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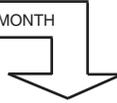
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WALLEYE WORLD

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March 2016

<http://www.lscwa.net>



1st Place: E. Hodgins,
Jim Knutson and R. Heron



2nd Place: M. Lennox,
Jim Knutson and E. Wade



3rd Place: B. Williams,
Jim Knutson and A. Seagrades

2016 MIDWEST OPEN ICEFISHING TOURNAMENT

by Cookie and Joann Koch

Members and All Fishermen, this could be a great Team Tournament to get into; being a one day event. Reach them on website Midwest Open Tournament.com or call 1-517-592-2786. The total cash prizes were \$32,800.00 and sponsor prizes over \$4,600.00.

Director Tom Knutson of Knutson's Sporting Goods with his father Jim Knutson as organizers for this event. Eight Bluegills and eight Crappie were the designated species for the one day a-man team event.

These are the results for this year's tournament:

1st place total weight 8.36 lbs. E. Hodgins /R. Heron

2nd place total weight 7.92 lbs. M. Lennox / E. Wade

3rd place total weight 7.54 Lbs. B.Williams / A Seagrades

4th place total weight 7.52 lbs. J. Jaworski / B Sitarz

Big Fish Crappie 1.57 lbs. K. Chittum / A. Pace

Big Fish Bluegill .92 lbs. R. Kniffen / K. Kniffen

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WEDNESDAY ~ 7:30 P.M.

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CONSERVATION PLEDGE

I give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully defend from waste the natural resources of my country, its air, soil and minerals, its forests, waters and wildlife.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 16General Membership Meeting
Mar 30Get-2-Gether
Charlie's Restaurant, 22315 Harper W. side of road.
April 16-17Trade a trip Steelheaders come here.
April 20General Membership Meeting
April 22-24first derby @ SDI weigh-in 3-5 pm
April 27Get-2-Gether
Amore's Grill & Spirits 53100 Gratiot @ 24 mile
May 14-15..... Trade a trip We go there.
May 20-22..... second derby @ Anglers Point 3-5 pm
June 17-19..... third derby @ Lakeside weigh-in 4-6 pm
July 22-24th.... fourth derby @ Lakeside weigh-in 4-6 pm
August 19-21 weigh-in at the picnic 3-5 pm

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See Rich at our meetings or events.*

August Blind Draw Derby

by Don Murray

This article is aimed to encourage members to be more engaged with club activities, especially the fishing derbies. The club's derbies are open to all members in good standing, and only one fish is needed to be posted on the board. There will be a special "blind draw" for the August derby. Why is it so special? All you need is one fish entered, usually your biggest, and it will be matched up with two other entered fish. All members who enter a legal walleye get a weigh slip and will be matched with other entries by a 'BLIND draw'. The weigh slips are put in a bucket and randomly drawn to make a three person team. The combined weights determine 1st, 2nd, 3rd places for cash prizes. The winnings are funded through the 50/50 raffles throughout the year. Half of the monies collected from these raffles are set aside for this August "blind draw". Also at the August derby is a biggest, sometimes a smallest walleye, a mystery prize just by getting your weigh slip selected. Come to the monthly derbies you will gain insight helping you to catch more walleye.

Raffle Table

by Rick Okerhjelm

The "Raffle Table" for March and April will have an increase in prize value and variety. This month two Jigging rods and two spinning reels will be on the table as well as a year long pass for Belanger Park ramp. The value of this prize alone is \$100. If there is a certain item you would like to see at the table please contact us at the monthly meeting. We are increasing the ticket amount to ten for five for members and one dollar a piece for non-members.



President's Corner

by Richard Benson

Come on warm weather! We are all waiting for that early spring to arrive that the groundhog forecast and so far the snow has stuck around, but as the first robins have appeared, spring won't be far behind along with the annual walleye run. This also means the LSCWA is holding its mini-workshops at the March meeting, where members will share tips to help you not only fish, but share safety and maintenance tips, new tactics or just their pointers they have learned over the years. All anglers are invited and members are encouraged to volunteer to host their own workshops too. Then we have our annual trade a trip coming up as well with the St. Joe Steelheaders, see the calendar of events and contact Keith for more details



As spring progresses, we have plenty of opportunity to get fishing but I'd like to remind you to do a good safety inspection of your boat and equipment before heading out and maybe visiting one of our supporting businesses for your needed gear.

This is your club and community, be a part of it!



Tree House Get-2-Gether

by Jim Lease

Another fine morning enjoyed by 10 of the clubs finest. Lots to talk about with this group but the conversation seemed to center around tax time fast approaching. That must be on everyone's mind about this time of year. Seated front left is Eugene Ramin with his lovely wife Judi to his right. Next is Dale Billings with Bill Houck partially hidden in the back and his bride Camille. At the end of the table is Charles Estep and Rich and Joann Koch followed by Curtis Patton and Bob Patterson. Quite a group and they are looking for more next month. Come out to Amore's Grill and Sprints on the 27th of April and see what you have been missing.

So Your Looking at New Electronics for Your Boat

by Keith Krych

You looked at some nice new electronics at the boat show and your thinking of upgrading your old electronics this year. Well spring is coming fast and you have a few decisions to make before the walleyes start to run.

SONAR Features. The first is upgrading to a color unit, if you don't already have one. Color makes seeing fish hiding on the bottom of the river, or suspended in the lake, so much easier you'll ask your self why you did not upgrade sooner. Also any unit you look at should be easy to run right out of the box with minimal adjustments.

GPS Features. A lot of units come with built in charts that are good enough for most anglers. Most units come with at least one SD card slot for optional mapping choices. These SD card slots are also used to store your waypoints, trails and routs. The waypoint management system should be easy to navigate to and use. If it's not, you are not going to use it.

How Big? So how do you decide what size do you need? Most let their budget determine that, but you have to factor a few other things in as well. How far away will you be looking at the unit? If you are a handliner and your sitting at the back of the boat, you really can't see a 5" screen at the console several feet away. If you want down imaging, side scanning, GPS and SONAR all on the same screen, your going to need a bigger unit, at least a 9" screen. On the bow you will be looking down several feet, so I recommend at least a 7" screen.

Compatibility. One other thing to consider is the ability of your units to talk to each other and share data. For instance, Lowrance HDS units can be networked together and can share the same transducers, waypoints, down imaging and side scanning all at the same time. Mixing brands and even types of unites within the same brand takes this ability away.

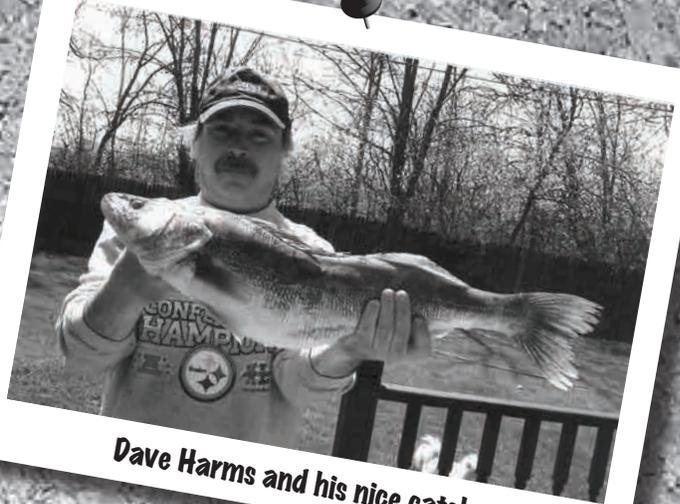
Waypoint Management. Here is my plug for Lowrance products. Their waypoint management system is far superior to other units. Why is that important? You can make files for all your waypoints and trails for the different bodies of water you fish on the unit, not on a computer based program. Then you can make sub-files within each file for spring, summer and fall spots and only load those waypoints onto your unit to view. That way you are only looking at the appropriate waypoints on your GPS when you are on the water. You can also share only the sub-file you want to with a buddy. Most other machines on the market make you download ALL YOUR WAYPOINTS AT ONE TIME, not just some.

I hope this helps you out.

LSCWA PHOTO PAGE



Theresa Shue with a nice spring walleye



Dave Harms and his nice catch

LSCWA Message Board / Forum

by Shawn Elliott

Did you know that LSCWA has a free message board / forum? The forum is located by visiting the main LSCWA website, www.lakestclairwalleyeassociation.com. On the right hand side of the webpage there is a link named Message Board / Forum. The forum is comprised of five posting areas: Fishing; General; LSCWA Information and Board Rules; Other Outdoor; and For Sale. Each section has subsections listed for posting, such as Fishing > Walleye (reports).

The forum is free and has a special LSCWA members only area. To join the members only area, go to LSCWA Information and Board Rules > Board Rules > Members Only Section and follow the direction and email the person in charge, then you will have permission to view this area. The forum is a great place to ask questions, check out great articles, post fishing reports, and stay in touch with other members! See you online!

Forum	Topics	Posts	Last Post
Walleye Walleye: Fishing Reports, Tips, Tricks, Techniques and all other things Walleye fishing related.	1,159	6,237	Wed Sep 9th, 2015 01:49 pm by Moose in One man limit M
Fishing All Other Fishing Reports, Tips, Tricks and Techniques	459	1,941	Wed Sep 30th, 2015 01:11 pm by Terry in inaugural North Channel Sturgeon Classic catch and release charity fishing M
Fishing Questions Other fishing related questions and topics not covered by the top two forums.	166	1,162	Fri Oct 2nd, 2015 11:23 am by Shanks M
Ice Fishing Ice Fishing Reports and Information	218	1,052	Thu Mar 26th, 2015 01:26 pm by champchangechar in Ice fishing sturgeon in hole M

Trade-a-Trip 2016

by Keith Krych

This years Trade-a-Trips are set with the Battle Creek Steelheaders to come here April 16th& 17th. We still need boaters to volunteer to take the Steelheaders out on the river and catch some hog walleyes with them. We also are having the traditional fish fry dinner with all the trimmings, Saturday the 16th around 4pm at the Rose Clair Eagles Hall, 29500 Little Mack Ave in Roseville, (586) 775-5860 **S** (586) 775-5860. **All club members are welcome for the dinner!**

The Walleye club will be going to St. Joe May 14th &15th. The fishing should be great that time of year. They usually have a traditional fish boil dinner for us on the Saturday afternoon of the trip. If you have never participated in one of these swap trips, you have missed out on one of the best perks of being a member of the LSCWA.

Here is a list of some local Motels: Silver Beach Hotel,100 Main Street, St. Joseph, 866-514-6232 **S** 866-514-6232 FREE OR 269-983-7341 **S** 269-983-7341. Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites St Joseph, 3019 Lake Shore Drive, St Joseph, MI 49085, 1(269) 982-0004 **S** 1(269) 982-0004. Super 8 Motel1950 E Napier Ave, Benton Harbor, MI 49022, 1(269) 926-1371 **S** 1(269) 926-1371. Motel 6 Benton Harbor2063 Pipestone Rd, Benton Harbor, MI 49022, 1(269) 925-5100 **S** 1(269) 925-5100.

Van Buren and Warren Dunes State Parks are great state camp grounds near St Joe for the campers. You can make reservations for ether on line at the DNR's web site.



Swap Meet Table Costs

by by Don Murray

At the February board meeting the subject of non-members wanting to set up a table for the April swap meeting was discussed. After various board member discussions, the board set up a fee structure for non-members. The decision was any non-member would be charged with a membership fee, the membership would be their choosing and be applied to a membership into the club.

The fee charge is not new for the club it has been applied in the past. The fee is just a new standard for the club, hopefully the club will gain new members with new ideas to help the club as we go forward.

WALLEYE AND POTATO AU GRATIN

by Chef Lucia Watson

(for years featured in In-Fishermen Magazine)

Ingredients

- 2 cups filleted and deboned walleye, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 3 large baked potatoes, cooled
- 1/4 cup green onions, chopped
- 3/4 cup sharp cheddar cheese, grated
- 2 cups sour cream
- salt and pepper to taste
- dash of tabasco
- sprinkle of paprika

Prepare as follows

- Peel the baked potatoes and cut them into cubes the same size as the fish portions.
- Combine all ingredients except the paprika in a greased casserole dish.
- Cover and refrigerate at least 3 hours or overnight, so the flavors mix.
- Sprinkle the top with paprika and bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 45 minutes, until hot and bubbly.

Servings: 4

MARCH MINI-WORKSHOPS

By Keith Krych

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

The March meeting will feature ongoing mini-workshops, conducted by some of the best fishermen in the LSCWA. Around the room there will be demonstrations of such things as spring boat and trailer prep, tying and using crawler harnesses, boater safety, using in-line weights, spear fishing, tying stinger hooks, perch fishing, sturgeon fishing, float fishing for spring steelhead on rivers and much more!

You will be able to browse the tables and watch and learn at your own pace. Get here early because this is one of our most popular meetings of the year. So don't miss this meeting!



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