

# The Dogumentary

22<sup>nd</sup> Year

The Waterdogs Fishing Club

March 2004

## March Meeting

The March meeting will be back to the **Hopkins VFW on Shady Oak Road**, site of Carmen's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday bash. Apparently, their kitchen is back up and running for dinnertime meals. Dinner starts at 6, and the meeting starts at 7. Cost is about \$10-12. Adult beverages are also available.

## The 2004 Waterdog Calendar

<b>March 4</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>
<b>April 1</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>
<b>May 6</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>
<b>June 3</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>
<b>July 8 (2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs)</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>
<b>July 24-31</b>	<b>RocknRoll Musky Tour</b>

**See the tourney calendar for other dates**

## Welcome new members

We welcome Tom Keller, Brian Karsjens and John Schaffhausen to the club and look forward to getting to know them better through the year. John is an MD friend of Sticky, so it will be interesting to watch the two doctors fight over one nurse this year.

We also must say Goodbye to Dave Strock, who is moving to Grand Rapids to be closer to his sales territory. We will miss his good participation and wit, but will keep him in touch with the Dogumentary.

## President's Corner – Matt Mueller:



I finally have something to write about besides "not fishing". That would be "fishing" or better yet "catching fish". For the first time since well before the holidays, I was able to wet a line in open water. The first fish of the New Year, a pretty pair of Brook Trout for Ron and Matt.

Last Tuesday (2/17), as the weather for the next day was predicted to hit 40 degrees for the first time in a month, I jumped on the phone looking for a partner. After bombing out with Buick, I was able to find Shorty with an empty calendar and we booked the next day. With an eye on the Trout Tournament in March we headed to the Whitewater area again to see if some old spots still worked and if we could uncover some new ones. The day turned out to be a fine one, too fine in some ways. The temps cracked 40 degrees as Shorty and I walked all day through 12 inches of snow while wearing 3mil of neoprene. By the end of the day the inside of my waders were sweat soaked. As this was the first real day over freezing, we didn't have much snow melt. Subsequently the water was clear and as the sun was shining, the fish were spooky. In spite of it we managed to yank a dozen or so out of the river. It started with two fine Brookies, then came a passel of Brown Trout and we closed

the day with a 13.5" Rainbow to complete the Trifecta.

I won't say too much more about our experiences for a couple of reasons; I don't want to give away too many secrets (tactics or locales) and I want to incent you to make the March meeting as well. As the designated speaker next week, I'll be sharing more information, at the monthly meeting. Our trout tournament, and the season in general, is now about a month away and we'll be in the thick of it before we know it. Get your lightweight tackle in shape. You'll need it for the Trout Tourney as well as the Crappie Tourney thereafter.

Let me take this opportunity to remind the members of a few items:

Our meeting spot has moved back to the Hopkins VFW. As per Carmen, they have full kitchen service at this time.

Have you responded to Duper regarding the annual trip particulars? Don't forget your RABC <http://www.cic.qc.ca/english/visit/rabc.html>.

Are your dues paid-up? (I'm looking at you Father Potsy)! Get that money to Old Fart. We have some new (and an old one or two) members that need handles.

We'll have to start paying close attention to these guys. Please circulate all suggestions.

Hope to see you all at the VFW on March 4th.  
-Fluffee



Congratulations Mr. Shorty. It's a beautiful 11" Brookie

### **Dues Are Due**

Pay your \$75 yearly dues at the meeting, if you have not done so already. Failure to do so will result in an hour-long lecture from Shorty.

### **LOTW Trip Update: Go Dogs Go**

By Duper

It's a go. By the time you're reading this, our controller, Old Fart, has sent up our deposits to Angle Outpost for the annual Rock 'n' Roll Musky Tour, Sat., July 24 – Sat., July 31, 2004.

We have 23 registered to date, with a couple more Dogs and guests who are finalizing their decisions within the next week. We have room for 26 guys total, based on the cabins we have reserved – #9, #10, #11 (4-6 man), #8 (6 man), and #5 (8 man).

Here's the list of who is planning to participate in the big trip this year, so far: Rick Anderson, Colin Anderson (Rick's son), Dave Anderson, Bob Blakely, Ron Boudreaux, Chris Covert (guest and former Dog), Bob Dickey, Chris Downey, Jay Dupree, Steve Dupont, James Ferstenou, Steve Haagenson, Scott Hennessy, Paul Johnson, Jerry Krekelberg, Matt Mueller, Bob Raymo, Ron Reigle, Laun Sanderson, Doug Squire, Bryan Squire (Doug's son), Tim Yanta, and Glenn Sturchio (Fluffy's guest).

### **Other update items:**

1. Spoke to Jessica Fandrich at Angle Outpost who said they have received lots of snow this winter. That, combined with the Kenora Watershed District's plans to slowly raise the lake level, starting now, she thinks the lake will be at its normal average level this summer vs. being 3 – 5 feet below normal levels last summer.
2. The t-shirts are being ordered next week. See the design copy below.



3. We will have a new trophy for most muskies caught. It will be called "The Producer" trophy and will be unveiled during the Saturday morning breakfast ceremony.

4. We will move our first night dinner, which Angle Outpost usually prepares for us, from Saturday, the day we arrive, to Sunday, to allow Dogs to make the most of their fishing time on the first day.

#### Power Lure Is Back

Whether you're going on the annual Rock 'n' Roll Musky Trip or not, you will have a chance to begin purchasing tickets to the Power Lure Lotto. Last year, Felix correctly guessed that Old Fart would catch the largest fish of the LOTW trip -- a 50 incher. For this, he took home nearly \$180 (after the Power Lure rolled over from the previous year when no one guessed correctly). Now we start the jackpot all over. Tickets are \$5 each. You guess the name of the Dog you think will catch the biggest musky of the trip. Should there be a tie, the Dog who is most close to guessing the size of the big fish will win. The next tiebreaker will be date and time. If no one guesses correctly, the pot will roll over to next year's trip. And of course, the annual trip materials will include the Oddsmaker's annual

prognostications for each trip participant -- always good for a hoot or two.

Don't forget, we need to break last year's record of 81 muskies caught!



**Hooked and Set...on Bob Dickey**  
By Suzy

**Handle:** Fishdick

**How did you get your handle?** I have no idea where it came from, but it has caused me countless embarrassing moments, for which I am thankful.

**When did you join the club:** 1983 and 1998 with 5 years off to help raise my fry into fingerlings.

**What club committees have you worked on, or leadership positions have you held:** First elected president, WD of the year twice.

**Family (wife, kids, pets, etc.):** Wife, Kris, and kids Kathryn, 14, Billy, 12, and Susan, 10.

**Age:** 51

**Hometown:** Edina

**Where you currently live:** Edina

**School:** U of M where I was in Kappa Sigma fraternity along with Chips and the Janitor.

**Your job:** Stock market analyst, RBC Dain Rauscher, 31 years.

**Your favorite fishing reel:** Garcia Ambassadors.

**Your favorite fishing rod:** Berkley Lightning rods.

**Your favorite fishing lure:** Any color white spinnerbait.

**Boat:** 1992 Ranger, 150 Yamaha

**Truck:** 1996 Suburban, but most of the parts are newer.

**Your personal bests:**

Musky – 50”

Northern pike – 37”

Walleye – 30”

Largemouth bass – 21”

Brown trout - 24”

Brook trout - 23”

**The fish that you like to fish for the most:**

Muskies and bass

**Your favorite lake or river on which you like to fish:** LOW and new bodies of water.

**Favorite pro angler:** Al Lindner and Gary Roach, 'cause they both wanna look like me.

**Your fishing fantasy:** Catching a peacock bass in Central or South America, or some big largemouth in one of those Mexican reservoirs.

**All-time favorite fishing memory:** While canoeing in northern Manitoba, we traveled down a clean river to where it emptied into a muddy lake. At the mouth, the big walleyes and northrens were so thick, their tails were coming out of the water all over the place. I can still see it 30 years later.

**Favorite fishing technique:** Casting

**Favorite fishing magazine:** Outdoor News and Bassmaster for its entertainment value.

**Favorite fishing TV show:** Fishing with Virgil Ward, but he died.

**Best fishing tip you could give to the rest of the Dogs:** Concentrate.

**Favorite cut of meat:** Rare, ala Luan.

**Favorite restaurant:** Fogo de Chao, Brazilian steakhouse and quality meat pig-out.

**Favorite beverage:** Water and an occasional scotch.

**Favorite musical artist or band:** Classic and current rock and alternative.

**Other hobbies or interests, besides fishing:** Kids and working out.

**I like being a Waterdog because...** of getting to know a bunch of good guys and learning new ways and places to fish, and having a lot of laughs along the way.

**Rituals or habits you perform to improve your fishing ability:** Talking to my lures and punishing them when necessary.

**Favorite fishing memory with the Dogs:** How the dogs came to my rescue after that old codger ran into my trailer in Rainy River on the way to LOW in 1992. It was the greatest!

**Word that best describes you:** Jokester.

Here is the tournament schedule for this year. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

<b><u>Waterdogs Tournament Schedule – 2004</u></b>				
<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Type</u></b>	<b><u>Species</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Dog In Charge</u></b>
<b>March 27</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Trout</b>	<b>Whitewater River</b>	<b>Fluffee</b>
<b>May 8</b>	<b>Individual</b>	<b>Crappie</b>	<b>Koronos</b>	<b>Farm Boy</b>
<b>May 22</b>	<b>Individual</b>	<b>Walleye</b>	<b>St. Croix River</b>	<b>Carmen</b>
<b>June 11 (Fri)</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Bass</b>	<b>Minnetonka</b>	<b>Shorty</b>
<b>August 21-22</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Multi (overnite)</b>	<b>Vermillion</b>	<b>Chips</b>
<b>Sep 11-12</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Multi (overnite)</b>	<b>Chippewa Flowage</b>	<b>Griz</b>
<b>Oct 2</b>	<b>Individual</b>	<b>Bass</b>	<b>Clearwater</b>	<b>Nasty Boy</b>