

Thunder Bay Walleye Club Newsletter

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Cold all Winter and still Cold

The weather continues to be cold. Consider our first club tournament is May 3rd 2 months away on Hubbard Lake, with warmer weather the next 6 days or so but no where near our average temperature for this time of year. Will the snow be gone? Will the ice be gone and launches open? The better weather the next few days may be a rare opportunity to do some *pleasant* ice fishing. I did see on the Weather Channel the 90 day forecast is for much below average temperatures for northern lower Michigan ,probably due to the great lakes being over 90 % frozen. Hope they are wrong about this one. Word has it the perch bite is back on at Grand Lake and probably other inland lakes.

REEL FUN ICE FISHING TOURNAMENT

From the RF Tournament web sight

The Tournament was a Success!

Thanks to all the anglers, spectators, volunteers and sponsors that made the sixth annual event a success! The weather was great, the food was still great, there were fish caught and attendees had fun.

We will keep you updated on where the funds are going for the River Center and pictures will be posted soon.

Congratulations to Rob LaFluer- This years first place winner of the John Deere Gator! Check out winners tab for a complete list.

This tournament and its proceeds will go to benefit the future River Center.
For more information on the River Center view this [PDF](#). View these file on the RF web page.

TBWC Reel Fun Tournament

The TBWC drilled around 1,200 hole for this event and reports are over 800 holes were sold. It is reported this is most ever holes sold. Why so many drilled holes? Reel Fun limits the number of holes sold to 1,000 and the additional 200 is for contestants to move around to a vacant hole during the event if they so desire. A big thank you to all who drilled, ice was reported to be 34 to 30 inches thick. You put in your time, equipment and gas to get it done. It's hard to get people out on a Friday, working etc.

Much prep work needed to be done prior to drilling. The parking lot needed to be plowed as well as the road in, a large mound of ice was at the launch sight onto the ice which needed to be removed so vehicles could get on the ice, snow needed to be plowed on the ice to get to the location of the tournament, layout work of the grid for the holes etc. It all got done in time to start drilling holes Friday for the Saturday tournament. Saturday morning set-up of the porta johns on the grid area as well as the TBWC trailer, courtesy of Rob Frantz, which is the weigh-in sight and raffle ticket sales along with a display of the raffle prizes. Contestants had to be searched (no fish being brought in) prior to letting them in the fishing area.

To all those who sold raffle tickets prior to the tournament and especially those who sold tickets on the ice made this the most successful RF Tournament for the club. Congratulations to Rob LaFluer- This years first place winner of the John Deere Gator! Check out winners tab for a complete list on the RF web sight.

Winners of the TBWC Raffle are:		Ticket #	Sold By
1 st Eskimo Eskape 3 man Shanty	Chuck Bennett, Atlanta	301	Carl Kelly
2 nd Vexilar FL-18 Fish Finder	Kyle VanWormer Alpena	1771	On Sight
3 rd Polar Fire 8" Ice Auger	Ted Tinker	912	On Sight
4 th Vexilar LPS-1 Handheld Sonar	Claude Kruttlin Tawas	1266	Jim LaFluer
5 th Jet Sled XL with hitch	Stanley Siegert	1920	On Sight

The club did participate in the RF FESTIVUS Friday February 14th at the Aplex' from 6 – 12PM. It was the night before the tournament. Carl Kelly had a neat sign made up to hawk our raffle tickets. He sold about 200 at the event. Jackie Oliver, Denny Burns and a large Birmingham clan enjoyed the evening.

A large turnout enjoyed the evening activities: Wine tasting by Thunder Bay Winery, Photo Booth old time fishing theme, Cocktails 6PM, cash bar, Dinner 7PM pasta bar, Chinese raffles, outdoor gear, gift certificates, many more items.

CLUB MEMBERSHIPS CAN BE PAID NOW.

Single person membership is \$15.00 per year. Family membership is \$25.00 includes all persons living in your household.

If you don't know if your memberships are due contact Denny Burns at 989 354 2419 or see me at a meeting.

Email members have the membership year after their last name on emails sent by Denny Burns including the newsletter email.

Regular mailed member's membership year is on the envelope.

Make checks out to TBWC.

Ice Fishing Tournaments

February's Hubbard Lake "Walleye & Perch" Results



Winners are Chris Eades Walleye 18-1/2"
 Todd Bolan Perch 11-1/2"

Dave Birmingham will have all the details at this meeting.

Annual Thunder Bay Walleye Club

Awards Banquet

Saturday, MAY 17th, 2014

Alpena Sportsman's Club

Agenda

Doors open at 4:30

Setups will be provided

BYOB

Games/Appetizers 5:00 - 7:00

Dinner at 7:00

Awards to follow dinner

Door Prizes!

Games! (for kids too)

Raffles!

Women's Baskets!

Dinner

By

Sherrie O'Brien

Country Apple Catering is certified by the State of Michigan

Hors D'oeuvres (Veggie Tray with crab dip), Dinner, Baked Chicken, Homemade Swedish Meatballs, Kielbasa with Sauerkraut, Real Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Buttered Corn, Glazed Carrots, Green Bean Almandine, Hot Rolls, Salad, and Desserts.

Dinner is \$15.00 per person at the door. 12 and under are free.

***Please RSVP by Monday, May 12th, your name and how many adults, **12 and under** will attend to Dennis Burns at 989 354-2419 and leave a message or email to jackieodennyb@frontier.com. You do not have to be a member to participate. Please note that we will have to have an accurate # when you RSVP. We will not be able to accept ANY last minute attendees at the door for dinner. **From time to time there is a cancelation so if you forgot to RSVP by Monday May 17th contact Denny to see if we can accommodate you.**

Please consider contributing to the Newsletter!

**NO ONE EVER DOES THIS
IT SURE WOULD BE A NICE ADDITION 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: walleeyesnyper@hotmail.com. I'll be sure it gets in! The author can remain anonymous if you so desire, just indicate your preference when submitting something to Erich Carlson.

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.**

Looking for upgrades, repairs, winter layup, shrink wrap? 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 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 ***tbwalleye.com*** for the latest tournament results, newsletters, and blog. Todd has posted the up to date tournament results including weights, and points earned.

Please let Erich know the events you are involved with by email at walleeyesnyper@hotmail.com we'd like to promote our member's activities and accomplishments.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday March 12th, 7pm 2014

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)

Agenda:

Gota question, What would you like to see from the club?

Club Banquet
Recap of Reel Fun Tourney
BT Update
Hubbard Lake Update