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April Derby



The April derby was this past weekend with a nice turn out with some new members entering their first derby. Lakeside Fishing Shop was our host for this event , providing food & soft drinks for the members as they watched the weigh in take place.

Starting with the youth division we had two entries this month, Mike Williams II caught the biggest fish at 3.17 Ibs followed by Nickolas Filarski with a slightly smaller fish of 1.86 lbs. The boys were quite excited to receive their LSCWA medals and showed them off proudly for the crowd.

The open division had a couple of new faces taking the top two spots. Mike Doetsch not only took first place in the open division but he also weighed in the biggest fish overall at 5.88 lbs....barely edging out Isaac Hanna's 5.85 walleye! Third place went to Mike McCabe with his 5.06 lb entry with Tim Muir right behind him with a 4.79 lb walleye followed by Rich Benson's 5th place fish at 4.27 lbs.

The Master division was won by none other than Richard "Cookie" Koch with a nice 5.16 lb walleye with Bob Barnes a little more than a quarter pound behind him with a 4.77lb's. Joann Koch trailed her brother just a bit with her fish tipping the scales at 4.61 lbs. Fourth place was also won by just a couple of hundredths of a pound with Ted Stehney squeaking out a walleye of 4.53 lbs just ahead of Dr. Kirk Cleland's 4.51 lb fish!

A big congratulations goes out to all our winners and an even bigger thank you goes out to Lakeside Fishing Shop, the owner Julie and all of her employees who helped make the weigh in a success in addition to our club members donating their time to the club.

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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 & SUMMER 2023

May 6th-7th	Trade A Trip Go To West Side.
May 17th	.General Membership Meeting
May 19th-21st	May Derby
May 23rd	Bod Meeting
June 3rd	Gilbert's Tournament
June 10th	Lake St. Clair Classic
June 17th	Gilbert's Trap And Skeet Event
June 21st	.General Membership Meeting

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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!

20791 E. 13 Mile Rd Roseville, MI 48066 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

Wonderful morning breakfast at Bob Evan's under beautiful sunshine. All present were Dale Billings, Francis Gosiewski, John Sulkowski, Mark Carlson, Dave Wilemski, Ron Topolewski, Curtis Patton, Richard Koch, and Joann Koch. Fish hooks in hands, senior health problems, and possible hot spots for walleye bites were discussed. Our next breakfast will be at South Side Grill. 2769E 9 Mile rd May 24th at 9AM. Bring your appetite.



MEMBERS: DUES MUST BE CURRENT TO FISH ALL DERBIES! Please see membership secretary

317 CURRENT MEMBERS

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



Wow!....April has come and gone just like that! Our first two club fishing events of 2023 are in the books as well.

The April Derby, 4/21-4/23, was held at Lakeside Fishing Shop with quite a few new faces showing up as well. The staff at Lakeside once again treated us

with open arms and hospitality, owner Julie Beltowski greeting us all and served up a nice lunch as the fish were weighed. (See other article for more coverage). May will see us have the weigh in at Anglers Point Bluewater location.

The annual trade-a-trip was held on Saturday, April 29 with the Battle Creek Steelheaders. Volunteers captains from our club took them out with most boats fishing the Detroit River jigging while at least one boat fished LSC. Limit catches were enjoyed on most boats, once again showcasing the great fishing we enjoy here in southeast Michigan. Thanks to Jim Lease for organizing this years trip and keeping the tradition alive.

Sign ups for the Lake St. Clair Classic are underway, we currently have about 20 boats signed up for the tournament. Please note this tournament is open to all, not just club members. \$5,000 is the top prize, with optional big fish and many other cash and merchandise prizes and raffles items. Dick Huvaere 's Richmond Dodge, Jeep and Ram is once again sponsoring our event along with Ram Trucks donating \$500 to the big fish pot. Sign up with at the meeting or on our Facebook page.

We are working on securing more sponsors for the tournament with Family Farm & Hone of Richmond being our first sponsor, watch our club's Facebook page for announcements of more sponsors such as Fishing Addiction Gear, Ranger Nets and more. We will also be needing a crew of volunteers to help run n the tournament, see with Rich Benson, Don Murray, Rob Barnes, Bob Barnes, Tim Muir or Richard Koch for more information.

We will be selling merchandise at close our prices at the May meeting as well, check out the selection and you're sure to find a great deal!

This is YOUR club, be part of it!

Rich Benson President, LSCWA

Keith Krych Trade-A-Trip Big Success

Well the first half of the Keith Krych Trade-A-Trip is in the books. I might be a little biased, but judging from the comments I heard, I believe everyone had a great time when the Battle Creek Steelheaders came over to Detroit for some walleye catching. Weather was not the best and the water was a bit muddy but teams seemed to do very well despite the conditions. After a great day of fishing, the group met at the American Legion Post #4 and enjoyed a fish fry put on by the LSCWA fry team. Due to his wife's accident, Rick Okerjhjelm could not be there to head up the festivities but Mike Smith stepped up and managed the event. Mike had volunteered to do the shopping and delivery for all the necessary foods besides the fish and then when called on took over and made sure the event went off as planned. Dick Benson brought the club trailer out with all the necessary items such as paper plates, napkins, serving plates and all the other items required for a fish fry and then went to the store to purchase some missing items such as coffee and hot sauce. Dan Schmidt and Mike Roush made frying fish look easy and thanks to Rich and Joann Koch cleaning 63 fish from the April derby and bringing them out to the kitchen, everything went off smooth as silk. The crew worked for hours preparing and cleaning up and deserve special thanks. I even saw our president cleaning up after everyone had left. Without people in our club like these good hard working folks, events like the trade-a-trip would not be possible. Special thanks to the captains and their unselfish sharing of their time and equipment to ensure this annual event continues to be the success it has been. I think both clubs look forward to this event every year. My next article will be in June when I report on the trip the LSCWA members make to St. Joes for some salmon slaving. I myself am looking forward to one of their famous fish boils. They really are great.

The second half of the trade-a-trip is over and in my opinion was a great success. Many fish were caught, and among them many kings which is a good sign. Quite a few of the captains fished out of South Haven and the proof is in. Kings are moving up the shore towards Ludington in August. A few lakers were caught, but the majority were kings. Charlie Hayter who fished with Dan Foster caught the biggest king that weighed in at 17-3/4 pounds. This was the first time Charlie has had a chance to fish for salmon and after catching his first ever salmon (about 11 pounds) he caught his big fish of the event. Congrats to Charlie and welcome to the club. We had ok weather and the wind was a little ruff in the early morning but laid down later on. A little rain, but not all that much. We all went back to the River Bend Boat Club and enjoyed a wonderful fish

boil thanks to Dave Middleton and the rest of the guys who pitched in and produced a fish boil hard to beat. Someday I am going to learn how to do that and have a mini boil at home.

All and all I think everyone that participated had a great time and I for one look forward to next year. Thanks to all that helped and to the captains who supplied us with boats and their knowledge. Thanks to the Battle Creek Steelheaders for being great hosts. Tight lines guys and gals until next year.

By Law Amendments.

2 by laws amendments will be put forth for a vote at the June general membership meeting. They are **Article 2**

Section 6. If there becomes a vacancy and there is no alternate to move up to fill a vacancy, then the President can appoint any member in good standing to fill the remaining term of the vacant position pending board approval.

AND

Section7. Any member in good standing can make a motion followed by discussion and then if seconded a vote will be taken to remove a board of director for just cause. Removal will require 2/3 vote of the membership and be subject to reversal by a unanimous vote of the board of directors.

Welcome Isabelle VanArsdale



The Board of Directors would like to welcome Isabelle VanArsdale onboard as our new assistant editor & technological expert. She's been involved with the LSCWA for quite a few years now, we even sent her to youth camp

many years ago! Isabelle recently approached us and asked what can I do to help the club out? Given her strong academic record (straight A's!) and her computer training she's undergoing we asked if she wouldn't mind helping out with the Walleye World & our website. Thank you Isabelle, we're sure you're going to do a great job!

MASTERS APRIL 2023					
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Captains and Boats Needed

Island Harbor Marina is looking for fishermen to take out handicapped people for a short perch fishing trip. Dan Schmidt and I have participated in this event along with other L.S.C.W.A. members over the past years. The marina is located just north of 9 mile road, and the event is very well run. Food and drink are provided and after the morning's fishing we are treated to a nice luncheon at nearby "Fishbones" restaurant.

This is a very worthwhile event. Everyone involved is very appreciative of our helping out. The joy these people experience is priceless when they catch a fish, and we as fishermen feel their joy.

Please see me at the meeting or call me at 810-335-0537 or text me at that number.

The event is scheduled for the second Wednesday in August, the 9th.

Thank you.

Mike Roush

May Guest Speaker



In May we will have a special guest for our speaker. Executive chef Ali Beydoun will present us with a couple of hors d'oeuvres and an entree' before our meeting then will hold

a seminar on how you can prepare fish in different ways for your family & friends. My wife and I have enjoyed Ali's food many times and have always gotten a great meal from him.

Chef Ali is not only a chef, he holds a captains license as well. He's an accomplished fisherman, his team placed second in last year's Perch 'n Pig and routinely

catches salmon and trout out of the port of Harbor Beach. He also is an avid ice fisherman, chasing perch and panfish from first ice until last. Please feel free to question him on the best recipes for our local fish as well as finer dining as well.



Trolling Speed

On a recent trip on Lake St. Clair I had the opportunity to experiment with different trolling speeds and after a few different passes I had the walleye dialed in!

Lake St. Clair as we all know is a constantly moving body of water with currents present in just about every area of the lake, some more pronounced than others. We were fishing near the western shore, which has a north/south oriented current, water temp was 48 degrees. Trolling our spread of Bandits against the current, I found that 1.7-1.9 mph on my gps worked best, with the current 2.4-2.6 worked best. Now here's the funny part, I got caught in a situation where I had to make a turn out towards the lake and it was necessary to increase speed to over 3 mph to avoid boat traffic.

To our surprise the planer boards on the outside turn fired right up, we had a double and I can only imagine the actual speed of those boards was probably 5mph or more! After we straightened out I played around with bumping the speed up and down as we trolled in our usual N/S pattern, no takers. The walleye were very responsive to low speed S turns though, my wife even noticed it as the day progressed.

On my boat I use a combination of my electric trolling motor, gas kicker and at times my trolling bags to achieve and maintain speeds. A good quality trolling bag is a must, if you use a drift sock it will soon stretch, tear and become useless. I use Amish Outfitters trolling bags in three different sizes, most days using two 18" bags to slow the boat to the desired speed.

Keith Krych used to say the two most important things about fishing is boat control and boat control. (and I know he was talking jigging at the time, but it applies!)

Good luck this year, Rich

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Lake St. Clair Metropark | July 30 | 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- Free Event
- Youth ages 5 16
- Win Prizes
- Free Lunch

- Free Bait
- All registered participants go home with a new fishing pole and tackle







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