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February 2018

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## LSCWA ANNUAL KIDS ICE OUTING

Sunday January 28th we held our annual kids ice outing. The weather was about as perfect as it could be. Mid to upper 30's, low wind, and sunny. Over 80 kids participated and from my view every one of them had a good time. We had a family from as far away as Cleveland! They had heard of it from our booth at the Ultimate fishing show and the dad wasn't too familiar with ice fishing decided to bring the kids and make a day of it. They had a great time, and caught a lot of fish but like most that were caught were on the small side. As I walked out on the lake and in the tent I kept hearing the same thing...."this is cool", "this is awesome". Not only did we provide bait and lunch every kids left with an ice rod and a prize. It would be really hard to have an event like this without sponsors like we have. I want to send out huge thank you's to all the club sponsors who made yesterday's kids ice fishing outing possible. Achatz Soup and Catering, WCSX Radio Station, Sportsmens Direct, Anglers Point Marina and Bait, Bass Pro Shop, Lake St. Clair Metropark. A great way to thank them is go to their store and support them As long as we continue to support our sponsors hopefully they will continue to support the LSCWA. To all the members who donated their time and energy to share our love of fishing with the future generation, thank you very much. It is events like this that really put our club in good light.



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 21st.....General Membership Meeting

Feb 27th ..... Board of Directors Meeting

Feb 28th ..... Tree house breakfast-Strawberry  
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## Sundays

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## FEBRUARY SEMINAR

February will feature two seminars. Jerry Fox Jr. will be doing an Off-Shore planer board fishing and board maintenance presentation. Learn the latest tricks and techniques on using Off-Shore boards plus how to keep your boards in tip top shape. Learn how to care for and perform routine maintenance on your boards. Also, Deka batteries will be there speaking on all things batteries. Winter storage, spring charging, and overall maintenance and care for your batteries to extend the life your batteries. Batteries are a very important part of your boat not to be neglected. Don't get caught with a dead battery this spring!



Sarah Abbate was out ice fishing with her dad on January 15, 2018. They were fishing at Selfridge out about 200 yards. Ended up with 32 keepers between 9 and 11 inches.

## President's Corner

by Richard Benson



Chekhov wrote...."People don't notice if it's summer or winter when they are happy".....he must have had a lot of friends that fished! Judging by the way fishing has been in our area for some time now, I find this to be true. First ice came and I heard reports of great fishing in the canals, then the lake near shore and the spillway....an unbelievable amount of walleye this year to boot, continuing a year of great fishing. Tim Muir and I recently attended the MUCC District 8 meeting and DNR Fisheries Biologist Todd Wills confirmed what we already believed, the past couple of years have had excellent hatch results, not only for walleyed but yellow perch, shad, minnows, gobies etc. What does that mean.... lots of food in the chain! Good fishing should continue for quite some time in the St. Clair/Lake Erie watershed.

The LSCWA had a great booth out at Novi, thanks to all the members who worked the booth, Rose Marine for donating a 2.5 hp Yamaha trolling motors and Captain Mick Broughton of Dead Eye Charters and Captain Jerry Comfort of Comfort Zone Charters for donating charters to this year's raffle.

We just finished the Cold as Ice event and our kids ice fishing event on Jan 27th & 28th, see other articles.

Bingo remains our strongest fundraiser with many regular players supporting our club on a weekly basis, and recently different club members have contributed to the work crew as well. Thank you all, especially the players at Rosemack Bingo Hall, you enable our club to do so much for conservation, preservation and education.

There are so many different things our club does, and believe me there is a lot of work behind it all, but if you could help out, even a few hours a month it would make it all easier. See any board member to find out what you might be able to do for your club.

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

## 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.*

**254 CURRENT MEMBERS**



# 2018 COLD AS ICE

by Rich Benson

WCSX's "Cold as Ice" tournament sponsored by Dick Huvaere's Richmond Dodge, Ram and Jeep was a huge success! 245 registered anglers took to the ice in warm and windy conditions to compete for cash prizes for perch, pike and panfish. Ben Perez from WCSX once again contacted the LSCWA to officiate this fun winter tournament at Lake St. Clair Metropark, giving away cash, merchandise and prizes to many of the contestants who entered. 5 lucky people are even finalists in a contest for a trip to a Caribbean vacation, courtesy of WCSX!

We set our stage trailer up and once the official weighmaster Tim Muir took charge of the scale, shenanigans from the morning crew of WCSX's "Big Jim's House" started taking place! Jim O'Brien and Erin V. weighed in a basket of fish weighing slightly more than a pound, but were quickly disqualified by side judges Bob Barnes and Rich Benson for entering fish sticks! The real fisherman came next, roughly 80 people weighed fish in with \$250 prize for the 5 largest panfish prize going to Michael Columbo for his catch weighing 3.71 lbs. The \$500 largest pike award went to James Pype for his 29 3/4 northern pike that went 6.4 lbs. Finally, the grand prize of \$1,000 went to Robert Nielsen for his catch of 10 perch the weighed in at 5.54 lbs! Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to everyone who participated this year.





# New Derby Rules

This article is to inform club members of changes to the existing and new derby activities. The new changes will be implemented and apply to derbies this year and future years. New this year, will be an Angler of the Year (AOY) award and a money Super Six Division.

First the new change to the general derby rules are, the new start time will be 4pm Friday, and the weigh-in will be from 3 pm to 4pm on Sunday.

In addition there will be an (AOY) Angler of the Year. The (AOY) will be based on entries from the general derbies April thru August. It is open to all members in good standing from all divisions, masters, open and youth. The points earned for (AOY) will be based on club derbies. The biggest walleye weighed will be given 5 points, other entries will be on a sliding scale down to 1 point for 5th place. The angler with the most points at the end of the year will awarded with a plaque or trophy.

Super six will remain the same.

A more competitive Team Division that you can buy into is based on dollars. Teams can be up to three anglers. Each team must sign up at the start of the derby season and you can only be on one team. A \$50.00 entry fee per derby with a 50% pay back at each derby, and the other 50% will go toward the end of year team award. The points earned are on a sliding scale of 5 points for 1st down to 1 point for 5th place.

All LSCWA rules and boundaries for all derbies apply to the new derbies. The complete set of rules will be available on our website in the near future.

## 2018 TRADE-A-TRIP

by Tim Muir

25 YEARS! WOW! That's how long our trade a trip has been around with the Battle Creek Steelheaders. We have this year's dates, so mark your calendars now. We are expecting good participation from both clubs as we celebrate this milestone.

First will be the guys from Battle Creek invading the Driver on April 28th and 29th. We are working out details on a fun little event and for our fish fry which our steelheader friends really like. We will be needing fish for this so if you have any you can donate that will be appreciated.

The next weekend will be going there for some salmon fishing. May 5th and 6th is our turn go over and have a good time. If you have not been over for one of their famous salmon boils you are missing out. I will be getting together a list of places to stay over there so stay tuned for that info.

If you can take a guy out please let me know. We always are in need of boaters to take out the guys when they are here. Also we will need volunteers to man the fish fry. We need member participation to make this (or any event) happen. You can sign up at one of our meetings or send an email to [lscwaemail@gmail.com](mailto:lscwaemail@gmail.com)

### Michigan Out of Doors Walleye Chowder

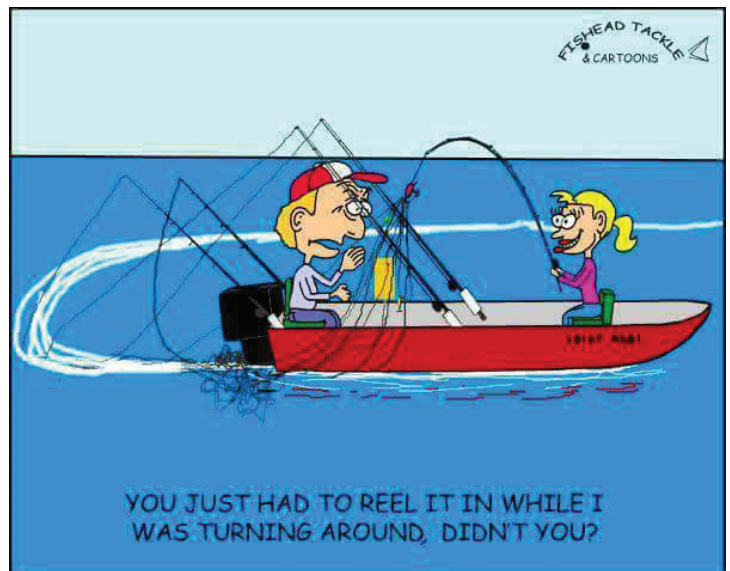
*My wife and I have searched for good chowder recipes and this one, in our opinion, is one of the best. Using walleye makes this recipe a lot more inexpensive than some of the clam/shrimp/crab recipes we've tried. Give this one a try after a day on the ice and I think you'll agree it's quite tasty. ~~~Jim Lease~~~*

#### Ingredients

- 1/4 pound bacon, diced
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 cup onion, small dice
- 1/2 cup carrots, small dice
- 1/2 cup celery, small dice
- 1/2 cup all- purpose flour
- 2 cups clam juice or fish stock
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 1/2 pound or 2 medium sized potatoes, peeled and medium dice
- 1 cup corn fresh or frozen
- 1 pound Walleye, skin off, bone out, medium dice, raw or smoked
- Salt, to taste

#### Instructions

1. In a medium sized soup pot sweat bacon over medium heat until most of the fat has rendered out and bacon is cooked through
2. Strain most of the fat out and add butter
3. When butter is melted, add vegetables and cook until soft - 7-10 minutes
4. Slowly add flour and whisk vigorously for 1 minute
5. Slowly whisk in clam juice and bring mixture to a simmer
6. Slowly add cream and whisk vigorously until mixture comes to a boil
7. Add potatoes and immediately reduce to a bare simmer
8. Once potatoes are just cooked through (10-15 minutes) add corn and fish and bring to a boil
9. Let cook until fish is cooked through. This happens fast, 1-3 minutes depending on size of fish
10. Salt to your desired taste



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## 2018 LSCWA Scholarship

February 2018, by: Shawn Elliott

The LSCWA Board approved the 2018 Scholarship application. This year, there will be two scholarships award of \$500 each to graduating seniors. The funds available to make this possible are a direct result of the Bingo Fundraising and committee members, please help when possible. Applicants must be a member, or relative of a member, of the LSCWA club: son, daughter, step-son, step-daughter, grandson, granddaughter, or legally adopted child. The LSCWA club member relation must be a member in good standing for more than one (1) year from the deadline date. Scholarship applications must be post marked by July 1, 2018, for consideration. All the requirements are outlined on the application and can be found online to download and print at the LSCWA website, <http://www.lakestclairwalleyeassociation.com/>. Lastly, I will have applications at the general meeting available and can answer questions as needed.





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