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"Dave Marcelewski and Ron Sharp at the table during the Chili Wars Cookoff held last month. They took two awards at the end of the night."

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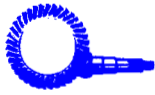


## KID'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The kid's Christmas party is December 12, 2009 at Gino's Surf in Harrison Twp. The festivities will begin at noon and last until 3 pm. Santa should be arriving from the North Pole around 1 pm with presents for all the good children up to age 16.

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WEDNESDAY ~ 7:30 P.M.  
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 happening in and around the Club  
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**CALENDER OF EVENTS**

Dec. 12 .....Kid's Christmas Party  
 Dec. 16 .....General Membership Meeting  
 January 7-10 ..... Ultimate Fishing Show at  
 Rock Financial Showplace  
 Jan. 20 .....General Membership Meeting  
 Feb. 17.....General Membership Meeting  
 February 25-28 .....Outdoorama at the Rock  
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 Mar 17 .....General Membership Meeting  
 March 18-21 .....65th Annual Ultimate Sports  
 Show at the Grand Rapids DeVos Place  
 Apr. 21 .....General Membership Meeting  
 Apr. 23-25.....First LSCWA Derby for the 2010 Season  
 May 2, .....Walleye Palozza  
 May 7-8.....MUCC Distric 8 Walleye Tournament  
 May 16.....Bill Rose Memorial (Tenative Date)  
 May 19, .....General Membership Meeting  
 June 5-6 .....LSCWA & Gilbert's Sportsmans  
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## PRESIDENTS CORNER

by Keith Krych

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone! Wow has this year gone by fast. It seems that we were just getting our boats ready for the spring season a few weeks ago.

I want to thank Chris and Lindsay Reyntens for presenting last month's video on fishing in Florida. The video was very good and had some great info for the "snowbirds" in the club. I hope more members will come forward and show us some of these techniques at future meetings.

Remember Santa will be making his annual visit at our kids Christmas party on December 12th. He is making a special trip south just to see the LSCWA. I think he likes the walleye filets we give him for making the trip.

See you all at the annual Christmas pot luck dinner.

## CHRISTMAS TREE RAFFLE

by Ted Stehney

With the December meeting and Christmas party (Wednesday, December 16) approaching we would like to remind people of the Christmas tree raffle. This was started in the past few years and has quickly become the hit of the Christmas party. Please bring a new or gently used lure or fishing item to place under the tree. All of the gifts will be raffled off to one lucky winner. Last year's winner went home with in-line planner boards, dippy divers, pliers, and many, many fishing lures such as custom Rapalas, soft plastics, jigs... just to name a few of the items. So please grab a lure or fishing item to place under the tree! We hope to see you at the meeting!

## LSCWA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

By Bob Barnes

I am pleased to announce that the Lake St Clair Walleye Association will be awarding college scholarships in 2010. The club believes in giving back to the community and what better way than to help out our young adults pursue a higher education. Plans are to award a scholarship for fishing and wildlife studies and for general education.

Watch future newsletters and our website for updates on LSCWA Scholarships. This is one of many reasons I am proud to be a member of the Lake St Clair Walleye Association. We fund projects like this through fund raising events such as the upcoming Customized A&S Trolling Reel Raffle and the Poker Fundraiser at Snookers 12/26/09 - 12/29/09 (yes this is a plug to all of you poker people to come on out and support the club), other raffles and your membership dues. Together we make a difference.

## HARNESSTYING PARTY

By Dave Marcelewski

On Thursday, December 10, 2009, we will be having a night crawler harness tying party. The party will be held at the K of C Hall on Little Mack just below 10 Mile. It will start at 5:30pm and last until we have enough harnesses made. If you can not come down until after work we will be waiting for you. We need your help and we will be there late.

Selling harnesses at the shows gives our club members something to chat about with the paying customers. Our membership grows after each show we attend.

So if you don't have anything to do that evening come down and help your club out.

## IT'S SHOW TIME AGAIN

by Ron Sharp

The Ultimate Fishing Show is just around the corner. Once again it will be at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. The dates are January 8th to 11th 2010.

If you have any great ideas for items to make and then sell on behalf of the LSCWA please see me at the next meeting. If you have any ideas on anything that could be donated to the LSCWA that we could then sell as a fund raiser at the show let me know.

This show has been a great success for the LSCWA club. Last year we started off the Honda Motor Raffle at the show and the first tickets on the raffle were sold there.

Yes, it is about one month away but we need to start planning now. With no meeting in November that only leaves the December meeting to get members signed up to help out. I will have a sign up sheet for anyone who can help out at the next meeting or you can email me:

srdsharp@wowway.com

## KID'S WINTER ICE FISHING OUTING

by Mark Tews

This year we will be holding it at a new location. Gino's Surf at 37400 Jefferson in Harrison Twp is helping host this event. The day is Sunday, January 31st. The start time will be 9am and it will run until 2pm. This club sponsored event is open to all club members and their families and invited guests.

A lunch will be served throughout the day's event. Hotdogs, hot chocolate and cold pop will be available. The club will supply bait and a taxi service out on the ice and back in. There will be prizes awarded to the children (ages 2 through 16) for the different categories.

If you have any questions please contact Mark Tews (586) 557-3767 or Geoff Regulski (586) 872-1916. You can see Mark or Geoff at the club membership meeting this month.



Santa, toys, snacks and a lot of happy smiles make the Kid's Christmas Party a must attend event.



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## RECIPE SECTION

by Alex Vitek

Winter is time for comfort dishes including soups, stews and chowders. This month the featured recipes are for Captain Ron's chili and for a chowder.

The chowder recipe is adapted from a recipe card I found in a display at a local market. Ron looked at a couple of white chili recipes and took the best from them and came up with something that took People's Choice at the recent Chili Wars cook off.

### **CAPTAIN RON'S LSCWA WHITE WALLEYE CHILE**

1/2 pound bacon sliced in 1/4 inch pieces  
1/4 each of green, red, yellow and orange peppers cut into small pieces  
1 medium white onion cut into small pieces  
5 stalks of celery cut into small pieces  
Place all of above in 5 qt pot and cook down. Do it slowly so it does not brown.  
Then add the following:  
3 cups of Chicken Broth  
3 cups of water  
For the cans of beans be sure to rinse them real well.  
1 can of Chick peas (15oz each)  
2 cans of Great White Northern Beans (15oz each)  
2 cans of Kidney beans (15oz each)  
2 oz. Mild chopped green chilis  
3 tablespoons of minced garlic in jar (the Garlic Co.)  
2 tablespoons of Tajin Clasico Seasoning (Chile peppers, salt, dehydrated lime juice)  
2 tablespoons of your favorite fish seasoning

Bring to an easy boil add 1/2 qt. of half and half and thicken just a little with corn starch.

Take the 2 pounds of Walleye fillets and season with your favorite seasoning and bake until firm. Cool, then break into pieces add a 1/2 pound while cooking the chile. Add the balance when ready to serve and eat. The chili can be kept warm but don't boil. You will serve up the BEST WHITE WALLEYE CHILI in town.

This makes roughly a gallon so you can cut back for small amounts.



*Pictured to the left is the label from a common brand of mild green chiles which can be used in the recipe for the White Walleye Chili. These are usually found in the ethnic foods section of local markets.*

### **SHRIMP CURRIED SEAFOOD CHOWDER**

1 lb. unpeeled medium shrimp  
2 tablespoons butter  
1 tablespoon curry powder  
3 cups chicken broth  
1 cup half and half  
2 8 oz cans cream style corn  
6 red potatoes peeled and chopped  
1 lb. grouper, cut into small pieces

Peel and devein shrimp, if desired. Set aside.  
Melt butter in a large pot over medium-high heat. Add curry powder, cook stirring constantly, 1 minute.

Gradually add broth, half and half, corn and potatoes.

Bring to boiling, reduce heat and simmer 20 minutes or until potatoes are tender.

Add shrimp and grouper, cook 5 minutes or until shrimp turns pink and fish flakes easily with a fork.

*Serve immediately. Serves 10*

#### **Variation:**

For the chowder variation I came up I made several substitutions. Instead of unpeeled shrimp I used a pound of the cooked and peeled shrimp that is becoming popular in the frozen seafood counters at the supermarkets. I pulled the tail shell off and then cut each shrimp up into smaller pieces. I added a bit of garlic powder to the butter and quickly heated up the shrimp and then put the shrimp off to the side before continuing with the recipe. While the first stages of the chowder were simmering I used a pound and a quarter of Walleye fillets instead of the grouper. I quickly sauted the fish in a separate pan in some hot butter and garlic before adding it to the chowder.

## CHILI WARS

Last month two of our members, Ron Sharp and Dave Marcelewski, entered in the Chili Wars cook off on behalf of the LSCWA. This chili cookoff was a fund raiser for the St Clair Shores Cops For Kids program. They did a lot of planning for this event including decorating the table and cooking up two different types of chili. Dave made a traditional red chili and Ron put together a special "White Walleye" chili.

This year they walked away with two awards for the LSCWA. One award was for the best decorated table. The table was decorated in a Walleye fishing and chili cookoff theme. The second award is the most important one. They took the top place in People's Choice with the excellent white chili made by Ron.

The recipe that Ron developed and then used to make his White Walleye Chili will be found to the left.

## FOOD DRIVE AT DECEMBER MEETING

*By Keith Krych*

In past years the LSCWA held food drives for the less fortunate at our December meetings. This year we will be bringing back the food drive to our Pot Luck Dinner. Please bring in some canned goods or non-perishable food items with you to the December pot luck dinner. A collection area will be set up near the front door for your contributions. These items will be given to local charities for the needy in time for Christmas. Please help make someone's holidays more enjoyable. Thank You.



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## 1959-2009 HAWAII STATEHOOD

by Alex Vitek

For some of us it is hard to believe that it has been 50 years since Hawaii became the most recent state. This past year the Post Office issued a commemorative 1st Class stamp to recognize this event.

Hawaii is the only state that is composed entirely of islands. There are eight main islands towards the south end of the group. The largest of these is called Hawaii but this could cause confusion. To avoid that the large island is often referred to as the "Big Island" or "Big Isle".

The state of Hawaii is a popular vacation spot. The views of the mountains and valleys is spectacular. Being all islands the potential for some great open water fishing is great. There was a thread of messages on the LSCWA message board earlier this year about the tremendous fishing opportunities. It is worth it to look at the thread and at some of the great pictures that of Hawaii that were posted there.

The following is from the US Postal Service web site on the Hawaii statehood commemorative stamp: "It's surf's up when the 50th anniversary of Hawaii's statehood is commemorated on 2009 stamp. Artist and historian Herb Kawainui Kane of Captain Cook, HI ó who has dedicated much of his life to studying Hawaiian culture and history ó created the painting on the stamp. In the art, a surfer rides a wave on a longboard, a popular choice among surfers for centuries. Next to him, two people paddle an outrigger canoe to shore. Kane has extensive knowledge and experience in surfing and canoe construction, a skill he developed from building a traditional sailing canoe himself. Kane worked under the art direction of Phil Jordan of Falls Church, VA."



The US history fans who are reading this already know that the state of Alaska became part of the Union early in 1959. The date was January 3rd of that year. Just like with Hawaii a stamp was issued in honor of that occasion. Alaska is a state that is extremely popular as a destination for those who want some very rustic fishing and hunting opportunities.

Alaska is the largest state and at the same time is the one with the lowest density of population. An interesting fact is that it has a longer coastline than all the other U.S. states combined. Counting territorial waters, Alaska is larger than the combined area of the next three largest states: Texas, California, and Montana. It is also larger than the combined area of the 22 smallest U.S. states. Alaska has more than three million lakes.



The description that the US Postal Service printed on its website for the Alaska stamp includes: "The Alaska Statehood stamp was dedicated Jan. 3, at the Captain Cook Hotel in Anchorage to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Alaska statehood. Comprising more than 570,000 square miles of land, Alaska is the largest of the 50 states and home to approximately 670,000 residents. The name of the state derives from an Aleut word meaning "great land".

The stamp features a photograph by Jeff Schultz of a dogsledder taken in 2000 near Rainy Pass in the Alaska Range. Text on the stamp reads "1959 ALASKA".

## SPEAKING OF STAMPS

The members receive their copy of the newsletter by mail. This month the stamp used was a commemorative of the comedian Bob Hope. The best part about using the stamp honoring the decades of entertainment from Bob Hope is that there is even a fishing relationship.

In October of 1979 Bob Hope, who just loved to play golf, was in Florida to take part in, what else but, a golf tournament. While in that state he ended up going out to do some sea fishing. This was his first foray into deep sea fishing and he ended up reeling in a 70 pound 8 ounce White Marlin. This catch put him in at the top of the billfish division of the month long Destin Deep-Sea Fishing Rodeo. None of the newspaper articles that are easily referenced on this event mentioned whether he ended up still being at the top at the end of the month.

## DECEMBER POT LUCK DINNER

By Keith Krych

This year our December Pot Luck Dinner and Christmas Party will be at our regular meeting hall, Gino's Surf, on December 16th. All members are invited to bring along one of their favorite wild game or fish dishes to pass around so that the others can try it. You do not have to worry about feeding everyone with it; just bring enough for several others to sample.

In years past members have brought venison meat balls, roast duck, roast goose, bear and smoked salmon pate. It would be helpful to label your dish so others know what it is and who made it. Or, let the kitchen helpers know, and they can make the label for you. Also please label the container you bring in with your name or even better bring your food in a disposable container.

Some of the staples the club will supply will be roast pork, scalloped potatoes and baked beans. We still need salads and dressings, dinner rolls and butter, appetizers. Oh, don't forget the deserts.

If you can bring some of these items then please call so that we can be prepared. If you are looking for suggestions on what to bring call Bob Bretheaur at 586-783-2232. Thanks!

## FISH CLEANING STATION

by Fred Bach

Port Huron now has a brand new fish cleaning station. It will open by Oct. 31, 09. It has all the state of the art stuff that you'd find at all the other ports.

Originally it was held up for security reasons. Now that Acheson Ventures has agreed to overcome those, it comes to fruition thanks to the efforts of the Bluewater Sportsfishing Association and the generosity of others. Their efforts brought about fish cleaning stations in Port Sanilac, Lexington, and St. Clair as well.

The location of the Pt. Huron station is at the mouth of the Black River at the confluence of the St Clair River. You will see it on the south shore by the Desmond Landing gas dock right across from the tall open railroad bridge. It is 12 blocks east of the Water St. Launch. You can tie up near the gas dock, or retrieve your boat and park right near the fish cleaning station itself which is at the foot of Water Street.

Nearby is the Maritime Center where coffee and donuts are available, but evening hours are limited. It's a great place to watch the freighters go by totally out of the weather...Enjoy,

