

Thunder Bay Walleye Club

Newsletter

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Club Activities

Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tournament this past February, 13th

While the weather was nowhere near as nice as last year, we still had a great day for this event. There can't be enough good things said about the Reel Fun Ice fishing Tournament or the raffle that the club put on during the Reel Fun Ice fishing Tournament. The success of the tournament itself hinged on the efforts of the many volunteers who gave their time to help out. I'm proud to say we did our part as a club, putting in a great deal of man power to make a huge job fly by seem quite simple. Our members were responsible for drilling 1000 holes through 16 or so inches of ice, and did it in under a couple of hours. Many of us returned early the following morning to set up tents, move porta-potti's, drill and rope off the boundaries, while others served as security, making sure people were behaving themselves and following the rules. Denny and Jackie had a tent set up to sell our club raffle tickets, and had an absolute swarm of people waiting to buy them when they arrived (on time of course ☺). Remember the main beneficiary of this tournament will be our community through the development of the River Center Project! It's great that we are a part of that. Way to go! Thanks to everyone who participated!

TBWC- RAFFLE

It was a great success with members selling about 2600 of the 3000 tickets printed. Denny will give us the financial details at the meeting. It worked out great to be able to hold the raffle and drawing in conjunction with the Reel Fun event and that certainly helped our success as we sold a bunch of these tickets at the event, but there were some other major keys to success here, much of it lies in our members efforts to sell the tickets in support of our club; another is the fact that we were offering quality prizes such as Vexilars, power augers, and shanties. If we offer a chance at something of value for reasonable cost, very few people will turn it down. I had very few people turn down tickets. If they fished, or knew someone that did, they bought them willingly. Whether you were able to sell a few tickets or a few hundred tickets, thank you for your effort!

ICE FISHING BITS AND PIECES

- It's February on Hubbard Lake. This past weekend the club held an open tournament on Hubbard Lake with the help of Len and Layne's on the South end of Hubbard Lake. **Romeo has the results.** The fishing was certainly not the greatest. Of course there were fish caught, but not the numbers, or quality of the fish that often are caught out of Hubbard Lake. I think for the most part this is a timing issue as Hubbard always seems to get tough in February. Next year the Plan will be to set two dates, one for mid January if the ice is safe, and one in mid to late February if we need to wait for safe ice.

- Long Lake usually tends to be a wiggler bite this time of year even though there may be exceptions. There have been some excellent catches of very nice 10-13 inch perch and occasionally bigger fish if you can find them.
- Grand Lake has also been giving up some nice catches of fish mostly on blues. Fish have ranged from 6-14 inches, so you may have to do some sorting. Keep moving till you find bigger fish.
- Floodwaters should be heating up as it always does this time of year. It's lots of reliable fun for the kids.
- Saginaw Bay is on fire if you hit the right day. Linwood and Erickson Roads are always very popular areas to put in, but the access sites get a bit torn up this time of year. The big schools of fish should be heading for shallower water soon, and that's a good thing as ice conditions can deteriorate quickly with the warmer weather. **What do we think about putting together a club weekend next year down on the bay in February?**

Club News

- ***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.

2010 Club Banquet

This year we are going back to the Sportsman Club. Menu will be Turkey Breast, Gravy, Sausage and crout, potato, corn, beans, relish tray, hot rolls, salad, and desserts. The date is April 17th so mark it on your calendar. Cost will be \$15.00 per person 12 and over.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, April 12th with, your name and how many adults and under 12 will attend to Dennis Burns at 989 354-2419 and leave a message or email to jackieodennyb@verizon.net. 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****

Hello All,

This year's Brown Trout Festival kick-off dinner is May 8th. You are all aware of the clubs' responsibility of having two (or more) persons to help work the event. Please make your boards aware so they may start looking for volunteers. The kick-off committee would like the names of your workers by April 24th. New this year, we are also offering booth space for organizations to purchase for a very low amount to display information about their organization. This would be a great time to get more people to join your clubs. There are plenty of people like myself who are unaware of the benefits of many of the service clubs. Additionally, we have something fun thing this year. We are offering the tables up for a

decorating contest. Any organization can sponsor one or more dinner table, decorate it, and be entered into a contest for "best decorated" table. The attendees at the event will decide the winner. What a great way to promote your organization! Attached is more information on the ways to promote your club at the dinner. Remember the more the clubs participate the better it is for the Brown Trout Festival and the community.

If you have any questions contact me at konecker@hotmail.com

LETS MAKE THIS YEARS KICK OFF DINNER THE BEST EVER!



Support the Brown Trout Festival Kick Off Dinner and help the Brown Trout Festival Succeed!

Choose one or more of the following options to help support the Michigan Brown Trout Festival Kick Off Dinner

Option One: Donate an Item and/or Cash at one of the following levels

Minnow: Value of up to \$99

- Organization name at each place setting at the event

Keeper: Value of \$100 - 499

- Organization logo at each place setting at the event
- Mention in ad on alpena52.com

Big Catch: Value of \$500+

- Same as Keeper Level Plus:
- Listing on event ticket
- Listing in thank you ad in The Alpena News
- If the item is determined by the committee to be a live auction item, mention in live auction program

Option Three: Game-Naming Sponsor

Sponsor a game (or two!) and the game will be named after your organization. Recognition will be given to your organization all evening as the emcee repeatedly announces the available games as well as with signage at the game itself. Only one sponsor per game will be allowed.

\$50 Games

- 50/50
- Gun Grid
- Rip the Card
- Slots
- Chinese Raffle
- Live Auction
- Silent Auction

\$100 Games

- Three Card Poker
- High/Low
- Spin the Wheel
- Pull the Bobber

\$250 Game

The Dice Game
The Dice Game will be the most popular game as the winner will have a chance to WIN BIG!

Option Two: Table Decoration Sponsor

Advertise to all 200+ event attendees; \$50 for the first table, \$25 for each additional table, up to five tables total

Rules for Decorating:

- No candles or confetti
- Nothing that will block the attendees view of the state while seated (event committee's discretion)
- Table must represent sponsoring organization (colors, logo, etc.)
- Take-home items for each person at the table are strongly encouraged (key chains, pens, mugs, etc.)
- Linen table cloths are required for each table (one can be provided for at additional cost of \$10; committee will provide all napkins)
- Be creative but decorations must fit the family-friendly environment
- The winner will be selected by the event attendees and will receive a return of their table sponsorship, and a picture of their winning table in the Alpena News
- Table does not have to be fish-themed

Option Four: Display Booth

Set up a booth representing your organization. For only \$50 per booth, two -booth limit per organization, you can display information about your organization all evening. Tables will be provided. No give-aways or drawings will be allowed at these booths but information may be handed out. No selling allowed at the booths. Booths do not need to be staffed the entire evening, but individuals staffing booths will need to purchase a separate dinner ticket if they intend on having dinner at the event.

BT Fishing rule changes have been made and should be approved at this months BT meeting Monday evening. Denny Burns will have an update if it is available.

Upcoming Activities –

Banquet- April 17th

Other Events:

****- Please let Erich (I've taken over the newsletter for Romeo for a while) know the events you are involved with by calling 595-3295 or 464-5623 we'd like to promote our member's activities and accomplishments -****

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Matthew Mausolf Alpena

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at 7:00 pm

- **Besser Tech Room - Room 112** in the BTC

Meetings are the second Wednesday of every month

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

AGENDA:

- Old Business
 - Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tournament Success

- New Business
 - Banquet Plans (update)
 - Hubbard Lake Ice Tournament Results
 - New 2010 club fishing tourney schedule
 - Club Raffle Results

MEMBERSHIPS

Memberships are due. If you receive the newsletter via mail, your membership date is noted on the front of the envelope. If you receive the newsletter via email, your membership date is noted after your name on the to portion in the email header.

Memberships are still \$15.00 per year for a single membership and \$25.00 for a family membership. A family membership gives anyone living in your house all the advantages the club offers.