

# The Dogumentary

24th Year

The Waterdogs Fishing Club

March 2006

## March 2006 Meeting

We are at the Hopkins VFW for the March meeting, as usual. Dinner at 6:00 and the meeting at 7:00. Our special guest speaker will be our own Nasty Boy and Olde Farte, who promise to divulge their secrets for getting those colorful musky-bait trout up onto the bank at the Whitewater.

### Waterdogs Calendar

<b>March 2</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>
<b>March 18</b>	<b>Trout Tournament</b>
<b>March 25</b>	<b>alternate Trout date</b> .
<b>April 6</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>
<b>April 29</b>	<b>Crappie Tournament</b>
<b>May 4</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b> .
<b>June 1</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>
<b>June 3-4</b>	<b>Walleye Tournament</b>
<b>June 16-17</b>	<b>Bass Tournament</b> .
<b>July 6</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>
<b>July 22-29</b>	<b>Rock'N Roll Musky Tour</b>
<b>August 3</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>
<b>August 19</b>	<b>Multispecies Tournament</b> .
<b>Sep 7</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>
<b>Sep 9</b>	<b>Musky-Pike Tournament</b>
<b>Oct 5</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>
<b>Oct 14</b>	<b>Smallmouth Tournament</b>
<b>Nov 2</b>	<b>2006 Banquet</b>

## President's Corner: Steve Haagenson



Didn't I tell you this was going to be a great year? We kicked off the year with an amazing turnout of 26 dogs at our first meeting and then repeated that for February. Now we also have 26 guys signed up for the Trout tournament. A couple years ago we had perfect attendance at our Koronis tournament. I'd love to repeat that this year, but I would also like to see a perfect meeting attendance sometime this year. I certainly understand that people have conflicts, but if you can make it at all, please come. You'd hate to be the one that left us one short.

I look forward to hearing from our own Trout experts at our March meeting. This is just another example of why I love this club. It's great that our members have embraced this type of fishing enough to become experts. But, to me, even more impressive is the willingness of the club to step out and do something different. This new venture required new thinking, new gear and even a bit of physical exertion. Who knew when we approached that river the first year that this would become an annual event and be one of our favorite (and best attended) tournaments? The many reports of trips to streams already this year is

indicative of the enthusiasm we have this new way of fishing.

This reminds me of stories I hear from the old timers about how Muskie fishing rose to prominence in the club. The Canada trip started out as a Walleye trip but then some guys started venturing into a new fishing adventure. We all know where that has gone.

I wonder which our next experiments will turn into a new passion.

Maybe our April speaker will light some flames. It turns out that Phil had us down for the first *Tuesday* of February (some former Waterdog!) We've rescheduled him for April. I'm really looking forward to his presentation. I think we are going to see some photos that will blow our minds and give us something to dream about for a long time to come. Not only are the pictures going to be great, but Phil is a dynamic guy and you will enjoy his presentation. For those of you that don't know Phil (Humpty), he was president of the club when I joined in the early 90's and he is a great outdoorsman and was a real asset to the Waterdogs. With a strong turnout, maybe he will get some ideas about rejoining and become the next "retread" recipient. Put this in your calendar NOW!

Speaking of mind-blowing pictures, Juan Valdez and I took a trip in January to New Orleans where we gutted houses for a week. We took many pictures and still hold many mental images of the devastation there. As new captains, we took special note of the many boats that were not anywhere near where they were supposed to be. We saw a barge sitting in the street in the 9<sup>th</sup> ward, this commercial fishing boat sitting in the street a hundred yards from the nearest water,



boats without trailers against the noise wall of the freeway nowhere near water, and boats on their trailers sitting upside down, resting on houses and garages.



A trip like that sure makes you count your blessings. My family is safe, my house undamaged and my boat is safely tucked away in its winter hideaway. I'm even a member of a great fishing club that helps me enjoy a sport that I love. As we finished with one house, the owner told us that she had never been out of New Orleans until she had to evacuate for the hurricane. Then she followed by saying that now she wants to go fishing. She has never been fishing in her life, but she has always wanted to do it. As you dust off your boat this spring or as you sit on the ice or walk along a stream, take a special moment to be grateful for what you have and don't take this privilege of fishing for granted.

See you at the meetings.

Farm Buoy

P.S. The fresh spelling of the month goes Olde Farte. Quite a classic look don't you think?

### **Pages from the Past with the Perp**

Here are the answers to the trivia questions from last month:

Of the 16 members on the March 1983 roster, Rick Anderson is the only one still in the club.

The April 1983 newsletter was the first "Dogumentary".

The first Waterdog tournament was held on May 21, 1983 on Lake Alexandria. Twelve Dogs participated in the walleye hunt. Pete Wehner collected 4 points as the winner with 57 inches of fish.

Six Dogs fished in the second walleye tournament in June on Lake Mille Lacs. Pete won again using some "secret fish oil spray".

Co-founder Scott Beaty won the third tournament in July. The club fished for Bass on South Center Lake.

In August on Lake Minnetonka, Scott again won the bass tournament.

The last tournament of the season was a Northern Tournament on Clearwater Lake. Scott won his third of the season and ended up in first place for the year.

The first Waterdog year ended with a banquet at Duff's Smorgasbord where a trolling motor was raffled off.

### **Waterdogs 2006 Tournament Series**

Mark Your Calendars Now and Plan to Attend!

<b>Date</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Dogs in Charge</b>
March 18 (Sat)	Trout	Whitewater River (March 23 alt. date)	Mueller - Johnson
April 29 (Sat)	Crappie	Chisago Lakes area	Lantto
June 3-4 (Sat-Sun)	Walleye	Gull Lake	Mueller – Johnson
June 16-17 (Fr-S)	Bass	Carver County Lakes area	Blakely – Dupont
Aug 19 (Sat)	Multi	Lake Wissota, WI	Ferstenou
Sep 9 (Sat)	Muskie/Pike	Minnetonka	Blakely – Karsjens
Oct 14 (Sat)	Smallmouth	Rum River - Anoka	Karsjens - Dupont