

The Dogumentary

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All the News That's Fish to Print

January 2014

2013 Waterdogs Fishing Club Calendar

January 1st	New Years at the Crick
January 2nd	Monthly Meeting at Tuttle's
Jan. 11th-12th	St. Paul Sportsman's Show
February 6th	Monthly Meeting at Tuttle's
March 6th	Monthly Meeting at Tuttle's
April 3rd	Monthly Meeting at Tuttle's
April 12th	Trout Tournament

January Speaker:

Steve Carney, the legendary fishing guide and outspoken outdoor writer, will start off our 2014



seminar series by talking about what the Dogs need to do now to start getting ready for 2014.

Steve's Website is:

<http://stevecarneyoutdoors.com/>

From the Desk of the President,

Greetings earthlings and Happy New Year! Hope everyone had a great holiday with family and friends – and got every new rod, reel or fishing gadget on your list. If you're like me, there's not much to go wrong when you buy gear for yourself. The surprise element is somewhat gone, but definitely get what you want. Was even surprised this year to see a present under the tree marked – TO: Aidan, FROM: Aidan. My oldest is catching on!



As for family gatherings go, it was the year of the in-laws with my wife's folks hosting Christmas in North Oaks. The good thing was no travel, and we could easily escape to our house to recoup our sanity. On the other hand, it brought to reality the impending invasion by her siblings, their spouses and kids. Twenty-five people in all, including 13 kids under the age of 13. Reminds me a lot like Christmas Vacation in all the chaos and confusion. To take the edge off, we ended up coordinating a brew tour by limo to Surly, Fulton, Indeed and Dangerous Man. For the beer enthusiasts, Fulton has a limited Batch 300 (IPA) on tap in their Garage Series to celebrate their 300th batch at the Minneapolis brewery...and it's phenomenal! All in, a great experience and even better without the kids in tow.

With our wickedly cold temps, hopefully many of you've been out on the hardwater and had more

success than myself. Justin Messner, one of our newest Waterdogs, and I tried our luck on a couple of new lakes we hadn't winter fished in Centerville and White Bear Lake. Caught a couple decent sunnies, but nothing of the crappies or walleyes we were targeting. Also, took out some of the kids visiting from Seattle and LA on Lake Mallalieu in Hudson this past Saturday. Given our lack of time and me not knowing the water, we came back skunked – but the kids had a blast. Looking forward to hearing other fishing and hunting stories at our upcoming meeting. Know Analist and his boy are up at LOTW as I write this, and hopefully he'll be back in time to share.

Looking forward to the year ahead, it promises to be a good one with several of our committees off and running. Especially want to thank all who 'reluctantly' agreed to chair committees for 2014. With the slight increase in dues, and additional dollars for our seminar committee, Duper and team are starting to lineup a great slate of speakers for the coming year – with several new faces making appearances. The tournament committee, led by Shatner and Analist, have locked in tournament dates and will soon announce locations and other details. Little Angel and the food committee are starting their efforts and promise some good grub in 2014. And, with the bylaws requiring a minimum of two special services events each year, Mama's Boy and team are working on some new ideas to encourage greater participation among the club.

As many may know, the time commitment and effort required of our many committees is significant – in coordinating monthly speakers, planning the LOTW trip, ensuring successful tournaments, putting together the annual banquet, and compiling this Dogumentary – among others. Therefore, I encourage everyone to help in supporting the efforts of our committees; to actively participate in as many tournaments as possible; to share your stories/tips with others through the Dogumentary and other channels; to make the effort to attend every monthly meeting; and, most importantly, have fun and take advantage of all the opportunities the club has to offer.

For our January meeting, we will be gathering at our normal spot at Tuttle's in Hopkins. For those new to the club, dinner (if interested) begins at 6pm with our meeting/speaker starting at 7pm. On the agenda, we will be welcoming our newest Waterdog recruits with some brief introductions, and the seminar committee has lined up a great speaker in Steve Carney, writer for Outdoor News and fishing guide, discussing a number of things to get us started on a great year of fishing. Less exciting, but important, reminder to bring your checkbooks to pay your dues

(\$75) and LOTW deposit (\$150) for those making the trip. From what I understand, the LOTW trip is July 26 to Aug 2...and never too early to get your RABC and make sure your passports are updated. Also, we're again volunteering at the Schara's Kids Fishing Clinic at the St Paul Sportsman Show on Jan 11 (11am-12:30pm) and Jan 12 (noon-1:30pm). And, lastly, if you have any concerns, suggestions or items for discussion among the Board, please get them to Chairman Dr. Meat or myself. A few have already come forward, such as revamping of our election process, which we'll get on the coming agenda. Voting members serving on the Board this year include Kojak, Carmen, Sticky and Analist – in addition to Dr. Meat and myself. Here's to a great 2014!

From the Desk of the President
Branden (Banana Boy) Happel

New Year's Day at the Crick



“Tradition...”

Topol invites you to celebrate the New Year with the opening of the Minnesota trout season on Hay Creek!

Fish for a few hours in the morning and then head over to the Hay Creek Bar for a burger and beer.

Round up a Posse from your Hood and head on down to catch your first fish of the New Year!

See You There!

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St. Paul Sportsman Show:

Ron Schara's Kids Fishing Clinic at the St. Paul Sportsman Show is coming up. Saturday Jan 11 (11am-12:30pm) and Sunday, January 12th (12pm-1:30pm) are the scheduled times. Please check your schedules so Mama's Boy can get an accurate count at Thursday's meeting.

Location: Roy Wilkins Auditorium in the Excel Center at 175 Kellog Blvd. St. Paul.

Just tell the people taking tickets that you're volunteering for the Ron Schara Kids Fishing Clinic and they'll let you in for free.

While there is lots of parking in the ramp on Kellog Blvd, there is also a ground level parking lot on 5th Street. When you cross 5th Street there's a loading dock with a rear entrance with a tent for people taking smoke breaks. Just walk through the tent, into the auditorium and you're right near the escalator that takes you up to the fishing clinic.

Lake of the Woods:

This year's trip will be co-chaired by Carmen and Kojak.

We are writing this article because of the large influx of new members, who would not be familiar with the trip. Although we are a multi-species club, the annual trip has become primarily a muskie fishing trip. That is not to say other species are not caught and some captains will take the time to fish for walleyes, smallies, etc.

The Angle Outpost Resort has been the site for our trip for more than ten years. It is on the tip of the Northwest Angle of Minnesota. The fishery is on Lake of the Woods, which has excellent muskie, walleye and smallmouth fishing. The resort has many cabins so our group is broken down into groups of 4-6 Dogs per cabin. The resort was sold a couple years

ago to Jason and Lisa Goulet and their 7 children. Truly, this is a family run operation. The new owners are in the process of remodeling all the cabins. The remodeling will take several years to complete, The 2014 Waterdogs Annual trip will once again be held at the Angle Outpost but much has been done already and the cabins are the best they have been since we started going there. Lisa told me today that the last of the old couches have now all been replaced.



Our fearless leader with a 46" LOTW Muskie

Last year we had a very low turn-out for the trip with only 12 Dogs in attendance. This year, based on the show of hands at the December meeting and making a couple of assumptions, we may have as many as 24 Dogs on the trip. The trip is open to all current Waterdogs. In addition, this year, we will welcome any former Waterdog on the trip. Buick has already said he will attend. So any current Dog that you know of a former Dog wanting to attend should call them now to invite them.

Anyone going on the trip will need to pay a \$150 deposit by the February meeting to

reserve a spot. We currently have 5 cabins reserved and will need to get the deposits in to hold them.

For those who have not been on the trip, there are certain licensing and document requirements. First, you must have a valid US Passport to cross the Canadian border and return to the USA. There are three items you need for fishing in Canada. You will need a fishing license, an Ontario sportsman card that allows you to buy a license, and a Remote Area Crossing Permit (RABC) that allows you to fish back and forth between the countries without have to go through customs each day. The RABC and license you need to purchase each year, but the sportsman card is good for several years. More details about these will be talked about this spring.



Duper Lake of the Woods 51"

The total cost for the trip includes these licenses, cabin expense, food, boat gas, travel to and from the resort, and personal beverage. Each cabin plans and prepares their own meals, so costs can vary from cabin to cabin. However, it think for most Dogs the total cost is

close to \$1,000, which is quite reasonable for what we get the whole week.

This is just a wonderful trip. Eat, Sleep, and Fish, with an occasional adult beverage. What could be better? Mark your calendar now, July 19-26.

Shorty's Corner:

Since you're desperate for news, the fishing is even getting good in the pond behind my house. Caught this 19 incher to my total surprise on a 4 inch swim bait. There must be some truth to ducks bringing in fish eggs. Who says you need a boat.



Ron Boudreaux (Shorty)

Election Day 2013:

It was another very interesting election year for the Waterdogs. The main event, of course, is the election of the Vice President who the next year becomes the president. Carmen, the first speaker, displayed a very interesting campaign tactic. He withdrew his name from consideration, which had some surprising results. The next nominee, Hillary, immediately threw his support to Carmen as did the rest of the nominees. Carmen won in a landslide.

Newcomers especially should take heed. You may be nominated for a position next year and

you need to consider your campaign strategy very carefully.

Newsletter Business:

Both to help new members learn about some of the old members and help new members acclimate, the Bio of the Month is one of the features of our newsletter. There is a word document attached along with this newsletter that I would like to have everyone fill out and return to me by reply e-mail along with a photo. You can either use the questionnaire as a guide and just answer the questions or write your own narrative using the questionnaire as a guide.

A second newsletter item is the Tackle Tip of the Month. If you've got a tip regarding tackle, bait, boat maintenance etc. we'd like to hear about it. There is also a word document attached to fill out and return for that.

One other feature of the newsletter is the photo of the month. If you have a photo you like send it to me, Laun (Juan Valdez) Sanderson. If no one sends me photos you'll just keep seeing my favorites.

Bio of the Month: Shorty

Who brought you into the club and what's your relationship to that person?

I was brought into the club by Pete Gier who I worked with

What's your profession?

Wholesale Insurance Broker

A little bit about your family

Married for 36 years to my lovely wife Marilyn. Have twin sons, Brian and Ron Jr.

What's your handle and the story behind it?

First year in the club I owned a 17 Ft Bass tracker. During the course of my first Muskie trip on LOW everything that could short out on my boat did short out. Batteries, Trolling Motor, Bilge pump, Flasher, and finally had a knick in one of the spark plug wires.

Where did you grow up and what's your history with fishing?

Grew up in South Philadelphia, and my early fishing experiences included flounder fishing on charter boats by the New Jersey Shore.

What's your favorite species to fish? Why?

What's your favorite technique? After catching a

few 150LB tarpon its hard to say I enjoy anything more. Honestly if it toughs on the line its truly enjoyable. Whether it be vertical jigging for walleye, casting wood for muskies or worming for bass, I love it all its really hard to pick a favorite.

What's your most memorable fishing experience?

Catching Elvira on the Lakes of the Woods trip. It was about 6:30 PM with the sun directly behind me. I placed the silver reef hog on the inside of a huge cabbage bed in Wonder bay. As the reef hog exited the weed bed, Elvira came in right behind and the lure disappeared, a 50 inch muskie. It's like it was yesterday.



What do you like about being a Waterdog? Just having a good time with great friends and a little friendly competition.

Ron (Shorty) Boudreaux

Tackle Tip of the Month

From the inestimable Spanky

It is more important here in the salt water but a good tip for all tackle boxes is a container of baby powder to spray on tackle before putting away to prevent rust. I have a dusting of powder on all of my tackle boxes.

Stu (Spanky) Pagel

Photo of the Month

Mille Lacs Sunrise by Dr. Meat



2014 Tournament Schedule

Date	Species	Location	Dogs in Charge
April 12 (Backup 4-26)	Trout	Wisconsin	Fluffee
May 3	Crappie	TBD	TBD
June 6-7	Walleye	TBD	TBD
June 21	Largemouth	TBD	TBD
July 12	Smallmouth	TBD	TBD
August 16	MEGA Multi-Species	TBD	TBD
September 13	Largemouth	TBD	TBD
October 4th	Multi-Species	TBD	TBD