

Thunder Bay Walleye Club Newsletter

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SOME ARE STILL FISHING

The weather of late has not been kind for fishing activity the last few days. While Jackie and Denny have not been on the water some of our member did give some tips on where and when. Hubbard is producing some nice catches of walleye and Fletcher Pond has been reported well for pan fish. The bay is somewhat scattered for walleye and still producing a few Lake Trout. The DNR reports their egg harvest for salmon is down this year with the numbers showing up later this year. No reports of anyone trying to catch perch on the bay and the river or other inland lakes.

FISHING REPORTS

Carl Kelly

Still doing well on the pan fish at Fletcher's. Find the old river channel, fish 7'-8' down, pieces of crawlers. Bright yellow store at corner of Jack's Landing Road and M-32 has a nice selection of healthy crawlers and minnows- plus. Nice people. Reasonable prices.

Chris Wade

Fished Hubbard lake on Friday and pulled an easy limit of walleye in 40-50 fow, had 7 fish on at once. All on small shad style baits with snap weights. Went back Sunday afternoon and only pulled 4 walleye and a 33" northern.



Fished the bay on Monday pulled one walleye and a Lake Trout on Sulfur at night. It was a great night fishing-- lots of bait and so forth but we only did one pass.

Romeo

Fished Hubbard on Tuesday. We picked up a limit and it did not turn on until dark. We pulled most fish between Hardwoods and South end pulling cranks with 1.5 and 2 oz weights 50-50. We only had two nice ones over 20 the rest were 16's. It was a great night weather wise-

SOME OUT OF THE AREA FISHING ON THE COLUMBIA RIVER

This a fishing between five people they put together for a couple of day of fun on the Columbia River.

Two boats, five contestants with one rod each.

-We were allowed to enter 3 fish over two days for most total lbs.

-The boats are merely a platform, each person fishes their own rod.

- We all used the same bait but had choices of color combinations.

-Both boats fished the same area, we were always in site of each other.

-Lastly, this was an individual contest subject to the randomness of the universe, and the boat driver (Me), putting my gear in good pockets.

(Which I still lost, Damn universe!)

We had a great time despite the variables.

He did manage a 25and ½# Coho

I just fished the Clackamas River from a drift boat Friday, Hooked four silvers (Coho) using jigs. Man that was fun. Such a beautiful way to fish. Drifting 4 miles of wild and scenic river. Rapids, deep pools, and winding turns. We saw eagles and other wild life. I love it.

Allan Burns

Club Tournament Results

Mullet Lake Sunday Sept 13th Launch Aloha State Park 7a - 3p

Some people camped starting Tuesday however it was quite windy and much cooler after a cold front came thru and the bite was not there. Vic Ross and Jerry Yarch did manage a 44" pike pre fishing and the Eric Kruczynski boat during tournament time landed a 13.39 lb. pike.

Jackie and Denny only pre fished Saturday landing one walleye and a couple of silver fish.

Weather Sunday started out with brisk winds out of the northwest and very cool (frost warnings) but went down to nothing during the day and had switched out of the south west by the end of the tournament with a nice warm up.

Boats fishing the Northend of the lake seemed to do better than other places. By the time Jackie and Denny went north it was too late for us. 8 boats fished Sunday.

First place goes to Eric Kruczynski and Nick Gabara weighing 4 fish for 7.33 lbs. the largest being 2.83 lbs.

Second was Adam Birk and Marc McCaleb with 2 fish 5.03 lbs. the largest 2.56 lbs.

Third were 2 newcomers to TBWC tourney fishing and never fish Mullet with one dandy walleye weighing 4.03 lbs. and good for the largest of the day.

One other boat Matt Franklin, Dan and Gary Vanmassenhove weighed 3 fish for 3.57 lbs.

Which brings us to the Best 5 of 10 results for this year. The top two Erich Kurczynski and Adam Birk were only 14.63 points apart and Nick Gabara is only 15.62 points back prior the this tournament so the angler of the year was not be decided until the weigh in at Mullet. How things change with tough fishing and the luck of the bite.

FINAL

2015 Thunder Bay Walleye Club Top 12 of 138 Entrants Best 5 of 10 of 10 Tournaments

Name	Points Best 5 of 10	Rank
Kruczynski, Eric	494.60	1
Gabara, Nick	483.59	2
Birk, Adam	468.96	3
Kruczynski, Gage	437.40	4
Wade, Chris	436.66	5
Franklin, Matt	429.26	6
VanMassenhove, Dan	429.26	6
VanMassenhove, Gary	429.26	6
Kozlowski, Bryan	390.03	7
Gapczynski, Tony	377.06	8
Byce, Mark	370.02	9
Watts, Jim	370.02	9

CONGRATULATIONS
ERIC KURCZYNSKI
2015 ANGLER OF THE YEAR

SEPTEMBER MEETING NOTES

Meeting called to order 7:06 pm
8 People in attendance. Not enough for a quorum.

Financials were read.

General Bla Bla.
Meeting adjourned 7:30 pm

BROWN TROUT

Nothing new as of this writing. Glen will have more info at our meeting.

SERVICES

Boat & RV Fiberglass repair-- Mid Michigan Fiberglass Inc. Owner Steve Schnettler, 1809 27th St.
Bay City Michigan 989-895-7000 www.midmichiganfiberglass.com Factory Authorized. Highly recommended by Romeo 989-358-5310

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.

Looking for upgrades, repairs, and now fall winter WORK? 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 and expertise 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.

KIDS SHOOT OUT

Oct. 3, Saturday

ALPENA SPORTSMENS CLUB

Denny, I only know that we had about 12 shooters of all ages. It was mentioned last night that one guy they called 'dead eye' he did so well and another from last year did better this year. It was windy out and comment was made that the birds were 'dancing'. Everyone had a good time. Lots of parents there. Lunch of hot dogs, pop and chips. Everyone got to choose a prize to take home. Edith

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday October 14th, 7pm 2015

MEETING ROOM 126

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 or cancelled)

Agenda:

Club Tourneys: Discussion on Nite Eyes and suggestions on all tourneys

Brown Trout

Club Tourneys

Anything else you want to bring up.