

Thunder Bay Walleye Club Newsletter

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-----MEETING ROOM CHANGE-----
MEETING LOCATION IS BACK TO ROOM 126
SAME BUILDING SAME DOOR

REEL FUN ICE FISHING TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25TH 2017

SPECIAL NOTE FOR FRIDAY February 24th DRILLING REEL FUN HOLES.
Start time is 11:30am

The first 10 people showing up with an ice auger for Friday drilling will receive 1 hole ticket for Saturday February 27th and a TBWC membership.

The first 10 hole driller helpers will receive a TBWC membership.
CONTACT JIM LEESEBERG 989 657 1393 if you will help with this project.

SIGN IN WITH JIM LEESEBERG ON SIGHT TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE YOUR NAMES.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A CLUB MEMBER TO PARTICIPATE.

Residents and visitors of Alpena, Michigan will soon have a state-of-the-art interpretive center to complement Alpena's 500 acre Wildlife Sanctuary which includes both the Duck Park and Island Park.

The River Center will be a 20,000 sq. foot interpretive center. Located within the unique 444 acre Alpena Wildlife Sanctuary, Thunder Bay River Center will serve as the thermometer of the watershed's health. It will operate year-round as a resource for students, teachers, fishermen, hunters, local and agribusiness owners, industries, and for all of us who live in and accept our responsibility to conserve the Thunder Bay Watershed.

Reel Fun continued

This will be the 9th year the TBWC has helped by drilling holes, checking fishermen at the entrance of the fishing area, weighing fish along with setup and tear down.

As in the past all money raised for the River Center well be put into the River Center account with the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan.

Hole tickets are available at:

Top O' Michigan Insurance	989 356 6133
Alpena Chamber of Commerce	989 654 4141
Clem's Bait and Tackle Alpena	989 354 2070
Buck's Bait and Tackle Alpena	989 595 2121
Adrian's Sport Shop Rogers City	989 734 2303

ON THE ICE:

Food vendor Cookin for a Cause will be selling food and, cold and hot soft drinks.

Frank's Great Outdoors will be there selling gear.

Thunder Bay Walleye Club selling raffle tickets for ice fishing gear.

Top O' Michigan Insurance

If there are hole tickets left, they will be sold at the gate for \$25.00 ea.

This year the TBWC is 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 as before, \$2 ea. 3 for \$5.

CLUB TOURNAMENTS

We did get a TBWC fishing schedule together at our January meeting. There is one less tourney this year. Houghton Lake has been added for a June fish along with some different times of the year to fish on some.

The TBWC point schedule is included in this newsletter.



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

WALLEYE & PERCH FISHING TOURNAMENT

HUBBARD LAKE
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4TH 2017
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

ICE FISHING REPORTS

Grand & long Lake, Hubbard Lake

Not much to report with the weather change we had for a couple of weeks. Grand Lake was still producing some nice perch around the Three Sisters Islands with an occasional walleye and other locations on the lake. Catch rates are slowing.

No report on Long Lake.

Hubbard did give up some nice walleye last weekend fishing in shallow water 8 to 12 feet on the north end. Ice conditions iffy in some spots.

2017 TBWC Club Fishing Tournaments

<u>Location:</u>	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 Hubbard Lake – Launch DNR East Bay	Sat May 6 th	6PM – 2AM
2 Houghton Lake - Launch South End DNR Launch	Sun May 21 st	7AM – 3PM
3 Long Lake- Launch Long Lake Park	Sun June 11 th	7AM – 3PM
*4 “Nite – Eyes” – Launch Alpena Boat Harbor (Public)	Fri & Sat June 23 th & 24 th	6PM – 1AM
5 Thunder Bay - Launch Alpena Boat Harbor	Sun July 9 th	7AM – 3PM
MI. Brown Trout/MWT Walleye Tourney – Launch Alp. Boat Harbor	Sat & Sun July 22 nd & 23 rd	7AM – 3PM
6 Rockport - Launch Rockport, Alternate Grand Lake	Sun Aug 6 th	7AM – 3PM
7 Tawas City – Launch DNR Boat Launch	Sun Aug 20 th	7AM – 3PM
8 Hubbard Lake – Launch DNR East Bay	Sun Sept 10 th	7AM – 3PM
9 Thunder Bay - Launch Alpena Boat Harbor	Sun Sept 24 th	7AM – 3PM
10 NONE		

NON NUMBERED TOURNAMENTS ARE NO POINT TOURNEYS.

*** NITE EYES ENTRY IS \$100.00 PER BOAT for both nights, 6 ROD LIMIT, NO LIMIT ON # OF CONTESTANTS THE BOAT**

TBWC POINT TOURNAMENTS

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. Membership is not required.
- If the 16 and under is 1 of only 2 in the boat entry fee must be paid for all.**
- You must sign up everyone in the boat **including those 16 and under PRIOR** to 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. Payment for the tournament is made at sign-in.**
- 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.

PAYOUT

- 20% of the total **entry less the \$100.00 bonus** paid 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.**
- 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

TBWC TOURNAMENTS continued

ACCUMULATION OF POINTS

Five (5) best contests will be counted for Angler-of-the-Year points. 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.

A \$50.00 PROTEST FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR ALL PROTESTS. THE FEE WILL BE REFUNDED IF YOU PREVAIL.

A 3 PERSON TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE WILL BE SELECTED FROM 3 DIFFERENT BOATS TO RESOLVE ANY PROTEST.

IF ONE OR MORE OF THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE PERSONS ARE PART OF A BOAT(S) PROTESTING AN ALTERNATE(S) WILL BE SELECTED AT THE TIME OF THE PROTEST.

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 spring?? 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 February 8th 2017 at 7pm

MEETING LOCATION IS IN ROOM 126

Besser Tech Center

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 Tournaments for 2017, Reel Fun, Brown Trout, Fishing Review

Open discussion on any topic

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, email me or see me at a meeting.

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

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

Make checks out to Thunder Bay Walleye Club or (TBWC).

I stopped in Clem's Bait and Tackle a week or so ago and was amazed at the changes made.

Entrance was updated with a sliding door installed on the live bait area. No smell as you walk in.

The entire store was cleaned, painted, rearranged with new items and much of the old stuff gone. They will have more tackle items than before.

They now have a Michigan Lottery machine for your convenience.

Winter hours 6am - 6pm. Monday thru Saturday and 6am - 3pm Sundays.

Summer hours are not set yet.

Check it out.