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VETERAN FISHING

Mike Roush

The morning of July 31st fishing at the St. Clair Light, pulling bottom bouncers and spinners. We got 4 Walleye and 4 nice

perch. With me that morning was L.S.C.W.A. Member John (a.k.a. "Canvas John") and Veteran Justin. Even tho the fishing was a bit slow, we all had an enjoyable time on the lake. Justin is a combat Veteran of the Iraq War - serving in the 25th Infantry Division.

The fish were cleaned, bagged and given to Justin to enjoy. A big thank you to Justin for his service to our country.

THANK YOU!!!

A very special thank you to Mackie Baits for donating the crawler for the kids fishing outing!! It is people and sponsors like this that make this club what it is.

ATTENTION LOCATION CHANGE!!

The location of our annual picnic has changed, it will be held at Gilbert's Sportmen's Club on Omo Rd. Aug 23, 1-5 pm.

MASTERS STANDINGS AFTER JULY DERBY

ANGLER	TOTAL	ANGLER	TOTAL
Ted Stehney.....	9	Mike McCabe.....	5
Nick Markowski.....	7	Richard Koch.....	4
Joann Koch.....	6	Don Murray.....	4
Pete Aleccia.....	6	Bob Barnes.....	4
Charlie Boyce.....	5	Dr. Kirk.....	3
Rich Benson.....	5	Nicole Benson.....	2

LAKE ST. CLAIR WALLEYE ASSOCIATION				
JULY DERBY				
NAME	WEIGHT	LENGTH	POSITION	POINTS
MASTERS				
Don Murray	2.14	18 3/4		
Tim Muir	1.80	17 3/4		
Ray Walters	1.38	17 3/4		
Pete Aleccia (4)	2.79	20 3/4		
Nick Markowski (5)	2.66	20 1/2		
Ted Stehney (2)	3.52	22 1/4		
Charlie Boyce	2.52	21 1/2		
Bob Barnes (3)	3.01	21 1/2		
Mike McCabe (1)	3.55	22 1/4		
Al McNamara	2.38	20.0		
SUPER SIX				
P. Aleccia	13.57	(2)		
Boyle/Jordan	15.59	(1)		
McAle/Boyle	19.48	(3)		
M. Duerr	10.60			

LAKE ST. CLAIR WALLEYE ASSOCIATION				
JULY DERBY				
NAME	WEIGHT	LENGTH	POSITION	POINTS
OPEN				
Pete Kohonen	1.54	17.0		
Coni Disanto	1.92	17 1/2		
For Disanto	2.14	19.0	3	3
Jim Gimpert	5.01	26 1/4	1	5
Mike Dostich	2.83	20 3/4	2	4
Hunter Matsumoto	2.11	19.0	4	2
Don LaFlora	1.12	16.0		
Blair LaFlora	2.06	18 3/4	5	1
Steve Bentley	1.44	17.0		

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS

**August 19, 2026 and
September 15, 2026
at 7:30**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS SUMMER/FALL 2026

Aug 19thGeneral Membership Meeting
Aug 21-23 August Derby
Aug 23rd Club Picnic
Aug 26thBOD meeting
Sept 16thGeneral Membership Meeting
Sept 19th Perch derby weigh in at Sportsman Direct
Sept 26th..... Perch derby weigh in at lakeside
Oct 3rd Perch -n- pig weigh in at Anglers point

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Treehouse Breakfast

By Richard Koch

What a beautiful morning or breakfast at Gus's Coney Island with no hot temperature, no smokey air. Those present are Pete Aleccia, Dan Schmidt, John Scamehorn, Ed Burkett, Ron Pisarski, Rob Kennedy, Dale Billings, John Dolney, Bob Barnes, Curtis Patton, Joann Koch, and Richard Koch. Our discussions were on how to find and catch bigger walleye and also boat and motor maintenance. Our next breakfast will be at Leo's Coney Island 23815 Jefferson at 9 mile August 26th 8am



300 CURRENT MEMBERS

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MEMBERS:

DUES MUST BE CURRENT
TO FISH ALL DERBIES!

PLEASE SEE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY



President's Corner

Well, the dog days of summer are here once again and for the LSCWA that means our walleye derby season is wrapping up at our annual picnic. This years picnic required you to reserve a seat(s) with Pete Kohnen at either June or July events (meetings & derbies). We had to move the location

of this years picnic to Gilbert's Sportsmens Club at 60125 Omo Rd., Ray Twp. Food will be served at 2pm, weigh-in commences at 3-4pm and the blind draw & awards shortly thereafter. While we have use of the building we DO NOT have bar service, so if you want adult beverages it will be BYOB. The club will provide soft drinks, iced tea and water.

The August derby always features our blind draw "tournament". Very simple, enter a fish and you're on a randomly drawn team and might be in the money! There will be other awards along with our raffle drawing. If we could ask you to start arriving around 1 pm as we might need a few people to help set up.

Our perch derby dates are set, September 19th will be at Sportsmen's Direct, September 26th at Lakeside and the annual Perch 'n Pig at Anglers Point on October 3rd. Entries will be available shortly, either at the August meeting or any of the three bait shops. The first two denies are \$30/per person with \$5 going to the weekly big fish pot and the remaining \$25 going to the prize pool. The Perch 'n Pig is \$150 per boat with up to four anglers which will include 4 wristbands to the pulled pork lunch served during the weigh in. The food this year will be handled in a more organized manner as there was some confusion last year that will not be repeated this year. Of the \$150 entry, \$20 goes to food, \$10 to the weekly big fish pot and \$120 to the prize pool.

The LSCWA will once again mount the largest overall perch entered from these three events. Going by length with weight as a tie breaker, with the fish measured on the LSCWA's hog trough, mouth pinched closed and tail extended its furthest on the ruler. All decisions made by the weigh in committee are final.

Our October meeting is our annual chili cook-off

The annual fall veterans tournament is once again going to be held, this year on November 21st.

Our August meeting will also feature the executive & board elections as well as a handlining presentation by Richard Koch. Also featuring the door prize, regular raffle, 50/50 raffle, new merchandise and the new open mic segment with Pete Aleccia.

This is YOUR club, be part of it!
Rich Benson, President LSCWA

3RD ANNUAL LAKE FEST FORD HOUSE

The LSCWA once again participated in the Ford House Lake Fest event. This was the 3rd year of what is going to be an annual event hosted at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores. The Lake Fest celebrates the nature, science and ecology of Lake St. Clair. The Lake Fest is a family orientated event designed to be a playful engaging experience where children are encouraged to ask questions, explore how the lake works and discover the animals and ecosystems that makes Lake St. Clair such an important natural resource.

The LSCWA had a booth displaying mounted fish to include walleye, brown trout and perch. Fun facts about walleye were posted and kids had the opportunity to be awarded a 50th annual LSCWA sticker if they could recite a fun fact (open book test). We also handed out the Walleye World newsletter. There were crafts for the kids such as coloring a picture of a fish but the big hit by far was coloring lure blanks with acrylic markers. We even had the parents jumping into participate. There were many creative lure designs which Pete or Rich may want to copy. The LSCWA booth was very well received, most of the time during the event it was lined up with kids and their parents waiting to have the opportunity to paint a lure or color a fish picture..

I did have an opportunity to introduce myself and

the club to some of the other participants most who have similar values as the LSCWA. Following are the participating organizations and brief description about them.

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MICHIGAN WALLEYE TOUR

By Richard Koch

To bad some of our club members did not go to the championship tournament with the top 40 point finalists. Also this is the first time this has ever happened. Charlevoix lake 1st place 2026 winners and also team of the year are Evan Adler, Shane Loney and Austin Crum.

Good luck next year.

OPEN STANDINGS AFTER JULY DERBY

Angler	Total
Mike Doetsch	12
Joe DiSanto	7
Jeff Regulski	5
Ron Koscielski	5
Jim Gimpert	5
Tom Arlington.....	4
Bob Devine	4
Pete Kohnen	4
Stephan Velte	3
Brandon Stanton.....	2
Marty Perlini.....	2
Coni DiSanto.....	2
Hunter Markowski	2
Shantell Moore.....	1
Jeff Kozlof	1
Blair Lafleur	1

AOY STANDINGS AFTER JULY DERBY

Standings	Points
Mike Doetsch	7
Ted Stehney.....	6
Rich Benson	5
Nick Markowski.....	5
Pete Aleccia.....	5
Jim Gimpert	5
Charlie Boyce	4
Jeff Regulski	4
Joann Koch.....	4
Mike McCabe.....	4
Bob Devine	3
Ron Koscielski	3
Bob Barnes.....	3
Richard Koch	2
Stephan Velte	2
Marty Perlini.....	1

2026 TREEHOUSE BREAKFAST SCHEDULE

Strawberry Fields	51070 Foster And 23 Mile 8am March 25th
Bob Evans	45140 Corners Ct Hall Road 8am April 22nd
James Bridgeview Bistro.....	28409 South River Road 8am May 27th
Dan's Diner.....	24820 Hoover 8am June 24th
Gus's Coney Island	50899 Gratiot 8am July 22nd
Leo's Coney Island.....	23815 Jefferson & 9 Mile 8am Aug 26th
Copper Penny	24975 Harper 8am Sept 23rd
Charlie's	22315 Harper 8am Oct 28th
Lake Breeze	35450 Jefferson 8am Nov 25th
Travis Restaurant.....	34400 Harper 8am Dec 28th

Pineapple Upside Down Cake

Rich Benson

This is a recipe I've tweaked over the years and I get asked to make these every year for our picnic, it's simple and I like sharing my recipes for everyone to enjoy.

You start with a yellow cake mix, instead of water use the juice from a large can of pineapple slices, add the required amount of oil and add 1 extra egg and a package of instant vanilla pudding. Mix well. Prepare your glass 9x13 pan by greasing the sides well and with 6 tablespoons melted butter and 3/4 cup of brown sugar for the sauce in the bottom, arrange the pineapple slices and cherries on top of the butter/sugar mixture.

Add the cake batter and even it out, bake in a preheated 350 degree oven for 50 minutes, check for doneness by inserting a knife into the thickest part of the cake. Remove immediately when done, let cool for no longer than 10 minutes before performing the flip onto a serving platter/baking sheet. Be careful, the sauce is burning hot. If some of the pineapples or cherries stick to the pan take them out with a fork or tongs and place back onto cake, the sauce will hold them back into place. This serves great warm or cold at any bbq or family gathering.

An additional tweak to make the cake more custardy like is to use 3 egg yolks in place of the additional egg in the batter.

IGFA Reel Into Fishing Program Recap

By: Shantell Moore Outdoors

The IGFA Reel into Fishing program wrapped up last week and was a huge success! The program had twenty-six participants take part in the three-day program where they heard from presenters, learned about fishing gear and how to use it, toured facilities, and of course fished on Lake St. Clair. The community truly rallied around the program with the Michigan State University Extension 4-H of Macomb County partnering with IGFA to ensure it ran smoothly. Lake St. Clair Walleye Association came in with a huge lift, providing support throughout the program to help teach kids and get them in on the water. Follow along for a breakdown of the three days!

Day 1 was the Classroom Day. Participants started off hearing from different speakers in the community to learn about potential careers and local fishing knowledge! These were given by Tracy Page from the Michigan DNR, Senator Kevin Hertel, Capt. Don Murray, and father and son duo Shawn and Joey Elliot (Tackle Box Joey). They then split off into two groups learning how to tie knots and cast in preparation for receiving their new rods. Once back together, they then put the rods and reels together and got them fully rigged up for fishing with the knots they had just learned!

Day 2 was the Shore Excursion Day. Once everyone had been dropped off, they boarded the bus to head to Bass Pro Shops in Chesterfield. Once there, they toured the whole store, both back and front, and learned all about the inner work of the store. Of course, they also re-upped on some tackle while they were there and had the opportunity. Once back on the bus, they were dropped off at Brandenburg Park to fish the pier. Howling winds made it difficult, but they kept at it and swung some bluegills and yellow perch over the rail.

Day 3 was the Boat Day. Thanks in large part to the Lake St. Clair Walleye Association, the participants were able to get out on some boats! Broken into two shifts, all twenty-six participants got out and had a chance to fish off the boat, with some reporting it was their first time on a boat and their first time catching a fish! They were able to catch a variety of different species, with lots of yellow perch and even some big smallmouth bass. The day wrapped up with a great fish cleaning demonstration and a bag of fillet for all the participants to go home with!

This was the first IGFA Reel Into Fishing program in Michigan, and looks to have a strong foundation to

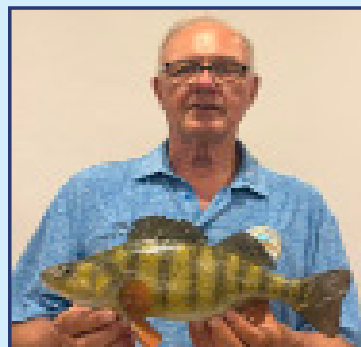
continue! Special thanks to Macomb County 4-H, Michigan DNR, Senator Kevin Hertel, and Anchor Bay Fishing Club. Additionally, this program does not happen without LSCWA, especially Bob Barnes, Al McMurray, Rob Kennedy, Shawn Elliot and Don Murray. We look forward to continuing this program alongside the great community partners in Macomb County! This article captures the excitement and community aspects of a first-time visit to the Lake St. Clair Walleye Association, blending personal reflections with the broader culture and values of the association.

Veterans Enjoying an Afternoon Outing

The picture shows a group of hungry Veterans, volunteers and L.S.C.W.A. Members at a fish fry put on by Steve Grosso, his wife and helpers. The event was held at Steve's home (pole barn), on Thursday, August 6, 2026. Approximately 30 people attended: 16 Veterans, 7 veteran helpers, and 7 L.S.C.W.A. Members that helped at the Michigan Veteran Homes at Chesterfield Fish Fry held earlier this spring.

A big thank you to Steve, his wife, and crew that put this event on and a bigger thank you to all the Veterans for their service.

Mike Roush



Our biggest perch entered in 2025 caught by Captain Don Murray

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