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from Steve Beasley

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## TRADE-A-TRIP

By Dave Wilemski

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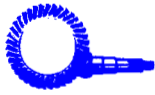
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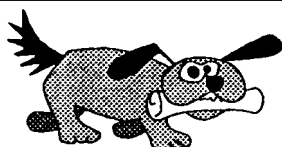
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**Walleye World**

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JUNE 20, 2007 .....GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
JUNE 22 - 24, 2007 .....DERBY 3 WEIGH IN AT LAKESIDE  
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JULY 18, 2007.....GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
JULY 20 - 22 .....DERBY 4 WEIGH IN AT PROFESSIONAL  
FISHING CENTER  
AUGUST 15, 2007 .....GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
AUGUST 17 - 19, 2007 .....DERBY 5 WEIGH IN AT AMVET'S  
AUGUST 19, 2007 .....LSCWA'S SUMMER PICNIC - AMVETS'S  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2007 .....GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
OCTOBER 3-6, 2007.....MWC WALLEYE WORLD  
CHAMPIONSHIP, DUNDEE, MI  
OCTOBER 17, 2007.....GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
NO NOVEMBER MEETING  
DECEMBER 19, 2007 .....GENERAL MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING

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## MAY DERBY RESULTS

May's weigh-in was held at Blue Water Bait on the shore of Anchor Bay. It was a bit windy and cool but many members made it out onto the lake and river. They brought a fish in to be weighed. The top 5 in each division (except the Youth division) are listed below.

### MASTERS

1st	Dan Austin	7.25
2nd	Mike McCabe	5.10
3rd	David Hinderliter	5.10
4th	Charles Boeneman	5.0
5th	Skip St. Aubin	4.95

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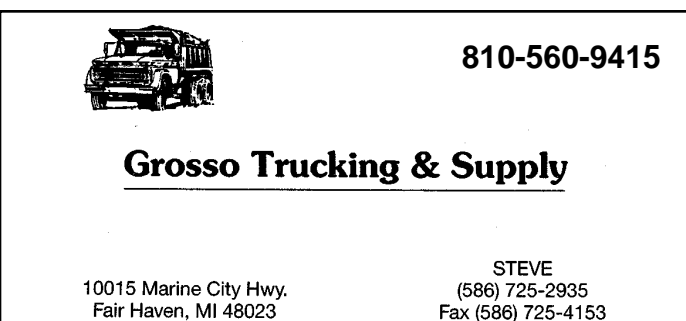
1st	Dan Forham	6.20
2nd	Mike Demanski	5.90
3rd	Brian Manasterski	5.30
4th	Bob Cisco	5.20
5th	Dave Marcelewski	4.95

### YOUTH

1st	Rachel Schnell	2.50
2nd	Derek Austin	2.25
3rd	Robert Budiatis	2.00
4th	Isac Davidsom	1.95
5th	Zachary Champine	1.80
6th	Nicole Austin	1.45

### SUPER SIX

1st	Brian Feuer	Dan Forham	Dan Austin	28.00
2nd	Mike Demansk			24.20
3rd	Jeff Regulski	Stan Bydlos		23.10
4th	Jo Ann Koch	Richard Koch		21.70
5th	Dan Keehn			21.00



## The LSCWA presents a Perch & Pig Fest

to be held at the Sugarbush Inn  
on September 15, 2007.  
Keep watching for details  
and further information.

## OUR CEDAR LAKE CABIN 3A

By Dave Wilemski

We did get a few (Class Act) members to step forward at last meeting to help out with our clubs 3A Cabin responsibilities.

Hats off and a big thank you to the following:

Sr. member, Bill Hess donated \$20.00 toward lumber for (2) new cabin screen doors.

Member John Roodbeen for donating 80-feet of 48" wide window screen material.

Member Dale Billings stepped-up and offered to fabricate the two screen doors off my sketches.

Anonymous member donated (5) 100w bug light bulbs and (4) spray cans of flat black paint for the cabin. (Sorry I did not jot down your name.)

Thank you very much gentlemen!

We are still way behind on fix it up materials and volunteer help with our cabin for 2007. If interested call me at 586-292-6143.

Look at last month's issue of Walleye World for the list of items yet to be fixed.

## TRADE-A-TRIP MAY WINNERS

By Dave Wilemski

The results of our 1 day fishing derby with the Steel headers:

1.	James Milioto	11.2 pounds
2.	Jeff D.	9.8
3.	Mark Tews	8.0
4.	Ray Kalisz	6.6
5.	Rob Taylor	6.4
6.	Bob Barnes	5.0
7.	Jerry Skow	4.8
8.	Gail Kalisz	4.2
9.	Ed Horne	3.4

Everyone received a prize, all 32 who attended. Several others caught fish but failed to weigh-in at Park. (1st yr. mix-up).

Another great outing put on by the Battle Creek Steel Headers. Much thanks to Shawn Smith and his crew who did most of the work.

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# LSCWA'S BIGGEST CURRENT PROBLEM

By your V.P. Dave Wilemski

As a club we have a crisis. So far no one has stepped up to take over the 3- digit Lotto from Marilyn Krych.

Do NOT look toward the Executive board for this! We are all over taxed now. This is a separate Committee Chairperson position.

The only requirements are to be able to count to 100, keep a list of who has what tickets to sell and collect the money from the ticket sellers.

We only have 3- digit tickets four times each year. When you volunteer you will not be alone, you will get the clubs backing and help. You will be the go to person.

So if you attend all meetings, and have not been on a committee yet, please step forward and help out. If you want to bail after a year, no-problem we will get another member to take over.

Please! Please consider this request.

IF WE DROP THE 3- DIGIT LOTTO OUR DUES WILL INCREASE DRASTICALLY.

## KID'S SUMMER FISHING OUTING

by Geoff Regulski

Summer is finally here—which leads us to the L.S.C.W.A.'s kid's summer fishing outing. On Saturday, July 14th the members families and friends are welcomed to bring their soon-to-be master anglers (ages two years-old through sixteen years-old) to compete in reeling in the award winning catch of the day.

This year's event will be held at Harry Heinzman's,(same place as last year) located at 7170 Mayer Road in Ira Township. It will start at 9:00 a.m. and keep going until 2:00 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to the kids all day long for various events. Also, this year we will be giving away used fishing reels to the children. These reels were donated to us by Bass Pro Shops. There is a limited supply of these reels, so it will be a first come first served basis until they are gone.

The fun just doesn't stop there! Topping off this memorable occasion, food and beverages are available at no charge. This includes delicious hot dogs, bags of chips, cold pop, gallons of ice cream, and what would a fish outing be without some breaded deep fried fish, all served by our gracious club members.

Keep this date marked on the calendar so you can grab those fishing poles out from the corner (bait will be supplied), and bring the family over to take pleasure in some amusing fun out-of-doors with lots of sunshine and fresh air. Besides, this is a great opportunity to introduce our future generation to a basic knowledge of fishing.

To get there, just follow these easy directions: Take I-94 to 26 Mile Rd. (Marine City Highway), go east to Palms Road, turn right (south) to Broadbridge Road (2.4 miles), turn left (east), go 1 mile to Mayer Road, then turn left go approximately 3 houses (7170 Mayer Rd.)

For further information, call Geoff Regulski at this cell phone number (586) 872-1916 or Mark Tews at his cell phone number (586) 557-3767. Hope to see you all there!



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Take the kids out fishing and then bring them down to the derby. We have a special division just for the youngsters. They seem to get a blast watching their fish being weighed and measured. And, they just love to talk about how they caught that Walleye.

All members in good standing who want to participate can start fishing Friday evening at 6 pm and can fish right up till the last minute. The weighing in will start at 4 pm and last until 6 pm. Any member in line at 6 will be entered.

## DNR OFFERS ADVICE ABOUT TAPE-WORM IN WALLEYE

While the Department of Natural Resources continues to investigate a recently-discovered infestation of adult tapeworms in walleye caught on the east side of Michigan, fisheries officials said that the parasite poses no threat to public health as long as the fish are cooked properly.

Walleyes infested with the long, white worms in their digestive tracts have been reported from the Detroit River, Saginaw River, Saginaw Bay, Tittabawassee River, Tawas Bay and the Pine River.

"While the worms are unsightly, they pose no threat to humans as long as the fish are thoroughly cooked before being eaten," said DNR Lake Huron Basin Coordinator Tammy Newcomb. "Tapeworms are a common parasite of many fishes. The life cycle is complicated, and various life stages of the worm live in tiny invertebrate animals, which are eaten by small fish, including many species of minnows. The minnows, in turn, are eaten by larger predatory fish, including walleye."

Newcomb said the tapeworm develops into the adult stage in the walleyes. Eggs are shed in the feces, and the lifecycle repeats itself. Some tapeworms also infest warm-blooded animals, including humans, primarily through the consumption of uncooked food.

"Normal cooking, smoking and pickling processes will kill all parasites found in fish flesh," said Jim Baker, DNR manager for the Southern Lake Huron Fisheries Unit. "Under no circumstances should anyone be consuming

raw fish. Sushi made from freshwater fish is definitely a bad idea."

Baker said the DNR will continue to investigate this new infestation to determine the exact species and life cycle of the parasite, and to learn why it is suddenly showing up in walleye.

Fisheries biologists believe that walleye are becoming infested with the worms because of recent changes in their diet due to the collapse of alewife populations in recent years. Alewives once comprised the majority of the walleye's diet, but in their absence, walleyes are eating large numbers of young yellow perch, round gobies, gizzard shad and minnows.

Despite the infestation, walleye fishing on inner Saginaw Bay was thriving until a recent cold front moved into the area, Baker noted. Anglers were having no problems catching fish and limit catches were reported everywhere from Linwood south and east to Quanicassee when trolling with planer boards or drifting crawler harnesses. The early season success in the fishery is forecasted to continue through the summer, Baker said.

"One of the reasons for this tremendous success in the fishery is believed to be the lack of alewife that compete and prey upon young life stages of walleye and perch," Baker said. "Walleye have been naturally reproducing at record levels for the past four years, providing large numbers of young fish that are now being caught in the recreational fishery."

For more information on fishing in Michigan, visit the DNR's Web site at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr) and click on the Fishing menu.

## CORMORANT LEGISLATION

Three of Michigan's legislators have stepped to the plate to tackle the issue of cormorant control.

Faced with severe declines in the 1960's due to toxic chemicals like DDT, double-crested cormorants have recently experienced a population boom in the Great Lakes. As their numbers have increased, cormorants have caused declines in our fish populations in many areas throughout the Great Lakes due to their aggressive feeding habits. Cormorants also cause ecosystem degradation because of their highly toxic feces and compete with other bird species for nesting habitat. Cormorants are protected by the Federal Migratory Bird Act, but in 2003 the federal government issued a Public Resource Depredation Order, allowing certain government agencies to control the cormorant populations in twenty-four states. Michigan is one of those states.

In Michigan the U.S. Department of Agriculture APHIS office is the agency tasked with cormorant controls. APHIS has already seen success in some of their cormorant control programs. One example is the Les Cheneaux Islands near Cedarville, MI. Since cormorant controls have been in place they have seen a huge resurgence of their perch populations and a resurgence of anglers traveling to that area.

These new bills would require the Michigan

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These new bills would require the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to work along with the federal agencies to implement a cormorant control program.

HB 4471 (Booher) defines "cormorant damage" as "adverse impacts of double-crested cormorants on fish, including fish hatchery stock, wildlife, plants and their habitats."

HB 4614 (Sheltrown) would create a new "Cormorant Control Fund" within the state treasury that could receive money or asset from any source to help address cormorant damage.

S 654 (McManus) would require the DNR to administer a program to control double-crested cormorants, require the DNR to work in conjunction with other states to address the cormorant problem on a regional scale and help create a "Cormorant Control Fund."

## FISH DISEASE DISCOVERED IN CLARE COUNTY

Department of Natural Resources (DNR) officials have confirmed the presence of Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) in an inland lake in Michigan.

Budd Lake, a 175-acre lake in central Clare County, experienced a very large die-off of fish beginning April 30 that included black crappie, bluegill and muskellunge. DNR biologists responded quickly to the lake to determine the cause of the die-off. Potential natural and human-induced causes for the die-off were evaluated.

Fish collected from Budd Lake were taken to Michigan State University for testing. Because of the nature of the testing process for VHS, several weeks are required to obtain results. The DNR learned this week that the fish from Budd Lake were positive for VHS. Although the exact cause of the fish die-off is yet to be determined, this is the first time that the virus has been found in inland waters in Michigan.

"We are disappointed that the disease has spread to Budd Lake, and clearly we are very concerned about protecting our inland waters from further spread of this virus," said DNR Fisheries Division Chief Kelley Smith.

Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia is known to cause large-scale mortalities in fish populations over short periods of time. Infected fish may exhibit hemorrhaging in the skin including large red patches, small pin-point spots of minor external hemorrhaging or no external signs at all. Sick fish often will appear listless, swim in circles or hang just below the surface.

VHS likely was introduced into the Great Lakes around 2002 via ships that entered the Great Lakes and discharged ballast water that contained the virus. The virus is now known to be distributed in Michigan's waters of the Great Lakes from northern Lake Huron to Lake Erie.

Widespread mortalities in muskellunge and gizzard shad in Michigan waters of Lake St. Clair were observed in 2006 along with significant mortalities of yellow perch, white bass, freshwater drum and round gobies in

lakes Erie and Ontario.

Internationally, VHS is a fish disease of concern and is a required reportable disease to the International Organization of Animal Health. In October 2006, the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service imposed interstate and international restrictions on the movement of fish to prevent the spread of VHS in the U.S.

As a result of this finding in Budd Lake, the DNR is modifying regulations proposed in the Fish Disease Control Order that was presented for information to the Natural Resources Commission May 10.

The Fish Disease Control Order identifies restrictions on the use of baitfish and fish eggs for different disease management areas. These regulations are necessary to protect the aquatic resources of the state, minimize the spread of disease to uninfected waters and protect the DNR's hatchery system.

"It is unfortunate that we have to take the steps required under the order, but those steps are similar to what other Great Lakes States and the Province of Ontario are enacting in an attempt to slow the spread of VHS in the Great Lakes Basin," Smith said. "The order, however, will not prevent anglers from fishing as usual anywhere in the state this summer."

Major changes to the order include an expanded certification process for facilities that maintain baitfish or other live fish that are known to be susceptible to VHS, as well as additional restrictions on the use of baitfish or eggs by anglers when fishing.

DNR Director Rebecca Humphries is expected to take action on the order at the June 7 meeting of the Natural Resources Commission. The order can be reviewed online at [www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing](http://www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing).



*Dan Austin proves that it is easy to take the kids fishing for one of the club derbies as he poses with his daughter Nichole and her derby winning walleye.*