



The New Year, New Challenges, and Opportunities!



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Welcome to 2015 everyone and another new year for the Sheboygan Walleye Club.

Even though it's like 10 degrees out, the open water fishing season will be upon us sooner than you think. Do you think I'm exaggerating? Well, the Milwaukee Boat Show starts tomorrow and so do many salmon swap meets. In store spring specials and the Milwaukee Sport Show are only a month and a half away! I am still trying to get downstairs to go through the fishing table with the piles of tackle on it. Heaven forbid I buy something I already own six of, but that chore is still on the list. I hope you guys are getting more of a jump on things than I am! Remember while you're going through things that the March meeting is the club Swap Meet so any extras you find that you don't use anymore set them aside to bring it in to sell. You might be amazed what guys would like to buy.

Thanks to all the fine members of this club, 2014 was a record for membership in the Sheboygan Walleye Club and I hope we do it again this year. We had some excellent fisherman join the club last year and when that happens it makes us all better. Hopefully you new members that joined found what you were looking for and will renew your membership with us again this year to further enhance your walleye catching abilities.

As fun as it is to have both skilled and not so skilled anglers join the club, it was also nice to have a couple grizzled veterans such as Jeff and Nick show the newbies how it's done and take home the coveted Club Champion title. Just goes to show all you new members that even though we're not the biggest club, we have some of the best walleye anglers in the country that fish with us, and to win the coveted Club Champion title takes talent, dedication and even a little luck.

But that's why we do this, to compare your skills with other dedicated walleye anglers and to learn the skills they have learned to hopefully get you to their level. But as many of us who have been at this for a while will tell you, once you think you got it all figured out, something changes or someone comes up with something new and you end up at square one again. That's why I stress not to try and copy what others are doing but to use what they are doing as a guideline and mix it with how you do things and to try your own thing.

If you're in need of a partner for this coming year, don't be afraid to ask around the club or put something up on our Facebook page (whatever that is). I would hate to have someone not participate just because they can't get hooked up with a partner. Sometimes the best fishing partners aren't always best friends or family. There just guys that think alike on the water and that's all that counts.

On behalf of all the officers it's been a pleasure to serve the club once again. The January meeting is election time so if you think you would like to get more involved and run things, throw your hat in the ring and run for an office. Or if you would rather start a little smaller, there are committee chairmanships that need filling that are really appreciated as these are the guys that handle the specifics that make this club run smoothly. Either way, don't hesitate to get involved, because YOU are what make this a great club!

See you all at the meeting!
Chris

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NOTICE MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE

The club membership for all 2014 members has now expired. Per the SWC by-laws, if those with expired memberships wish to keep their membership active for 2015 you must renew your membership on or before the 3rd monthly meeting of the year, that being the March 17th meeting.

All 2014 members are encouraged to attend the Jan. 20th meeting at 7:00pm at "Weimann's Sports Center" in Sheboygan to participate in the 2015 elections, and to renew your membership. All member renewals MUST complete and sign a membership form to insure you understand the club rules and that we have accurate, up to date information from you.

If you intend to keep your membership active through 2015 but are unable to attend the January meeting or if you prefer to renew via normal mail, a renewal form has been included with this newsletter. Simply fill out the form, **sign it** and return the form along with the proper payment to the address listed on the bottom of the form.

When filling out the renewal form please provide a CURRENT & LEGIBLE e-mail address because we will send as many newsletters as possible by e-mail so as to make the best use of the money that we collect from the membership fees rather than spending that money on postage.

Hardcopies of the newsletters will still be available to those that do not have access to the internet or by special request. The e-mail copies are sent as a .pdf file, therefore no one should have an issue opening the file as anyone can download a free copy of Adobe Reader software off of the internet.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation, your commitment, and your continued interest in the Sheboygan Walleye Club.



SWC Info!



Party Wrap up.

The 2014 Christmas Party was a great success. With our largest turnout in recent years, stories and fun were had by all. If you were not able to attend... put in on your "To Do List" for next year. Great appetizers and deserts were plentiful and the dinner catered by the Tuschel's was outstanding as always! The nearly 40 adults in attendance shared many fish tales from this past season. The children were able to participate in a new and improved "fishing pond" which contained some great upgraded prizes. Our outstanding club President had many great things to say about the club and its members from this past year. He handed out the awards for the Team of the Year Chad Nimke and Kurt and the Club Champions Jeff Hanson and Nick Ross. There were a few announcements regarding the NTC standings, but we have not received official notification yet on the official number of invites we will be awarded. Terry Tuschel also donated some of his wood workings to be raffled off. Both the Women's and Men's gift exchanged were a bit more "chippy" this year with many steals trickling through the exchange. Notice: Don't let Jeff Hanson sell you a "Spineless Wunder Boner" at the club swap meet in March! The annual membership drawing was won by yours truly Bob Claus, and I swear I will put the Cabela's Gift Card to an appropriate use! Thanks to Terry Tuschel, the new Christmas Party Chair, for an outstanding job of organizing a wonderful party which was enjoyed by all in attendance! Thank you also goes out to all of you club members for once again making this great club, the BEST Walleye club in the Nation! We are all looking forward to an even better 2015.





SWC MEETING NOTES & MORE



DATE: 12-2-14

Members Present: 21

Meeting Speaker: Denny Fox, AIM Weekend Walleye Series National Tournament Director – Reviewed AIM events from 2014. Talked about changes for 2015, preview of schedule for 2015. Talked about what makes AIM different and the way of the future for Tournament fishing.

Guests:

New Members:

Minutes: The December newsletter containing the October 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) Review changes and finalize schedule at January meeting. (2) Still need more research for new bags

Website: Chair – Gary Plencner – No Report

Speaker: Chair – Chris Gasser – January Speaker Scott Reichow

Fish Planting: Chair – Jeff Hanson – (1) Chris and Bobby were there and it went very well. Fish looked healthy and swam away, not hanging around the dock like the last planting. (2) Possible look into getting a sign made to put at the landing stating the SWC planted fish there.

Raffle: Chair – Jeff Hanson – No Report

Outing: Chair – Eric Medinger – No Report

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 – Terry Tuschel – Party set for Jan 10th. Info in Newsletter.

Scholarship: Chair – Craig Kaiser – No report

Battle On The Bay: Chair – Pat Schuette – No Report

Tournament Rules: Chair – Terry Tuschel – We still need to find bigger weigh bags

Old Business: (1) Still need new hats. (2) Deposited the \$1000 check from the Greater Green Bay Area Visitors and Convention Bureau. (3) Refunds issued for TWF Side Pots that were not active.

New Business: Looking for the President of the lake Poygan Sportsmen's Club as we told them we would support them with some rock pile projects on the lake.

Announcements: Broncheau's for Anglers Pride Guide Service handed out, Guide Jerry Tipping, Castle Rock and Petenwell

Fishing Reports: None

Training: None

Monthly Fish Contest: Winner Chris Gasser, it was the only fish brought in. Gerald Valleskey is the big fish leader with a 30.5" Bay De Noc Walleye.

2014 FISH CONTEST WINNERS

Jan.: No winner! July: Norb Wisnewski—\$50
 Feb.: Steve Bodinger—\$100 Aug.: Bob Claus—\$50
 Mar.: Gerald Valleskey—\$50 Sept.: Jeff Hanson—\$50
 Apr.: Mike Ledvina—\$50 Oct.: Paul Timmerman—\$50
 May: Jeff Hanson—\$50 Nov.: No Meeting
 June: Bob Utech—\$50 Dec.: Chris Gasser—\$50

Member Raffle: Jim Hodge won the cash, \$45 to the winner and \$45 to the club, second place weigh bag – Chris Medinger, third place Bago book – Nick Ross

Sturgeon from early Kewaunee release effort picked up during Milwaukee area fisheries research

KEWAUNEE, Wis. - Just off the shores of Milwaukee, in the frigid waters of Lake Michigan, a young sturgeon from Kewaunee appears to have found a healthy home. While the Milwaukee shoreline serves as a proven nursery to sturgeon released nearby through a cooperative rearing program between the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Riveredge Nature Center, the discovery of the Kewaunee fish marks the first time DNR researchers have confirmed a young sturgeon recaptured there was bearing a tag from the C.D. "Buzz" Besadny Anadromous Fish Facility.

"We're happy to know that sturgeon we are producing in Kewaunee are thriving in Lake Michigan and this finding reinforces the importance of protecting key shoreline habitat," said Mike Baumgartner, manager of the Besadny facility. "By raising the fish in our streamside rearing facility on the Kewaunee River, we believe they imprint on the waters and eventually will return here for spawning. But in the meantime, it's quite a feat for a young fish of this size to travel more than 100 miles to Milwaukee."

The fish originated from a batch of eggs collected from seven females spawning on the Wolf River at the dam in Shawano on April 9, 2012. Just before its release into the Kewaunee River as part of an open house adopt-a-sturgeon event on Oct. 6, 2012, the fish was equipped with a tiny identification tag and measured 7.6 inches long. At that time, it weighed 32.9 grams - roughly equal to a quarter cup of flour. When it was picked up in a graded mesh net by crew members off the research vessel Coregonus as part of Lake Michigan fisheries research in recent weeks, the fish had grown to 17.9 inches long with a 7.8 inch girth. What is it about the region's habitat that helps young sturgeon and other fish thrive?

"We know the Lake Michigan environment offshore from Milwaukee and in other areas offers important advantages including suitable habitat and food supply for young sturgeon," said Brad Eggold, DNR Lake Michigan fisheries supervisor. "Although we don't know where that young sturgeon will spend the months and years ahead, we can say it appeared to be very healthy and had found an excellent source of food at the time of capture."



While sturgeon were once abundant in Lake Michigan and key Wisconsin tributaries to the lake, by the early 1900s overfishing and habitat destruction nearly eliminated the Lake Michigan sturgeon population. By some estimates, fewer than 5,000 adult sturgeon remained in the lake prior to the stocking efforts, Baumgartner said. DNR's stocking efforts have produced 10,735 sturgeon for release in the Milwaukee area since 2006 and 6,903 in the Kewaunee River since 2009. Baumgartner said initial success of the work at Kewaunee will likely be known in about 10 years, when some of the first males are expected to return to the river as they reach maturity. It takes the females more than 20 years before they are ready to spawn. To learn more about the DNR's sturgeon rearing efforts, visit DNR.wi.gov and search "[lake sturgeon rehabilitation](#)."

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SWC INFORMATION



Schedule Of Events

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

January 16-25: Milwaukee Boat Show

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

February 19-22: WBAY Boat Show—Green Bay

March 4-8: Milwaukee Sport Show

The Sheboygan Walleye Club

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

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