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GOLDEN BUCKET TOURNAMENT

by Don Murray

Have you ever heard of the Golden Minnow Bucket Tournament? Well you have now. The (DWF) Downriver Walleye Federation wants to have a friendly fishing competition against us, the Lake St. Clair Walleye Association. This would be complete with a traveling Golden Minnow Bucket trophy.

I will give details for the event, which will be August 1, 2009, at Eireau, Ontario, on Lake Erie at the membership meetings. Mike Barkely who is from the DWF has a post on our club message board. It is found in the General Info forum. Once there look at the Eireau Tournament Challenge thread for more details.

Lets do this thing right and keep a shine on the Golden Minnow Bucket.

HALL REMINDER

A reminder to the members and guests about the new meeting location. Gino's is on Jefferson between Metro Parkway (16 Mile Rd) and Crocker.

Also, keep in mind that there is no smoking in the meeting hall itself or the entranceway. Inside the building smoking is allowed in the bar area only.

BREAKING NEWS

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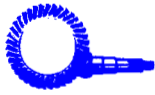


"Alex Vitek (left) with Gary Towns, who is a Fisheries Biologist with the Michigan DNR, and Keith Krytch discussed Walleye fishing and Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) issues at the recent Outdoorama."

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WEDNESDAY ~ 7:30 P.M.
March 18, 2009
Next Meeting April 15, 2008**

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 happening in and around the Club
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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

Mar. 18.....General Membership Meeting
 Apr. 4.....FLW Qualifier in Port Clinton, OH
 Apr. 15.....General Membership Meeting
 Apr. 15-18.....FLW Walleye Tour Lake Erie; Port Clinton, OH
 Apr. 17-19.....LSCWA Derby
 Apr. 18-19.....MWT Detroit River; Lake Erie Metro Park
 Apr. 25-26.....Masters Walleye Circuit Detroit River & Lake Erie (Mi Only); Elizabeth Park, Trenton
 Apr. 26.....Jigger's 2009 Walleye Tournament
 May 2.....Ecorse Firefighters Tournament, Detroit River; Ecorse City Launch
 May 2.....Detroit River Challenge, Detroit River; Elizabeth Park, Trenton
 May 2-3.....Walleye Palooza at Sinbads On The River
 May 3.....Walleye-Palozza
 May 9.....MUCC District 8 Walleye Tournament
 May 17.....Rose Marine Tournament
 May 20.....General Membership Meeting
 May 22-24.....LSCWA Derby
 Jun. 6.....LSCWA/Gilbert's Walleye Tournament
 Jun. 17.....General Membership Meeting
 Jun. 18-21.....LSCWA Derby
 Jun. 20.....FLW Qualifier in Monroe, MI
 Jul. 26.....Kids Summer Fishing Outing
 Aug. 22.....FLW Qualifier in Au Gres, MI
 Sept. 17-19.....no-entry-fee Walmart FLW Walleye League Finals in Chippewa Falls, WI

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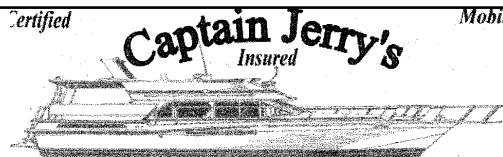
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When: Sunday April 26th

Where: 8367 Dixie Hwy, Fair Haven

Weigh-in: From 2 to 4pm

Fish Fry: Starts at 3pm



- Entry Fee \$20 per person
- Only One Walleye per person may be entered
 - Blind Draw Tournament Format
 - Prize for Big Fish and Mystery Fish
 - Cut-off Deadline Wed. April 22nd
- Boundaries are Lake St Clair and Connecting Waters

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Sinbad's At The River Walleye Palooza 2009

In Cooperation with "The Lake St. Clair Walleye Association"

DATE: Saturday May 2, 2009 • 9:00 pm until Sunday May 3, 2009 • 3:30 pm



LOCATION: 'Sinbad's at the River' in Detroit Michigan

FEE: Entry fee is \$50.00 per angler limit of 4 anglers per boat



RULES: Limit of three fish per angler weighed for individual classes

Individual Class Prizes for 1st through 3rd Place based on individual weight

Blind Draw prize for best combined weight of the "Blind Draw" Team and Big Fish Prize

Prizes based on level of participation. 100% Payout after Derby Expenses

Weigh in to begin at 2:30 pm on Sunday May 3rd and ends promptly at 4:30 pm

Any walleye's weighed are donated to the Walleye Palooza Banquet to follow the weigh-in.

All left over Walleye will be donated to the Gleaners Food Bank

Don't forget to ask about the Calcutta Derby

Contact Information and Complete Rules

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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.

**Tom Bushong • Gordon Corwin • Jim Bryant • Frank Pisha
Charles Mason • Ron "Jimmy's Boats" Spradlin**

FISH REPORT FOR '09

by Alex Vitek

At the Outdoorama this year Keith Krych and I caught up with Gary Towns, DNR Fisheries Biologist for SE Michigan. We discussed several topics that will be of interest to the LSCWA members.

Gary Towns mentioned that the DNR Fisheries department has been unable to find an active case of the VHS in Lake St. Clair or the connecting waters in two years. This does not mean that the problem has gone away, just that they have not found a sample. The virus is still present and could become a problem quickly just as it did before. The department now has a test to quickly determine if a fish or fish eggs are infected and they are ready to use the test. See the report on the Ponds by Dave Marcelewski that is in this newsletter.

We asked Gary if the Walleye fishing in our area will be as good this coming year as it was last year. He said that for the most part the answer will be "No, it will not. But, the fish that get caught will be bigger." We are still working off of and catching Walleye from the 2003 Year Class hatch. The hatches after that have not been as good as the '03. There might be some good news for the '06 hatch because of the increase in the number of under legal sized Walleye that were caught and released last October. We should know more about this later in the year when the department gets the opportunity to do more samples.

Gary wanted to remind us about the Angler's Diary program. Interested fishermen can get a copy of the diary. They would then fill it in each time they go fishing. You are asked to record information about your fishing trips on the St. Clair River, Lake St. Clair, the Detroit River and Lake Erie. The information provided will assist in the management of fisheries and water quality. If you would like to participate please contact the Lake St. Clair Fisheries Research Station at 33135 South River Road, Harrison Township, Michigan 48045 or call them at (586) 465-4771.

IN MEMORY

On February 18th we lost a former board of director of the LSCWA and a good friend to many members, Harold "Bo" Soulliere. He dedicated many years of service to local hunting and fishing clubs around Lake St Clair. Bo was an excellent fisherman and hunter who loved the outdoors. He helped many LSCWA members become better fishermen over the years by sharing the knowledge he gained from his many years of fishing our local waters. Bo will be dearly missed.

RETURN SURVEY

A survey was mailed to randomly selected LSCWA members who have a family membership. The questions on this survey were directed just to family membership holders and the information will be useful to the Board of Directors when they discuss the many youth and family activities. If you, as a family member, have received this survey and not yet returned it could you please mail it back in the envelope we provided. Please, do not bring these to the meeting. The membership table can be very hectic this time of year so please just drop them into the mail.

MARCH MINI-WORKSHOPS

by Keith Krych

Back by Popular Demand!

The March meeting will feature ongoing mini-workshops being conducted by some of the best fishermen in the LSCWA. Around the room there will be demos of such things as handlining, whipping, tying harnesses, powder coating jigs, making stingers and much more! You will be able to browse the demos' and watch and learn at your own pace! This is one of our most popular meetings of the year.

Handlining Tips

Richard and Joann Koch

Whipping Tips

Ron Sharp

Making Crawler Harnesses

Bob Barnes & Jeff Regulski

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TOURNAMENTS

This time of year is big for local Walleye tournaments. The LSCWA is involved in several of them because the crew is responsible for the weighing in of the fish. People interested in fishing these events will notice things like "Mystery Fish" and "Blind Draw Teams" and might wonder what they are.

When weighing in fish the participant gets the slip with his or her fish's weight on it. When it is time to determine the Mystery Fish the sponsors or the weigh-in crew will randomly draw the weight slip from those for the fish entered. This person wins the prize. It is an opportunity for everyone who enters to get some of the prize money no matter how large or how small their fish actually is.

The Blind Draw Team is another part of the event that is randomly determined. When it is time they will start to randomly draw the weigh slips and list them on the board as the first person in the team. After the first third they start drawing for the second person on the team. Then, they start to draw for the final person on the team. Once done the weights of the fish entered by each person are added together for the team's weight. Finally, all the team weights are compared and the team with the highest combined weight is the first place team. This gives everyone another chance at winning part of the prizes no matter what the size of their Walleye.

Entering and fishing these local tournaments and events is a lot of fun. So is helping out on the weigh-in crew. Contact Geoff Regulski if you are interested. The upcoming springtime tournaments include the Jigger's Tournament on April 26th, the Sinbad's Walleye Palooza on May 2nd, and the Bill Rose Memorial Walleye Tournament on May 17th. Look in the newsletters for this month and last month for more details.

BOWLING FUNDRAISER REPORT

Saturday, February 21st was our Walleye club's 4th Annual Bowling Fundraiser. It was quite a success despite the current economic conditions and the snow-storm that hit that day.

Many thanks to the following who made all this possible: Dave Champine- Chairperson who picked out the location and coordinated everything with the owners. Dave Champine provided a lot of the prizes we raffled off. Dave Wilemski Co-Chair handled all the forms and literature, signed up two teams, donated 4-baskets of prizes, took pictures and got Tractor Supply on Gratiot north of 26-mile to donate a \$40 tool as one of the prizes. Keith and Marilyn

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Krych sold the raffle tickets at the event, Don Murray helped with the Raffle Prize Tables, Richard and Joanne Koch sold two 50/50 sets of raffle tickets; Dave Champine's friend Tammy Morisette ran the lucky strike and mystery games of chance and she helped out wherever help was needed.

These fundraisers are very important to the operation our club. We raised \$1,500. We would have liked to have seen more club members participate. Everyone - feel free to provide comments to the Board for our next bowling fundraiser.

OUR PONDS AND V.H.S.

By Dave Marcelewski

Well, It's that time of the year again. Time to fill our fish ponds but there is a small problem.

We will not be getting any walleye fry to put in our ponds again this year. That is because of VHS, Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia.

The Department of Natural Resources dictates who gets walleye fry and where they are planted. VHS has put a halt to all planting of walleye in Michigan. The fry are all taken from Great Lakes tributaries. They are all considered "Hot Spots" for VHS.

The DNR had a 60 day test to test for VHS. They say they need a 6 day test. The DNR, along with Cornell University have come up with a 6 day test. The problem is that VHS has not showed up in 2 years. So they cannot test the test to see if it works. It gets a little confusing I know.

The DNR biologist, Gary Towns, thinks it is just a matter of time to before we will be again planting walleye here in southeast Michigan. But it will not be this year.

The ponds will run, business as usual, except we will not have any fry to put in them. We will fill our ponds and do all the usual maintenance that is required to maintain healthy ponds. We need to continue running these ponds so they will be ready when the DNR gives us the OK to raise fish.



"Harold Kramer was one of the many members who enjoyed themselves with bowling and food at the Bowling Fundraiser this year." Photo by Dave Wilemski

NO ICE FISHING!???

by David A. Wilemski

Because my Asthma condition has worsened the past year, this is the first year I can remember that I did not go out and try to trick a perch or two to bite the hook. Ever since I was seven years of age I wandered out onto Anchor Bay, chopped or drilled a few holes in the ice and caught some yellow belly perch to have as a dinner or two the following week. That is like 58 winters of ice fishing.

I own a nice portable shanty, manual Laser Auger, cold weather suits, 60 below zero boots, dozens of ice rods and tip ups, hundreds of ice fishing lures, etc. I even live on Anchor Bay and good ice fishing is only 200 yards from my door. I watch with my binoculars as other fishermen catch perch with my name on it.

This has been real torture for me this winter. What to do? What to do?

One idea is to place a permanent shanty out there and buy a used covered 4-wheeler to zoom out and park next to the shanty before the cold air affects my lungs. (5-minutes of cold air can cause me to almost stop breathing).

Unfortunately, I remember a few years back when my nephew Sam Tews and his dad Mark built a nice wood shanty, painted it red and placed it on Anchor Bay near Tips Bait only to have it stolen a few days later. People just do not leave others property alone like they did in the old days. Lansing should make it a five year felony for stealing an ice shanty (but they won't)

What to do? Maybe next year?

THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

By Keith Krych

I want to thank Capt. Dan Chimelak from Lakeside Fishing Shop, Capt. Joe Raymer of Loony Tunes Charters, and the Wilcraft crew for letting the LSCWA set up a table in their space at this year's Outdoorama. With their help we were able to sell the Honda motor raffle tickets for the club. I also have to thank Bob Barnes, Alex Vitek, Richard & Joann Koch and Don Murry for volunteering their time to man the table at Outdoorama.

We need to give Steve Lamb a big thank you for taking time out of his busy schedule to speak at last month's meeting. He gave a very good seminar on modern ice fishing equipment last month.

Well March is here and that means a new season of walleye fishing is around the corner. Please make it a safe season by checking all your safety gear like flares, horn, fire extinguisher and life jackets.

Keep your lines in the water.

2nd Bill Rose Memorial Walleye Tournament

May 17th, 2009

\$50 entry fee per team. • 60 Team Max

Prizes for top three 6 fish limits per team.

Big – Fish Prize. • Slot - Fish Prize.

Fishing begins 6:00am May 17, 2009.

Must be weighed in by 2:00pm sharp.

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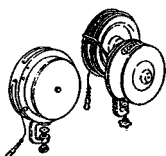
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