

## Thunder Bay Walleye Club Newsletter

# March 2013

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## The fish are still biting!

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While many of us are getting a bit tired of the winter weather and are dreaming of open water and sunshine, there is still some great fishing to be had. Last ice can provide some fantastic action! Hubbard is still producing good catches of Walleyes, but it has been getting a "little tougher". Some guys are still doing well on Long and Grand Lakes if they can find them, and Saginaw Bay is on fire. This is an awesome time of year to take kids out to the Floodwaters and get them into some easy action on the pan fish. That should really start kicking into gear soon. Why not get out a few more times before you put the ice gear away! Personally, I'm kind of in between wanting to clean up on some of those last ice fillets, and getting ready for the open water. Thankfully, my boat is ready to go, but reels need spooling, harness blanks need to be tied, jig stingers need to be made up, but the fish are biting. What to do? What to do?

### Thunder Bay Walleye Club and Side Door Bait and Tackle Ice Fishing Tournament Results from Sunday, February 24

**We picked a good day for this event as the weather was quite pleasant and the fish were biting! Most fishermen were quite successful, especially early in the morning. While the fishing was quite good, it only took a 19 ½ inch Walleye to take the Walleye division, and a couple of fat 14 ½ inch Jumbos to split the Perch Division.**



**Winners Pictured Above:  
19 ½ inch Walleye caught by Kosmo  
14 ½ inch Perch caught by Eric Skaluba  
14 ½ inch Perch caught by Steve Swartzinski**



**Nothing big enough to win, but a nice mess of fish!**

**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!

*Didn't make the last club meeting? Too bad, you missed out on an awesome presentation from Dave Fielder from the DNR. Dave spent a good part of the evening discussing various topics about Walleye, but most interestingly the ongoing telemetry study taking place on Lake Huron. He is an expert in the field, and presented those in attendance with some fantastic real data on recent discoveries about walleye migration habits in their sample of transmitter implanted fish. He even had a short presentation on how they perform the surgeries on the fish to implant the transmitters, stitches and all! Very cool! Thanks Dave!*

## TBWC Ice Fishing Raffle Winners at the Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tourney on Grand Lake ARE:

1 <sup>st</sup> place is Wayne Kubiel JR of Tawas Ticket 1137 sold on sight	Vexilar FL-18 Fish Finder
2 <sup>nd</sup> place is Pat Pilarski of Alpena Ticket 0859 sold on sight	Fish Trap Pro Shanty
3 <sup>rd</sup> place is Matt Kindt Alpena Ticket 1253 sold on sight	9" Power Auger
4 <sup>th</sup> place is Marshal Suszek Alpena Ticket 0393 sold by Jim LeFluer	Otter Ice Shed with hitch
5 <sup>th</sup> place is Dan Misel Lachine Ticket 0217 sold by Jim Leeseberg	Vexilar Digital Hand Held Sonar

Thanks to all who sold tickets this year. Not as many TBWC members participated this year however ticket sales were about average due to the good weather on the ice.

### Thanks!

A big thank you goes out to Jim Leeseberg and those who once again came out and helped to make the Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tournament a success. It sure makes it a lot easier when we have several people working together! It helps the club, and it helps the community!  
This year there was fewer people helping with the hole punching this year. Again, thank you to those who showed up.  
Jim Leeseberg will have a wrap up of the success this year for Reel Fun.

## Walleye Fishing Presenter

### Anyone interested? Volunteers? This could be good PR

The Alpena Public Library is interested in having someone from the TBWC come do a presentation about Walleye and Walleye fishing for anyone interested in attending. It could be about any of your favorite techniques, or anything Walleye. Maybe one or two guys might be willing to do this together? Ideas?  
Interested?

Contact Darwin Grabow 354-4788 for more information

### Banquet INFO

The TBWC 2012 tournament season awards banquet is set for April 20<sup>th</sup> @ the Alpena Sportsman's Club There will be further updates at the meeting. Enclosed is the 2013 Flier. Mark the date on your appointment calendar. Meal is by Sherrie O'Brien, all food is homemade. She is Country Apple Catering certified by the State of Michigan. Price is the same as last year, \$15.00 per person with kids 12 and under free.

\*\*\*Please RSVP by Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, your name and how many adults, **12 and under** will attend to Dennis Burns email to [jackieodennyb@frontier.com](mailto:jackieodennyb@frontier.com). You do not have to be a member to participate. Please note that we will have to have an accurate # when you RSVP. We will not be able to accept ANY last minute attendees at the door for dinner.

## Brown Trout News

**Brown trout continues to get organized for this years tournament with some money committed for the Walleye Tourney portion the first weekend of BT. With the 700 to 1,000 Hogs coming to town the last 3 days of BT the beer sales should increase for the festival. Activities are being planned at the BT area which includes the bikers.**

### **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: [walleyesnyper@hotmail.com](mailto:walleyesnyper@hotmail.com). I'll be sure it gets in! The author can remain anonymous 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.

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### **Welcome New Members**

**Loren & Jodi Curtis Bay City, MI**

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 [walleyesnyper@hotmail.com](mailto:walleyesnyper@hotmail.com) we'd like to promote our member's activities and accomplishments.

NEXT MEETING: **Wednesday, March 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 Tourney Update**  
**Detour Tourney boundary?**

**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 at 989 354 2419.**

**Make checks out to TBWC.**

# Annual Thunder Bay Walleye Club Awards Banquet

Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Alpena Sportsman's Club

## Agenda

Doors open at 4:30

Setups will be provided

BYOB

Games/Appetizers 5:00 - 7:00

Dinner at 7:00

Awards to follow dinner

Door Prizes!

Games! (for kids too)

Raffles!

Women's Baskets!

Dinner

By

Sherrie O'Brien

Country Apple Catering is certified by the State of Michigan

Hors D'oeuvres, Dinner, Baked Chicken, Homemade Swedish Meatballs, Kielbasa with Sauerkraut, Real Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Buttered Corn, Glazed Carrots, Green Bean Almandine, Hot Rolls, Salad, and Desserts.

Dinner is \$15.00 per person at the door. 12 and under are free.

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