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LSCWA CHARITY POKER FUND RAISER

By Bob Barnes

The LSCWA will be holding a poker charity fundraiser on December 26, 27, 28 & 29 2009. The hours will be Saturday and Sunday from 2 PM to 2 AM and on Monday and Tuesday from 5 PM to 2 AM. The event will be held at Snookers Pool & Pub, 45100 Northpointe Blvd., Utica. Michigan.

The club needs volunteers to work the event. Working the event consists of selling pokers chips working in 3 hour shifts. The club has the potential of making a few thousand dollars which we need for the club operations and especially for our continuing youth conservation and education programs.

With all that said, please come and see me at the next few meetings or contact me through the club website and sign up to help support our club.

PS. Buy some LSCWA outboard motor raffle tickets, someone has to win, might be you.....

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 annual picnic. It will be held on Sunday, August 23rd, 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 activites 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."

The Amyets Post 72 is located at 57581 AmVets off of New Haven Road. From the west take I-94 East to exit 247 which should be New Haven Road. At the top of the exit ramp turn left onto New Haven. Go 1/4 mile past 26 Mile Rd. and turn right onto the AmVets Post 72 driveway. Go to the end and you should see the signs and the parking area. Call 586-749-5201 (for more directions.)



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WEDNESDAY ~ 7:30 P.M.

August 19, 2009 Next Meeting September 15, 2009

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Walleye World

The WALLEYE WORLD is the official newsletter of the Lake St. Clair Walleye Association, and welcomes all contributions from the members. These can be news items, articles, photographs, and art-work. We reserve the right to edit material for length, etc. All signed articles appearing in any issue reflect the opinions of the writer and are not necessarily the policy of the organization or its members.

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CALENDER OF EVENTS

Aug. 19	General Membership Meeting
Aug. 22	FLW Qualifierin Au Gres, MI
Aug. 23	LSCWA Annual Picnic at the
	AmVets post in New Haven
Sept. 15	General Membership Meeting
Sept. 17-19	no-entry-fee Walmart FLW
	Walleye League Finals in Chippewa Falls, WI
Oct. 21	General Membership Meeting
Nov	No General Membership Meeting
Nov. 15	Opening Day Gun Season
Dec. 16	General Membership Meeting
Jan. 20	General Membership Meeting
Feb. 17	General Membership Meeting
Mar 17	General Membership Meeting
Apr 21	General Membership Meeting
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JULY DERBY RESULTS

by Alex Vitek

The July Derby was another successful event. It was hosted by Professional Fishing and Archery in Harrison Township. A thank you to the staff of the shop for helping out out once again.

All members are automatically entered into the Open Division. The boundary runs from the top end of the St. Clair River to the lower end of the Detoit River. This includes all of both rivers and Lake St. Clair itself so there is plenty of water to fish. Everyone who enters a fish is a winner. You might not place up at the top but you still get the chance to brag about your catch and the technique and lure you used. Plus, you get the chance to pick up tips as you learn how others were ablt to catch you fish.

In the open division last month there were 16 members who entered fish. Normally we would only see the top 5 listed but this month something different in that all those who entered that division will be shown. The average weight is for all the fish entered in that division. Brian Feuer has now accumulated enough points and will be competing in the Master's Division next season.

	Weight	Lengtl
N DIVISION		
Brian Feuer	4.40	24
Paul Imbronone	4.24	22
Sam Fields	3.86	23
Sam Tews 3.56	22	
Ray Whisnont	3.40	22
Alex Vitek 3.33	22	
Dan Forhand	3.23	21
Don Murray	3.04	21
Jerry Stacy	3.04	20
Dennis Kot	2.75	21
Greg Kleisinger	2.46	20
Paul Bemis	2.40	20
	2.22	19
Gary Schnell	1.62	17
Alex Posios	1.56	17
Terry Davidson	1.49	17
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Average Weight 2.91 lbs

There were 7 members who entered fish in the Master's Division. Members who have placed in the Open Division get points. If they accumulate enough over a 2 year period they are then moved up to the Master's. There they have to continue to enter and place and get enough points to stay. If they do not they then are moved back down to the Open Division.

MASTER'S DIVISION

1st	Dan Austin		3.55	21
2nd	Mike McCabe	2.67	20	
3rd	JoAnn Koch	2.37	19	
4th	Dave Hinderliter	2.20	19	
5th	Richard Koch	2.00	18	
6th	Ron Sharp	1.95	18	
7th	Dave Marcelewsk	i 1.70	17	
			Avera	ge Weight 2.35 lbs

SUPER SIX

1st	Paul Bemis; Dan Austin;	
	Dan Forhand; Brian Feuer	18.48
2nd	Dennis Kot; Jerry Stacy	12.95
3rd	Dave Hinderliter; Tom Arzynski	12.35

YOUTH DIVISION

1st	Derek Austin	6.19	27
2nd	Izac Davidson	2.55	19
3rd	Jacob Bemis	2.30	18
3rd Nicole Austin		2.30	18
4th	Charley Bemis	2.13	19

The Youth Divison saw six children entering fish. There was a tie for 3rd place when two of them entered fish that were the same weight and the smme length.

Average Weight 2.83 lbs

PERCH & PIG

The Perch & Pig will be on Sept 19th this year. The weigh-in of the day's catch will be that afternoon. This year the weighing and the dinner is going to be at the AmVets post in New Haven.

The entry fee will cover not only the Perch fishing part but will include a Pig Roast for those who entered. A brochure and entry form will be available at the membership meeting and at several area fishing and tackle shops.

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.

Carmine Buffone • Shawn T. Speed • Dennis Kotwicki Rob & Kathy Savinsky • Michael Jame Ulrich

ELECTIONS

This August will be election month and this makes for a busy meeting. All 5 positions on the Executive Board will be filled. Of the 10 Board of Directors we will be voting to fill 5 of these positions. The Board serves for two years and half of the positions are filled each year.

Any member in good standing can run for any of the offices. The member is nominated by another member and that nomination must be seconded and accepted by the person.

There is a lot of responsibility that goes with being elected to any of these positions. Serving on the Board of Directors involves responsibilities that will make the position seem like a part time job. The Executive Board members and the Board itself will meet once a month on the Wednesday following the general membership meeting and everyone elected is expected to attend.

These are the people that run many of the committees and handle the events that the club provides for the members. But, there is a lot of enjoyment there also as we all work together to help the club move forward.



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WALLEYE STOCKING GETS ASSISTANCE FROM INTER-TRIBAL FISHERIES PROGRAM

Each year in July walleye spring fingerlings are stocked in managed waters throughout the state. A limited number of walleye eggs were collected this year due to Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) concerns statewide, the Department of Natural Resources said today.

DNR Fisheries staff collected walleye eggs in April from Little Bay de Noc for pond rearing and eventual stocking into Big Bay de Noc this year. The Inter-tribal Fisheries Program, run by the Tribes recognized under the 1836 Treaty of Washington and based in Sault Ste. Marie, also received eggs from Little Bay de Noc in a cooperative effort to stock other Great Lakes waters.

Recently the Inter-Tribal Fisheries Program made available to the Michigan DNR approximately 70,000 spring fingerling walleye that they have reared. These fish are in excess to the Tribes' needs and were offered for stocking back into Big Bay de Noc. These fish were stocked on Friday, July 10.

Big and Little Bays de Noc are stocked on an alternate year basis due to their large size and the number of walleye required. Management plans required Big Bay stocking this year.

"We are very appreciative of this offer from the Tribes to help assist the State in rehabilitating the Bay's walleye fishery" said Jim Dexter, Lake Michigan Basin coordinator for Fisheries Division.

The DNR is operating only two rearing ponds in the Upper Peninsula this year. These ponds did not produce as well as expected due to a later than normal harvest necessary to accommodate further VHS disease testing. The Bays de Noc Great Lakes Sportfishermens Club also assists the DNR in operation and partial funding support for these ponds in order to provide walleye back to the Bays.

The combined stocking efforts should result in nearly 250,000 spring fingerlings being stocked this year into Big Bay, well below the 750,000 fish requested.

SENATE COMMITTEE APPROVES INVASIVE SPECIES LEGISLATION

On Wednesday, July 15, 2009, the Senate Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee unanimously approved House Bill 4199 (Lahti, D-Hancock), legislation that would prohibit launching a boat in Michigan's waterways with an aquatic plant attached to it. The bill is aimed at reducing the threat of costly invasive aquatic plants which continue to ruin Michigan's sport fisheries, the legislation calls for a \$100 civil infraction penalty for violating the law. The bill would also require the Department of Natural Resources to provide, and public boating facilities to post notice of the law. The legislation now heads to the entire Senate Chamber for consideration.

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 then take a moment and think about the resposibilities of being a member of the Board of Directors. There are responsibili-

ties and we can no longer let them slide.

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 nominated members to consider. First, you must have some the time to attend Board meetings and committee meeting. Also time will be needed to spend on club functions. This is what 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. Often you must use your knowledge and skills to make your committee run smoothly.

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 but still want to help out there are other options. One is to sign up on a committee to just help out. You can do this 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.

GOVERNOR SIGNS BILL GIVING NRC AUTHORITY TO DISCOUNT THE PRICE OF ANY GAME LICENSE

Governor Granholm recently approved the second half of a legislative initiative to give the Natural Resources Commission broader authority to market and discount game and fish licenses. In June, the governor and legislature enacted legislation (Senate Bill 409, Barcia, D-Bay City) which gave the Natural Resources Commission the authority to lengthen the period of validity on fish and game licenses. This week, the governor also approved that bill's companion (Senate Bill 349, Barcia), which authorizes the NRC to discount the price of any license beyond the previous 15 percent discount limit. Introduced with the goal of giving the NRC more flexibility in discounting and extending time validity on licenses, MUCC also supported these recently enacted laws as a positive step forward in the collective effort of recruiting and retaining more hunters, anglers, and trappers in Michigan.

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"Bob Barnes help to organize the prizes for all of the kids. If any child showed up ready to fish but did not have a rod the LSCWA was able to supply a rod and reel for them to use for the day."



"Mark Tews and Geoff Regulski have been spearheading the Kid's Summer Outing and Winter Outing for several years now. These events have become a great way for families to get the kids out fishing and have a great time. Here Mark is getting ready to start measureing the fish the kids will bring in at the recent event at Metro Beach Metropark."





"Last month a cub scout troop attended the meeting. Their first order of business was to do a little bit of fishing from the seawall behing the building. Several members volunteered their time to help show the kids how to tie and bait hooks and how to cast out. Plans are under way for other Cub Scout and Boy Scout troops to attend and learn the basics of fishing."



