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WEEKEND WALLEYE WORKSHOP By Rob Barnes

On Sunday March 15, 2020 the LSCWA plans on hosting a new event called "Weekend Walleye Workshop (W3)". The first workshop shall feature two great guest speakers- Jake Romanack of Fishing 411 TV and professional tournament angler Ed Stachowski. Both speakers will share about the latest techniques and some practical tips to help improve your time on the water. A



special emphasis will be placed on sonar interpretation for targeting fish in a variety of conditions. The event features a Q&A panel consisting of our guest speakers and club members.

This event will have a nominal cost and includes a catered lunch. Guests will be able to sign up online or pay at the door. Stay tuned to the club Facebook page for time, location, and other pertinent details.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Winter 2020

Feb 19th	.General Membership meeting
Feb 25th	.Board of Directors meeting
Mar 15th	.Weekend Walleye Workshop
Mar 18th	.General Membership Meeting
Mar 24th	.Board of Directors
Mar 31st	Buy a new 2020 fishing license

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MUCC KIDS CAMP

By Rich Benson

Well folks, it's time to talk about sending the kids to camp this summer. This year we have the option of three different camps at MUCC's summer camp. The fishing camp is the traditional one we have sent so many of our kids to over the years. Here the youth will learn shore and kayak fishing techniques, water ecology and make lures (Available June 28th-July 3rd, July 5th-10th). Wetland Wonders teaches the campers about bogs, swamps, lakes and ponds. The kids will observe aquatic life, reptiles and amphibians, learn survival skills along with hiking and archery (available June 28th-July 3rd). Conservation Connection is the third camp and it can be considered a "sampler pack" as there are tons of hands on outdoor activities like kayaking, fishing, hiking, archery, arts & crafts and so much more (available June 28th-July 3rd, July 5th-10th, July 26th-31st).

To be eligible for the MUCC summer camp program offered through the LSCWA the youth in question must be ages 9-11 years old while they are at camp. All youth family members are eligible, boys and girls, sons & daughters, nieces & nephews, and grandchildren too!

MUCC's summer camp is a wonderful learning experience that has been run every year since 1946. A long tradition of helping introduce our youth to the outdoors that the LSCWA is happy to be part of and we want to send your kids to camp once again. Please see Rich Benson at the February or March general membership meeting or send me an email at offthehook.rb@gmail. com to discuss camp further.



MISSION STATEMENT

To protect, preserve, and promote the walleye fishing in Michigan through conservation, education, and enhancing fishing opportunities for all; celebrating our tradition since 1976.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

First, I would like to thank everyone who came out to our booth at the Ultimate Fishing Show. It was a great weekend for OUR club. The booth looked great and we are getting more and more positive recognition. It is a great time to be part of the LSCWA. The January



meeting was a huge success. Thank you to our guest speakers again. It was a great meeting and we are looking forward to more great seminars in the future. We have added a good number of new members over the last month or so. To all the new members, I would like to say welcome to the club and get ready to have some fun. Let's continue to grow the club.

The commercial fishing regulations may be coming back up shortly. Recently, Don Murray and I spoke in front of the Macomb County Board of Commissioners about a resolution supporting the good House bills that will not allow commercial harvest of game fish. The Board voted unanimously to support recreational fishing and not to support commercial take of game fish. They deserve some credit. It is now time to let your elected official know they need to support HB4567, HB4568, and HB4569 and to oppose SB389. Stay tuned for updates.

Olay, who is ready for spring? Without any real decent ice around here and it now being February, I think it is time to really start thinking and preparing for spring. Tie those stingers, make up some harnesses, get fresh line on your reels, and don't forget about the all-important boat prep. It will be time to hit the river before long so be ready to go once what ice we do have is gone and the warmth of spring is here.

What makes OUR club go is the work put in by members. Without it, we wouldn't be able to do much of what we do. We are always looking for more help to make OUR club grow. Plus it is a great way to meet new people and make new friends. Don't be shy. If you would like to become more involved, see me or any board member. We would be happy to help you help us grow the club together.

Stay safe if you head out on the ice or water this time of year and good fishing.

Tim

312 CURRENT MEMBERS



MEMBERSHIP DUES

The following article is about club dues of membership. The dues are based on a yearly basis, and are due once a year.

On the front page of the club newsletter there is an arrow highlighting to show a member when dues expire. The arrow hopefully will help a member to stay current. While current a member is covered for any event the club has.

Please know when and what type of membership you have before it expires so you can be covered for all club events.

MAY MADNESS -LAKE ST. CLAIR'S PREMIER WALLEYE TOURNAMENT

By: Jeff Vantorre

What can I say- it's 2020 and this year is starting off with a bang! In the beginning of the year and before the Novi show, we announced our 6th annual May Madness walleye tournament on our Facebook page. Sixth annual- I can't believe it. Every year this event has grown more and more and is becoming one of the most sought after 1-day walleye tournaments in the state of Michigan! Just think of that for a second. Our home body of water, LAKE ST. CLAIR, what we represent as one of the top walleye organizations around is getting noticed now by people all across this beautiful state and even our surrounding states as well. That's awesome if you ask me. Be proud of what our club is doing and what we have done. It's only going to get better from here.

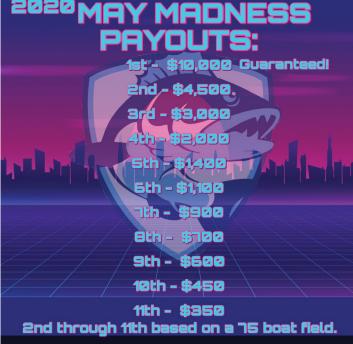
Well this year isn't any different. We are working hard to bring everyone the top-notch event like we have been doing in the past. Once again, our 1st place payout is \$10,000 GUARANTEED. It's incredible that we have such great sponsors that are willing to back this event again this year to make that happen. We are increasing the amount of boats this year from 75 to 100.

It is \$225.00 to get you entered to the event. The max is up to 3 persons per boat. The club uses \$25.00 of that money to help with the walleye rearing ponds. You can fish both sides of the lake-American and Canadian. However, you have to stay between the tip of Russell island and the ambassador bridge leaving plenty of room to fish for some monster walleyes!

You will be able to get first crack at registering for this is event at our February meeting. Come and find Jeff VanTorre to get your registration form filled out and turned in before all these spots get filled. After the meeting, the registration will go LIVE on the internet and be open to all. It is going to be quick to fill up fast.

Do you have what it takes to find the heaviest 6 walleyes on BEAUTIFUL Lake St. Clair? Come and find out on May 16th, 2020 at the Harley Ensign Memorial Boating Access Site. Hope to see you all there!





JAN 29TH, TREE HOUSE GET-TO-GETHER REPORT

By Dave Wilemski

Our first gathering on Wed at 8:15 AM for the Treehouse Breakfast 2020 was at Apple Annie's on Gratiot near Utica Road. This used to be Rags favorite place. We had nine participants at this event- John, Richard, Joann, Dale, Curtis, Mark, Dan & myself. We all had a great time, which goes without saying.

Waitress Debby pulled the winning two raffle tickets. Richard won a "HUGE" cash prize, sister Joann won second prize, 50% of Richards' HUGE cash prize. There's no cost to enter the raffle, just show up. Our waitress brought our meals and was very helpful taking our picture. Except she hit the video button in lieu of the picture button. (Oh Well).

Richard and Joann will be attending the "Pheasants' Forever" Banquette up North. They had to take out a small business loan to pay for it. The raffle prizes there are outstanding.

Dale will be nominated for "Grandfather of the year" for taking care of some of his grand children while other grand kids travel around the country competing in soccer finals. Way to go!

Some of us will be going on the Keto Diet to lose weight. Dan lost 26 pounds in 26 days. I want to slim down to macho build like Curtis. The weather has been weird this winter and some fishermen & women were busting thin shoreline ice with their boats to fish in December.

Our February Breakfast will be on Wednesday the 26th at M29 Diner, 9816 M-29 (Dixie Highway). This is a new place for us and is on Church Road near Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. By the way, that is also "Ash Wednesday". Good food, good prices, great parking.



TRADE-A-TRIP

It's that time of year again. We have the dates scheduled for this year's trip swap with the Battle Creek Steelheaders. The Steelheaders will be here on the weekend of April 25-26. We will be going over there on May 2-3. As always, we are in need of boats to take guys out. To sign up to help or to sign up to go see, please get with me. The sooner the better!

Tim







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