

# Thunder Bay Walleye Club Newsletter

JULY 2018

PO Box 812 Alpena, MI 49707

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## CLUB TOURNAMENT RESULTS

### #3 Grand Lake- Launch – South DNR Sun June 10th 7AM – 3PM

21 contestants fished on a nice day on the water however the bug hatch was on and may have affected the catch. 2 out of the nine boats weighed 5 fish, 1 boat weighed and 2 others weighed one fish. Very slow day. Fish were caught in the weeds with some using slip bobbers and leaches pre-fishing. Hard body baits did net 2 nice fish for Jackie and Denny the previous Thursday.

- 1<sup>st</sup> goes Gary and Dan Vanmassenhove with Matt Franklin weighing 5 fish 7.32 lbs. with their largest of 1.76 lbs.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> is Romeo Bourdage and Shawn Ballor weighing 5 fish at 6.71 lbs. and their largest of the tournament 1.84 lbs.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jeff Tucholski and Curtis Zubal weighing 2.33 lbs.

### #4 "Nite – Eyes" – Launch Alpena Boat Harbor (Public) Fri & Sat June 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> 6PM – 1AM

Again this year with the threat of severe storms that didn't show, the participation was down from previous years. These night tournaments gives you the evening bite as well as the night bite which are prime time fishing. Pulling crawler harnesses, hard body baits, jigging, shivering etc. are some of the tactics used throughout the tournament.

11 Teams with 30 contestants hit the bay and Lake Huron.  
 This tournament pays out 5 places along with \$100 for the largest fish each night.

	DAY 1		
	Total	# of	Big
Name	Wt.	Fish	Fish
Team 11 Jeff Tucholski	21.14	5	6.19
Team 5 Adam Hume	21.04	5	5.24
Team 7 Dan Vanmassenhove	20.83	5	4.84
Team 6 Romeo Bourdage	20.14	5	5.32
Team 8 Jon Kruttlin	18.66	5	4.47
Team 1 Eric MacKenzie	17.44	5	4.93
Team 3 Eric Kruczynski	17.14	5	3.96
Team 2 Wayne Winter	13.32	5	4.68
Team 10 Brad Skiba	13.29	4	5.41
Team 4 Erich Carlson	11.71	3	5.44
Team 9 Dillon Schellie	5.08	2	2.92

	DAY 2		
	Total	# of	Big
Name	Wt.	Fish	Fish
Team 6 Romeo Bourdage	27.94	5	6.92
Team 11 Jeff Tucholski	23.54	5	6.35
Team 10 Brad Skiba	22.10	5	5.27
Team 5 Adam Hume	21.24	5	5.30
Team 1 Eric MacKenzie	20.79	5	4.84
Team 4 Erich Carlson	20.17	5	4.90
Team 3 Eric Kruczynski	17.76	5	4.87
Team 7 Dan Vanmassenhove	16.01	5	3.91
Team 8 Jon Kruttlin	15.74	4	5.23
Team 2 Wayne Winter	14.71	4	4.89
Team 9 Dillon Schellie	11.04	5	2.65

As you can see the catch changes from one day/night to the next. That's are how walleye are, they may be where you caught them the day before or may not. Fish were not as large as in the past with 8, 9 and even 10 lb. fish being weighed.

- 1<sup>st</sup> place goes to Romeo Bourdage, Mark and Seth Haugerud with a total weight of each night weighing 10 fish at 48.08 # also weighing the largest fish the second night at 6.92#.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place is Aaron McMann and Jeff Tucholoski total weight of 44.68 # and their largest fish the first night 6.19 #.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place goes to Adam Hume, Mike Karner and Chris Mulvahill with a total weight of 42.28 # and their largest fish 5.30 #.
- 4<sup>th</sup> place is Alec Brietzki, Eric MacKenzie and Dillon Orr weighing 10 fish at 38.23 # with their largest at 4.93 #.
- 5<sup>th</sup> place is Matt Franklin, Dan and Gary Vanmassenhove total weight of 36.84 # and their largest of 4.84 #.

*DID YOU MAIL YOUR BT RAFFLE TICKETS BACK TO THE CLUB IN THE ENCLOSED/STAMPED ENVELOPE*

THE CLUB IS LOOKING AT SOME CHANGES IN THE NITE EYES TOURNAMENT WEIGH-IN STARTING NEXT YEAR.

<b>2018 Thunder Bay Walleye Club</b>		
<b>Top 17 By Rank of 72 Entrants Thru Tourney #4</b>		
<b>Best 5 of 8 Tournaments</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Rank</b>
<b>Best 5 of 9</b>		
Bourdage, Romeo	372.51	1
Franklin, Matt	317.01	2
VanMassenhove, Dan	317.01	2
VanMassenhove, Gary	317.01	2
Haugerud, Mark	280.84	3
Haugerud, Seth	280.84	3
Tucholski, Jeff	264.64	4
Wade, Chris	263.33	5
Kruczynski, Eric	224.69	6
Kruttlin, Jon	220.35	7
Peterson, Adam	197.02	8
Graham, Kevin	197.02	8
Gabara, Nick	160.29	9
Hume, Adam	157.68	10
Karner, Mike	157.68	10
Birk, Adam	154.41	11
Gauthier, Scott	154.09	12
<i>2013,14,15,16 Angler of the year</i>		
<i>Eric Kruczynski</i>		
<i>2017 Anglers of the Year</i>		
<i>Gary and Dan VanMassenhove</i>		

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**Brown Trout Update**

*Glen Klimczak will have an update at this meeting.*

**RAFFLE TICKETS WERE MAILED OUT TO SOME OF OUR MEMBERSHIP AND THE RETURN BACK TO THE CLUB NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED NOW.**

**I WILL BE CALLING THOSE WHO HAVE NOT MAILED TICKET STUBS OR THE TICKETS BACK AT THIS TIME. Denny Burns 989 354 2419**

**Rules and entry form have been updated on the BT web site.**

**Brown Trout Work Schedule Update**

This is an updated schedule. On Saturday & Sunday the times have changed for trailer staff and on Tuesday there is no trailer staff. Thanks Glen

ENCLOSED IS AN UPDATE OF THE SLOTS STILL AVAILABLE FOR CLUB HOURS DURING THE WEEK OF THE FESTIVAL. PLEASE REVIEW AND CALL GLEN KLIMCZAK AT 989 464 4941.

DAY	DATE	TASK	TIME	WORKERS	HRS	
Saturday	7/14	Parking	5am - 7am	1	2	Tourney bingo on the bay. 4 boats Last year.
Saturday	7/14	Trailer Staff	1pm - 5pm	1	4	
Saturday	7/14	Big Tent - Bar	7pm - 12am	1	5	See the Show for free.
Sunday	7/15	Trailer Staff	1pm - 5pm	1	4	
Monday	7/16	Trailer - Staff	10am - 2pm	1	4	
Monday	7/16	WEIGH-In Early	12pm - 3pm	2	3	
Tuesday	7/17	WEIGH-In Early	12pm - 3pm	2	3	
Friday	7/20	WEIGH-In EARLY	12pm - 3pm	1	3	
Friday	7/20	WEIGH-IN LATE	3pm- 6pm	1	3	

**BT Raffle Tickets  
OPTIONS ARE**

- 1 You can sell them to others for \$5.00 each or all 3 for \$10.00
- 2 You can purchase them yourself.  
If tickets are purchased, return the small ticket stub, name and phone # on the stub along with the \$\$\$ in the envelope provided.
- 3 You can choose not to participate and return all intact tickets in the enclosed stamped envelope as soon as possible so we can try to sell to get the club investment back.

**CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO  
"THUNDER BAY WALLEYE CLUB" ONLY**

**DO NOT RETURN TO ANYONE AT THE BROWN TROUT FESTIVAL EXCEPT DENNY  
BURNS 989 354 2419 OR GLEN KLIMCZAK 989 464 4941**

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## **Brown Trout Cont.**

### **“Honoring our Veterans Night”**

MICHIGAN BROWN TROUT FESTIVAL  
2018

On behalf of the Michigan Brown Trout Festival, it is our pleasure to extend an invitation for you to attend our “Honoring our Veterans Night”, on Wednesday, July 18, 2018, in the Suez Big Tent. We will be honoring our Veterans as well as those currently serving in the Armed Forces. This will also be a night to show appreciation to others in uniform, such as our Firefighters, Police Officers, EMT's, and all of those that proudly serve our communities.

We are happy to say the Alpena City Band will be providing us with a very special salute to those we so much appreciate.

So please, come join us with your family and friends. Proudly wear your uniform, and bring your cameras. If you don't have your uniform, wear a hat, or something to signify that you have served, or are serving your community and country. Those that would like to show their appreciation to the fine men and women in uniform, should plan on attending as well. Everyone is welcome, and it promises to be an exciting, patriotic night.

The program will be presented by representatives from Alpena CRTC, so a big thank you to them. This event is sponsored by Alpena Buick GMC, MBT, and co-sponsored by Meijer & Northland Area Federal Credit Union, who will be providing a B-B-Q for Veterans & giving free raffle tickets to Veterans, for a chance to win a “Dine Around Town”, prize package. Everyone is eligible for additional prizes that will be given away throughout the evening.

Please join us for this free event at your Michigan Brown Trout Festival. Tent opens at 6:00, program starts at 7:00. All ages are welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

**Sincerely,  
Michigan Brown Trout**

## 2018 TBWC Club Fishing Tournaments Revised 1/17/18 #7&8

<u>Location:</u>	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
**1 THUNDER BAY AND RIVER – Launch DNR East Bay	Sat May 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>5PM – 1AM</b>
2 Saginaw Bay Augres - Launch Augres	Sun May 20 <sup>th</sup>	7AM – 3PM
3 Grand Lake- Launch – South DNR	Sun June 10 <sup>th</sup>	7AM – 3PM
*4 “Nite – Eyes” – Launch Alpena Boat Harbor (Public)	Fri & Sat June 15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>6PM – 1AM</b>
5 Thunder Bay - Launch Alpena Boat Harbor	Sun July 8 <sup>th</sup>	7AM – 3PM
MI. Brown Trout/MWT Walleye Tourney – Launch Alp. Boat Harbor	Sat & Sun July 21 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7AM – 3PM
6 Rockport - Launch Rockport, <b>Alternate Grand Lake</b>	Sat Aug 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>5PM – 1AM</b>
7 <b>DeTour – Launch DeTour DNR Boat Launch</b>	Sun Aug 19 <sup>th</sup>	7AM – 3PM
8 <b>Hubbard Lake – Launch DNR East Bay</b>	Sun Sept 9 <sup>th</sup>	7AM – 3PM
9 NONE		
10 NONE		

**NOTE ALL THE NIGHT TOURNAMENTS ARE NOW TO 1AM**

**NON NUMBERED TOURNAMENTS ARE NO POINT TOURNEYS.**

**\*\* Changed from Hubbard to river and bay due to ice on Hubbard.**

\* NITE EYES ENTRY IS \$100.00 PER BOAT for both nights, 6 ROD LIMIT, NO LIMIT ON # OF CONTESTANTS ON THE BOAT

**The Fletcher Library has magazines and DVD's on how when and where walleye fishing.**

**Take advantage of these, they may give you some ideas on how to improve your fishing attack instead of doing the same thing day after day.**

**These were purchased by the club for all to use.**

### JAMES FARM POND

Richard Hubert will have an update at this meeting.

There was a record harvest this year. We must remember a lot of things must come together to be successful at all rearing ponds.

Richard fed the pond as needed to get the plankton growing for the little fellows to eat along with doing the necessary mowing of grass at the harvest sight, all of the berm and road entry.

Without the help of TBWC this may not happen.

The fish that are planted are about the size of a mosquito, clear with 2 black dots which are their eyes.

Catch included the usual turtles, pollywogs along with the usual critters which set up in this 9 week eco system. It's just amazing.

On the second day Richard cooked fish and Pam brought potato salads, coleslaw along with a great German chocolate cake and all the necessary tools to eat until you almost busted.

My mouth is still watering thinking about it.

DNR IS LOOKING FOR HELP TRACKING

ATLANTIC SALMON CATCHES

**THIS IS A PRIMARY FACTOR ON WHERE AND HOW MANY FISH ATLANTICS ARE PLANTED IN OUR AREA  
IF NO REPORTS MAYBE NO PLANTS**

Bottom line is that all anglers should report their ATS catches to Tim Cwalinski, individually, via email or phone call. Having photos for verification helps. If their fish is observed by a creel clerk, than they can skip reporting to me, for I will get it from the creel analyst.

-- 989-732-3541 -- cwalinskit@michigan.gov

Data TIM needs from them for each individual ATS is: Date caught: Length:  
Location: (TBR, Thunder Bay, etc.)

Mode: Shore or boat Harvested or released: If harvested, and its adipose fin was clipped, did they cut the head off and drop the snout off with this information in a Ziploc and drop off at Alpena FRO?

All this volunteer information helps us fill in the gaps of the ATS program that we cannot get from the creel program, which has some inherent loop holes. Creel clerks are unable to be everywhere, and at all times.

Tim Cwalinski Senior Fisheries Biologist, MDNR -- 989-732-3541 --  
cwalinskit@michigan.gov 1732 M32 West, Gaylord, MI 49735

Check out our unit website: [http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-153-10364\\_52259\\_65083--00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-153-10364_52259_65083--00.html)

**FISH CLEANING**

A number of TBWC members cleaned the DNR fish sampling this spring and delivered over 250 lbs. of mostly lake trout fillets to the friendship room in Alpena.

**DONATIONS**

Approved at our June meeting:

\$500.00 to the Long Lake Improvement Association for walleye plants this fall.

\$200.00 for the Lafarge Kids fishing day.

ALPENA SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

ALPENA LONG BEARDS

TBWC

KIDS FISHING DAY

17 yrs. of age and under

Saturday July 28<sup>th</sup>

9am - 2pm

KIDS FISHING DAY CONT.

Lafarge Paxton Quarry on M 32

Hot Dogs, Chips and Soda provided free at 12 PM

Bring your favorite fishing pole, tackle, lawn chair, 5 Gallon bucket, life jacket and your appetite

Worms will be provided as well as numerous door prizes.

RSVP BY JULY 25<sup>TH</sup>

Joe Heberling 989 657 9478

Tim Haske 989 464 2199

Darwin Grabow 989 255 7167

Edith Utecht 989 354 4964

**ALSO KIDS CLAY PIGEON SHOOT**

**Kids 17 and under accompanied by an adult**

**August 4<sup>th</sup> 10am until??**

**At Alpena Sportsmen's Club M 32 ON SPORTSMEN'S DRIVE**

Hot Dogs, Chips and Soda provided free

Bring your trigger finger, appetite, lawn chair, your own shotgun (optional) and a parent or guardian so you can participate in the shooting

Target clay birds, shells and guns will be supplied for all shooters

BB gun shoot available for those 10 years and under

RSVP TO THE ABOVE BY JULY 31<sup>st</sup>

**Club Clothing and Other Stuff**

We have restocked our T Shirts, Hats, Decals and Sweatshirts etc.

Contact Richard Hubert for more info 989-379-4614 or see him at our club meetings. This all high quality stuff.

**FOR SALE ITEMS**

**IF YOU WANT AN ITEM IN THE FOLLOWING NEWSLETTERS CONTACT**

**DENNY BURNS 989 354 2419**

**OR EMAIL INFO TO JACKIEODENNYB@FRONTIER.COM**

**THE PLAN IS TO LIMIT FOR SALE ITEMS TO 90 DAYS UNLESS ITEMS ARE SOLD EARLIER. IF ITEMS ARE SOLD OR YOU WANT TO CONTINUE THE ADD CONTACT DENNY BURNS AT THE ABOVE EMAIL or phone # 989 354 2419.**

### WavePro Air Suspension Pedestals

I have recently installed the WavePro Air Suspension Pedestals to my boat. I gave them a real test on my NWT trip to Lake Erie. I have to say they were GREAT! Nicest ride I have ever had on big, bad water. No launching or bouncing. No "bottoming-out" or back jarring. I highly recommend the WavePro Air Pedestals for anyone looking for an easier ride on rough water. The air spring chamber allows for 0-200 psi of air spring preload to accommodate a wide range of weights. The WavePro Pedestals can be purchased through John Unkovich (989-727-2797) at Viking Marine on Hubbard Lake. If you have any questions about the WavePro Air Suspension Pedestals, give me a call. (989-255-8442).  
Wayne VanDyke

### SERVICES

**Boat & RV Fiberglass repair**-- Mid Michigan Fiberglass Inc. Owner Steve Schnettler, 1809 27th St. Bay City Michigan 989-895-7000 [www.midmichiganfiberglass.com](http://www.midmichiganfiberglass.com) Factory Authorized. Highly recommended by Romeo 989-358-5310

### **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 Canvas Services and Repairs all Minnkota products including Cannon Downriggers. 989-464-1191.

### **Looking for upgrades, repairs, and now PROBLEMS.**

#### **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 and expertise 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.

### NEXT MEETING

Wednesday JULY 11<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 7pm

### **MEETING LOCATION IS IN ROOM 126**

#### **Besser Tech Center**

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.

Agenda: James Farm Pond  
Club Tournaments Grand Lk. /Nite - Eyes  
Brown Trout updates, BT raffle tkts  
DNR Atlantic salmon

Open discussion on any topic.