

THUNDER BAY WALLEYE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Ice Fishing is Knocking on the Door!

Hopefully everyone had a safe and productive hunting season. I know at least a few fish warriors were out hunting our favorite fish species. There certainly was some good fishing right through the fall, whether it was the great Hubbard Lake walleye bite, or the fantastic fishing down in Linwood on Saginaw Bay. See Pictures Below. Now is time to turn our attention towards the hard-water. It will be here soon, so get your machines tuned up, tip-ups rigged, put new line on those ice rods. The first ice is some of the best fishing of the year, but be careful, and prepared. Carry ice picks and have a flotation device on hand just to be safe. The ice sometimes freezes in strange ways that are determined by factors such as wind direction and intensity, temperature, amount and timing of snowfall. Please be aware of what is happening and where. Remember the giant open hole on Grand Lake last year? That was the result of high winds and heavy snow just as the lake froze up. It was weeks before that area was safe for travel. Be safe and good luck!

Come to the meetings if can!

It's also time to resume our monthly club meetings. If you don't normally attend our club meetings, please consider doing so. It's always good to get input and feedback about the various happenings and events. It's also important to have good member attendance for important discussions instead of the same people making decisions on behalf of the club without the input of others. We have a lot of topics to discuss at this next meeting! Besides, it would make for a better 50-50! ☺

Tournament Schedule for 2013 will be set at the December meeting!

We would like to discuss next year's club tournaments and set the 2013 tournament schedule at the December meeting. If you have some ideas or input, please attend. Remember, just because you don't have a "big" tournament boat, or lots of time to pre-fish certainly doesn't mean you shouldn't fish our events. When I started fishing in the club, I won two tournaments out of a 14 foot boat with a 25hp motor, and one of those was on Lake Huron. To me, anymore, it's about continuing to learn and passing that knowledge on to my boys. Though some of us seem to take these tournaments a bit seriously, (myself certainly included!) most of us are willing to share details and information on location and tactics as long as it's not the day before or day of a tournament. On a larger scale, if you are fortunate enough to fish events such as the MWC, MWT, or others, the amount of knowledge you can gain is amazing. Simply pay attention to others, and how their presentations vary, or watch their approaches to fishing certain types

of conditions. You'll be surprised at what you'll learn. No matter if you are simply a recreational fisherman, or a seasoned tournament pro, if you keep an open mind, you'll continue to learn!

TBWC ICE FISHING RAFFLE TICKETS

Free fishing weekend for 2013 has been set and event planning is in full swing!! The FIFTH annual Reel Fun Fishing Tournament is scheduled for February, 16th 2013.

I will have the raffle tickets for the TBWC at this meeting. There are 5 prizes this year totaling over \$1,600.00. Ticket prices remain the same, \$2 each or 3 for \$5. If you can't make the meeting, call Denny Burns at 989 354 2419 so arrangements can be made to get tickets to you to purchase or sell.

Get your ice auger tuned up for the hole drilling event the Friday before.

BROWN TROUT- WALLEYE TOURNAMENT

BT was in litigation with Steve Marks, the owner of North Central Security this past summer. I will have more information on this at the December meeting. Our club payout has been affected.

The Brown Trout Committee has asked the club if we would be interested in running the Two Day Walleye Tournament. Just what does will that entail? What would it take from our members in terms of participation and time commitments? Denny will have more information at the meeting.

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: walleynesnyper@hotmail.com. I'll be sure it gets in!

Wayne and Bob were on a hot bite at the end of November on Saginaw Bay. Note the weather and the way they are dressed. Talk about hitting it right!!! They went through a bunch of big fish with 10.1 being the HAWG of the day! Deep Huskys were the ticket.



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.**

Please consider taking on a small task or part of a task.

As I said in the previous newsletter Denny Burns will no longer be the club rep for the Brown Trout or do the TBWC fishing tournament tracking.

It's time for new blood to step into the TBWC functions. This will be effective starting February 2013. One or more members can team up. I will be available to help in the transition to keep these things moving as smooth as possible. Contact me at 989 354 2419. There will be list of tasks for each position at the December meeting and in future newsletters.

He will continue to do the membership list, financials and be involved with the newsletter and other stuff for the TBWC.

Looking for upgrades, or repairs? Call the Boatkeeper!

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 <i>tbwalleye.com</i> for the latest tournament results, newsletters, and blog. Todd has posted the up to date tournament results including weights, and points earned.
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****Please let Erich know the events you are involved with by email me at walleesnyper@hotmail.com. We'd like to promote our member's activities and accomplishments****

NEXT MEETING: **Wednesday, December 12th**

ACC Besser Tech Center (New 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:

Banquet

Brown Trout report

Club Duties

Club Tournaments

Ice Fishing Raffle

Hubbard Lake Tournament Sunday February 14th 2013