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## ANNUAL PICNIC THIS MONTH

by Alex Vitek

It is time to get in the last summer fun. In other words, it is time for the club's picnic. It will be held on Sunday, August 24th, at the AmVets Post #72 (directions at the end of this article). The traditional starting time is at noon and the festivities run until evening. The picnic is open to all members and their families so bring the kids. For the children there will be special activities and fun.

We will be serving hot dogs and fries and corn-on-the-cob (some of the best in the state). All the fixings will be available. The cooking crew is also going to have watermelon. Soft drinks will be ready for all and beer will be available. After many years we have gone to the "pay one price and eat all day."

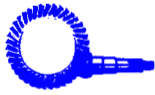
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*Chris Sementkowski is holding his 7 and a half pound Walleye that took 1st place in the Open Division at the July Derby. He caught this fish in the lake near the area which is often called the "Dumping Grounds". Photo by Dave Wilemski*

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Next Meeting September 17, 2008**

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**Walleye World**

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**CALENDER OF EVENTS**

- Aug. 14-16.....MWT State Championship Sault St. Marie
- Aug. 22-24 .....LSCWA Derby
- Aug. 20 .....General Membership Meeting
- Aug 24 .....Derby Weigh-in & Club Picnic New Haven AmVets
- Sept. 17 .....General Membership Meeting
- Sept. 20 .....Perch & Pig Tournament
- Oct.15 .....General Membership Meeting
- Nov. ....NO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
- Dec. 7.....Kid's Christmas Party at the K of C Hall
- Dec.17 .....General Membership Meeting
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*Al Dubrish, a long time member, shows Jackie and her children how to set up a shoreline bait rig and cast it out with a spinner rod and reel. Jackie who lives in Warren brought her children to the outing to give them a chance to go fishing. Photo by Alex Vitek*



*All the kids and adults had a blast at the Summer Kid's Fishing Outing. It was held at Metro Beach and was open to all the members and guests. There was fishing and a lunch. Here Melissa and her children Rachael and Johnathon show off some of the prizes given to the children who attended. Photo by Alex Vitek*

## FISH FRY AT SELFRIDGE

By Dave Marcelewski

On Tuesday August 5th, we held our annual fish fry at the Selfridge Air National Guard Base. This dinner is our way of saying thanks to all the base employees that help us out through the year maintaining the ponds. This year we served over 60 dinners. The event was a huge success.

Many of our club members made this event a success. I would like to thank the following people for all their help: Bob Brethauer, Shelby Brethauer, Joanne Koch, Richard Koch, Hank Latosz, Ron Zachwieja, Steve Drobeck, Ed Horen, Dave Wilemski, Geoff Regulski, Skip St. Aubin, Mark King, Roger Yonkoski, Ralph Boland, Duane Niemi, and Bill Furtaw. I apologize to anyone that I may have left out of this article that helped. .

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## 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 you.

**Robert A. Lewis**

## ROD AND REEL RAFFLE

The drawing will be held at the Annual Picnic. But, do not wait until then to get your tickets for this very special raffle. The 1st prize is two rods with reels. The rods are custom built by one of our own members and are perfect for fishing here in southeastern Michigan.

One rod is a jigging rod and comes with the right reel to take advantage of the action that this rod has. The other is perfect for trolling in the lake or even for pulling bottom bouncers in the river or channels. Ron Sharp will have the rods and the tickets at the membership meeting. Do not wait until the picnic to get them. They are only \$5 each or for \$20 you can pick up 5 tickets. Ron will be set up at a table along the back wall at this meeting. If you cannot make it to the meeting you can call Ron at (586) 739-0864. He can also be eMailed at <srsharp@wowway.com> to make arrangements for tickets.



## T-SHIRT SALE

from Dave Champine

There is still plenty of summer weather left this year. Take advantage of the special sale that it going on this month at

the Caps and Jackets table. The special sale will be on "tank tops" and "t-shirts". These items will have the club logo on them.

## POND UPDATE

By Dave Marcelewski

Gary Towns attended out fish fry at Selfridge Air National Guard Base. He a fish biologist with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. He said that it is just a matter of time before we can resume raising walleyes in our ponds.

The reason that there has been no fish stocking in Michigan the last two years is because of the virus Viral Hemoragic Septacemia, VHS for short. This is the virus that killed many many fish in the spring of 2006. There have been no fish die offs in 2007 or 2008. So that is definitely good news. The biologists cannot explain this. Maybe the fish that survive build up an immunity to this virus. Maybe the virus will run every 5 or 6 years.

Much is unknown about this virus. The DNR took 200 walleyes from a Detroit River tournament this spring to study. None of the fish harvested tested positive for the virus. There are major studies going on at Cornell University to learn about and deal with the virus. Here are some things that are being worked on.

First, we need a test to see if the fry we raise are infected, (hot), or not. The test cannot take longer than three days because of the problems involved with fish stocking. The test that they have now takes 60 days. If the fish test negative, they can be planted anywhere. If the fish fry are infected, there would have to be a decision made on what to do with the fish. They most likely would have to be destroyed. We cannot plant infected fish anywhere.

Second, They are working on a good disinfection method that will not kill or harm the eggs in any way. The eggs must remain viable for hatching.

Third, We are trying to have filtered water pumped in the ponds to fill them. This will assure that the pond and pond water remain virus free. This virus is not native here in the Great Lakes. The virus is thought to have been brought here in the ballast water of an ocean going freighter.

The virus comes from the Caspian Sea or the Black Sea. It can live and survive in fresh or salt water. At one time, there were over 100 ponds in Michigan that were raising walleyes. This year only one pond raised walleyes. This pond is near Saginaw Bay. Please be patient and one day, hopefully soon, we will be back in business raising walleyes for Southeast Michigan waters.

## FISH FRY LUNCH AT SELFRIDGE

by Dave Wilemski

Dave Marcelewski's Crew did another great job hosting the Selfridge Base personnel to a great LSCWA fish fry. This was to thank them for all the past help with the ponds. A slight glitch was overcome by Dave when the first two of four fryers on hand failed to work. Dave got his tools out, rolled up his sleeves and fixed the problem. The Prez picked up and returned the tables and chairs loaned to us by the AMVETS. About 75 base personnel were served lunch.

## JULY DERBY RESULTS

Once again we had some beautiful summer weather for our monthly derby. The bright sun and warm temperatures added to the fun.

We have to thank Professional Fishing located on Jefferson between Crocker Road and the Spillway for hosting the derby weigh-in. Their staff was helpful and did a great job all around. The next weigh-in for the August Derby will be held at the Annual Picnic. See the article in this issue for the time and location.

### OPEN DIVISION

There were 19 members who entered fish in this division. The average weight of these 19 fish was 3.17 pounds.

Position	Name	Weight	Length
1st	Chris Sementkowski	7.55	28
2nd	Scott Hunt	5.15	25
3rd	Dan Forhan	4.20	22
4th	Brian Feuer	3.95	23
5th	Dan Keehn	3.9	22

### YOUTH DIVISION

There were four entries with an average weight of 2.58 pounds.

Position	Name	Weight	Length
1st	Derek Austin	3.4	22
2nd	Nicole Austin	2.95	20
3rd	Jake Kleisinger	2.0	19
4th	Izaak Davidson	1.95	18

### MASTER'S DIVISION

There were 14 Walleye entered into this division with an average weight of 2.95 pounds.

Position	Name	Weight	Length
1st	Richard Koch	6.8	28
2nd	JoAnn Koch	6.05	25
3rd	Dan Austin	3.4	22
4th	Mike McCabe	2.9	22
5th	Ron Sharp	2.75	19

### SUPER SIX DIVISION

Position	Names	Weight
1st	Joann Koch; Richard Koch	24
2nd	Dan Brian; Bill Dan	20.5
3rd	Ted Steney; Chris Sementkowski	19.6
4th	Dan Keehn	14.7
5th	Mike McCabe; Ron Sharp	14.65



*Jim St.Aubin and Marilyn Krych ham it up when they realized their picture was being taken at the recent weigh-in hosted by Professional Fishing Center on July 20th. Photo by Alex Vitek*

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS AT AUGUST MEETING

Election of club officers will take place at this month's meeting. Voters will be choosing all five executive officers, President, Vice President, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary and Membership Secretary, along with five of the ten members of the Board of Directors. The elected officers will run the business of the club for the next year.

Nominations for officers will be taken at the meeting prior to the election. Anyone wishing to nominate a candidate for office must do so at the meeting. Several members have volunteered to act as the Election Committee and they will be handling the ballots and will be doing the counting of the votes. All members should attend this meeting and vote.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By David A. Wilemski

Elections are this month! I have not run any ads; do not have campaign signs; \$0 in my campaign funds and I have not bribed any voters. I guess I would not make it on the US Federal Campaign Level.

I was very pleased at the turnout for the children's fishing day at Metro. Hats Off to Geoff Regulski, Mark Tews, Joe and Richard Gentz, Richard and Joanne Koch, Cook Ron Sharp, and the rest of the Board who helped out. I had a Funeral Service and Home Inspection that popped up that Sunday and kept me from participating more than I did. The children all appreciated your hard work.

I have to apologize to some members for pushing the 'be quiet at meetings' too much. I was just following the Boards wishes. I now realize that the problem is in the small hall we are now using and the situation cannot be rectified until we move to a larger hall. Then those that must socialize during the meeting can sit way in the back and those who want to learn and listen can sit up front. Until we move, EVERYONE please be patient.

## PLEASE THINK BEFORE ACCEPTING & VOTING

At the August general meeting we will be having our annual election of club officers. When you are casting your vote this year, please take a moment and really think about who you want to be on our Board of Directors. This is not a popularity contest. If you are nominated take a moment and think about the responsibilities of being a member of the Board of Directors.

The board has a lot of important business to discuss and implement each month. To be a good board of director for our club, here are some things for to consider. First, you must have some spare time to spend on club functions. This makes our club run smoothly.

Every elected director will be asked to chair a committee. Some committees require that you spend a considerable amount of time working on them. Some you must use your knowledge and skills to make your committee run smoothly. Some are a bit less involved.

Elected Board of Directors are expected to attend every general membership meeting and every board of director meeting.

If you cannot take over and run a committee, please do not run for board of directors. The board of directors is not a popularity contest. The election is to vote in the people that will work the hardest to make our club run. If for some reason you cannot chair and run a committee then please sign up on a committee to just help out instead of accepting a nomination to the Board of Directors. Almost every committee needs help. We need the help of our members, that's for sure. If everyone does something there would be nothing left to do.

It is very important to cast your vote for the people who can do the work that needs to be done. It is time to move the club forward and make it the best Walleye and fishing club in the state. Thank You.

## BUILDING FUND PLAQUE

by Linda Wilemski

Dave Wilemski has designed, built and donated a building fund plaque. It is complete and will be at the August meeting. It cost over \$150.00 in components and has 55 hours of his labor. Please check it out at the meeting.

John Lucas at Harper Sport Shop on Greater Mack, S.C.S. did an excellent job at recreating our club's Logo and also gave Dave some good pricing breaks.

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"Someday, way down the road, we may meet in our own clubhouse where this plaque with all the contributors' names will be displayed."

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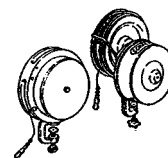
By Alex Vitek

I came across this simple variation for basic bread-ing on fish a couple of years ago. We have tried it at home and I think that some of the members will also enjoy it. Plus, the kids will get a kick out of making the popcorn and then having it as part of the main course at dinner. While the recipe is titled Popcorn Perch we used Walleye nuggets and it tasted great. Yes, the popcorn taste will still be there and so will the butter taste if you use that flavored popcorn.

### POPCORN PERCH

- 1 (3.5 oz.) bag microwave popcorn  
(you can use butter flavor)
- 1/2 C. flour
- 2 eggscooking oil (see below)
- 8 perch filletslemon wedges

Pop popcorn in microwave oven according to pkg. directions. Pour into large bowl and shake so all unpopped kernels go to the bottom. When cooled, transfer to food processor by hand, checking for unpopped kernels. Process until popcorn looks like big crumbs. Place flour in one dish, beaten eggs in another and popcorn crumbs in a third. Heat about 1/4 inch of cooking oil (vegetable or Canola) in a large, deep skillet. Dredge perch fillets first in flour to dry them off, then in egg and finally, in the popcorn crumbs. Carefully place them in hot oil and fry until golden brown, turning once. (The fish will brown but the popcorn will stay white.) Transfer fillets to a paper-towel lined pan, sprinkle with salt and keep warm in oven until ready to serve. Serves 4.



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