

The Dogumentary

28th Year

The Waterdogs Fishing Club

February 2010

February Meeting at Hopkins VFW

The February meeting will be at the Hopkins VFW, as usual. Our guest speaker is Ron Schara, who will share his thoughts and observations of today's fishing scene. Ron's talks are always inspiring and you won't want to miss it. The meeting starts at 7pm, with dinner at 6. Several dogs went across the street to Tuttle's for dinner last month and had a pretty good meal from a large menu that even includes pizza. You can park at the VFW and scamper across Shady Oak Road if you're up for some better victuals.

From the Desk of the President, Brian Karsjens – 'The Perp'



Well, we made it to February. The winter will quickly be past us and it will be time for open water fishing again. I have an indoor project that I am working on and trying to get completed before turning thoughts to fishing. I had been doing pretty good in not letting my focus slip too much, but the St Paul Sportsman's Show started the mind slide and then last Saturday morning I turned on the Musky Hunter show and they were at the University of Esos at Sandy's on Blackhawk Island. They kept fishing spots that looked familiar (of course a lot of spots up there look alike) and that got me to thinking fishing again and reminiscing about LOTW and fishing and muskies.

I didn't see much new in the way of lures at the St Paul Sportsman's Show. It appears that 2010 is a make over year with new colors and bigger everything. The blades on some of the inline spinners made them look like "Hippo Girls" next to the "Cow Girls". I wonder what it takes to pull one of them thru the water. There was one other item that caught my eye. I had seen an ad in Outdoor News for it before the show and then had a chance to see it at the

2010 Waterdogs Fishing Club Calendar

Feb 4	Monthly Meeting
Mar 4	Monthly Meeting
Apr 1	Monthly Meeting
Apr 10	Trout Tournament (4/17 alt)
May 1	Crappie Tournament (5/8 alt)
May 6	Monthly Meeting
June 3	Monthly Meeting
June 5-6	Walleye Tournament
June 18-19	Bass Tournament
July 8	Monthly Meeting
July 24-31	Rock n Roll Musky Tour
Aug 5	Monthly Meeting
Aug 28	Multispecies Tournament
Sep 2	Monthly Meeting
Sep 18	Multispecies Tournament
Oct 7	Monthly Meeting
Nov 4	Banquet
Dec 2	Monthly Meeting

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show. A local manufacturing company has come up with a handy pump that takes the work out of changing the lower unit lube. It looks like a Hudson sprayer with a special nozzle that will fit most any outboard. They claim less than one minute fill time and the pump is easier to use than the thumb pumps on the quart bottles. We will have to get a report from OF after he has a chance to try his out. (Rick's Bike Shop may be renamed Rick's Bike and Outboard Lube Shop.)

Think about calendar pictures as you have photo ops this year. I am looking for pictures and themes to fill the pages. I would welcome any help in selecting photo's and laying out the pages for next years calendar. We may need to have a contest for calendar pages.

Ron Schara will be our featured speaker at the February meeting. It is always a good time to hear what is on his mind and listen to the stories he has to tell.

In addition, the Special Services Committee has asked Tom Goodrich of Fishing For Life to talk to us about volunteer opportunities with his organization. Fishing For Life is a nonprofit whose mission statement is: Fishing for Life serve youth, families and communities through fishing and outdoor programs. They have three programs, Reel 'Em In Kids, Fish Fair and Fish-A-Thon. Several club members have helped with these programs in the past.

2010 Officers Elected

The December meeting saw the hot-potato of the Vice Presidency being tossed around until it landed in Shatner's lap. The club members are confident of Kirk's abilities, and there are plenty of helpers that are always willing to lend support to make sure things run smoothly. Kirk will be sitting on the left of the podium when The Perp speaks this year.

The Board of Directors has also been established for 2010, and they are anxious to tackle the issues of their constituents. The board includes the president, past president, VP, secretary (Kojak), treasurer (OF), and the elected members: Felix, FD, Meat, and Farm Buoy.

Think Green(stick)

If you throw away your fishing magazines after reading them, consider recycling them with other club members. Bring them to the meeting and let someone else have a shot at learning your fishing secrets.



Dues are Still Due

If you did not paid your dues at the January meeting, bring them to the Feb meeting for OF. The cost of the one-year club membership is \$75, and if you're going on the LOTW trip, the deposit for that is \$150. Fluffee paid his LOTW deposit, but not his dues, so apparently we will be welcoming him on the trip as a guest this year. Maybe he'll be Shorty's Little Buddy all week.

OJ Goes AWOL

As of the first of February, OJ has retired from the refinery to have more time to polish the boat and sharpen the hooks for more fishing. He may be a good candidate to call anytime you need a fishing partner, especially on weekdays.

Waterdogs Poker Night now a Tradition

About once a month, 6-7 Waterdogs get together for a night of dinner and poker, usually on a Friday or Saturday night. It's a night of good food, amazing stories and good WD fellowship. The stakes are limited to a 25-cent bet, so a good or bad night might mean plus or minus \$15. The party rotates among various players homes. OF is the chief instigator of the event, so if you would like to be on the poker-night e-mail for future gatherings, let him know. Over the past year, combatants have included Felix, OF, Janitor, Shorty, FD, Sticky, OJ, Chainsaw, Carmen, Mama's Boy, and Little Angel.



Enjoying a Night of Poker at Dr. Sticky's

2010 Waterdogs Tournament Series

Gentlemen, Mark Your Calendars!

Date	Species	Location	Dogs in Charge
Saturday, April 10 (4/17alt)	Trout	WI Rivers	Fluffy, Carmen
Saturday, May 1 (5/8 alt)	Crappie	Minnetonka	
Sat-Sun, June 5-6	Walleyes	St Louis River	Chips
Fri-Sat, June 18-19	Bass	Carver Co Lakes	Nasty, Felix
Saturday, August 28	Multispecies	Lake Alexander	Janitor
Saturday, Sep 18	Multispecies	Mississippi Pool 2	Suzy, Shatner

Schara's Kids Clinic 2010

