

The Dogumentary

22nd Year

The Waterdogs Fishing Club

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January 2004

January Meeting

The January meeting will be a week later than usual, on the 8th, due to the New Year's holiday. We will also be meeting at a Davanni's in Eden Prairie, as Crystal Marine is closed that night.

Our January speaker will be our own Griz, who has taken first place tournament honors the last two years. He will talk about bass fishing strategies, and other things that he does to get ready for our tournaments. Bring your questions. Griz promises to reveal all!

Schara Clinic 2004

The Ron Schara kids fishing clinic is looking for our help again this year at the Sportsman's show at RiverCenter on **January 10 and 11**. The Saturday hours for the clinic are 11am to 1pm, and Sunday from 12 noon to 1:30pm, with food and drink for the volunteers afterward. Jerry Krekelberg needs to know the number of guys that will be attending each day, so get back to him by e-mail or by phone, or at the latest, at the January meeting.

The 2004 Waterdog Calendar

Jan 8 (date change)	Monthly Meeting
Jan 10-11	Schara Clinic
Feb 5	Monthly Meeting
March 4	Monthly Meeting
April 1	Monthly Meeting
July 17-24	RocknRoll Musky Tour

New Officers Elected:

Doug Squire was elected VP at the December meeting, to become President in 2005. See his profile later in this issue. Also elected to the board were Farm Boy, Juan Valdez, and Griz, along with one other to be nominated later by hizzonor Mr. Fluffy.

New Members:

For the first time in a few years, we have more than one opening in the club with no one on the waiting list. One new member who has joined is Brian Karsjens, a friend of Farm Boy. We welcome Brian to the club, and look forward to getting to know him in the months ahead. There will be more news on other prospective or new members at the meeting.

President's Corner – Matt Mueller:



An old year has come and gone and the new one is upon us. Newspapers, magazines and television shows are full of reflection on the old and speculation for the new about this time. Why should the Dogumentary be any different? Let me start with my personal Top Five Waterdogs moments of 2003:

5. LOW Annual Trip with Janitor. We saw a lot of Muskies that day. The best fun was fighting the wind and raising multiple fish off all those rocky points.

4. Trout tourney. This was double fun as Buttshot and I both had personal best's (and first's) with some beautiful Brook Trout. What really topped it off was that the whole club was slamming fish that day.

3. Leech Lake. Felix and I had each other's company for this two-day multi-species tournament that turned out to be a Bass bonanza for the two of us. Scum-frogging and spinner-baiting a few dozen bucket mouths was a hoot.

2. Crappie Tournament. I fished with some guy named Bertha. Remember him? The first "in-boat" tournament of the year. The weather was fine and we managed to find quite a few Crappies as well.

1. LOW Annual Trip with Duper. What a whacked-out day; no power trim, beached on a rock and going for a swim. Fighting high winds and waves straight out of the south. We still had a blast and managed to finally even boat a fish at the end of the day.

Looking back on those special days, there is one consistency about them and all my other fine 'Dogs memories, the fun you have fishing with other members. That is what makes the club particularly fun, the diversity of friends and experiences. I hope all the other 'Dogs have some fond memories of the past year. One last thank-you to all the officers, committee-persons and members that helped to make it a fine season

Enough reflecting, what about the future? There is a lot to look forward to and it will be here before we know it. We may see our first tournament in the next 60 - 90 days. The Annual Trip is barely 6 months off (have you responded to Duper's email yet?). In less than two weeks we start the year as we have for the past few with Ron Schara's Kids Clinic at the St. Paul Sportsmen Show. What do you think, should the 'Dogs cough up \$3.27 to buy Ron a few new mouse-traps that might actually work? I'd like to encourage each 'Dog to make one more tournament or special event in 2004 than you did in '03. A great way to start the season would be at the Clinic. Don't forget, it's worth points for your year-end standings.

It seems that our meeting place for the past couple of years has been presenting some challenges and the time may be at hand to move on. For January's meeting we'll be at Davanni's in Eden Prairie, after that, who knows? Duper and Carmen are looking for a new permanent spot. If you have any suggestions, email, call or mention it at the

next meeting. This is an important meeting to make, we'll need to get our 2004 committees teed up, so please attend and be ready to participate. See you on Thursday.

-Fluffee

Hooked and Set on...Doug Squire



Edited by Suzy

Handle: Mama's Boy

How'd you get that handle? I went a few years without a handle; it wasn't until my brother came into the club that I received one. On one of the Lake of the Woods trips, the club members were trying to pull as much dirt on my bother and I so we could each have a handle. The best thing they could come up with was that I was my Mom's favorite son, at least according to Scott. So "Mama's Boy" stuck.

When did you join the club? 1996

What club committees have you worked on, or leadership positions have you held? Food, Phone Callers, Tournament and Banquet, board member in 2002 and 2003. Vice president in 2004.

Family: Wife, Kim, who is an educational assistant in the Robbinsdale school district; daughter, Kelsey (21 yrs), who is a junior at St. Mary's University in Winona, and son, Bryan (19 yrs), who is a freshman at UMD.

Age: 43

Hometown: Crystal/New Hope area.

Where you currently live: Plymouth.

School: Cooper High School ('77), St. Cloud State 1½ years, North Hennepin (AA degree).

Your job: Currently I'm in Outside Sales with Ryerson Tull. I've work with the company for 23 years and have various responsibilities in sales, purchasing and management. I sell flat

rolled steel products to manufactures that produce parts for the appliance, home and building, and agricultural products.

Your favorite fishing reel: Garcia 6500 hi-speed to bring those spinner baits in fast. I bet I got in 200 more casts in this year at LOTW because of it.

Your favorite fishing lure: I like any kind of Rapala for trolling, but this year I'll have to say I had my best luck with the Black Vibrax (Musky Buck). I caught most of my muskies on it this year at LOTW. I only had one with me on the trip, but I had Bomber tie hair on it a couple of times to keep it looking good in the water.

Your fishing boat (brand, motor, etc.): 1989 Alumacraft 17' Phantom, 100 hp Merc, 24 volt Minn Kota, and Eagle graphs on bow and dash.

Your truck: 1994 Jeep Grand Cherokee.

Your personal bests:

Musky – 48"

Northern pike – 43"

Walleye – 27"

Largemouth bass – 20"

Smallmouth bass – 19"

Trout/salmon – 28 lb. lake trout

The fish that you like to fish for the most: Walleye, probably because that's the fish my dad liked to fish for. I've spent a more than a few hours bouncing around in the wind and rain as I was a kid fishing for walleyes with my Dad.

Your favorite lake or river on which you like to fish: Lake of the Woods -- You have a chance to catch a trophy fish in just about every fresh water category when you're on this lake. The scenery is just as fantastic as the fishing.

Favorite pro angler: Al Linder, because he is so enthusiastic and has such a great passion for the sport of fishing.

Your fishing fantasy: Forget the gleaming new Ranger - I'd like to fish for marlin off of Hawaii. I have had a couple of chances to ocean fish off Acapulco and Kauai in the past, but these were just leisure trips when I have been there on vacation. I would like to take a specific trip to do some serious fishing for marlin or sailfish.

All-time favorite fishing memory: Fishing with a friend when I was about 13 or 14 yrs. old

off a dock on Eagle Lake. I caught a large northern that was too big to get into our net. I fought it a bit and then it threw the Daredevil. I was so upset that I slapped an over hand cast back into the water, but hooked my buddy in the back. We cut the line and road our bikes back home about 5 miles and took him to the hospital. Consider it a lesson learned!

Favorite fishing technique: Lindy rig and leach in the sand.

Favorite fishing magazine: Musky Hunter.

Favorite fishing TV show: In-Fisherman.

Favorite fishing radio show: Fan Outdoors (on KFAN-AM).

Best fishing tip you could give the rest of the Dogs: Be aware of who's behind you when you're casting.

Favorite sports team: Vikings.

Favorite cut of meat: BBQ ribs.

Favorite restaurant: Sunshine Factory.

Favorite beverage: Margarita.

Favorite musical artist or band: 70's rock bands such as Stones, Skynard, and Zeppelin.

Other hobbies or interests, besides fishing: Traveling, golf, and those special projects Kim has for me around the house.

I like being a Waterdog because: The camaraderie of the club members and learning different fishing techniques.

Rituals or habits you perform to improve your fishing ability: I try to check in at the local bait store to see what's biting.

Favorite memory with the Dogs: During the 2002 LOTW trip, I was fishing near Big Narrows for most of the day so I didn't see many Dogs (I also had my radio off most of the day, too). I came across Bagbalm and he mention Bryan caught a big fish, but I thought he was joking. I pulled into the resort about 8:30 p.m. that night and Bryan was waiting for me with that smirky, shit-eatin' grin on his face (that only a 17 year old can pull off correctly – ed.). I had to hear the story of "pop corning" the fish in the net by Chainsaw and see the pictures and video of the 52" musky before I could believe him. Going into the trip, I had hoped that Bryan (Bomber) would catch his first musky; but I didn't expect it to be that big! Now I'll be working my butt off to catch as big a fish as his.

Word that best describes you: Impatient.