

Thunder Bay Walleye Club Newsletter

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BROWN TROUT

Brown Trout has purchased thru donations and planted 1,000 12" to 16" inch Wild Rose Brown Trout in Thunder Bay. Reports of these fish being caught are surfacing and they wish you would release them. **Please due.** These fish are much larger than the DNR plants and it is thought their survival may be greater. The legal size for trout on Lake Huron is 15 inches. Brown Trout has raised the size for browns to 18 inches to avoid having these fish brought in for entry into their tournament. Trout were purchased thru donations to BT for the project. Another 1,000 are planned to be planted this fall.

We do finally have the TBWC work schedule for BT. This is the latest this schedule has come out. Very little time to fill the slots. Glen Klimczak will be calling you to help us out. Please do. While the payout is not as great as the years of mega salmon were it is a fund raiser for the TBWC and they need our help.

There are some different events for us to do this year, helping trailer staff, big tent bar, you get to see the entertainment for free, Rock Port duty, check fish in the cooler and note time on the paper work for weighing in Alpena and the weigh station has mostly 3 hour slots with some 4 and greater hour this year.

Call Glen Klimczak 356-0834 or 464-4941 with your choice of days and time slots. There is not much time to get this done. Schedule is part of this newsletter.

REMEMBER YOU GET A FREE MEMBERSHIP FOR 5 HRS OR MORE OF VOLUNTEER TIME.

REMEMBER TO SIGN IN AND OUT OR YOUR TIME WILL NOT COUNT.

We still have some BT raffle tickets left. Tickets were mailed out earlier this week to the membership with a random pick.

The club is REQUIRED by the Brown Trout Festival to purchase 300 raffle tickets for \$1000.00. Please keep in mind that the cost of every unsold ticket comes directly out of the TBWC funds.

BT Raffle Tickets Continued
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.
- 3 You can choose not to participate and return all intact tickets in the enclosed 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

If tickets are purchased, return the small ticket stub, name and Phone number on the stub along with the \$\$\$ in the envelope provided.

DO NOT RETURN TO ANYONE AT THE BROWN TROUT FESTIVAL.

RETURN OR MAIL SOLD OR UNSOLD TICKETS ONLY TO GLEN KLIMCZAK OR DENNY BURNS.

TICKETS CAN BE RETURNED AT OUR WEDNESDAY CLUB MEETING JULY 13TH OR MAILED TO ARRIVE NO LATER THAN MONDAY JULY 18TH.

Thank you for helping to make this 2016 Brown Trout Festival another success for the TBWC.

QUESTIONS, CALL GLEN KLIMCZAK Home 379-4608 or Work 356-0834

MWT tournament has 70 boats at the time of this writing. If you are going to fish you must enter on line or by mail.

ENTRY INFORMATION. Teams may consist of up to three anglers. Once a 3 person team is officially entered, team members can't be changed without penalty. **All entries must be received by the Thursday before each tournament by 6:00 p.m. Any tournament entries after that time will be charged a \$100.00 late fee, and can still register by 6:00 p.m. at the captains meeting. NO other entries will be accepted after the cut off time.**

Go to Michigan Walleye Tour on line for all info on their tournaments.

CLUB TOURNAMENTS

Long Lake - Launch Long Lake Park Sun June 5th 7AM - 3PM

Again weather was a factor. It was supposed to rain with thunder storm possible and a fish fly hatch was in full bloom. It did rain all night and it did stop just in time for our 7am start, great. 16 contestants did test their skills fishing with mixed results compared to previous years. Water was relatively calm with some occasional spits if moisture. Most of the boats caught pike and bass no matter where you went, how deep or shallow, what your baits were fishing the entire column of water. About 1:30 Jackie and Denny had a cluster screw up with 3 of out 6 lines and no walleye in the boat. After clearing lines and the sky darkening in the west, we decided to trailer the boat and get set up for the weigh in.

We just made the parking lot and the monsoons began. It rained so hard you could not see the near shore for about a half hour. Everyone who came in after us was wet to some extent to soaked. Good thing it was

Club Tournaments continued

warm as it made this somewhat bearable. We set up under the pavilion just in case and weighed fish.

Boats received an extensive interior washing. The following day our boat had all stuff taken out of all storage areas for thorough drying. It needed it anyway and we found stuff we forgot we had and did a major reorganize.

1st place goes to Matt Franklin, Eric Kruczynski, Dan and Gary VanMassenhove weighing 5 fish for 8.28 lbs.

2nd is Jim Hall, Mike Karner and Chris Mulvahill weighing 4 fish 7.43 lbs. and the largest of the tournament 2.56 lbs., nice fish for Long Lake.

3rd is Zach Brown and Brett Gilbertson with 3 fish for 4.51 lbs. their largest was 1.65 lbs.

4th for the Mepps trial walleye kit is Adam Brik and Marc McCalebb with 1 fish 1.63 lbs.

Nite Eyes - Launch Alpena Boat Harbor (Public) Fri & Sat June 10th & 11th 6PM - 1AM

Weather again a factor both nights. Not rain not temps but strong winds both nights blowing hard east south east Friday night to turning 180 degrees Saturday night just as strong. Extensive travel was hampered both nights. Hard body baits as usual were the key to fish. 46 contestants fished with 32 weighing. 5 places are paid along with \$100 for the largest walleye each night. Overall weight of 10 fish weighing up to 5 each night.

1st is the team of Nick Gabara, Eric and Gage Kruczynski weighing 10 fish for 41.72 lbs. and their largest 5.44 lbs.

2nd is Matt Franklin, Dan and Gary VanMassenhove weighing 9 fish for 32.76 lbs. and their largest 5.15 lbs.

3rd place is Chris Wade and Eric Carlson weighing 6 fish for 24.94 and the largest for Friday night at 6.69 lbs.

4th is Mark and Matt Byce along with Jim Watts weighing 5 fish for 21.28 lbs. and their largest of 6.61 lbs.

5th is Zach Brown and Brett Gilbertson with 18.19 lbs. with 5 fish and their largest is 6.27 lbs.

Carl and his daughter Katelynn has the largest fish for Saturday night weighing in at 6.82 lbs.

This field was larger than in 2015 despite the high winds forecasted and arriving blowing for both days and all night.

Mullett Lake - Launch DNR North End Sun June 26th 7AM - 3PM

AGAIN weather forecast was for heavy rain and severe thunder Saturday night and Sunday. Saturday was a great prefishing day with about 6 inches of chop and a very warm weather. However Saturday night was without rain but the Sunday forecast was still for heavy rain and severe thunder.

Sunday morning was cloudy with no rain until about 9am for about an hour. No thunder or heavy rain for the rest of the day but the wind did start blow around 11am from the southwest which made it right down the middle and increased thru the rest of the day to 20 to 30 with higher gusts.

Mullett Lake is a small lake on the inland water way from Cheboygan past Indian River. You never know what kind of fish you are going to pull up from Steelhead to Perch. With a large fish fly hatch in progress catching fish there has not been a problem in the past. 23 people did show up regardless of weather forecasts and did manage fish.

16 contestants weighed 5 fish, 2 weighed 4 fish and the balance chose not to weigh. Hard body baits seemed to produce larger fish than a crawler harness.

1st goes to Vic Ross and Jerry Yarch weighing 5 for 16.23 lbs. and the largest of the day at 5.99 lbs.

2nd is Dan and Gary VanMassenhove and Matt Franklin with 5 fish for 11.02 lbs. and their largest is 2.93 lbs.

3rd goes to Steve LaPlaunt and Tom Sharp weighing 5 fish for 10.17 lbs. and their largest 2.79 lbs.

4th place for the Mepps Walleye Kit is Eric MacKenzie and Alec Brietzke weighing 5 for 9.80 lbs. and their largest was 2.40 lbs.

MEPPS BAIT

Mepps wants to get into the walleye bait business. Jim Leeseberg was contacted by Mepps rep and they shipped us enough walleye kits to give one away at the April and May meeting as well as each club tournament this summer. It was decided to award the kits as a 4th place finish on each club tournament. Mepps does want feedback on your fishing experience with their new baits so if you use them let them know.

NEXT CLUB TOURNAMENTS

Thunder Bay - Launch Alpena Boat Harbor Sun July 10th 7AM - 3PM
This is the prefish for the MWT tourney Saturday and Sunday July 16th and 17th during the Brown Trout festival.

Rockport -Launch Rockport, Alternate Grand Lake Sun August 7th 7AM - 3PM

2016 Thunder Bay Walleye Club		
Top 10 By Rank of 105 Entrants		
Best 5 of 10 of 6 Tournaments Fished		
Name	Points	Rank
	Best 5 of 10	
Kruczynski, Eric	354.71	1
Karner, Mike	318.34	2
Mulvahill, Chris	318.34	2
Brown, Zach	314.55	3
Gilbertson, Brett	314.55	3
Franklin, Matt	310.76	4
VanMassenhove, Dan	310.76	4
VanMassenhove, Gary	310.76	4
Hatala, Carl	300.53	5
Hatala, Katelynn	300.53	5
Kruczynski, Gage	254.71	6
Hall, Jim	244.71	7
Krutttlin, Jon	211.10	8
Byce, Mark	206.30	9
Watts, Jim	206.30	9
Ross, Vic	185.74	10
Yarch, Jerry	185.74	10
2014 & 2015 Angler of the year		
Erich Kruczynski		

JAMES FARM WALLEYE HARVEST

Denny,

Here are the results from the harvest of fingerlings at the James Farm Pond this year. Please share with your club members, and thanks to all those who helped either harvest the fish, or fertilize the pond regularly.

Your assistance with the pond allows for us to be more efficient with our spring lake sampling schedule (which included Four Mile Pond and Ocqueoc Lake). It was a pretty good spring for walleye production. Contaminants from tadpoles was unfortunately high, but that is part of the game. The fish were averaging 1.43 inches.

Seven Mile Impoundment (Winyah) Alpena Co– 50,000 fingerlings directly stocked

Beaver Lake, Alpena Co – 35,640

Thunder Bay River – unknown released from draining the pond, likely 10,000

West Twin Lake, Monmorency Co – 65,010

Opal Lake, Otsego Co – 7,320

Otsego Lake, Otsego Co – 52,580

Big Bradford Lake, Otsego Co – 10,230

Big Bear Lake, Otsego Co – 20,000

Jones Lake, Crawford Co – 5,000

Lake Esau, Presque Isle Co – 13,750

Approximate total stocked from James Farm Pond over 250,000

We have yet to harvest fish from our smaller Alanson Pond, and to get fish from ponds within the Southern Lake Huron Management Unit. Those activities are on the near horizon, and we still hope to get fish into the following waterbodies from those pond sources:

Caribou and Frenchmans Lake, Chippewa Co

Van Etten Lake, Iosco Co

Cedar Lake, Alcona Co

JAMES FARM CONTINUED

Lake St Helen, Roscommon Co
Clear Lake, Ogemaw Co
Dixon Lake, Otsego Co
Again, thank you to the Thunder Bay Walleye Club!
Tim Cwalinski

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Check out our unit website: http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-153-10364_52259_65083---,00.html

June meeting notes,

May financials were read.
BT raffle ticket sales were discussed. Some members decided to take some tickets to sell.
Brown Trout discussed. No schedule for the club yet.
Pond is fed every Tuesday. May be harvested soon.
Motion for \$300 TBWC/Longbeards Kids day By Mike McGirr seconded Dave Grabow
Night fishing on the bay is hot.

**FOR SALE/SERVICE
NO ITEMS THIS MONTH
WE NEEDED THE SPACE FOR OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS
IF YOU WANT AN ITEM IN THE FOLLOWING NEWSLETTERS CONTACT
DENNY BURNS 989 354 2419
OR EMAIL INFO TO JACKIEODENNYB@FRONTIER.COM**

**IF YOU HAVEN' T RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP THIS WILL BE
YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER**

**NEXT MEETING
Wednesday July 13th 2016, 7pm
MEETING ROOM 126**

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 or cancelled)

Agenda: Club Tournaments MWT
BROWN TROUT
Anything else you want to bring up

BROWN TROUT WORK SCHEDULE

2016 Schedule

DAY	DATE	TASK	TIME	WORKERS	HRS	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	PH #
Wednesday	7/13	SET UP	8am - 6pm	2	10	Denny	Burns	989 354 2419
					10	Mike	McGirr	989 354 8781
Monday	7/18	TRAILER - Staff	10am - 2pm	1	4			
Monday	7/18	WEIGH-In Early	12pm - 4pm	2	4			
					4			
Monday	7/18	WEIGH-In Late	3pm - 6pm	2	3			
					3			
Monday	7/18	WEIGH-In Late	6pm - 9pm	2	3			
					3			
Tuesday	7/19	TRAILER - Staff	10am - 2pm	1	4			
Tuesday	7/19	WEIGH-In Early	12pm - 3pm	2	3			
					3			
Tuesday	7/19	WEIGH-In Late	3pm - 6pm	2	3			
					3			
Tuesday	7/19	WEIGH-In Late	6pm - 9pm	1	3			
Wednesday	7/20	BIG TENT Bar	6:45pm - 11pm	2	4.25			
					4.25			
Wednesday	7/20	WEIGH-In Early	9am - 12pm	1	3			
Wednesday	7/20	WEIGH-In Early	12pm - 3pm	2	3			
					3			
Wednesday	7/20	WEIGH-In Late	3pm - 6pm	3	3			
					3			
					3			
Wednesday	7/20	WEIGH-In Late	6pm - 9pm	1	3			
Thursday	7/21	ROCKPORT	10:45am - 1:15pm	1	2.5			
Thursday	7/21	ROCKPORT	5:45pm - 8:15pm	1	2.5			
Thursday	7/21	WEIGH-In Late	3pm - 6pm	3	3			
					3			
					3			
Thursday	7/21	WEIGH-In Late	6pm - 9pm	2	3			
					3			
Friday	7/22	BOAT SEARCH	5:30am - 7am	2	1.5			
					1.5			
Friday	7/22	WEIGH-In Early	12pm - 4pm	2	4			
					4			
Friday	7/22	WEIGH-In Late	4pm - 7pm	3	3			
					3			
					3			
Saturday	7/23	Boat Check-In	2pm - 4:30pm	2	2.5			
					2.5			
Saturday	7/23	WEIGH-In Early	9am - 12pm	3	3			
					3			
					3			
Saturday	7/23	WEIGH-In Early	12pm - 3pm	2	3			
					3			
Saturday	7/23	WEIGH-In Late	3pm - 6pm	3	3			
					3			
					3			
Saturday	7/23	WEIGH-In Late	6pm - 9pm	2	3			
					3			
Sunday	7/24	Boat Check-In	1pm - 3pm	1	2	7		
Sunday	7/24	WEIGH-In Early	9am - 3pm	1	6			
Monday	7/25	Tear Down	9am - 5pm	2	8	Denny	Burns	354-2419
					8	Mike	McGirr	354-8781