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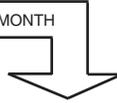
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January 2017

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JANUARY SEMINAR SPEAKER

by Keith Krych

Our January guest seminar speaker is an old friend of mine, Captain Dan Woodward of Blueline Charters. Dan is an accomplished tournament Walleye angler, an enthusiastic ice angler and has a thriving charter business for Walleye on the Great Lakes.

He will be talking about ice fishing techniques on Saginaw Bay and Lake Erie for Walleye. He'll be bringing his maps and equipment so bring your notebooks. This will be a good seminar you'll not want to miss it.



Don't Forget!!!

We have a new venue for our General Membership meetings. Starting with our December meeting and Christmas Party, the meetings will be held at the American Legion Hall Post No. 4, 401 Groesbeck Hwy, Mt. Clemens, MI 48043. Phone 586-840-7582. Located on Groesbeck just south of the Macomb County Jail. Look for the Jet in the front yard. Our annual pot luck dinner will begin at 6:30 and appetizers are always welcome.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan 12-15thUltimate Fishing Show in Novi
Jan 18th..... General Meeting at 7:30
Located at American Legion Post 4
Jan 25th.....Get-2-Gether breakfast at the
Golden Greek in Mt Clemens
Jan 28th.....Cold as Ice presented by WCSX
Day launch at Metro Park on 16 Mile Rd.
Jan 29th..... Kids Ice Outing
same tent as Cold as Ice was in the day before.
Feb 15thGeneral Meeting at 7:30
Located at American Legion Post 4
Feb 22nd Get-2-Gether breakfast at
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Welcome to 2017 - Kids Camp and Scholarship Information

by Shawn Elliott

Kids Camp - Before long, the snow and ice will melt away, signally time for the shrink wrap will come off the boat. It will be time to chase after those spring hogs in a favorite fishing spot. I have volunteered to work with my fishing partner John Roodbeen on the kid's camp committee. This year, the club will once again be sending kids to the MUCC summer camp. We will be taking the names of those kids interested in going to camp and aid in the registration process, etc. Last year, the club sent a record eight kids to camp, the most ever! Please see either one of us at the general meetings, or email me directly at gusman123@gmail.com. If you want to know the day-to-day details of the kid's camp, my son Joey can fill you in on the fun the kids have. Online information can be found at <http://www.mucccamp.org/programs>

Scholarship information – through the hard work of the LSCWA members, 2016 marked the first year that the club granted a college scholarship. This was made possible by the volunteers working the bingo fundraising. Those volunteers have done a fantastic job and once again I will volunteer to head the scholarship committee. Other members on the volunteer committee are board members: Bob B, John R, and Rich O. The application will be updated and then published in the spring. For consideration of the kid's camp or scholarship, all members must be in good standing with the club with the proper membership type.

President's Corner

by Richard Benson

I had some time to reflect on the past year, and there were a few high points that really make me proud to be part of the LSCWA.



In 2016 we sent 8 kids to the MUCC summer camp at Cedar Lake! That's the most we've ever sent. Club member Jerry C. was so happy that his grandson got a taste of not only fishing, but the outdoors. He thanked all of us at the August meeting and made a very generous donation for turning his grandson into a "fishing nut" as he called him!

Our first ever scholarship was awarded this year to Daniel Pisarski who is now attending the University of Michigan. Daniel's proud parents, Ron and Anita, thank the club for selecting their son for this award. I know I'm speaking for a lot of us who believe this young man has a great future ahead of him, good luck Daniel!

We also held a fish fry out at Anglers Outfitters in August to raise funds for the St. Clair fish cleaning station, what wasn't raised the Board voted to donate to get the cleaning station back up and running, which it did shortly after our event. The city and harbor of St. Clair was absolutely speechless at the club's generosity!

We have donated to other groups, clubs and once again the Capuchins in Detroit, which was past member Bob Galvin's favorite charity, RIP buddy.

The LSCWA has been a part of the local community now for nearly 41 years and I feel these past year's highlights are something we can all be proud of!

Thank you to all the members who made this possible!

232 CURRENT MEMBERS

MIKE & TERRI'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE!!

by Mike and Terri Smith

Our adventure began in March, 2016. We began our trip to New York Mills, MN, home of the Lund boats company, to pick up our new 2016 Pro V 2075 Lund boat.

New York Mills is a small town in the north western part of MN with a population of just over 1100. We knew we had arrived at the right town when we came upon a large billboard on the highway that had a large, full-sized, Lund boat with a Mercury motor on top of the sign, 20' above the ground.

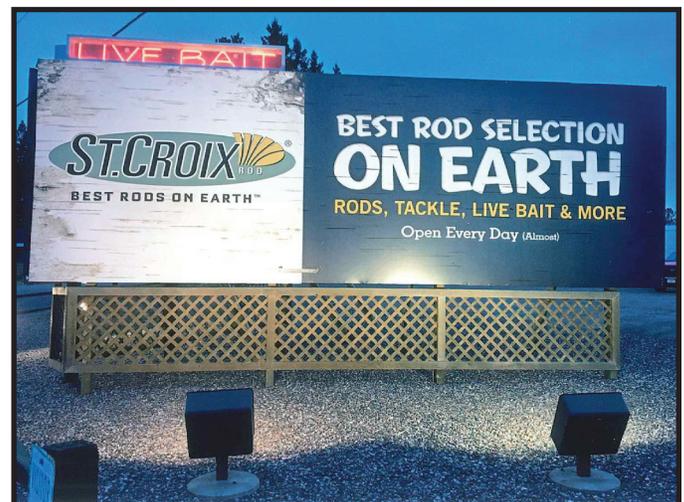
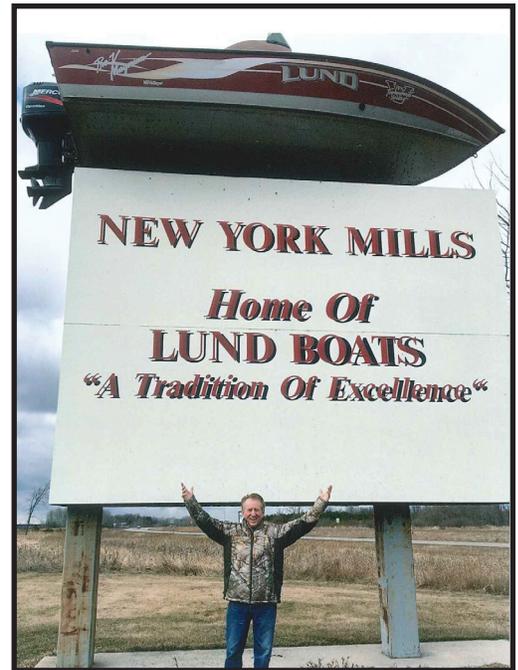
Tim Vaughn, of Vaughn's Auto & Marine, had already gotten our boat in preparation for completing all the final rigging and any final preparations necessary to have the boat water ready for us to take home. This was quite a complicated process and took a couple of days to complete.

Our Lund dealer had arranged for a tour of the Lund Boats factory so while Tim was working on all the rigging, we were treated to a special tour of the factory. We were amazed with how the metal is cut, rivets are hand driven, the foam was applied for floatation, upholstery installed, wiring, and everything it takes to build a complete Lund boat with motors hung. Each boat, no matter what size, is water tested by being put into a giant water tank and forced down into the water to check for any leaks. If there are no leaks, the boat is released to the next station in the assembling process. Watching the decals being applied was absolutely fascinating. Painting is a meticulous method and if it's not just right, it's rejected and corrected. The pride these people take in their work is obvious just by watching them work.

After our boat rigging was completed, we were ready for the next part of our journey home which would take us through Park Falls, WI, home of St. Croix Rod. Our dealer had also arranged for us to have a personal tour there as well.

It's incredible to see how many steps are involved in building each one of these high-quality fishing rods! On the tour, Mike was invited to participate in the construction of a rod. He happily installed a couple of cork handles on a few rods (they asked if he wanted a job – it was touch and go but he declined!).

St. Croix has two plants, one in Park Falls, WI, and one in Fresnillo, Mexico. The main plant in Park Falls is responsible for all of the warranty, repair, and sales and even has a fully stocked retail store. Most of the employees have been with the company from 10 to 40 years. We expected a much larger factory considering the quantity and quality of rods they make. It's such a clean, well-organized operation and this speaks to the quality of the company in every respect.



MIKE & TERRI'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE!! PART 2

by Mike and Terri Smith

After Park Falls, WI, we were doing our best to get home through Michigan's UP but Mother Nature threw us quite a curve. The blizzard of 2016 was in full force and we were heading right into it, pulling a new boat and trailer!! As time passed, the roads became worse and worse and a trip to St. Ignace that should have only taken 4-1/2 hours took us 9 hours of grueling and stressful travel. By the time we reached St. Ignace, we were desperate to find lodging and get off the road. The nice dinner out we had planned turned into a pizza delivered to our hotel room.

The next morning, we shoveled the snow off the truck and boat (it was much worse than it looks) and headed for the Mackinaw Bridge. As we pulled into the booth area, the attendant had a good sense of humor, seeing we were pulling a boat in a blizzard. He said, "Bring the boat, they said! Sure! It'll be fun, they said!" We all laughed and then we headed out onto the Mack. It was a long trip across that snow-covered bridge pulling that new boat!!

As we got closer to home, the roads became less snow covered and we managed to get safely home. Whew!!

Would we do this again? What do you think???
Of course we would!!



THE CHRISTMAS PRESENT

by Rich Benson

For those of you who attended the Christmas party, you got to see a sneak peek at the new stage trailer the LSCWA purchased in December. My father, club member Dick Benson, and I drove to Carolstream, Illinois to pick it right before the party. Sorry we didn't have enough paper to wrap it up with, you'll have to settle for a bow!



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Tim Muir Looking Back

Winter doldrums.

Christmas is now past the new year is here and as of this writing the ice is not good to non-existent. Looking back on my 2016, I had a very good fishing season. Started in April with plenty of fish in the box jigging the D and up in the St. Clair river. Nothing huge but a respectable haul. May brought May Madness which Rich Benson and I held our own against a lot of pretty darn good fishermen with zero practice time spent scouting fish. Right up until my last fishing trip in early November most of my trips were productive but more importantly a learning experience. Big thanks go out to Rich Benson, Keith Krych, Ray Wauters, Jim Lease, and everyone else who I either fished with or learned from this past season.

This winter my plan is to try and learn as much as can and prepare my gear for the upcoming season. One way to learn more is to attend the LSCWA general membership meetings. It is shaping up to be an informative winter's worth of meetings. The meetings are a lot of fun and it WILL WITHOUT QUESTION make you a better fisherman. Not only that it's almost a certainty that you will make new friends. I have.

Make time this winter to go thru all your gear to make sure it is tip top shape and replenish the items you will need once spring arrives. Nothing worse than setting the hook on what you thought was a "wallhanger" only to have the line break while fighting the fish. Make sure your line counter reels are fully spooled and calibrated. Harnesses made. All your soft plastics for jigging are soaking in attractant. Become a member of the LSCWA. Boat batteries are charged and your boat was properly maintained over the winter. The list can go on and on.

The 2017 fishing season will be here in 3 short months. Now is the time to get all your gear prepared so that you can hit the water and have a great 2017 and maybe just maybe catch a fish of a lifetime.

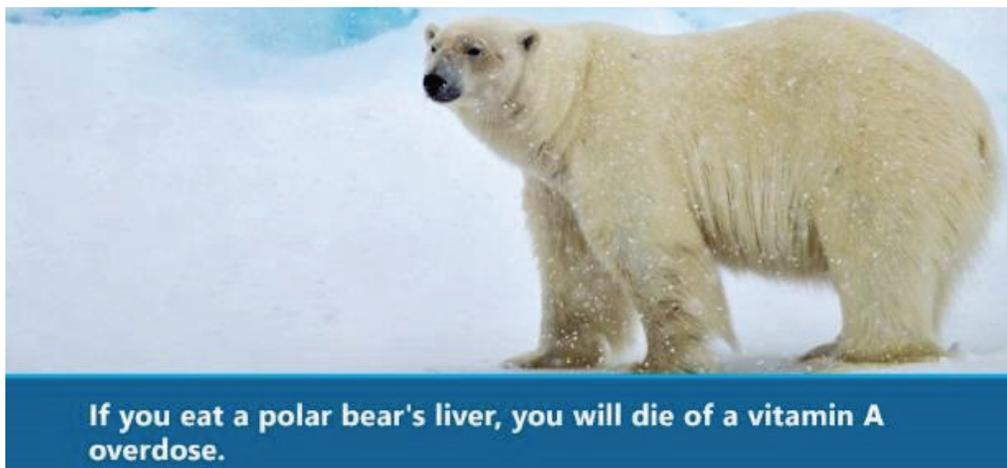


Annual Kids Ice Fishing Event

by Bob Barnes

Our annual kids ice fishing event is January 29, 2017 at Lake St Clair Metro Park Day Sail Area from 9 am – 2 pm. If ice conditions are poor on the main lake we will relocate to the North Basin, check our website for updates (LSCWA.NET). Look for the Walleye Club trailer and the Large tent provided by WCSX, the tent is heated and a great place to get out of the cold, thanks WCSX you ROCK!! Just a reminder the WCSX Cold as Ice Event is in the same place January 28, 2017.

The LSCWA Kids Ice Fishing Event is a free and open to all children, prizes for all the kids, food and soft drinks too. Children must be accompanied by a parent. Fishing poles and bait will be supplied. So dress warmly and bring your children and grandchildren out for a day of fun in the sun.





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