

The Dogumentary

26th Year

The Waterdogs Fishing Club

January 2008

January Meeting at the VFW

No smokin' is the rule at the VFW again, but that won't stop us from meetin' and talkin' fishin'. Little Angel Scott Squire will officially lead his first meeting as president, where the committees will get organized and go over plans for the upcoming season. We currently have no speaker lined up, so come prepared, it may be you. Dinner is 6:00, and the meeting will begin at 7.

From the Desk of the President, Little Angel



This is my first letter so go easy on me.

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year. For those of you who believe in New Year's resolutions, I have a few as your President to add to your list.

- I will try to make as many meetings and tournaments as possible.
- I will participate in my committees with gusto.
- As a Captain or Little Buddy I will, to the best of my ability, help my partner.
- I will take a lot of photos of all the wonderful events and fish throughout the year.
- I will thank God for the wonderful friends, beautiful scenery, and great creatures he has created for the Waterdogs.

Sounds easy to me!

I have sent out a list of the committee chairs and the people that signed up for the various committees last month. I tried my best to keep most of you on the committee you selected, but may have had to move some because of too large a number in one group and not enough in another. After reviewing the lineup in each

The 2007-2008 Waterdogs Fishing Club Calendar

Jan 3	Monthly Meeting
Jan 12-13	Schara Kids Clinic
Feb 7	Monthly Meeting
Mar 5	Monthly Meeting
Mar 15	Trout Tourney
Mar 29	Trout backup date
Apr 3	Monthly Meeting
Apr 26	Crappie Tourney
May 1	Monthly Meeting
May 3	Crappie backup date
May 31	Walleye/SM Tourney
June 5	Monthly Meeting
June 20 or 21	Bass Tourney
July 3?	Monthly Meeting
July 19-26	Rock&Roll Musky Tour
Aug 7	Monthly Meeting
Sep 4	Monthly Meeting
Sep 13	Multispecies Tourney
Oct 2	Monthly Meeting
Oct 11	SM Bass Tourney
Nov 6	Annual Banquet

The 2008 tournament details are on the last page of the Dogumentary

committee, I think we have a great mix of just the right people for each of the positions.

I would like to thank those who I asked to head up some of the committees. The leadership you provide will make 2008 a great year for our club.

One of the things I enjoyed about the club 2007 was the seminars we had. Nasty did a wonderful job with his group and he has agreed to head it up again this year. My thanks to him for taking on this task one more year.

Captain Kirk is heading up the tournament schedule for 2008. We have met once already as a tournament committee and have a good start on the lake selection for 2008.

My thoughts for the January meeting were to have a quick business meeting and then try to get into our committees for a short time to firm a few things up. I would like to ask our chairs to come with some ideas to get things started.

My hope for future Documentaries is to provide some winter fishing stories. I have my gear ready and hope to get out around the 1st of January. I haven't started my auger in about two years, so I may have some starting issues. If anyone is game to go out let me know. I have a Clam Classic (two man, 4 holer).

Little Angel's Creative Side

I was looking through an older bass magazine and came across an article that they used a can cooler as a reel protector. It looked like a good idea so I tried it out and it worked even better than I thought. I put a baitcasting reel in one and it fit quite well. I took it a step further to see if I could make it work on a reel mounted on a rod and found it to work great as well.

Items needed.

- One can cooler
- One Velcro fastener (strap) I found one lying around the house.
- Total cost (priceless) didn't cost a thing

See the photos below for more information.
This is Little Angel Approved!

So, if you have some free time this winter give this project a whirl.



Fit



Slit



Grip



Go on a Trip

See You all January 3rd at the VFW
Ltl. Angel

P.S. Bring your dues!

Schara Kids Clinic at St Paul Sportshow

Once again, we will be helping Ron Schara with his Kids Clinic on Saturday Jan 12 from 11-1pm, and Sunday Jan 13 from 12 -2pm. Plan on being at the St Paul Civic Center to help out on one of those dates.

Helen wins VP in a Landside Vote!

Well, we don't really know the vote tally, but since Tom H. Keller was the only one of the three candidates to show up for the election, it's safe to assume that his competition was lean. Helen even had a platform based on an upgraded version of Hillary's agenda, and made a speech that almost brought the VFW waitress to tears. In any case, the enthusiasm of the VP –elect was good to see, and we look forward to a couple of good and organized years coming up, in typical Waterdog fashion.

In the other election, Perp, Shatner, and Dr Meat were elected to the Board of Directors. They join the President Little Angel, and VP Helen as the policy-making arm of the club. They may even have a meeting if any issues come up.

Other committee heads are similar to last year with Nasty heading up seminars, and Shatner taking the heat for the 9 guys on the tournament committee.

Erratum:

A misprint occurred in the last Dogumentary, and we wish to correct that information now. It was reported that Dr. Sticky Fingers won the coveted 'Captain of the Year' award, but it was actually won by Kojak. Bob Raymo, who provided the information, was apparently so taken aback by the moment, that he forgot who he had presented the award to. Carmen apologizes for any inconvenience that this misinformation may have caused.

Nasty gets ready for 2008

All of this fresh snow doesn't make me think about fishing, however, I am starting to plan fishing dates for 2008. I considered last year a down year and hopefully after a 3 month rest I am rejuvenated for 2008. I haven't been fishing for three months. That's the longest time off I've had for a long long time.

I filled out my family's 2008 calendar today. At our house, the first person to reserve a date gets to do their activity. I'm in for all of the tournaments again in 2008. I have a new and large supply of bottom bouncers and other trickery so watch out. As for other planned fishing trips, the Nasty family is once again signed up for our family trip to Rush Lake in Ottertail County. Last year the Crappies averaged 1.5 pounds. We are still eating them. Nothing like having four possession limits! I am also working on an ice out Northern Pike trip in Upsala, Ontario for the third week in May. There are reports of big ones up there. You'll most likely find me fishing the Rush during the first two weeks of March. I have 40 hours of vacation to use up before April 1st or I will lose them. Oh, and yes I am going to Lake of the Woods again this year.

Not bad, three week long trips and the usual waterdogs pre-fishing and tournaments.



Nasty's thinking about weeds and fishing

2008 Waterdogs Tournament Series

Gentlemen, Mark Your Calendars!

Date	Species	Lake	Dogs in Charge
3/15 or 3/29 alt.	Trout	WI Streams, Rush, Kinni	Helen, Perp
4/26 or 5/3 alt.	Crappie	TBD	Griz, Banana Boy
5/31	Walleye/SM	Green Lake (Spicer)	Farm Boy, Bud
6/21	Bass	TBD	Lil Angel, Chips, Fluffy
9/13	Multi	TBD	Mama's, Greenstick, Otis
10/11	SM Bass	Rum River	Suzy, Wags