

Thunder Bay Walleye Club Newsletter

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No more ice! Isn't that nice!

For quite a while, it was questionable if the ice would be off the area lakes of for the opener. We'll, the ice came off, and inland Walleye season is now open. The good news is that there is almost always some good fishing taking place on most of the area lakes this time of year. With the late spring, and cold water temps the fish were in various stages of their spawning duties, at least as of last weekend. This could make for an interesting first tournament. After years of kicking off our season opening tournament on Thunder Bay we decided to start the season on Hubbard Lake. Change is sometimes good, and we are looking forward to seeing some hefty Hubbard Lake Walleyes come to the scale. See everyone there.

Upcoming Tournaments

Hubbard Lake Saturday May 4th 6pm – 2am will be in the books by the time you get this.

Hubbard Lake Sunday May 19th 7am - 3pm *new launch sight is North End Park* .

Nite Eyes Alpena Boat Harbor (Public Welcome) is Friday and Saturday May 31st and June 1st. 6pm – 1am.

The web sight for River Bend Resort says that rentals are for one week at a time however I called and they would be willing to do days at a time rather than having us to rent for the entire week.

If you are planning to go you should call 1 906 297 2400 and say you are with the Thunder Bay Walleye Club and he will accommodate us as needed. Cabins 4, 6 and 8 are already rented.

Moosehead is just up the road from DeTour but I have no info on this.

Cleaning Station

The fish cleaning station at the small boat harbor is now open. Thanks Carl.

Annual Banquet

A great time was had by 76 people who attended the annual awards banquet last month. It is always fun to spend the evening with family, friends, and a bit of fishing talk. Thanks to everyone who was involved in the organization of the banquet, from booking the hall to shopping for the prizes, and setting up, once again, nice job. Pam Hubert once again did a fantastic job putting together a great selection of ladies and kids baskets as well as a nice prize table for the kids. Thanks Pam!

The meal was the best we have ever had so we plan to have the same caterer next year.

Fish Plants

Last month, the DNR stocked 20,000 Steelhead and 20,000 Atlantics at the dock near the DNR station. Ed Retherford reported that the fish looked healthy, and that there were no cormorants present although there were some gulls trying their luck. He said the fish seemed to stay a bit deeper. This is the first time for Atlantics in Alpena, so it'll be a couple years before we see the results. The DNR is also planning on releasing 13,000 Atlantics in Lexington, and an additional 40,000-50,000 in the Soo.

Fish Cleaning

The DNR has been setting nets on Lake Huron. Fish cleaning for Friendship Room will be taking place today Friday the May 3rd for the third time this year. Those that cannot make the meeting, and would like to help with the cleaning can contact Carl at 356-4694 or ckelly2290@gmail.com.

Still Looking? Walleye Fishing Presenter

Anyone interested? Volunteers? This could be good PR

The Alpena Public Library is interested in having someone from the TBWC come do a presentation about Walleye and Walleye fishing for anyone interested in attending. It could be about any of your favorite techniques, or anything Walleye. Maybe one or two guys might be willing to do this together? Ideas?

Interested?

Contact Darwin Grabow 354-4788 for more information

Brown Trout News

An update on BT will be at the May meeting.

Consider contributing to the Newsletter!

Please consider contributing to the newsletter! Do you have a fishing or hunting story that is worthy of sharing? Do you have any fantastic pictures to share? Do you have an awesome recipe that you are willing to share? It doesn't necessarily have to be about fish. It would certainly make the newsletter more interesting. If you have something you'd like to share please send it to Erich Carlson's e-mail: walleynyper@hotmail.com. I'll be sure it gets in! The author can remain anonymous if you so desire, just indicate your preference when submitting something to Erich Carlson.

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.

Here is a list of high quality hooded sweat shirts we have left.

Stone washed light blue, 1 M, 4 L, 4 XL, 1 XXL at \$30.00 ea.

Dark Grey, 4 L, 5 XL, 1 XXL, 3 XXXL at \$25.00 ea.

Light Grey, 1 M, 5 XL at \$25.00 ea.

Dark Blue, 4 XL at \$25.00 ea.

All have a small club logo on the left breast.

All items are at club cost.

Looking for upgrades, or repairs? Call the Boatkeeper!

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 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.

Search *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 know the events you are involved with by calling 595-3295 or 464-5623 or email me at walleesnyper@hotmail.com we'd like to promote our member's activities and accomplishments.

NEXT MEETING: **Wednesday, May 8th, 2013**

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)

AGENDA:

**Banquet
Brown Trout report
Hubbard Lake Preview
Nite Eyes Promotion
DeTour
Hubbard Lake Assoc.**

LAST CALL FOR CLUB MEMBERSHIPS

Single person membership is \$15.00 per year.

Family membership is \$25.00 includes all persons in your household.

If you don't know if your memberships are due contact Denny Burns at 989 354 2419.

Make checks out to TBWC.