

THUNDER BAY WALLEYE CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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Once again, a special "Thank you" goes out to everyone who fished in the club tournaments over this past season! Overall it was a great tournament season with good friends, good fishermen and great fishing, with some fantastic bites taking place. If you have some ideas or suggestions as to how we can improve our schedule, make sure you let us know. Should we have fewer/more/keep the same, entry fee, different locations, etc.

Hopefully everyone had a great fall, filled with successful fishing, hunting, and other outdoor pursuits! Pretty obvious, it's back to winter weather, and unless you are a snow bird, it's time to get the sleds, quads, and gear ready to hit the ice. Now is the in between time when we have to decide whether to put the ice shanty back together and get the tip-ups rigged, or to pick up the muzzleloader and get a last crack at a nice buck. Personally I usually get a little crazy this time of year trying to fit it all in; hanging Christmas lights, finishing up the yard, family obligations, work, smoking jerky, bow hunting, muzzleloading, fishing, processing deer along with all the other daily stuff just plain wears a guy (or girl) out!!! I refuse to give anything up! I know many of you are the same way.

There are a lot of activities and events being organized right now which involve the TBWC in some capacity. We are or are going to be working on getting the ice fishing raffle figured out, scheduling the TBWC Banquet, working with the Brown Trout Committee to improve the festival, helping with the Reel Fun Ice Tournament, deciding on a 2012 Tournament Schedule, etc... If you have some time to get involved and help to offer, do it. It's rewarding, and helps give the club a good image.

BROWN TROUT UPDATE

A group of members got together last month and developed a list of rules and important changes that needed to happen to greatly improve the Walleye Extravaganza and “Must” happen if there is a large purse that will attract a much larger field of boats. These rules and changes were provided to the new Brown Trout committee at their request and were met with agreement and enthusiasm. Word from the BT committee is that this year’s Two Day Walleye Extravaganza will become a major focal point of the 2012 Michigan Brown Trout Festival with a very significant first place purse and money from the entries being distributed to the rest of the top 15% of the field. There is still some serious work, discussion, and changes to be made for this to come off as a success. Let’s make sure it happens!

Reel Fun

The Reel Fun Ice Tournament benefiting the River Center will take place Saturday, February 18th 2012. Once again, we will be asking any willing and able bodied members to hit the ice the afternoon on Friday the 17th to bust out 1000 holes. The more guys we have, the quicker it goes! Bring an auger and some gas. It’s usually good fun! Hopefully the actual event will be met with better weather than we experienced last year. Mother Nature was purely wicked that day, quite possibly the most miserable day I ever willingly spent on the ice.

Ice Fishing Raffle

We have run into another snafu with our raffle. Looks like we will still be able to make it happen, but our lovely state government likes to keep changing the rules. Denny will give a further update at the meeting.

TBWC Banquet

It’s time to start thinking about our annual banquet. Many of us look forward to this evening every year. It’s a good time with families and friends. What works the best, March or April? It all depends on how you look at it. It’s a great way to break up the later part of winter if we do it in March. It allows the snow birds to find their way back to Michigan if we wait until April, but by then it’s go time on the Walleyes. Let’s discuss it and try and get an idea on what we want to do so we can nail down a date.

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.

All items are at club cost.

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 (I've been officially Romeo'd) know the events you are involved with by email me at walleynesnyper@hotmail.com We'd like to promote our member's activities and accomplishments -****

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Andrei Sawruk Presque Isle Jeffrey T Barr Dafter

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, December 14th, 2011 at 7:00 pm
ACC Besser Tech Center (Room -112) in the BTC on the north side of Johnson St.

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:

- New Business
 - Brown Trout
 - Reel Fun Ice Tournament
 - Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tourney Raffle Prizes
 - Banquet
 - Tournament Scheduling

- **ADDRESS, EMAIL, OR PHONE NUMBER CHANGES?**
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