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Two down and two to go until we crown our next Team of the Year! I was starting to have hopes and dreams of being in the running after our third place finish on the Wolf River but, alas, it looks as if my dreams of being the TotY, as many of my aspirations and dreams in life, have slipped away. Much like a 22-inch walleye out a hole in a ripped weigh bag!

I do think however the first two events went well and am very happy with the participation overall. I know the weather has been keeping a few people away, but we have a pretty good mix of old teams and new teams and that is always nice to see. As for you new guys that haven't fished an event yet, what are you waiting for? Just jump on in and I am sure you will enjoy it!

I was very pleased to see a lot of you hanging around after the weigh in at Green Bay. That is one of the best ways to meet new friends in the club and learn new things- from techniques, to spots, to baits- some great club networking. Don't be shy and you'll be surprised what this club has to offer.

I do see an interesting trend growing in the club and I am not sure how it will all play out yet. As you know, the tournament committee was extremely worried we were going to be overrun with entries to our events because of all the changes the Walleye Federation has made in qualifying for the NTC. Our first two events have shown that this may not be the case as we almost didn't get enough side pot entries to get a paid NTC spot at the Green Bay event.

It seems there are many club members that have not even signed up for the Federation and are just happy fishing our club tournaments. We have worried over the years what would happen to the club if the NTC went away. With the way things are trending this year, we may be just fine standing on our own and doing our own thing. We will see how it goes but it makes me feel good about the future of the club. I do want to take a moment and congratulations the fourteen teams that are going to the NTC as representatives of the Sheboygan Walleye Club! You all worked hard to get to the "BIG DANCE". I am really hoping you all come back like your club officers as All-Americans!

That's all I have for this month. I now have more important club matters to attend to like BUYING STRONGER WEIGH BAGS! See you at the meeting!

Capt. Chris

Tips for boating safety during the early fishing season

MADISON - With low water temperatures statewide and many northern Wisconsin waters still thawing, boating safety officials are encouraging anglers to take special precautions to make sure they stay safe on their early season fishing trips, recreation safety officials say.

Water temperatures in southern Wisconsin lakes were reported in the 40- and 50-degree ranges and anglers were still ice fishing in the Woodruff area the last weekend in April. Roy Zellmer, con-

servation warden and boating safety administrator with the Department of Natural Resources, says that such conditions mean that anglers who fall into the water or have their boat flip will have less time to get to safety because hypothermia sets in quickly. Hypothermia can occur when the body's temperature drops below 95 degrees. "The loss of body heat results in loss of dexterity, loss of consciousness and eventually loss of life," Zellmer says. "Water conducts heat away from the body 25 times faster than air." Zellmer encourages anglers to check in with local bait shops to find out what water temperature and ice conditions are and to follow these boating safety tips.

1. Equip and inspect your boat before hitting the water.
2. Always wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket. You can float without using energy and they cover part of your body thereby providing some protection from the cold water.
3. Make sure you travel at the safe speed for your water conditions and surroundings - and that includes other vessels on the water around you.
4. Avoid alcohol. Most hospitalized hypothermia cases involve alcohol. Alcohol impairs judgment and inhibits the body's normal shivering trigger denying the body its most effective heat producing response.
5. Stay low in the boat, don't stand or move around unless necessary. Capsizing and falling overboard is often due to a victim losing balance or tripping over equipment in the boat. Never allow passengers to ride on gunwales or seat-backs or outside of protective railings, including the front of a pontoon boat. A sudden turn, stop or start could cause a fall overboard.
6. Do not overload a boat.
7. Avoid sudden changes in boat speed which can allow the stern wake to overtake and swamp the boat.
8. Tell someone where you are going and when you will return.
9. Plan what to do if you should fall in. If you know you are about to fall into cold water, cover your face with your hands to avoid gasping water into your lungs. Get back in the boat if possible; if not, get as much of your body out of the water as possible. See professional medical care as soon as possible.
10. If someone is not able to get back in a boat, they should limit body movement, and not swim unless they can reach a nearby boat or floating object. Swimming lowers body temperature and even good swimmers can drown in cold water, he says.
11. Instead, Zellmer says people should "assume the heat-escape-lesser-position" (H.E.L.P.). Begin by crossing your ankles, then cross your arms over your chest, draw your knees to your chest, lean back and try to relax. "We would like to make 2014 the safest boating season ever. We can do it if everyone follows safe boating practices," Zellmer says.

For more information search the DNR website for "boat safety."

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SWC Tournament News and Info



SWC First Cabela's Qualifier and Sidepot for 2014

April 13th at 5:30 AM one by one boats motored up to the docks at Fort Fremont Marine on the banks of the Wolf River to begin the registration and check in for the first Cabela's Qualifier of the 2014 season.

26 teams registered to attempt to wrangle up some Winnebago System Walleye and claim the 1st place plaques and the first sidepot event title of the year. The reports from the previous several days on the water placed many of the systems bigger fish way up river in the spawning marshes and that meant fishing could be tough. But as we do the brave members of the SWC hit the water looking for the fish that would claim them a victory.

Some teams went up river and some went down river, almost an even split. The final results showed that fishing was fair in most locations. When the boats began placing their bags on the scales it became evident that our club still knows how to shine in tough bites.

Third place was captured by our beloved club President and his wife.

Chris and Gina Gasser worked a short stretch of river focusing on a current inlet drifting and vertical jigging. Gina's jig stick captured the bigger fish in the limit and capped off their 9.02 basket.

The second place team was all about redemption on the Wolf River. Paul Haasl and Chad Gaedtke had a rough go last year fishing several days with no fish to show for their effort. Coming out with a vengeance they not only captured their first SWC hardware with a 9/20 pound basket they weighed a monster 27" 7.17 pound beast (post spawn) to grab the Big Fish pot for the event. "Walking away with solid second place points for the first event of the year feels great!" said Haasl.

Rounding out the leaders was the team of Chad Nimke and Corey Holbert.

They hunkered down drifting and vertical jigging along another current inlet and worked their way to a solid first place basket with 10.28 pounds. Simple drifts, jigging with a Jig and minnow was all it took to work their way through some smaller fish to nab their winning weight. The last award to be given out was the Sidepot winners. As it turns out none 3 of the top teams getting SWC hardware were entered in the TWF Sidepot. The 4th place team and (Last Year's Club champions) Jason Noworatzky and Bob Claus were the highest placing Sidepot entrants and thus were awarded with a paid entry into the 2015 Cabela's NTC.



SWC Second Cabela's Qualifier and Sidepot for 2014

Sunday May 4th Mother Nature decided to fully cooperate with the needs of the SWC and our second Cabela's Qualifying event of the season. Of course it always helps if the Walleye decide to cooperate also! The initial indications at the launch in the morning were teams had been catching fish in practice and expectations ran high. Once the boats all took off and teams settled into their spots, the Bay of Green Bay did not disappoint! Fishing in both the lower Fox River and out on the Bay for the most part was very good. The cooler spring and cooler water temps lent themselves to some great fishing when warmer water was located.

As the boats began to make their way to the weigh in, mumbblings of a few large limits of fish were being passed around the group. Once the fish began hitting the scales it was evident that a 24 pound bag of fish was going to be subpar to cash a check.

After all the numbers had been tallied and the data sorted, there were some

monster bags of limits sitting on top. The Big fish for the day was part of only a 2 fish bag but she was a dandy, tipping the scales at hefty 9.26 pounds. The fish was caught by the team of Mike Behm and Pat Disterhaft.



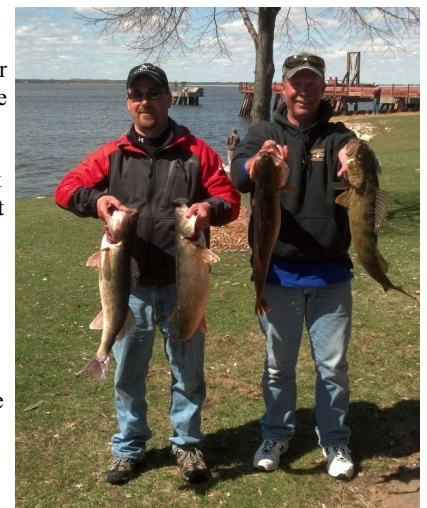
The team weighing in at third place with a 5 fish limit was Charlie Henke and Paul Timmerman. Their bag-o-fish tipped the scale at a solid 28.29 pounds. Charlie and Paul are no strangers to finding some hog Walleye come game day on Green Bay.

Second place went to new members Marc Brook and Jay Lezoski, who managed to crank bait their way to a solid 5 fish limit tipping the scale at 28.84. Newcomers' nabbing some SWC wood is

always a good sign to show just how our strong our membership is growing.

Locking in a back to back victory at the Green Bay Metro event was the perennial top 10 team of Jeff Hanson and Nick Ross. Jeff and Nick (well mostly Jeff) entertained the crowd after their big win with some stories of the days fishing. Jeff and Nick hauled in a monster 5 fish limit of 30.55 pounds. Jeff and Nick also captured the TWF Side pot with their victory gaining them a paid entry into the 2015 Cabela's NTC.

Congrats to all the teams for bringing in some great bags. Our next Qualifying event will be on everyone's favorite, Lake Winnebago on June 22nd.





SWC MEETING NOTES & MORE



DATE: 4/15/14

Members Present: 27

Guests:

New Members: Chris Joppe, Mark Joppe, Jake Wesolowski, Ken Sarah, Tim Schwinn, Mark Vandermoss, Corey Hulbert, Danial Laux, Glen Scolz, Andrew Boll, all new members voted in.

Minutes: The April newsletter containing the March meeting minutes was approved as published.

Treasurer's Report: The club deposits and expenditures since the previous meeting along with the current account balance were reported and also approved as read. A categorized expense break down was reviewed. Further details are available upon request.

Committee Reports

Tournament: Chair – Chris Medinger – (1) Thanks to all of those that braved the elements and came out to fish the Wolf River Event. (2) A reminder – even though you may be one of the pre-registered teams please still get to the launch site and check in before 6:30AM (3) We have 16 teams signed up for the entire season (4) Green Bay Metro tmy May4th (5) Check in starts at 5:30AM (6) Wolf river event was an all small boat top 3. (7) Thanks to John Schultz for providing the coupon packets for all teams (8) We are still looking for NTC Volunteers to assist with the event May 29-31st. Call Bob Claus to help out. (9) Reminder that to be qualified for fish for Cabela's points you need to be TWF registered by Sat May 3rd.

Website: Chair – Gary Plencner – No report

Speaker: Chair – Chris Gasser -

Fish Planting: Chair – Jeff Hanson – No report

Raffle: Chair – Jeff Hanson – Sell Sell Sell

Outing: Chair – Eric Medinger -

Historian/GLSFC: Chair - Jeff Tuschel has performed his normal filings. The most recent publication of the GLSFC newsletter was available for viewing during the meeting.

Christmas: Chair – Need New Chair-

Scholarship: Chair – Craig Kaiser – Craig volunteered to be the new committee chair. Bob Claus to send him any info he has about the scholarship.

Battle On The Bay: Chair – Pat Schuette – (1) Early entry only this year, entries must be post marked by August 8th. (2) Bob Claus to send out entry forms to last year's participants by June 1st. (3) Increase entry from \$250 to \$300 this year. (4) Boundary will be all WI waters north of a line from Pensaukee River to Chaudoirs dock. (5) No T-shirts this year (6) drum up more door prizes for non-placing in the money teams. (7) Discussion about having a kids fishing event during the day before the weigh-in. Like 11 to 1.

Tournament Rules: Chair – Terry Tuschel -

Old Business: Chris and Chris to look at hats.

New Business: (1) Mike Ledvina has the club sweatshirts for those that ordered them. (2) Carrie Fleishman a sponsor of John Schults has site and offered deal or something for the club, Chris asked her to come speak directly to the club. (3) Bob Claus asked the club for approval to go shop for a new club secretary computer. Would clean up old computer and use for tournaments only.

Announcements: Bob Utech talked about the Triangle camp ground, and the assistance they provided him with a truck repair he needed while staying at the place. Many of us have stayed at the camp ground over the years and they have a great facility for our needs in the spring tourney season. The owner got Bob's truck repaired while he was out fishing. A new alternator and belt. (2) Josh Utech involved in the "Take em Outdoors" program which is holding an outing on June 7th on Green Bay, they are looking for more boater volunteers. Info to be sent out to club. (3) Fort Fremont Walleye Classic still has openings for the April 19th tournament.

Fishing Reports: Wolf river has good bite going.

Training: Talk about your favorite Fishing show. Some listed were : Bottom Feeders, Federation TV, Next Bite, Tim Wells, Wicked Tuna, Linders Angling Edge, Midwest Outdoors, John Gillispie, IDO Fishing, Big Fish 365.

Monthly Fish Contest: Mike Ledvina, Bob Utech, Chris Medinger, Paul Haasl, Matt Utech, Paul Timmerman, Charlie Henke, Gerald Valleskey, Bob Claus – Winner Mike Ledvina

Gerald, the big fish leader with a 30.5" Bay De Noc Walleye.

2014 FISH CONTEST WINNERS

Jan.: No winner! July:
 Feb.: Steve Bodinger—\$100 Aug.:
 Mar.: Gerald Valleskey—\$50 Sept.:
 Apr.: Mike Ledvina—\$50 Oct.:
 May: Nov.: No Meeting
 June: Dec.:

Member Raffle: Winner Tracy Virnoche \$60 to the club and \$60 to the winner

June 7, 8 is Free Fun Weekend

MADISON - For two days in June, Wisconsin residents and visitors alike can enjoy some of the country's best outdoor recreation for free.

On June 7-8, people can fish for free anywhere in Wisconsin, hike or bike state trails for free, ride public ATV trails for free, and, new this year, enjoy free admission to state parks and forests on both days as well. "Free Fun weekend is a great way for friends and families to enjoy the great outdoor throughout Wisconsin," says Preston Cole, Natural Resources Board chairman. "And, if you already have your fishing license or parks sticker, take someone new along to enjoy the free fun."

Cole also encourages people to help spread the word by printing off and posting or sharing a flyer on the Free Fun Weekend. Posters are available in English, Spanish and Hmong and are available in letter size as well as 11-by-17 inch size. Go to dnr.wi.gov and search "free fun" for links to the downloadable posters and more information about Free Fun Weekend.

Free state parks admission

For the first time, vehicle admission fees to Wisconsin State Park System properties are waived for both June 7 and 8. Previously, the state park system's longstanding free open house was only the first Sunday in June; this year, vehicle admission fees have been waived for both the first Saturday and Sunday in June. People who camp at state parks will still pay for their campsites and other events or programs on those two days may require a fee as well.

Free fishing

Free fishing on June 7 and 8 applies to all Wisconsin waters. No fishing license is needed to fish any waters -- this includes inland trout and Great Lakes trout and salmon fishing, which normally would require a trout stamp in addition to a license. Fishing rules such as limits on the length and species of fish that can be kept do apply, however. So far, more than two dozen [free fishing clinics](#) are scheduled across the state to help encourage people to try fishing. [Free loaner equipment](#) is available at more than 50 locations, including many state parks, DNR offices, and partner organizations, according to Theresa Stabo, DNR aquatic education director. People interested in borrowing gear should check for a loaner location near them or near where they will be fishing and arrange to get the equipment.

Free state trails

On June 7 and 8, all state trail pass fees on all DNR-owned [state trails](#) are waived. Cooperatively-run state trails also may waive fees. Normally, a state trail pass is required for all people age 16 or older biking, in-line skating, horseback riding, cross-country skiing or off-highway motorcycling on certain trails. A state trail pass is not required for walking or hiking.

Free ATV riding on public trails open to such use

For the second year, Wisconsin residents and nonresidents can ride their [ATVs or UTVs](#) on public trails for free on those two days. A law advanced by the Wisconsin ATV Association and passed in 2012 created the free weekend. Normally, Wisconsin residents have to register their ATVs or UTVs with DNR for public use to operate on public trails, or other areas open to the public like frozen water bodies. Non-resident riders normally have to buy a nonresident trail pass to ride on these areas in Wisconsin. On June 7 and 8, the registration and trail pass fees are waived. All other ATV and UTV regulations apply during the weekend.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: on Free Fishing Weekend contact Theresa Stabo, angler education, 608-266-2272; on ATVs, Joanne Haas, law enforcement public affairs manager, 608-267-0798; on state parks and trails, Paul Holtan, state parks, forests, trails and recreation public affairs manager, 608-267-7517

2014 NTC Points for Team of The Year - Best of 3 of 4 Events

Place	Team:	4/13/2014	5/4/2014	6/22/2014	7/20/2014	Total
1	Jeff Hanson & Nick Ross	90	100			190
2	Brett Leitl & Bill Van Ornum	88	86			174
3	Anthony Erdmann & Bob Feller	74	92			166
4	Denny Fox & Jason Brauch	82	82			164
T-5	Bob Claus & Jason Noworatzky	94	58			152
T-5	Bob & Matt Utech	84	68			152
6	Chad Nimke & Corey Holbert	100	40			140
T-7	Chris Jr & Eric Medinger	92	42			134
T-7	Paul Schumacher & Jay Petermann	78	56			134
8	Paul Haasl & Norb Wisniewski	98	34			132
9	Jeff & Terry Tuschel	68	62			130
T-10	Craig Huss & Tom Nelson	64	46			110
T-10	Bob & Jason Bach	62	48			110
11	Matt & Tom Koepke	70	38			108
12	Andrew Schultz & John Schultz	66	34			100
13	Mark Schram & Chase Eberly	33	66			99
14	Jim Hodge & Tracy Virnoche	60	34			94
15	Dan & Steve Bodinger	0	84			84
T-16	Jeff Kakuk & Ryan Erickson	0	0			0
T-16	Darrell Laux & Andrew Boll	0	0			0
T-16	Pat Schuette & Kevin Adams	0	0			0



SWC INFORMATION

Schedule Of Events

May 20, 2014: SWC meeting 7:00 pm at *Weimann's Sports Center*, in Sheboygan.

May 29-31—Cabela's NTC Green Bay

June 7-8—Mercury Nationals—Lake Winnebago

June 17, 2014: SWC meeting 7:00 pm at *Weimann's Sports Center*, in Sheboygan.

June 22: SWC Cabela's qualifying tourney—Lake Winnebago. Tourney headquarters located @ Columbia Park (Pipe) Tourney hours 7:00am to 2:00pm. Boat inspections & registration beginning at 5:30am

www.sheboyganwalleyeclub.com

The official SWC website is your connection to all current club information. The site includes new information on walleye fishing and club events, the forums, etc., so visit this site often! Don't forget to also check in on our "Battle On The Bay" website that is located at www.battleonthebay.net.

GLSFC

Interesting facts, figures, and information is always available in the "Great Lakes Basin Report". The report is published monthly by the Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council. The reports are available by accessing their website at www.great-lakes.org.

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