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Last Ice

Richard and Joann found some really nice perch recently on some of the last days of ice fishing before we start getting the boats out. After this warm spell it will be all she wrote for the 2025 ice fishing season. GREAT JOB on the perch!



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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
WINTER/SPRING 2025**

March 7-9 MUCC convention
March 19th General Membership Meeting
March 26th BOD meeting
April 16th General Membership Meeting
April 18-19..... April Derby
April 23rd..... BOD meeting
May 21st General Membership Meeting
May 23-25..... May Derby
May 28th..... May BOD meeting
May 31st LSC classic (blow day Sunday 6-1)

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See Rich at our meetings or events.*

Treehouse Breakfast

By Richard Koch

While taking a drive to Country inn senior breakfast we noticed the Clinton river and spillway were running wide open after thawing of all the snow. Those who attended breakfast are Dale Billings, Ralph Busch, Ron Pisarski, Curtis Patton, Ray Wauters, Dan Schmidt, Bob Barnes, Ron Kasculski, Jim Lease, John Dolney, Mark Carlson, Bob Peterson, Joann Koch, and Richard Koch. Topics of discussion were on the great perch fishing on Lake St. Clair, and how to sharpen and take your auger blades to get them sharpened. Our next breakfast will be at Strawberry Fields 51070 23 mile March 26th at 8am.



350 CURRENT MEMBERS

MISSION STATEMENT

To protect, preserve, and promote the walleye fishing in Michigan through conservation, education, and enhancing fishing opportunities for all; celebrating our tradition since 1976.

MEMBERS:

DUES MUST BE CURRENT
TO FISH ALL DERBIES!

PLEASE SEE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Presidents Corner

It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade. - Charles Dickens



Spring is on its way! Who's ready for winter's end and warm weather once again? Our next event is coming up fast, the annual Trade-a-trip, if you haven't signed up yet you need to speak with Jim Lease at this month's meeting. This fun event has been an annual tradition and along with the fish fry on Saturday afternoon, is

looked forward to by many. Even if you can't make it out to fish you are invited to the fry, we could also use a few extra hands in the kitchen.

April will once again be our first derby of the year, please see accompanying article. Just a reminder, your dues must be paid by the meeting preceding the derby for you to be eligible for participation. Only club members are eligible for derby points, although we may do a guest division later in the year just for a fun entry.

We are planning the Lake St. Clair Classic for May 31st at Harley Ensign memorial boat launch, if you are interested in becoming a sponsor or supporter of this great event, please see myself or any board member. Look for the sign up announcement in April.

The March meeting will feature a seminar on forward facing sonar by Brandon Bilski from the Southwest Michigan Walleye Club. If you are interested in learning more about this new & developing technology you don't want to miss it! You also will not want to miss out on some great custom Bandits & Deadeyes that are being sold with the proceeds going to the LSCWA.

Mike Roush & Dan Schmidt have been doing a great job with this years Ron Sharp memorial raffle, very interesting prizes geared toward the fisherman are highlighted once again. Mike also has continued his efforts with the Veterans through the Macomb County court system and at the Michigan Veterans Home, thank you Mike!

Dan Schmidt continues his work with our Sunday night bingo at Rosemack bingo hall. This is our most successful fund raiser and really enables us to do so many of the events, activities and charitable contributions we make. If you would like to know how to help out or attend as a player, see Dan or Rich or ask any board member for more info.

This is your club, be part of it!

Rich Benson, President

Treehouse Breakfast 2025

Schedule

Strawberry Fields 51070 Foster 8am March 26th

Bob Evans 45140 Corners ct 8am April 23rd

South Side Grill 2769 9 mile 8am May 28th

Dan's Diner 24820 Hoover 8am June 25th

Gus's Coney Island 50899 Gratiot 8am July 23rd

Leo's Coney Island 23815 Jefferson 8am August 27th

Apple Annies 28030 Gratiot 8am September 24th

Charlies 22315 Harper 8 am October 22nd

Lake Breeze 35450 Jefferson 8am November 26th

Orange Peel 13522 22 mile 8am December 29th.

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April Meeting

The April meeting will again feature our swap shop. Bring all your sporting goods to sell, buy, and trade. Guest speaker TBD. Sorry no firearms.

April Derby Change

In planning out this years events we've realized that our April Derby is the same weekend as Easter and we would like everyone to be able to fish it as well as spend Easter with their families and friends so we've decided to change it up a bit.

Fishing for the April Derby will start at daylight on Friday, April 18th (Good Friday) and continue on until Saturday at 4pm with the weigh-in at Lakeside Fishing Shop in St. Clair Shores. Please make a note of it and plan accordingly, thank you!

Great Bait Sale

At our March meeting we will have a great bait sale. Baits from two club members. We will have a lot of nice ones and all proceeds go to the club but buy Pete's first they are the best.

Keith Krych Trade a Trip

By Jim Lease

The 2025 Keith Krych Trade a Trip is all planned. We have secured the American Legion hall for our fish fry on March 29th and volunteers have been contacted so planning around 3pm that day we will hopefully enjoy our cooks best efforts and some comradery as well. The Steelheaders have a fish boil planned for April 26th and I can speak from experience it is fantastic. At this time I have eight captains signed up for our part of the trip and twelve members going to South Haven for a wonderful day of salmon fishing. I will try and contact the captains for both sides and see if they would be willing to have the following day reserved for a blow day incase the of scheduled fishing has inclement weather, Hopefully we will have good weather for both events.

Membership Dues For LSCWA

As your club membership person I'm writing this article to help members keep current with your dues. We are starting the 2025 year derbies with the April derby. You have to be a current member per derby rules to enter a fish. Before the start of a derby.

At the top of your monthly newsletter is an arrow pointing to your expiration of dues. The message of the arrow is a two prong notice of expiration for derbies, and membership. The derbies notice is a reminder to be paid before the derby in that month, per derby rules. The second part of the notice is for general club dues expiring at the end of the month.

An example of the expiration information under the arrow is month, year, type of membership such as 04,2024, S. This translates to April 2024 Single membership that will expire in that month.

You can renew a few different ways. One way is face to face meetings now that we have regular meetings. Second, the club web page, third, mailing a check to the post office. The club address is Lake St Clair Walleye Association PO BOX 130 St Clair Shores MI 48080. Hopefully this reminder will help members stay current with dues.

MUCC Dividend Program

As part of MUCC's dues restructure, a new program is being launched to give back to the clubs for their support. MUCC is beginning a membership drive in an effort to increase membership. Individual membership comes with the magazine delivered to your house quarterly, discounts at MUCC's sponsors and other benefits. The biggest benefit is knowing that MUCC is working on the behalf of all hunters, fishers, shooters, trappers, to conserve protect and enhance our natural resources and outdoor heritage.


For every member of the LSCWA that signs up to also be an individual member of MUCC using the discount code LSCWA on the 5th step of the join process (in the discount code field) MUCC will donate \$7 back to LSCWA. Please consider signing up as an IM to help not only MUCC keep up the important work of protecting our natural resources and our rights as outdoors people but also helps out the LSCWA by returning \$7 to our club.



Spring Safety Check

Before you head out this spring take a few minutes to go over all your safety equipment. Make sure your inflatable life jackets are still in good working order. Change those cartridges if you need to. Look at the expiration date on your flares and fire extinguishers. Check to make sure your bilge is in working order. Look at all your hoses and connections as well. Electrical wiring for some reason is a tasty treat for mice so look at the wiring and all your connections.

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**Membership Committee
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Lake St. Clair Fish Cleaning Station Foundation Update

Jim Felgenauer

First we want to thank the management and membership of the Lake St. Clair Walleye Association for the generous support. Club collaboration on this project is a major reason we have accomplished so much.

For several years member organizations of the Lake Erie/ Lake St Clair Advisory Committee spoke of the need for a fish cleaning station on Lake St. Clair. Site reconstruction at the Clinton River Cutoff Boating Access Site provided an opportunity to make it happen. Initial steps were to negotiate an agreement with the DNR, obtain initial approval from waste treatment facilities and form a corporation that could execute legal documents. We opened a bank account. We built a website and started a Facebook page. We obtained 501(c)(3) tax exempt status from the IRS.

Budgeting and fundraising came next. We determined that the total project cost is going to be just north of \$200,000. We wrote our first ever grant application to the Great Lakes Fisheries Trust who will fund up to 1/2 the cost of a fish cleaning station. We were successful in that we have a commitment letter for slightly over \$100,000. After considering other donations we still need to raise in the neighborhood of another \$90,000. Because of the seed money provided by the Lake St. Clair Walleye Association we were able to complete the required project engineering. When the time comes, our engineering firm can also provide bid and construction management.

In addition to the Great Lakes Fisheries Trust we have contacted Bass Pro Shops, The Consumers Energy Foundation, The Ralph C. Wilson foundation, and the Wayne and Joan Webber Foundation. Responses from these entities take time. We have 1/4 page ad in the 2025 Michigan Fishing Guide which will be out soon. We also have an ad in the Lake St. Clair Guide Magazine. We have printed brochures which we pass out by hand and distribute by mail. We have gotten a few smaller private donations. We are also exploring other fund raising options as money is only trickling in right now.

This is the 30,000 foot view. There is much detail and many hours of diligent unpaid work done by both Bob Barnes and myself. We still need manpower in addition to funding. An active recording secretary would be huge. Communications and record keeping are critical and will be even more when it comes time for grant and construction management. If we can organize a fund raising event we will need volunteers to staff it. We know you have done much but please consider what you might do as a next step to move this project forward.

This is a great opportunity to provide a long term tangible asset to the local community and economy. When we build it they will come. There is not a fish cleaning station in Michigan that does not get constant and consistent use. We did not always have electric fillet knives, k-cup coffee makers, cell phones, the internet or artificial intelligence. People got by without those things for years. As it turns out they are very convenient and get used constantly. Like we have always done, we could certainly get by without a fish cleaning station on Lake St. Clair. Once built, people will use it and wonder why someone did not do it sooner. We have had great cooperation and support from the Michigan DNR, Harrison Township, our engineering firm and other community supporters and donors. We have come too far to fail at this point. Too many people are counting on us. Let's work together to push this over the hump and get it done.

Thank you

Jim Felgenauer

President - Lake St. Clair Fish Cleaning Foundation

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