

# THUNDER BAY WALLEYE CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

**May 2011**

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### **Tournament Time!!!**

**It's time to kick off the 2011 TBWC Tournament Series  
Here are the upcoming events:**

Saturday May, 7<sup>th</sup> - **Thunder Bay**- Boat Harbor from 6 P.M. to 2 A.M. This one always proves interesting and many years the difference between the first place and top four or five boats are determined by a couple ounces or which fish swallowed the last Smelt or Goby. The weather is looking good so far which is always nice for a night tournament.

Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup> – **Hubbard Lake** – East Bay Launch from 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. The fishing can be great this time of year, and will give us a chance to learn even more about one of our favorite bodies of water. I wouldn't be surprised to see some real dandies brought to the scale.

Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup> - **Saginaw Bay** – Au Gres DNR Launch 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. This is a new time of year for us down here, and should provide good fishing. This is one of our out of town event this year besides Harrisville, so hopefully people try and make the trip. As Dennis Gulau discussed at our last meeting, the fish are usually in transition from inner to outer bay and could be just about anywhere. Follow the water temps and don't be afraid to do some looking. Dennis also gave a very good seminar on fishing for walleye in the weeds. Just what we need, another way to try and catch walleye, more gear, more places, but if it works.

Friday & Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> “**Night Eyes**” – Thunder Bay Launch Alpena Boat Harbor 7:00 P.M. to 2:00 A.M. each night. This always a hot night for many and large walleye on Thunder Bay. Last year the top team weighed in 46 lbs+. 53 people fished with nearly all weighing fish. Largest were eight pounders down to 3.56 lbs. It was rumored a 10 lb + was caught the night before the tourney started. So sad to catch a great fish the night before but great to know the big boys or girls are still out there.

### *Walleyes Equipped with Transmitters*

ATTENTION ANGLERS- Internal transmitters have been implanted in some walleyes for research purposes. The device appears to be quite large and gathers information from underwater listening probes that register information as the fish nears the recorder. Reward of \$100.00 for returning the transmitter. Walleyes are marked with two tags in the rear dorsal fin. More info at [glfc.org/telemetry/walleye](http://glfc.org/telemetry/walleye).

### *Annual Banquet*

A great time was had by all that attended our annual awards banquet. Special thanks to Jim Leesburg and Kevin Cosbitt for taking the time to get the prizes from Franks and doing a fine job of handing out the awards. Team Cosbitt had the hall set up before the set up crew got there. Awesome!! Pam Hubert once again out did herself by coming up with some terrific women's baskets, and some nice prizes to help keep all the young ones having fun!! Thanks to all participated!

While it is great evening for club members to get together, non members can attend and the Angler of the Year is honored. Erich Carlson has won the last 2 years and sharing the title with Wayne VanDyke 3 years ago. Congratulations to Erich.

### *James Farm*

As was mentioned in a previous newsletter about the DNR reactivating the James Farm Pond the club started getting things ready for the pond filling. With the pond filling pump not being used the last 3 or 4 years sitting in the water in the cistern we decided to go out early to check things out. Good thing we did. Richard Hubert went out and nothing worked. A blown fuse on the pole where the wiring goes under ground to the pump location was the culprit. After getting that repaired Richard went back out and found things still were not working. Checked out the floats in the cistern, still no luck. Checked the control boxes and found at least a million lady bugs had taken up home inside and were the problem. After cleaning everything up and out the pump sprang to life and was run for about twenty minutes.

Ok all set to go. The DNR gave us to go to start filling the pond so the pump was fired up with about a 3 day run to fill the pond. Not so fast. The next day Richard went out to make sure things were still OK and found the pump not running. What the heck. It was found the pump had kicked out so it was assumed the floats were the problem and had caused the pump to shut down. Adjustments were made and things worked well and the pond was filled.

The DNR called Richard to let him know they were coming over in a pickup truck with fertilizer for storage to use during the fingerling raising process so he cleared out a small area in his garage to keep it protected. When he saw them pulling in with a fifth wheel trailer with 6,000 lbs of fertilizer a little *larger* area had to be cleared for storage.

The first round of fertilizer has been added, 600 lbs Alfalfa Meal and 1200 lbs Soybean Meal, to the pond by boat riding around the pond dribbling it off the front of the boat so the prop on the motor will mix it into the water. Smaller amount will be added weekly.

250,000 walleye fry were put into the pond Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> by the DNR and they plan to check out how the little darlings and pond are doing Friday May 6<sup>th</sup>.

In all of this we received 9 inches of slush and the following week 3 inches of rain in two days which made for difficult travel in and out of the area trying to drive on deeply rutted roads on clay into and around the pond which brings us to addressing this new problem at this meeting.

So for those of you who think just filling the pond and sticking in some walleye is what happens this is just a little eye opener.

More to come.

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### **Fish Cleaning**

We cleaned about 70 Large Lake trout and about 20 Walleyes this past Tuesday that were netted off of South Point. The fish were full of large and small smelt. It is estimated we deliver 150 pounds of fillets to the Friendship room. The DNR will have set nets on May 2,3 &4. Cleaning went on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday also. We are in need of fish cleaners. More about this at the next meeting.

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### ***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. All items are at club cost.

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### **(New) \*\*Classifieds\*\* Props for Electric Motor FREE**

Paul DeYoung still has (1) of these Kipawa 80/01 props that someone can try. I tried them on my Engine Mount 160 RT Motors (even though they weren't one of the listed applicable motors) but they caused fits with the Minn Kota maximizer dual controller. I can tell you or anyone else that they do give you way more traction and boat control than the stock prop does. If you know anyone with one of the listed motors that would like to try one let me know. Call Paul @ 464-8290  
Kipawa Propeller 80/01

Fits Minn Kota 05 & Newer Motors

This propeller has a 4" Hub.

Fits These Motor Models:serial number prefix ww

MAX 101, MAX101/US, MAX 101/H/3X, VANTAGE 101, VANTAGE 80, RT101/B/3X, RT101/B, RT101/B/H,RT 80/B, RT 80/B/L&D, RT 80/B/3X, RT 80/S/3X, RT 80/AP, VECTOR 101/3X, VECTOR 80/3X, MAX 80, MAX 80/US, MAX 80/H/3X, MAX PRO 80, MAX PRO 80/US, MAX PRO 101, MAX PRO 101/US, MAX 80T, 80PD , 80PD/AP, 80PD/AP/US, Traxxis 80, Fortrex 101, Fortrex 80, Terrova 80. or visit <http://www.kipawapropellers.com/331655.html>

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- If you are in need of any boat needs, contact Greg (The Boatkeeper) Trelfa 989-595-3149.

\*\*\*\* Please let Erich know when an item sells, so that I can remove it- thanks. \*\*\*\*

Search [tbwalleye.com](http://tbwalleye.com) for the latest tournament results, newsletters, and blog. Todd has posted the up to date tournament results including weights, and points earned.

\*\*\*\*- Please let Erich (I've taken over the newsletter for Romeo for a while) know the events you are involved with email me at [walleeyesnyper@hotmail.com](mailto:walleeyesnyper@hotmail.com) We'd like to promote our member's activities and accomplishments -\*\*\*\*

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 7:00 pm

- **ACC Besser Tech Room -112 in the BTC on the north side of Johnson St.**

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:

- Business
  - James Farm
  - Tournaments
  - Fish Cleaning

## *Last Call*

### MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE

Memberships can be mailed to PO Box 812 or paid at the monthly meeting for the 2011 year.

Those who get the newsletter by mail have their membership year on the front of the envelope and those who receive the newsletter by email can note their membership year by the date after their name in the to section of the email. Membership dues are \$15.00 for a single membership (you alone) and \$25.00 for a family membership (all those living in the same house).