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Bill Pearch and two of his Bay of Quinte Walleye.

"Bill and several other club members went on a fishing trip to the Bay of Quinte on the north shore of Lake Erie earlier this fall. The trip was put together by Keith Krych. A short video of the trip and the fishing will be shown at one of the upcoming meetings in the new year."

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

The LSCWA elected Officers, Board of Directors and all Committee Chairpersons wish all members, sponsors, advertisers and participating Sport Shops who host many of our yearly Derbies.

"A Very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year."

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Jeff Regulski

The Holiday season is once again here. And it is time for L.S.C.W.A. Children's Annual Christmas Party. It will be held at the East Point Eagles Club on December 15, from 12:00 noon until 3:30 p.m.

The festivities will begin with Loretta Vitek who will be entertaining us with her story telling of the "Italian Befana". Afterwards, coming all the way from the north pole, will be Santa Claus. He will be arriving at 1:00 p.m. to pass out toys to all the good boys and girls; ages are from 6 months through 16-years old.

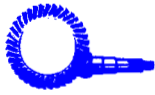
In addition, lunch will be served throughout this event. Which includes lots of hot dogs (your choice: with or without chili sauce), bags of potato chips, candy, pop and ice cream. Please make sure children that are related to L.S.C.W.A. members sign in when entering at the door, so that Santa can have an accurate count of the children and their ages for next year's party.

Hope to see you there. After all, the Holidays are a great time to get your family together, so come and enjoy the fun.

On a closing note, volunteers are still needed to help out in all areas of the party, please contact Jeff Regulski on his cell at (586)872-1916.

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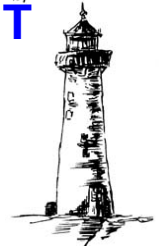
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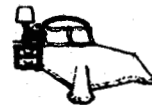


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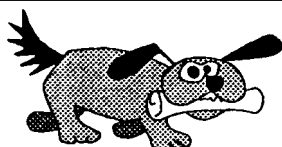
ALL FISHERMEN WELCOME!

Walleye World

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ROBERT E. LEE (1807)
FEB. 16-17FREE FISHING WEEKEND
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FEB. 22, 2008ANNUAL LSCWA BOWLING FUNDRAISER
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POT-LUCK DINNER

by Alex Vitek

It is that time of the year once again. The holidays are coming fast and for the LSCWA members it is time for our annual Pot-Luck Dinner and Christmas party at the December membership meeting.

Members and guests are invited to bring a favorite dish that can be placed on the banquet tables by the kitchen crew. It does not have to be some huge amount but just enough for some of the others to try out. Bring along your favorite fish or wild game dish. Or, just cook up one of your favorite recipes and bring that.

It would be helpful to bring along a label to put with the dish so that others know what one of your favorite dishes is. Or, you can let the kitchen staff know and they can make the label for you. Another good suggestion from the club president is to bring along some of the large disposable serving spoons instead of your household serving utensil. And, if possible bring the dish in a throwaway container. We seem to have someone's serving spoon or crock-pot or serving dish left over at the end of the night.

So, bring something along. The more members and guests who do this the bigger and better the party. Hopefully, all the members will be able to make it to this special evening.

STILL LOOKING FOR CRAWLER HARNESS TYING HELP

Dave Marcelewski is now in charge of the committee for making crawler harnesses as a fund raiser; required for the January Boat and Sports Show in Novi.

If anyone is interested please give Dave a call through the club phone (586) 778-0480. Or, stop by and see Dave. The committee met for an evening last month at the Eagles Hall and put together 400 harnesses. This was way short of our goal of 1,000. We could use more help and will be getting together again on Thursday, December 13.

CHRISTMAS TREE RAFFLE

by Keith Krych

Santa will be doing the Christmas tree raffle again this year! He will decorate a Christmas tree with new fishing lures and fishing ornaments, and it will be raffled off at the Christmas Party. One lucky person will walk away with all the goodies! We are asking for donations of new (in the box) fishing lures, fishing related ornaments, etc to decorate the tree with. If you have anything to donate, or know of someone who can donate, please call Keith Krych at 586-778-2344 or just bring them to the December meeting.

GUEST SPEAKERS

We would like your input on the types of programs or speakers that you would like to see presented at the meetings in 2008. We would like to co-ordinate the presentations. It is not any easy job to try to guess what would interest the members so it would help immensely if you would let us know what you think would be of interest to both yourself and to the other members.

Already on the schedule is the Annual Swap 'N Shop held in the the spring along with the Fishing Workshop. This is where several members have workshops on fishing topics and members can go from one workshop to the next. What is very helpful is if you have the contact information on possible guest speakers. You can pass along your suggestions to Dave Wilemski, Alex Vitek, or Keith Krych and we will co-ordinate those suggestions with the Guest Speaker Committee. If you cannot get to the December meeting the you can call the club phone at the number shown on the front page of the newsletter.

JANUARY FISHING SHOW

By Ron Sharp

I would like to remind everyone that the Ultimate Fishing Show for 2008 starts Thursday January 10 and runs through January 13, 2008. This is a great show to get more fishing friends to join our club and let them know all of the great things we do through out the year. We also need to make them aware that it is for family fun not just us guys.

I need more people to volunteer to help at the show. If you can email me at srdsharp@wowway.com or call me at 586-739-0864 and let me know what days you can help. You can also let me know at the December membership meeting.

Thanks and lets have a good showing to get new fishing friends onboard.

NEW MEMBERS

These are the new members to the club who joined over the past several months. Hopefully, we did not forget anyone. A very warm and heartfelt welcome is extended to all of them.

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Our next fundraiser is open to adult LSCWA members and your friends, neighbors, co-workers and relatives. We will have the entire 'Total Sports' 20-lane Bowling alley to ourselves.

If you cannot find six bowlers we will help you fill the lane with other bowlers. Last year we had a lot of fun and it keeps on getting better.

Please pick up your tickets and secure your lane(s) for the 2008 9-pin no tap bowling event. Tickets are \$20 per person and include 3- games of bowling, Pizza and Pop. Six (6) bowlers per lane. Bowlers must be 18 or over. For more information see Dave Wilemski or Jim Burgess at the December meeting.

GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

This is just a reminder that the LSCWA hats and t-shirts make a great gift to give to club members. These and many other items are on the Jackets and Caps Committee table at each membership meeting. Dave Champine is chairman and he has a selection of colors and styles when it comes to the caps and shirts. Speaking of caps there might still be some of the camouflage or "hunter orange" ones that are in demand at this time of year. Talk to Dave and he will be very helpful in finding the items you are looking.

WINTER OPEN WATER FISHING

By Keith Krych

Be it global warming, the El Nino or just a warmer weather pattern, were having more and longer open water periods in the winter months. You can sit and complain about the lack of ice or you can jump in the boat and go fishing.

One of the best open water walleye fishing areas in Michigan is Brest bay on Lake Erie. Brest Bay is a short drive down I-75 near Monroe. The launch at Sterling state park is usually open all year long. The best pattern there is slow trolling deep diving Reef Runners off planer boards. By slow I mean 1.5 to 1.8 mph. Last year many guys I know limited out on most days, and as a bonus, some fish were in the 10 pound class!

If you want to fish locally for walleye, you can fish the sturgeon hole, the Delphine, and the mouth of the Detroit River near the first range light, aka the Cormorant

Hilton. Last January "Cookie" took a 12.5 pound monster in the sturgeon hole. Try handlining Rapallas or vertical jig using jiggging spoons like the Rattle Snaky.

Perch fishing this past fall was phenomenal on Lake St Clair for the tasty little guys. Try the same spots you go to when the ice is in. I'd use slip bobbers and cast them as far from the boat as possible in water less than 10 feet deep. My personal slip bobber rod is set up with a gold #4 hook, a few beads above it, and a very small silver blade as an attractor.

If you like to pike fish through the ice, you might try the marinas for the pike off the spillway. Again try a slip bobber setup. This time use a big enough float to suspend a large minnow or sucker using a quick strike rig. Cast it out and watch the bobber disappear.

The St Clair River has a very good population of winter steelhead. Try drifting a spawn sack along the bottom or vertical jig using an orange jig and spawn. Careful guys, this can become addicting!

Don't let the lack of ice stop your fishing. Get out there and keep your lines in the water.

LOOKING SHARP AT MEETINGS

It was nice to see more members wearing official club shirts at our last membership meeting. The President would hope to see over 50% doing that. We will be starting off the new year at a new meeting location where non-LSCWA members will be in the other hall next to ours.

NEW MEETING HALL IN 2008

Our new meeting location (starting in January) will be the Lakeshore K of C facility at 25003 Little Mack just South of 10 Mile Rd. We will have maps for you at the December general meeting.

Remember, we are not moving until the January 2008 meeting. This months December 'Pot Luck Dinner' meeting, and the children's Santa Christmas party on Saturday 12/15/2007 will all be at he Eagles hall on Eight Mile Rd. (same as usual).

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CATCHING FISH WITH LIVE BAIT

By Dave Wilemski

We all have hundreds of dollars worth of 'artificial' fishing lures in our tackle boxes. Some members less and some a great deal more. However most of us from time to time switch over to using live bait in our pursuit to catch game fish.

Baitfish, worms, insects, salamanders and frogs, crustaceans and other natural baits are all categories of 'Live Bait'. I will cover baitfish and worms because these are the most common our club members use.

But first let us hit on a few points about live bait equipment; I.E. - rods, reels, sinkers, bobbers, line and hooks. The most important is HOOKS. If you cannot get the fish on the hook you will have nothing to fillet.

As we all know there are hundreds of hook designs, styles, materials, sizes and colors. In a nut shell, Things to remember:

1. The most common, bronze finish, do rust.
2. Green hooks are least visible under water.
3. Sliced-shank bait holder hooks with 2-barbs on the shank hold worms on better.
4. Thin wire hooks bend and release from bottom snags but also loose fish.
5. Too large of a hook will scare fish off.
6. Cheap hooks are made of soft, low grade steel that sharpen poorly.
7. Round hook points are not as good as a 3-cutting edge points.
8. Examine all your hook points frequently.

The second most important piece of equipment is the leader or line choice. Mono near the bait is the way to go. Stiff or flexible? What do you think will make the bait move and/or swim more natural. DUHH! It is flexible mono that works better. Some will argue that flexible tangles more, kinks more, and gets cut on the rocks frequently. All true; but so what?!

Would you rather hook up on 20 fish and loose two, or hook up on only 8-10 and loose none. If you set the drag properly and take your time to tire the fish out you can land a 10 pound fish on 4-6-pound test line.

BAITFISH includes 250 species of minnows (in North America) plus any other small fish allowed by the DNR rules to be allowed as live bait.

I will only discuss a dozen or so. We are limited as to what we can use because of the fish disease problem in the great lakes. All purchased bait must be pre checked and certified as disease free by the licensed bait shop. You better have the proper type of sales slip when you take live bait out onto the Great Lakes.

Hardiness of minnows:

Extremely Hardy: Mud-minnow and fat-head minnow.

Moderately Hardy: Bluegill, blunt nose minnow, creek chub, white sucker.

Somewhat Hardy: Common Shiner, golden shiner, yellow perch.

Least Hardy: Alewife, Cisco, emerald shiner, gizzard shad, rainbow smelt and spot tail shiner.

As you can see many of the better producing minnows (spot tail shiner) are also the most difficult to keep alive.

Suggestion - Buy yourself a hardy floating aquarium thermometer.

Bait dealers keep their bait fish in cold water. Note that temperature. If you fish them in water more than 10 degrees F. warmer they will quickly die on the hook. You can first temper the water in the minnow bucket or bait tank in your boat slowly to much less than the 10 degree difference.

The EARTHWORM is the most widely-used bait in

North America plus it is the easiest to collect and keep.

The most common used for fishing are the Nightcrawler (6-10" long), Garden Worm (3-4" long), Leaf Worm (less than 4"), Grunt Worm (avg 6"), Manure Worm (3-4"), Gay Nightcrawler (4" long) and the African Nightcrawler (3-4" long). We use mainly the Nightcrawler sometimes called the dew or rain worm.

To 'Condition' Nightcrawlers:

1. Select a dozen or so one or two days before your fishing trip.
2. Rinse them off and place them in a plastic carton half filled with cool damp worm bedding.
3. Add strips of wet paper to the carton. Mound the paper above the carton and (force) press the lid into place to create a pressure pack.
4. Place the carton(s) in a refrigerator or cooler for 24 to 36 hours.
5. This makes the crawlers larger, absorbing water from the paper swelling to nearly twice normal size.

If you use a WORM BLOWER to put a bubble of air into a Nightcrawler, only add it to the front (head section). If you put it in the tail section it will float in an unnatural position. Also, you will get more walleye strikes on a nightcrawler using one hook instead of two or three hooks. However you may not get as many hook sets if the fish feels any resistance. Therefore use slip sinkers and slip bobbers in lieu of stationary/ fixed ones.

I hope some of this will help you catch more fish in the future. I wish to thank Bob Galvin who loaned me his 1982 book on this subject which supplemented my 50 years of fishing experience on these Great Lakes.



TRACKS PROGRAM

by Alex Vitek

After not sponsoring any school to the Tracks Magazine program we were contacted by a teacher. She remembered the program and was very interested in getting back on board for her science class. This was in January of this year. I volunteered to take over this project and made the necessary phone calls. In short order I had everything taken care of. At the end of this past summer I again contacted the teacher and club is sponsoring the class for this school year.

The Tracks Magazine goes to a science class at the Westview Elementary school in Warren. This is a nature magazine aimed at 5th graders. It often shows the relationship between hunting and fishing and the environment. It is published by the MUCC throughout the school year.

Club member Terry Picard was at an event at the school recently. He met with Andrea Privett who is the teacher and was able to get a photo of her and one of the students.