

Thunder Bay Walleye Club Newsletter

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Fall is here!

It's a very busy time of year for a lot of folks, but if you can, try and make an effort to get out and enjoy some fishing between your trips to the woods. Weather permitting, this is a great time of year to be on the water, and the fishing can be fantastic. The Walleye and Perch are putting on the feedbag this time of year, so get out and take advantage of it. You may have to search a bit, but when you find them, it will be rewarding. Whether you chose to spend your spare time perched in a tree, or bobbing on the lake, enjoy it and be safe.

Tournament Results

Hubbard Lake, September 8th 2013

The last TBWC club fishing tournament of 2013 took place on Hubbard Lake, and it seems that the fishing was a little tougher than normal, but as always, somebody figures out the winning program and brings a good basket to the scale. After struggling a little bit in the morning, Dan VanMassenhove, Gary VanMassenhove, Eric Mackenzie, and Brian Mischloney made a move over to the east shore and started dragging bottom with crawler harnesses. The results were not only a lot more action, but the winning weight of 12.57 pound. Larry Donajkowski, Caleb Donajkowski, and Al Douglas, went through a fair number of fish, pulling 9.50 pounds for their best five fishing a variety of areas running crawlers as well. Adam and Doug Birk teamed up to catch a nice five fish basket weighing 9.02 pound that was good for the third place.

If you don't know, Eric Kruczynski is the 2013 Angler of the Year. Congrats to Eric and his son Gage along with the rest of the crew.

Club News

- After some healthy discussion at the September meeting, the club made a \$500 donation to the Long Lake Improvement Association to assist their walleye stocking efforts this fall. With our contribution, they will now be able to plant an additional \$500 worth of Walleye fingerlings on top of their \$6500. While many of us fish Long Lake, this not only benefits us, it benefits our entire community, providing better recreational opportunities for our kids and grandkids. The fall fingerlings will be planted sometime towards the end of October
- Glen Klimczak, Dave Birmingham, and Karl Kelly attended the Brown Trout meeting at the VFW hall, and should have some information for us at the October meeting concerning the Walleye Extravaganza. There has been some uncertainty as to what our role, if any will be, concerning the Tournament. The club needs to decide this issue ASAP. With hunting season close and no meeting in November things need to be decided at this meeting or have a special meeting in October with interested club members so that BT can move forward for the 2014 festival.

Other Member News

Wayne VanDyke and Erich Carlson will be fishing the MWC *World Walleye Championship* on Bays de Noc out of Escanaba Michigan October 17th, 18th, and 19th, could be decent weather or snowing and blowing. With such a wind driven fishery, a lot is riding on the weather, they will be pre-fishing starting next weekend.

TBWC volunteer's memberships were updated for the 2013 Brown Trout Festival. Member who volunteered for 2013 are:

Dave Birmingham, Bill Boucher, Trent Bruski, Denny Burns, Erich Carlson, Marty Cirulis, Clyde DeRosia, Tony Gapczynski, Dave Golder, Darwin Grabow, Dianna Harrison, Pam Hubert, Carl Kelly, Glen Klimczak, Eric MacKenzie, Mike McGirr, Jackie Plover, Bill O'Neil, Carl Renard, Ewald Sommerfield all received membership updates for working the Brown Trout during July.

Roger Barc 84 hrs. and Chuck Marcinkiewicz 33 hrs. both TBWC members tho not specifically scheduled worked all week during the 7am to 9pm time frame taking some of the load of scheduled members and were awarded TBWC membership updates.

Jim Leeseberg and Rissa Budnick also volunteered.

Thanks to all who helped making the BT Festival another success and a special thank you to Glen Klimczak for volunteering to put together the schedule as well as tracking the BT raffle tickets and being our club rep to the Michigan Brown Trout Festival.

Questions on this or another issue call Denny Burns @ 989 3542419 or email jackieodennyb@frontier.com.

Minutes for Sept 2013

Financial Reports for July and August were read and accepted.

Ron Schroeder made a motion for the club to pay for the MWT Captains meeting at Nowicki Sausage Shop, seconded by Richard Hubert, discussion followed, the motion passed.

Mike McGirr made a motion and Erich Carlson seconded for the TBWC to make a donation to the Long Lake Association for walleye to be planted this fall. Motion passed.

Discussion on our last tournament of the year on Hubbard Lake.

Minutes for Sept 2013 cont.

Discussion that at the Annual Banquet we should recognize volunteer work and projects for the TBWC as well as a general rundown where we spent our money.

Much discussion on what to do with the Walleye tournament within the BT Festival, are we going to continue supporting it, is the club going to run the walleye tournament for BT? Will we get credit for the club hours to run the tournament towards our hour requirement by Brown Trout for the festival? These issues must be resolved by December 1st 2013, better if done before deer season.

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: walleynyper@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, Evinrude, 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 walleyesnyper@hotmail.com we'd like to promote our member's activities and accomplishments.

Welcome New Members

Douglas S Birk	Comins
Doug Haberland	Bay City
Jeffry Clark	Hubbard Lake
Chuck Beal	Lachine
Carl E Hatala	Alpena
Travis Niedbala	Presque Isle
Ryan Stemkowski	Alpena
Reno N Massetti	Alpena

NEXT MEETING October 9th 2013

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: BT Issues
Members input on monthly meetings (what would you like to see)

CHECK THIS OUT.

Cabela's National Walleye Tour MAY COME TO ALPENA IN 2014

Dave Birmingham will have some information on this.