

Thunder Bay Walleye Club

Newsletter

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Club Activities/News

Welcome back!

It's that time of year again. Hopefully all of the hunters in the club had successful seasons. I know I'll still be hitting the woods for some muzzleloader action, but as we turn the corner into December it's time to start thinking more about winter and all the things that go with it. The open water season is on its way out, and if you're into ice fishing like I am, you're thinking about pulling out your gear. This is the time to tune up the quad, put new line on the tip-ups, stock up on the latest and greatest stuff or replace lost or broken gear from last season. First ice is hands down some of the best ice fishing of the year, but it can be hazardous. Hard water will be upon us in short order, and if you are one of the daring guys, who like the skinny ice, please go prepared. Last year we saw some crazy ice conditions and I personally know several people who went through the ice on both machines and on foot. Fish with a friend, wear some type of flotation, and carry ice picks and a rope to pull yourself or others out if you should happen to fall through. Just make sure you use common sense, a few fish aren't worth risking your life over.

Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tournament is a go!! February 19th 2011

5,000 TBWC Raffle tickets are being printed and will be available at the December meeting. If you can't make the meeting call Denny Burns 989 354 2419 to make arrangements to get yours. This year there are 6 prizes:

		Value
1 st	Vexilar FL20 Fish Finder	\$519.00
2 nd	Frabill Fish Shanty	\$399.00
3 rd	Jiffy 9" Ice Auger	\$399.00
4 th	Otter Ice Fishing Sled W/hitch	\$150.00
5 th	Eastman Ice Cube 2 person	\$150.00
6 th	Vexilar Hand Held Sonar	\$140.00

Jim Leeseberg will have an update from the Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tournament meeting.

The Date Has Been Set! The Third Annual Tournament will be held Saturday February 19th, 2011

Only 1000 tickets will be sold!

New! 50/50 Raffle during Tournament!

First Fish Weighed in Wins Prize!

This unique tournament is detailed in the rules section but here's a quick introduction.

- Only 1000 tickets sold
- Over 1250 predrilled holes in the tournament area- first come first serve.
- No shelters allowed
- Prizes determined by fish weight and then by time registered in the event of a tie. ***Prizes are non-species specific, any open species of fish may be registered.***

Search for “The Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tournament” on the web for info on prizes etc.

- ***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 for a possible Christmas gift.

Brown Trout

Things are moving for the 2011 Michigan Brown Trout Tourney. Last year at this time the new committee was trying to get organized as well as working on the overhaul of the By-Laws. It was trying to say the least but the 2010 tournament was a great success compared to the last few years. Hats off to all who made it possible.

This year plans are already in the works for the tournament next year. Denny Burns will have an update on some of the proposed rule changes.

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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, December 8th, 2010 at 7:00 pm

- **ACC Besser Tech Room** - Room 112 in the BTC

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

- Banquet Plans
- Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tournament
- TBWC Ice fishing Raffle
- 2011 TBWC Tournament Schedule

- **ADDRESS, EMAIL, OR PHONE NUMBER CHANGES?**

- **PLEASE CALL DENNY BURNS @ 989-354-2419 ANYTIME AND LEAVE A MESSAGE OR EMAIL AT JACKIEODENNYB@FRONTIER.COM**