

Thunder Bay Walleye Club Newsletter

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NO MEETING IN AUGUST

FISHING IS VERY GOOD

Well, summer is finally here, at least when you look at the calendar! Fishing got off to an overall slow start this year but has heated up in July. Fishing on all the local lakes has been good as Grand and Long have been putting up good number on both cranks and crawlers, and Hubbard is steady. Fishing on the bay has been excellent in July and should continue. The night bite continues and the day bite has certainly been more productive in July with the walleye moving out into deeper water. Follow the wind, and you'll find the fish. Overall, the fish in the bay have been larger. Just look at the sizes in the Brown Trout Walleye Tournament. Pick a decent day, a lake, and you'll likely find yourself cranking in some fish. If not it's always great to be on the water.

Club Tournament Results

Thunder Bay launch Alpena Boat Harbor Sun July 12th 7a - 3p

This tournament is the warm up for the BT Walleye Tournament. 37 contestants hit the bay and came back with some nice catches. All but 7 weighed fish. This does not mean they didn't catch fish, they just chose to not weigh in.

1st goes to Adam Birk and Anthony Taylor coming in with a total weight of 33.59 lbs. and their largest a hefty 9.02 lbs. They found the big guys around Thunder Bay Island using jigs as well as trolling. The word from them was nothing at the weigh in and rightfully so with BT being just one week away.

2nd was Jackie Oliver and Denny Burns (go figure) bringing in 18.48 lbs. fishing Mischleys Hole pulling meat.

3rd place is Tim Dewyre, Steve LaPlaunt and Tom Sharp weighing close to 2nd with 17.97 lbs.

Other large fish weighed were 5.75 lbs. by Rob Frantz and Matt Hunter and 3.99 lbs. boated by Andrew Babcock, Scott Gagnon and Sean Riopelle.

Rockport Alternate Grand Lake Sunday August 2nd 7a - 3p.

The water was just fine at Rockport with waves no more than a foot and wind around 5 to 10 out of the south west. However thunder storms started around 10 am and blew most of us off the water until around 12:30. A number of boats left for the day at that time and the remaining went out again to be meet by another storm more severe than the first. 11 contestants weighed fish out of 30 starting. All in all there was about 4 hours of good fishing time for those who stuck it out for the day.

1st place is the Warrior boat of Eric Kruczynski and his son Gage with 5 fish weighing 18.67 lbs.

2nd place is the team of Mark Byce and Jim Watts with 5 fish weighing 18.61 lbs., .06 lbs. out of first. Your day is coming Mark and Jim.

3rd goes to Romeo Bourdage and Brent Holcomb weighing 5 fish another close weight of 18.57 lbs.

Largest fish weighed where 4.98 lbs. by the Jim Leeseberg team of Rissa Budnick, Carl and Dorreen Garrent. Dean Miller and Marc Haring brought in a 4.54 pounder. Romeo Bourdage and Brett Holcomb weighed a 4.46 lb. and Mark Byce and Jim Watts had a 4.46 lb. big one.

TOP TEN BEST 5 OUT OF 8 TOURNEYS WITH 2 TO GO

2015 Thunder Bay Walleye Club		
Top 10 of 135 Entrants Best 5 of 8 of 10 Tournaments		
Name	Points	Rank
	Best 5 of 10	
Kruczynski, Eric	467.97	1
Birk, Adam	446.80	2
Gabara, Nick	437.40	3
Kruczynski, Gage	437.40	3
Wade, Chris	436.66	4
Franklin, Matt	429.26	5
VanMassenhove, Dan	429.26	5
VanMassenhove, Gary	429.26	5
Kozlowski, Bryan	390.03	6
Gapczynski, Tony	377.06	7

With 2 Tournaments left the angler of the year race is very tight.

LAST 2 CLUB TOURNAMENTS

Grand Lake Launch south end DNR Sunday August 16th 7a – 3p
Mullet Lake Launch ALOHA State Park Sunday September 13th 7a – 3p

BROWN TROUT

The Walleye Extravaganza 2 day tournament turned out to be a great success with 34 boats entering, most of any other tournament in 9 day BT Festival.

RESULTS

1 st is Kal Ustishen and his dad from the Saginaw Bay area	50.95 lbs.	\$8000.00.
2 nd is the Ryan Beauregard team	47.50 lbs.	\$4038.00.
3 rd is the Jason Maraskine team	45.30 lbs.	\$1615.00.
4 th is the Brian Kozlowski team	43.90 lbs.	\$ 808.00.
5 th is the Romeo Bourdage team	43.50 lbs.	\$ 646.00.
6 th is the Dean Miller team	42.65 lbs.	\$ 565.00.
7 th is the Jim Leeseberg team	41.45 lbs.	\$ 404.00.

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS FISHING

8 th is the team of Jon Kruttlin	41.40 lbs.
10 th is the team of Erich Carlson	41.10 lbs.
13 th is the team of John LaLonde	37.65 lbs.
16 th is the team of Eric Kruczynski	33.95 lbs.
18 th is the team of Carl Hatala	32.10 lbs.

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS FISHING continued

19 th is the team of Adam Birk	28.15 lbs.
20 th is the team of Dave Birmingham	28.00 lbs.
22 nd is the team of Dan VanMassenhove	26.15 lbs.
24 th is the team of Brett Gilbertson	25.45 lbs.
25 th is the team of Matt Franklin	24.90 lbs.
26 th is the team of Trent Bruski	23.55 lbs.
33 rd is the team of Bill Wilson	13.90 lbs.

There may have been other club members on other boats but I do not have that info.

Club memberships updated for volunteering more than 5 hours during the BT Festival, they are Roger Barc, Dave Birmingham, Denny Burns, Bill Boucher, Clyde DeRosia, Dave Golder, Chuck Horel, Pam Hubert, Carl Kelly, Glen Klimczak, Mike McGirr, Jerry Nowicki and Jackie Oliver.

All in all 27 people filled 185.75 hours for required hours and with hours volunteered we contributed a total of 316.75. The TBWC thanks all of you.

Raffle ticket return fell short again by \$160.00. A greater effort to insure we have current information on members. Other costs are mailing expenses, stamps, envelopes and print costs. Hopefully BT will be able to return funds to the support clubs in line with last year's amount.

JULY MEETING NOTES

Meeting called to order by President Jim Leeseberg at 7:07

Financial were reported and the minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Discussed the drainage of the James Farm Pond...lotsa pollywogs and an estimate of 10 to 12 thousand walleye around 3 to e1/2 inches went into the river.

Nite Eyes fishing the first night was slow and the second night was hot on north point. Lotsa fishing stories. Mullet Lake more fish stories. Fishing was slower and smaller fish than last year. It's a great lake to fish with lotsa of different fish in it....more fish stories.

Veterans Tourney was good for those who were in the right place...everyone had a good time and appreciated the event.

Looks like the Grand Lake launch is getting new cement this year.

Glen Klimczak said the BT meeting is next week...still need help at the festival. Changes were made and the new booklet is right. Discussion followed.

Carl Kelly said Dave Fielder gave a good presentation at NOHA.

Jim said the city needs a door closer for the fish cleaning station to help keep the bugs out. After much discussion Carl Kelly moved to give a max of \$15.00 to buy one. Seconded by Dave Golder...motion carried.

Discussion for getting the bathrooms open at night at the boat harbor. Jim will check.

Meeting Adjourned 8:37pm

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FOR SALE

Strikemaster Mag 2000 gas Ice Auger - like new, only used about 5 times - haven't used it in about 4 years due to health issues. Auger, blade cover and Cabela's travel bag - \$300. I did start this to make sure it still ran last year - fired up after about 5 pulls after sitting for 3 years.
Summit Titan treestand (climber) - brand new, still in the box. Ordered new in 2011, has never been opened. Bottom of box is a little rough from sitting for 3+ years - \$200 Call Mike Mc Court 358-1595.

1996 Sea Nymph deep V with a 40 horse electric start and electric tilt trim tiller Johnson motor. It has fish on rod holders and a new Lowrance graph. Boat also has a new 45 pound 24 volt bow mount. Asking \$4750. Contact Eric MacKenzie boomer2410@hotmail.com or 989 657 0079.

Minn Kota Maxxum 80lb thrust cable drive bow mount with 45 inch shaft. Like new condition with the quick release bracket. \$300. Please Contact Mark Haugerud 989-884-2318

Minn Kota All Terrain Tournament Series bow mount. 70# thrust long shaft like new. Original price \$649 make offer. Mike McGirr 989 354 8781

I have for sale 8-okuma dead eye walleye specific trolling rods. 7' ML action. \$25 each or \$160 for all 8. These are brand new still in the box. Retail on these are \$35 each plus shipping. Eric Kruczynski eric.kruczynski@yahoo.com

1996 14 ft. Smokercraft, Big Fisherman. 25 HP Merc 2 stroke tiller. 47# thrust trolling motor. Easy load Shorelander trailer. Everything is like new condition \$4250 OBO. Call Carl 248 701-8569 before 9 pm. Many extras.

2014 Starcraft STX Viper 206
- Professionally rigged and maintained by Augres Marine - Team Starcraft Pro Wrap, black with metal flake under wrap - Starcraft Lifetime +6 transferable bow to stern warranty - 2014 Mercury ProXS 250hp, only 70 hours and transferable warranty - SS Tempest prop - Smartcraft gauge - Trailmaster Platinum Package dual axle trailer w/ spare tire and swing tongue - Many extras - 989.385.1311 -\$48,000.00

Mark Byce and I just booked a cabin at River Bend Resort (Detour) for August 19-22. Just wanted to let you two know in case you wanted to spend a few days fishing, enjoy bon fires, feast on a fish fry and relax along the St. Mary's River! Feel free to invite others as you see fit. River Bend Resort contact number is 1-906-297-2400. They are flexible on the length of your stay.

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