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# WALLEYE WORLD

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*Geoff and two of the nice walleyes that came into the boat while trolling off of some reefs. These fish were caught during the Bay of Quinte trip last fall. The bay is located on the north shore of Lake Ontario. Some club members are already planning another trip for next Fall.*

## MEETING SEMINAR

It is ice fishing season but like last year the good ice is still hard to find even for January. If we can there will be a guest speaker for the meeting this month. If any member wants to step up and help out with a video on ice fishing let Keith know at the meeting or call the club phone and leave a message.

At the meeting we will be finding out more about the upcoming Kid's Ice Fishing Outing. To get ready for this event, which is turning into the biggest ice experience on Anchor Bay, we will be having a video from last year.

## ICE FISHING

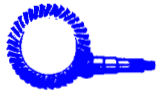
During the first week of January there is some ice reported in canals along Lake St. Clair and in protected areas of Anchor Bay. Several inches of ice is in front of the Raft Bar near the DNR's Fair Haven launch. The canals in that area have ice but are hard to access, especially from the lake.

When trying to access any canal or marina on the lake be sure that you have permission to do so. Many of these canal shorelines are private property and being on the dock or shore can be trespassing. Be watchful for any marina or dock owner who might have bubblers going underwater. The rising bubbles will create enough water movement to prevent solid ice formation or any ice at all. The surrounding ice can be weakened.

Many of the bait and tackle shops in the area do have fishing report hot-lines. Check their advertisements in each newsletter for the phone numbers. Even the DNR has a hot-line for fishing reports. It is at 517-373-0908 and is updated once a week, usually on Wednesday.

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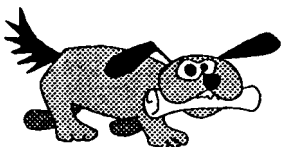
**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
 WEDNESDAY ~ 7:30 P.M.  
 JANUARY 16, 2008  
 Next Meeting February 20, 2008  
 K of C Hall  
 Little Mack South of 10 Mile  
 ALL FISHERMEN WELCOME!**

**Walleye World**

The WALLEYE WORLD is the official newsletter of the Lake St. Clair Walleye Association, and welcomes all contributions from the members. These can be news items, articles, photographs, and art-work. We reserve the right to edit material for length, etc. All signed articles appearing in any issue reflect the opinions of the writer and are not necessarily the policy of the organization or its members.

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**CALENDER OF EVENTS**

JANUARY 16, 2007 .....GENERAL MEMBERSHIPMEETING  
 JANUARY 19, 2007 .....201ST BIRTHDAY OF  
 ROBERT E. LEE (1807)  
 FEBRUARY 2 .....In 1989 the temps  
 dropped to 0F or below in 15 US states  
 FEB. 16-17 .....FREE FISHING WEEKEND  
 FEBRUARY 20, 2008 .....GENERAL MEMBERSHIPMEETING  
 FEB. 22, 2008 .....ANNUAL LSCWA BOWLING FUNDRAISER  
 MARCH 19, 2008.....GENERAL MEMBERSHIPMEETING  
 APRIL 12-13 ... MWT Qualifier Detroit River (River Waters Only)  
 APRIL 16, 2008 .....GENERAL MEMBERSHIPMEETING  
 MAY 3-4 .....MWT Qualifier Linwood, Saginaw Bay  
 MAY 21, 2008.....GENERAL MEMBERSHIPMEETING  
 JUNE 6-7 .....MWT Qualifier Port Clinton, Lake Erie  
 JUNE 7 & 8, 2008.....Free Fishing Weekend  
 JUNE18, 2008 .....GENERAL MEMBERSHIPMEETING  
 JULY 12-13.....MWT Qualifier Au Gres, Saginaw Bay  
 JULY 16, 2008 .....GENERAL MEMBERSHIPMEETING  
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# Lake St. Clair Walleye Association 3rd ANNUAL BOWLING FUNDRAISER

Friday, February 22, 8:15 PM until .

At Total Sports

40501 Production Dr. Harrison Twp, MI  
East of I-94, off North River Road.

Sign-Up now for one of 20 lanes with your group of up to 6 bowlers (13 yrs & older). If there are fewer than six on your team we can match you up with others to fill a lane for this fun filled event.

**\$20.00 Per Bowler Includes:**

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- Pop & Pizza

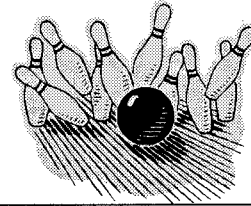
**We will also be having:**

- A 50/50 Raffle
- (1) Big Prize Raffle (using poker cards) many prizes.

- Strike Jackpot, 2nd game only.
- Token trophy awards. (TBD)
- 9-Pin / No Tap. Cosmic Bowling

*You do not need to Bowl to help out with this event. Just come and have fun!*

ALL PROCEEDS OF THIS EVENT WILL BE USED FOR THE OPERATION OF THE LAKE ST. CLAIR WALLEYE ASSOCIATION, A FAMILY ORIENTED CLUB THAT HAS BEEN IN MACOMB COUNTY MICHIGAN FOR 32 YEARS.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Contact: Dave Wilemski: 586-292-6143, Dave Champine: 586-601-6457 (9 to 5)

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**Make Checks out to LSCWA — 2008 Bowling Fundraiser**

Find out more about the LSCWA at [lscwa.net](http://lscwa.net)

## **MINNOW RECEIPTS**

by Alex Vitek

Most of the fishermen and women in the state have heard about the VHS virus that has infected Lake St. Clair and could spread to the inland lakes. This virus caused a large die-off of the Muskie in the lake in 2006 and other smaller die-offs have been reported. To control the spread of this disease, several regulations have been adopted by the US Department of Agriculture. There have been several excellent articles on this problem printed in the newspapers last year.

These articles explained the disease and the new Federal government program requiring a receipt for minnows. The Federal government is requiring that the state level departments handle the receipt issue and so that falls on the Michigan DNR. As part of a recent conversation with Mike Thomas, DNR Fisheries Biologist, I was able to get the following information.

"The Department has been tolerant on the requirement for receipts until sufficient certified bait is in place and this will occur in the next few weeks. After the New Year starts, we will be letting the bait dealers know that COs will begin to enforce the need for receipts. Receipts are needed to ensure that anglers are informed where they can use bait to help us prevent the spread of VHSv. They also provide us with the means to trace back any problems that are detected. For example, an angler is checked and has certified minnows which have clinical signs for VHSv. The receipt will allow us to determine what went wrong in the bait supply and allow us to correct it."

"The receipt should have the following in some way: 1) the name of the bait shop that sold the bait; 2) some type of tracable transaction number to allow us to determine with the shop owner what and when something was purchased. It also reduces the possibility of someone making up receipts; 3) the purchase date; 4) information on whether the bait is certified or uncertified. Certified bait can be used anywhere in the state. If uncertified, the receipt should indicate what VHSv Management Area the bait came from. If the uncertified bait is from a VHSv Free Management Area water, it can be used anywhere in the state. If the uncertified bait is from VHSv Surveillance Management Area waters, it can only be used in Surveillance or Positive Management Area waters. If the uncertified bait is from VHSv positive waters, it can only be used in Positive Management Area waters; and 5) the lot number of the bait. Numbers 4 and 5 can be done on the receipt, with stickers on the receipt, with stamps on the receipt or with an attachment to the receipt."

"As a reminder, the waters included in each Management Area are on the DNR website. If anglers are unclear then they should contact the local fisheries office or email the DNR from the website."

## **SUPER SALE**

from Dave Champine

To welcome in the new year we will be having a special sale on sweatshirts. And, the same sale will be on the polo shirts. These are the same as the golf shirt. The sale will be \$2 off the normal price on these shirts that are 2XXL or larger. Now is a great time to pick up the sweatshirts for the winter months. Grab the polo shirts while you can get these great savings and be ready for the spring warm-up.

## **NEW MEETING HALL IN 2008**

Our new meeting location (starting in January) will be the Lakeshore K of C facility at 25003 Little Mack just South of 10 Mile Rd.

Use the first door to the hall (the door closest to the street) to enter the meeting hall.

Remember to wear your LSCWA hat, shirt and or jacket. This will show pride in the club as we start off a new year and a new meeting location. While you are there stop by and see Dave Champine to pick up a new shirt or cap with the club logo on it. Then, stop by the membership table and renew for the upcoming year.

## **BOWLING FUN**

from Alex Vitek

Our next fundraiser is open to everyone and it is a real blast. On February 22nd we are having our Bowling Party at Total Sports in Harrison Township. We will have the entire bowling alley for this event. The fun is starting in the evening at 8:15 and those who are actually bowling will be on their lanes before 9 with their friends.

This party is open to everyone. Each lane can accommodate up to 6 bowlers so start to get your team together now. Talk to your family and friends and let them know that this fundraiser is a real blast to attend. If you cannot find enough people to make up a six person team the bowling crew can help fill the lane for you. We have had a lot of fun the last couple of years and it keeps getting better.

This is all for only \$20 per person. Included with the three games of bowling is pop and pizza. Then there is the Strike Jackpot in the 2nd game. Top that off with several raffles and lots of prizes and a few trophies.

Find the forms to fill out for your team. List the team captain and contact info and send it along with a check to cover everyone or bring it to the membership meeting.

# RESOLUTIONS FOR A GREAT 08

By Keith Krych

Do you want a great start to the 08 season? Well then resolve to get your boat trailer and tackle ready for the coming season. Make a list of all the things you put off last year that need to be done to your boat trailer and equipment.

Let's start from the ground up for your new year's resolutions, your trailer. Remember that troublesome tail light? I had one too. My problem was a broken wire. A marine connector and some shrink tubing fixed it. You might have some rust starting on the trailer or a bent axle that needs to be addressed. Or how about repacking the bearings while you have the time? A weekend project now will save you a lot of problems when the season starts.

Now let's look at your boat. Do you need to recarpet or fix a sagging floor? How about repainting or repowering the old tub to give it new life? You can also mount your new sonar, GPS and marine radio that you got for Christmas. Now is the time to get the major projects out of the way.

You equipment needs to be inventoried, cleaned and reconditioned during the winter. Oil and lube all your reels, or send them in to be reconditioned at the factory service center. Check your rods for cracked guides and or broken reel seats. While you're at it wash off all the dirt-grime and fish scales from your rods.

How about changing all the bent and broken hooks on your Rapallas and other baits? Now is also the time to do a little customizing. I will use nail polish or Sharpie markers to make snakes, dots or add some color to my baits. I also like to tie up snells for crawler harnesses during the winter. I tie a bunch of two hook snells and put beads and blades on later. That way I can make up a hot color when I need it fast.

Other resolutions you can make are to fish a new water and or technique in the coming year. Last year I fished the Bay of Quinte for the first time and had a ball. I

defiantly will be back. If you only pull wire try jigging. I know that's sacrilege to you "river rats", but it works great at times. There are a lot of new techniques to try. I'm going to try casting plastic swim baits in the weed beds on Lake St Clair next year. I just might catch another big walleye out of the lake during one of our derbies. See you all on the water!



*Sam Tews sporting his LSCWA cap at last years Bowling Fundraiser. He will be helping out again this year on February 22, 2008 at the 3rd Annual Bowling Fundraiser.*



*Geoff Regulski caught this trophy walleye while trolling in Lake Erie last Summer. This was another of the club member fishing trips, organized by Keith.*



*Dennis Strohbeck was along on the Bay of Quinte trip that Keith put together. While the club members were not able to catch a lot of fish the ones they did catch were rather large.*



*Last month's "Christmas Tree Raffle" was a huge success. Members donated lures and one lucky winner took the entire package. Pictured above is Keith Krych getting ready to draw the lucky ticket.*

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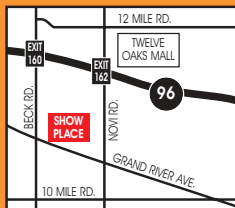
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