

Thunder Bay Walleye Club

Newsletter

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Club Activities

Recent Tournament Results

Nite Eyes- Thunder Bay, June 4th and 5th

It was the team of Don Harrison, Larry Donajkowski, and Al Douglas taking top honors this year with a combined weight of 46.33 for the two nights. They had a fantastic first night with a five fish weight that pushed thirty pounds. They made all the right moves and got all the right bites by fishing Sulfer, the Humps, and the Break wall catching big fish in all three places pulling reef runners and rogues. It's a good thing they had a good first night because the 2nd Place team of Ben Skiba, Brad Skiba, and Chris Wade came back swinging with a 25 pound basket on the second night caught off Sulfer pulling reef runners for their two day total of 42.53. In 3rd place team Chum Bucket consisting of Richard, Pam, and Steve Hubert along with Bob Kowalski continued their always consistent ways on Thunder Bay by bagging a two night total of 40.66 pounds including the big fish of the tournament, a dandy eight pounder fishing in the Partridge Point area. Great job!

Thunder Bay- June 20th

WOW!!! This was a record setting tournament in terms of the number of boats, fishermen, and fish caught. Practically every boat had their five fish limit, with many boats going through fifteen to twenty fish. Everyone had a great time at the tournament with great weather and even better fishing. At the end of the day it was the team of Steve LaPlaut, Tom Sharp and Captain Ed Retherford taking the top honors with a whopping basket of 27.32 that included two 7 pound-plus dandies. They were working the buoys and south pulling a combination of Tail Dancers, and crawler harnesses. Bill, Ben, and Brad Skiba took the second spot with a weight of 19.71 and Team PBR's Brian Matchett, Mel Matchett, and Jim Watts grabbed the third place spot with 18.79. All three boats worked the same general area with the 2nd and 3rd place boats fishing mostly crawlers and going through lots of fish. The trick was getting the big bites, and there weren't that many to be had. Great Job Everyone!

Mullet Lake - June 27th

For those who didn't make this one, you missed out! Mullet Lake is still a terrific fishery, offering vast amounts of structure, and lots of fish, and yes, still LOTS of Walleyes, not to mention big Rainbows, Northerns, Musky, Bass, etc..... It was a light turnout this time around, but the fishing was still good. Due to a change in DNR regulations the TBWC decide to only weigh a one man limit to allow individual anglers the opportunity to participate in this event and not be at a disadvantage. With a three fish weight of 9.72 the team of Wayne VanDyke, Erich Carlson, and Rich Carlson trolled Buggy Blades at 1.0 mph to go through 11 walleyes and half a trillion perch on both the North and South end of the lake. Steve LaPlaut and Tom Sharp fished the north end and trolled their spinners into the mouths of 9 nice Eyes to take the second spot with a three fish weight of 8.79. Eric Kruczynski, Nick Gabara, Chris Wade, and Ben Skiba fished harnesses on the North End structure to capture the 3rd spot with a three fish weight of 7.38 pounds. Way to go gentlemen!

KIDS FISHING DAY

Saturday August 14th, if it rains then Sunday August 15 from 9am until 12 noon. Prizes, Burgers, Hotdogs, Pop etc. at noon. Any kid, grandson, daughter, granddaughter, someone on the block can attend, membership not required.

Fishing will be from shore and bait provided. Bring a fishing pole and bobber along with a pail for a great time. RSVP to Darwin Grabow at 989 354 4788. Questions, call Darwin.

August Tournament Reminders for Au Gres and Detour
Make them if you can!! These will be great tournaments on great waters!

Au Gres

Here's a last reminder The weekend of the Au Gres Tournament is also the Annual Pirate

Festival, and area hotels fill up quickly for the 30th and 31st of August. Team PBR passed along this information.

Harbor Inn (on US-23)

2 Double Beds are \$89.99 plus tax

3 Double Beds are \$99.99 plus tax

(On pirate fest weekend two night minimum is required)

This includes:

Fish Cleaning Station

2 Freezers for Fish

External Plugs for Boats

Continental Breakfast

DETOUR

Check out www.riverbendresort.com and view the available accommodations, or call 906-297-2400 for daily rates. The cabins are rustic, but suites are modern and cost of a suite is about \$9.00 more per day. Tell them you are with the Thunder Bay Walleye Club and receive 10% off.

FISH CLEANING STATION PLEASE READ THIS

Yesterday the Harbor Advisory had a meeting and one of the main subjects was >the Fish Cleaning Station. It has been getting plugged everyday and people are not using it right. The directions are very specific about how to use. Please turn the unit on before you put fish in it. (I don't care how noisy it is it has to be on and then put fish in.) This is important!!

We have asked some people to turn on 1st and they look at us like we don't have to do that, well you do. If you are cleaning catfish or sheep head put down tail first and make sure grinder is running. If you are cleaning other fish make sure grinder is running. Are we getting the picture? Please help out with this. The next step is a pay as you clean station with a combination lock like the state marinas use. I'm just trying to convey a message here and I know a lot of you use it right but if you see someone putting fish in before turning on, REMIND THEM and if they give you grief just call the cell# on the wall.

FOUND Fish measuring device at the cleaning station. If you think it is yours call Denny Bowen

- ***Walleye Club jacket orders***
- If you are interested in getting a Walleye Club jacket, please give Steve Hubert a call 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.

BROWN TROUT FESTIVAL WORK SCHEDULE UNFILLED TIMES

Monday July 19 weigh-in 4p – 9p 1 person	Tuesday July 20 weigh-in 4p – 9p 2 people
Wed July 21 weigh-in 11:45a – 4p 1 person	Thurs July 22 weigh-in 2:30p – 5:30p 2 people
Friday July 23 weigh-in 11:45a – 4p 2 people	Friday July 23 weigh-in 4p – 9p 2 people
Sat July 24 weigh-in 7:30a – 11:45a 2 people	Sat July 24 weigh-in 11:45a – 4p 3 people
Sat July 24 check-in 1p – 4p 3 people	Sat July 24 weigh-in 3p – 6p 4 people
Sat July 24 weigh-in 6p – 9p 1 person	
Sun July 25 check-in 1p – 4p 7 people	Sun July 25 weigh-in 2p – 5p 3 people
Sun July 25 Big Tent Drink Tickets Contestants Awards 3:30p – 6:30p 2 people	

Please call Denny Burns 989 354 2419 to fill these time slots. The club is committed to the Brown Trout to this schedule.

RAFFLE TICKETS

About 1/3 of the mailed raffle tickets have been returned. If you haven't mailed them please do. You can bring them to the meeting this Wednesday July 14th. Your co-operation is appreciated. Call Denny Burns if you have questions.

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.

Upcoming Activities

- **Sunday-July 11th -Thunder Bay Tournament (6:00 A.M.- 2:00 P.M.)**
 - **Note: There was a club picnic planned for after this tourney. It was not put on last months agenda and no final planning was done. It had to be cancelled.**

- **Saturday and Sunday - July 17th and 18th BT Walleye Extravaganza**
 - **Register Friday July 16th at the BT Weigh-in Trailer**
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- **Sunday - August 1st- Au Gres (7:00 A.M.- 3:00 P.M.)**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, July 14th, 2010 at 7:00 pm

- **ACC Besser Tech Room** - Room 112 in the BTC
- Meetings are the second Wednesday of every month

(Please note: If the college is closed due to weather conditions the meeting will be rescheduled)

AGENDA:

- Old Business
 - Brown Trout Work Schedule and Raffle Tickets
 - Nite-Eyes
 - Thunder Bay
 - Mullet Lake
 - Fish Limit up date (Fred Sterns)

2010 Thunder Bay Walleye Club Best 5 Tournament Standings

Top 22 Thru 6 Tournaments

Carlson, Erich	411.47	1
Skiba, Ben	364.13	2
Hubert, Steve	359.65	3
Kruczynski, Eric	344.56	4
Harrison, Don	336.95	5
Gabara, Nick	333.72	6
VanDyke, Wayne	325.45	7
Hubert, Richard	316.41	8
LaPlaunt, Steve	309.92	9
Sharp, Tom	309.92	9
Kowalski, Bob	297.58	10
Wade, Chris	294.05	11
Retherford, Ed	283.93	12
Donajkowski, Larry J	273.19	13
Leeseberg, Jim	267.95	14
Dewyre, Tim	256.89	15
Tanner, Boone	253.19	16
Cosbitt, Kevin	252.46	17
Hubert, Pam	249.83	18
Matchett, Brian	249.32	19
Matchett, Mel	249.32	19
Watts, Jim	249.32	19