

# Thunder Bay Walleye Club Newsletter

DECEMBER 2015

PO Box 812 Alpena, MI 49707

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## AND THE FISHING STILL GOES ON

October did produce some very nice perch on Grand Lake. The DNR pulled the dock on Grand at their predetermined date for every year without regard to weather conditions so no more fishing on Grand. Hubbard Lake in October was producing some nice walleye as well as pike. The river and boat harbor were slow with very small perch. White fish should be in the river now. Only a duck boat on Thunder Bay. Perhaps the fish cleaning station closing early November has some effect on bay fishing activity.

### FISHING REPORTS

Adam Birk 12/2/15 Denny, fishing on Saginaw bay was real good last weekend. Lots of fish in the 3 pound range were being caught with some up to 7 pounds. Fishing out of Linwood beach marina in 19 to 22 foot of water with fish suspended 8 to 15 foot down being the most active fish.

Good lures this weekend were husky ddh12's, junior thunder sticks, and flicker shads.

Water temps were hovering right around the 40 degree Mark so slow speeds of 1.1 to 1.2 were best. I would expect this coming weekend to be excellent with the week of warm weather and stable conditions.

Dean Miller 11/29/15 Hey Denny, I fished out of Linwood Sunday afternoon 29 Nov from 12:00 to 4:45. We ended up with 10 nice fish on Rapala Husky Jerks (DHJ12's). 22'-23' of water seemed to work the best for us.

### OTHER FISHING NOTES

DNR planted 500 Muskie in Besser Lake, just above the 9<sup>th</sup> street dam. I don't know how long it will take for them to get legal but with all the forage in the 9<sup>th</sup> street impoundment they should be fat and sassy.

Hammond Bay Biological Station has started their \$6M upgrade. With aging infrastructure the need was there. HBBS is responsible for the success at controlling lamprey and is moving on to other projects as well. The upgrades will include new labs and slew ways to duplicate conditions on the great lakes.

**FINAL**

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Points Best 5 of 10</b>	<b>Rank</b>
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**

**Club awards banquet** is set for the last Saturday in April.

**2016 club fishing schedule** will be put together in our January 2016 meeting.

**Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tournament** is set for the last Saturday February 27<sup>th</sup> 2016.

**BROWN TROUT**

Nothing is firm on the festival for 2016. There is a December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting which will decide what will be or not be. To date no one has stepped up to replace the full executive board as of the writing.

Wayne Van Dyke has a "Repair Kit" for all Off Shore Products. Anyone needing repair work, just contact me at [wvandyke35@hotmail.com](mailto:wvandyke35@hotmail.com) and I'll try to take care of it. No cost.

## SERVICES

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

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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.

### **NEXT MEETING**

**Wednesday December 9<sup>th</sup> 2015, 7pm**

**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:**

**Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tournament**

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

**Brown Trout**

**Anything else you want to bring up.**