

Thunder Bay Walleye Club Newsletter

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It's in Full Swing

Area walleye fishing is in full swing, but the bite has varied greatly from day to day and lake to lake with the crazy fluctuations in weather and water temps. Fishing in the bay has been fairly hit and miss at night up until the last week, while the daytime bite is still a little on the tough side. You can attribute most of this to the unseasonably cool temperatures resulting in the cold water temps. On Hubbard the night bite is as good as it always is, and the daytime fishing is just starting to take off again. Long and Grand are both giving up fish as well, and should get better when the weather warms.

Tournament Results

Hubbard Lake Saturday May 4th 6pm – 2am This was the first year we kicked off the season with a Hubbard Lake Tournament, and as expected the fishing was pretty darn good, at least for the smaller 15 to 17 inch eyes. Most boats went through plenty of fish and found that they were quite shallow in four to six feet of water. It was the team of Eric Kruczynski, Nick Gabara, and Ben Skiba who found a nice cooperative 3.97 pounder jigging before dark on the Northeast Shore, and capped it off with a good trolling bite after dark to take top honors and the first place check with 10.02 lbs. Bruce Kirschner, Al Kirschner, and Rick Kazubowski put together a nice five fish basket for 9.50 lbs in shallow water at the South end of the lake near the river mouth to grab second place. Rounding out the top three was Jon Kruttlin, Bryan Lapine, and Ed Hechlik with an 8.46 lb catch scraped together all the way up the east shore and into east bay. Way to go guys.

Hubbard Lake Sunday May 19th 7am - 3pm Wow, this was a scorcher, but not because the fishing was hot. It actually was very hot, and very calm with some small chop on the water, which may have led to an almost non-existent bite for ALMOST everyone. It was the team of Al "I got the spot" Douglas, and Don "I'm really glad you got the spot" Harrison, that were the only boat that was able to put together five bites with an ultra-slow presentation with a jig and a leech netting 9.73 lbs. With those types of conditions, it just goes to show that sometimes you just need to "Embrace the Jig" and exercise a great deal of patience. It was Steve LaPlaunt and Tom Sharp (the master angler in the boat) taking second place honors by landing the only other legal walleye. Way to get it done. Third place was not paid so the money will go towards the prizes for those fishing the club tournaments at our next banquet.

Nite Eyes-from Friday and Saturday May 31st and June 1st. 6pm – 1am. The bite turned on just prior to the Nite Eyes, and we saw several solid baskets come to the scale on both nights. The majority of the heavy baskets came from waters between Scarecrow and Sturgeon Pt. with a few coming from the North Shore, and even out to North Point. It was the team of Eric Kruczynski, Nick Gabara, and Ben Skiba that got the job done by targeting waters south of Black River Island. They fished a variety of stickbaits high in the water column, to pull the heaviest baskets on both nights for a total of 46.36 lbs. Second went to Chris and Scott Wade along with Adam Peterson 43.05 lbs. on 10 fish. Third place is Bill Brado, Carl Hatala and Paul Nash with 40.99 lbs on 10 fish. Forth goes to Mark Byce, Dennis Somers and Jim Watts with 40.28 lbs. on 10 fish. Fifth place is Tim DeWyre, Rob Frantz and Matt Hunter with 39.89 lbs. along with the largest walleye Saturday night at 6.11 lbs. Largest walleye Friday night goes to Jim and Jesse Spicer along with Dustin Crittenden weighing 6.70 lbs. Weights were very close thru the top 5 with just one or 2 larger fish could have changed outcome. 2012 saw three 7# plus fish caught with only one night of fishing due to bad weather the second night.

James Farm Pond (Please Read)

It looks like we will harvest fingerlings about June 17th from James Pond. As of this posting (June 3rd) the fingerlings are about 1" and doing well with the cooler weather. The gathering of donated fillets, to put on the cookout for the Gaylord DNR, during Nite Eyes was hit and miss, with some disappointing results and comments.

Guys, this cookout is done for (DNR Staff) and the TBWC members who show up to help with the harvest to show our appreciation for their cooperation with the TBWC in efforts to raise walleye, the same Walleye that are often planted in our local lakes, which we ALL fish for and harvest. We need about 12-15 pounds to be able to feed all the workers and were able to get 9 pounds on Friday night (Saturday at 1:00 A.M.) but completely struck out on Saturday night. Efforts to obtain enough fish to make this happen were met with surprising resistance and off base comments. It's understood that Walleye is a precious commodity, however I don't believe it's too much to ask for each successful boat to donate a couple of fillets to show our appreciation for the men and women that harvest our James Pond Walleye. Many of these boats had 10 or more walleye on the table but were unwilling to sacrifice a couple fillets for this worthy cause, why? As many fish as most of us catch in a season, I find this pretty sad. Carl, thank you for your effort, it is appreciated, and we'll make sure there's enough to cook for these guys. Please guys, let's work together, cooperating to support this club and our goals and efforts.

Upcoming Events

Saturday June 8th

**THUNDER BAY 7A-3P Alpena Express Care \$1,500.00 payout NO ENTRY FEE
Sign-up 6a – 9a at the Boat Harbor**

Sunday, June 23rd

MULLET LAKE 7 AM to 3 PM North End DNR Launch

DeTour Info

Looks like DeTour Riverbend Resort is out for the club this year. We will keep you informed.

Brown Trout News

An update on BT will be at the June meeting.

There will be a special mailing soon to get the BT raffle tickets to members as well as the schedule for members to volunteer time for the BT Festival. Keep an eye on your mail.

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: walleyesyper@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 email me at walleynyper@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:

Tournaments

DeTour

Brown Trout report

Kids Fishing Day New Date?