

# Turn in your Raffle Tickets. See below for info



# SHEBOYGAN WALLEYE CLUB

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What the heck is going on in the retail world as of late? Is it just me that feels when I walk into a store to get something, I can just about count on them not having exactly what I want, and it is going to cost me way more than I figured? Also there will be no one to ask questions of, and if there is, they won't even come close to having an answer and I will have to wait while the "associate" walks around looking cause we need that guy! He always knew for someone who might have some knowledge. I am almost guaranteed to not be the only one in the store mad about the experience! I recently stopped at Cabela's to pick up a

couple things for our upcoming week of glorious camping and fishing out at the river. I wanted to upgrade my tackle boxes from just regular boxes to waterproof boxes since stuff in the jon boat has a tendency 629-0233) or Lee Georgenson (920-901-5656) to get a little moist at times. I also wanted to pick up some jig hooks to make a bunch of jigs of my favorite size and colors for the trip. Well, as is becoming a way too familiar occurrence, they only had one waterproof box in the configuration I was looking for and of course I wanted 8, and of course no jig hooks were in stock either! The crazy thing is, they have jig molds, lead melting pots, even jig paint, but the "associate" told me they don't carry jig hooks anymore. Yes, as a matter of fact it did make me laugh out loud!

It's a shame what sporting goods stores have evolved into. Places where the guys making the decisions what to have in the store probably never even fished within 100 miles of the store they buy the stock

Where are the "Bait Store Guys?" The guys that have the sporting goods store where you can go for "stuff" and advice

and it was all good! He would always be there at the store no matter what. Morning, evening, always, and that was just what he did. He didn't call in sick, he didn't have some kid watch the store while he sat at home, he was the "Bait Store Guy!" Why can't it be like that anymore?

I guess no one wants to be "The Bait Store Guy" anymore and that is truly sad, bewhat you needed before you did, and he damn sure would have had jig hooks for me!

### Turn in Your Raffle Tickets

All ticket stubs and money need to be turned in to the Raffle committee before the Meeting on Tuesday May 17th. Winners will be drawn at the meeting.

Tickets may be turned into Mike Ledvina (920-

Thanks to club member Nick Ackley SWC Members will be give a special deal at Carlton Automotive in Oostburg (1318 Center St.) (920-564-3433)

Tires at 5% over cost and get a free \$12 car wash along with a set of 4 tires. That goes for car, truck, and trailer tires. If it's not a dual axle trailer 2 tires will still get you a car wash.

#### **2016 Cabela's NTC**

Well the Big Dance is upon us once again. In case you have not been paying attention, the SWC is sending the most teams we have ever had to the NTC. 18 teams from among the midst of the greatest Walleye Club in the Nation are heading to Bays De Noc to compete for their share of \$250,000 in cash and prizes and the chance to make the top 25 and be crowned All Americans!!

The Tournament begins Thursday May 19th with the full field fishing day on and day 2 trying to make the top 25 cut to fish Day 3 on May 21st. You can follow along with the live weighins starting at 3:00PM Eastern at:

www.cabelas.com Wish all the teams Luck!!!



### **SWC Info!**



#### **SWC Cabela's Qualifier Wolf River**

Well for a change of pace, the weather on Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup> was setting up to be a gorgeous day for the 1st SWC Cabela's Qualifier of the season. Unfortunately some would argue too nice! Almost no wind and a walleye spawning run that seemed to be winding down meant many guys would be looking for their fish in the lakes and no wind ... and all combined was going to make that bite difficult. As we began to stage in the river for the release at 7AM at Triangle Camp Ground, the anticipation was high by all, but maybe a bit low on the expectation side. 38 SWC teams began to motor off in several directions at the release. Some heading up river and many heading down river and some out to the lakes. To jig or not to jig, to troll or not to troll, to pull flies or not to pull flies.... The million dollar questions for the day. One new tactic to be possibly used this season on the river was the ability to legally troll! Now as most of you know, pulling boards up the river may not be the best approach but the tactic of pulling flies or cranks on 3-way rigs does make the trolling aspect interesting.

As the teams rolled back up river to Triangle Camp ground for the 2PM weigh in, it became clear that many chose the old faithful slipping the river with jigs to nab their fish. Yes some (very few) fish showed themselves on the lake trolling bite, and that surely opened the door for the guys that chose to stay in the river and sort through lots of small males looking for a little bigger fish size.

After the fish baskets were all tallied up it was clear that big weight was not to be had, but as always someone has to win!

Thanks to Mepps Company we have Mepps Walleye Spinner kits to be given out to each 4th place team this season. The team of Mike Polzin and Jeff Oskey manage to boat 4 fish for a total of 5.34 pounds landing them in the 4th place spot. Jeff and Mike spent the day jigging in the river mainly south of the landing. 3rd place honors went to Jeremy Goddard and Tony Marcelle who also landed 4 fish for a total weight of 5.42 pounds. They instituted the same tactics in the same general areas on the river. Edging their way up into 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 5.52 pounds was the team of Tim and Ben Schwinn. They also stayed in the river to catch their fish with jigging techniques. With the only 5 fish limit of the day, our 2015 club Team of the Year Bill. VanOrnum and Brett Leitl nabbed a total of 9.74 pounds to secure the victory. The biggest bag of the day was anchored by the biggest fish of the day at 4.25 pounds. Once again the club leaves the confines of the Wolf River in April hoping for bigger fish to pull back on their lines in upcoming events.

#### **SWC Cabela's Qualifier Green Bay Metro**

Well as it sometimes goes when it comes to fishing a Walleye Tournament series, it can be a tale of two weather patterns. When the SWC was hitting the Wolf River back in April, we were staring at 70 Degree temps and sunny skies with no wind.... Fast forward to May 1<sup>st</sup> and Green Bay for the SWC 2<sup>nd</sup> Cabela's Qualifier of the season, and Mother Nature stepped in with 40 degree temps, some rain and 15-25 Mph NE winds blowing right down the middle of Green Bay. All for the love of chasing Walleye!!! Due to safety concerns, the club officers/board members present at the event determined we would assign a "Safety" boundary on the day based on the strong NE wind and wave conditions.

Still 39 teams from the SWC showed up to brave the elements and go out to try to wrangle up some big fish. This was our first actual Cabela's Qualifier using a Catch Picture Release or CPR format. I would like to take a minute to personally thank the club for embracing this and giving it a solid look this season by using it for both our Green Bay events. From what I have seen and heard so far, the vast majority of you out there in the club like doing this and you are all doing an exceptional job at it, and are really getting the hang of it, judging by all the pictures I have sorted through. We still have a couple small hiccups but we will work through them. So BIG KUDOS to the SWC for doing a GREAT JOB with CPR!

On to the results of May 1st out of Green Bay Metro. First off the big fish of the day- a solid 28.5 Walleye was nabbed within sight of the launch up river and I believe within a short time after takeoff. The team of Tony Erdman and Chad Nimke boated this brute and took home some Big Fish Cash. The guys were rip jigging in the river to trigger

strikes



The team landing in 4th place and taking home a fine Mepps Walleye kit donated by the Mepps Lure Company, was the 2015 Club Champs, Bob and Matt Utech. They pulled 3-way rigs in the river and landed a nice five fish score card of 121' Third place honors went to the team of Bob Claus and Jason Noworatzky. The former 3 time Club Champs and Team of the Year winners worked cranks on 3-Way rigs also in the river for the entire day. They had a very even sized score card totaling 123.25". What is beginning to look like a familiar sight at this Green Bay event- the team of Jeff Hanson and Nick Ross once again landed a top 3 finish, edging out 3<sup>rd</sup> by 3/4" and taking home 2<sup>nd</sup> place with a total of 124" on their score card. Nick and Jeff trolled out on the bay along the Easy Shore in a bit deeper water to secure their bites. Rounding out the top teams for the event was another team familiar with taking home top finishes, the reigning Team of the Year and what is now looking like strong contenders to be our first ever back to back TotY winners is the team of Bill VanOrnum and Brett Leitl. Bill and Brett spent the day putting on a literal clinic for anyone that was in the area. They were pulling cranks on 3-ways in the river channel and making it look easy! Their effort landed them a strong score card of 130.5 total inches! With the win, they have certainly taken a commanding lead in both point races, but do not fret it is a long season with several events vet to come.

Hopefully the weather will decide to settle in and be more to our liking for the next two events..... We look forward to seeing you all on Lake Winnebago on June  $26^{th}$ .







# **SWC MEETING NOTES & MORE**



DATE: 4/19/16 Members Present: 36

Guests

New Members: Robert Pail, Brian Paul, Jacob Waters, Ryan Kloehn, Benjamin Ellerman, Jim Ellerman, PhilipWarrichaiet, Michael Heimke, Gary& Grace Mongelli

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

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>: 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 that assisted with the Wolf River event. (2) Launch and release was a slight issue (3) Need to get a white board for weigh in since we are doing it in boat order. (4) 2 weeks to Green Bay Metro trny, CPR (5) 5:30 AM check in Mtg at 6:30AM (6) Remember Trny director decision is final for DQ fish (7) Review CPR (8) Side Pot will roll over from wolf (9) Packer Schedule is out so Fall Fox River Classic will be October 23<sup>rd</sup> in DePere Website: Chair – Charlie Henke – Nothing new... please send content to Charlie for website. Maybe add Member Spot light to website, Forum board is active Speaker: Chair – Chris Gasser – (1) Sheboygan motorsports to visit club in May (2) Kendall will visit this summer.

<u>Fish Planting:</u> Chair – Jeff Hanson – No report, for all new members reminder that if you have a lake in Sheboygan County you have interest in us looking to plant in talk to Jeff or bring it to the club.

Raffle: Chair – Jeff Hanson – Sell Sell, please remember to turn in tickets. Lee and Mike to do drawing next month.

Outing: Chair – Eric Medinger – Maybe outing out on Bago family fun and fish

<u>Historian/GLSFC</u>: 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 - Terry Tuschel - No Report

Scholarship: Chair – Craig Kaiser – UW Mill evidently has good Fisheries program and Craig will look into getting out app there

Battle On The Bay: Chair – Marc Brook & Nick Mills – (1) Planning is moving along nicely (2) Sponsors are being brought in for door prizes (3) Apps to be mailed in May to past participants (4) Poster to be updated

Tournament Rules: Chair - Terry Tuschel - No Report

Old Business: Hat committee formed – (1) Jim Hodge nominated to be the chair (2) Board meeting May 10<sup>th</sup> (3) Discussion about how to get a partner if you do not have one. Suggested use Facebook page, or just bring it up at a meeting or maybe a list on the web page (4) Rob Wischki talked about the Muskies Inc Banquette we donated to

New Business: (1) Jeff Boutin will be running the Kids Fishing Trny once again Out of Skipper Buds this time. Mercury and Skipper Buds and Cabela's all participating. July 17<sup>th</sup>. Non Profit. Jeff to get info to Bob as it progresses to pass on to the club. (2) Chris motioned to donate \$100 toward the event, Jeff Second. Bob suggested we get more info on specific needs and look into making a more meaningful donation. (3) Motion retracted. (4) Chris to get more info (5) Hooked on a Hobby is June 18<sup>th</sup>. Norb motioned we donate whatever we did last year, motion carried. Jason to issue check

<u>Announcements</u>: New sports shop open in Port Washington. Eric Medinger to talk to them as they are interested in doing something for the club. They are interested in coming to talk to the club at a future meeting.

Fishing Reports: Tom Koepke caught fish in Oconto and Peshtigo and St. Bay was good also.

<u>Training</u>: Discussion on fish fighting techniques. Trevor discussed a technique of slapping the line when a big salmon is peeling line to get it to stop running. Discussed trolling regs on Wolf. Discussed messed up Go Wild System and fish lice and also boat and ATV registration.

Monthly Fish Contest: Norb Wisniewski, Nick Mills, Terry Tuschel, Paul Timmerman, Charlie Henke – Winner Nick Mills Josh Utech is the new big fish leader with a 31" Walleye

#### 2011 FISH CONTEST WINNERS

Jan.: Dani Baker—\$50 July:
Feb.: Gerald Valleskey—\$50 Aug.:
Mar.: Charlie Henke—\$50 Sept.:
Apr.: Nick Mills—\$50 Oct.:
May: Nov.:
June: Dec.: No Mtg

Member Raffle: Crank Bait Rafftle - \$64 - Winner Mike Ledvina 50/50 Raftle -

\$55 to winner \$55 to club – Winner Paul Timmerman

# Member Spotlight! Kyle Banaszak



- 1. How many years have you been a member of the SWC? Recently joined in February this year
- 2. What is your hometown? Merrill, WI
- 3. What club activities have you participated in? Fremont tournament in April
- 4. Have you held any Chair or officer positions in the club?
- 5. What if your favorite recipe or way to prepare walleye? Baked Mix some bread crumbs parmesan cheese and a little garlic powder. Dip the filets in egg and the in the bread crumb mixture. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes at 350
- Favorite method of fishing and why.Trolling. More baits in the water and cover more water also
- Describe your ideal day of fishing.
   Fishing with friends or family learning to tips or tricks or teaching some tips or tricks to those same people.
- 8. Helpful Tips and Tricks you can share.

  Don't be afraid of change. If your not catching fish keep trying new things or leastions.



### **SWC INFORMATION**



#### **Schedule Of Events**

May 14: Fox River Spring Walleye Classic—Jimmy Seas

May 15: TWF Open on Lake Winnebago May 15: AIM Lower Bay of Green Bay

May 17: SWC meeting 7:00 pm at *Other Place*, in Sheboygan Falls.

May 19-21: Cabela's NTC, Bay De Noc May 26-27: Cabela's NWT, Lake Winnebago

June 21: SWC meeting 7:00 pm at *Other Place*, in Sheboygan

June 26: SWC Cabela's qualifying tourney on Winnebago. Tourney headquarters located @ Columbia Park (Pipe). Tourney hours 7:00am to 2:00pm with boat inspections beginning at 5:30am

### The Sheboygan Walleye Club

Meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at:

Other Place

406 Broadway St. Sheboygan Falls, WI Phone 920-467-3301 www.theotherplacepub.com

Food Available

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