

Thunder Bay Walleye Club Newsletter

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It's Starting to Get Better

The weather continues to be cool, with days of warmer weather tossed into the mix only now and then. It's not that you can't get out on the water and do some fishing it's just that the conditions haven't been that great. Catches on Thunder Bay, Hubbard, Long and Grand are producing fish but it has been hit and miss. Some good catches of lake trout and Atlantic Salomon at Thunder Bay Island. Harrisville is the place for Walleye the last couple of weeks so they are moving up from Saginaw Bay and should be here soon. Hopefully the weather will begin to stabilize and be a bit more cooperative. Fishing pressure on the river and bay has tempered since the last couple of weeks of April and the first couple of weeks of May.

Having a little extra jingle in the account makes it much easier to commit funds to activities in our community that promote the sport of fishing, like fish plants, kids fishing days, cormorant control, donations to other associations in our area.

BROWN TROUT

As of this writing, Brown Trout still has not gotten us any schedule for the festival this year. If and when it happens time will be short to get all slots filled by festival time. Please help us get done.

COMPUTER STUFF

Well it happened to Denny Burns, hard drive crash, broke or whatever happened. After contacting a couple of geeks it was found that the files were not recoverable and the last backup I did was in January so I'm now in the process of restoring the TBWC stuff off of hard copy I have. All photos of family are lost forever. What a hard lesson to learn...backup often.

I was on Microsoft XP which they no longer support so along with a new computer I moved up to windows 7 which I am learning so things are taking me much longer to do plus being an old guy it takes longer to sink in and stay.

Important, check your membership date. I did go over records I have with membership dates on them but to be sure I have everyone current for 2014 you need to look at your membership date. Those who get their newsletters by mail, your date is on the envelope by your address. Those who get your newsletter by email the membership date is after your last name in the *To* section of the email. If you have a question on this matter give me a call at 989 354 2419 or email me at jackieodennyb@frontier.com.

TOURNAMENTS

Grand Lake May 18th

This was the first tournament to offer the club special bonus of \$500 for 3 walleye over 10#, \$100 for second place. This is an effort to get you to look for larger fish which are in these lakes but it has been only by chance that one is put in the boat. Long Lake is the next tournament to offer the bonus and if not won the offer will move to the last tourney of the year at Hubbard. The bonus will be paid only one time.

45 people fished a very nice day for a change with 24 weighing fish. While the bonus was not met fish were weighed by 24 people. First place went to Eric MacKenzie, Dan and Gary VanMassenhove with 5 fish weighing 10.94#, second was Dennis Gulau and Marc McCaleb with 5 fish for 8.56# and third was won by Scott and Chris Wade and Adam Peterson weighing 5 fish for 8.44#. Jackie Oliver and Denny Burns fish for larger fish trolling body baits (big bait big fish). 2 Walleye weighed 5.56# and boated 2 perch at least 14 inches.

Nite Eyes May 30th & 31st

While the bite on the bay has been sparse, 40 people took to the waves. Friday night was calm water and wind perfect for big water fishing. The second night was wind out of the south, south east and a little windy all night making travel on the water wetter if you were running any distance. The boats weighing the heaviest weights did travel and am told went to Harrisville, Sturgeon Point and other areas. First place and the bonus was won by Chris and Scott Wade and Adam Peterson boating 42.16#, a very close second was Eric Kruczynski, Nick Gabara and Ben Skiba weighing 41.64# with a 5.61# fish good enough for Saturday big fish pot and third was Dustin Crittenden, Jesse and Jim Spicer coming in with 38.22# with a 6.28# fish good enough for the big fish pot on Friday. Fourth was Scott Gagnon, Bill McCuarrie and Shawn Muczynski with 30.72# and fifth was Carl Hatla, and Bill Brado boating 24.64#. Carl and Bill had 1 fish Friday night at 4.48# which tells us **never give up**. Team Mark Byce has some drama coming here from Lincoln Friday evening, a bearing went out on the boat trailer taking out the hub and leaving a smoke trail for quite some distance. When they arrived they drew team #13 which was the second omen. The third omen after weighing 5 fish the first night the second they only managed 2 fish for a total of 24.31# good for 6th place just one place out of the payout. All in all the same number of boats fished as last year and weights were about the same.

Next Tournaments

Long Lake this Sunday June 8th ***Weigh-in is at Long Lake Parking lot.***

When Mike and Carole McGirr were returning home from the Grand Lake Tournament they stopped by Long Lake Park to check on the updates on the launch and new docks that were supposed to happen last year. This was a week before the Memorial Day weekend which is a first camping and fishing trip for many along with the Bass Club's big tournament. Nothing had been done with updates and there apparently was no intention of putting in the docks as the launch was in terrible shape. After a phone call to track the people down who make things happen out there and many excuses the launch was fixed up and docks put in making it usable so we should be OK for our Sunday tourney.

Mullet Lake Sunday June 22nd launch at the north end of the lake.

Last year 24 people fished. 4 boats out of 10 weighed 5 fish each with weights 16.23# to 9.8# and one boat weighing 4 fish 10.65#. Big fish weights were 4 to 5 lb. class. Some boats did not weigh even though they had fish. You never know what you are going to hook on to. Fish were from walleye, salmon, steelhead and pike. You will catch fish on this lake. We found the best way to get to the launch from Alpena area is go 23 north to Cheboygan, left at the light and take 27 south for about 10 minutes.

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 or see me at a meeting.

Email members have the membership year after their last name on emails sent by Denny Burns including the newsletter email.

Regular mailed member's membership year is on the envelope.

Make checks out to TBWC.

2nd Annual Hooked for Life Fishing Derby

Steve Hubert and Cherokee Girard – AMA Parent Liaison will be at this meeting to finalize plans for the fishing derby Saturday June 18th. If you can't make the meeting contact Cherokee at 989 884 3155 for your help at this great event. It involves kids who have never had a chance to experience fishing. Location is the Lafage Paxton Quarry with many other activities including soft drinks, food, fishing poles and bait.

All of this at no cost to the kids or escorts. They need our help to make this another great success.

Please 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: walleeyesnyper@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, repairs, and spring/summer tune up? 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 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 walleesyner@hotmail.com we'd like to promote our member's activities and accomplishments.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday June 11th, 7pm 2014

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:

Gota question

Club Tourneys

Hooked for Live Kids Fishing Derby

Brown Trout