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APRIL SWAP –N-SHOP

By Dave Wilemski

The annual swap meet will be at our April meeting. So bring in all your fishing, hunting, camping and boating items to sell or trade. If you have a few items, tag them with your name and a price. If you have a lot of stuff and will take up an entire table yourself a \$5 to \$20 dollar donation to the club is expected.



It depends on your visualized sales. Bob Barns usually handles taking your cash donations.

Stipulations:

No guns or ammunition. No motors with gasoline. No mechanical devices leaking oil. (The table probably will have nice white tablecloths on them.)

Use common sense. This is always a popular event and the meeting will be crowded.

See how Don Murray's Artic Armour suit reflects light.

Don and Steve Jones were jigging by the Old Gar woods area, in 11 to 14 feet of water. They were using blue white silver finns, 1/2 o 5/8 oz. A wire liner by the name of Ron took the picture of Don and Steve with these 4- nice walleye. He was tagging along Saturday, April 9th, to learn the ins and outs of jigging.

NAUTICAL MILE BP

By Dave Wilemski

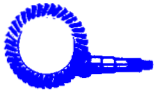
Two weeks ago, I visited Jacquelyn Fisher who will be hosting the LSCWA First Derby this year. She was very nice and eager to help make our weigh-in a Big Success.

She has a very nice Bait store and Like Lakeside Fishing Shop, also sells Canadian Fishing Licenses, It cost \$88, 00 US and once each week they leave on Thursday morning and return in the afternoon with the licenses. Maybe you can check the BP Out for fishing supplies and licenses.



Joann Koch was fishing with a Rapala on a Saturday in April 9th when she caught this three-pound Walleye. The fishing was slow but this one hit in the area by Fighting Island in the lower Detroit River."

This was the only walleye Richard and Joann caught that Saturday. Richard did catch and release a nice pike and a small musky. A Monster musky almost pulled Richard's arm off until it broke free.



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CALENDER OF EVENTS

Apr. 20General Membership Meeting,
"Swap-Meet"; bring cash money
Apr. 22 -24Derby Rescheduled to end of April.
Apr. 23 -24Hog Hunt to Lake Erie / Marblehead, Ohio
Apr. 24Easter Sunday
April 29 - May 01First LSCWA Derby;
St. Jean Weigh-In 5/01/11
May 07MUCC District-8 Derby, see Geoff Regulski
May 08Mother's Day
May 14-15Cheers, (Chantel) Derby; see Geoff Regulski
May 18General Membership Meeting, "Bring a Guest"
May 20 - 22Second LSCWA Derby;
Blue Water Bait Weigh-In 4 to 6: PM
May 22Rose Marine Walleye Tourney; Sun Only
June 04-05.....Bo Soulliere / Gilberts Classic
June 15General Membership Meeting, Bring the Kids.
June 17 - 19....Third LSCWA Derby, Lakeside Fishing Weigh-In
June 19Father's Day. (Take Dad to Weigh-In)
June 25.....The 2011 Lake St. Clair Classic; \$8,000* in prizes.
June 25 -262011 MUCC Annual Convention
July 20General Membership Meeting
July 22 - 24 ..Fourth LSCWA Derby, Lakeside Fishing Weigh-In
July 31Kids (Only) Fishing Derby, @ Metro Beach Park.
Aug 17.General Membership Meeting, Elections
Aug 19-21.Fifth LSCWA Derby
Aug 21Club Picnic at Am Vets; Derby Weigh-In; Motor Raffle
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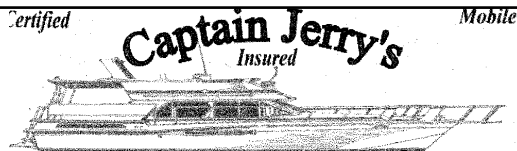
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POND MAINTENANCE AND THANK YOU

By Dave Marcelewski

The easement leading down to Lake St. Clair that we use to fill the ponds was in need of some maintenance. Last fall we applied for permits to get the work done. The permits came through in early March. THANK YOU to Ken Baker from Selfridge for applying for and then seeing them through.

Arrangements were made to have the easement/ramp repaired on March 28, 2011. Early that morning, Steve Grosso from Grosso Trucking and Supply hauled in a couple of loads of crushed concrete to make the repairs. Steve and his company donated all the crushed concrete and its delivery to complete the project.

THANK YOU Steve and Grosso trucking for the generous donation. After Steve unloaded the stone, the Sea Bees that are stationed on Selfridge fixed the ramp and graded it perfectly. They did an excellent job. THANK YOU to the Sea Bees that are stationed on Selfridge ANGB. They are The Best!

The Selfridge Grounds Maintenance Crew showed up just after lunch. They brought the tractor that is used to fill the ponds. They arrived and hooked up the pump and gingerly backed the equipment into Lake St. Clair. These guys are real experts at what they do. We were pumping water into the first pond before 1pm the same day. That is a lot of work to have completed in one day. WOW!!!

I would also like to thank George Gage and Bob Martin, the leaders of the Grounds Crew for all of their continued support throughout the years. They have a work crew that shows the utmost in professionalism. THANK YOU to George, Bob, and their entire crew.

Without the help of all of the people mentioned in this article, we would not have working walleye rearing ponds. It took our club members 27 hours to fill the first pond with water. It took 33 hours of pumping to fill the second pond.

It does get quite boring watching a tractor run. The most excitement that our club members have while watching the pump run is filling the tractor with fuel. It is not an exciting thing. But the fruits of our labor will show up as walleye planted in our area lakes. It does not get any better than that. THANK YOU ALL

NEW MEMBERS

By Alex Vitek

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

**Eric Reckling • Henry M. Kolbuch • Jerry Mrozek
Jason Farmer • David Malkiewicz • Jeffery Schlomer
John Latham • Rico Foleta • Erik Cataldo • Stephen Pal**



Ryan Terzaghi (left) and Richard Koch working on the drain pipe at the Walleye ponds on the Selfridge ANG Base earlier this spring."



The tractor backed down into Lake St. Clair so that the pump is underwater and ready to start filling the two ponds."

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MARCH MEETING WRAP UP

By Scott Hunt

The LSCWA meeting held on Wednesday March 16 was another great meeting, and the meeting hall was packed with eager fisherman. The meeting started off with a seminar given by Jerry Fox Sr., and his sons Jerry Jr. and Kenny and his fishing partner Bill Girdman. Jerry Fox is a long standing LSCWA member as well as a former President, and his seminar did not disappoint. Jerry and his team covered open water trolling, and the equipment used to land a lot of Walleyes for the live well.

For the most part, they touched on the importance of trolling weighted tackle systems behind Off Shore inline planer boards. They shared stories of success that they have enjoyed using this trolling system on bodies of water like Saginaw Bay, Lake Erie, and even watersheds outside our great state of Michigan.

Afterwards, the Fox team of touring Pro's transitioned into the mini workshop portion of the meeting. They had a booth set up near the center of the hall where they refurbished Off Shore planer boards, and replaced the worn out parts on the boards of the LSCWA members that were in attendance. And their booth was met with almost overwhelming enthusiasm. The line for planer board maintenance was long, but those that remained patient all enjoyed the benefits that are bestowed upon the members of the LSCWA. This was a benefit that the Fox team did not have to perform, but they were more than happy to provide this service to the paying members of our great club. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the entire Lake St. Clair Walleye Association to let Jerry Fox know just how grateful we are that he went that extra mile for us. I cannot thank them enough for all their efforts, and I look forward to working with them again in the future.



Jerry Fox, Sr (left) and Jerry, Jr were the guest speakers last month. These two members have fished together not only for club derbies but also on the professional trail

PRESIDENTS CORNER

By Dave Marcelewski

Our walleye rearing ponds were filled with water the week of March 28th. The ponds are ready to produce fish this year.

On March 31, 2011, I received a phone call from Todd Summers. He is the fish biologist for the area. He assured me that we will be receiving the walleye fry to put into our ponds during the 3rd week of April. The fish will stay in the ponds until the 2nd week of June or so. That is when they will be harvested by our club and planted in area lakes by the DNR.

This year the fry will come from the Muskegon River and will be hatched at the Wolf Lake Hatchery.

Todd Summers stated that they needed our ponds more than ever this year. Another set of ponds was not maintained during the stoppage of planting fish in Michigan. They will be shut down during the 2011 season for repairs. Therefore, the fish that we produce this year are very important to the areas future walleye fishing.

I will give you an update in the July newsletter about how many fish our ponds produced in 2011.

It is a good feeling being back in the fish rearing business. That is what we do and we do it quite well.

I would like to Thank Joann Koch, Richard Koch, Ryan Terzaghi, and Scott Hunt for filling the ponds. You all did a Great Job. Thank You!!!

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

By Alex Vitek

This month we will again be checking memberships at the door. Members will be able to walk right into the hall by doing nothing more than showing their current membership card. The membership table will be set up just inside the hall. Members who have lost their card or whose membership has expired will be able to take care of their renewal quickly.

Non-members, or those people whose memberships have expired, will have to fill in the guest book before they can enter the hall. The non-members will not be able to pick up a door prize ticket.

2011 MERCURY MOTOR RAFFLE

By Ron D. Sharp

Raffle sales for the motor donated by Rose Marine are starting out real good this year. I need more people to help by picking up tickets. The drawing is in August so you have time to sell them but we will not have a sell out, which is my goal this year, if you do not take some tickets and sell them. It is not too hard to sell these because the money goes towards the kids' outings and the operation of our walleye ponds. We can also mail you a bunch of tickets. If you need tickets, see me at the meeting or email me at srdsharp@wowway.com.

LSCWA KIDS CORNER

By Richard Benson, age 10, from Warren, MI

Last summer we took my friend Mike on his first fishing trip on a boat. Mike spent the night at our house, but could barely sleep because he was so excited. We went to Lake Erie near Fermi on our friends Steve's boat to troll for walleye. We used inline weights and crawler harnesses my dad and I made. We did not catch any fish until lunchtime. I guess the fish had to get hungry too. We caught 25 walleye by 3:30, 5 big perch, and a bunch of sheep-head. Mike had never went fishing for walleye on a boat before, at the end of the day he knew how to bait a harness, set planer board lines and net fish. We did so well that day we were going to go back the next, but a tornado hit the Fermi power plant that night.



Richard is in front looking sad that Mike was catching all the fish.

THE HOG HUNT TO LAKE ERIE IS BACK!

By Keith Krych

Jeff Regulski, Mark Tews and I are planning to resurrect the Lake Erie Walleye Hog Hunt. Because of club commitments this spring, the only weekend open for the Hog Hunt to Lake Erie is Easter weekend, April 23 and 24th. We are planning to stay at the Surf Motel, 230 E. Maine St, Marblehead OH, 419-798-4823, <http://www.surfmotelohio.com>. They have a fish cleaning area and plenty of parking, and the Free State park launch is less than 2 miles away. If you want to go just make your reservations and let me know if you are going so we can share info. My cell is 586-431-0232.

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Please give this info to your riders, and I hope to see you there.

RAFFLE TABLE

By Don Murray

The fishing season is "HERE" by the time the club members get this newsletter I am sure many walleye will have been boated. Members will be jigging and pulling wire in their favorite spots, or looking for new hot spots. The raffle table will have some of the fishing tools you can use to catch fish.

Some of the members have donated a few of the fishing tools I mentioned, such as RJT's jigs of various sizes, colors, and stinger hooks. John Latham's donations to club members are special painted rapalas, and regular rapalas.

New this month is a donation from Tim, TJ's Outdoor Filming. Tim donated a CD of fishing trips in our area, and some of his painted jigs. Jerry Fox Sr and Jr after last's month seminar donated an Off Shore kit contain a pair of in line boards, weights, hat and towel. All of these fishing tools and more will be on the raffle table, come on by and support your club.

We all owe these people a big thank you for helping us catch walleye.

JULY KIDS CAMPS

By Dave Wilenski

We had no takers on the Clubs Offer to send two 9 to 11 year olds to MUCC's Inland fishing camp'. So, even though it is a little later in the Camps planning schedule you parents have one more final opportunity to send your child to a MUCC Camp. Here are the dates and camps offered:

Week Long Residential Camps:

1. Conservation Connection; ages 9-11; July 10-15 & July 24- 29.
2. Eco Explorers; 9-11 July 10-15 & July 24- 29.
3. Inland Fishing; 9-11; July 10-15 & July 24- 29.
4. Back to Beginnings; 12-14 July 17 - July 22, & July 31 - Aug 5.
5. Big Game Hunting (SCI) 12 - 14;
July 17 -July 22, & July 31 - Aug 5.
6. Upland Bird Hunting 12 - 14; July 17 - July 22, & July 31 - Aug 5.
7. Stewards in Training 13 - 15; July 17 - July 22, & July 31 - Aug 5.

The club will pay the MUCC fees to send two (2) children to a weeklong camp near Chelsea, MI. This is a great opportunity for your child to attend this well run MUCC facility. The parents or legal guardian will be responsible for transportation to and from camp. Here are the rules: The parent or grandparent must hold a current family membership. The children must be in good health (no contagious diseases). Please put your name and the child's name, child's age; camp name and date selection, also relationship to club member on a 3" x 5" index card. (One child per card). Then turn the cards in to the President or Vice President at this April General Membership meeting. The camps fill up fast so (sorry) you only have a few days to decide. The 2011 deadline is our next Board meeting April 27, @ K of C hall, 10-mile & Little Mack, 7:30 to 8:00 PM.

For more info on these camps contact Liz Roxberry, Director at lroxberry@mucc.org or phone 1 800 777 6720.

Ages are for when Camp Occurs. Prices are \$370 to \$420. per Child Paid by the Club. Only (2) Children will be picked to go. Child must be from a family LSCWA membership. Our Payment is due before May 1'st. Drawing will be at April Board meeting. If you want a description of a Camp...call me. 586-292-6143. or See me at the April Meeting

MARCH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The March general membership meeting was a huge success. We had a record meeting crowd of 213 people. 175 members plus 38 guests. This equates to 67% of our membership attended the last meeting. Keep it up people. Word is spreading "We have a Great Fishing Club".

LSCWA BUILDING FUND

The LSCWA Building Fund donation Wall Plaque / Money drop Box will be in the Lobby for our April meeting. If you have a few extra, dollars please make a strictly voluntary cash donation toward our Building Fund. Thank you.

YEARS PAST- APRIL 2002

- Our meeting was at Fraternal Order of Eagles on Eight Mile Rd.
- Large Mouth Bass had a Virus
- Jerry Fox Sr. was President of our LSCWA
- The April Weigh In was at a Bay Sports on 23 Mile Rd, New Baltimore

RAFFLE TABLE CHAIRPERSON

"Hell-o club members my name is Don. You most likely have seen me at the raffle table. I am writing this news article to find a replacement at the raffle table for my position. I have been doing this for about 6 to 8 years, time flies; anyway, it is time for a change. I am looking for a person to take over the duties of the raffle table by the end of 2011. This notice for a replacement will have a transition period. I will help to break in the new person for the rest of the 2011 year. This position is not that difficult. Come out and help support the club."

CLOTHING SALE

By Ryan Terzaghi

Over the years, we have collected a large variety of clothing including polo shirts, sleeveless tanks; pocket t's and sweat shirts. It's come time to reduce our inventory! Everything is priced to move, stock up on your LSCWA gear and save!

T- Shirts (new design) - \$10

Pocket T's - \$8

Sleeveless tanks - \$8

Sweat shirts - \$15

Please visit the merchandise table and take advantage of our inventory reduction sale. Also, ask us about future products including hooded sweatshirts and jackets.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

DAWN

By Henry Beard & Roy McKie

Magical time of day when the only thing an angler has to do to guarantee that the fish will be biting like crazy is simply to stay home in bed. (See Dusk)

DUSK

By Henry Beard & Roy McKie

Brief twilight period that separates the time when fish don't bite because they can see your line from the time when fish don't bite because they can't see your lure.

THE LSCWA CLUB NAME IS GETTING AROUND

By Dave Wilemski

A Very BIG Thank You goes to our Vice President, Bob Barnes. Our board approved Bob's suggestion at a past Board Meeting. "To make a large wall plaque of our clubs Logo and present it to the Loon River Café."

Our V.P. handled everything and a few weeks ago, he presented this very large, great looking wall plaque to the Executive Chef and Manager of Loon River. Whoever visits the "Desert Display Table" at this Great Restaurant will see our Clubs Logo highlighted on the wall above it. Loon River is located at 34911 Van Dyke Avenue · Sterling Heights, MI 48312.... Just South of 15 Mile

In addition, there will be a similar logo going to Bass Pro Shop. They will put it in their employee break area.

FISHING REGULATIONS TO BE AWARE OF!

The transport of live bait into Canada has always been illegal but has not really been enforced until VHS reared its ugly head and both the U.S. and Canada started cracking down. We have not heard of any enforcement at the south end of the Detroit River and Lake Erie, but enforcement has been widely reported on the north end of the river and Lake St Clair, resulting in fines in excess of \$500 for possessing minnows without receipts proving they were purchased in Canada. It is illegal to bring any live fish, crayfish, live leeches or salamanders into Ontario for use as bait.

Anglers must not release any live bait or dump the contents of a bait bucket including the water, into any waters. The bait bucket water should be disposed of on land, well away from the water's edge.



Here are some of our hard working members that help out every month mailing the Walleye World. If you are interested in helping out, contact Dave By Dave Marcelewski. Thanks to all that help out!