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KARL "THE PERCH KING" SAUNER



With deep sadness I have to report that one of our longtime members, Karl "the perch king" Sauner, has passed away.

Karl was a good friend and avid perch fisherman as well as walleye. I had him on my boat a few times, fished a few perch tournaments with him and really enjoyed our friendly competition we had every year. In 2013 I was lucky enough to reel in the biggest perch in the perch n pig, with that came a free mount of the perch. I edged Karl by 1/4" and he said next year I'll get ya! I said wanna bet!... it was on! Well the next year he beat me and I gave him one of the gold president series dollar coins. That became our prize, I actually never won it back. Please say a prayer for Karl and his family in this difficult time.

Rich Benson, President LSCWA

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WEDNESDAY ~ 7:30 P.M. **SEPTEMBER 16. 2020** FOR ALL MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING (Walk-ins Welcome)

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Next Reg. Meeting: October 21, 2020

Log onto our website to find out what is happening in and around the Club www.lscwa.net

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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 Summer 2020

| Sept 16th General Membership Meeting | |
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| Sept 18th-19th Fall derby #1 weigh in Angler Pointe | |
| Sept 22ndBOD meeting | |
| Oct 10th Perch tourney | |
| Oct 21st General Membership Meeting | |
| Oct 23rd-24th Fall derby #2 weigh in TBD | |
| Oct 27thBOD meeting | |

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BINGO

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.

FALL DERBY SEASON

After talking about it for years we are going to finally have a fall derby season! There will be 4 events, fishing starts Friday at 4 pm and ends Saturday at 4 pm with the weighin going from 4-5pm. This is open to all members, there is only one division for everyone, we may split the field after our inaugural year. Points will be awarded for all anglers weighing fish....all other LSCWA derby rules apply as far as boundaries, minimum size fish etc.

The dates will be Sept 18th & 19th, Oct 23rd & 24th, Nov 20th & 21st and Dec 11th & 12th. An announcement will be made as to the weigh-in location for September as well as all the other locations. Please contact either myself or any member of the derby committee for more information.

Hope to see you out there! Rich

LSCWA MERCHANDISE

As many of you all know the lake st clair walleye association has a full lineup of merchandise, from hats, hoodies, shirts, to sun protection available to everyone. In every newsletter we will let you know the newest items that we have in stock and along with special clearance items as well. All merchandise is available at our club meetings.

Newest items:

We have 3 new shirts, 2 cotton t-shirts and a short sleeve sunshirt. All new shirts have the American flag on the sleeve.

Clearance item of the month:

Grey full zip hoodie with club logo on chest.

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 hello there, I'm back! I'd like to just take us all back a few years and pretend that CoVid19 never existed, but that's not possible so we shall deal with the situation as



best we can. Doctors all agree that getting outside and participating in outdoor activities is not only good for the body, but the soul and wellbeing of the individual, so fishing is doctor recommended!

The LSCWA annual picnic we held recently was a fantastic time. Good food, great people and the wrap up for our regular derby season. I would personally like to thank everyone who helped out to not only make the picnic a success but also the derby season. You will notice I said regular derby season, starting in September we will have a 4 event, fall derby series! See my other article for details.

Fall usually brings with it better perch fishing and also the annual perch 'n pig. We are going to have it a little later this year on the 10th of October at Anglers Point. We will have entry forms available at Anglers Point, on Facebook and the website.

I want to thank Tim Muir for his time as president, he did an outstanding job and as he transitions into his role with MUCC I can only see great things to come benefitting not only the LSCWA, but all the clubs involved with MUCC.

At the time of this writing we are still under restrictions from our Governor and are planning on meeting outside again in September, weather permitting, if not the meeting will go back to a Facebook live broadcast.

I encourage participation in all of our activities to everyone, get those kids involved, your wives, and maybe even your parents or other relatives. This is YOUR club, it can be what YOU make it.

Rich Benson, President

339 CURRENT MEMBERS

AUGUST 2020 DERBY

MASTER'S DIVISION:

Fish Entered: 14 Average Weight: 3.15

| Position | Name | Weight | Langth |
|------------------|-----------------|--------|--------|
| 1 st | Gary Lenz | 4.88 | 25 3/8 |
| 2 nd | Eric Lenz | 4.56 | 24 ½ |
| 3 rd | Fred Vore | 3.97 | 22 5/8 |
| 4 th | Mike Boyce | 3.60 | 22 ¼ |
| 5 th | Richard Benson | 3.42 | 21 ½ |
| 6 th | Jeff Vantorre | 3.37 | 22 5/8 |
| 7 th | Joann Koch | 3.20 | 22 ¼ |
| 8 th | Ron Pisarski | 3.19 | 21 |
| 9 th | Richard Koch | 3.03 | 20 7/8 |
| 10 th | Charlie Boyce | 2.98 | 21 1/8 |
| 11 th | Ted Stehney | 2.50 | 20 1/8 |
| 12 th | Nelson Caldwell | 2.34 | 19 3/8 |
| 13 th | Don Murray | 1.69 | 17 ¾ |
| 14 th | Tim Muir | 1.32 | 15 ¾ |
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Fish Entered: 16

| OPEN DIVISION: | | Averag | Average Weight: 3.22 | |
|------------------|-------------------|--------|----------------------|--|
| Position | Name | Weight | Legth | |
| 1 st | Jared Roe ** | 4.53 | 24 ¼ | |
| 2 nd | Nick Markowski ** | 4.48 | 24 ½ | |
| 3 rd | Ray Wauters | 4.24 | 23 ¼ | |
| 4 th | Eric Gabryel | 4.10 | 22 ¼ | |
| 5 th | Pete Campbell | 3.86 | 24 | |
| 6 th | Nicole Benson | 3.62 | 22 ¼ | |
| 7 th | Dave Harms | 3.60 | 22 3⁄4 | |
| 8 th | Shawna Sudau | 3.58 | 22 3⁄4 | |
| 9 th | Al McMurray | 3.30 | 21 1/8 | |
| 10 th | Kirk Cleland | 2.75 | 21 | |
| 11 th | Theresa Shue | 2.56 | 20 ¼ | |
| 12 th | Mike Demanski ** | 2.48 | 19 ½ | |
| 13 th | Bob Barnes | 2.32 | 19 5/8 | |
| 14 th | Joe Julian | 2.14 | 19 | |
| 15 th | Greg Milbreath | 1.99 | 18 ¼ | |
| 16 th | Suzie Criak | 1.98 | 18 3/4 | |
| | | | | |

Fish Entered: 4

| YOUTH DIVISION: | | Ave | Average Weight: 3.25 | |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------|----------------------|--|
| Position | Name | Weight | Length | |
| 1 st | Ella Gabryel | 3.37 | 22 1/8 | |
| 2 nd | Makayla Markowski | 3.29 | 21 5/8 | |
| 3 rd | Hunter Markowski | 3.23 | 21 ½ | |
| 4 th | Shane Woods | 3.09 | 22 | |
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* Big Fish to date: 6.70 Jared Roe

**To Masters in 2021

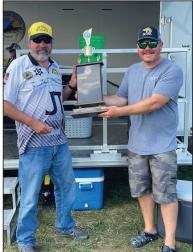
SUPER SIX:

| Position | Name | WEIGHT |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------|
| 1 st | Lenz | 23.50 |
| 2 nd | Eric Gabryel | 20.27 |
| 3 rd | Markowski | 19.31 |
| 4 th | Vantorre | 18.75 |
| 5 th | Fred Vore | 17.26 |
| 6 th | Jared Roe | 17.00 |
| 7 th | Kochs | 16.70 |
| 8 th | Pete Campbell | 16.00 |
| 9 th | Boyce / Stehney | 15.38 |
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WHAT BECOMING THE 2020 "ANGLER OF THE YEAR" MEANS TO ME By Gary Lenz

I have been a lifelong outdoorsmen, hunter and fisherman. After working for 30 years as an auto worker, I was met with retirement and as most of you can relate, lost as to what to do next. My son Eric encouraged me to join the LSCWA together with him 4 years ago, and I'm glad I did. I have come to enjoy getting back into the sport, learning all the new tips and tactics, meeting new friends and the love of fishing with my son and competing with others. Being named Angler of the Year this couldn't have come at a better time. It proved to be a positive distraction during these times and I am honored to carry this award for the next year. 5 years ago if you told me I'd be carrying this honor I wouldn't have believed you, but through the monthly Club seminars, workshops, Derby's and knowledge gained from the great Anglers of this club, it was possible. I encourage all members and non-members alike to become more involved in the club, the time spent with family and friends is priceless and one day your name can be on that trophy too!



FINESSE LIVE BAIT JIG PITCHING By Rob Barnes

Our readers and club members are very familiar with jigging the Detroit and St. Clair Rivers which are arguably some of the finest river fisheries in the Midwest. With this tactic, heavy jigs are vertically lifted and dropped while drifting current down river. In various other parts of the country fellow walleye anglers who fish different conditions and will pitch light jigs and let them do the drifting by repeatedly lifting their rods and allowing the presentation to pendulum in the current. In other bodies of water these same light jigs are also used to surgically dissect dense isolated weed beds and entice the walleyes buried within them. My friends from Minnesota will troll Lake of the Woods with heavy jig heads and swimbait plastics along the bottom and consistently catch big walleye. With these things in mind, the jig is one of the most versatile and effective



pieces of tackle in the walleye angler's arsenal. The purpose of this article is to discuss applications for jig pitching in our home fishery on Lake St. Clair.

If you fish Lake St. Clair for walleyes then more than likely you are very familiar and comfortable with targeting these fish in the weeds. During summer months walleyes hunker down into dense weed beds and often live and die by these spots. These weed beds can be the size of a football field or as small as a 2-door coupe. Many anglers have enjoyed success trolling spinners and crank baits over these weed beds but few consider casting.

In my opinion, pitching jigs makes more sense when targeting smaller sized weed patches that are loaded with

walleye. The reason being is that trolling over these spots will consume more time to reset your presentations for a repeat pass than to simply stay put and pitch. Pitching jigs on the lake often requires lighter jigs anywhere from 1/4, 3/16th, or 1/8th ounces in weight. I recommend using high visibility colored line. This allows you to gage when your jig has coasted to the bottom; more importantly it allows you to view the line for the subtle 'tic' of a walleye bite through the line. This is especially critical on those longer casts.

Crawlers consistently put fish in the boat for anglers on Lake St. Clair. My first suggestion for those who desire to pitch live bait jigs is to thread on a crawler head first and then pinch off a portion so that ³/₄" or 1" remains. Other choices to consider are the various shiners which are available in our local bait stores. With live bait, I recommend slow but deliberate lifts of the rod along with a hold at the top of the stroke. This allows your jigs to pendulum in towards the boat in a slow manner. You can also slow roll your jig through the weeds to trigger strikes. Just about any fish in the lake will take a crawler or shiner so be prepared to sort through potential mixed bags. If walleyes are hunkered down in the weeds there are few presentations which can bring the bait right into their faces the way a jig can.

FOUL WEATHER GEAR AND TECHNICAL FISHING CLOTHING FOR BIG GUYS By Rob Barnes

With fall quickly approaching it is time to take inventory of foul weather gear so that you can stay warm and dry out on the water when the weather begins to cool. Layering becomes especially important as fall sets in. One of the challenges with layering clothing and staying warm is finding the right fit for bigger guys. Often times foul weather suits and layering technical fleece aren't designed with big guys in mind. To address these concerns, AFTCO released their Big Guy series of clothes to keep anglers out on the water longer. These items are available beginning September 1st, 2020.

The first item in their Big Guy series is the Hydronaut heavy duty waterproof system which consists of bibs and a jacket, now available in sizes 3XL – 5XL. The jacket features angler

specific design characteristics such as the Speedvent hood which helps keeps the hood in place, minimizing neck strain when running at higher speeds on the water. It also has a double cuff system which AFTCO calls the "Double Dry Cuff". It entails an internal rubberized sleeve and cinch to prevent water from seeping up your arm and a second retractable cinch cuff on the exterior. The bibs have a wide, comfortable, and adjustable shoulder system plus a well thought out pocket layout. I have worn this suit for two years and have come to love it. I'll bring a set to an upcoming meeting for our members and guests to check out.

The next item in the Big Guy series is a mid-weight microfleece hooded sweatshirt called The Shadow, now available in sizes 3XL-5XL. This sweatshirt is intended to be part of layering systems but does great as a standalone hoodie. It has a durable water repellent finish, Velcro pocket enclosure, and vented armpits.

Many of use walleye guys also enjoy hunting and wearing camouflage. AFTCO just began offering their Reaper hoodie in Mossy Oak Break Up and classic Mossy Oak Bottomland. If you haven't seen The Reaper, it is a great fishing hoodie. As a bonus, it features a retractable face mask and neck warmer. You can view AFTCO's foul weather gear and technical fishing clothes online at www.AFTCO. com or search for retailers which carry them in our area.

Our custom Board of Director and Executive Officer vests and shirts are from AFTCO. We have selected to source club apparel from them because they share our goal of protecting and conserving marine wildlife. Every year since 1973, AFTCO has contributed more than 10% of company profits to help protect resources and ensure sustainable fisheries. Their key conservation partners include the American Sportfishing Association, Center for Sportfishing Policy, Great Lakes Acoustic Telemetry Study (GLATOS), Coastal Conservation Association, and many more.

PRODUCT REVIEW:



PK LURE COMPANY

By Eric Lenz

I recently got my hands on the new PK Lure company wobbler and Dakota disc and gave them

a run during the august derby. The wobbler features a pie shaped foam float which is shaped and designed to have an erratic searching and "wobble" action. The interesting part about the wobbler is it changes spin direction.. spinning and tracking in one direction, then stopping, changing direction and begins to spin the other way while transmitting that same crazy action into the night crawler behind it. One of PK's other secret weapons to the market is the Dakota disc. At first look it seems like a simple flat plastic disc but similar to the wobbler, the Dakota disc has a erratic searching action. The difference I found in the disc is that it imparts more of a pulsating motion which creates almost an under water popping action that adds great action to your crawler. Both are very good additions to your night crawler spreads and can be run from speeds of 1.0-1.5 on up. I've found both to come even more alive at speeds over 1.5. Check them out more and see videos of both in action at www.PKlure.com

FINAL DERBY STANDINGS

MASTERS

Gary Lenz 19pts Eric Lenz 13pts Jeff VanTorre 8pts Don Murray 7pts Mike Boyce 3pts Ron Pisarski 3pts Fred Vore 3pts

TO MASTERS Jared Roe Nick Markowski Mike Demanski

OPEN

Jared Roe 15pts Nick Markowski 9pts Mike Demanski 7pts Ray Wauters 7pts Eric Gabryel 5pts Shawna Sudau 4pts





