

Thunder Bay Walleye Club Newsletter

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There is no off season!

For those who have the opportunity to make the best of it, the fall of the year is such a great time! Outdoor recreation opportunities lie in practically every woodlot, field, or body of water. While many of us get busy with hunting related activities, and understandably so, don't forget about the tremendous fall fishing opportunities we have at our fingertips. Thunder Bay has been excellent since the middle of August, when we had a very strong walleye bite for several weeks, as the waters cooled anglers were taking much more of a mixed bag including Salmon, Steelhead, Lake Trout, and Walleyes. While body baits are still working, the majority of the fish have been coming on spoons. As it does every late September and October, the perch bite has been taking off on all the local lakes. Put your minnows on.

The Walleye fishing remains strong too for those taking the time to target them. As fall progresses, the fishing should get better and better, the good news is that there is usually very little pressure this time of year, and a lot of days you are quite likely to have the lake to yourself. If you locate some fish deep and tight to bottom, why not try jigging spoons, or blade baits? These tasty little morsels can be cast and retrieved at various speeds or vertically jigged, and can be wickedly effective. You might also take a look on the flats in the 10 to 20 foot range and search out some bigger fish by trolling cranks such as Deep Little Rippers, or Husky Jerks, being sure to vary your speeds until you find what trips their trigger. It's a beautiful time of year to be outdoors, whether chasing after grouse, sitting in a treestand, or fishing for some fall gold.

More Walleye for Long Lake

After some discussion, the voting TBWC members at the September meeting approved another \$500 donation to the Long Lake Improvement Association to assist with the costs of planting 3000 fall fingerling Walleye. This is a worthy investment for the club as we typically hold one of our club tournaments here every year, in addition, many of our members fish Long Lake regularly, and will benefit by helping to sustain this fishery. The fish plant will be around the end of October and range in size from 5" - 7" at a cost of \$1.90 each.

Tournament Results - Hubbard Lake - September 14

There was a decent showing of club members for the final TBWC tournament of the year held on Hubbard Lake, with 32 members fishing. Overall the bite was a little tougher than it typically is this time of year, but there were still a lot of fish caught. The top three teams were all working the same general area slow trolling crawler harnesses off of Anchor Market targeting water from 35 to 55 feet deep. With a few exceptions, the fish were tight to bottom and biting VERY light, diligently watching your boards proved crucial to success.

Taking first place honors was the three man team of **Jim Hall, Chris Mulvahill, and Mike Karner** with a five fish limit weighing in at 10.10 pounds. Second Place goes to the duo of **Erich Carlson and Wayne VanDyke** with a five fish weight of 9.94. Rounding out the top three teams was **Romeo Bourdage and Brian Strong** weighing in five fish for 8.97#. Carl Hatala and Bill Brado weighed 4 fish and needed the fifth one in the boat to challenge Eric Kruczynski for the 2014 Angler of the year.

2014 Angler of the Year

Congratulations to **Eric Kruczynski** who after the Hubbard Lake tournament, officially clinched the 2014 Angler of the Year giving him back to back Angler of the Year titles. Carl Hatala and Bill Brado came in a close second place followed by Chris Wade and Scott Wade in third. Congratulations Eric!

Other Tournament News

Congratulations to Wayne VanDyke and Bruce Mueller on their 3rd Place MWC finish out of Huron, Ohio on Lake Erie. With a bite tougher than it has been in recent history, they were sitting almost 4 pounds in lead going into day 2, but were only able to boat 3 of the 5 fish they hooked up. This is a very impressive finish against some of the very best fishermen on Lake Erie. Fantastic job!

TEST NETS ARE IN THE BAY....WATCH OUT

September meeting notes

Meeting called to order @ 7:04

August minutes and financials read. Darwin Grabow gave a rundown on the kids fishing day at Lafarge Quarry. Glen Klimczak our rep to BT said they are looking for a new director and that improvements are in the works. Discussed DeTour and Rock Port fishing. Motion was made by Richard Hubert and second by Carl Kelly to donate \$500.00 for the October fish plant on Long Lake. Richard Hubert asked about the Reel Fun Ice Tourney...have not heard from them yet. Members were happy about the fishing report in the September newsletter.

BROWN TROUT

I did get the sign-in sheets from BT and updated the memberships of those who worked more than 5 hours. Check your membership year. If you have any questions call Denny Burns 989 354 2419. MEMBERS UPDATED ARE: Roger Barc, Dave Birmingham, Rissa Budnick, Denny Burns, Erich Carlson, Clyde DeRosia, Jim Engle, Darwin Grabow, Dianna Harrison, Chuck Horel, Pam Hubert, Carl Kelly, Glen Klimczak, Jim Leeseberg, Reno Massetti, Mike McGirr, Jackie Oliver, Bill O'Neil, Ewald Summerfield, and Wayne VanDyke.

In all 27 club member either worked scheduled hours or volunteered for tournament weigh-in table, tournament start boat, registration trailer and tournament captains meetings for a total of 294.50 hours.

Thank you everyone and a special thanks to Glen Klimczak for his work as the TBWC rep on the BT Board of Directors. Glen attends the monthly BT meeting also recruits the TBWC membership the fill the hours BT assigns to us and does the mailing of the schedule to the membership as well as mailing the BT raffle tickets and tracks the return of raffle money.

ALPENA LONGBEARDS

TBWC members 17 years of age and under accompanied by an adult are invited to a Clay Pigeon Shoot Saturday October 11th, 2014 from 12 noon until 3PM at the Alpena Sportsmens Club on M-32.

Meal: Hot Dogs, Chips and Pop provided free of charge.

What to Bring: Trigger Finger, appetite and a parent or guardian so you can participate in shooting, maybe a lawn chair, your own shotgun is optional.

NOTE: Targets, clay birds, shells and guns will be supplied for all shooters.
BB gun shoot is available for kids 10 years and under.

RSVP

Tim Haske 727-3646 by 10/08/2014.

HELP US
TAKE A FEW MINUTES

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. 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

WANTED

Looking for some rod holders and a used Lowrance 350.

Call Carl Kelly 989 356 4694

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 calling 595-3295 or 464-5623 or email me at walleysnyper@hotmail.com we'd like to promote our member's activities and accomplishments.

NEXT MEETING
Wednesday October 8th, 7pm 2014

NEW MEETING ROOM

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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
- Brown Trout (looking for a tourney director????)
- Club Tourney schedule (discussion only)