

Thunder Bay Walleye Club Newsletter

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FISHING IS GOOD

Well, summer is finally here, at least when you look at the calendar! Fishing got off to an overall slow start, but has heated up significantly. Fishing on all the local lakes has been good as Grand and Long have been putting up good number on both cranks and crawlers, and Hubbard is steady as always. Fishing on the bay has been pretty good, with some days being markedly better than others. The night bite has certainly been more productive lately, but the day time bite has been steadily improving but you have to find them as always. Follow the wind, and you'll find the fish. Overall, the fish in the bay seem to be a bit bigger this year, at least for me, averaging over four pounds. There are so many places to fish and not enough time to fish them all. The salmon and trout are on the feed too! Pick a decent day, a lake, and you'll likely find yourself cranking in some fish. If not, it beats working.

CLUB TOURNAMENTS

LONG LAKE JUNE 8TH Weather was a bit windy and some rain but the bite was on all over the lake. 41 contestants were on the water with 33 weighing in. A lot of undersized walleye due past plants were boated making it a must for a lot of bait on board. Denny Burns and Jackie Oliver tucked in behind the point on the south end of the park and found fish in 8 feet of water. Not just walleye but bass, pike and perch pulling crawler harnesses but only managed a 12 place finish. First went to Kaleb and Larry Donajkowski with Tom Jones weighing 9.93 lbs. Second Dustin Crittenden, Jim and Jesse Spicer came in with 8.76 lbs. largest was 2.88 lbs. Third is Bill Brado and Carl Hatla with 8.21 lbs. and their largest was 2.70 lbs. Nice catches for LL. This was the second lake the club offered the special bonus \$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. Hubbard Lake is the last tournament to offer the bonus.

MULLET LAKE JUNE 22ND This is the second time Jackie and Denny have fished this lake and what a lake it is. Thursday we prefished and thought we would launch at the Aloha State Park but the launch was not open due to the wrap up the DNR doing dredging at the launch sight so we had to back track a few miles to the south end DNR launch. We did pull a 4.3 pounder fishing in front of the park and Mike and Carole McGirr boated a 5.5 # in the same area so this spot was ranked #1 on our spots for the time being. Going back early Saturday morning we fished other areas the lake and it was clear the fish flies were hatching. Sunday morning at the north west DNR launch there were at least 3 million fish flies and made it uncomfortable to say the least to do signups and stay outside of the truck. How did this affect the fishing? Not at all. While only 27 fished 23 weighed fish and I think all boated fish. First goes to Steve LaPlaunt and Tom Sharp pulling crawler harness (I think) with 18.22 lbs. Second goes to Eric Kruczynski, Jason Kelly and Ben Skiba with a close 17.84 lbs. pulling crawler harnesses and third goes to Bill Brado and Carl Hatla with a close 16.45 lbs. This lake is such a diverse fishery, you should take advantage of it. While the fish flies were numerous all over the lake the steelhead were slurping them off the top of the water all day. Jackie and I did manage a 4th place finish with 14.21 lbs. Does prefishing pay off, not quite for us yet.

The clubs next tourneys are Thunder Bay July 13th which is a prefish for the Brown Trout Walleye Extravaganza July 19th and 20th. Rockport is August 3rd.

Other tournament happenings

This past month, Wayne VanDyke and Erich Carlson fished in the Cabela's Masters Walleye Circuit, and the Cabela's National Team Championship and had a couple very nice finishes. While not quite able to repeat their 2013 NTC win, the pair finished 11th out of 237 boats in the NTC out of Green Bay Wisconsin, then returned two weeks later to the northern part of the bay to put a lock on 2nd Place in the Masters Walleye Circuit event out of Oconto, Wisconsin. Agreeably, the tournament fishing world is not for everybody, however, if you have ever thought about fishing some bigger events, talk with these two. They'll tell you that there is absolutely no better way to become a better fisherman than to fish tournaments against some of the best in the business. Attention to details and an open mind is key, and can easily put you years ahead of where you are. Here are a few photos. **Pictures are Day Two Oconto 35.01 Pounds - Finished Second Place Overall.**



31 ¼ Incher from Pre-fish (Released)

Brady wants to be like dad!!!

Brown Trout Volunteers Needed!

Remember, the Brown Trout Festival is just around the corner, and our club is in need of volunteers to help cover our time commitment. Over the last several years, it has been primarily the same small core group of folks volunteering their time, and while this is certainly important, and very much appreciated, it would be fantastic if we could get some new people involved to volunteer so the responsibility doesn't always fall on the same few. We understand that your time is precious and many people have work commitments, but if you don't, please consider helping out. It's actually quite fun, you'll get a couple drink tickets, and get to hang out and talk fishing. It really is only a few hours of your time, and will help the TBWC as well as to keep the Brown Trout running. Check out the schedule mailed to you last week and sign up at the next meeting, or give Glen Klimczak home 379-4608 or work 356-0834 for open time slots. We are counting on you!

NOTE ABOUT CLUB TOURNAMENTS. IT WAS BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION THAT SOME BOATS MAY HAVE BEEN FISHING WITH MORE THAN 6 LINES. PLEASE REVIEW THE CLUB TOURNAMENT RULES TO BE INSIDE THE BOUNDRIES OF ALL OUR TOURNAMENTS. IF FOUND IN VIOLATION YOUR BOAT (ALL IN THE BOAT) WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FOR THAT TOURNAMENT AS WELL AS POINTS EARNED THAT GOES TOWARDS THE DOLLAR PRIZE MONIES.

Now THESE are some FISH!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Richard and Pam Hubert have been putting on some serious miles the last couple of years, and recently made the trip to Alaska.



MORE COMPUTER STUFF

After getting my new computer running and a basic understanding on how Microsoft 7 operates a few day ago the thing would not turn on. Hit the on button and in would shut down and about 3 seconds later try to start and keep that sequence until I pulled the plug. Made a panic call to the help line and in 2 days it was up and running again. It was thought by them the power supply was haywire but it turned out the mother board had to be replaced. I noticed prior to this dilemma that things weren't happening the way I though it should.

Most important, check your membership date. I did go over records again that 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. Those who get your newsletter by email the membership date is after your last name in the *To* section of the email.

I usually give the last call for memberships in the June newsletter but because of the last snafu I postponed it until this newsletter.

If you have a question on this matter give me a call at 989 354 2419 or email me at jackieodennyb@frontier.com.

LAST CALL FOR CLUB MEMBERSHIPS RENEWALS

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 payable to TBWC.

2nd Annual Hooked for Life Fishing Derby

Cherokee Girard – AMA Parent Liaison and Steve Hubert pulled of another great success for the fishing derby Saturday June 18th. About 158 kids had a chance to experience education, fishing, food and fun at the Lafage Paxton Quarry with many other activities including soft drinks, fishing poles and bait all of this at no cost to the kids or escorts. Thank you to the TBWC members who helped make this another great success.

HELP US

TAKE A FEW MINUTES AFTER A TOURNAMENT

We need info for the Newsletter!

Please consider contributing to the newsletter! Do you have a fishing or hunting story **OR ANY 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.**

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 Dockside Canvas

Services and repairs all Minnkota products including Cannon Downriggers.

989-464-1191

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 email me at walleynesnyper@hotmail.com we'd like to promote our member's activities and accomplishments.

NEXT MEETING
Wednesday July 9th, 7pm 2014

NEW MEETING ROOM

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ACC Besser Tech Center (Room -122) it's the large room to the left 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

2014 Thunder Bay Walleye Club Best 5 Tournament Standings			
Top 12 of 91 Fishing thru 5 of 9 Tournaments			
Name	Points	Rank	
	Best 5 of 9		
Wade, Scott	359.34	1	
Wade, Chris	359.34	1	
Brado, Bill	357.52	2	
Hatala, Carl	357.52	2	
Kruczynski, Eric	356.34	3	
VanMassenhove, Dan	335.11	4	
VanMassenhove, Gary	335.11	4	
Peterson, Adam	277.89	5	
MacKenzie, Eric	267.41	6	
Byce, Mark	238.41	7	
Watts, Jim	238.41	7	
Franklin, Matt	235.11	8	