

THUNDER BAY WALLEYE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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The fish are biting!

Fishing reports from area lakes have varied greatly, but overall people seem to be doing pretty well. Grand Lake has had pretty consistent perch fishing all over the lake, and the Walleye fishing has been very good as well. I have found the key to getting a good mess of fish on Grand is mobility. It's hard to convince yourself to get out of a nice warm shanty and relocate perhaps three or four times, but sometimes that's what it takes. If you are marking some fish or seeing a few on the camera, I suggest giving it an hour or even two, as they often will turn on, or perhaps you can figure out what it is that trips their trigger. If I don't mark them or see them, I move. Sometimes it may only be a fifty or a hundred yards other times it's a completely different area on the lake. Finding the magic balance of persistence and patience usually pays off in perch fillets. Of course a hot tip makes it a lot easier!



A decent afternoon on Grand Lake

Get'em while the getting is good!!

We all know a hot bite doesn't last forever!

It's most likely not news to anyone who does much ice fishing, but Hubbard Lake has had unbelievable Walleye fishing for the last several weeks. LIMIT CATCHES have been the norm. It seems as though the fish have been on the feed around the entire lake and just about anyone who knows how to put a minnow on a hook is catching fish! One thing is for sure, it won't last forever!



A bunch of "Tasty Deliciousness" from Hubbard Lake

Reminder

It should go without saying that you need to you the utmost caution on Hubbard Lake for a number of reasons; it's usually the last of our local lakes to freeze, it freezes inconsistently, always produces dangerous and sometimes deadly pressure cracks, and lastly produces gas pockets. Unfortunately we were given a reminder of how dangerous ice really can be, when a gentleman lost his life last month while attempting to cross the pressure crack at the south end of the lake during one the recent warm spells. Please be smart, be safe!

Fishing Magazine Swap

A few of us have a bunch of old fishing magazines lying around, and think it would be cool to bring them to the meeting to share, swap, or recycle them. There are a lot of great articles in them, and its fun to revisit old ones and find ones you haven't seen. So, if you have some old In-Fisherman, Walleye Insider, North American Fisherman, etc... Bring them to the meeting to share or swap.

ICE FISHING CONTESTS



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

<p>WALLEYE & PERCH FISHING TOURNAMENT HUBBARD LAKE FEBRUARY 26, 2012 7AM-3PM</p>
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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.

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

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. Besides, it would make for a better 50-50! Come on out and talk some fishing!

Dave Fielder DNR walleye person for Lake Huron will have a presentation on what is going on out there as well as results of surveys this past summer at this months meeting following our club business.

RF Raffle Tickets Are Due!

TBWC ICE FISHING RAFFLE TICKET stubs and money must be turned in at the February meeting, Friday February 15th at the drill baby drill event or at the very latest on the ice Saturday

February 16th at the Reel Fun Tournament to Denny Burns. Contact Denny to make other arrangements. Winning tickets will be drawn Saturday February 16th at the conclusion of the Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tournament.

DRILL BABY DRILL!

When? Friday February 15th @ 2:00 pm
Where? The South End of Grand Lake

We need all willing and able bodies accompanied by their augers to come on out to Grand Lake to help the club drill the 1200 fishing holes for the Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tournament. We've been doing this for the last several years, and have the process figured out pretty well. Jim Leeseberg will have the grid laid out and locations for the holes marked by the time the drillers show up at 2p.m. It's even more important to have people show up if the weather is inclement so that the entire task doesn't fall on a few guys, so if you have a few hours, please come on out and give us a hand. We truly can use and will appreciate all the help we can get. It's actually a lot of fun! If you don't have an auger you can buddy up with someone who does. It makes it much easier if two people are on an auger.

The Reel Fun Ice fishing tournament is going to be held Saturday, February 16th

Do you need tickets?

See Jim Leeseberg or Dave Birmingham.

Jim Leeseberg will have more updates at this meeting.
NEW THIS YEAR...WARMING TENT ON THE ICE

Banquet INFO

The TBWC 2012 tournament season awards banquet is set for April 20th @ the Alpena Sportsman's Club There will be further updates at the meeting.

Brown Trout News

A big thank you goes out to Glen Klimczak for taking over for Denny Burns as the TBWC representative for the Brown Trout. Big thanks also goes out to Denny for all of his past time and effort in this position.

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:

walleesnyper@hotmail.com. I'll be sure it gets in! The author can remain animus if you so desire, just indicate your preference when submitting something to Erich Carlson.

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 calling 595-3295 or 464-5623 or email me at walleesnyper@hotmail.com we'd like to promote our member's activities and accomplishments.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 13th 2013

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

Reel Fun Drilling

Ice Fishing Raffle

Ice Fishing Winter Tournaments Jan 27th and Feb 26th.

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.