

# The Dogumentary

23rd Year

The Waterdogs Fishing Club

February 2005

## Next Meetings – USCG Boat Safety Course

The next two meetings will be held at the Hopkins VFW, as usual, but the official club meeting will begin earlier at 6:30 in order to make time for the USCG Boat Safety Course that is being taken by many members of the club, and a couple of Waterdog pups, as well. Parts 2&3 of the class will run from 7pm-9pm at both the February and March meetings. Come earlier if you want dinner. This is not a mandatory class, and members that are not taking the class may leave after the club's business meeting.

## Dues are Due

The yearly club dues of \$75 are due as soon as you can get them to Old Fart. For those going to Lake of the Woods this summer, that deposit is also \$75 to the Waterdogs.

## President's Corner: Doug Squire



<u>The 2005 Waterdog Calendar</u>	
Gentlemen, Mark You Calendars!	
Feb 3	Monthly Meeting
March 3	Monthly Meeting
March 19	Trout Tourney
<b>April 2</b>	<b>Schara Clinic MplsAud</b>
April 7	Monthly Meeting
April 30	Crappie Tourney
May 5	Monthly Meeting
<b>May 28</b>	<b>Bertha Ordination</b>
June 2	Monthly Meeting
June 4-5	Walleye Tourney
June 24 (Fri)	Multi-S Tourney
July 7	Monthly Meeting
July 23-30	RockNRoll Musky Tour
Aug 4	Monthly Meeting
Aug 20	Bass Tourney
Sep 1	Monthly Meeting
Sep 17	Musky/Pike Tourney
Oct 6	Monthly Meeting
Nov 3	Annual Banquet

Tournament details are on the last page.

Now with the holidays over I hope you guys got all those fishing items you were looking for on your gift list. I was fortunate to get a 7-foot St. Croix walleye rod and Quantum spinning reel that I'm looking forward to using this spring. I also took advantage of some Cabela's sales to purchase some trailer guide-ons so that I can hopefully get my boat centered on the trailer in my first attempt this year. During these winter months I try to think of a few things that I need to get ready for the up coming fishing season. With my purchase of a new boat last year my list isn't quite as long, but I still find things that I could use. To help jog my memory on any items I could use for the boat, I always take a

trip to the Boat Show. I made a visit last week with the main intent to help a friend of mine who was looking at purchasing a pontoon boat. We spent most of the time looking at pontoons, but I managed to look at a few fishing boats. It amazes me every year they keep coming up with new things: color graphics the size of small TVs, XM radios and 250hp 4 strokes seem to be commonplace. I manage to leave without making a major purchase, which is good for the sake of my marriage.

It was nice to see a big turnout of dogs volunteering at the kids fishing clinic in St. Paul. I went on Saturday and we had 11 dogs attend that day, and I believe we had about 8 planned for Sunday. We will also be helping out at the Schara kid's clinic again at the Sportsman Show in Mpls. On April 2.

Another special service event I think the club should participate in is the rally at the Capital to support Minnesota ducks, wetlands and clean water that is being held on Saturday April 2, at 1:00. There have been quite a few articles in the Star Tribune promoting this event hopefully you have had a chance to read some of them. The purpose of the event is to try to make an effort to overhaul the way wetlands, wetland wildlife and water ways are being managed. I'm not a duck hunter, but I have a number of friends that are and I know they are frustrated with declining quality of wetlands and management of them over the years. As fishermen, certainly the water quality of the streams and lakes we fish is largely affected by wetland management. If anyone in the club would like to take the lead role in helping organize a group of Waterdogs to attend this rally let me know and will discuss at upcoming meetings.

See you at the February meeting  
Mammas Boy

### **Thanks to Brian Karsjens!**

At the January meeting, Brian passed out copies of the Waterdog bylaws in a new, condensed form that can easily be kept in a boat or tacklebox for easy reference while out on the water, or in your vehicle. Brian also informed the club that a new Waterdogs calendar will be available next month featuring club members at their best. With all of his good deeds, Brian is trying hard to earn an

appropriate handle, which he lacks so far. Perhaps 'Calendar Boy'? We'll see!

### **Only 180 Days to Go...**

Until the 2005 Rock-N-Roll Musky Tour, but who's counting? At this time, we have 25 signed up for the trip, with at least three 'maybes', which will likely give us the biggest crew ever on the annual trip. Recently, former Dog, Southern Man has signed back up, who was previously not going due to vacation time constraints. Duper is already working daily on the trip organizer and has some plans for a few new things, along with the usual fun plans. Be sure to get your deposit in as soon as possible, and get your cabin and fishing partner requests to Duper.

### **2005 Tournament Series News:**

Two new features of the tournament series should help to increase the fishing skills of all members. All the tournaments will be team events this year, which will encourage more cooperation, planning, and sharing by the fishermen during the event. The winners of each tournament are also required to give a show-and-tell presentation at the following meeting in order to receive their first-place points. These strategies should lead to a quicker learning curve for everybody, and will also help to even out the competition throughout the year.

### **Special Outings Taking Shape for 2005**

VP Steve Haagenon is organizing a series of outings for the coming season to provide members some additional times to get together and try new waters and techniques in a non-competitive gathering. Surveys were sent out to members who indicated their preferences, and are now being used to plan some events. The previously mentioned get-together with the Little Crow Anglers was not a popular choice, and will likely not happen. Farm Boy will have more news and a schedule of the outings at upcoming meetings. Did someone say 'Catfish'?

# Waterdogs 2005 Tournament Series

Mark Your Home and Work Calendars and Let's Go!

Date	Species	Location	Dogs in Charge
March 19 (Sat)	Trout	Root River (Preston-Forestville area)	Mueller – Keller
April 30 (Sat)	Crappie	Prior Lake	Dupont – Karsjens
June 4-5 (Sat-Sun)	Walleye	St Louis River – Duluth	Hennessey – Miller
June 24 (Fri)	Multi-species	Minnetonka	Blakely – Ferstenou
Aug 20 (Sat)	Bass	Rush Lake by Rush City	Lantto – Johnson
Sep 17 (Sat)	Muskie/Pike	Mille Lacs	Leibrock - Haagenon

## Pictures from the Schara Clinic



Dr. Meat explains how not to cast over the ceiling lighting fixtures



OJ tries to pick up a few musky tips from Lucky Libby.



Juan Valdez shows the proper technique for removing a fishhook from your finger.