

# Thunder Bay Walleye Club Newsletter

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## AREA FISHING COMMENTS

I'm on grand lake and the walleye fishing has been horrible this year for me. Did very well last summer. Wondering if this has been the norm for everyone? Also perch have been very slow.

Pickling and canning season is here no time to fish. Wood cutting is next it's that time of year.

From the end of July up till 9/1 we have been catching limits of large lake trout out of Rock Port, Presque Isle, and Rogers City in 130-170 feet of water. To be successful target the bottom 15 feet with a mix of spoons and/or dodgers with a spin n glow. Troll slow, less than two miles per hour. Good colors are green, chartreuse, and white. 40 fish trips are common, while only running 2 rods off of downriggers. This bite will continue until the close of the season at the end of the month.

TBWC members keep in mind there are a plethora of multi species opportunities we can take advantage of using our normal walleye equipment in our area. Get out and enjoy the battle of a fish that has the attitude and size to push your equipment to its limits. You might just find yourself experiencing a trip of a lifetime by trying something new.

I did well last Saturday on Hubbard pulling 6 keepers in 60' in the middle on the south end. Crawlers, 1oz weights. One was 26 1/2" a pig. My buddies 8 year old hauled it in. He was pumped.

South Point, Black River, Sturgeon Point has been productive over the past week for walleye. We've been fishing from 6pm to 10:30pm. 16'-24' of water until 8:30pm and then we move in slightly (12'-18'). 700's 75' to 100' back works best for us.

Last week I caught a nice bag of perch at silver weeds on long lake as well as a limit of walleye from the east side of the lake. Was the last time I was out.



Hey Denny caught this 37" Pike on Grand lake Sunday. Glen

I know most of the club is interested in BIG fish but a friend of mine and I went to Fletchers Pond last week and killed the bluegills. Nice west wind for drifting, crawler pieces, slip bobber rig. Easily boated 200 gills. Kept 27 nice slabs. Through back some that you would normally keep. Great day!

## BROWN TROUT

I still have not gotten the sigh in work sheets from BT so I cannot update memberships for those of you who worked more than 5 hours during the festival. I have not forgotten you.

## CLUB TOURNAMENTS

### DeTour August 17th

With great expectations Mike McGirr and Denny Burns left early on a windy Wednesday morning prior the DeTour tournament thinking we had at least 3-1/2 days to prefish. Well the wind was still blowing like hell on Wednesday so we checked out the weather forecast at the DNR station in the harbor and were assured the wind would be decreasing as time went on. So we moved into our cabin and checked out the locals on fishing in the area and waited until the next day as we were assured the wind would be down to manageable levels to get out on the water.

Martin Cirulis and crew were there since the previous Saturday and reported salmon fishing and the weather was great.

Well the wind didn't go down much the next day so we decided to tour the area a get more info on what has been happening around the area. Mark Byce and crew did manage a 5 fish catch up the river but the size were just legal at best. Friday morning the wind was forecast to be down to about 15 to 20 so we put in at Raber Bay. 4 or 5 boats were already in the water so things looked good however we just got set up and the wind just set up and up and up as well. Thinking we would have better conditions near the north shore. Water looked like someone put a medium tan color into it with a turbidity of 0. Moving out to Round Island the water did clear however we were in the 20 to 30 wind speed so we went back to the dock with about a 30 minute fish time in a 3 hour tour.

More to the story but have to get the results listed for the newsletter.

Some people did catch fish Sunday which was a great fishing day weather wise. With 6 boats plying the waters around Drummond Island first place goes to Dean Miller and Marc Haring with 18.83# weighing 5 fish largest was 7.28#. Second was Andrei Sawruck and Don Press weighing 2 fish for 14.15# and third goes to Marty Cirulis, Reno Massetti and John Barwikowski.

2014 Thunder Bay Walleye Club Best 5 Tournament Standings		
Top 50 of 111 Fishing thru 8 of 9 Tournaments		
Name	Points	Rank
<b>Best 5 of 9</b>		
Kruczynski, Eric	416.84	1
Brado, Bill	399.08	2
Hatala, Carl	399.08	2
Wade, Chris	394.42	3
Wade, Scott	394.42	3
VanMassenhove, Dan	337.35	4
VanMassenhove, Gary	337.35	4
Peterson, Adam	315.10	5
MacKenzie, Eric	302.31	6
Byce, Mark	285.62	7
Watts, Jim	285.62	7

## LAST CLUB TOURNEY FOR 2014

HUBBARD LAKE SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH

Hubbard Lake should be the same as fishing late summer with fish suspended over deep water pulling crawler harnesses or hard body baits but don't forget about other areas as well.

Carl Hatala and Bill Brado are just 17.76 points away from our current leader for angler of the year Eric Kruczynski. Should be interesting Sunday.

This is the last tournament to offer the club special bonus of \$500 for 3 walleye over 10#, \$100 for second place. This is an effort to get you to look for larger fish which are in these lakes but it has been only by chance that one fish is put in the boat. The bonus will be paid only one time.

### TBWC KIDS FISHING DAY PAXTON QUARRY

Darwin Grabow TBWC club member along with the Sportsmen's Club and Long Beards held the kids fishing day Saturday August 9th at Lafarge Paxton Quarry M-32. Hot dogs and compliments along with crawlers were provided. Fishing along with the weather were super. Winning fish was a very nice 21" walleye caught trolling Hot 'N Tots. Yup trolling as this event includes boats rather than fishing from shore. Darwin will have more info and pictures at this meeting.

## HELP US

### TAKE A FEW MINUTES AFTER A TOURAMENT

#### **We need info for the Newsletter!**

Please consider contributing to the newsletter! Do you have a fishing or hunting story **OR ANY STORY** that is worthy of sharing? Do you have any fantastic pictures to share? Do you have an awesome recipe that you are willing to share? It doesn't necessarily have to be about fish. It would certainly make the newsletter more interesting. If you have something you'd like to share please send it to Erich Carlson's e-mail: [walleyesnyper@hotmail.com](mailto:walleyesnyper@hotmail.com). I'll be sure it gets in! The author can remain anonymous if you so desire, just indicate your preference when submitting something to Erich Carlson.

#### *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.

#### **Here is a list of high quality hooded sweat shirts we have left.**

Stone washed light blue, 1 M, 4 L, 4 XL, 1 XXL at \$30.00 ea.

Dark Grey, 4 L, 5 XL, 1 XXL, 3 XXXL at \$25.00 ea.

Light Grey, 1 M, 5 XL at \$25.00 ea.

Dark Blue, 4 XL at \$25.00 ea.

All have a small club logo on the left breast. **All items are at club cost.**

## 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 Dockside Canvas

Services and repairs all Minnkota products including Cannon Downriggers.

989-464-1191

**Looking for upgrades, repairs, and now fall winterizing? 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 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.

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 know the events you are involved with by email at [walleyesnyper@hotmail.com](mailto:walleyesnyper@hotmail.com) we'd like to promote our member's activities and accomplishments.

### NEXT MEETING

**Wednesday September 10<sup>th</sup>, 7pm 2014**

### NEW MEETING ROOM

122

**ACC Besser Tech Center (Room -122) it's the large room to the *left* 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:

- Gota question
- Club Tourneys
- DeTour continue??
- Brown Trout