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APRIL'S GUEST SPEAKER

by Steve Beasley

With all the changes to our national security you must have some questions on whats new when going to Canada in 2009. We have two agents from the Boarder Patrol coming in April to give us the correct information we all will need when we travel and fish in Canada. Get the answers to your questions this month about what has changed at the border.

So bring a friend along to this Wednesday's meeting at 7:30 pm and have some fun as we get some great walleye fishing information. Good Fishing!

APRIL SWAP 'N SHOP

It is time again for the popular Swap 'N Shop. Members can bring in the fishing equipment, tackle and lures that they no longer want. They can trade it for something they need or they can try to sell it. We are also hoping that some of the people that make tackle or custom paint lures will be there. A small donation would be appreciated from the commercial operators who will have a display.

TETON RODS

from Don Murray

Hey club members, come on over check out the March raffle table. We will have a Teton jigging rod donated by Fran from Teton Rods. She has donated several rods already. I will also have a nice reel and jigging equipment to get a lucky ticket holder ready for the season.

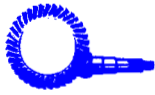
The LSCWA thanks Fran for her generous donation.



"Mike "The Elder" and Alex took advantage of some nice weather in early April and got out to catch a few walleyes on the upper Detroit River. Mike fished the area between the two islands and Alex fished near the head of Peche Island just above the 8 Can. Both guys were handlining using Rapalas."

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April 15, 2009
Next Meeting May 21, 2009**

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CALENDER OF EVENTS

Apr. 15General Membership Meeting
Apr. 15-18FLW Walleye Tour Lake Erie; Port Clinton, OH
Apr. 17-19.....LSCWA Derby
Apr. 18-19MWT Detroit River; Lake Erie Metro Park
Apr. 25-26Masters Walleye Circuit Detroit River &
Lake Erie (Mi Only); Elizabeth Park, Trenton
Apr. 26Jigger's 2009 Walleye Tournament
May 2Ecorse Firefighters Tournament,
Detroit River; Ecorse City Launch
May 2Detroit River Challenge, Detroit River;
Elizabeth Park, Trenton
May 2-3Walleye Palooza at Sinbads On The River
May 3Walleye-Palozza
May 9.....MUCC District 8 Walleye Tournament
May 17Rose Marine Tournament
May 21General Membership Meeting
May 22-24LSCWA Derby
Jun. 6LSCWA/Gilbert's Walleye Tournament
Jun. 17General Membership Meeting
Jun. 18-21LSCWA Derby
Jun. 20FLW Qualifier in Monroe, MI
Jul. 26Kids Summer Fishing Outing
Aug. 22FLW Qualifier in Au Gres, MI
August 23.....LSCWA Annual Picnic at the
AmVets post in New Haven
Sept. 17-19no-entry-fee Walmart FLW
Walleye League Finals in Chippewa Falls, WI

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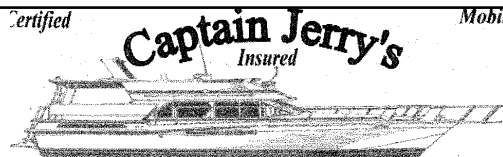
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When: Sunday April 26th

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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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

Joe: (810) 335-1871
jyonkoski@yahoo.com

Roger: (586) 945-3008
swamphunter@msn.com

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.

**Bob VanThomme • Dennis E. Schroyer • Don Wild
Thomas Hojnacki • Leroy Call • Rick Azzopardi
Tony & Dianna Candela • Ronald L. Heldt • Brian Hartner
Rob Crum • Randall Keen**

APRIL DERBY

The first derby of the season is here. The derby will be the weekend following the April meeting. The weigh-in will be on Sunday, April 19th. All members are automatically entered into the Open Division when they join. They are invited to come to the derby weigh-ins. You do not need to bring any fish but do bring your family along if at all possible.

Derby fishing starts at 6pm on the Friday of the weekend. Any member entering a fish into the derby has to get to the weigh-in site between 4 pm and 6 pm on the Sunday of the derby weekend. This month the weigh-in will be located on the shores of the upper Detroit River at the St Jean Ramps. Officially known as the Reid Ramps this launch site is located at the foot of St Jean Street.

Each month during the derby season the weigh-ins are at different locations. For May the location will be Blue Water Bait in Fair Haven right next to the DNR launch site on Anchor Bay. In June we will have the weigh-in at Lakeside Fishing Shop in St. Clair Shores. In July we will be at the Professional Fishing Center on Jefferson just above the DNR's Crocker Rd. launch site. Finally, in August the weigh-in will be part of the events at the Annual Summer Picnic.

The rules for fishing the derbies will be available at the meeting. They will also be available through the club's website. Hopefully we will see the members at the weigh-ins and don't forget to bring the family.

FISH DONATIONS NEEDED

It is that time again when we need donations of fish for our special events. These events include the special lunch we provide for the DNR and members of the Selfridge ANG who help us with the maintenance of the Walleye rearing ponds. Even though Walleye will not be raised in these ponds this year the area still needs to be maintained during the season.

We also have fish fries as part of the summer event which we put together for the kids and their parents. This event is already scheduled for this year and will be held at Metro Beach. The children and their parents are treated to hot dogs and fish after a morning of fishing along the breakwalls.

Members are asked to contribute some of their fish for the events the group sponsors. You can donate the fish that you enter at a summer derby or any extra fish you might have. Even if you are not going to enter into one of these derbies you can still donate extra Walleye.

BOAT INSPECTIONS

Each spring owners spend days getting their boat ready for another season on the water. They often have questions on what safety equipment is needed or if what they already have meets the regulations. One way to find out if the boat is ready is to have a free inspection by the Coast Guard Auxiliary volunteers.

These inspections are mentioned in newspaper articles with the dates, times and locations listed. It is not always easy for the boat owner to get to these exams even though they are often at a public launch area. If you need the CGA exam for you boat and work or family obligations are keeping you from making it to a launch site exam you have another option.

Jeff Donelson, a volunteer with the Coast Guard Auxiliary, will be able to come to your boat if needed. You will have to call or email him to make arrangements. His phone number is (586) 412-1002. He will be able to do inspections for boats located in the eastern areas of Macomb and Wayne Counties. If you are located outside of this are give Jeff a call and he will be able to put you in contact with someone in your area.

MAY MEETING CHANGE

by Keith Krych

We have learned there is a scheduling conflict with Gino's on May 20th for our regular membership meeting. The Macomb County Sheriffs Marine Division's fundraising banquet is scheduled for that night. The Sheriffs Dept. booked Gino's a year ago for this event.

Bob Barnes has talked to Frank and his daughter in-law about what our options are. The May meeting will be the 21st of May which is the Thursday after our normal meeting day. This is a special circumstance and we will be meeting on Thursday for May only. The April meeting is still on for the 3rd Wednesday of the month, April 15th.

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2009 BRINGS CHANGES FOR ST JEAN'S BOAT RAMP

by Alex Vitek and Ron Sharp

Jerome Morgan, a partner in the Harbor Hill Marina, has become sole owner of the Marina and the operation of the St Jeans Marina. On Thursday March 26, 2006 Alex and I had a chance to meet with Mr. Morgan, the new General Manager Tom McInnes, and Morrie Walsh, who will be in charge of the boat ramp operation. They all showed great interest in the LSCWA and want work with our club.



(Pictured left to right) Ron Sharp, Tom McInnes, Jerome Morgan and Morrie Walsh posing after the meeting to discuss future plans for the area around the St. Jean Ramps.

They have started a massive clean-up of the area. They have been working with the City and State to get allocated grant money so they can get started on the installation of new docks, fencing and gates. They are hoping to get these items completed within the next couple of months. They are also working on additional lighting and a security patrol at night.

They are planning on opening the ramp on April 1, 2009 and the hours will be from 5:00 am to 12:00 pm. They are still deciding on whether they will be open 24 hours a day over the weekends. If you want them to remain open you have to remind them of that. It took the constant

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reminder from fishermen before they stayed open all weekend last year. Tell them you are interested in that.

They also will make arrangements at Harbor Hill Marina right next door for boat slips for weekly or weekend rates. If interested call 313-331-6880 and ask for Tom for more information.

The Marina, along with St. Jeans ramp, is helping us with the LSCWA's first derby weigh in this April. They will be donating funds to help with pop, hot dogs and chips which the club will fix for anyone launching on Sunday April 19th, the day of the weigh in.

Jerome and Tom expressed to us that they have huge plans for the Ramp area and will be working with the club whenever they can. The price for a Seasonal Launching Pass for LSCWA members is \$150.00. The daily rate is \$10.00 so just show your membership card at the gate to buy the seasonal pass. When you go to launch let them know at the gate that you appreciate everything they are doing for the for the ramp and the area. Let them know that you are a LSCWA member and that you also appreciate what they are doing to help us out.

MUCC DISTRICT 8 MEETING REPORT

by David A. Wilemski

The Lake St. Clair Walleye Association was represented at the March 21st 2009 meeting by Richard Gentz, Joe Gentz and his daughter plus Dave Wilemski. The meeting was held at the Detroit Sportsmen's Congress near Yates Cider Mill. It would be nice for our club to own a meeting place like that some day.

The D.S.C. provided an excellent dinner of pasta and meat sauce, salad and desert cake. It was enjoyed by all.

The MUCC District 8 has \$2,713.00 in the bank and is counting on our support at the May 9 & 10 16Th Annual Walleye Tournament. This will help to shore up the district's Conservation Fund.

Regarding the Fisheries Commission; the DNR is looking for new members and volunteers for this committee. If you are interested in joining them contact Keith Krych. You will learn a lot.

There will be six local proposals brought before the annual convention: one from District 10 regarding Shotgun Shells; two from District 7 regarding Sport Funding; and three from our District 8 concerning Pike regulations, Oil Drilling in Michigan and Cross-Bow hunting.

The MUCC is looking for fix up volunteers to go to the Kid's Camp April 25th... Many new projects to be tackled this year. Contact Joe and Richard Gentz.

The MUCC has Executive Board meetings every 6-8 weeks in Lansing. FYI- Contact Bill Furtaw if we want to have them look into anything for LSCWA.

This will be a very important MUCC Convention this year. Lots of changes and issues to be covered.

The next meeting for MUCC-8 will be May 2nd at the St. Clair Hunt & Fish Club, 5486 Remer Rd. China, MI 48054. (Across from the power plant). All LSCWA members are welcome. Check it out.

DEAL ON SAGINAW BAY MARINA & LAUNCH

Capt. Joe Raymer

For anyone interested, I talked to Josh at Eagle Bay Marina to see if I could get some deals for the LSCWA! He obliged! For those of you not familiar with Eagle Bay Marina, they have a newly dredged marina and channel, no less than 5 feet deep. All of these docks are brand new Floating docks. No more Jumping into your boat because of receding water levels! Here are the deals.....

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In addition to all of that Josh is donating 3 Seasonal Launch passes to the LSCWA for an upcoming meeting. Show up for the meeting to find out how Keith intends to use that donation.

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THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

By Keith Krych

Well spring is finally here and that means the derby season is starting. Over the years our derbies have been a great success except in one area and that is the participation in the Kids Division. We need to get more youngsters involved in both our derbies and in fishing in general. So how do we do that? Well honestly the LSCWA can only do so much.

What's really needed is for YOU to grab your kids or grand kids or great grand kids away from the computer and TV and take them out fishing! Remember it's all our jobs to get as many people, young and old, to learn how to enjoy the outdoors and fishing as much as we do. So don't just take the same old buddy out; take out someone new and their kids and introduce them to our great sport.

This is important for our Club for the sport of fishing and for the future of fishing. It is most important for the kids.

It was nice to see such a great turnout at the March meeting. Having almost 300 people show up to learn about fishing is what the LSCWA is all about.

Keep your lines in the water.

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MUCC CHANGES AND THE LSCWA

by Keith Krych and Alex Vitek

The United Michigan Conservation Club is changing the way their magazine is going to be delivered to its affiliate club members. Starting in January 2009 the Michigan Out-of-Doors magazine will only be available digitally on the MUCC web site, at bookstores, and by individual subscription. The remaining LSCWA members who are getting the magazine will be affected by this change no later than June. This means our members will no longer be getting the magazine delivered to their homes.

The MUCC is doing this because the free print version has been losing money for the past several years. This is a cost saving measure for them. Remember, they will still have a print version of the magazine available on the newsstands and for individual subscribers at a cost of \$20 per year.

Effective with the June meeting we will be able to tell members exactly how they will be able to log into the digital edition through their internet connection. This is an option that will be available only to members of affiliated clubs. This edition is the exact copy of the paper magazine that will be at the book and magazine stores or that can be subscribed to and delivered by mail.

TRADE-A-TRIP

by Roger Yonkowski

The Trade-A-Trip for the Battle Creek Steelheaders (BCSH) has them coming here on the 29th of April. The Captains of LSCWA boats have confirmed their plans with their guests. All are looking forward to enjoying some great southeast Michigan Walleye fishing. This Trade-A-Trip also coincides with the Jigger's Tournament. Some of the guests and Captains will be fishing this friendly tournament as well. In all there are a total of 16 BCSH members coming here and being hosted by 8 gracious members of LSCWA. They will do their best to show these Salmon guys how great this Walleye fishery is.

The Trade A Trip date for LSCWA going to West Michigan is set for July 11th. Currently we have 15 LSCWA members signed up to enjoy some great Lake Michigan Salmon fishing. We are still looking for any additional members that would like to sign up so we can get the Captains assigned. If you have a preferred captain please indicate that captain by name at the time that your sign-up. This doesn't guarantee that you will be assigned this captain but they will try to assign you to your preference. If you are planning on going on the Trade-A-Trip and you have a pre-arranged trip already organized then let me know that as well.

I will be accepting names through the April meeting before sending the list to Jim Jasper, my counterpart organizer and member of the Battle Creek Steelheaders, for captain assignments. Once the captains are assigned they will contact their perspective guest to arrange the final details of their trip.

Jim Jasper has reserved a block of rooms at the Red Roof Inn in the St Joseph/Benton Harbor area on

Pipestone Rd, Exit 29. The reservations are under the Battle Creek Steelheaders. The Block # is B04307fish. The cutoff date for reservations under this block is July 3, 2009. The rates are as follows: singles are \$75.59 and doubles are \$79.19 including tax and breakfast. The breakfast is at Sophia's House of Pancakes across the street. Jim says they are very good and open at 6:00 am. For reservations call 269-927-2484.

If you would like to get your name added to the sign-up sheet please send me your name, phone number, name of preferred Captain (if any), and other details such as special needs. Send your info to me via e-mail at swamphunter@msn.com or you can contact me by phone at 586-945-3008 between the hours of 9:00 am and 9:00 pm.

2007 INLAND CONSENT DECREE FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS

The Department of Natural Resources reminds the public that certain fishing opportunities for tribal members under the 1836 Treaty of Washington are different than those allowed for state-licensed recreational anglers under Michigan law, and that these activities may be observed this spring.

As established under the 2007 Inland Consent Decree, Tribal members may use spears or conventional fishing tackle to take walleye and steelhead in some waters of Michigan covered by the 1836 Treaty of Washington during periods when these waters are closed to fishing for State-licensed recreational anglers.

A map of the portion of Michigan covered by the 1836 Treaty of Washington can be found by following this link to the DNR Web site: http://michigan.gov/documents/dnr/treaty_1836_boundary-STATEWIDE_220728_7.pdf.

"We appreciate anglers' concerns when they see something unusual occurring, but we ask people not to interfere with Tribal members who are exercising their rights under the 2007 Inland Consent Decree," said Nick Popoff, the DNR Fisheries Division's tribal coordinator. "If you think a violation is in progress, you can call the DNR's Report All Poaching line (800-292-7800) and report it."

The area ceded under the 1836 Treaty of Washington includes the eastern half of the Upper Peninsula and the northern Lower Peninsula. For information on the 2007 Inland Consent Decree, check the DNR Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnr.

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DNR SAYS FISH KILLS COMMON IN SPRING

As the ice and snow melt on Michigan's lakes, it's not uncommon to discover fish kills or die-offs, the Department of Natural Resources reminds lakefront property owners and recreational boaters and anglers. Typical Michigan winters with heavy snow and ice cover create conditions that cause die-offs of fish and other aquatic life such as softshell turtles, frogs, toads, and crayfish.

"Winterkill is the most common type of fish kill," said DNR Fisheries Division Chief Kelley Smith. "Particularly in shallow lakes and streams, it can have large effects on fish populations and fishing quality."

Winterkill occurs during especially long, harsh winters, such as occurred in Michigan this past winter. Shallow lakes with excess amounts of aquatic vegetation and mucky bottoms are particularly prone to this problem. Fish and other aquatic life actually die in late winter, but may not be noticed until a month after the ice leaves the lake because the dead fish and other aquatic life are temporarily preserved by the cold water.

"Winterkill begins with distressed fish gasping for air at holes in the ice and ends with large numbers of dead fish that bloat as the water warms in early spring," Smith explained. "Dead fish and other aquatic life may appear fuzzy because of secondary infection by fungus, but the fungus was not the cause of death as winterkilled fish were actually suffocated from a lack of dissolved oxygen under the ice."

Trace amounts of dissolved oxygen are required by fish and all other forms of aquatic life. Once the daylight is greatly reduced by ice and snow cover, the aquatic plants stop producing oxygen and many die. The bacteria that decompose organic materials on the bottom of the lake require oxygen and work to use up the remaining oxygen in the water, once the plants stop producing it. This winter, many locations had perfect conditions for winterkill with heavy ice and snow cover, and a number of locations likely ran out of dissolved oxygen to support fish and other aquatic life.

"The DNR is still concerned about Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia virus (VHSV) infections, particularly after a stressful winter such as the past one, and requests the assistance of anglers and citizens in reporting fish with symptoms of this disease," said Smith.

Information on VHS can be found at www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing.

If anglers or citizens see unusual fish or other aquatic life kills or see fish with clinical signs of VHSV, please e-mail information about the fish kill to DNR-FISH-Report-Fish-Kills@michigan.gov.

If you suspect a fish kill is caused by non-natural causes such as a chemical spill, please call your nearest DNR location or Michigan's Pollution Emergency Alert System at 800-292-4706.

ZANDER AND WALLEYE

From The In-Fishertman Website

Walleye and zander are very closely related members of the perch family and not surprisingly are almost identical in appearance. However, there are enough differences between the two fish that the scientific community considers them two quite distinct and separate species.

In their natural range, for example, zander are found only in Europe while walleye are found exclusively in North America. Zander also tend to grow much bigger than walleye. While a 10- or 15-pound walleye is generally considered very large, zander of the same sizes are quite frequent and anglers have been know to catch them up to 30 pounds in weight.

Like walleye, zander possess a tapetum lcidum in their eyes that make them negatively phototactic. Thus, they prefer dark, dimly lit conditions. The two species also tend to be found associated with similar structure and cover options and behave in many of the same ways.

Perhaps the best way to look at zander and walleye is the same way we view largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass. They are closely related but with enough differences to make each species distinct in its own right.

RECIPE SECTION

By Alex Vitek

The recipe for the Golden Nuggets has been adapted from a chicken recipe that appeared on the back of a box of Lipton soup mix. I substituted the Herb with Garlic mix for the original. One other thing I have tried is to add a bit of lemon juice to the spread just before drizzling it over the fish pieces.

The amount of Walleye used in the recipe can be more than most couples will eat in one meal. The extra nuggets can be saved and used as a snack the next day or for lunch at work.

Golden Walleye Nuggets

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| 1 | Envelope Lipton's "Savory Herb with Garlic" Soup & Dip mix |
| 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 pounds | Walleye |
| 1/2 cup | plain dry bread crumbs |
| 2 Tbsp | I Can't Believe Its Not Butter spread, melted |

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. In a small bowl combine the soup mix and the breadcrumbs. Cut fish in nuggets and dip into bread crumb mixture until covered.

On a lightly greased baking sheet arrange the fish pieces. Drizzle with the melted spread.

Bake approx 10 minutes until fish pieces are cooked.