

Thunder Bay Walleye Club Newsletter

April 2017

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REEL FUN ICE FISHING TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25TH 2017

The TBWC received a letter of thanks for our part in this years event from the Thunder Bay River Center Board.

In part it said, "on behalf of the Thunder Bay River Center Board and the Reel Fun/Festivus Committee, I'd like to thank you for your help with our 2017 Fundraiser. Its success was due in a large part because of your willingness to contribute to our events. In whatever way you helped: purchasing advertising space, selling tickets, donating prizes or helping those numerous other ways, our simple thankyou seems hardly adequate."

"We hope that you will continue to support us as we move forward in 2017 and be able to help us with the 2018 Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tournament and Festivus dinner. We welcome your input and suggestions for making this event better. Please feel free to contact me with your suggestions."

Jim Leeseberg is the TBWC representative for Reel Fun so if you have some ideas contact him to relay to the River Center Board.

Friday drillers and Saturday club members who helped at the tournament as well as attended the Festivus event Friday evening are:
Dave Birmingham, Dan Bouchard, Kevin Dorie, Ian Duranceau, Jim Engle, Matt Franklin, Rob Frantz, Doug Gonsler, Carl Hatala, Chuck Hoerl, Glen Klimczak, Rob McMillan, Bill O'Neil, Bruce Schafer, Nick Schellie and Ryan Werth. **Thank you all!!!** Membership have been updated.

There will be an update on all activities on the ice and the financials at our April meeting.

The hole drilling was a wet one to be sure with big wet snow flakes on Friday. It could have been a problem marking the ice for drilling but there was some snow Thursday night which resolved the issue of marking on the ice.

Drilling went well as previous years.

The Festivus Friday night was packed. All who attended had a great time and all prize donations were well received by the Reel Fun Committee.

Reel Fun sold all holes again this year.

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CLUB TOURNAMENTS

New in the rules this year for both club tournaments and Nite Eyes (Public) is the protest rule listed at the end of the rules explaining how the tournament committee will be formed. Make sure you review this and understand what will happen in the event of a protest. Questions, be at our club meetings or call/email Denny Burns 989 354 2419/jackiedennyb@frontier.com.

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 any time 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:

CLUB TOURNAMENTS CONTINUED

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 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.

OTHER STUFF

Launch stickers are now available at the boat harbor when open or city hall however the fee went up from \$35 to \$50. Seems excessive.

Half a gate is open at the 9th street dam and Steelhead, Brown Trout and some walleye are being caught.

TBWC AWARDS BANQUET

IS SET FOR THE LAST SATURDAY APRIL 29th at the Alpena Sportsmens Club on M-32. Nonmembers are welcome. See flier in this newsletter for details.

BROWN TROUT

Romeo Bourdage is our club member coordinating efforts with Brown Trout and the *Michigan Walleye Tour* tournament the last weekend of Brown Trout. Last year there were over 70 teams participating and this year may be more.

Romeo has been giving a lot of his time to make speeches to service clubs, TV interviews and other media outlets in the Alpena area about the importance of this event as well as the TBWC.

Thank you Romeo for your efforts.

There will be a BT update at this meeting.

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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

NEW

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.

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 April 12th 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

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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).

JAMES FARM WALLEYE POND

Richard Hubert went out to check out the pond and start the pump and run for a while to make sure everything is ready for the fry plant this year. Pump works just fine.

In past years there has been some issues as the control panel was full of lady bugs which would not allow the switches to operate correctly and another comes to mind was the fuse on the pole was blown apart by lightning and laying all over the ground. So it does pay to go out for an early check.

The DNR has placed the boards in the dam so when Richard gets the OK to start filling he'll fire it up, takes about 3 to 4 days to fill.

At one time it was calculated the pond holds about 3 million gallons of water. Not sure where that number came from.

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Annual Thunder Bay Walleye Club

Awards Banquet

Saturday, April 29th, 2017

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!

Raffles!

Women's Baskets!

Dinner

By

Sherrie O'Brien

Country Apple Catering is certified by the State of Michigan

Hors D'oeuvres (Veggie Tray with crab dip), Dinner, Baked Chicken, Homemade Swedish Meatballs, Kielbasa with Sauerkraut, Real Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Buttered Corn, Glazed Carrots, Baked Beans, Hot Rolls, Salad, and Desserts.

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

***Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 26th, your name and how many adults, and the age of **12 and under** who will attend to Dennis Burns at 989 354-2419 and leave a message or email to 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. **From time to time there is a cancelation so if you forgot to RSVP by WED April 26th contact Denny to see if we can accommodate you.**