

The Dogumentary

28th Year

The Waterdogs Fishing Club

March 2010

March Meeting

Why did the Waterdog Cross the Road?

The March meeting will be a trial run to a new location across Shady Oak Road from the VFW at **Tuttles Grill** and bowling alley. We're going there for the better food and the potential of a better room for our meetings. It's not a permanent move yet, but if we like it, we can choose to make it that way. The requirement for the use of the room is that we spend at least \$200 on food and beverages as a total for the club. The dinner menu is widely varied, but on average, it costs about \$15 for a meal and drink. That means that we will need at least 13-14 members to buy a meal to make it work, not counting Meat's six beers. We'll see how it goes for March, and make a decision on whether we should continue at the meeting.

Our March speaker will be Kip from Wildwood Float Tours on the Mississippi. Kip guides for smallies and muskies and will be talking about his service and strategies.



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

As I write this, the temperature has dropped to near zero again. I thought spring was getting close based on the temperatures the last week, but I should know better, this is Minnesota. However, it must be coming because it is still light at 6 PM which is different than a month ago.

The other night we were looking through some old photos and came across a picture of our son with his first northern pike. I remember the 20-plus year-old event like it was yesterday. We were camping at Lake Itasca near the lake. David and I and one of my daughters had gone out in the canoe fishing for pan fish. He was in the middle of the canoe with his Zebco rod and reel. All of a sudden his pole bent over and his drag started buzzing as the line was being pulled out. He followed instructions, set the hook and started reeling in. The look on his face when he saw that what had taken his worm was not a little crappie but a "big" northern pike was unforgettable. It is a picture that wasn't captured on film, only in my mind. The picture that we did capture was of David in

2010 Waterdogs Fishing Club Calendar

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	.

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his bib overalls proudly carrying his monster up to show his Mom. Priceless. Zoom forward 20 years. I have a photo on my desk of this "little" boy now taller than I am with his first muskie. Again priceless.

There are numerous other pictures, some printed, some only in my mind, of times we have fished together.

Those memories remind me of times when I was the little kid, up before sunrise on a Saturday morning, fishing with my dad in the Iowa River. I remember family camping trips as a kid and fishing. There are fond memories of a trip with my dad to the Boundary Waters, as the kid that was now bigger than his dad, catching small mouth bass on top water plugs. Fast forward again to the last 5 years and new memories created from fishing with the Waterdogs. I remember Mama's Boy getting me my first muskie. I remember my first tournament, crappie fishing with Fluffee on Koronis. I remember

We all have our own memories of first fish, of people we have fished with, and of places we have fished.

Those memories are what it is all about. They help make cold winter days go by quickly in anticipation of new memories to be made. Those memories are all possible because someone took the time to take each of us fishing and shared with us their sport. I was fortunate enough to have a father that loved to fish and who took time to share his love of fishing with me. For some of us it was maybe a neighbor, scoutmaster, family friend, co-worker that got us interested in fishing.

I would like to challenge us as a group to find ways that we can share our love of fishing with the next generation and give others the chance to fish. We have some opportunities coming up. At our June meeting we will be rebuilding rods and reels again. There are some Fishing for Life events this summer that need volunteers. Sign up sheets will be passed around at the March meeting. If you know of other projects that we could participate in, bring them to the Special Services Committee and they will take a look, or better yet get us involved. Let's introduce a kid to fishing.

I am looking forward to making new fishing memories this summer.

Perp

Rod Rebuilding is Back

We are going start rebuilding rods again for the "Cast A-way for Kid's" program which is now being run through Fishing for Life. The Special Services Committee is arranging a rebuilding session for our June meeting. We expect to rebuild approximately 150 rods and reels, so we need all hands on deck.

We also are looking for an alternative location. The VFW is a little dark, so if anyone knows a better location, let us know.

Our February speaker, Tom from Fishing for Life sponsors many fishing events over the course of the year that we may be able to participate in. We'll keep you posted.

Helen

Musky Guiding Raffle at March Meeting

The club is auctioning off a guided day of musky fishing with Doug Johnson and his guest, Father Bertha at the March meeting. Bring \$20 for each chance of how ever many you wish to buy. The proceeds of the auction will go to Operation Musky, an outfit that matches veterans up for a day of fishing with area guides.

Sconny Trout Opens March 6

Slogging through the waist-deep snow
Trying not to step in a ho'
But snow is better
Than mud that is wetter
And breaking a leg
Is a no-no



The Wisconsin winter trout season opens the first weekend of March, which will allow for 5 weekends of pre-fishing before our tournament

on April 10. The early indications are that we will need the extra time for scouting, as the tournament committee has some surprises in store for the event this year. The committee will report on the tournament details at the March meeting. No live bait will be allowed.

The trout tourney is fast approaching
 Get your licenses early-avoid poaching
 When pre-fishing be ready
 With your Sharpie be steady
 So we see the catch
 And not the eddy.



15" Brown from Hay Creek by Shatner on 2/20

New Walleye Rulez

The Tournament Committee has met and decided to spice things up this year with some tourney rules designed to make some of the old familiar ways of doing things new again. One of the new features for this year will be the throwing out of the traditional way of measuring walleyes in inches, and instead we will be using a new way of determining fish size. Instead of "catch and release" it will now

be "shout and release". When a caught fish comes to the surface, it will be the job of the partner to make an immediate determination of the fish's size and shout it out for the tally sheet. A new scale will be used that will tally up these first impression shout-outs for the scoresheets. Griz will then incorporate a Scale of Awesomeness that he developed with the Analist's help, to determine a winner. The following scale will be used for the walleye shout-outs, from smallest to largest:

- Dink
- Fidel
- Skimmer
- Hoister
- Eater
- Nice eater
- Netter
- Keeper
- Good One
- Nice Fish
- Bulldog
- Picture Fish
- Horse
- Hog
- Pig
- Wallhanger
- Babe Winkleman

All Club Members are expected to have the order of the shout-outs memorized in time for the walleye tournament on the St. Louis River in June, where we expect to hear many calls over the radio for the Babe.

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	Bananarama
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