

THUNDER BAY WALLEYE CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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Club Activities/News

James Farm Pond

As was discussed at the January meeting, Tim Cwalinski, DNR Gaylord, will be at the February meeting to update us on the James Pond Farm operation. It will be rather informal with ample time for questions and answers. Questions are not limited to just the farm. Any Walleye stuff should be OK.

Volunteers Wanted for:

A Michigan Agricultural Science Teachers Fishing Outing is being planned for Tuesday, June 21st. Brian Matchett is hosting an Ag. Science conference during that week, and weather permitting, would like to get enough volunteers together to take a group of these guys and girls Walleye fishing on Thunder Bay. It would be an evening outing from around 6:00 p.m. or so till? Perhaps there may be a friendly tournament for those interested. This is a cool chance to meet some new people. They will be glad to help out with gas as well. ☺ There's 26 folks signed up as of now and I believe we have 6 or 7 boats so far. If there are too many people and not enough boats, we'll go to a draw system to see who gets to fish. If you are available, and would like to help out the cause please contact Brian @ 989-335-0345.

TBWC RAFFLE (Tickets are Due)

5,000 TBWC Raffle tickets were printed and have been available. This was a great fundraiser for the club last year, and with more and better prizes it could be even better this year. If you have taken tickets to sell please return your stubs, unsold tickets, and money to Denny Burns. Tickets will be sold at the Reel Fun Ice Fishing event on February 19th prior to 3:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker for March

AIM Pro Dennis Gulau will be back talking about Walleye and discussing many of the things he's learned fishing as a pro. More details to come in the next newsletter

Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tournament

The Date Has Been Set! The Third Annual Tournament will be held Saturday February 19th, 2011

Only 1000 tickets will be sold!

New! 50/50 Raffle during Tournament!

First Fish Weighed in Wins Prize!

This unique tournament is detailed in the rules section but here's a quick introduction.

- Only 1000 tickets sold
- Over 1250 predrilled holes in the tournament area- first come first serve.
- No shelters allowed
- Prizes determined by fish weight and then by time registered in the event of a tie. ***Prizes are non-species specific, any open species of fish may be registered.***

Help Needed

As in the past couple of years, the club has done our part in this event by drilling the holes the day before, which this year will be Friday, February 18th. All able bodies and working power augers are welcomed. With enough of us participating, "The Drilling Event" is usually completed in short order once the holes are laid out. Holes will be laid out prior to the 2pm drilling start time. Don't miss out on the fun!

Search for "The Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tournament" on the web for info on prizes etc.

Notice: Tournament Scheduling Meeting

We will be holding the TBWC summer fishing tournament scheduling meeting after the February 9th meeting. If you wish to have any input or suggestions, please try to attend or if you can't make it email Denny Burns at jackieodennyb@frontier.com

There seems to be a huge difference in the participation rate between some of the tournaments. Do we want to continue to have some of tournaments that only draw four or five boats? What influences the decisions to fish or not fish particular tournaments? Is it the locations, quality of the fishery, other obligations, \$\$\$\$, start / end times etc.... What, if anything can we do to improve the schedule.

While we are talking fishing again let me remind you about the wealth of info on walleye fishing at the Alpena County Library. There are mega Infishermen tapes, DVD's and magazines the club purchased and donated to the library on how, when and where to catch these elusive critters. Check it out, it may give you new light on different tactics to improve your catch. Time on the water, using different methods, making notes on time of the year, locations, weather conditions a few days prior to your fishing day etc. are important.

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

**WALLEYE & PERCH FISHING TOURNAMENT
HUBBARD LAKE
FEBRUARY 27, 2011
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
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The tournament will be cancelled if there is not safe ice on the entire lake up until the start of the tournament at 7am.

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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ed Clements

Bay City

Alan Seiferlein

East Tawas

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 9th, 2010 at 7:00 pm

- **ACC Besser Tech Room** - Room 112 in the BTC

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

- Banquet Plans
- Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tournament
- TBWC Ice fishing Raffle
- 2011 TBWC Tournament Schedule
- Hubbard Lake Ice Fishing Tournament February 27th?

- **ADDRESS, EMAIL**

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MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE

Memberships can be mailed to PO Box 812 or paid at the monthly meeting for the 2011 year.

Those who get the newsletter by mail have their membership year on the front of the envelope and those who receive the newsletter by email can note their membership year by the date after their name in the to section of the email. Membership dues are \$15.00 for a single membership (you alone) and \$25.00 for a family membership (all those living in the same house).