

Thunder Bay Walleye Club Newsletter

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FISH CLEANING STATION IS OPEN

ERIC MACKENZIE AND DAN VANMASSENHOVE WILL BE AT THIS MEETING FOR A SEMINAR ON LAKE CURRENTS, WIND DIRECTION AND TEMPERATURES ALONG WITH OTHER TOPICS THAT MAY COME UP.

Some Steel Head and Atlantic salmon are still in the river along with suckers dominating the fish now. Some walleye were caught jigging on the opening weekend this year however most were small males.

Hubbard Lake fishing at night was discussed at the April meeting. Tips were given in length on how, where and when. Likely spots, type of presentation and when were given. You still have to find the fish and figure out what they want and when. Most importantly why. Successful contestants always keep notes on wind direction, temperature and what worked on previous years.

TBWC CLUB TOURNAMENTS

Hubbard is scheduled for Sat May 11th **5PM - 1AM**

Saginaw Bay AuGres Sun May 19th 7AM - 3PM

Discussion on Hubbard Lake and Saginaw Bay will be addressed at this meeting.

This DNR info is as of April 18th.

DNR reports had little fishing activity because of weather. Walleye fishing off the mouth of the Saginaw River was good before the last snow storm. Those trolling around Whitestone Point, Point Lookout and Pointe Au Gres also did well for walleye with body baits in 10 to 20 feet. It appears the perch are just about done spawning. The few fish caught in the cuts last week were either ripe or already spawned out.

Club members Denny Burns, Larry Bussey, Ken Utecht and Jim LaFleur cleaned 3 tubs of fish the DNR netted at south point Tuesday April 30th. Unfortunately Denny's 27 year old Mister Twister knife crapped. Jim volunteered his knife and we completed the job. I still have it, maybe he will forget where it is.

The city was called on Tuesday morning and had the cleaning station open in the afternoon for the task however the wind had picked up out of the south east, right up the bay whit gusts up to 30 which made it rather cool at the harbor due to the bay water temperature on the lake which is in the middle thirties at the time.

Fish Cleaning Cont.

Cleaning goes much quicker there rather than doing it at the DNR Fish Station. They are not setup for that many fish to process in a timely manner.

The DNR notifies Jim LaFleur of their plan on what day they to set nets and when they will pull them the next morning weather permitting. Arrival time is relayed to Jim on when the fish will be available for us to clean.

Jim gets a crew together and we usually meet at the cleaning location about 3pm and get it done.

Usually Denny Burns takes the tubs home for clean up because the DNR personnel have come to the end of their day prior to our getting the cleaning completed and return them to the DNR office for reuse.

The St. Bernard Friendship Room was glad the DNR netting season has started. They were going to prepare the fish for meals that week.

If the club wouldn't do this the fish would be disposed of rather than going to feed those in need.

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

1. 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.
2. 16 and under may fish more than one time. Membership is not required.
3. **If the 16 and under is 1 of only 2 in the boat entry fee must be paid for all.**
4. 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.
5. Entry fee is **\$25.00** for each participant **except those 16 and under. Payment for the tournament is made at sign-in.**
6. 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

1. 6 Rod limit per boat, all other DNR fishing rules apply.

PAYOUT

1. 20% of the total **entry less the \$100.00 bonus** paid will be withheld from each event as follows:
 - A. One-half (10% of the entry) is held for the tournament fund to pay for trophy and plaque expenses.
 - B. One-half (10% of the entry) is held for banquet prizes to be awarded to all club tournament contestants.
 - C. **A \$100.00 bonus will be paid for the largest walleye prior to the 20% withholding.**
2. 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.
3. 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.

		<i>Example:</i>			
		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.*

Club Tournaments Cont.

Why not share a technique 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 May 8th 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 HUBBBARD 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