

# Thunder Bay Walleye Club Newsletter

**January 2014**

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## Enough Already!!

While the ice on most of the local lakes formed fast and hard with the cold temperatures, the heavy snows have thrown us a curveball. Be particularly careful if you venture on Hubbard Lake, while there are some areas where the ice is fine, the lake had just froze up when we were hit with all the heavy snows. Elsewhere, while there is fishable ice, and some very good fishing to be had, it has been very difficult to get around without a snowmobile. For the past couple weeks, quads have been all but useless. With the deep snow and heavy drifting we are in need of a few mild days to let things settle a bit. Conditions will improve sooner or later, and when they do we'll be ready. In the meantime, makes some venison sausage, jerky! At least that's my plan.

## Don't forget to get your tickets to sell for the TBWC Reel Fun Ice Fishing Raffle

The club did get our raffle license for the Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tourney in February at Grand Lake. The prize structure will be the same as in years past, and Jim Leeseberg will once again be picking up the prizes from Frank's in Linwood. It would be greatly appreciated if you could sell some tickets as this **can** be a great fundraiser for the club, either pick them up at the December meeting, or contact Denny (354-2419) he can mail them to you. Tickets are \$2 ea or 3 for \$5.

## Calling all Augers

Get your augers running! We will once again be the HOLEMASTERS of the 2014 Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tournament. The more volunteers we have the better. We will be drilling between 1000 and 1200 holes on Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>???. There is usually a little fun and spirits after the big drilling event as well, so if you can plan to spare an hour or two of your time, it would be much appreciated. More information will be given on this at the meeting, and in the February newsletter.

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Below is a great example of what our club is all about! We should be proud of our club and the members who are able to participate in making these things happen.

**A thank you letter Carl Kelly received directed to the TBWC:**

*“A sincere thank you for all you do for St. Bernard Friendship Room. Your cooperation between the DNR and the Thunder Bay Walleye Club is very much appreciated. Fish dinners are a luxury and the meal guests give lots of positive feedback when we serve them. On behalf of Stacie, the Board of Directors and myself, we applaud your effort to fight hunger in our community.”*

*Respectfully,  
Have a safe and healthy Holiday Season  
Randy MacAulay, Director*

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**Opportunity to help out!**

Carl will be attending the Hillman-Whitetails Unlimited Banquet on 1/18. He has received permission to set up a table to have people sign the MUCC petition to protect our hunting and fishing rights. Along with this I have (reluctant) permission to sell Reel Fun raffle tickets. The district director was all for the petitions and with a little prodding and mentioning our club he is making a special allowance for us to sell. They usually do not allow outsiders as they have their own fundraisers. The Banquet fee is \$35.00 and gives you a membership in Whitetails. No tickets at the door. Does anyone want to attend and help out? Carl Kelly 356-4694.

**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 or see me at a meeting.**

**Email members have the membership year after their last name on emails sent by Denny Burns including the newsletter email.**

**Regular mailed member's membership year is on the envelope.**

**Make checks out to TBWC.**

# Ice Fishing Tournaments



**THUNDER BAY WALLEYE CLUB**

**&**

**SIDE DOOR BAIT & TACKLE**

**ARE SPONSORING BOTH THE**

**1<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL PRO-BOWL FISHING TOURNAMENT**

**HUBBARD LAKE**

**JANUARY 26, 2014**

**7AM-3PM**

- Registration is at Side Door Bait & Tackle beginning @ 6am (bait will be available); registration will not be taken after 11am. **Pre-registration is available.**
- \$10 per person- half the pot for largest WALLEYE and half the pot for largest PERCH
- Winner will be determined by the total length of largest walleye and largest perch
- In case of tie, in either category, draw card for winner
- Measuring will take place at the South DNR Launch @ 3pm; late arrivals will not be accepted
- Winner takes all tournament: Largest Walleye and Largest Perch - 100% payback

*The tournament will be cancelled if there is not safe ice on the entire lake up until the start of the tournament at 7am.*

**And the:**

WALLEYE & PERCH FISHING TOURNAMENT

HUBBARD LAKE

**FEBRUARY 23, 2014**

7AM-3PM

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**The club fishing schedule was not set at the December meeting.**

**2014 Schedule will be set at the January meeting.**

The club members in attendance at the January meeting will be setting the 2014 club tournament schedule after the regular meeting. There is a strong interest, as well as good reasoning to have Long and Grand on the schedule. If you have any input, please attend the meeting, or send your ideas to Erich Carlson [walleyesnyper@hotmail.com](mailto:walleyesnyper@hotmail.com) and I will bring them up in our discussion. We would like to have more input as to what waters our members are interested in fishing.

**Please consider contributing to the Newsletter!**

Please consider contributing to the newsletter! Do you have a fishing or hunting 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.**

### **Looking for upgrades, repairs, winter layup, shrink wrap? 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 calling 595-3295 or 464-5623 or email me at [walleynyper@hotmail.com](mailto:walleynyper@hotmail.com) we'd like to promote our member's activities and accomplishments.

### **NEXT MEETING**

## **Wednesday January 8<sup>th</sup>, 7pm 2014**

**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 conditions the meeting will be rescheduled)**

Agenda:

- Gota question
- Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tourney
- BT Walleye Tourney
- Club Fishing Schedule