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APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS

May 18th at 7:30

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I give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully defend from waste the natural resources of my country, its air, soil and minerals, its forests, waters and wildlife.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS Spring 2022

May 18th	General membership meeting
May 21st	May Madness
May 20th-22nd	May derby weigh in at
	anglers point blue water
May 24th	BOD meeting
June 15th	General Membership meeting
June 17-19th	June Derby weigh in a Lakeside.
June 21st	BOD meeting
July 9th	Harley Ensign clean up

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BINGO

EVERY SUNDAY

Prizes are mounting every week. Come on out give it a try and support your club. Prizes total **\$2200** every night or more!

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Doors open at 4PM • Play at 6PM We are always looking for volunteers. See Rich at our meetings or events.

TREEHOUSE BREAKFAST

BY RICHARD KOCH



South Side Grill's warm interior felt good when the seniors came in thru 32 degree outside temperatures. Our breakfast group consisted of Curtis Patton, Bob Peterson, Francis Gosienski, Ron Topolewski, Dan Schmidt, John Sulkowski, Joann Koch,

And Richard Koch. Everyone's current fishing success was discussed earnestly. Next breakfast is at Gus's coney island 50899 Gratiot 8am. May 25th. Weather, will be warmer?

EARN SOME MONEY FOR A GOOD CAUSE

BY JEFF VANTORRE

Are you looking for a few extra dollars to add to your wallet? Need to save up some money for gas in the boat? Or has your eye on some fishing gear that you've been looking at?

The LSCWA holds a bingo night once a week at the Rosemack bingo hall on Sunday's. The bingo night is the main fundraising program for our club, it helps us bring you the members our great seminar speakers, our club merchandise, and all the fun events we hold.

We are currently looking for a few volunteers to come out and work a few hours and help out. For more details come see me or any Board member at the meeting.

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

Well, it's May and you all know what that means! It's MADNESS TIME!! As I'm typing this now, we currently have reached our goal of 100 boats! It is the first time in 8 years that we have reached our goal of a full 100 boat field. It feels good to know that our club is hosting and holding



the biggest 1-day walleye tournament in the state of MICHIGAN with a \$12,000 guaranteed 1st place payout.

Last month kicked off our annual derby season with the clubs first stop at lakeside fishing shop, lakeside has been a longtime sponsor of the LSCWA since the beginning! We are always thrilled to go there and have our derby weigh in! Thank you to the owners of the tackle shop for having us and we will be seeing you in June for our June derby as well. Up next is our May derby and weigh in location will be the new anglers point location in fair haven.

April's membership meeting was our swap shop, it went over very well with lots of club members participating in bringing in their items to sell to our membership. The swap shop is a very anticipated club meeting as we all like to add to our tackle addictions, thank you all that showed up.

As I'm writing this we I want to mention that we are always looking for articles for our newsletter if you have anything that you would like to share such as a recipe, a fishing story, tips and tricks or just some photos, please feel free to send them into lscwaemail@gmail.com

As always great things coming down the pipe for our club. Don't miss out on the club meetings every month and stay tuned to our club's social media. See everyone at May Madness this month! Be safe and always remember to have fun.

Jeff VanTorre LSCWA president

> Remember, this is YOUR club. Be a part of it!!

MEMBERS: DUES MUST BE CURRENT TO FISH ALL DERBIES! PLEASE SEE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

350 CURRENT MEMBERS

APRIL DERBY TIPS AND TRICKS BY VICE PRESIDENT ERIC LENZ



Spring has arrived and the weather for the first derby of the year couldn't have been any more perfect with temps in the 80's both days. The Launches were backed up, the river was full of eager anglers and the livewells were being filled with eaters, but those of us fishing the April derby had another goal in mind and our sights on gaining valuable points through targeting a better class of walleye. My dad and I who fish together as a team in the monthly derbys had a plan of targeting remaining post spawn fish in the mid to lower Canadian side of the Detroit river. Handlining and vertical jigging with a potential of casting was the tactics. After getting out Friday after work for a few hours I pulled wire in the mid river area. I was able to find a few decent fish but not the fish I knew we needed to concentrate on Saturday or Sunday. After marking good quality fish on my graph and struggling to catch them while handlining I realized we were going to need to switch our focus more on vertical jigging. It had seemed to me that although the fish were very aggressively feeding as they do after spawning that they wanted a jig dropped directly in front of them. We focused on jigging eddys or slack water that met with current seems. In my experience larger females will position themselves in the slack pools where they don't have to use as much energy to fight the current, however they want to be as close to the current as possible. Think of sitting on a comfortable bar stool while a conveyer belt of food is passing by you on the bar, once you see something you like all you have to do is reach

out and grab it. It can be tricky to fish inside of an eddy as many times your boat becomes "stuck" and doesn't move. Two important techniques I applied were too point the bow of my boat down current to slowly push myself down stream while very slowly covering the area which allowed the fish a longer period of time to consider my presentation. Secondly I had to adjust my jigging cadence. In most cases where you are moving rather quick with the current the fish see your jig coming down stream towards them and anticipate that split second where it is in front of them and attack it, however in this situation where my presentation was much slower I needed to experiment with my jigging cadence to trigger the fish into striking. What I found made the big difference was taking my jig and slamming it on the bottom, especially in the dirty water we were in. We found that if we jigged up 1' off bottom, hung the jig and paused

for a few seconds and on a tight line pounded it on the bottom it would aggravate the bigger fish into biting. In most cases when it was just hovering there 1' off bottom they would inhale it. Next time you are out on either the SCR or Detroit River experiment with your jigging cadence and figure out what they want... It will make all the difference.



CLEAN UP DAY

On July 9th we are partnering with MUCC and the Clinton River Watershed Council to do a clean up of Harley Ensign ramp. Also as part of the day we will have free boat inspections if you want to have your boat inspected for all the appropriate safety items needed. We will need a few guys to help out to make this successful.

We will start about 9am and go til about noon. Lunch will be provided. If you have any question feel free to contact me.

Tim

NATIONAL WALLEYE TOUR STOP #1. WHAT A DREAM.

BY VICE PRESIDENT ERIC LENZ

What a week of fishing my first National Walleye Tour event out of Trenton Michigan as a rookie Pro angler. I've wanted this moment my whole life to fish against the best of the best on the biggest stage. What a crew of true class acts and professionals. I look up too ever last guy I competed against and told myself just fishing against this caliber of anglers was an honor in its own, I think that's what helped me stay calm knowing just being here was an accomplishment. The weather and tough bite truly tested my will. Day 1 was a very tough day with the high south winds on Thursday. This is where the chess match begins. I knew Friday was going to throw another wrench in everyone's already tough week of pre fishing, looking at Saturday's weather my plan was just to survive Friday to play Saturday where I felt my plan would come together. I ground it out for a 1 fish day 1 but it was the right 1. After day 1 nearly half the field had zeroed due to the cold front and muddy water. Day two it was all up to me; I had never been more excited to fish. It was time and there were literally no excuses. No more freezing temps, no more high winds, I didn't care how tough the bite was, everything was shaping up to give me an opportunity to win, but I had to make it happen. I didn't win but I roared from behind for a 4th place finish. I did it....for myself, for my friends, for my teammates, for my club and my family. In that moment I finally found peace and reward for years of hard work and dedication. I proved so much to myself. On a blow day interview. I heard Isaac Lakish (a 3-year pro) talk about how he fished his first NWT in his old Crestliner boat and if you want to follow this dream all you have to do is go after it. I fished in my almost 20-year-old Lund Pro v and with the help of friends and local sponsors was able to make this happen. NEVER think you don't belong, if you want it enough you can do anything. I'm truly, I mean truly thankful for everyone who was there to cheer me on, my loving wife for always supporting me and the crazy amount of calls and text I received, I am beyond humbled and thankful of this opportunity.

FISH WITH A CLUB MEMBER RAFFLE

BY MIKE DEMANSKI

The board is always trying to think of ways to get other club members out trying different ways to fish for walleye and ways to raise money for the club. I thought it would be a good idea to see how many board members and club members would volunteer taking out a club member to show them how they like to fish for walleye. I came up with the idea of getting a list of club boat owners that would take someone out. We will sell raffle tickets for a piece and have a raffle at the July meeting. We will draw tickets till all the boats are picked. If you win you can pick who ever is signed up. Then the next winner will pick who they want to go with until all are picked. In no way is this a sanctioned charter. Just a fun fishing trip to let our club members get to see how other people like to fish and make new friends. I think it would be a great way to have club members get out and enjoy each other and our great fishery.





LSCWA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

BY BOB BARNES

I am pleased to announce that the Lake St Clair Walleye Association will be awarding college scholarships again this year. The club believes in giving back to the community and there is no better way than to help our young adults pursue higher education. Plans are to award a scholarship for fishing and wildlife studies and for general education.

Applications are now available on our website LSCWA.NET.

Applications are due August 17, 2022. This is one of many reasons I am proud to be a member of the Lake St Clair Walleye Association.

EARTHWORMS, NOW IS THE TIME BY ALEX VITEK

Spring is the best time to stock up on crawlers for those of us who like to hunt for our own. Not only is the price right but we can often have the benefit of working on our garden soils.

The worms come up to the surface looking for dead organic material to eat. The soil has warmed up enough and the spring rains have kept it moist. Turn over the soil to do the cultivating before planting flowers or vegetables and have a container handy.

The container can be filled about 3/4 of the way up with a worm bedding. Or, it can have some soil from the garden in it. If that is the case I have found it best to transfer the worms from that soil to a container with worm bedding when I get back to the house.

The bedding made from pulverized newspaper is the stuff that I have found to be the best. It is clean and the worms survive for a long time. It has been best to prepare it at least one day ahead of the 'worm hunt' so that all of it is moist when needed. It is also becoming the number one bedding being used for all types of worms found in bait stores.

Check with local bait shops to see what they have available. Often it is more than just the Celllusoil style of shredded paper. Some of the stores will have small containers of worm foods though I have found those to rarely being needed.

The worms will survive and be ready for the next fishing trip if stored at normal refrigerator temperatures. As my wife mentioned more than once, if we can store raw meat in the fridge then why not store a closed worm container.

Be sure to know and follow the local and bordering country's laws and regulations regarding the transporting, storing and use of live bait. It might seem to be a waste of time and money to do so, but if stopped and questioned a lot more time, and possibly money, will be spent talking the way out of the problem.

Or, if all this seems like extra work then the simplest thing to do is go to the local bait store and buy a couple of containers a day or two ahead of the trip or on the way to the dock. Check the LSCWA sponsors in the advertising area for shops close to your house or launch site.

Fish Tacos w/Cabbage Slaw – (Bev's)
Ingredients for Cabbage Slaw
4 cups cabbage, very thinly sliced 1/2 cup red onion, very thinly sliced 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice 1 tablespoon olive oll 2 teaspoons sugar 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
Instructions for Cabbage Slaw
Combine all ingredients and set aside.
Ingredients for Fish • 1 to 1-1/2 lbs. walleye, perch, cod or shrimp • 1 tablespoon chili powder • 1 teaspoon ground cumin • 1 teaspoon garlic powder • 1 teaspoon paprika • 2 teaspoons kosher salt • 2 tablespoons olive oil • 1 cup Cotija cheese, crumbled • Sour Cream, for topping • Siracha, for topping, (optional) • 6 to 8 (6-inch) flour tortillas
Instructions for Fish
 Instructions for FISH Wrap tortillas in foil and place in a 300 degree oven to warm while preparing fish. Cut fish into serving size pieces, place in a large bowl. In a separate bowl, combine the chili powder, cumin, garlic powder, onion powder, paprika and salt. Add the seasoning mix to the fish and gently toss to coat. Heat the olive oil in a skillet over medium heat and saute the fish until cooked through. Divide the fish among the tortillas. Top with the cabbage slaw, Cotija cheese, sour cream and Siracha and serve.

Yields: 3 to 4 servings



