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## BACK TO THE BAY OF QUINTE

by Keith Krych

We are planning another club trip to the Bay of Quinte this fall. The dates will be Nov. 13th thru the 16th. Yeah I know that's dear season, but I like trophy walleye fishing even more.

For those not in the know, the Bay of Quinte is located on the north shore of Lake Ontario and is renowned for the HUGE walleye that migrate there in the fall. The Bay has been featured in In-Fisherman, The Next Bite TV and many other TV shows and Magazines.

This is a trolling bite. When we were there two years ago, Reef Runners and Rapala Deep Taildancers were the best baits off in-line boards. We will be sharing info on baits, depths and locations on the radio during the day.

We are planning to stay at Merland Park Cottages again. They are located right on the Bay and have their own launch and docking facilities. They have one, two and three bedroom cottages as well as a motel. Six people sharing a three bedroom cottage works out to be \$40 a night.

If you are interested in going as ether a boater or as a rider, send me an email and I'll try to match people up. A NON-REFUNDABLE deposit of \$50 will be required per person for booking the cottage. Riders will be expected to share in the gas expenses for the boat as well as getting there and back.

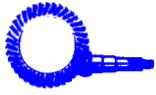
My email address is keithkrych@sbcglobal.net and cell is 586-431-0232.



"Here is a pic of Marshal Baker with a 10 pound fish. This is an average "Bay of Quinte Pig" walleye."

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Sept. 15 .....General Membership Meeting  
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Sept 19 .....Perch Tournament and Pig Roast  
Oct. 21 .....General Membership Meeting  
Nov. ....No General Membership Meeting  
Nov. 15 .....Opening Day Gun Season  
Dec. 16 .....General Membership Meeting  
January 7-10 ..... Ultimate Fishing Show at  
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Jan. 20 .....General Membership Meeting  
Feb. 17.....General Membership Meeting  
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March 18-21 .....65th Annual Ultimate Sports  
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Mar 17 .....General Membership Meeting  
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Apr. 23-25.....First LSCWA Derby for the 2010 Season  
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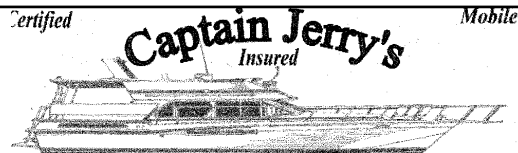
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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Keith Krych

Wow, did the year fly by. This past year serving as your president has been an eventful and fulfilling one. We moved to a larger meeting hall, had a great Christmas party and became a 501 (c)(3) charitable origination.

The LSCWA was also asked to do the weigh-ins for several local fishing tournaments this spring. We put on a very successful kids summer fishing outing at Metro Beach Metro Park. Hopefully this winter the ice will hold up enough to have the kid's winter ice fishing outing on Anchor Bay again.

The winter Bowling fund raiser was a good time and we hosted a great "Perch and Pig" fall perch tournament. We also had one of the most successful fund raising events in the history of the club this past year, with the outboard motor raffle donated by Rose Marine.

I want to thank the entire Board of Directors for their support and efforts this past year. They are the ones chairing the committees that do the hard work needed to pull off all the above events. I also want to thank all of the members of the LSCWA for their support this past year.

This coming year will probably be just as eventful as the one just past.

## DNR CONFIRMS VHS AGAIN

The Department of Natural Resources announced that it has confirmed the presence of Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia virus (VHSv) in samples of fish collected this spring in Baseline Lake in Washtenaw County and in Lake St. Clair. Baseline Lake becomes the second inland lake in Michigan in which VHSv is present.

"These are the first positive detections since 2007 in Michigan's waters," said Gary Whelan, fish production manager for the DNR's Fisheries Division. "The fish that tested positive were collected this spring during routine surveillance efforts, and were confirmed positive by multiple laboratories."

After VHSv was first detected in Michigan, the DNR began a surveillance program to collect fish from a range of waters for testing each year. This program has been funded in part by grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture -- Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS). Through June 2009, VHSv surveillance efforts have been conducted on 45 water bodies throughout Michigan.

Baseline Lake was sampled for the first time in 2009, and VHSv was found in brown bullheads that were collected during the survey. Baseline Lake is the second inland water body in Michigan in which fish have been found to be positive for VHSv -- the first was Budd Lake in Clare County in 2007. Other fish species sampled, including bluegills and rock bass, tested negative for the virus, Whelan said.

"There was no reported fish kill in Baseline Lake associated with these findings. These fish were simply collected as part of a routine survey program to look for VHSv around the state," said Steve Hewett, Lake Erie Basin coordinator for DNR's Fisheries Division. "The future threat of this virus in Baseline Lake is not known, but we will be more closely monitoring fish for signs of VHSv in both the lake and adjacent waters to determine any effects of the virus."

Anglers and boaters are reminded to visit the DNR Web site at [www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing](http://www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing) for specific ways to reduce the risk of spreading the disease.

"Detection of VHSv in brown bullheads in Baseline Lake means that anglers and boaters must continue to be vigilant and work collaboratively with us to prevent the spread of this virus to other waters. It is our opinion that their efforts to date have helped significantly to reduce the rate of spread of this virus, and we thank them for their efforts to date," Hewett said.

The virus was also detected in smallmouth bass and muskellunge from Lake St. Clair, which has been positive for VHSv since at least 2003. The smallmouth bass were sampled during a fish kill in early June in Lake St. Clair, Whelan said.

"It is highly likely that VHSv played a part in the fish kill and allowed a bacterial infection to become a disease agent by lowering the immune system's ability to respond to the bacteria," explained Whelan.

The muskellunge were sampled in mid-May during their spawning period as part of the surveillance effort for Lake St. Clair. No mortality of muskellunge was observed this spring, and the last significant mortality of muskellunge that was attributed to VHSv was in 2006.

"This result is not surprising and means that muskellunge in Lake St. Clair are still carrying VHSv," Whelan noted.

Anglers are reminded to refrain from moving live fish between water bodies and to use and dispose of bait and baitfish properly. Boaters need to make sure their bilges and live wells are emptied prior to leaving a boat launch site and equipment must be cleaned and disinfected after use. The DNR Web site at [www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing](http://www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing) also contains information for anglers and boaters on rules that have been in place to limit the spread of VHSv.

### September Perch & Pig Fishing Tournament

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# AUGUST DERBY RESULTS

by Alex Vitek

The final derby for the 2009 season took place at the AmVets Hall as part of our Annual Family Picnic. A round of applause has to go to the weigh-in committee chaired by Dan Austin.

The results of the August Derby will be listed below. In an upcoming issue of the newsletter there will be a listing of the points accumulated by members who have moved up to the Master's Division. When these are printed the members will be able to check their standing.

## OPEN DIVISION

The Open Division saw 18 members weighing in Walleye. The average of these fish came out to 2.87 pounds.

		<i>Weight</i>	<i>Length</i>
1st	Gary Schnell	5.05	24
2nd	Scott Hunt	4.97	24
3rd	Michael Tibbits	4.84	25
4th	Brian Feuer	3.60	22
5th	Don Murray	3.22	21
6th	Dennis Kot	2.81	21
7th	Ted Stehney	2.72	21
8th	Chris Sementkowski	2.70	21
9th	Tom Arczynski	2.66	20
10th	Jerry Stacy	2.61	20
11th	Joe Stemmer	2.47	19
12th	Ray Wauters	2.41	20
13th	Dave Wilemski	2.38	18
14th	Jerry Davidson	2.35	19
15th	Alex Vitek	2.33	19
16th	Colin Cook	1.92	18
17th	Dan Forhan	1.66	17
18th	Paul Bemis	1.25	16

## SUPER SIX

The Super Six division saw 5 teams enter Walleye to finish off the 2009 derbies.

1st	Ron Sharp, Mike McCabe and Olivia McCabe	19.77
2nd	Garry Schnell	19.71
3rd	Richard Koch and JoAnn Koch	19.47
4th	Scott Hunt	17.45
5th	Don Murray and Bob Barnes	16.34

## MASTER'S DIVISION

There were nine members of the Master's Division who entered Walleye this past August. The average weight came out to 2.99 pounds.

1st	Mike McCabe	4.07	23
2nd	Richard Koch	3.92	22
3rd	JoAnn Koch	3.84	22
4th	Ron Sharp	3.33	22
5th	Bob Barnes	3.05	21
6th	David Hinderliter	2.77	20
7th	Jim St. Aubin	2.43	20
8th	Dan Austin	2.12	18
9th	Theresa Shue	1.28	16

## YOUTH DIVISION

The Youth Division had five youngster entering. The average weight for their Walleye was 2.13 pounds.

1st	Olivia McCabe	3.44	22
2nd	Isac Davidson	2.71	20
3rd	Charley Bemis	2.58	20
4th	Jacob Bemis	1.20	16
5th	Derek Austin	.71	14

## DOGGY TABOOS

by David A. Wilemski

If you look inside the Michigan Humane Society 2009 Calendar for November you will see my Dog Seger in front of Sam Tews 102 year old barn. Seger is a smart healthy five year old Golden Retriever because Linda and I follow the following dos and don'ts for dogs.

Never ever give your dog any of the following: Onions, Grapes, Chocolate Yeast, Garlic, Macadamia nuts, Coffee or Alcohol.

Never scold your dog for being bad over 10- minutes after the event. Dogs loose recollection of their actions after 5-minutes.

Always give your dog daily exercise and praise, food twice a day at same times and regular check ups at the Vet. Do not let your pet become overweight. Never leave your dog alone locked up in your car. Dogs get stolen. It also gets too hot in your auto with windows rolled up. Thank you.

## PERCH TOURNAMENT

This is it, the September Perch & Pig fishing tournament followed by the party. This event is open to everyone, not just members, so invite your friends and neighbors to get in on the fun.

The Perch & Pig will be on Sept 19th this year. The weigh-in of the day's catch will be that afternoon. We will be at the AmVets hall which is an excellent location for this type of party. The Amvets 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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Starting with the meeting this month we will be setting up several tables in the area near the entrance for use by all members who have lures or tackle that they are selling. This is the area that already has Richard Bevin's club and fishing literature table and the membership committee table. This arrangement will eliminate some of the noise and confusion during the meeting. If you are selling new or used fishing lures or equipment please use these tables.

## REPORT ON AUG 09 PICNIC

*by David A. Wilemski*

I was in charge of the August Picnic at the AmVets property in New Haven. However, as most of our club functions go it was a group effort. No one person could do it all alone.

Even though it rained on and off most of the day everyone there had a great time and managed to stay dry. The permanent pavilion and the two large 20 x 40' tents borrowed from MUCC District-8 helped save the day.

On Thursday, the 20th, I bought most of the food at the Gordon Food Service Marketplace on Gratiot north of 23-mile road. Naturally it had to rain when I was done so I left the perishables in their walk-in freezer until 2:00 PM



*Past President Dave Wilemski and two of his six grandchildren spent 4 hours on a Friday morning in August doing an inventory of picnic and other items in our club's storage facility. We have many items there that we use for different club activities throughout the year. Dave was there to see what we have and do not have for the August club picnic.*

*It is involvement like this that will help keep the kids involved in club activities for years to come. Nolan Cutting age 14 is on the left and Tanner Wilemski age 11 is on the right. The guys love to go fishing all year long.*

when the rain let up. I then took all the 700 Koegels skinless hot dogs, four cases of French fries, 200 cups of ice cream, large bag of diced onions, etc over to the AmVets freezer where Mark King helped me load it in. I made room for everything else until Sunday morning.

The Friday before the Picnic our crew showed up at the AmVets to install the plastic fencing and erect the two large tents. Geoff Regulski, Mark Tews, Keith Krych, Joe Gentz and others erected the fencing. Mark King supervised because he knew the layout required by the New Haven Chief of Police.

Mark Tews, Keith Krych and others erected the two large tents. Bob Brethauer supervised from the sidelines. The mosquitoes had their way with us.

Sunday most of the crew arrived at 9:30 AM. Jim Burgess took care of collecting the fees and handing out the wrist bracelets. Keith Krych filled in for Jim later in the day.

The kitchen crew did their amazing good work, as usual. George Zaker was the Kitchen Superintendent. Steve Drobek was Head Chef. Calvin Sherwood and Len Bergmoser were in charge of the 700 hot dogs and buns. Larry Adamek handled the corn. Jerry Czernel was the (French) Fry man. I just took notes and got in their way.

Ron Sharp sold and tallied up for the Outboard Motor Raffle. Just after 6 that evening he conducted the raffle itself.

The Bar was serviced by Geoff Regulski, Lindsay Reyntens, Jeanea S. and Carrie H.

The pop was purchased at Value Fresh Market. We went thru six of the eight seedless watermelons, lots of great corn on the cob and fixin's.

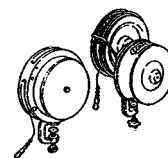
The 50/50 raffles were sold and collected by Bob and Shelby Brethauer.

Paul E. and Bob B. also helped out. Marylyn Krych brought the coffee and the crock pot and sold tickets. She also took many pictures of this event. Bob Galvin bought the wrist bracelets and brought his crock pot and extension cords. Bob Barnes purchased the Chili and helped out a great deal. Our biggest THANK YOU goes to the AmVets who provided the great facilities.

The new clown, ciant slide and bouncing event were a big hit with the children as always.

I am sure we are missing a few names of individuals who helped out for which I apologize.

Our only regrets are that we planned for 350 to attend and barely 200 showed up. Blame it on the weather I guess.



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## FISH AT NIGHT

by Alex Vitek

The Walleye fishing for most of the people is winding down fast in the lake and the Perch fishing should be going fast and furious by the end of the month. By the beginning of October many will be putting away their rods and reels and closing up the tackle boxes. They will have forgotten about the excellent fall fishing right here in the lake.

What keeps some from taking part in this excellent Walleye action is that it happens in the evening and at night. As the days shorten the fish start to follow schools of minnows into the shallows. At times they go on feeding frenzies. They will hit on any body bait cast or trolled in front of them.

Years ago members would head for the marinas and parks along the lake to "walk the wall". They would cast out and reel the lure back in along the wall or shoreline. Instead of just reeling the lure back in they would start to walk along pulling the lure along.

Fishing from boats is still possible. Troll into the shallow areas along the shore lines cast the lures. Or drift in and cast. Electric motors are useful for this type of fishing.

## CONSERVATION BRIEFING

Congresswoman Candice Miller will be offering briefings on federal conservation efforts and has invited the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S.D.A.'s Natural Resources Conservation Service and the U.S. National Forest Service. In addition there will be a briefing on the comeback of Michigan's most populated watershed, the Clinton. These briefings will be given to our local partners who share her love and concern of our states natural resources. Participants will come away from the program with a better understanding of the federal role in the conservation efforts and the information they could use to support their own conservation efforts. These agencies work alongside communities and interested parties to get the conservation projects done.

The event will be on September 28th, 2009 at Huron Point Sportsmen Association. This is at 35800 E. 28 Mile Rd in Lenox Township. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. The program itself begins at 7:00 p.m. and ends at 9:00 p.m.

Please RSVP to Barbara.Bulic@mail.house.gov by 9-24-09.

## DEQ, DNR RESPOND TO MAJOR FISH KILL ON BLACK RIVER

The Departments of Environmental Quality and Natural Resources have responded to a significant fish kill along a 12-mile stretch of the Black River in Sanilac and St. Clair counties.

The DEQ is conducting an investigation into the cause of the fish kill, including reviewing an apparent discharge of manure from an agricultural field adjacent to Seymour Creek upstream from the Black River. The DEQ cautioned however that it will need to thoroughly review all possible sources of contamination before making any final determinations as to the cause of the fish kill.

"The damage caused by this incident is not only unfortunate, but completely unacceptable," said DEQ Director Steven E. Chester. "While we cannot undo the damage that has already been done, the DEQ will continue to investigate the cause behind it and hold those responsible for it accountable."

DNR Fisheries Division biologists responded to count and categorize the fish killed. High numbers of various game fish species were killed, including smallmouth bass, northern pike, channel catfish, and rock bass, along with greater redhorse, a rather rare species, especially in southeast Michigan. It is not yet known how the incident will impact the mussel population in the river.

"Many of the fish lost in this incident were larger, older fish," said DNR Director Rebecca Humphries. "This is a significant loss of a very diverse fishery in the Black River."

In 2007, a DNR survey of the river noted there were at least 25 different species of fish in the river. The Black River in this area is noted for its strong fish habitat, consisting of cobble, boulders, gravel and sand.

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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.

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