

Thunder Bay Walleye Club Newsletter

February 2019

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REEL FUN ICE FISHING TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 23rd 2019

**SPECIAL NOTE FOR FRIDAY February 22nd
DRILLING REEL FUN HOLES.**

Start time is 10:30am

*The first 10 people to **call** Jim Leeseberg 989 657 1393 for Friday drilling with an auger will receive a hole ticket for Saturday February 23rd and a TBWC membership.*

*The first 10 hole driller helpers to **call** Jim Leeseberg 989 657 1393 will receive a TBWC membership.*

2 people per auger makes this task much easier.

People for Saturday club tasks will also receive a club membership. If you are already have a 2019 membership or greater you will be updated to the following year of your current membership date.

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.
NON MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE A 2019 MEMBERSHIP.**

**WE WILL NEED HELP FOR THE WEIGH-IN AS WELL AS RAFFLE TICKET AND 50/50 SALES
SATURDAY**

TBWC raffle prizes this year are:

1 st	Jiffy Lightning 8" Auger	\$570.00
2 nd	Vexilar Fl18 Pro Pack 2	\$499.00
3 rd	Vexilar Fish Scout Color Underwater Camera	\$309.00
4 th	Frabill Aegis 2300 Flip Shanty	\$300.00
5 th	Vexilar handheld Digital Sonar	\$149.00
6 th	Jet Sled XL with Hitch	\$110.00

Raffle license for this raffle and the 50/50 has been received from the State of Michigan Gaming Division.

Raffle tickets **are** printed and available for this meeting. We need your help in selling these to make this as much of a success for the club as possible.

It is short notice again this year but if you plan to fish or attend you can

Reel Fun Cont.

give your ticket sales to Denny Burns Saturday at the tent.

If not planning to fish or attend you can make arrangements with Denny 989 354 2419 prior to Saturday.

The club has 2 hole tickets \$25 each and 2 Festivus tickets \$20 each for Reel Fun and will be raffled off at the February TBWC meeting.

Elections were tabled until our February meeting.

Not all nominations were reported in our January meeting newsletter.

SECRETARY/TREASURER

Currently held by Dennis Burns will continue

NO nominations received

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2 of 4

Currently held by Kevin Cosbitt & Eric MacKenzie

Nominations are:

Eric MacKenzie

Jeremy Phillips

Dan VanMassenhove

Spencer Weidbrauk

VICE PRESIDENT

Currently held by Dave Birmingham

Nominations are:

Jon Kruttlin

Voting will take place at this meeting for 2 of 4 Board nominations and 1 of 2 for vice president.

THE TBWC 2019 BANQUET IS SET FOR SATURDAY MARCH 30th

CLUB TOURNAMENTS FOR 2019

We did set our tournament schedule for 2019 at the December meeting. Consideration was given to the MWT and local events that would conflict with our schedule.

However the April Au Gres tourney for Saturday April 27th was scheduled at the same time as another large tournament out of Au Gres.

It was decided to reschedule our tournament to SUNDAY MAY 19TH.

2019 TBWC Club Fishing Tournaments

	<u>Location:</u>	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1	Hubbard Lake - Launch DNR East Bay	Sat May 11 th	5PM - 1AM
2	Saginaw Bay AuGres - Launch Augres	Sun May 19 th	7AM - 3PM
3	Long Lake- Launch - Long Lake Park	Sun June 9 th	7AM - 3PM
*4	"Nite-Eyes"Launch Alpena Boat Harbor (Public)	Fri&Sat June 14 th &15 th	6PM - 1AM
5	Thunder Bay-Launch Alpena Boat Harbor	Sun July 14 th	7AM - 3PM
MI.	Brown Trout/MWT Walleye Tourney-Launch Boat Harbor	Sat&Sun July 27 th &28 th	7AM - 3PM
6	Rockport - Launch Rockport, Alt. Grand Lake	Sat Aug 10 th	6PM - 1AM
7	Presque Isle Launch Presque Isle Harbor Alt. Grand Lake	Sun Aug 25 th	7AM - 3PM
8	Hubbard Lake - Launch DNR East Bay	Sun Sept 15 th	7AM - 3PM
9	NONE		
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 ON THE BOAT

We are looking for one or two people interested in **running** the fishing tournaments for 2019 which would include but not limited to collecting entry fee money, possible membership fees, writing pay out checks, weigh-in etc. After each tournament information and money well be given to Denny Burns for tournament reconciliation and results for posting on the web site.

We have asked in previous newsletters on how to make our meetings better. In the past the members fishing tournaments attended our meetings and reviewed successes and failures catching walleye as well as future tournaments. This is not the case any longer.

The following is a comment from one of our fishing members which says this very well.

Club Tournaments Cont.

The club hopes this will revive this activity as our membership application says we are a teaching club on what, where, when, how why etc. We do not expect you to tell your super secrets but a general idea on what worked or did not for all fishing would be expected.

This is a comment form one of you fishing members that says it all.

Good morning Denny. Thanks for the welcome back!

I would like to see the club somehow do more in regards to the sharing of information and techniques.

I know people are very secretive about things and the club is somewhat segregated into "little groups" who share amongst themselves but in the end we are all walleye fishermen and share the same water. Why not share a technique or bit of information to make us all better at something we are all passionate about.

It's just a thought and maybe each month we pick a topic/technique and ask for members to discuss it at meeting or in a different format.

As a member of the community and someone who associates with many fishermen I have heard repeatedly that the couple negatives of the club is the secrecy and lack of "how to" type discussion for those who are not "Romeos".....lol.

He's a great guy.....just used him as an example.

Thanks.

WINTER TOURNAMENTS

South Shore Party Store annual Hubbard Lake Ice Fishing Tournament

RESULTS

SATURDAY JANUARY 26th

DARK-TO-DARK

Romeo Bourdage writes,

The Hubbard Lake Ice Fishing Tournament went as planned with the cold weather the two weeks before locking up the lake making it safe for everyone. With the weather staying cold, it was brutal conditions but some beautiful fish were brought in at the end of the night. We had 88 participants paying out \$880 for biggest perch (Kris Eades 15 1/4") and biggest Walleye (split-- Ken Compeau/Kevin Dorie 22 3/4").

The weather Saturday was a real downer with wind chills in the morning below -20 made fishing tough. We measured in some great fish and saw some of the biggest perch to date.

Ritch from South Side Party Store did an outstanding job organizing and adding to the event. He partnered with Ed Bolanowski, from Speedy Blaze, who donated 25 blocks to raffle off, and set up a tent with bonfires and the store provided drinks for those attending the measure in.

Ritch also secured a fishing shelter to raffle off for participants from his Soros Products representative. Don Urban was the winner of the shelter. The store also secured lottery tickets to raffle off to participants. It was a real class act and put a nice touch to a long cold day. We can look forward a continuing partnership with not only ice fishing tournaments but also our local club tournaments. Ritch and Dawn are a great addition to the business community in Northern Michigan.

There was also a donation of a Sled, shelter, and whatever beer was left donated by a sponsor. The winner was Don Urban. I will text you a photo of it. It was pretty cool. Additionally, Speedy Blaze donated 25 blocks to be awarded. The stores lottery person donated packets of scratch off lottery tickets as well. Great prizes and the measure in was the best ever.

SOME REPORTS OF ATLANTIC SALMON INTO THE THUNDER BAY RIVER. PERCH ARE IN THE BOAT HARBOR.

REPORTS LAST YEAR THE ATLANTICS AND BROWN TROUT WERE IN ALL WINTER AS WELL AS IN THE BOAT HARBOR.

I SEE SOME PEOPLE STARTING TO FISH THE FIVER ON THE WEST SIDE SOUTH OF THE ISLAND.

You can drop off the fish heads from Atlantics only with its adipose fin clipped at the Fisheries Station at the end of Fletcher St.

DNR

A New Statewide Possession Limit of 25

Yellow perch are among the most sought-after game species in Michigan. However, yellow perch abundance in most of the Great Lakes and many inland waters has been below long-term averages and managers have had numerous comments from anglers for the return of quality perch fishing opportunities in Michigan. Yellow perch are often considered an entry species whose availability is critical to the recruitment of youth in fishing.

The statewide daily possession limit in 2018 was 50 fish per person per day, but the regulation was receiving increasing attention in recent years - often due to law enforcement concerns or interjurisdictional management issues. So, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Fisheries Division recently completed an evaluation of the potential effects, both social as well as biological, of a proposed new statewide Yellow Perch limit of 25 fish per day. The proposed new regulation was adopted by the Natural Resource Commission and will go into effect starting April 1, 2019. The new regulation (25 fish per day) is intended to better achieve an optimal balance between conservation and opportunity, reflecting the importance and popularity of Yellow Perch fisheries in Michigan.

The Fletcher Library has magazines and DVD's on how when and where walleye fishing tactics. Take advantage of these, they may give you some ideas on how to improve your fishing attack instead of doing the same thing day after day. These were purchased by the club for all to use. On line you can find a number of articles and demonstrations for success used by pros using various methods for different times of the year.

BROWN TROUT

Glen Klimczak will have an update at this meeting.

Romeo Bourdage writes,
Michigan Brown Trout-- Welcomes the return of the Michigan Walleye Tour for 2019
It is official, MWT will help to anchor the Michigan Brown Trout Festival for the 2019 fishing tournament. The club has worked to secure the MWT since this summer seeing that the two day tourney adds a great deal of fisherman to the actual Brown Trout Tournament, additionally anchors the last weekend of the tournament with the showcase of the MWT tournament season with Alpena being the last stop in the four series event.

DNR

The DNR contacted Richard Hubert about James Farm Pond saying they do NOT plan to utilize it this year. Apparently the required of fingerlings need does not warrant it.
Richard is the keeper of the pond fertilizing, filling and making sure all the electrical is in order.
Last fall they did extensive work in the pond basin and plan to do more in the area surround the pond.

FOR SALE ITEMS

WavePro Air Suspension Pedestals

I have recently installed the WavePro Air Suspension Pedestals to my boat. I gave them a real test on my NWT trip to Lake Erie. I have to say they were GREAT! Nicest ride I have ever had on big, bad water. No launching or bouncing. No "bottoming-out" or back jarring. I highly recommend the WavePro Air Pedestals for anyone looking for an easier ride on rough water. The air spring chamber allows for 0-200 psi of air spring preload to accommodate a wide range of weights. The WavePro Pedestals can be purchased through John Unkovich (989-727-2797) at Viking Marine on Hubbard Lake. If you have any questions about the WavePro Air Suspension Pedestals, give me a call. (989-255-8442).
Wayne VanDyke

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 winter repair?

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 January 9th 2019 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.

Agenda:

Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tournament

Elections for Officers and Board of Directors

Club Tournaments

Brown Trout updates

Open discussion on any topic.