with a bike flag at each event. Failure to sign up will result in forfeiture of any prize money and points toward Angler-of-the-Year for that event. If you have to leave early, please leave your money in the sign-up folder in the envelope provided.
- Entry fee is **\$25.00** for each participant **except those 16 and under who are the third person or more in the boat.** Payment for the tournament is made at weigh-in. In order to speed things along, please see that one person from the boat pays the entry fee for the entire boat as soon as possible when you come in from fishing.
- You must be at the weigh-in site **past** the check in boat at the finish time although you may launch anytime after the start time.

ROD LIMIT and OTHER CONDITIONS

- 6 Rod limit per boat, all other MDNR fishing rules apply.
- PUBLIC tournaments, club membership is not required to fish nor does a club member have to be on the boat. Public tournaments may have a different entry fee...see TBWC web site for all info.

PAYOUT

- 20% of the total **entry less the \$100.00 bonus** will be withheld from each event as follows:
 - One-half (10% of the entry) is held for the tournament fund to pay for trophy and plaque expenses.
 - One-half (10% of the entry) is held for banquet prizes to be awarded to all club tournament contestants.
 - A \$100.00 bonus will be paid for the largest walleye prior to the 20% withholding.**
 - * A \$500.00 bonus for 3 fish over 10# for tournaments 2 or 4 or 9, additional rules apply.**
- 80% of the **total entry less the \$100.00 bonus** will be paid to the first 3 places with heaviest weight of 5 fish according to the following: 60% to 1st place.....25% to 2nd place.....15% to 3rd place.
- Any remaining monies left from the tournament fund and any places not paid will go toward the Angler-of-the-Year.

POINTS

Point count toward Angler of the Year will be determined by the total weight of five (5) fish for each boat. Points will be normalized based on the heaviest weight caught equaling 100 points. Subsequent places receive points based on a percent of their weight compared to the winning weight (winning weight=100%=100pts...see examples). We will no longer have points for big fish, limits or show points. The boats will receive points as follows:

Example:

Tournament 1			Tournament 2		
	Raw Weight	Points		Raw Weight	Points
Boat 1	30.0 lbs (100%)	100.0	Boat 1	12.3 lbs	100.0
Boat 2	28.0 lbs (93.3%)	93.3	Boat 2	2.2 lbs	17.9
Boat 3	27.0 lbs (90%)	90.0	Boat 3	1.5 lbs	12.2
Boat 4	26.0 lbs (86.7%)	86.7	Boat 4	1.2 lbs	9.8
Boat 5	15.0 lbs (50%)	50.0	Boat 5	0	0
Boat 6	1.5 lbs (5%)	5.0	Boat 6	0	0

ACCUMULATION OF POINTS

Five (5) best contests will be counted for Angler-of-the-Year points. In the case of a tie within a team, the team will decide AOY. In the case of a tie not among a team, the tie will be broken by the number of 1st place finishes, followed by 2nd place finishes, followed by 3rd place finishes, etc.

AWARDS

The anglers on the winning team of each club tournament will receive a plaque. The Angler-of-the-Year will be awarded a TBWC membership, money not spent on trophies, current club jacket, a hat along with a traveling trophy that will pass on to the top angler each subsequent year. All awards will be presented at the annual banquet.

THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE WILL MAKE THE FINAL DETERMINATION IN ANY CONDITION NOT COVERED ABOVE.