

# Thunder Bay Walleye Club Newsletter

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### "Shivering" on Thunder Bay

By Erich Carlson

*Eric will be at this meeting to make a presentation on this new technic for hooking walleye and answer any questions you may have on when, were and how.*

**TBWC BANQUET IS SET FOR MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**RSVP TO DENNY BURNS [JACKIEODENNYB@FRONTIER.COM](mailto:JACKIEODENNYB@FRONTIER.COM) OR 989 354 2419**

**YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A MEMBER TO ATTEND.**

## REEL FUN ICE FISHING TOURNEY

**WINNERS** OF THE TBWC raffle prizes this year are:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Vexilar FL-12 Ice Ducer Rusty Coe of Eueabana Ohio	\$449.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Eskimo 10" Auger Model Z51 Duanc Kania of Rogers City	\$370.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Vexilar Fish Scout Color Underwater Camera Cotter Chapman of Alpena	\$309.00
4 <sup>th</sup>	Frabill Bunker 250 2 Person Ice Shanty P Nadeau	\$300.00
5 <sup>th</sup>	Vexilar handheld Sonar Tom Smolinski of Rogers City	\$149.00
6 <sup>th</sup>	Jet Sled XL with Hitch P Nadeau	\$130.00

50/50 winner is Phil from down state. I lost my note on this one.

Both the TBWC raffle prize tickets and the 50/50 tickets sold well on sight. Pre sales were good despite the time we had to get them out to some of our members.

Weather for Saturday was great with very little wind and comfortable temperatures. Perch were the majority of fish by far weighed with some rock bass.

Friday drilling was another story. With no snow on the ice and raining at the time of marking out the grid the marking paint was flowing off the drilling spots so a spud had to be used to mark the ice for

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drilling. The rain quit to a mist as the drilling went on.

Sunday was a day of high winds to over forty gusts which sent the tent for a ride to shore. The aluminum framing was damaged and the tie downs were ripped in two and may have caused the hook stakes to deep six. Holes are drilled and a metal hook is inserted to hook on to the bottom of the ice to attach tie downs for the tent.

Reel Fun still doesn't have a list of their 30 winners posted on their website.

All volunteers received an upgrade to their memberships.

They are; Ryan Werth, Kevin Dorie, Eric MacKenzie, Bill and Christopher O'Neil, Dave, Erin and Zach Birmingham, Chuck Hoerl, Rob Frantz, Rissa and Jensen Budnick, Denny Burns, Jim Leeseberg, Brian Stout, Doug Gonsler, Doug Bruski, Dennis Vermeulen, Larry Paad, rob McMillan, Howard and Walter Spigelmyre, Dan Bouchard, Bruce Schafer.

**If anyone was missed contact Denny Burns or Jim Leeseberg.**

#### ***Brown Trout Update***

*Entry fee for the Walleye Extravaganza for 2018* was discussed and there was a consensus \$200.00 would be appropriate. According to Peggy the \$200.00 as of this writing will be the entry fee.

The Super and walleye tournaments will be on separate days. Friday is set for the super with the following Saturday and Sunday for walleye.

To this date no dollars for the guaranteed \$5,000 first place payout have been secured. We have agreed to work on having a guarantee of \$5,000 for first place and Romeo and Peggy are currently working to secure those dollars. If you know of a business or individual that would like to help anchor this tourney, please contact Romeo right away at 989 657-3841, 989-358-5310 or [bourdager@alpenaschools.com](mailto:bourdager@alpenaschools.com).

Brown Trout wants to get the advertisement out soon so that anglers from out of town can plan their tourney weekends. It will not conflict with any MWT tournaments in that they replaced Alpena with Port Austin but will run that tourney on July 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. By Romeo. 989 657-3841, 989-358-5310.

#### **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 Denny Burns 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).**

**Renewals at TBWC meetings or mail to TBWC PO Box 812, Alpena MI 49707**

# 2018 TBWC Club Fishing Tournaments Revised 1/17/18 # 7&8

<u>Location:</u>	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 Hubbard Lake – Launch DNR East Bay	Sat May 5 <sup>th</sup>	5PM – 1AM
2 Saginaw Bay Augres - Launch Augres	Sun May 20 <sup>th</sup>	7AM – 3PM
3 Grand Lake- Launch – South DNR	Sun June 10 <sup>th</sup>	7AM – 3PM
*4 “Nite – Eyes” – Launch Alpena Boat Harbor (Public)	Fri & Sat June 15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup>	6PM – 1AM
5 Thunder Bay - Launch Alpena Boat Harbor	Sun July 8 <sup>th</sup>	7AM – 3PM
<b>MI. Brown Trout/MWT</b> Walleye Tourney – Launch Alp. Boat Harbor	Sat & Sun July 21 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7AM – 3PM
6 Rockport - Launch Rockport, <b>Alternate Grand Lake</b>	Sat Aug 4 <sup>th</sup>	5PM – 1AM
<b>7 DeTour – Launch DeTour DNR Boat Launch</b>	Sun Aug 19 <sup>th</sup>	7AM – 3PM
<b>8 Hubbard Lake – Launch DNR East Bay</b>	Sun Sept 9 <sup>th</sup>	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

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> place.....25% to 2<sup>nd</sup> place.....15% to 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

#### 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 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes, followed by 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes, followed by 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

**The Fletcher Library has magazines and DVD's on how when and where walleye fishing. 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.**

#### Club Clothing and Other Stuff

We have restocked our T Shirts, Hats, Decals and Sweatshirts etc. Contact Richard Hubert for more info 989-379-4614 or see him at our club meetings. This all high quality stuff.

#### FOR SALE ITEMS

**IF YOU WANT AN ITEM IN THE FOLLOWING NEWSLETTERS CONTACT  
DENNY BURNS 989 354 2419  
OR EMAIL INFO TO [JACKIEODENNYB@FRONTIER.COM](mailto:JACKIEODENNYB@FRONTIER.COM)**

**THE PLAN IS TO LIMIT FOR SALE ITEMS TO 90 DAYS UNLESS ITEMS ARE SOLD EARLIER. IF ITEMS ARE SOLD OR YOU WANT TO CONTINUE THE ADD CONTACT DENNY BURNS AT THE ABOVE EMAIL or phone # 989 354 2419.**

## SERVICES

**Boat & RV Fiberglass repair--** Mid Michigan Fiberglass Inc. Owner Steve Schnettler, 1809 27th St. Bay City Michigan 989-895-7000  
[www.midmichiganfiberglass.com](http://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 tune ups.**

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 MAR 14<sup>TH</sup> 2018 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:      Erich Carlson  
                 Banquet  
                 Club Tournaments for 2018  
                 Brown Trout Walleye entry fee, payout  
                 Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tourney  
                 Open discussion on any topic.

DAVE BIRMINGHAM IS TRYING TO GET DNR DAVE FEILDER LAKE HURON FISHERIES MAIN  
MAN FOR A MEETING WITH US FOR A PRESENTATION ON RESEARCH THIS PAST SUMMER.  
KEEP YA POSTED.