

The Dogumentary

29th Year

The Waterdogs Fishing Club

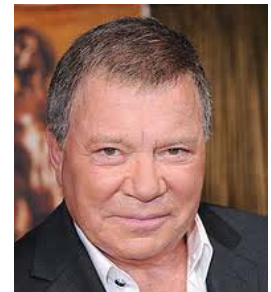
February 2011

A Fish is Never So Big as the One that was Almost Caught

February 2011 Meeting

The February meeting will be at Tuttle's Grill and Bowling Alley on Shady Oak Road in Hopkins. Our speaker will be Ron Schara who will share his keen insights of the fishing world. .

From the Desk of the President, Captain Kirk



2011 Waterdogs Fishing Club Calendar

Feb 3	Monthly Meeting
March 3	Monthly Meeting
April 2 (9)	Trout Tournament
April 7	Monthly Meeting
April 30 (5/7)	Crappie Tournament
May 5	Monthly Meeting
May 21-22	Walleye Tournament
June 2	Monthly Meeting
June 18	Bass Tournament
July 7	Monthly Meeting
July 23-30	Rock N Roll Musky Tour
August 4	Monthly Meeting
Sep 1	Monthly Meeting
Sep 10	Multispecies Tournament
Oct 8	Smallmouth Tournament
Nov 3	Banquet

Greetings.

Let's hope that Punxsutawney Phil does not see his shadow this Wednesday which would bring another six weeks of winter and further delay our winter trout fishing expeditions to SE Minnesota. Last year at this time several of us had already been to Hay Creek and Whitewater taking advantage of a couple of early thaws. The ever increasing snow depths and continuous below freezing temperatures make me all the more envious of Shorty and Spanky with their Florida homes.

I am looking forward to our February meeting this week when we will have Ron Schara with us again to share his outdoor adventures. It is a great partnership we have had with Ron for a number of years now assisting him with his Kid's Clinic at the St. Paul Sports Show. Thanks to all the Dogs who helped out again this year.

After graduating from the minnow race last year I joined the Perp at the Bait Rigging Table this year for a most enjoyable couple of hours interacting with kids. When we were setting up before the start we had some concerns about the tables proximity to the casting target area. Sure enough, half way

thru the session an errant cast hit me just above the ear. I looked over to see the source of this projectile and saw a kid under Bud's guidance at the other end of the line and Bud was chuckling. Bud now needs to be on alert this spring for a water cannon retaliatory attack from the Enterprise which is always armed with 4 plasma cannons with a 50 foot range.

It has been great to see such strong attendance for our December and January meetings. I believe we had 30 in attendance with the three new members for the MarCum presentation in January. This great turnout caught us a bit off guard and we will work with Tuttle's to have more seating prepared ahead of time for future meetings.

I look forward to seeing you all this Thursday at Tuttle's and remember to bring along any recent fishing experiences you have had to share with the pack.



Carmen and the Janitor teach the kids about minnows at the Schara Kids Clinic.

Border View Lodge - Lake of the Woods

By Little Angel

On January 13th my business partner Chuck, his son Mark and I headed up to Border View Lodge on Lake of the Woods. We fished for two full days out of one of their houses which was about 8 miles out. We were planning to take the Bombadeer out, but the roads were plowed so well that we drove our own vehicle out. The fishing on Friday was good, as the weather had been stable for a few days. The depth was about 33 feet and I normally fish about a foot off the bottom and think I only got one sauger at that depth.

We all had flashers, two FL8s and one of the new Hummingbirds. The Hummingbird was a very nice flasher with good definition and not a lot of clutter to deal with. It also did not interfere with our flashers. We fished with fatheads, as that was what the lodge supplied. The hot jigs colors were gold and pink. (Bertha, I gave the John Deere green a try but had no success.) We caught almost all walleye with just a couple of sauger.

If you did not have a flasher you would likely have not caught any fish. The walleye were suspended from 20 feet down to as shallow as 5 feet. I usually set a rod at 15 feet and the other I raised and lowered as I saw the fish come through. The fish were biting very light as many times you would bring the jig up to the fish's level and they would just look at it. If you would jigged it they would take off.



On Friday we caught about 20 fish, with a lot of nice eating sized fish from 15-19 inches. Some of the smaller ones we let go. On Saturday a cold front came through and we had a tough time getting more than 10-12 fish that day.

It was a good trip, but brief. Border View was a very nice resort with great cabins, a huge lodge and dining area. The people were accommodating and the food was excellent. If anyone is inclined to do a little ice fishing this is a good place to go.



Little Angel

2011 Tournament Series

Gentlemen, Mark Your Calendars!

Date	Species	Location	Dogs in Charge
Saturday April 2 (4/9 Alt)	Trout	Wisconsin	Janitor - Shatner
Saturday April 30 (5/7 Alt)	Crappie	Prior Lake	Griz – Banana - Suzy
Sat-Sun May 21-22	Walleye/Lake Trout	Grand Rapids MN	Fluffy - Carmen - Lil Angel
Saturday June 18	Bass	Pelican Lk Albertville	Analist - Bud
Saturday Sep 10	Multispecies	Minnetonka	Chips - Spanky
Saturday Oct 8	Smallmouth	Rum River	Perp - Buick