

The Dogumentary

30th Year

The Waterdogs Fishing Club

January 2012

Happy New Year!

The new year promises to be a fun-filled adventure for all those who dare to participate. The first meeting will feature Steve Chesky, who heads up the Service dept. at Dan's Southside Marine and will speak to us about boat/engine maintenance. We will also go over the tournament schedule for 2012, which will be both a fun and challenging year with a few old favorites and also some new ideas. Of course, we're back at Tuttle's at 6pm for dinner, with the meeting starting at 7.

Also on the agenda will be several board items regarding attendance and tournament rules. If you have another issue that you would like the board to address, please contact Chairman Shatner prior to the meeting.

2012 Waterdogs Fishing Club Calendar

Jan 5	Monthly Meeting
Jan 14-15	Schara Kids Clinic
Feb 2	Monthly Meeting
Mar 1	Monthly Meeting
Mar 17	Trout Tournament
Apr 5	Monthly Meeting
Apr 14	Trout Tournament
May 3	Monthly Meeting
May 19	Walleye Tournament
June 1	Bass Tournament
June 7	Monthly Meeting
June 23	Multi Tournament
July 12	Monthly Meeting
July 21-28	LOTW Rock'nRoll Musky Tour
Aug 2	Monthly Meeting
Aug 17	Multi Tournament
Sep 6	Monthly Meeting
Sep 8	Multi Tournament
Oct 4	Monthly Meeting
Oct 6	Bass Tournament

See the last page for 2012 Tourney Details

From the Desk of the President, Greenstick – Dave Haberle



By the time you read this you may already have broken all your new year's resolutions, except, possibly, for these: *"I will be a better angler in 2012. I will catch more fish. I will catch bigger fish. I will be a more efficient fishing machine! I will catch the 'uncatchable' – the state record (_species here_) and the mere mention of my name at any dock, tackle and sporting good stores, and at bait shops throughout Minnesota will strike awe and amazement in all those who hear the name, (_your name here_)!"*

HAH! – that's all crap, of course (but it got you going a little, didn't it?). It is the kind of dream we all need to have as we enter the 2012 season which offers each of us the chance to experience the awe and excitement of landing a personal best catch. As your president, I promise to hold that attitude and enthusiasm at each of our events, both on and off the water. And I encourage each of you to do the same. A winning attitude is infectious and I can guarantee that with it, you'll have a lot more fun and catch more and bigger fish than

without it. (*I can already envision Bertha catching another "air-fish..."*)

One way to feed a winning attitude is through volunteerism. Twenty-five of our members have already volunteered to help the club via committee work this year and I am humbled by the willingness and eagerness of club members to get the year underway. So without any more delay, **ONWARD!**

So far, FD's email connection has been smokin' hot with tournament ideas, opinions, suggestions and comments so we're certain to see some fabulous tournament action this year. Suzy and Nasty are already working on photo committee activities while Suzy has pulled some double-duty by securing speakers for at least three of our regular meetings – kicking off the year with a most practical and appropriate presentation by Steve Chesky, the service manager at Dan's Southside Marine. Have questions about boat or motor maintenance and repair? Bring them to the January meeting! (*Thanks to Suzy for being such a team player!*)

You'll also want to start your year out right with a trip to the St. Paul Sportsman's Show – and light the "fire for fishing" inside some kids at Ron Shara's booth. We need your help – so please, sign up for a time slot at the January meeting! (*Thanks to Chainsaw for helping to set up this annual event for us!*)

In my presidential campaign speech of 2010, I cited my platform as being "MOTS – More Of The Same." While maybe not so good for our country these days, for our club it's a pretty good guideline to follow. As I write this first epistle I'm reminded that we wouldn't be enjoying our great club camaraderie without the thoughtful efforts that prior board and committee members have put forth. Thanks to past chairman Perp and president Shatner for their wise leadership, and to Griz, last year's tournament chair, and all the others who collaborated to make 2011 the successful year it was. Through Old Fart's exceptional fiscal management and restraint (or perhaps just dumb luck) our treasury is in solid shape – solid enough so that 2012 dues have been reduced to \$50! Remember to bring a check to the January meeting to settle-up with him for your dues, and if you're going to LOTW,

remember the deposit to hold your spot is an extra \$150.

Personal goals – do you have some for this year? I sure do! In tournament stats, I would have won the coveted Angler of the Year award last year had not 33 Dogs beaten me, so that's certainly on my mind. I've designed some new, high-tech fishing gear based on some circuits I've invented with my Christmas lighting hobby (although I have a few bugs to work out... right now the shock you get if you touch the bail is *almost* tolerable)... and I'm offering a \$25 prize to the first Dog to catch an Asian carp this year... *\$50 if you DON'T throw it back...*

On the recovery front, all of us share the hope that the Analyst's health will be restored quickly and that his recent spine surgery will be the 100% solution to his deer hunting injury. If you see him at the launch this coming season don't hesitate to help him put in or pull out.

So, it's time to take out your tackle box, clean it up, respool your reels with new line, restock your jigs and weights, untangle your crankbaits, and make sure you have enough pink Senkos (1 or 2 ought to be *plenty*) and come to the January meeting to start the 2012 season! **ONWARD!** -Greenstick



Congratulations to Felix for his Perfect Attendance at Waterdog functions in 2011

2012 Club Officers Elected

A tense round of stumping and voting saw Dr. Meat emerge as the VP for 2012 (and 2013 President). The offering of free emergency medical procedures apparently won the votes from the crowd of mostly over-50 voters.



Dr Meat

Board members were also selected with Nasty, Hillary, and Juan Valdez receiving the nod from the voting club members.

Bodies for Schara

We are once again signed up to help Ron Schara at his Kids Clinic at the St. Paul Sportshow in January at the Xcel. The times we will be needed are: **Saturday, Jan 14, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm and Sunday, Jan 15, 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm.** A sign up sheet will go around at the January meeting. If you can't make the meeting let me know what day you are planning to show up. Also on the sign up sheet you can mark down your choice of a complimentary dinner that they are offering this year. We will have a choice of prime rib or walleye - that should get participation up!



Thanks, Chainsaw and Raven

Short Offerings:

Guys, I'm trying to put together another tarpon fishing extravaganza in May. I have set up the dates of Thursday and Friday 5/17 & 18 and Monday Tuesday & Wednesday 5/21, 22 & 23. The weekend break will enable guys to come for just a couple of days.

Anyway, I need to get the guides lined up by the end of January. Cost the same \$325 per guide per day, lodging at my place. Same guides: OZ, the Gay Waiter, ETC.

Let me know as soon as you can if you are interested.



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!!!!!
Shorty

Dogs enjoying the Gopher-Badger Football Game on Nov. 12



Board of Directors Vote-in a Tax Cut

Perp was the first to get his 2012 dues in for the New Year, which is nice, but who will be the last? The bulging Waterdogs treasury has allowed for a dues reduction to \$50 for the current year, with the LOTW deposit remaining at \$150 per member going on the trip. Bring a check to the January meeting if you wish to avoid making a spectacle of yourself.



Griz enjoys the balmy December weather so much that he wore shorts and a t-shirt to the Dec 1st meeting.

The Fishing Season Approaches!

The 2012 Waterdogs Tournament Series will be an expanded version of our schedule to an average of one tournament a month from March to October. The tournament committee has picked the dates and the species, and are now working on the finer details of the tournaments. An effort is being made to keep the tournament times to 6-8 hours in order to encourage more guys that may have time constraints to be able to attend. Full details for each tournament will be presented to the club later, but in the meantime if you have any ideas to share, you can do so with the Dogs in charge of each tournament, or with FD, the tournament committee coordinator.

2012 Tournament Schedule

Gentlemen, Mark Your Calendars!

Date (Saturdays)	Species	Location	Dogs in Charge
Mar 17	Trout	TBD	Fluffee – Shatner
Apr 14	Trout	TBD	Fluffee – Shatner
May 19	Walleyes	St Louis River	Little Angel – Chips
June 1 (Fri)	Bass	Local TBD	Felix – Banana
June 23	Multi	Local TBD	Perp – Carmen
Aug 17 (Fri)	Multi	St Croix	OF - Janitor
Sep 8	Multi	Pepin	Suzy
Oct 6	Bass	Clearwater	Griz - Hillary

2012 Tournament Summary:

Target Species:

Multispecies 3

Trout 2

Bass 2

Walleye 1

No Crappie tournament

Rivers – 5, Lakes - 3

Overnighters – None unless individually desired.

Members will count their highest 6 scores out of 8 possible events for the yearly point total.