

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.

Thanks Wayne!

A special thank you goes out to Wayne VanDyke for taking the time to put together a great presentation for the January meeting. For those of you that missed the meeting, Wayne had a great Powerpoint that highlighted his experience at the 2011 Cabela's NTC and MWC in Bay's DeNoc where he and Bruce Mueller had a 3rd and 4th place finish against a field of over 260 of the best tournament Walleye fishermen in the United States. Nice job! Awesome experience!

Fishing Report

Hubbard has been producing good numbers of fish when you can find them, and has been best on the south end of the lake. Make sure you watch the ice with the yo-yo temps. There is some inconsistency as you go north. There have been a few 15 ½ to 16 inch perch taken along with the Eyes!

Long Lake is reportedly much better than last year, with some excellent Perch and Walleye catches coming from the Round Top area and north around Cook Stove and Silver Weeds.

Grand Lake has been very consistent this year as well. I've been taking around 25-50 Perch per outing fishing various locations on the far north and south ends of the

lake. If you don't get fish move! We've usually been getting a few Walleye and the occasional Northern in the mix as well.

2012 Tournament Scheduling Meeting

It's that time! We'd like to get this done so we can all get it on our calendars. After the regular February membership meeting we will be setting dates for the 2012 tournament season. There will likely be some discussion as to whether we should decrease the number of events and perhaps the entry fees to entice more participation. If you are planning on fishing some of the tournaments, and would like a say in what happens with the schedule, please stay for this part of the meeting. We are looking for your valuable, constructive input. If you are unable to attend, please give your thoughts or suggestions to someone who will be in attendance.

Reel Fun

The Reel Fun Ice Tournament benefiting the River Center will take place Saturday, February 18th 2012. Once again, we will be asking any willing and able bodied members to hit the ice the afternoon on Friday the 17th 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. Please let Jim Leeseberg (989 727 3563) know if you can make it to help auger the holes.

Hubbard Lake Ice Fishing Tournament

THUNDER BAY WALLEYE CLUB
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WALLEYE & PERCH FISHING TOURNAMENT HUBBARD LAKE FEBRUARY 26, 2012 7AM-3PM
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- 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.

Ice Fishing Raffle

Denny will have updates on the TBWC Ice Fishing Raffle.

TBWC Banquet

The Club Banquet is set for April 28th at the Sportsman Club. Mark your calendar. Menu and the price has not been set yet.

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 at walleynesnyper@hotmail.com We'd like to promote our member's activities and accomplishments
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jerry Nowicki Alpena

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 8th, 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 unless otherwise noted in the newsletter.

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

AGENDA:

- New Business
 - Tournament Schedule Meeting
 - Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tourney Raffle Prizes
 - Rotary Auction Donation

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).

If you have questions, email Denny Burns at jackieodennyb@frontier.com