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What Do You Think?

There has been an idea floating around for a couple of years about having club members earn a 5 star status by performing certain tasks such as signing up a new member once a year, selling 20 outboard raffle tickets, turn in one fish (does not have to be a winner) in two out of five derbies this summer, donate 5 hours of time to a club event or events or even as easy as sending in a picture and writing a simple caption of your catching a fish or writing an article for the Walleye World. Maybe the reward would be a special T-shirt with some cool graphics and 5 stars on it showing you stepped up for the club to earn your new status. Don Murray is going to ask the members at the next meeting what they think and for any ideas on what tasks we could use or rewards we could give. Think it over and come to the next meeting and share your thoughts.

Jim Lease – Editor

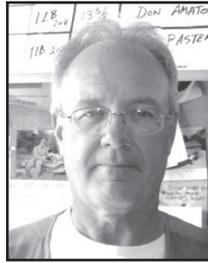
Another fine day on the ice for Joann Koch who speared these two 33 inch Northern Pike. Later she plans to be eating Northern Pike patties. These Pike were speared south of the spillway on Lake St Clair in 6 feet of water.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Don Murray



Will it ever end? This winter is getting serious. Yes, I'm talking about the winter of vortex after vortex. This winter of 2014 has opened up or should I say built a lot more fishing areas. A lot of ice fishermen have new territory to fish that hasn't been available in many years. This has resulted in different fish stories, like walleye from the Thames River, and Crane Creek in Lake Erie.

I like to ice fish in the off season, but with most places I ice fish having over 30 inches of ice its getting harder to fish. I think I'm in the majority of fishermen that want to launch a boat, and fish in warmer temperatures.

The Walleye Classic is one such open water (warm) fishing event that is tentatively planned for the 14th of June 2014, I'm looking forward to fish. The club wants to make this a yearly event so keep a eye out for further details as they become available for the classic.

At the February meeting club member Ted Steheny reported that new docks for the St Jeans ramp should be in place for the spring launch. The club has been working with and in contact with Erin McDonough, Executive Director of MUCC, Michigan United Conversation Clubs, who is willing to help fix up the St. Jean ramp. When you see Ted, thank him for his efforts working with Erin.

I would like to close this article by saying our February meeting, I thought was a great meeting. The meeting had informative and up to date information concerning ramps, kid's camp, all that help the club.

I noticed most everyone was quiet and attentive while the speakers gave information, I was proud of the members and the club.

All Club members are invited to submit pictures and/or articles about fishing, boating, and club activities anytime to this editor.

You are all reporters for our Walleye World.

Send to the Editor.

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Fishing: An Angler's Dictionary

By Henry Beard & Roy McKie

gear Anything you really wonder why you bothered to bring, or, whatever would have come in very handy if you hadn't left it at home...



WALLEYE WORLD CORRECTIONS

In the Tree House Get 2 Gether article printed in the January edition, the date of the last meeting read February 28 and it should have read January 29.

(The plan for this section is to have a space available every month so we can print any corrections that we (our large proof reading staff) have missed. If you see a large white area here then the staff did their job the month before and will continue on the payroll. If the space is full of corrections then heads will roll.)

Here's your "Quote Action" of the day:

"Experience is what you get when you don't get what you want."

Author, Dan Stanford

Your action for today is to recall a time when you didn't get what you wanted and see what experience you gained from it.

Have an extraordinary day!

WANT TO KNOW HOW THEY GOT THAT WAY?

by Jim Lease and Todd C. Wills

I was wondering why the size limits and daily bag limits were different in the St Clair River, Lake St. Clair, Detroit River and Lake Erie so I contacted Todd Wills at the DNR to see if I could find some answers. Below is his response to my email inquiry in its entirety.

I did some research on your question regarding differences in walleye regulations in Lake St. Clair, Lake Erie, and their connecting waters. After thumbing through some old fishing guides and talking to colleagues who have more institutional knowledge than I do, I've uncovered the history of how these regulations came to be. I'll begin by acknowledging that the walleye regulations that are in place today are the result of both biological and social considerations... since fisheries management is really the management of the interaction between fish, habitat, and people, it's not surprising or alarming that both biology and social preference were taken into account when these regulations were crafted.

Here's the history: prior to 2004, the walleye regulations in Michigan waters of the St. Clair River, Lake St. Clair, the Detroit River, and Lake Erie were the same... a 6-fish daily bag limit, a 13" minimum size limit, and a year-round open season. In 2004, concerns arose about the abundance of walleye in Lake Erie, which is managed cooperatively by Michigan, Ontario, New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio through the use of a quota system where each state/province is allocated a given number of fish to harvest each year. Cooperative research among the respective government agencies responsible for Lake Erie fisheries management showed that the

most biologically powerful way to stabilize the decreasing walleye abundance in Lake Erie was to increase the minimum size limit from 13" to 15". Therefore, the 15" minimum size limit, as well as a decreased 5 fish bag limit and a closed season in April-May, went into effect for Lake Erie during 2004. Given the proximity of the Detroit River and its strong walleye run from Lake Erie during the spawning season, the 15" minimum size limit and 5 fish daily bag limit were also applied here at the same time to afford an additional measure of protection to the Lake Erie walleye population... regulations which exist to this day.

When the changes to Lake Erie and the Detroit River walleye regulations were occurring in 2004, Michigan saw an opportunity to simplify fishing regulations throughout the region by applying the 15" minimum size limit and 5 fish daily bag limit to Lake St. Clair and the St. Clair River. However, this suggestion was met with very strong opposition from local anglers... so the regulations in Lake St. Clair and the St. Clair River did not change (the social preference I mentioned earlier). In 2006, the year-round open season was reinstated on Lake Erie, but the 5-fish daily bag limit and 15" minimum size limit remained in place through 2011. Beginning in 2011, the daily bag limit for Lake Erie walleye is set by May 1 of each year, and is based upon the predicted walleye abundance determined each year by the fisheries management agencies through the cooperative quota-setting process. In recent years, that daily bag limit has been set at 6...which leads us to where we are today: Lake St. Clair/St. Clair River – 6 fish daily bag, 13" minimum size, open all year; Detroit River – 5 fish daily bag limit, 15" minimum size limit, open all year; Lake Erie – daily bag limit announced by May 1, 15" minimum size limit, open all year.

Trade-a-Trip is Back

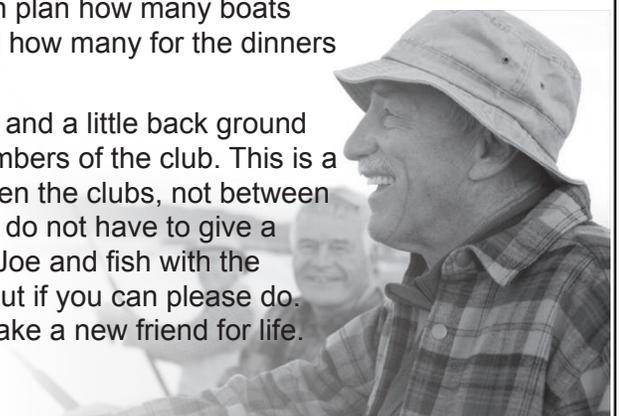
by Keith Krych

The Trade-a-Trip is back! We will be hosting the Battle Creek Steelheaders May 3rd and 4th, and we will be going to St. Joe May 17th and 18th.

I will be at the March meeting signing up boaters to host the Steelheaders for when they are here and taking names for going there. **YOU MUST SIGN UP TO GO THERE, NO SELF MADE ARRANGEMENTS!** We have to have

an accurate count of people coming and going so we can plan how many boats are needed and how many for the dinners on both sides.

Just a reminder and a little back ground for the new members of the club. This is a trip trade between the clubs, not between individuals. You do not have to give a trip to go to St. Joe and fish with the Steelheaders, but if you can please do. You may just make a new friend for life.



MUCC 2014 Youth Camp

by Rich Benson

The LSCWA sends two kids to the MUCC Youth Camp on Cedar Lake for a great outdoors learning experience and now we need those kids names to be selected.

Preference is given to ages 9-11 for the Inland Fishing Camp, July 6-11. The requirements for consideration are that the kids be family members of a current LSCWA member. The MUCC camp is a great time that will build memories to last forever. Please see me at the March General Membership meeting at the raffle table.



JERRY FOX DOES IT AGAIN!

by Jim Lease

Jerry Fox did another outstanding job for the club at our February meeting. We can always depend on Jerry (and in this case Jerry and his two sons) to bring us the latest in equipment from Off Shore Tackle and explain how to use it in our local lakes and rivers.



Jerry's focus was more on rods and line this trip and as always he was available for questions and help tweaking our members' boards after his seminar was concluded. Thanks very much, Jerry, for your repeated effort to help our club and its members with your fishing knowledge.

How to Tie the Super Slip Stinger for Jigging

by Keith Krych

What you need to tie your own Super Slip Stingers is;

- 12# Mason Mono Hard Leader Line
- #6 Daiichi Red Treble Hooks
- Mason #2C Connector Sleeves
- A Paper Clip
- Nail Clippers

You can get the above at Lakeside or BPS or Netcraft.

You also need to make a jig fixture out of a scrap piece of wood like a 1X4X6, and a few 3" finishing nails. Place the nails 2" to 3" apart and cut the head off the nails, this will make it easier to slip the stinger off the jig when it's finished. I like 2" because when the stinger is finished and slipped on the hook, the treble is just behind the tail of the Wyandot Worm or the FinnS.

The first step is to tie your favorite knot with the mason line to the treble hook. I use a Palomar knot or a Janik Special knot. (BTW, I use the Mason because its very stiff line and it will stay straight off the hook when tied right, thus cutting down on snags.) Cut the line and leave about 6" to work with.

Next, place the connector sleeve on the line and pass the line back thru the connector forming a loop.

Place the hook on one nail and the open loop on the other nail.

Close the connector and tighten the line around the nail of the loop.

Now tie a simple over hand knot behind the connector, using the paper clip to close the knot and keep it in place. This will act as a stop knot.

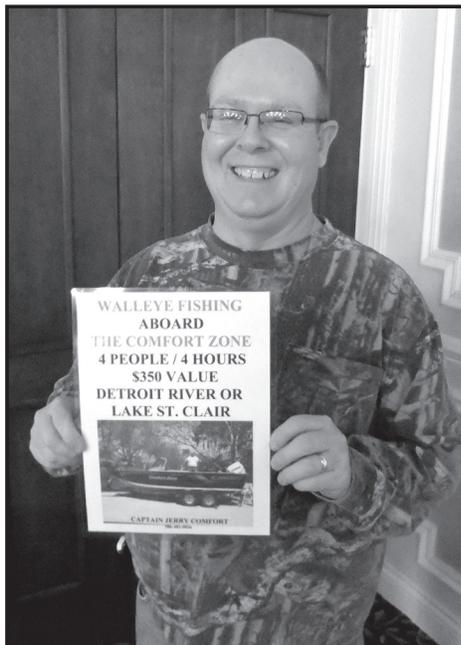
Snip the tag end of the over hand knot off and you're done!

You can tie as many as you need and they are a lot better and cheaper than you can buy.

Raffle Table

by Rich and Marialaina Benson

March's raffle table features a great prize, a half day charter aboard the "Comfort Zone" with Capt. Jerry Comfort on the Detroit River, courtesy of Capt. Jerry Comfort! We will have other great prizes as well, trying to cover all the different methods of fishing, but they all pale in comparison to a day fishing the Mighty D with Captain Jerry!



MARCH MEETING

by Alex Vitek

The meeting this month is the annual spring workshop meeting. We will lead off with a video followed by a seminar on jigging for Walleye in our local Detroit River and St. Clair River.

Geoff Regulski and Keith Krych will present the jigging video and lead into the seminar. Between the two of them they have jigged the Detroit River from one end to another. In the mid to late fall Geoff will often fish the upper end of the St. Clair River going after those huge pre winter hogs. Keith has been seen fishing the upper Detroit River in late October and early November looking for the Walleye before they drop down towards Lake Erie. There will be a short question and answer session afterwards.

The hall will have areas set up for the selected mini-workshop topics. These are like mini seminars put on by people who fish in our area. These seminars will cover topics that should interest most Walleye fishermen. People will be able to go to the area that has a topic that interests them. This will be something like a one on one discussion.

Some of the topics being considered for these small seminars include: How To Make Stinger Hook Sets, How To Tie A Crawler Harness, Casting And Painting Jigs, How To Use In-Line Weights, How To Use A Bottom Bouncer, The Use Of In-Line Boards, Perch Fishing and How To Fish For Sturgeon. Some of the topics listed could change.

Jig Fishing Tip

by Keith Krych

Here is a tip I learned from the Walleye Tournaments. Take your plastic jigging baits, Wyandot Worms, FinnS Fish or whatever plastics you use and put them in heavy duty resalable plastic bags and add some Fish Attractant scent to the bag. I like "Kick'n Walleye" or "Super Juice" from Dr Juice. The attractant will do a few things.

1. It will take away the "plastic" smell and replace it with a bait fish smell.
2. It will make the baits suppler.
3. The baits will not stick together any more.
4. It will mask the human sent (gas, coffee, salami, etc)
5. It flat out catches a lot more fish!

FEB. TREE HOUSE SENIOR GET-2-GETHER



Left to Right: David A. Wilemski,(Cub Reporter) Linda Wilemski, Jim Lease, Camille Houck, Joann Koch, Curtis Patton (far back) Judi Ramin (front), Dale Billings, Richard Koch, Gary McNally (new member), Bill Houck, Eugene Ramin, Larry Sharnowski and Charles Estep (new member).

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Dave Champine reports that membership is up to 232 and rising.

New Members this month are:

Brian Houck of Kimball Twp.

Andrew Brackett of Clinton Twp.

Richard Castle of East Pointe

Gary McNally of New Baltimore

Mijal Angelovski of St. Clair Shores

Ron and Patti Mitrowski of St. Clair Shores

Gerald Girard of Chesterfield

Yohance Wilson of Sterling Hts.

Michael Lane of Detroit

Charles Estep of Macomb

Let's try and give the new members a big welcome aboard at the next meeting.

Welcome Guys and Gal.

Suggestion for Trade-A-Trip

Before we go to Benton Harbor the 3rd weekend in May...I suggest that those going this year talk to the others about having more car pooling to save gas. There is no reason we cannot eliminate 20-25% of the vehicles driving there if we plan it out better.

With the savings in travel, you will have more money to help pay the big increase in boat gas the Steel Headers will be burning up to take us out. Please do NOT leave them short changed on the gas money for their boats.

Thank you. DAW

TREE HOUSE SENIOR GET-2-GETHER



LSCWA Tree House Breakfast Get 2 Gether Schedule for 2014

NO.	Date	Year	Restaurant Name	Address	City	Time	Notes
	Wed.						
27	Jan. 29	2014	New York Deli	Jefferson at 23 mile Rd	New Baltimore	8:30	Behind the Drug store.
28	Feb. 26	2014	Sero's Restaurant	48400 Gratiot E. side of Rd	Chesterfield	8:30	Bring a friend or neighbor.
29	Mar. 26	2014	Leo's Coney Island	32773 Gratiot S. of 14 Mile Rd	Roseville	8:30	W. side of Rd.
30	Apr. 30	2014	Rose's Fam Dining	31301 Harper W. side of Rd	St. Cl Shores	8:30	N. of 13 Mile Rd.
31	May. 28	2014	Charlie's Restaurant	22315 Harper W. side of Rd	St. Cl Shores	8:30	Bring a son or daughter.
32	Jun. 25	2014	Apple Annie's Kit	28030 Gratiot E. side of Rd	Roseville	8:30	Also a bakery.
33	Jul. 30	2014	Ravis Restaurant	46710 Gratiot S. of 21 Mile Rd	Chesterfield	8:30	Name changed was Travis.
34	Aug. 27	2014	Benvenutos	39539 Jefferson N. of 16 Mile Rd	Harrison Twp.	8:30	Btw 16 Mile and South River.
35	Sep. 24	2014	South Side Grill	2769 E. Nine Mile Rd	Warren	8:30	Btw Ryan and Dequindre.
36	Oct. 29	2014	Sunny's Kitchen	26400 Harper S. of 11 Mile Rd	Harper	8:30	E. side of Harper.
37	Nov. 26	2014	Linda's Place	27200 Crocker W. of Jefferson	Harrison Twp.	8:30	South side of street.
	Dec.	2014	Skip	Skip	Skip	8:30	Christmas



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