

Thunder Bay Walleye Club Newsletter

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CLUB TOURNAMENTS

Club Tourney Results

Hubbard Lake - Launch DNR East Bay Sun Sept 10th 7AM - 3PM

30 people in 12 boats plied the waters on a great day weather wise, perhaps too nice. The bite was slow for some and nonexistent for a few. If you didn't have the right presentation and patience you did not catch fish. There were suspended fish in deep water from top to bottom but would not bite. A 3 lb. fish was needed to get into the top weights along with 5 fish total. Crawler harnesses and hard body baits did the trick.

1st Dan and Gary VanMassenhove and Eric Kruczynski weighed 11.89 lbs. with their largest 3.17 lbs.

2nd Jon Kruttlin and Justin Champagne had 11.11 lbs. and their largest 3.03 lbs.

3rd Romeo Bourdage and Steve Moore weighed 11.07 lbs. and had the largest of the tournament at 3.82 lbs.

4th Adam Hume and Mike Karner with 10.99 lbs.

Thunder Bay - Launch Alpena Boat Harbor Sun Sept 24th 7AM - 3PM

23 contestants in 10 boats fished the last tourney for 2017 with temperatures in the upper eighties and hardly any wind, seemed like July. The bay was a different bite this time of year with the transition from the summer bite to the fall bite. Only one boat managed 5 fish at the weigh in, 2 boats had four fish, one boat had three, 1 boat had 2 and another weighed 1. To say the least the fish were scattered. Seemed the fish were in front of the bay in the 50 to 60 feet of water with some by Sulphur Island in deep water.

1st Goes to Romeo Bourdage and Steve Moore. They weighed 4 fish for 14.42 lbs. with the largest of the tournament at 5.61 lbs. Seem like since Steve has been on the Romeo boat the number of fish and weights have gone up. They did have a very nice basket while weighing only 4.

2nd Are Chris Wade, Kevin Graham and Adam Peterson weighing 5 fish for 13.66 lbs.

3rd goes to Dan and Gary VanMassenhove with Matt Franklin weighing 4 fish 13.60 lbs. and their largest was 5.30 lbs.

4th was Eric Kruczynski, Bryan Kozlowski and Dillon Schellie weighing 3 fish for a total of 10.84 lbs. and their largest at 4.74 lbs.

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CLUB TOURNAMENTS Cont.

We have new Anglers of the Year this year, Gary and Dan VanMassenhove. While not fishing the 2 first tourneys this year they ground it out for the last 7 to take the win. It has been said that the fishing experience of the elder of the others on the boat was the key. Congratulation.

FINAL

2017 Thunder Bay Walleye Club

Top 17 By Rank of 118 Entrants Thru Tourney #9

Best 5 of 9

Tournaments

Name	Points Best 5 of 9	Rank
VanMassenhove, Dan	490.21	1
VanMassenhove, Gary	490.21	1
Kruczynski, Eric	461.00	2
Karner, Mike	433.74	3
Franklin, Matt	433.41	4
Hume, Adam	385.03	5
Peterson, Adam	369.66	6
Wade, Chris	369.66	6
Winter, Wayne	358.79	7
Kozlowski, Bryan	353.82	8
Kruczynski, Gage	335.11	9
Carlson, Erich	328.97	10
Krutlin, Jon	316.84	11
Bowen, Denny	315.61	12
Schellie, Dillon	293.43	13
Hall, Jim	287.04	14
Bourdage, Romeo	279.30	15

**2013,14,15,16 Angler of the
year**

Eric Kruczynski

2017 Anglers of the Year

**Gary and Dan
VanMassenhove**

We plan to schedule our 2018 tournaments at our December meeting. If you have issues with the cost, number of tournaments, where and when plan to attend or contact Denny Burns at 989 354 2419 or email at jackieodennyb@frontier.com.

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The Fletcher Library has magazines and DVD's on how when and where walleye fishing.

Take advantage of these, they may give you some ideas on how to improve your fishing attack instead of doing the same thing day after day.

These were purchased by the club for all to use.

"Shivering" on Thunder Bay

"Shivering" is a very fun casting technique that can be deadly on summer Walleyes. Last month, I had the cool opportunity to film a Next Bite show on Thunder Bay with hall of fame angler, Keith Kavajecz. Keith happened to be in Michigan filming a show on Saginaw Bay with Bruce and Nick DeShano from Off Shore Tackle Company and had indicated that he really wanted to do a show that featured casting "Shiver Minnows" on Northern Lake Huron. To my surprise, I received a phone call asking if I still had a casting bite going, and if so, would I be interested in filming a "Next Bite" **Shivering** show. I spent the few days prior to their arrival scoping out the bite with Adam Peterson, and was able to pin down a very good "Shivering" bite. Keith, Jake Romanack and (Cameraman) Jake Flaa came up and spent a couple days at my place and we were able to put together a great show. We were able to capture nine nice Walleyes on film casting Moonshine Shiver Minnows. This "Next Bite" episode will be aired sometime this coming January and February and will feature the technique of "Shivering" we'll explain the importance of cadence, boat positioning, and what to look for as far as locating fish. I will let everyone know the air dates when I find out. Very cool experience!

Michigan Out of Doors Episode

Last month, I also had the opportunity to film a segment on Michigan Out of Doors Television with Gabe VanWormer. Most of this segment will feature my wildlife art and frames, however Brady, Gabe, and I, did spend a few nice hours on Hubbard Lake as well. We put a few Walleyes in the boats and had a nice afternoon. I will also let you know when this is scheduled to air. Should be a cool show.

Erich Carlson will give club membership a heads up on the 2 above articles some time during the winter meetings in 2018...to be scheduled.

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Club Clothing and Other Stuff

We have restocked our T Shirts, Hats, Decals and Sweatshirts etc. Contact Richard Hubert for more info 989-379-4614 or see him at our club meetings. This all high quality stuff and "CHRISTMAS" is coming.

FOR SALE ITEMS

IF YOU WANT AN ITEM IN THE FOLLOWING NEWSLETTERS CONTACT
DENNY BURNS 989 354 2419
OR EMAIL INFO TO JACKIEODENNYB@FRONTIER.COM

NEW

THE PLAN IS TO LIMIT FOR SALE ITEMS TO 90 DAYS UNLESS ITEMS ARE SOLD EARLIER. IF ITEMS ARE SOLD OR YOU WANT TO CONTINUE THE ADD CONTACT DENNY BURNS AT THE ABOVE EMAIL or phone # 989 354 2419.

NEW 7/4/17

Lund Pro-V 2075 IFS

Black 2009 Lund Pro-v IFS, 250 Mercury Verado (369 hours), 9.9 Mercury 4-stroke kicker, 101 lb 36v MinnKota Terrova with I pilot, Lowrance HDS-12 Gen1 with cisco mount at counsel, 3 new DEKA AGM Group 31 batteries in the bow with Cabelas 3 bank 20 amp charger, 2 Exide XRF-31D ROADFORCE AGM-200 for the main motor with Cabelas 2 bank 20 amp charger, 5ft Traxstech rail with 6 rodholders, snap-in carpet, walk thru windshield, Trollmaster, Bimini top. Shorlandr trailer, tires are 2 years old. Boat is well maintained. Asking \$39,500 OBO, will provide extra pics upon request.
Price: 39,500 Contact Jesse Spicer 989 464 8249 Email jessspicer@hotmail.com

WavePro Air Suspension Pedestals

I have recently installed the WavePro Air Suspension Pedestals to my boat. I gave them a real test on my NWT trip to Lake Erie. I have to say they were GREAT! Nicest ride I have ever had on big, bad water. No launching or bouncing. No "bottoming-out" or back jarring. I highly recommend the WavePro Air Pedestals for anyone looking for an easier ride on rough water. The air spring chamber allows for 0-200 psi of air spring preload to accommodate a wide range of weights. The WavePro Pedestals can be purchased through John Unkovich (989-727-2797) at Viking Marine on Hubbard Lake. If you have any questions about the WavePro Air Suspension Pedestals, give me a call. (989-255-8442).

Wayne Van Dyke

6/1/17

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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 Canvas Services and Repairs all Minnkota products including Cannon Downriggers. 989-464-1191.

Looking for upgrades, repairs, and now **Fall Layups.**

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.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday OCT 11th 2017 at 7pm

MEETING LOCATION IS IN ROOM 126
Besser Tech Center

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 Tournaments for 2017, Brown Trout, Fishing Review
Banquet to a different date, Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tourney,
Open discussion on any topic.

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