

Thunder Bay Walleye Club

Newsletter

July, 2009

P.O. Box 812 Alpena, MI 49707

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President	Jim Leeseberg	Bill O'Neil
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**** Club Activities ****

- ***Jesse Besser Museum Activity for July***

On Saturday, July 25 from 12 - 2pm, the Besser Museum will host a free Family Fun Day. I received this email from Chris Witulski.

Denny,

Thank you for your help in this matter. I do hope Romeo knows I was only teasing him about him being assigned to the task of Family Fun Day. And I also apologize about getting Dave's name wrong, I would love to have him participate in our Family Fun Day, but I am sure he is a big help at the Brown Trout. It would be nice to have some of your members who do not participate in your major events come for the two hours our event runs to teach their skills, tie crawler harnesses etc. The event is from 12pm - 2pm. Also, I would like to say thank you to you and the members of the Walleye Club for your donation. Please let me know if you would care to have a free family day for your members or use our classroom for a meeting. I look forward to hearing from you after your July 8th meeting.

Thank you,

Christine Witulski, Education Curator
Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan
989-356-2202

The club donated \$300.00 to buy a very nice “new” walleye mount for the “permanent museum fish wall”. Our club logo will be displayed under the mount. Dave Birmingham was very instrumental in this so give him all the credit for making it happen. The museum event is on Saturday July 25th which is the Super Tournament weigh-in for the club. I informed Chris that this is a priority for the club but if a couple of members can go from 12pm till 2pm please do. Contact Chris at 989-356-2202. You could still attend the museum function and get to the Brown Trout Super Tourney for weigh-in.

- ***Brown Trout***

So far as of July 2nd, 41 people have returned their sold BT raffle tickets, one not participating. The following have not. SHAWN BALLOR, ROGER BARC, ROMEO BOURDAGE, MICHAEL BURLEY, ERICH CARLSON TOM CLOFT, RICK COLONNA, PAUL CORBIN, KEVIN D COSBITT, JOSEPH CURMI, CLYDE DE ROSIA, TIM DEWYRE, LARRY J DONAJKOWSKI, DON DOWLING, JIM ENGLE, TERRY FILARECKI, ROB FRANTZ, DAVID FRARY, DOUG FRAS, RALPH GRABOW, DENNIS GULAU, DON HARRISON, GERGERY HART, MARK HAUGERUD, THOMAS R ENDRICKSON SR, RALPH HINRICHS, RICHARD, PAM & STEVE HUBERT, DENNY BURNS, JACKIE OLIVER, BILL & BOB KOWALSKI, ERIC KRUCZYNSKI, TODD KRUGER, JON KRUTTLIN, STEVE LA PLAUNT, JAMES LEESEBERG, KEVIN LUNDQUIST, ERIC MACKENZIE, CHARLES MARCINKIEWICZ, BRIAN MATCHETT, JAMES & JOELYN MC CALLUM, MIKE A McCOURT, KEN MURRAY, TRAVIS NIEDBALA, STEVE NOWAKOWSKI, BILL O'NEIL, SCOTT OUELLETTE, HARRY PLUME, SAM PUSATERI, SARA PUSATERI, BRAD RADEL, VIC ROSS, RON SCHROEDER, TOM SHARP, KEN SHORT, BEN SKIBA, PAT SPLITT, CHRIS WADE, ROY WCISEL and GERALD YARCH. **Please put them in the mail in the prestamped return envelope provided. Do not turn them in at the Brown Trout Festival. The club will not get our dollars nor credit for selling.**

There are a very large number of volunteers needed for time slots not filed for the festival. They are;

Thunder Bay Walleye 2009 Brown Trout Festival Club Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Task</i>	<i>Start Time</i>	<i>End Time</i>	<i>No Workers Req'd</i>
Monday, July 20, 2009	Weigh Station- Late	4:00 PM	9:00 PM	1
Tuesday, July 21, 2009	Small Tent- Exits	3:00 PM	7:00 PM	1
	Weigh Station- Late	4:00 PM	9:00 PM	2
Thursday, July 23, 2009	Weigh Station- Late	2:30 PM	5:30 PM	3
	Weigh Station- Late	5:30 PM	9:00 PM	3
Friday, July 24, 2009	Big Tent- Gate- Enter	8:00 PM	12:00 AM	2
	Small Tent- Bar and Tickets	7:00 PM	11:00 PM	3
	Weigh Station- Late	4:00 PM	9:00 PM	2
Saturday, July 25, 2009	Boat Check-In	1:00 PM	4:00 PM	4
	Weigh Station- Late	3:00 PM	6:00 PM	4
	Weigh Station- Late	6:00 PM	9:00 PM	2
Sunday, July 26, 2009	Boat Check-In	1:00 PM	4:00 PM	7
	Weigh Station- Late	2:00 PM	5:00 PM	4

Call Denny Burns with your day and time you can volunteer no later than Sunday July 12th . Keep this schedule for a reminder of your time to be there.

Remember to sign in and out at your work location. If you don't the club will not get credit for the hours nor will you.

If you can't make it for some reason, call Denny Burns at 989 354 2419 in advance so a replacement can be scheduled.

Free membership for more than 5 hours volunteered.

- ***Walleye Club Clothing***

If you are interested in getting a Walleye Club jacket, please give Steve Hubert a call @ 657-4646, 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 etc. at the monthly meetings for you to purchase. The Club ordered 36 Hanes fleece pullover-hooded sweatshirts in various colors and sizes for \$25.00.

- ***TBWC Web Site***

You can access the new web page at www.tbwalleye.com. Todd already put some information out there for us and would gladly take any additional information that you might have such as pictures or news. The sight is under development at this point. You should take a minute and see what it looks like and give us some input on what you would like to see on the web sight. If you have any pictures to add, you can do so on the web site or by contacting Todd through the web site. You can also BLOG (say what's on your mind) on this web sight. Please keep it to fishing related topics.

****Club Tournaments****

NOTICE

The Saginaw Bay –Launch Tawas (change from Tawas to AuGres)

St. Marys River – Sault Sainte Marie --Aune-Osborn Campground changed from Sat the 29th to Sun, August 30th.

Soo Tournament- Discussion was made at the June meeting to move the tournament day to Sunday like always. Many club members have shared that they don't see the advantage to the Saturday since some may only be able to be in the Soo for Saturday and Sunday.

• ***Lake Wyniah, June 7, 2009: 7-3***

Neither Romeo or Denny Burns fished on this date but I know how the weather was and it was the same as the previous rotten fishing days for club tourneys have been with rain, wind and cold. Two legal walleye were netted by 2 different boats....must have been exciting. Other boats put some nice bass in their live wells with one bet on who's was bigger. Doug Fras and Travis Niedbala took first with 1.57# and the Mischley crew of Don, Matt and J took second with 1.00# fish. Enough said about the location and weather.

• ***Lake Huron, June 21, 2009: 7-3***

The day ended up pretty unusual for the Bay, the weather cooperated and many people located good fish throughout the day with cranks and crawlers. Taking first for the tournament and a team that has not fished in a few years were Tom Catalano Jr. and Scott Grukle who pulled a total weight of 19.94#'s with the large fish being 6.34. I believe that they were pulling crawlers and working the area along the beach on State Street. Second place goes to Doug Fras and Travis Niedbala who also won the tournament on Lake Wyniah two weeks earlier with 19.69#'s to capture 2nd place pulling crawlers in the same location. Third place went to my partner (who may not fish with me after doing well in the last two tournaments without me) Gregg Wieschowski and son Matt who pulled 5 nice fish pulling deep diving cranks off the last can trolling towards north shore.

• ***Mullet Lake, June 28, 2009: 7-3***

It was the club's first trip to the lake and even though we only had 10 boats show, they all produced five fish respectively, which is a great outing since the MWT had a tournament earlier and did not do as well. The groups that pulled 5 fish went through 11 and 15 fish throughout the day. The only down side was the launch site and the wind; we couldn't have a tournament without a little wind (10-20 out of the SE with 3' waves). The leader of the pack was none other than our own president who decided last minute to make his way over because he was being taunted by some of the guys. He called Billy late Saturday and convinced him that they could do well and needed to fish. They packed up and headed over to Dill's camp, which is only 40 minutes from Mullet and did well. Jim recalled a location that Bruce ice fished and went right there. No sooner did they get the crawlers out, Jim pulled the big fish. They continued to work the point with crawlers and pulled another nice one and then had to move with the rest of the group using cranks at the humps on the north end of the lake. It was a good decision and I am sure that Billy supports the last minute decision with 5 fish weighing in at 16.82#'s. Second place went to Kevin and Tim with 16.12#'s who also fished the north end using cranks. If I recall, they went through a mess of fish for the weekend and were the ones that encouraged Jim to make the trip. The threesome of Eric Krucynski, Ben Skiba, and Chris Wade who also fished the north end with 15.78#'s took third place. I spoke to Eric and forgot to ask him what he was using, but I would have to guess that he too was pulling cranks in about 20' of water working the humps on the north end.

We are going to have to hash over all three of the tournaments at the meeting to give all the details- I was not at the last three and relied on others to reproduce the information. If I was not correct, I apologize and can do corrections. Please feel free to add information at the next meeting regarding your particulars. Thanks for your understanding in the matter.

Reminder that there is a gold mine of info on how to fish walleye at the Alpena County Library in VHS, DVD,CD and written format by In Fishermen courtesy of our club.

Upcoming Activities –

1. Lake Huron, July 12, 2009 7-3
2. Brown Trout 18-19th Walleye Extravaganza 2
3. Jesse Besser Museum Family Fun Day, July 25th 12-2
4. Saginaw Bay, August 9, 2009 7-3 **Launch changed from Tawas to AuGres**
5. Make your reservations for the Soo (fishing day may change)
6. St. Mary River, Sunday August 30, 2009 7-3 **Changed from Saturday 8/29 to Sunday 8/30**

Other Events:

****- Please let Romeo know the events you are involved with by calling 356-1703 work 358-5219 email bourdager@charter.net – we'd like to promote our member's activities and accomplishments -****

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Tom Catalano Sr., Tom Catalano Jr., and Scott Grulke all of Rogers City

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, July 8, 2009 @ 7:00 pm

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

Meetings are the second Wednesday of every month

AGENDA:

- Old Business
 - Chris Wituski- Museum- Family Fun Day
 - Lincoln Lions Fishing Tournament, June 10-14: results
 - Mullett Lake discussion
 - Plans for Saginaw Bay
- New Business
 - Fishing update on the Bay
 - Brown Trout details
 - Kids fishing day