

# Thunder Bay Walleye Club Newsletter

December 2016

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**MEETING LOCATION IS IN ROOM 126  
SAME BUILDING**

## MICHIGAN BROWN TROUT

Romeo confirms that the MWT will be on board for Brown Trout this year thanks to the efforts of Besser/DPI in committing to sponsorship again this year. The tourney will be the last weekend this year (July 22-23) and wrap up the tournament on Sunday. It is pretty exciting and should produce a large number of entries again this year.

The TBWC did get our check for the 2016 MBT Festival. \$1,200.00 was deposited in November.

Glen Klimczak will have an update on BT.

## CLUB TOURNAMENTS

### Hubbard Lake Sept 11<sup>th</sup>

What a change in weather, temperature was around 40 and windy. Some contestants had short and sandals, go figure. 31 people fished with 20 weighing fish.

1<sup>st</sup> place was Eric Carlson and Chris Wade with weighing 5 fish at 9.28lbs.

2<sup>nd</sup> place was Al Douglas, Steve Kindt and Ed Prevo weighing 5 fish for 8.97 lbs. with their largest 2.14lbs.

3<sup>rd</sup> place was Bryan Kozlowski, James Profit and Dillon Schellie weighing 5 fish with their largest 2.85lbs.

4<sup>th</sup> place goes to Eric and Gage Kruczynski and Dan and Gary VanMassenhove weighing 5 fish for 6.89 lbs.

Angler of the year is Eric Kruczynski with 448.33 points.

Right behind Eric is Jon Kruttlin with 427.09 points.

### **CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN ERIC**

Jon only needed 2 more fish to challenge Eric. Maybe next year.

### **Shoot Out Oct 16<sup>th</sup> \$100.00 per boat winner take all.**

This tournament started out paying out 3 places and \$100.00 for the largest fish. There were about 11 boats committed to Bryan Kozlowski however the wind blew rain and waves over the break wall all night but did calm down and quit raining by 7am for the start of the tournament.

## CLUB TOURNAMENTS continued

There still was big water on the bay from the all night blow. Only 3 boats showed so it was decided to pay winner take all. Bryan Kozlowski, Ethan Wright and Chris Wade did go out with Chris Wade the only boat to catch walleye and take home \$300.00.

<i><b>FINAL</b></i>		
<b>2016 Thunder Bay Walleye Club</b>		
<b>Top 10 By Rank of 126 Entrants</b>		
<b>Best 5 of 10 of 10 Tournaments</b>		
Name	Points	Rank
	Best 5 of 10	
Kruczynski, Eric	448.33	1
Kruttlin, Jon	427.09	2
Kruczynski, Gage	416.10	3
VanMassenhove, Dan	415.57	4
VanMassenhove, Gary	415.57	4
Franklin, Matt	394.76	5
Hatala, Carl	366.95	6
Karner, Mike	362.86	7
Mulvahill, Chris	362.86	7
Kozlowski, Bryan	346.95	8
Brown, Zach	314.55	9
Gilbertson, Brett	314.55	9
Hall, Jim	312.60	10
Hatala, Katelynn	300.53	11
Krzyzaniak, Joe	297.83	12
Kubiak, Joe	297.83	12
Lapine, Bryan	279.90	13
<b>2014,15 &amp; 16 Angler of the year</b>		
<b><i>Erich Kruczynski</i></b>		

***We plan to schedule our 2017 tournaments at our December meeting. If you have issues with the cost, number of tournaments, where and when plan to attend.***

### WINTER TOURNAMENTS INFO

Romeo Writes the Hubbard Lake Thunder Bay Walleye Club and Side Door Bait Tackle tourney which is usually in done in February will be moved to January 28th pending weather. My plan is to have Len measure on the South End and will be moved to a Saturday to allow for dark to dark fishing tourney-- they will preregister and the measuring will begin at 7-8pm to allow for people to load and get to the south end. It would be best if everyone launched from the South end, but we know there are those that fish the north end as well and would sooner drive to the South end.

Jeremy from Blue Water Bait will host a tourney on Hubbard Lake on January 14th with the same format as above.

Pending interest, Jeremy may do another tourney on February 11th if there is interest.



THUNDER BAY WALLEYE CLUB  
&  
SIDE DOOR BAIT & TACKLE  
ARE SPONSORING

WALLEYE & PERCH FISHING TOURNAMENT  
HUBBARD LAKE  
JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>  
DARK-TO-DARK

- Registration is at Side Door Bait & Tackle beginning @ 6am (bait will be available); registration will not be taken after 11am. **Pre-registration is available.**
- \$10 per person- half the pot for largest WALLEYE and half the pot for largest PERCH
- Winner will be determined by the total length of largest walleye and largest perch
- In case of tie, in either category, draw card for winner
- Measuring will take place at the South DNR Launch from 7-8pm; late arrivals will not be accepted
- Winner takes all tournament: Largest Walleye and Largest Perch - 100% payback

*The tournament will be rescheduled if there is not safe ice on the entire lake up until the start of the tournament at 5:30am.*

**REEL FUN ICE FISHING TOURNAMENT**  
**FEBRUARY SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> 2017**

The club did receive the raffle license for the 2017 Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tournament.

This year we are raffling 6 prizes and do have the raffle tickets. We need our membership to presell as many as we can prior to the tournament as tournament day could be a bust due to weather. Denny Burns will have tickets at this meeting.

2017 prizes are:

1 <sup>st</sup> Frabill AEGIS 2110 Ice Shanty	\$500.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vexilar FL-12 Ice Ducer	\$439.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> HT Polar Fire 8" Auger	\$320.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Vexilar Fish Scout Color Underwater Camera	\$309.00
5 <sup>th</sup> Vexilar Handheld Sonar	\$149.00
6 <sup>th</sup> Jet Sled XL with Hitch	\$130.00

Price is the same, \$2 ea. 3 for \$5.

### 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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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 14<sup>th</sup> 2016, 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: Club Tournaments for 2017, Reel Fun, Brown Trout

Open discussion on any topic