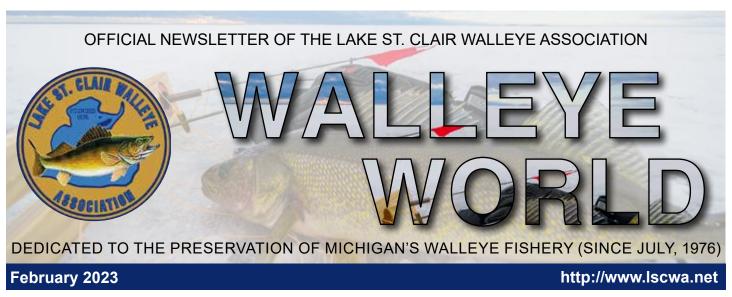
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Annual Kids Ice Fishing Event

By Bob Barnes

The Lake St Clair Walleye Association's annual kid's ice fishing event is February 19, 2023 at Lake St Clair Metro

Park Seawall Area K from 9 am - 2 pm, check our website for updates (LSCWA.NET). This is Michigan's free fishing weekend so no fishing licenses are required.

The LSCWA Kids Ice Fishing Event is a free (park entry fee is required) and open to all children, prizes for all the kids, food and soft drinks too. Children must be accompanied by a parent. Fishing poles and bait will be supplied. So dress warmly and bring your children and grandchildren out for a day of fun in the winter sun.

Event is contingent on safe ice conditions. Please check our website LSCWA.NET and Facebook for updates on ice conditions.



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Treehouse Breakfast

By Richard Koch

Benvenuto's Restaurant breakfast was served on a snowy morning. Eating the delicious food was John Sulkowski, Dan Schmidt, Dave Wilemski, Joan Koch, and Richard Koch. All were smiling and talking about old senior health problems. Next breakfast will be at Country Inn 35229 23 mile New Baltimore on Feb 22nd. 8am. Hope to see you there.

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President's Corner



"When Chekhov saw the long winter, he saw a winter bleak and dark and bereft of hope. Yet we know that winter is just another step in the cycle of life." -Phil Connor.

Just when we thought there wouldn't be a winter this year, the bottom fell

out of the old thermometer and the snow came down. Whether you've been chasing the eyes until our recent cold spell or chasing the perch & panfish in the canals the fishing has been hit and miss the past few weeks, we may still get ice to hold the kids outing, crossing my fingers here.

The Ultimate Fishing Show seemed very busy this year, almost seemed like a return to the old days before CoVid19 changed the world as we knew it. The LSCWA once again was donated space for a booth to promote the club, pass along information and raise funds through map and raffle ticket sales. Our raffle this year features charter fishing trips & cash prizes and we could really use a hand in selling tickets. See Mike Roush for ticket books at the meetings.

While I do enjoy the show and different vendors, I try to give my business to our local shops, and given the lack of consistent & safe ice this winter, our local bait shops could every bit of our business.

For February's meeting our feature guest will be none other than the Masters Walleye Circuit World Champion, Jerry Fox! Jerry has long been a member of the LSCWA, winning many derbies and tournaments in his day. The son of past president Jerry Fox Sr., Jerry has spent many hours on the local waters in addition to the difficult tourney trail offered up in the MWC.

To consistently place high in the standings, along with a great tournament in Green Bay, Jerry has relied on an old stand-by to help him and Steve Vandermark win the championship....the Offshore Planer board. Jerry is going to bring his tune up kit and will be able to offer some pointers on how you can put those boards to better use. Bring your Offshore boards in that might need a little TLC and we will get them back tracking properly again!

This is YOUR club, be part of it! Rich Benson, President

DEAD EYE CRANKBAITS

By Rob Hoover

Over the past decade or so we have seen dramatic advances in the style of baits we pull in the water for walleye. From rattling rouges to husky jerk deeps, flicker minnows & flicker shads to the now famous, and probably the most popular ever, the Bandit. Now just when you think the Bandit is the best ever, along comes another bait with a similar profile that some say may be copied. Mind you the bandit has been around for many years, the body style would remind most of us that are old enough of the bomber long A's. So who copied who?



The right for someone to take something and make it better is what drives any industry , competitiveness and copying are two different things and we all need to remember that. The car you drive in would have stayed a model T if it wasn't for the demand of improvement in industry . This all being said I've recently picked up the newest newcomer in my arsenal, the Dead Eye.

Dead Eye at a first glance looks like a bandit, but quickly after I took the airbrush to a few I could clearly see it is nothing like it. First the bait has the 4 big rattles , the difference is the added 6 small rattle. These little rattles make a BIG difference, especially in the cold water. When temps drop, the bigger fish are more easily enticed by a slower moving bait, even more so when the rattles actually work at low speeds, and this is exactly what those little rattle do. Most of us that can state they have lived thru the era of baits clearly remember the husky jerk phase where 1mph was the magic number for cold water big fish . Fast forward to now with the bandit and ask yourself how many days going 1.5-1.7 mph in cold water the bait has worked .. most claim it's due to current which can play a role. The biggest and most overlooked factor is that those heavy rattles aren't making any noise until they hit those speeds. This is where the Dead Eye's 6 small

rattles shine. They make noise from .9 mph and up .

One thing we can all agree with is that with Covid we have seen some hardships on quality, that's one thing I haven't noticed with the Dead Eye. It's also a smaller company for now, so attention to detail is better. These baits are all one of a kind as they only come ready for paint. Eyes, hooks and split rings packaged separately.

I can say for everyone we should all get what we pay for, and these baits put some serious fish in my Vexus the first trail day. Outshining every bait in the same color pattern . This wasn't a one and done!....every fish above 25" on LSC came on a Dead Eye! To me that's not a coincidence, that's a fact that they wanted something in that bait compared to the rest. I called in a few good buddies and they did not have the constant quality me and my first time walleye trolling passenger were experiencing . So don't be afraid of innovation and give these new baits a whirl , I know what I'll be running in my arsenal in the cold weather consistently .

TRADE A TRIP 2023

By Jim Lease

Well, last year was not what I call fun. Covid 19 put a damper on too many things to mention and one of them was our trade a trip. This year Dan Foster with the Battle Creek Steelheaders and I are going to resurrect this tradition. On April 28th the Steelheaders will be coming our wat to go walleye fishing. Fishing day will be Saturday April 29th followed by a fish fry at the American Legion hall on Groesbeck. If captains are willing, more fishing on Sunday before the Steelheaders return home. On the following weekend, May 6th, we will go to St. Joes and fish on May 7th with the Steelheaders followed by a fish boil at the Riverbend Boat Club. Again if the captains are willing, we will be able to fish on Sunday before going home.

This event is a real hoot. I personally have been going for years and have made many good friends at the Steelheaders not to mention the salmon I have caught and brought home. I love smoked salmon and the early spring is the best time of year for catching them.

This is a club sponsored event and you must be a current member to attend. The fishing is free and we depend on volunteers form both clubs to take visiting fisherman out fishing. I would ask any captains willing to help to contact me at jlease357@hotmail.com or contact any board member and they can get a hold of me. Also, I brought up the subject at our last meeting and have asked for any fisherman wanting to go to St. Joes to leave me with their contact information. I currently have 16 names on that list. If anyone else would like to attend this great fishing trip, you may email me or contact me at our next meeting.

NOW IS THE TIME

By Tim Muir

With the lack of safe ice there is no better time to start preparations for the spring "soft water" fishing season. If you can get started and ahead of the game now, come spring the hectic, chaotic last minute frenzy of getting everything ready will no longer be.

Most of the things can be done now, in the living room in front of the TV with a beverage in hand. Organizing tackle, replacing hooks, adding the new ones acquired over the winter to the herd. One can never have enough crankbaits right? Collecting up all the jigs and soft plastics and returning them to their proper home. I know for me my soft plastic bags look like a jailbreak. Same with jigs. Separating them now by color/size will only add to time spent fishing instead of sorting come April. Another thing that I do is when I get a new bag of soft plastics. I add some scent/attractant to the bag. This gives the bait a chance to have that smell sink into the plastic. This will hopefully keep that jig in the fish's mouth just long enough to set the hook. Make those crawlers harnesses. You will be happy you did in May once the bass invade the river and you are not up half the night tying them the night before your first lake trip of the season. Planer boards. Clips wear out. Screws get loosened.

Can't overlook maintance on your rods and reels. Fresh line, broken guides, gear lube, recalibrate your line counters. So much to do. Any one of these being neglected could be enough to prevent a trip to the taxidermist at worst or a fish fry. Take the time now it is well worth it.

Take care of you boat and its accessories too. Batteries need to be stored properly. Electronics in a warm place. If you are planning any boat repairs or upgrades and have access to it...get-r-done. 2 seasons ago I neglected by batteries. First time out. Not 1 dead battery...3! Talk about a bummer. Took a day off work early April, first trip of the season. Get to the ramp...... nada. Strange thing though is the boat did start at home in the warm garage. I thought I was good. Lesson learned the hard way.

LIFE JACKETS & MORE

Now is the time to check all your safety gear on the boat. While it's nice to add the latest electronics, some new rod holders or maybe upgrade that trolling motor something often overlooked is safety gear.

Inspect each one of your life jackets. Look for torn seams, cracked buckles, frayed straps etc-any damage anywhere. If you have regular foam filled jackets, give a good once over all over it. Squeeze the foam feeling to make sure it is still pliable, springs back and doesn't crumble.

If you have inflatables, open them up and inspect them for hidden damage. Check the cylinders & bobbin, the bobbins are usually dated for 3 years. If the cylinder self check gauge shows red it's time to replace the cylinder & bobbin. Make sure if you replace the cylinder to follow all manufacturers directions. All my inflatables are equipped with whistles and water activated lights for visibility at night. Check the batteries in the lights.

Some may consider it overkill, but for myself any damage or degradation to my jackets is an immediate replacement. If we need to rely on them there's no reason to not keep it in top shape.

Flares, you must have 3 unexpired flares on your boat, you can have expired flares (use them first in an emergency) but you must have current ones.

Test that radio to make sure it transmits & receives. The antenna connections on the back seem to be a big place for corrosion. Handhelds are ok, but on the bigger lakes no handheld will give you the range that a good fixed mount with an 8' antenna will.

There are plenty of free safe boater courses out there, no matter how long you've been on the water they are worth your time to enroll in.

FIVE DOLLAR FISHING TRIP

Hey club members, would you like to fish with other accomplished anglers in the club? You can if you would buy a five dollar raffle ticket. The tickets will be sold during club meetings by Mike Demanski. Mike had an idea of trying to get club members fishing together and maybe learn a few tricks in the process.

This event started last year and the board thought it would be helpful to try another year, Mike is willing to manage the details. All you have to do is buy chances to pick who you would like to fish with, and make arrangements for a fishing trip of your choosing.

All the monies raised from this event will be put into the club's bank account, this is a win, win for everybody.

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Lets Get Pickling Adventure #2

by Alex Vitek

Last month the lesson on Pickling Adventures was about using eggs. As we know the price of eggs is really high right now and will probably stay that way until the Avian Flu that is sickening chickens goes away. What with the Superbowl coming up on February 12th there is enough time for a practice batch of these pickles and still time for a new batch for the football party.

This Pickling Adventure is the basics of pickling sausages. Just like with eggs this is going to be easy, maybe easier. All that is needed for the simplest recipe is the sausages, the vinegar, and the glass jars to put them into. Like any other recipe a few small amounts of other additions are what brings the flavors to the top.

Kick the sausage up with some crushed red pepper, minced garlic (fresh is best), pickling spices, sugar either white or brown, small onions or onion rings, hot peppers like Jalapeno or something even hotter, or even some hard-boiled eggs. A little bit of heat from crushed red peppers is found in many different recipes no matter what type of sausage is used.

Speaking of the type of sausage there seems to be a recipe for just about any type of meat sausage. The easy ones are the simple ring bologna or even regular hot dogs. These can allow for experiments for those new to pickling sausage. They are great for making a quick and easy pickled sausage for those with some experience. Another popular sausage is kielbasa, and it can be smoked. But, just about any sausage can be tried.

Now it is time for a couple of recipes. The first is basic and the second a but more complicated but it should not stop the adventurous. The first one is a pickled sausage recipe found on the </www.cooks.com/> web site.

PICKLED BOLOGNA

1 ring bologna

1 pt. vinegar

1 tsp. sugar

1 tsp. salt

2 tsp. pickling spice

Mix vinegar, sugar, salt, and pickling spice in a jar. Cut bologna in chunks and add to the vinegar mixture. Seal jar and let stand for 3 days before eating. Does not need to be refrigerated.

This second one is something I have had around for 15 years and have used a few times. A copy of this recipe that is found on the internet includes the metric measurements.

GLENN'S PICKLED SAUSAGE

21/4 lb. Sausage*

4 cups Cider Vinegar

1 cup Water, boiling

3 Tbs. Sugar, White

- 3 Tbs. Pickling Spice
- 1 Tbs. Onions, Diced dry
- * Polish, "Smokies", Country, Hot Links, etc.

METHOD:

- 1. Select the type pre-cooked sausage you prefer and cut it to fit your container.
- 2. Place the sausage in your container and add the vinegar until it is half full.
- 3. Bring the water to a boil, measure out what you need and add the remaining ingredients. Stir well and steep for 5 minutes and allow spice mixture to cool.
- 4. Add the cooled spiced water to the container.
- 5. Top off the jar with additional vinegar if necessary. Seal the jar and refrigerate for two weeks before eating.

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(Notes:)

*Do not pack the jars too tightly. Allow room for the brine or pickling liquid to surround the piece of sausage.

*Sometimes a drop or two of food coloring is used to give a red color to the brine, especially for 'hot' pickles sometimes called "firecrackers". Try just a drop, maybe two, for a quart size jar. It is easy to throw off the coloring and even the taste if the food coloring is overdone.

*Some of the very inexpensive cooked sausages available in supermarkets often have too much oil or fats and do not make a good pickle. Experiment in small batches until a good bringing recipe and good selection of sausages, hot dogs or baloney is found.

Classifieds

Attention!

- The Lake St. Clair Walleye Association will be hosting a bargain sale for fishing related gear. Further details will be announced in upcoming Lake St Clair Walleye Association newsletters. Any and all sales will be first come first serve, as well as all sales being final.
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Joke Corner

Herman: Well, the fishing wasn't so great today.

Thurman: But I thought you said you had thirty

bites,

Herman: Yeah, one tiny fish and 29 mosquitoes.

LOL Fishing by Jack Kreismer



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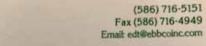
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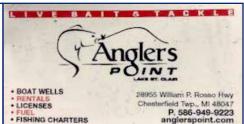
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