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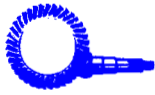
by Steve Beasley

Thomas Ebi is a new club member and a well accomplished professional Walleye fisherman. He has successfully competed in the FLW, RCL, MWT walleye tournaments since 2001. Over the years Tom has had many large coolers of walleye including a nice limit catch weighing in at 38 lb. 14 oz, from Lake Erie in 2003. Tom has written articles about walleye and given seminars on walleye fishing. At this month's meeting we will learn about Tom's program for trolling on the lake. We know you will enjoy this feature so bring a friend and arrive early to get a good seat. Good Fishing!

*"Joann Koch showing off the 12 lb. Walleye she caught during the first MOMC Annual Walleye Tournament. The fish was 33 1/2 inches long and was caught in the Detroit River near the Ambassador Bridge. Joann says that she cannot give the exact location away except to say that it was on the Canadian side. She caught the fish while wirelining with Richard on April 17. That Sunday morning they were using spoons in the muddy water when the fish hit. Joann & Richard will be at the 7th Annual Spring Classic Tournament."
(See page six for more details.)*

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Next Meeting June 18, 2008**

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CALENDER OF EVENTS

May 21General MembershipMeeting
May 23-25LSCWA Derby • Weigh-in Blue Water Bait & Tackle
June 6-7MWT Qualifier Port Clinton, Lake Erie
June 7Spring Walleye Classic at
Gilbert's Sportsmans Club
June 7 & 8.....Free Fishing Weekend
June18.....General MembershipMeeting
June 20-22LSCWA Derby • Weigh-in Lakeside Fishing Shop
July 12-13.....MWT Qualifier Au Gres, Saginaw Bay
July 16General MembershipMeeting
July 18-20....LSCWA Derby • Weigh-in Professional Fishing Shop
Aug. 14-16.....MWT State Championship Sault St. Marie
Aug. 22-24LSCWA Derby
Aug 24Derby Weigh-in & Club Picnic New Haven AmVets

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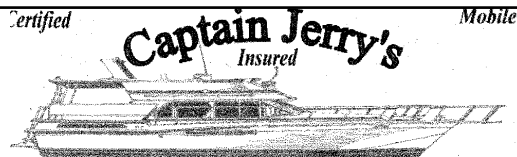
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TRADE-A-TRIP RESERVATIONS

Jim Jasper has a block of rooms set aside for our trip swap on Friday & Sat., June 27 & 28. The rooms are at the old Econo Inn which is now the new Roadway Inn. It is across the street from the old Executive Inn which is now the new Howard Johnson (confusing enough?). This is at exit #28 off of I-94. The phone number is 269-925-7021.

The rooms are under the Battle Creek Steelheader name and are singles & doubles. Both are \$66, including tax. They will reduce the price by 5% for each 10 rooms we reserve to a max of 20%. We figure with approximately 40 guys participating we will probably get 10% off. Jim recommends making the reservations the first two weeks of May or as soon as possible.

WALLEYEPALOOZA RESULTS

Although many of the club members were participating in other events or the Trade A Trip the club was well represented. The Walleye Palooza took place at Sinbad's Marina on May 3rd and 4th. This was a team event with 2 person teams. Their catch was weighed in on both Saturday and Sunday for 2 day totals.

Daryl Lozon and Dave Marcelewski took 1st Place over all with 45 lbs 5 ozs and won \$580.00. They also took \$120.00 for the Calcutta and \$120.00 for the Big Fish which weighed 6 lbs 6zs. Congratulations to the both of them and a big thanks to them for their representation of the quality of anglers that our club has.

During this tournament there were prizes for first through 9th place.

The many pounds of Fillets that were left over from the banquet were picked up by the Capachin Soup Kitchen after being vacuum packed and frozen at their request.

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.

**Curtis M. Kratt, Jr ~ Tom Dillon ~ Duane Niemi
Mark Tarno ~ Ray Whisnant ~ Don Beardsley**

7th ANNUAL SPRING CLASSIC

This is going to be a great time for everyone. Next month on June 6th and 7th we will have the 7th Annual Spring Classic Walleye Tournament. This is a joint effort between the LSCWA and Gilbert's Sportsmen's Club. Applications will be at the club meeting and at many area bait shops. Fishing for the tournament can start on Friday morning at midnight and go until the weigh in time.

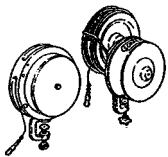
There will be prizes for the top three Walleye entered. Then there will be a prize for one randomly selected entry. Randomly selected teams will be made up for even more prizes and this gives everyone a chance at some of the prize money no matter how large their fish.

The weigh in for this event will be Saturday, June 7th from 2 till 4 pm. Following the weighing there will be a fish fry for all entrants and their guests using donated fish. After the fish fry the door prizes will be awarded along with the announcing of all the winners.

The cost to enter into this tournament is \$20 per person. The cost for each guest is \$10 to be eligible for door prizes and other specials. The weigh in and the fish fry will be taking place at Gilbert's Sportsmen's Club on Omo Road between 27 and 28 Mile Roads. For more information contact Geoff Regulski (586-872-1916), Harold "Bo" Soulliere (586-773-3811) or Stan Bydlos (586-716-7741).



"Rich Beary caught these Walleye while on the trip to Port Clinton. Keith Krych has organized many of these trips and members are always invited to attend."



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By David A. Wilemski

Fishing is a wonderful sport for everyone. Young and old enjoy the challenge of outwitting a game fish and just being out on the water.

For the '08 Trade-A-Trip I had the pleasure of taking two Battle Creekers out on my boat May 3rd & 4th. My guests were John Jasper a retired police detective and Ed Ayers a most interesting 99 year old senior. I look forward to a repeat outing next year when Ed will be 100 and I will be 39.

On the other end of the spectrum I also look forward to the Children's' Fishing Outing our LSCWA Club will be hosting at Metro Beach Park on Sunday, July 27th. Geoff Regulski will have more information on this in the upcoming newsletters and at the meetings. Please mark this date on your calendars.



"Ed Ayers piloting Dave Wilemski's boat on May 3, 2008 in the South Channel. Later that day the Battle Creek Steelheaders and their hosts from the LSCWA got together for a fish fry."

SMOKING HELP

by Steve Beasley

We need help from our friends who smoke during our club meetings. With the full crowds attending our meetings this means more noise, chatter and smoke. We have many people in our Club who have various breathing illnesses and the smoke is getting to the point where they can not come to the meetings like the rest of us due to so much smoke in the room. We kindly ask our smoking friends to try to light up outside the building before the meeting and during the breaks to help decrease the smoke that fills the room. We greatly appreciate everyone's help to maintain good air quality so the ladies, kids, and elderly can have a good time too at our club general meetings.

REEL RAFFLE RESULT

by Mike Kawa

I would like to thank the LSCWA and Bell's Trolling Reel Service and Repair for the chance to win this great Wire Line Reel. My sister called from work and said Ron Sharp from your club was selling raffle tickets for a custom built A & S handline trolling reel. I told them I would buy a book of tickets. I planned on being at your meeting for the swap that night but had something come up and I could not make it.

The next morning my sister called to tell me I won the reel. What a great feeling because I have never won anything before. I love to fish and will learn how to use the reel. Thanks Ron for getting me to buy the tickets. I also plan on buying tickets for the August rod and reels you will be raffling off.



"When it came time to draw the winning ticket Bill Bell pulled the ticket from the jar."



"Mike Kawa showing off the customized A&S reel he won as part of the club's Trolling Reel Raffle."

APRIL DERBY RESULTS

The weather could not have been better for the April Derby weigh-in on Sunday the 20th. It was warm and sunny with just a slight breeze. We have to thank the management at Harbor Hill for allowing us the use of the area right by the river at the St. Jean Ramp (Reid Ramps) that afternoon. We were able to tie the weigh-in with a club promotion and a promotion for the ramp itself and the excellent fishery that is available right in our back yard in the upper and mid sections of the Detroit River.

The club and derby participants are also thanking the crew that helped with the weighing of the fish and the cooking of the hot dogs. All of us are sending a big thanks to Stan and Beverly Bydlos. Stan and his wife have been compiling and organizing the entrants and winners of all the club derbies for the last several years. In the future we will have some sort of way for all members who have entered and placed in the top five in a derby to find out what their points are and where they stand in their attempt to enter into the Master Angler classification.

Here are the top 5 winners in the Open Division and the Master's Division. We will have all the entries in the Youth Division listed. After each person's name will be the weight of their Walleye followed by the length. There were 52 fish entered in the April Derby.

OPEN DIVISION

1. Brian Feuer	8.4#	26.5"
2. Lou Thomas	7.3#	29"
3. Larry Osmulski	6.3#	26.75"
4. R. Yonkoski	6.25#	24"
5. Dan Forhand	5.7#	25"

MASTER'S DIVISION

1. Dennis Stroheck	8.7#	29"
2. Richard Koch	7.0#	26"
3. Joann Koch	6.7#	27.25"
4. Mike McCabe	6.2#	28"
5. Jim St. Aubin	5.6#	27.25"

YOUTH DIVISION

1. Ross Feuer	4.8#	24.75"
2. Derek Austin	3.4#	22.25"
3. Zach Champine	3.4#	21.5"
4. B. VanGieson	3.4#	21.5"
5. Izaac Davidson	3.3#	21.5"
6. Chaelie Bemis	3.0#	20.25"
7. Jacob Bemis	2.5#	20.25"



"The winners from the April Derby and the winning fish."

MAY DERBY

This month the weigh in for the derby will be held at Blue Water Bait in Fair Haven. The derby will be taking place over the weekend with fishing starting at 6 pm on Friday, May 23rd. Club members can fish until Sunday afternoon when they have to be in line at the weighing by 6pm. This is the Memorial Day weekend so be sure to include this club event in your holiday plans.

The Blue Water Bait shop is right next to the DNR Launch in Fair Haven. Parking is tight at this lot but some of us with DNR Boat Launch passes might be able to park in the launch lot.

All the Walleye will be weighed in starting at 4 pm on Sunday and the crew will continue to weigh fish until 6pm. Even if you do not get a chance to fish over the weekend attending the weigh-in is a great way to meet other club members. You will be able to pick up information on the hot lures and colors. Members tend to be happy with their success so this is a good way find out where some of the best fishing areas are.

All members can fish for the derby. Family memberships will find that this is an excellent time to get their sons and daughters out of the house and onto the water. Weigh in any Walleye caught over the weekend and be eligible for a chance at the prize table.

The rules were included in last month's newsletter and several copies will also be available at the membership meeting. The summer derbies starting with the one in May will have the Team Division. Remember to sign up all the people on your team if you will be taking part in this division.

SLIDERS RIGS THE TOURNAMENT ANGLERS SECRET WEAPON

A horizontal slider starts with a crankbait snap tied to one end of a piece of 16-20 pound test fluorocarbon long enough to get the bait down to where you want it. Tie the opposite end to the large split ring on an Off Shore OR-16 Snap Weight Clip; attach the snap to the lure.

To fish both your main line and the slider simultaneously, let out the main line with a crankbait or spinner rig, just as you would at any other time. Attach the planer board when you've reached the necessary letback, then let it begin tracking to the side. When the board is approximately halfway to where you'd like it, clip the Snap Weight Clip to the main line and let out the slider lure behind the boat. When the slider bait is tracking, clip another crankbait snap around both the main line and the Snap Weight Clip split ring, then let the planer board travel out the full distance.

The Off Shore clip is usually strong enough to hold the slider rig in place on the main line, even when a big walleye hits, just as the clip does on a planer board. The crankbait snap joining the main line and split ring is just an added line of defense to ensure you won't lose your slider line (and any fish that might be on it) should the clip come unbuttoned.

To make the setup even more effective, tie a small dropper line to the split ring and attach a float. Next, let the planer pull the main line out far enough so the float glides

across the surface. It works like a strike indicator for the slider line, and is especially valuable for indicating when the lure has fouled on weeds or is dragging a small fish.

When a walleye hits the slider, reel up to the snap, release it and land the fish hand-over-hand, just as you would if you were hand-lining. If a fish hits the main line, simply begin reeling until you can reach and unsnap the slider, then get it out of the way. Continue reeling up to the planer board, remove it and reel in the fish. It's very easy once you do it a time or two.

The same slider rig can also be used to vertically troll 'crawler harnesses with bottom bouncers or Snap Weights (shown at lower right). With bouncers, rig a 'crawler harness as you normally would to fish the bottom, then let out line and clip on the slider to target high-riding walleyes.

The distance between the bouncer and slider depends on the fish. Keep in mind that the main line will be at a 45-degree angle from the bottom, so if you mark fish seven feet off the bottom, attach the slider about 15 feet up from the bouncer.

When running Snap Weights, a good option when walleyes are suspended, let the first harness out on about 20 feet of line, add the weight, then let out more line and add the slider. Again, remember the 45-degree rule when attaching the slider.

Be sure to note how much line you let out with each rig so you can duplicate the presentation that works.

