

# Thunder Bay Walleye Club

## Newsletter

June, 2010

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## Club Activities

### Long Lake Tournament Results- May 16th

#### ***Long Lake Tournament Results from- May 16<sup>th</sup>***

What a difference, weather wise from the last few years. We'd come to expect high winds and really rough water, but were greeted by calm, sunny conditions this year. It was nice to see a fantastic turnout with 53 people fishing. You never know what to expect with the bite on Long Lake, and it seemed that the fishing turned tough with the nice weather. There were several confirmed 24-25 inch fish caught during pre-fishing with at least two being released. They were nowhere to be found on Sunday, as there wasn't one boat that brought a limit to the scale. The team of Erich Carlson, Wayne VanDyke, and Rich Carlson took top honors in this one with a four fish weight of 7.53 pounds and a first place check worth \$772.00. They were pulling crawler harnesses @ around .8 to 1.0 on ½ and 1 oz in-lines and bouncers on the north end of the lake around the Cook Stove Reef area. Just like the rest of the boats, the bit was slow, but they were able to pull four nice keepers. Second place went to Eric Kruczynski and Nick Gabara fishing the Round Top area, and brought in two fish trolling with both cranks and bottom bouncers with spinners. One of their fish happened to be a nice 3.89 pounder which helped give them a total weight of 4.79 helping them edge out the third place team of Al Douglas, Don Harrison, and Larry Donojkowski who caught three fish for a total weight of 4.13. They were fishing the south end of the lake running a variety of cranks in and around the weeds. Great way to gut it out on a tough bite!

#### ***Hubbard Lake Tournament Results from – May 22<sup>nd</sup>***

This turned into a dandy of a tournament, with one of the biggest turnouts in the history of the TBWC club events, and well as the heaviest five fish tournament weight. Most boats reported going through between 20 to 50 and even 60 fish. Almost everyone weighed in a five fish limit, but it was the team of Jon Kruttlin, Bryan Lapine, and Ed Hechlik who bested the field with a record breaking basket weighing 16.75 pounds including the biggest fish we've ever seen come out of Hubbard Lake in a tournament, a 30 inch 7.95 pound monster They were fishing the south end of the lake in 15-17 FOW pulling a various models and colors of Reef Runners. *(Take Note) Jon chose to release his basket of fish including another nice 22 plus incher, a very honorable decision as fish this size in Hubbard Lake are quite rare. Way to go!* In second place was the team of Don Mischley and Matt Mischley with a weight of 11.14 pounds. I apologize, I didn't get the information on where they were fishing. The third place team was Team Foghorn comprised of, Romeo Bourdage, Greg Wiechowski, Dave Werda weighing in a five fish basket of 11.12 pounds. The dynamic trio fished on the West side of the lake and like almost everyone else, were running various stick baits. Bites were reportedly hard to get before dark, but at 10:00 it was like someone flipped the switch. There were many reports of guys only having one or two baits in the water at a time. It didn't seem to matter what people were using as long as it had hooks on it. Weeding through tons of short fish definitely seemed to be part of the key to getting a limit of legal ones.





## MEMBERSHIPS

**Last call for the 2010 memberships.** Memberships are still \$15.00 per year for a single membership and \$25.00 for a family membership. A family membership gives anyone living in your house all the advantages the club offers. Mail to TBWC, PO Box 812, Alpena, MI 49707, or see Denny Burns at this months meeting to keep current.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Dennis Julin Alpena          Boone Tanner Alpena          Justin Baker Lachine          Brad Skiba Alpena

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, June 10, 2010 at 7:00 pm

- **Besser Tech Room** - Room 112 in the BTC

Meetings are the second Wednesday of every month

## AGENDA:

- Old Business
  - Recap of Long Lake & Hubbard
- New Business -
  - July -Thunder Bay tournament Fish Fry/Picnic
  - Update an current walleye in possession and proposed new limits