

# Thunder Bay Walleye Club

## Newsletter

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

### Club Activities

#### **TBWC Raffle- Great Start!**

**Let's all keep working together on this and make this a successful fundraiser!!!!**

They're selling well, but we have printed three thousand tickets and would like to sell as many as we can. It is up to us as members to make this a success!

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

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| 1. FL12 Vexilar Ultra Pak  | \$400.00 Value |
| 2. 9 inch 2 hp Jiffy power auger   | \$370.00 Value |
| 3. Clam 2-man flip up portable shanty                                      | \$350.00 Value |
| 4. A sled full of ice fishing gear, sets of tip-ups, scoop, bucket, etc... | \$150.00 Value |
| 5. Vexilar hand held sonar unit.   | \$140.00 Value |

#### ***Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tournament is fast approaching and we need help.***

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 13<sup>th</sup>**. 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. On the Friday prior to the event we will be spacing out and drilling 1000 holes. Jim Hiske is the first to volunteer. Last year it took about 40 minutes to do 750 holes so we will need people with power augers to get this done. 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, etc... 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.

**Tickets are available through Denny Burns for members to take and sell, so please take some and sell as many as you can! We are looking for this to be our main fundraiser. If you sell them all get some more!**

#### **Alpena Winterfest Ice Fishing Tournament on Besser Lake, Saturday, February 6th**

Fishing will take place from 9 a.m. till 1 p.m.

Dave Birmingham will have his Black Shanty set up on the river side of Johnson St. between Besser and ACC to Weigh/Measure

This is a good opportunity to sell our raffle tickets!!!

## **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 etc. at the monthly meetings for you to purchase.

### **\*\*\*ICE FISHING IS ON!!!!\*\*\***

The ice is good on Grand, Long and most of our other lakes and getting to the point where some people are using machines. Be careful, especially on Hubbard and on the rivers. The fishing has been good to fantastic, but the ice is inconsistent as of this newsletter. Some areas have six to seven inches, while others have less than two. I still saw some areas of open water as of Monday. Check it and be safe.

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

Romeo is heading up all the details for this event, which looks like it will be held sometime in February or early March. It will run very much like last year, and will be open to the public. The dates will be in the next newsletter.

#### **\*\*Mullet Lake\*\***

Update: The DNR has enacted new seasonal and harvest limits for the Cheboygan River System.

The new regulations take effect for the 2010 fishing season on April 1. The regulations were developed in collaboration with many of the recreational fishing groups in the area, as well as the Indian River Chamber of Commerce. Changes to the regulations include a change in bag limit and season length for walleye for state-licensed recreational anglers. The regulations cover Mullett Lake proper, the Cheboygan River from Mullett Lake downstream to the Cheboygan Dam, and the Black River from Alverno Dam downstream to its confluence with the Cheboygan River.

In those areas, the bag limit for the harvest of walleye by state-licensed recreational anglers will be three walleye per day. The walleye season for state-licensed recreational anglers on Mullett Lake will be May 15 to March 15.

#### **BROWN TROUT**

Brown Trout has elected new officers for the positions that were vacated last fall. 3 V.P. positions have been set up to cover specific areas of the entire festival. They will be responsible for getting people to help with getting their tasks completed. There is still a vacancy for V.P. Grounds. Duties include Maintenance & Utilities, Set up & Teardown, Parking and Security.

The next BT meeting is the Monday before our meeting. I will have any additional updates at our meeting Wednesday night. We should be getting our check for our club 2009 festival work.

**\*\*Club Tournaments\*\***  
**Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tournament- Grand Lake- February 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Hubbard Lake? TBA**

**Upcoming Activities –**

- Alpena Winterfest Ice Fishing tournament on Besser Lake, February 6th
- TBWC Ice fishing tournament on Hubbard Lake (TBA)
- Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tournament
- TBWC Grand Lake/Raffle

**(All Ice fishing events are 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

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, January 13th, 2009 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
  - Tournament scale is fixed!
- New Business
  - Banquet Plans
  - Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tournament (Updates/Needs)
  - Hubbard Lake Ice Fishing Tournament
  - Discuss possible help with DNR Fisheries Advisory Council- Sea Grant Meeting location and agenda ideas for April.