

Thunder Bay Walleye Club Newsletter

April 2019

PO Box 812 Alpena, MI 49707

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Steel Head and Atlantic salmon are in the river as well as the dock at the post office and the river and bay is clear of ice as of Thursday April 4th.

Erich Carlson gave a very detailed seminar on casting for walleye and using your planer boards to minimize the difficulty in getting your boards in for a check or lure change or reeling in a fish. While pulling 6 boards and your outside or middle board seems not running quite right getting them in without fouling your other boards. Also gave info on tattle tail flags that can indicate a weed, or small fish or a big one just following along.

Casting techniques and locations along with line and rods as well as baits were discussed in length.

Thank you Erich for your presentation.

ELECTIONS RESULTS AT THE APRIL MEETING

SECRETARY/TREASURER

Currently held by Dennis Burns will continue.

NO nominations received

BOARD OF DIRECTOR

Nominations are:

Eric MacKenzie
Jeremy Phillips
Dan VanMassenhove
Spencer Weidbrauk

Vote for 2 of 4

Eric MacKenzie was reelected and Dan VanMassenhove is our new official.

Thank you to those who served the offices for many years.

Thank you to those who were nominated and accepted their nominations.

VICE PRESIDENT

Currently held by Dave Birmingham

Nominations are:

Dave Birmingham

Dave Birmingham elected to NOT run for vice President and Jon Kruttlin was elected by proxy.

THE TBWC 2019 BANQUET was held at the Alpena Sportsmens Club SATURDAY MARCH 30th

47 people and 4 children under the age of 16 had a great time with the games, prizes offered and the awards presentation. Winners of each tournament were awarded a trophy and gave their rendition of their fishing experience during their winning day.

This year's angler of the year which is determined by total points earned for the best of 5 tournaments fished is Romeo Bourdage. As he stated it has been on his hit list since he became a member since the start of the club but did know it was going to take so long to get to.

Jim Leeseberg did a great job as MC for the evening as always and including the kids in helping draw names for prizes at the game tables and door prizes.

Thank you to all who helped with the game tables and the setup for the event. The room is the club responsibility for setup and tear down.

Sherrie O'Brian provided a great meal of Hors D'oeuvres (Veggie Tray with crab dip), Dinner, Baked Chicken, Homemade Swedish Meatballs, Kielbasa with & without Sauerkraut, Real Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Buttered Corn, Glazed Carrots, Baked Beans, Hot Rolls, Salad, and Desserts.

There was very little food left as many went back for seconds.

TBWC CLUB TOURNAMENTS

We are now starting the 2019 club tournament event. Last year the first tourney on Hubbard Lake had to be rescheduled because of ice still on the lake. It may happen again. Hubbard is scheduled for Sat May 11th **5PM - 1AM.**

2019 TBWC Club Fishing Tournaments

	<u>Location:</u>	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1	Hubbard Lake - Launch DNR East Bay	Sat May 11 th	5PM - 1AM
2	Saginaw Bay AuGres - Launch Augres	Sun May 19 th	7AM - 3PM
3	Long Lake- Launch - Long Lake Park	Sun June 9 th	7AM - 3PM
*4	"Nite-Eyes" Launch Alpena Boat Harbor (Public)	<i>Fri&Sat</i> June 14 th &15 th	6PM - 1AM
5	Thunder Bay-Launch Alpena Boat Harbor	Sun July 14 th	7AM - 3PM
MI.	Brown Trout/MWT Walleye Tourney-Launch Boat Harbor	<i>Sat&Sun</i> July 27 th &28 th	7AM - 3PM
6	Rockport - Launch Rockport, Alt. Grand Lake	Sat Aug 10 th	6PM - 1AM
7	Presque Isle Launch Presque Isle Harbor Alt. Grand Lake	Sun Aug 25 th	7AM - 3PM
8	Hubbard Lake - Launch DNR East Bay	Sun Sept 15 th	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 TOURNAMENT RULES

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 sign up after the start time of the tournament, 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 DNR 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 cont.

Example:

Tournament 1			Tournament 2		
	Raw Wt.	Points		Raw Wt.	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

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 NON PROTESTING BOATS TO RESOLVE ANY PROTEST at the end of the tournament.

We are looking for one or two people interested in **running** the club fishing tournaments for 2019 which would include but not limited to collecting entry fee money, possible membership fees, writing pay out checks, weigh-in etc. After each tournament information and money will be given to Denny Burns for tournament reconciliation and results for posting on the web site. The scale, table and other stuff needed to do a weigh in can be picked up at Denny Burns home prior to the tournament and returned after the tournament along with all other information.

We have asked in previous newsletters on how to make our meetings better. In the past the members fishing tournaments attended our meetings and reviewed successes and failures catching walleye as well as future tournaments. This is not the case any longer. The following is a comment from one of our fishing members which says this very well. The club hopes this will revive this activity as our membership application says we are a teaching club on what, where, when, how why etc. We do not expect you to tell your super secrets but a general idea on what worked or did not for all fishing would be expected.

This is a comment form one of you fishing members that says it all.

*Good morning Denny. Thanks for the welcome back!
I would like to see the club somehow do more in regards to the sharing of information and techniques.
I know people are very secretive about things and the club is somewhat segregated into "little groups" who share amongst themselves but in the end we are all walleye fishermen and share the same water. Why not share a technique*

Club Tournaments Cont.

or bit of information to make us all better at something we are all passionate about.

It's just a thought and maybe each month we pick a topic/technique and ask for members to discuss it at meeting or in a different format.

As a member of the community and someone who associates with many fishermen I have heard repeatedly that the couple negatives of the club is the secrecy and lack of "how to" type discussion for those who are not "Romeos".....lol.

He's a great guy.....just used him as an example.

Thanks.

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

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.

On line you can find a number of articles and demonstrations for success used by pros using various methods for different times of the year.

BROWN TROUT

Glen Klimczak will have an update at this meeting.

DNR

Now requires us to register our tournaments on their web site.

They also want a detailed report on what we catch and how many of each.

FOR SALE ITEMS

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 Air Suspension Pedestals, give me a call. (989-255-8442). Wayne VanDyke WavePro

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 or repair?
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 10th 2019 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 or other conditions the meeting will be rescheduled or cancelled)

Agenda:

FISHING HUBBARD AT NIGHT
WHATS ON YOUR MIND

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