

THUNDER BAY WALLEYE CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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NO Meeting in August

Upcoming Tournaments

Rock Port August 5th 7am – 3pm

Last year the “Hot Bite Tournament” scheduled for August 14th @ Rockport was changed due to high wind and unsafe fishing conditions on the big lake.

It was decided at Rockport by those fishing that instead of Grand Lake as an alternate to go to Hubbard Lake even thou the alternate was Grand Lake. This spring at the meeting to set up this year’s fishing schedule it was decided the alternate for this year at Grand Lake is where we will fish if the big lake is not safe.

It looks like this Sunday wind wise will be OK out of the west but there may be a chance of T showers in the morning.

St. Marys River Sunday August 19th 7am – 3pm

- *Last time we fished the St. Mary’s River, August 30, 2009*

Wow, another great weekend for weather and fishing! **Not**. I wonder if the next two tournaments could possibly cooperate a little with us to make for a peaceful day of fishing. For those of us that headed up early and some pulled a few days of pre-fishing, finding fish seemed to be the difficulty. I know that many came in on Friday and really struggled to find fish throughout the system. I know that Dave and Billy fished Wednesday and Thursday, and I think didn’t pull but a few fish throughout the system. On Friday, Billy and Brett finally pulled a decent catch, but it was late in the day and proved to be the better time to fish which unfortunately was after 3pm. The rest of us that moved around the river on Friday were fortunate to tag a few fish but nothing to scream home about. Saturday proved to be another beautiful day of fishing- not. The rain, wind, and cold featured the better part of the day and those that stayed behind at the hotel likely made the right choice. The only one who seemed to really burn it up on Saturday was Erik Mackenzie and Brent Holcomb who boated about 7 walleye while moving all over Lake George. They met us at the dock around 2pm and had one heck of a wet

ride but the fishing that they had was worth it. The rest of us tried any means to dry our stuff and get ready for the next day. We all had a great time both nights and found the new accommodations to be good- and close to town. I think that the overall consensus was that we would stay here again the next year. Sunday proved to be a nice day for the tournament with it being a little chilly in the morning but turned out to be a warm one by noon. The majority of boats headed for Lake George and stuck around the same area that has produced in years past on the south side. Taking 1st place and going through a boat-load of fish were Wayne VanDyke, Erich Carlson, and “Dad” Carlson with 5 fish weighing 13.74#. They pulled the same routine with in-line weights and chartreuse and gold harnesses in 15’ of water. They worked the same area as most of us did and hammered out the fish--way to go guys. 2nd place went to Brian Matchett, Jim Watts, and Mark Bryce with 11# for 5 fish and did the same thing by hammering the fish at the south end of Lake George. 3rd Place went to Romeo Bourdage and Greg Wieschowski with 10.85# but only pulled 4 fish in the same location. I think that everyone else came in with some fish and targeted the south channel and Lake Nicolette. If you were not able to make this event, it is a premier fishery and one that is always fun to be part of if you can get away for the weekend.

Remember when fishing club tournaments, one person in the boat must be a current member and a non member may fish only one time. 2011 memberships are no longer valid. You can renew your membership and new memberships at a tournament.

The September newsletter and meeting will have the results for the July and August club tournaments as well as the results for the Brown Trout Festival.

Mark Byce is still #1.

Other Tournaments in the Alpena Area

Check this out

It looks like the walleye fishery in Alpena is getting noticed. The MWT is having their championship tournament here on August Thursday 9th, Friday 10th, and Saturday 11th. It’s a 3 day event to see who will go on to the **Cabela’s NTC Championship and Masters Walleye Circuit this year.**

Wayne Vandyke will be competing again.

Anybody who knows Wayne knows how competitive he is, and it’s that competitiveness that found him the top of the leader board at the end of the country’s biggest Walleye tournament in 2011 all on body of water he had never fished. After leading day one of tournament against some of the very best anglers in the country, he ended up bringing home third and fourth place checks and hardware. He will be doing a presentation for our club members at one of our future meetings to tell us how he did it, and to share some of his experiences with us. Several of us watched the Live Leaderboard on Walleyes First and Walleye Central as the results were coming in. It really is exciting to see our own friends and members do well in these major events.

Weigh-in will be at the Alpena Boat Harbor 3pm each day.

The captains meeting will be held Wednesday evening August 8th at Nowicki Sausage Shop (German Hall) on the corner of North Second Ave and Hubert Street. If you want to rub shoulders with the fishermen, be there about 5pm. Nowicki Sausage is providing a meal to all those who attend. There is no

cost to attend for club members however space is limited. Call Dave Birmingham at 989 306 3130 to reserve your spot.

KIDS FISHING DAY

Saturday August 25th @ the Lafarge Paxton Quarry from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon
If Saturday weather is lousy it will be moved to Sunday

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. A lot of events had to be worked around including the Air Show.

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.

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.

Search <i>tbwalleye.com</i> for the latest tournament results, newsletters, and blog. Todd has posted the up to date tournament results including weights, and points earned.
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****- Please let Erich (I've been officially Romeo'd) know the events you are involved with email at walleyesnyper@hotmail.com We'd like to promote our member's activities and accomplishments -****

NEXT MEETING: ***No Meeting in August***

ACC Besser Tech Center (New 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)

AGENDA: