

Thunder Bay Walleye Club Newsletter

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It's a great time of year, get out and enjoy it!

It's that time of year again! The fishing is good if not great just about anywhere you want to go. Of course every day is different, but as of late, Thunder Bay has been phenomenal both during the day, and at night. While it took a while for the big numbers to show up, they are finally here, and we should have good fishing for quite a while. Every place you go seems to be producing at least some fish, but as fishing goes, you need to be willing to adjust to changing wind and water temps. The local inland lakes are also getting much better as the big mayfly hatches are finished, or at least close to being finished. It's a great time of year to be fishing, so get out and enjoy it with family and friends. Before you know it, we'll be ice fishing again.

James Farm Pond was fantastic this year!

Our efforts with the James Farm pond produced very well again with 188,924 Walleye harvested.

The Thunder Bay Walleye Club, in conjunction with the Gaylord DNR, successfully harvested 188,924 walleye fingerlings from James Pond on June 19th and 20th. This is probably our best harvest! There was lots of volunteer help from club members, and a fantastic meal was put on by Pam Hubert with fish donated from club members. Richard Hubert managed to fill, feed and maintain the pond until harvest along with his full time job. After harvest, the DNR had met their pre-determined quotas and the remainder of the fish will be released into the Thunder Bay River system feeding Lake Winyah.

Below is a rundown on where they went courtesy of Tim Cwalinski DNR

From James Farm Pond:

91,044 West Twin Lake (Montmorency Co)
17,010 Long Lake (Montmorency Co)
14,000 Big Lake (Otsego Co)
42,480 Beaver Lake (Alpena Co)
12,420 Tea Lake (Oscoda Co)
11,970 Ess Lake (Montmorency Co)

Unknown released directly into the Thunder Bay River, which feeds Lake Winyah.

We also had lakes stocked regionally from other ponds, particularly from those from our Bay City office, including a plant of Mullett Lake at 466,000 fingerlings alone! Nice to job all those involved, both directly, and indirectly! We should be proud of these types of accomplishments, as they help assure us of a future fishery.

Mullet Lake results from Sunday, June 23rd

Well, as usual, Mullet Lake did not disappoint us. It is a beautiful body of water that still has a great fishery. While not always slam-dunk easy fishing, it still has a strong Walleye population, with some very nice quality fish. It was the team of Dan VanMassenhove, Eric Mackenzie, Nate Engstrom and Ken Howard who took top honors in this one getting a couple of key bites early in the day by Needle Point. They worked from Needle Point to the humps to the northwest pulling spinners throughout the water column pulling a five fish bag of 16.23lbs for the top honors. The team of Eric Kruczynski, Nick Gabara, and Ben Skiba went through a bunch of Walleyes by making long trolls over and around the humps at the North end of the lake pulling spinners high in the water column to take the second place check with a five fish basket of 15.57lbs. Erich Carlson and Wayne VanDyke rounded out the top three with a five fish bag good for 11.39lbs taken on spinners off the north end. Nice work everybody!

Help spread the word and make some noise about this!

Michigan Brown Trout Festival - Two Day Walleye Extravaganza July 20-21, 2013

GUARANTEED \$8625.00 to First Place

For the combined weight of the five heaviest walleye each day

\$250 Entry Fee

90% Payback to the

Remaining top 5 places based on a 30 Boat Field

Get an entry form at:

www.alpenami-browntROUT.com

All boats must be registered by 4:30 on Friday, July 19th

No limit to the number of anglers in a boat, however there is a six line limit

One member of each team must be present at the Captains meeting at the United Water Big Tent held @
5:30 on Friday, July 19th

***Anglers are not required to pay the \$35 per angler registration for the "Regular Brown Trout Tournament". However Boats with unregistered BT (did not pay the \$35) anglers will not be eligible for additional BT tournament prizes.**

Come join us for some great fishing and some fantastic prize money!

FUTURE TBWC TOURNEYS

ALL 7AM – 3PM

Thunder Bay –Launch Alpena Boat Harbor (Public, Membership not required) Sun, July 14th
MI. Brown Trout – Walleye weekend Tournament (non-club) Sat, Sun July 20th-21st
Rockport – Launch Rockport Harbor---Alternate Grand Lake--- Sun, August 4th

DeTour Info

Make your reservation now. Need more info, contact Bill O’Neil at (989) 379-3773.

Brown Trout News

An update on BT will be at the July meeting. Brown Trout Tickets have been mailed so if you haven’t returned the tickets mailed to you or the stubs and money, do so now so we can sell unsold tickets.

Checks should be made out to the Thunder Bay Walleye Club (TBWC) not to the Brown Trout.

The TBWC is required to purchase 300 tickets by BT.

If you have questions call Glen Klimczak at (989) 379-4608.

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: 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.

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

NEXT MEETING: **Wednesday, July 10th, 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 update (Hooked for Life Fishing Clinic and Derby)

**2013 Thunder Bay Walleye Club Best 5 Tournament Standings
Top 47 of 87 Fishing thru 4 of 8 Tournaments**

Name	Points Best 5 of 8	Rank
Gabara, Nick	295.93	1
Kruczynski, Eric	295.93	1
Skiba, Ben	295.93	1
MacKenzie, Eric	237.26	2
VanMassenhove, Dan	237.26	2
Carlson, Erich	184.83	3
VanDyke, Wayne	184.83	3
Watts, Jim	162.44	4
Harrison, Don	153.13	5
VanMassenhove, Gary	137.26	6
Birk, Adam	123.48	7
Donajkowski, Larry J	109.42	8
Spicer, Jesse	106.52	9
Spicer, Jim	106.52	9
Engstorm, Nate	100.00	10

Howard, Ken	100.00	10
Douglas, Al	100.00	10
Kazubowski, Rick	94.81	11
Kirschner, Al	94.81	11
Kirschner, Bruce	94.81	11
Peterson, Adam	92.86	12
Wade, Chris	92.86	12
Wade, Scott	92.86	12
Brado, Bill	88.42	13
Hatala, Carl	88.42	13
Nash, Paul	88.42	13
Byce, Mark	86.89	14
Somers, Dennis	86.89	14
Dewyre, Tim	86.04	15
Frantz, Rob	86.04	15
Hunter, Matt	86.04	15
Hechlik, Ed	84.43	16
Krutlin, Jon	84.43	16
Lapine, Bryan	84.43	16
LaPlaunt, Steve	81.04	17
Sharp, Tom	81.04	17
Ballard, Shawn	79.57	18
Kruger, Todd	79.57	18
McCourt, Mike	79.57	18
Birk, Doug	79.54	19
Matchett, Brian	75.55	20
Matchett, Mel	75.55	20
Karner, Mike	71.56	21
McCausey, Eric	71.56	21
Mulvahill, Chris	71.56	21
Golder, Dave	66.87	22
Nowcki, Jerry	66.87	22