

Thunder Bay Walleye Club Newsletter

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"Shivering" on Thunder Bay

By Erich Carlson

Eric's presentation on a new technique being used fishing eyes was very detailed. He demonstrated the different ways of catching eyes in tournaments he has fished in using this presentation along with answering many questions from our membership. Thank you Erich it was well received by all. An important point is to NOT keep doing what we always do even tho you caught fish that way before. If they are not biting today, try something different, it may make your day.

CLUB BANQUET

55 club members and others enjoyed an evening of a very good meal, games and awards for the 2017 club tournaments at the Alpena Sportsmens Club.

The dock is in at the post office, not that anyone cares now but prior to this recent snow some of our members did manage to launch and fished from the mouth of the river to the cement plant channel and back and caught Lake Trout, Atlantic salmon and Brown Trout in 15 feet or so of water pulling hard body baits.

MEETING NOTES

At our last meeting the club voted to make 2 donations, one to BT for \$250.00 towards the first place Walleye Tournament prize and the other is to the Hubbard Lake Association towards their ongoing fish shelter project.

A new walleye club is forming out of Sault Saint Marie area. Andre Sawruck a former TBWC member who worked in our area for a few years and returned to the Sault area is working to get things going.

Perhaps when the TBWC fishes DeTour we can have some kind of competition between the two clubs.

Brown Trout Update

BT is coming together and some new changes are the works.

Glen Klimczak will have an update on the goings on.

The raffle tickets for BT have been printed and are available

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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 th	5PM – 1AM
2 Saginaw Bay Augres - Launch Augres	Sun May 20 th	7AM – 3PM
3 Grand Lake- Launch – South DNR	Sun June 10 th	7AM – 3PM
*4 “Nite – Eyes” – Launch Alpena Boat Harbor (Public)	Fri & Sat June 15 th & 16 th	6PM – 1AM
5 Thunder Bay - Launch Alpena Boat Harbor	Sun July 8 th	7AM – 3PM
MI. Brown Trout/MWT Walleye Tourney – Launch Alp. Boat Harbor	Sat & Sun July 21 st & 22 nd	7AM – 3PM
6 Rockport - Launch Rockport, Alternate Grand Lake	Sat Aug 4 th	5PM – 1AM
7 DeTour – Launch DeTour DNR Boat Launch	Sun Aug 19 th	7AM – 3PM
8 Hubbard Lake – Launch DNR East Bay	Sun Sept 9 th	7AM – 3PM
9 NONE		
10 NONE		

NOTE THE NIGHT TOURNAMENTS ARE NOW TO 1AM

NON NUMBERED TOURNAMENTS ARE NO POINT TOURNAMENTS.

* 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 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:

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

2018 TBWC TOURNAMENTS CONTINUED

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.

CLUB TOURNAMENTS

THEY'RE STARTING IF THE ICE IS OFF HUBBARD LAKE

1 Hubbard Lake – Launch DNR East Bay Sat May 5th 5PM – 1AM

31 people fished last year on a very windy night with 25-35 and gusts over 40 out of the north all night long on May 6th. The bite was very good with 9 boats weighing 5 fish, 1 weighing 3 and 2 not weighing. Winners were Adam Peterson, Chris Wade and Erich Carlson with 14.96# and their largest at 3.79#.

2 Saginaw Bay Augres - Launch Augres Sun May 20th 7AM – 3PM

May be good fishing close to shore.

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

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

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.

NEW 7/4/17

Lund Pro-V 2075 IFS

Black 2009 Lund Pro-v IFS, 250 Mercury Verado (369 hours), 9.9 Mercury 4-stroke kicker, 101 lb. 36v MinnKota Terrova with I pilot, Lowrance HDS-12 Gen1 with cisco mount at counsel, 3 new DEKA AGM Group 31 batteries in the bow with Cabelas 3 bank 20 amp charger, 2 Exide XRF-31D ROADFORCE AGM-200 for the main motor with Cabelas 2 bank 20 amp charger, 5ft Traxstech rail with 6 rodholders, snap-in carpet, walk thru windshield, Trollmaster, Bimini top. Shorlandr trailer, tires are 2 years old. Boat is well maintained. Asking \$39,500 OBO, will provide extra pics upon request.

Price: 39,500 Contact Jesse Spicer 989 464 8249 Email jessspicer@hotmail.com

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 **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.

NEW

The Boatkeeper (Greg Trelfa) has some special pricing on Hummingbird and Ram products until May 5th.

If you are in the market for some upgrades give Greg a call at 989 595 3149, 9079 E Grand Lk Rd, Presque Isle.

Fishing will start soon so if you need some spring work on your boat schedule an appointment now.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday APR 11th 2018 at 7pm

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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.