

# THUNDER BAY WALLEYE CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

**October 2011**

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### **NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER**

### **Latest Tournament Results** ***Hubbard Lake September 11<sup>th</sup> @ East Bay***

Hubbard Lake was the destination of 2011's final TBWC tournament. Hubbard always seems offers up consistent fishing in September, and this year proved to be no different. There were fish caught in various areas of the lake, and they seemed for the most part to be all in the 15 to 17 inch range. Many boats were able to go through 15 to 20 keepers in the deep water on the southwest part of the lake pulling both crawlers and cranks. With the fairly windy and overcast conditions in the morning, the first place team of Erich and Rich Carlson decided to spend the first part of their day working shallow water weeds and rock humps with crawlers. It was a slow morning, but it paid off with two nice 20 inchers, but at 12:30 they only had three fish and figured it was time to make a move. They moved out to the 30 foot break line off Anchor Market and pulled the remainder of their 9 Walleyes most of which came slow and low, right on bottom. At 2:30, they managed to pick up an upgrade that pushed 20 inches to seal the deal with a weight of **10.01 pounds**. The second place team of Jon Kruttlin (AKA Lucky), Brian Lapine, and Bucky MacNeil caught their fish pulling spinners in the water just north of the Hardwoods, and the deep water of the southwest end. They scratched their way to a five fish basket for 9.41 pounds. Finishing the day in third it was the team of Brian Matchett, Mel Matchett, and Jim Watts who spent the day on the south end of the lake, they went through 20+ legal fish pulling crawlers, mostly in the top half of the water column. They hit a bunch of fish early on the southeast side of the lake, but finished up strong in the southwest corner. They posted a weight of 8.9. Nice work fellas!

*A special "Thank you" goes out to everyone who fished in the club tournaments this year! Overall it was a great tournament season with good friends, good fishermen and great fishing, with some fantastic bites taking place. If you have some ideas or suggestions as to how we can improve our schedule, make sure you let us know.*

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### **August Kids Fishing Day**

Kids fishing day at the Paxton Quarry (shale beds) this year, was attended by 25 kids with their parents. Not a crowd, but a pretty good turn out, considering it rained all morning. All of the kids that showed up, caught fish, and lots of them!

The Thunder Bay Walleye Club and the Longbeards were there to supply the bait, tackle and encouragement to a bunch of enthusiastic kids. TBWC member, Darwin Grabow was the head organizer of this fishing party, and let no child leave without a prize for the largest fish, the most fish, or just for participating in the fun.

Hot dogs and Hamburgers were supplied after fishing hours ended to make sure no one went home hungry, after a wet but productive morning of fishing.

Finally, we need to thank TBWC member Bob Baughman, for setting up the date with Lafarge that made this day possible.

### **DNR and Fishing Report**

Jim Johnson will be at the October meeting for a presentation on the new reef built in front of Lafarge as well as follow-up study still going on.

The DNR sampled the fishery last Wednesday around Cedarville, the club cleaned 6 coolers of large perch up to 15", pike, walleye 3# range, and large Splake in the 3# range. The large perch bite is on in the LES CHENEAUX island area in 10 to 20 feet of water.

Hubbard Lake has been consistently producing good catches of Walleye in the classic fall patterns. Fish are concentrated on the south end near bottom and being taken on both cranks and crawlers.

## **BROWN TROUT UPDATE**

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There is some serious (discussion) taking place about making the 2011 Two Day Walleye Extravaganza tournament a major focal point of the Brown Trout Festival with a significant 7,500 to 10,000 first place purse. There will need to be some serious work, discussion, and changes made if this is going to take place, and the festival committee seems to be truly interested in making something like this happen. We need to have some discussion, or perhaps get together a (focus group) to provide some ideas and direction the BT committee. Issues of advertising/promotion, parking, rules, (real)boat checks, and weigh in, should be the focus of this. Let's decide at this meeting to do this soon. The BT is adamant about getting things together sooner so the word can be spread by November this year for next years festival. If you can't make this meeting let Denny Burns know now at 989 354 2419 or email at [jackieodennyb@frontier.com](mailto:jackieodennyb@frontier.com).

### **Things to think about???**

- At the October meeting we will possibly be looking to discuss our tournament fee structure. Do we move it back to \$10 per person or is everyone good with \$15 it was changed originally to cover the cost of the awards/banquet prizes.
- How do we get more people involved in fishing the tournaments?
- We would also like to get some discussion going about locations for tournaments. If you have some ideas or suggestions as to how we can improve our schedule, make sure you let us know. Without your input nobody will know your opinion.

### ***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.

All items are at club cost.

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 (I've been officially Romeo'd) 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  
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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Andrei Sawruk    Presque Isle    Jeffrey T Barr    Dafter

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, October 12th, 2011 at 7:00 pm  
**ACC Besser Tech Center (Room -112) in the BTC on the north side of Johnson St.**

Meetings are the second Wednesday of every month

(Please note: If the college is closed due to weather conditions the meeting will be rescheduled)

### AGENDA:

- New Business
  - Brown Trout
  - Jim Johnson Presentation
  - Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tourney Raffle Prizes
- **ADDRESS, EMAIL, OR PHONE NUMBER CHANGES?  
PLEASE CALL DENNY BURNS @ 989-354-2419 ANYTIME AND  
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