

THUNDER BAY WALLEYE CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events

NO MEETING IN AUGUST

Hot Bite Tournament

August 14th @ Rockport Harbor from 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Kids Fishing Day

August 13th @ the Lafarge Paxton Quarry from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon
Committed boaters needed to take kids fishing.

We know this is happening in short order and if we can't get the boats we will fish from shore.

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/or boat, bait provided. Some fishing gear will be available. If you have it, bring some fishing gear along with a pail for a great time. RSVP to Darwin Grabow at 989 354 4788. Questions, call Darwin.

Hubbard Lake

September 11th @ East Bay Launch from 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

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. All items are at club cost.

Latest Tournament Results

Thunder Bay – July 10th

June and most of July were once again fantastic on Thunder Bay. There was a tough day thrown in here or there, but for the most part the fishing was great both day and night. As we got closer to the middle of July the day time bite got noticeably more difficult. You could still get your fish, but if it was bright and calm you better get them early or you were probably in for a bit of a grind. The team of Erich Carlson and Wayne VanDyke set up on the winning fish just north of Scarecrow Island taking five nice Walleyes before 10:00 slow trolling Buggy Blades 15 to 25 feet back on half ounce in-lines. They also nailed a couple upgrade fish late in the day fishing deeper water outside of Sulfur Island for a five fish bag of 23.19 lbs. Nailing down the second position with a weight of 21.78 lbs was the team of Eric Kruczynski, Nick Gabara, and Ben Skiba. They also started the day trolling spinners in the waters around Scarecrow Island and finished the afternoon off with a nice upgrade fish near the Sulfur Island Reef. Ed Cohoon and Bill Wilson worked the waters around the Sulfur Island Reef most of the day to put together a third place finish with a weight of 15.76 lbs. Nice work gentlemen!

Long Lake - July 31st

After a terrible winter and very spotty spring fishing on Long Lake, the Walleyes certainly decided to cooperate for us in July. Many of the tournament boats went through between 10 and 20 keeper Eyes through the course of the day. There certainly weren't many big fish cooperating, so going through numbers and getting a solid 17 inch average was the key. There were a lot of fish suspended in the 18 to 20 foot depths off Long Lake Park, and that's where Vic Ross and Jerry Yarch focused their efforts just edging out the rest of the field with five Walleye weighing in at 7.18 lbs. Erich Carlson, Tom Ludwig, and Shawn Ballor, took second place working small spinners in the water just north of Little Gravelly in 17 to 20 feet of water. They went through 12 keepers for a five fish weight of 6.98 lbs. Al Douglas and Don Harrison snapped up the third spot with a weight of 6.89lbs taken in various locations on the south end of the lake. Vic and Jerry worked very hard and put in a lot of time prefishing. This win was well deserved! Congratulations guys!!

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****Classifieds****

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- If you are in need of any boat needs, contact Greg (The Boatkeeper) Trelfa 989-595-3149.
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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 (I've taken over the newsletter for Romeo forever I think) know the events you are involved with by calling 595-3295 or 464-5623 or email me at walleynyper@hotmail.com We'd like to promote our member's activities and accomplishments -****

CHECK THIS OUT

One of our members has an exhibit at the Besser Museum 491 Johnson St. just before the college parking lot off of US23.

**August 6th -November 1st
Carlson Wildlife Art**

The Besser Museum says,

“We are very lucky to be able to display the work of Erich Carlson. This artist uses a very interesting canvas for his artwork, turkey feathers! Erich paints wildlife scenes on turkey feathers with an amazing detail and realism. From single feathers to whole tail sections each painting is one of a kind and breathtaking.”

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Matt Gillard Alpena

If you were at or participated in the BT Festival, they want your opinion on how things went. There is a BT wrap-up meeting Monday evening August 8th. BT will take input after this date so give your opinion to help them make things better.

email Denny Burns at jackieodennyb@frontier.com.

2011 - End of BT Festival Survey

1. What was the best part of this year's event? What went well?
2. What area(s) needs improving?

3. What is your suggestion for improvement?
4. Are you willing/able to take on more responsibility during the festival? In what area?
5. If you worked at an event were there enough/not enough/too many volunteers at that event?

NEXT MEETING:

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