

Thunder Bay Walleye Club

Newsletter

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Club Activities

FEBRUARY10th- GUEST SPEAKER-DENNIS GULAU

The TBWC Raffle is getting close

Thanks for working together on this and trying to make it a successful fundraiser!!!!

There are still lots of tickets available. They will continue to be sold until the drawing on February 13th.

The club has purchased various prizes for our raffle which include:

1. FL12 Vexilar Ultra Pak
2. 9 inch 2 hp Jiffy power auger
3. Clam 2-man flip up portable shanty
4. A sled full of ice fishing gear, sets of tip-ups, scoop, bucket, etc...
5. Vexilar hand held sonar unit.

There's not much time left, but tickets are still available through Denny Burns (989-354-2419) for members to take and sell, so please take some and sell as many as you can!

Please bring your sold tickets to this meeting. If you can't make the meeting then contact Denny Burns to make arrangements.

The drawing is February 13th, three days from this meeting date.

Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tournament- Saturday February 13th-Help Needed

Last year, we got involved and helped to run Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tournament to benefit the River Center. It was a huge success. This year the event will be held on Grand Lake on **Saturday, February 13th**. Given our strong involvement in 2009, the club has been given the OK to conduct our own prize raffle during this year's event, which should turn into a great fundraiser for us. Once again we can use all the club volunteers we can get to help set up for this event.

Starting at 2:00 p.m. on Friday the 12th, we will be drilling 1000 holes out from the South end DNR access. Along with your ice auger, bring a buddy to help. With two people on the auger it makes drilling much easier. 1,000 holes sounds like a lot. Last year we drilled 750 holes in about 40 minutes. With enough people and augers it should be a quick deal. Jim Leeseberg will have the layout of the grid.

8:00 on the morning of the event we will be setting up tables, perimeter rope/string/stakes, and moving prizes on to the ice from the parking lot, placing the portajohns etc...

2 people with an ORV are needed to ride security on the perimeter for the 3 hr fishing tournament –noon until 3pm.

This event was a ton of fun last year, and everyone seemed to have a great time. If you didn't make it, try to get there this year.

Free Winterfest Ice Fishing Besser Lake

Saturday February 6th 8am until noon

Boundaries are Besser Lake to the Bagley Street Bridge.

Register at the Winterfest tent by the NLA Friday night or see Dave Birmingham Saturday morning by the Besser Pump house on the river across from Besser Company.

Prizes for the Largest Pike, Walleye and pan fish by length.

Club News

- *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.
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Guest Speaker- Pro Angler, Dennis Gulau will be at the February 10th meeting.

Dennis is top notch fisherman from Midland, Michigan who fished professionally this past season in the AIM circuit. He has offered to come up and share his experiences as a professional angler, techniques, and other advice. Dennis had a great start to the 2009 season, and finished 19th in the AIM Angler of the Year standings, ahead of many of the best tournament anglers alive such as Mark Martin, Keith Kavajecz, Bill St. Peter, Bruce (Doc) Samson and a host of others. Dennis is also a member of the Thunder Bay Walleye Club and has fished a few of our club tournaments in the past.

Asian Carp

As we all know, Asian Carp are knocking on the door of the Great Lakes, and have the very real potential to change our lakes and our lives in the not so distant future. Please check out this site, it has some good information on what is happening and not happening in the fight against them.

info@stopasiancarp.com

*****TBWC Hubbard Lake Ice Fishing Tournament/Contest 2010*****

There will be an ice fishing tournament held on Hubbard Lake on February 28th from 7 a.m. until 3p.m.

100% Payback

- Pre-Registration and Registration will take place at Len & Layne's on the South end of Hubbard Lake
- \$10 entry fee per person (no exceptions)
- There will be cash prizes for both the largest (longest) Walleye and Perch. Ties will split the prize money.
- Fish will be measured at the south end launch @ 3:00 P.M.

ICE RESCUE EQUIPMENT

Green Twp. Fire Department -Fishing Tournament on February 20th will take place on Beaver Lake with proceeds going toward the purchase of ice rescue equipment.

****Club Tournaments****
Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tournament- Grand Lake- February 13th
Hubbard Lake - February 28th

Upcoming Activities –

- Winterfest Ice Fishing Besser Lake February 6th Free
- Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tournament, February 13th
- TBWC Grand Lake/Raffle, February 13th
- TBWC Ice fishing tournament on Hubbard Lake, February 28th

(Ice fishing events are all weather permitting)

Other Events:

****- Please let Erich (I've taken over the newsletter for Romeo for a while) know the events you are involved we'd like to promote our member's activities and accomplishments -****

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Cory Nowakowski Lapeer MI

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 10th, 2010 at 7:00 pm

- **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:

- Old Business
 - Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tournament
 - Back up scale for- Reel Fun Tournament – Bass Club?
- New Business
 - Banquet Plans (update)
 - Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tournament (Updates/Needs)
 - Hubbard Lake Ice Fishing Tournament
 - 2010 Club Tournament Schedule Meeting Date
 - Rotary Club Auction Donation