

Thunder Bay Walleye Club Newsletter

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TBWC CLUB TOURNAMENTS

"Nite-Eyes" Launch Alpena Boat Harbor (Public) Fri&Sat June 14th&15th 6PM - 1AM
THE BEST 5 OF 8 STANDINGS THRU NITE EYES HAS BEEN CORRECTED.

THUNDER BAY July 14TH 7A - 3P

This tournament is the precursor to the Brown Trout Walleye tournament to try and get a heads up on where the walleye may be especially the larger fish.

24 contestants hit the water with some bringing some nice catches to the scale. 2 teams weighed 5 fish, 2 teams weighed 4 fish, 2 teams weighed 3 fish, 2 teams weighed 2 fish and 2 teams weighed 1 fish each. 1 team did not weigh fish. Even tho a team choses to not weigh fish does not mean they didn't boat any.

1st place goes to Adam Birk and Mike Wagner weighing 5 fish for 21.55 lbs. and their largest at 5.60 lbs.

2nd place goes to Matt Franklin, Gary and Dan VanMassenhove with 5 fish at 20.14 lbs. and their largest of 5.50 lbs.

3rd place goes to Greg and Matthew Wieschowski bring 4 fish for a weight of 16.65 lbs. and their largest of the day as well as the tournament at 6.02 lbs.

Rockport August 10th 6p - 1a

Only 8 people showed up to fish Rockport. All those who wanted to make this a night fish at the meeting for the tournament schedule thought it was a good idea. Apparently not.

It was decided to pay 1st place only and the big fish at \$50 with no revenue going to the club.

Nick Bisanz, Ethan Derry and Alyssa Shupert took 1st place with 4 fish to the scale at 9.02 lbs. and their largest at 2.66 lbs.

2nd place was Spencer Wiedbrauk, Zach Bisanz and Jeremy Phillips weighing 2 fish at 6.18 lbs. and their largest of the tournament at 4.18 lbs.

1 team did not weigh.

Club Tournaments Continued

Presque Isle August 25th 7a - 3p

Last year was one of the first time we have fished Presque Isle in quite some time.

The weather for the previous 2 - 3 days was an exact duplicate of last year, wind out of the NE which indicated a good catch for this day. Romeo, Mark and Seth Haugerud boated a very good catch with an extra-large walleye over 10 lbs. Things do not work out sometimes when weather looks like it may be another good fish. The wind had picked up a little bit and switched around to a south east for the event and kinda breezy.

Again very few club members did not show up with only 15 people fishing.

1st place goes to Steve LaPlaunt *fishing alone* 18.13 lbs. and his largest and the tourney largest at 5.13 lbs.

2nd place is Romeo Bourdage, Seth and Mark Haugerud last year's winners weighing 5 fish for a total of 14.89 lbs. with their largest 3.97 lbs.

3rd place Nick Bisanz and Nick Stoinoki weighing 4 fish for 11.25 lbs. and their largest of 3.29 lbs.

As in all tournaments boats fish crawler harnesses, hard body baits, jigs and cast different sizes and color combinations. All boats do not do all of these things and any one presentation does not always work. It could take a combination of different presentations to get the result you want.

NEXT AND LAST CLUB TOURNEY IS

Hubbard Lake - Launch DNR East Bay Sept 15th 7AM - 3PM

This is the final club tournament for 2019 and will determine the angler of the year. Hubbard is usually a good bite but prefishing will give you an idea of what's going on. However things change at times from one day to the next.

Club tournament rules reminder.

TBWC POINT TOURNAMENTS

ENTRY

1. Each boat must contain at least one TBWC member for club tournaments. A non-member may fish **only one club contest** before becoming a member.
2. 16 and under may fish more than one time. Membership is not required.
3. **If the 16 and under is 1 of only 2 in the boat entry fee must be paid for all.**
4. You must sign up everyone in the boat **including those 16 and under PRIOR** to launching. There will be a sign-up sheet attached to a pickup with a bike flag at each event. Failure to sign up will result in forfeiture of any prize money and points toward Angler-of-the-Year for that event. If you sign up after the start time of the tournament, please leave your money in the sign-up folder in the envelope provided.
5. Entry fee is **\$25.00** for each participant **except those 16 and under. Payment for the tournament is made at sign-in.**
6. You must be at the weigh-in site **past** the check in boat at the finish time although you may launch anytime after the start time.

ROD LIMIT and OTHER CONDITIONS

1. 6 Rod limit per boat, all other DNR fishing rules apply.

PAYOUT

1. 20% of the total **entry less the \$100.00 bonus** paid will be withheld from each event as follows:
 - A. One-half (10% of the entry) is held for the tournament fund to pay for trophy and plaque expenses.
 - B. One-half (10% of the entry) is held for banquet prizes to be awarded to all club tournament contestants.
 - C. **A \$100.00 bonus will be paid for the largest walleye prior to the 20% withholding.**

Club Tournament Rules Cont.

2. 80% of the **total entry less the \$100.00 bonus** will be paid to the first 3 places with heaviest weight of 5 fish according to the following: 60% to 1st place.....25% to 2nd place.....15% to 3rd place.
3. Any remaining monies left from the tournament fund and any places not paid will go toward the Angler-of-the-Year.

POINTS

Point count toward Angler of the Year will be determined by the total weight of five (5) fish for each boat. Points will be normalized based on the heaviest weight caught equaling 100 points. Subsequent places receive points based on a percent of their weight compared to the winning weight (winning weight=100%=100pts...see examples). We will no longer have points for big fish, limits or show points. The boats will receive points as follows:

Example:

Tournament 1			Tournament 2		
	Raw Weight	Points		Raw Weight	Points
Boat 1	30.0 lbs. (100%)	100.0	Boat 1	12.3 lbs.	100.0
Boat 2	28.0 lbs. (93.3%)	93.3	Boat 2	2.2 lbs.	17.9
Boat 3	27.0 lbs. (90%)	90.0	Boat 3	1.5 lbs.	12.2
Boat 4	26.0 lbs. (86.7%)	86.7	Boat 4	1.2 lbs.	9.8
Boat 5	15.0 lbs. (50%)	50.0	Boat 5	0	0
Boat 6	1.5 lbs. (5%)	5.0	Boat 6	0	0

ACCUMULATION OF POINTS

Five (5) best contests will be counted for Angler-of-the-Year points. In the case of a tie not among a team, the tie will be broken by the number of 1st place finishes, followed by 2nd place finishes, followed by 3rd place finishes, etc.

AWARDS

The anglers on the winning team of each club tournament will receive a plaque. The Angler-of-the-Year will be awarded a TBWC membership, money not spent on trophies, current club jacket, a hat along with a traveling trophy that will pass on to the top angler each subsequent year. All awards will be presented at the annual banquet.

THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE WILL MAKE THE FINAL DETERMINATION IN ANY CONDITION NOT COVERED ABOVE.

A \$50.00 PROTEST FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR ALL PROTESTS. THE FEE WILL BE REFUNDED IF YOU PREVAIL. A 3 PERSON TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE WILL BE SELECTED FROM 3 NON PROTESTING BOATS TO RESOLVE ANY PROTEST.

2019 Thunder Bay Walleye Club		
Top 17 By Rank of 67 Entrants Thru 7 Tourney		
Best 5 of 8 Tournaments		
Name	Points	Rank
Haugerud, Mark	264.83	1
Bisanz, Nick	222.44	2
Bisanz, Zach	194.33	3
Phillips, Jeremy	194.33	3
Wiedbrauk, Spencer	194.33	3
Bourdage, Romeo	182.13	4
Ross, Vic	169.07	5
Yarch, Jerry	169.07	5
Kruczynski, Eric	166.21	6
Kruttlin, Jon	166.21	6
Haugerud, Seth	164.83	7
LaPlaunt, Steve	162.73	8
Diez, Jack	140.90	9
Gauthier, Scott	140.90	9
Leeseberg, Jim	134.89	10
Hume, Adam	124.67	11
Karner, Mike	124.67	11
2018 Anglers of the Year		
Romeo Bourdage		
Saginaw Bay canceled		

THE FOLLOWING IS STARTING WITH THE LONG LAKE TOURNAMENT

Denny Burns and Jackie Oliver will no longer due the tournament sign-up or weigh-in. The club needs some people now.

Denny will continue to do the reconciliation of the tournaments and post the info on the TBWC web site. You will be responsible for the scale, weigh-in table as well as getting the entry, monies and weigh-in results to Denny Burns 989 354 2419 in a timely manner.

We are looking for one or two or more people interested in *running* the club fishing tournaments for 2019 which would include but not limited to collecting entry fee money, possible membership fees, writing pay out checks, weigh-in etc.

After each tournament information and money will be given to Denny Burns for tournament reconciliation and results for posting on the web site.

The scale, table and other stuff needed to do a weigh in can be picked up at Denny Burns home prior to the tournament and returned after the tournament along with all other information. If you plan to do all the tournaments you could keep all the equipment and forms for weigh in. However you will still need to contact Denny Burns prior to each tournament to pick up the check book for payouts at each tournament.

KIDS FISHING DAY AT PAXTON QUARRY 2019



Alpena Longbeards, Thunder Bay Walleye Club and The Alpena Sportsmen's Club (Youth 17 and under, accompanied by adult.)

WHAT: Day of Fishing (By shoreline or boat) Catch and Release.

WHERE: Lafarge Paxton Quarry on M-32.

This year again there were not enough boats to accommodate all kids. 27 had a great time with some electing to fish from shore. Prizes were awarded along with a lunch around noon.

It was suggested by Darwin Grabow that a pontoon would be a great addition to accommodating more kids with their escort to be able to get more on the water than with a boat. Weather was great and all had a great time.

Seeing the smiles and excitement from these girls and boys does warm your heart. Paxton Quarry is a great fishery with many species of fish.

KIDS CLAY PIGEON SHOOT
Sponsored by ALPENA SPORTSMEN'S CLUB
ALPENA LONG BEARDS & THUNDER BAY WALLEYE CLUB

Kids 17 and under accompanied by an adult
Saturday October 5th 10am until??
At Alpena Sportsmen's Club M 32 ON SPORTSMEN'S DRIVE

Hot Dogs, Chips and Soda provided free
Bring your trigger finger, appetite, lawn chair, your own shotgun (optional)
and a parent or guardian so you can participate in the shooting
Target clay birds, shells and guns will be supplied for all shooters
BB gun shoot available for those 10 years and under

RSVP TO DARWIN GRABOW AT 989 255 7167

NEXT MEETING
Wednesday SEPT 11th 2019 at 7pm
MEETING LOCATION IS IN ROOM 126
Besser Tech Center

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 or other conditions the meeting will be rescheduled or cancelled)

Agenda:

FISHING HUBBARD, TOURNAMENT RESULTS, MWT TOURNAMENT
KIDS FISHING DAY, KIDS CLAY PIGEON SHOOT
CLUB TOURNAMENTS WEIGH-IN-JACKIE AND DENNY WILL NO BE DOING WEIGH-IN.
WHATS ON YOUR MIND

CLUB MEMBERSHIPS CAN BE PAID NOW

Single person membership is \$15.00 per year. Family membership is \$25.00 includes all persons living in your household.

If you don't know if your memberships are due contact Denny Burns at 989 354 2419, email me or see Denny Burns at a meeting.

Email members have the membership year after their last name on emails sent by Denny Burns. Regular mailed member's membership year is on the envelope.

Make checks out to Thunder Bay Walleye Club or (TBWC).

Renewals at TBWC meetings or mail to TBWC PO Box 812, Alpena MI 49707