

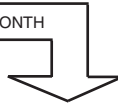
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SMOKING HOGS

By Nick Markowski

Myself and my wife had the pleasure of fishing the 8th annual Red Foxx invitational.

A unique tournament based on how many fish you can catch bigger than 8 inches, in a 6-hour time frame. This is a different aspect for me. I'm use to regular format tournaments where most weight wins.

Prefishing for any tournament is key. The process of spot elimination is a huge factor. Check as many spots as you can for fish it never hurts to have a back up plan. Bait selection is very important. Especially if you have a partner who has never fished a tournament with you. Simple plan for us Gluster spoons and minnow rods was or selection. If you can jig for walleye you can jig for Perch. I can't preach this enough Perch fishing if you can find a location where Perch are actively coming through the hole STAY PUT!!! This means about a school every twenty minutes or so. This is exactly what we did. Pulling 41 fish out of the water good enough for 1st place. I don't believe in chasing fish all around the lake in a tournament. It just waste to much time.

Keep bait in the water at all times. No bait no fish. Perch will stay in the hole longer when rods are in. Have back up rods ready to drop in while you're taking your fish off the hook. Last but not least keep a positive attitude, stay focused and keep the morale boosted.



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FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS

February 16th

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Winter 2022

Feb 16th..... General membership meeting

Feb 20th..... Kids ice outing at LSC metro park

Feb 22nd.....BOD meeting

March 16th.....General membership meeting

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We are slowly trucking along through the wintertime and before we know it we will be out fishing on the river soon for trophy walleyes. I hope that you all have gotten a chance to get out and enjoy some time on the ice this year.



Our club had a great time this past month at the Novi fishing show. Thank you to all the club members that came out and volunteered their time to help promote our club and work the booth. It was nice to finally be back at a sport show and seeing familiar faces that we haven't seen quite some time.

With that being said we have dropped a major announcement during the fishing show and if you haven't heard, our club's biggest event, May madness has upped the first-place guaranteed prize from \$10,000 to \$12,000 for the one-day event!! We are really looking forward to this year's event as much as everyone else. May Madness is Michigan's biggest one event.

February 20th marks our clubs' annual kids ice outing which will be taking place at the back basin (sea wall shelter) at the lake St. Clair metropolitan beach. This event is free and open to the public.

We are always looking for articles for our clubs newsletter, if you have anything you would like to submit, tips, stories, pictures, recipes, etc. you can easily do that by sending an email to lscwaemail@gmail.com we look forward to receiving your submitted articles. Let's help build this newsletter up with great content from our outstanding membership! Remember This is YOUR club be a part of it.

Everyone please be safe on the ice if you find yourself going out.

Jeff VanTorre

LSCWA president

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Alex and Madelynn Roush at the end of a good day of fishing on Lake St. Clair. Son and daughter of Matt and Elizabeth Roush and grandchildren of L.S.C.W.A. member Mike Roush and wife Diana.



TREEHOUSE BREAKFAST

BY RICHARD KOCH

Here we are again, another new year 2022. Our first breakfast was at Bob Evans. Those attending were Joann Koch,

Richard Koch, John Sulkowski, Curtis Patton, Mark Carlson, Dan Schmidt, and Dale Billings. Most discussions were on covid, ice fishing, and some personal health problems. Our next treehouse breakfast will be at Rose's family dining. 31301 Harper, St. Clair Shores Feb 23rd 8am.

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FINICKY FEBRUAY WALLEYE

Walleye have a tendency to get finicky in February because the lakes have been frozen over for some time and oxygen levels are low. Temperatures are also at their coldest in February, which puts the walleye in a dormant or inactive state, leading them to be much less aggressive. When the walleye are like this you have to do what we call "force feed" them. These fish are hungry but do not want to exert much energy chasing bait fish, and they become mainly bottom scavengers. They are more likely to eat wigglers, dead minnows, fresh water shrimp, and anything else they do not have to exert much energy to catch. When this happens you can definitely tell by the way they act on your sonar or underwater camera. They will stop chasing your bait up into the water column or they will rise up a couple feet in the water column to stare at the bait and then leave without engaging. They spend most of the time looking for inactive bait on the bottom. When this occurs, there are two techniques that I implement to catch these less aggressive walleye.

The first technique is to use live bait on a deadstick with a slip bobber just inches off the bottom. On the deadstick I use split shots to weight my line so my bobber is neutral buoyant. That way when the fish takes my minnow he does not feel the resistance of the bobber. I leave my spool open so the fish can run with it. I do not set my hook right away. Sometimes I will let the fish run with the open spool for 5 to 10 minutes. During the few minutes I let the fish run with my bait, he might swim a bit and stop several times. When he stops each time he is repositioning that minnow in his mouth until its rotated and repositioned to be head first into his mouth, and then he will swallow it. You will know that the fish has swallowed the bait when he takes off again and it just keeps spooling and he does not stop.

The second presentation that I like to use is the 3/8 VMC Moon Eye Jig Head. This is my jig head of choice because it has a thin wire shank and glows up really bright. The way I rig this is I put the hook through the mouth and out the gills, push the minnow on all the way to the head of the jig, rotate the hook 90°, and punch it through the body just below the dorsal fin. This will bypass the air bladder and keep your minnow alive longer. This presentation allows the jig head to stay vertical while the minnow is lying on its side. Because I have bypassed the air bladder and the minnow will live longer, it will swim around on its side as it has been attached to the jig head. This mimics a dying minnow flopping around on the bottom. This is probably my favorite presentation all year round because pounding the jig head into the dirt creates a vibration that the attracts the walleye through their lateral line. It also mimics a dying minnow flopping around on its side on the bottom. A dying minnow is an easy meal for a lethargic walleye.

When walleye are in this state of lethargy, they will slide in on the bottom in a way that you will not even know they are there on your sonar or flasher. A large majority of these fish will eat

this presentation while its lying in the dirt and you won't even know they are there until you lift your rod and feel the weight.

When you are working this presentation you will want slow and easy jigs, nothing too aggressive. Aggressive jigging will spook the fish. They are looking for an easier, slower moving meal over a quick moving minnow. That is why both of the above presentations are so effective during late ice conditions when the walleye are lazy. I hope this helps everyone put more fish on the ice this year and good luck fishing.

- Captain Brandon Stanton

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MUCC KIDS CAMP

BY TIM MUIR

This year we will again be sending a few members kids or grandkids to MUCC kids camp. After a 2 year break, camp will be returning as it was prior to the 2 year stoppage. We will be sending kids to the fishing camp, which is for 9-11 year old kids and there is 3 available camps. 1 is June 26-July 1.

The second is July 10-15. And the 3rd is August 7-12. If you have a kid or grandkid that would be interested please see me or give me a call. The camp brochure is also available at MUCC's website mucc.org. I would like to get sign ups no later than the March meeting.



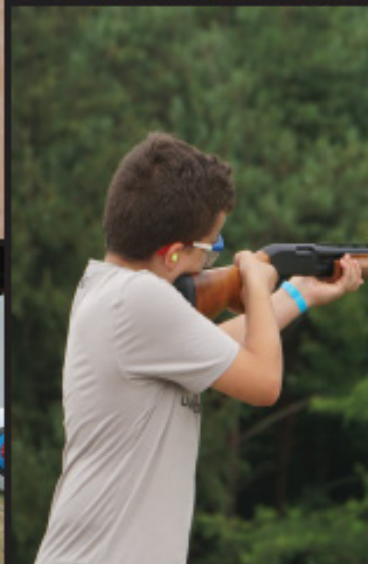
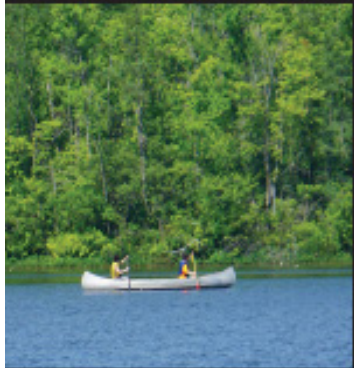
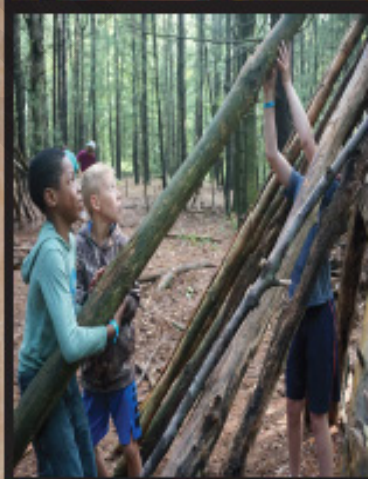


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