

# The Dogumentary

31st Year

The Of-fish-ial Mouthpiece of the Waterdogs Fishing Club

February 2013

## 2013 Waterdogs Fishing Club Calendar

Feb 7	Monthly Meeting
March 1	Wisconsin Trout opens
Mar 7	Monthly Meeting
March 16	Wisconsin Trout 1
Apr 4	Monthly Meeting
April 6	Wisconsin Trout 2
April 20	Trout Backup Date
May 2	Monthly Meeting

### February Speaker

Larry Gavin will be our speaker this month. Larry was the senior editor of Midwest Fly Fishing Magazine for 15 years. He is currently a freelance writer and seminar speaker. His articles have been published in Fly Rod and Reel, Gray's Sporting Journal, Gun Dog, North Dakota Outdoors, Outdoor News and many other publications. He also is the author of three books of poetry. He taught for ten years at the Midwest Fly Fishing School in Montana. He also was the primary organizer of the Great Waters Fly Fishing Expos in Mpls and Chicago. Ninety percent of Larry's fishing is in Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin. He typically trout fishes three days a week from June through September. While Larry loves fly fishing, he's no snob. He'll share his thoughts about fishing for trout with spin casting gear, which he is well versed in, and will offer some ideas about lure choices that might surprise a few of us. When Larry isn't trout fishing, he's teaching 10th grade literature and composition at Faribault High School. He has an M.A. in English from Middlebury College in Vermont.

See the last page for 2013 Tourney schedule

### *From the Desk of the President, Dr. Meat/John Schaffhausen*

Well here we are in February. Cold weather has settled in, flu season is settling down, and we are only 6 weeks away from our first trout tournament. As I have not done any ice fishing this year, I am anxious for Spring! Time to start thinking about cleaning out the tackle boxes and getting the rods and reels set to go, but I will most likely wait until the last minute as usual. Hopefully this month's speaker will help motivate me. Larry Gavin will be talking trout and I hope you can all be there.



Thanks to all who came and helped out with the Ron Schara fishing clinic. Pretty typical turn out of kids, most enjoyed walleye fishing but it seemed that several up and coming bass

anglers and maybe even some muskie hunters were in the crowd. Of course the casting venue was quite cramped making things a little more challenging but I had three who set off the trap on their first cast. I must make an excellent teacher!



Meat in Action

Thank you again to all the committee chairs. I am hearing good things and feel the yearly schedule is shaping up nicely. Hope to see you all Thursday!  
Dr. Meat

### **Lake of the Woods Update**

We need to send our deposit to Angle Outpost this month. So far we have deposits from 8 Dogs: Felix, Shorty, Sticky Fingers, Kojak, Puddin Man, Perp, Dr. Meat and Carmen. If anyone else is planning to go, please let Old Fart or myself know. If we do not get more participation, guests will be invited.

### **Kids Fishing Clinic Report**

By: Annika Keller

Sam, my brother and I went to the Ron Shara fishing clinic with my Dad. When we got there we helped setup some of the activities with the Boy Scouts. When we were waiting for the clinic to start, my brother played on our I-pad with one of the boy scouts who worked at the fish identification stand.

When the clinic started, my dad gave my brother the I-pad and he gave me our camera to take pictures. We took pictures of almost every stand but we took the most pictures at the casting stand. It was fun watching the Waterdogs teach kids how to cast.

When most of the people left I started to do the activities at the stands. When I finished almost all of the activities my brother started to do the activities. After we finished all of the activities we got a Ron Shara goodie bag.



Here's a picture we took:



Chips has her full attention

### **New Years Day at the Crik**

FD and I kept our new tradition alive by trout fishing on January 1.

We arrived at Hay Creek around 9:30 and the temperature was -12.

I stepped out of the truck and spotted a bald eagle on a tree overlooking the creek. While I was taking its picture, FD sat behind the wheel with the engine and heat on and proceeded to prepare for the ordeal. Then another vehicle (Cheesehead) pulled in and the three of us talked about how crazy we were. We went up stream and tried not to think how long it would take for frostbite to set in. The stream was open where there was current but the sides were iced. I casted downstream and had a hit on the third cast but only lost the tail of my

bait. It did not take long for the ice to build up on my guides. FD's rig had metal guides and he had no problem. The hoarfrost was beautiful but when I pulled my camera out to take a photo, the cold had drained my battery.



I kept looking ahead for the spot where the stream left the shadows of the cliff and where sunshine was sure to warm my exposed face. Then I heard the familiar splash of a fish on and looked to see FD landing the first trout of 2013.



After that I struggled with ice while FD caught two more. After about 90 minutes we came upon a stretch that was totally iced over. Good place to stop and head to the Hay Creek Bar for burgers and beer. Only the bar was closed

for New'sYears Day, unlike last year. So we drove back and stopped at Little Oscar's for the all day breakfast.

Looking forward to the next outing of the goon squad but hoping to wait for 20+ degree weather.

Carmen

### **My Son's First Solo Deer Hunt**

For three years now my son and I have shared the same tree during the deer gun season on our Lake City property. Being 14 years of age, this year he was allowed to go solo. While I shared the same tree again this year during the youth gun season, he was on his own come the real opener as I could now carry my own gun. With two bucks already under his belt, his plan was to wait 'til he saw one that would best the ones already adorning the walls of his bedroom. The first weekend on stand he saw and passed a total of 21 deer. He saw one shooter each day across the ravine from his stand, but he never offered a good enough shot. Albeit he said he could have taken a Texas heart shot once, but didn't think that would be right. For you non-hunters, that's when a deer is facing directly away from you and you shoot him smack dab in his rear end; effective, but nasty. I saw and passed on numerous deer that first weekend as well, one of which looked like a beauty. I could have taken a shot at him, but he was walking straight towards my son's stand (which was maybe 300 yards through the woods) and I would rather see him shoot it than me. Unfortunately for us the wind was in the bucks favor and he must have caught wind of my son as I heard the deer hastily move up the bluff about the time he would have been in sight. Justin never saw him.

The second weekend I decided to trek to the top of our property's bluffs—some 400 feet above the valley floor. In the five years we have hunted this land no one has hunted this high as it is difficult to access; and just downright tiring. My son was back in his Grandpa's stand (former Dog member Ed Jurva) on the other side of the valley. 15 minutes after settling down, and catching my breath, a small 8 point buck came milling by. An easy shot, but he was just a young 2 ½ year old so I passed. A couple minutes later I hear a shot from down below—I have a good feeling it's my boy. The fact that only one shot was fired is a good sign as it typically means a second shot is unnecessary. Seconds later my radio comes to life with the sound of my son's voice: excitedly he says "I got one dad. I got a BIG buck."

I tell him to sit tight and keep an eye on the deer until I get there.

While ecstatic for my son, I now have to retrace my steps down the 400' bluff. When I finally make it to my son's stand he asks me "what took you so long?" At the time I am plum exhausted from having gone

both up and down the hill. To top it off I had to walk another ¼ mile back to the ATV to get the camera. Needless to say I was beat. If my boy had been a few years older I would've given him a bit of my piece of mind. Instead I ignore his question and ask "where's the deer". I get the full story: he says "I was kind of resting when I heard a rock tumble down the hill behind me. I look and see the buck crossing at the head of the ravine. He gets to a good spot and I blat at him (again for you non-hunters, this is when you use your mouth to make a sound like a deer) to stop him. He stops and I shot him perfectly. He ran straight up there and fell down. I think he is still there."

While he turned out to be "only a nine pointer"—in the words of my son—my boy has taken his first deer all by himself. I couldn't have been prouder. My boy has officially become a deer hunter.

Analist



**Breakfast with Shorty**

There is more than Golf to occupy your time in Florida. Caught this guy, a 28incher, on a top water skitterbug, along with about 15 more.

We were sight fishing tailing reds on an oyster bar in the back bay behind Sanibel Island. On light tackle I can't quite come up with anything that would be more fun. There is nothing like a Trout exploding on a top water. Oz was



inquiring about who is coming down for the Tarpon trip in May 16, 17, 18 19 and the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. They are already starting to get booked up and I want to get the best! Admittedly, I'm missing the cold and the wind and the snow, NOT! wish you guys were here!!!! I have plenty of room at my place.

**2013 Tournament Schedule**

Date	Hours	Species	Location	Dogs in Charge
Mar 16	TBD	Trout	Wisconsin	Carmen & FD
April 6	TBD	Trout	Wisconsin	Griz & Fluffee
April 20	TBD	Trout	Backup for Trout 1 or 2	
May 18	TBD	Southern Fried Walleye	TBD	Little Angel, Bud & Banana
June 7-8	TBD	Mille Lacs Flip-Flop	Mille Lacs	Janitor, Duper, Chips
July 13	TBD	Shot in the Dark Bass	TBD	Kirk, Analist
September 14	TBD	Multispecies	Minnetonka	Greenstick and Helen
October 5	TBD	Smallmouth	Rum River	Perp and Nasty