

The Dogumentary

22nd Year

The Waterdogs Fishing Club

April 2004

April Meeting

The April meeting will again be at the **Hopkins VFW on Shady Oak Road**, which we are finding is the best location to suit our needs. Dinner starts at 6 from a full menu, and the meeting starts at 7. Cost is about \$10-12. Adult beverages are also available.

Our April speaker will be Ron Schara, who will have an open discussion about the upcoming Castaways rod and reel program, as well as other fishing issues.

Looking for Three Good Men

The club is at a membership of 27, so we have openings for three guys that are just like you. Let Kojak know if you have any prospects.

The 2004 Waterdog Calendar

April 1	Monthly Meeting
May 6	Monthly Meeting
June 3	Monthly Meeting
July 8 (2nd Thurs)	Monthly Meeting
July 24-31	RocknRoll Musky Tour
Aug 5	Monthly Meeting

See the tourney calendar for other dates

President's Corner – Matt Mueller:



We now have our first tournament of the 2004 season in the bag. I'll leave the specific detail recitation to others but I do have a few observations. Firstly, what an outstanding turnout! This has got to have been one of the highest attended tournaments I've seen in quite some time. 24 Waterdogs spent the day in the Whitewater Valley on Saturday. That equates to nearly 90% showing based on our current membership. Secondly, the fishing. The trout were very cooperative. Individuals were turning in numbers as high as 30 fish. Congratulations to all the trout newcomers who put fish on the board. Much of this fine fishing may have been driven by my third point, The Weather. Conditions were as ideal as possible. Amazingly the rain held off until about 30 minutes after the end of the event. Perhaps this is a harbinger of the season to come; record attendance, ideal conditions and plenty of fish!

After such a great day on the water, I followed it the next day with a few cups of coffee, the Sunday paper and of course, fishing shows. I tuned in to Al Lindner's Fishing Edge just in time to see them boating muskie after muskie on some flowage somewhere. I never did hear where they were fishing but they sure were

catching them. This was more than enough to get my mind jumping immediately to the Annual Trip on Lake of the Woods. Actually it takes very little aside from dim consciousness to get me dwelling on the trip. No doubt I will continue to comment on the trip until the July Dogumentary. After which time I'll dwell on the past trip for an issue or two and then start obsessing on the 2005 trip. I would like to personally encourage our newcomers to give some extra consideration to joining in on some of the best muskie and multi-species fishing you'll ever experience.

As a Waterdogs newcomer 6 years ago I can certainly remember the hesitancy I felt when it came to deciding whether to make the trip or not. After my first trip, I was bummed I had waited a year. LOTW with the 'Dogs is an opportunity to fish some of the best structure in Muskiedom (I was not a muskie geek before the trip but am now). The terrific conditions combined with the opportunity to experience a multitude of approaches to fishing Esox Masquinongy and just some great camaraderie makes the Annual Trip unbeatable. Give it some thought, will you?

We now get about 5 to 6 weeks off before our next tournament on Lake Koronis for Crappie. If I recall correctly, it was on Lake Koronis fishing for Walleye 6 years ago that was my first club outing. I seem to remember a chain of twelve boats fishing the incoming channel. I also remember hooking in to a number of other fish including some decent smallmouth and crappie. I'm sure Farm Boy will clue us all in to unlocking the secrets of the Krappies of Koronis at our May meeting. In the meantime, we're back at the Hopkins VFW. See you all on Thursday.

Dogs Trounce Trout on Whitewater River

I cannot recall a tournament where more than 150 qualifying fish were caught by the club, but that's what happened at our first tournament of the year for trout on the Whitewater River. The fishing options are very limited at this time of the year, but the trout fishing has sure turned out to be a spectacular way for the club to kick off the season for the last two years.

The team competition had a two-man qualifying limit of 10 fish, and limits were caught down to 9th place out of the 12 teams fishing. Brown trout were the most common specie caught, but some brookies and a few rainbow trout were also banked.



Farm Boy plows up a nice brown trout

The winning team was Rick Anderson and Ron Reigle who caught more than 30 qualifying fish as a team, and were therefore able to cull out more than 20 in their limit. They fished the North Branch and had to hike in a mile from the farm fields up above, which according to Buick, was partially done in a seated position. Their productive lure was a white or black-headed jig and a black body. They caught mostly browns, but also ran into a few holes with Brook Trout in them, where Buick tied onto the biggest point-generating fish of the contest, a 13" Brookie.

The second place team was James Ferstenou and Scott Squire, who also used jigs to get their fish in the Trout Run/Middle Branch area. Other big fish honors go to The Janitor for a 15 1/2" Rainbow, and Kojak, who caught the biggest brown at 15".

The rest of the point standings went this way:

- 3rd – Mueller / D Squire
- 4th – Johnson / Keller
- 5th – Dupree / Krekelberg
- 6th – Blakely / Dupont

Hooked and Set on....Ron Reigle

Edited by Suzy



Handle: Buick

When did you join the club: 1989

What club committees have you worked on, or leadership positions have you held:

Seminars, Tournaments, Special Services, Banquet, LOTW, Director, VP, President.

Family (wife, kids, pets, etc.): Lynne, who manages the Creative Kidstuff store in Linden Hills; Sam, a senior at UMD; and Chelsea, a sophomore at St. Olaf.

Age: NOYDB

Hometown: Kewaskum, located in southeast Wisconsin – the gateway to the Kettle Moraine.

Where you currently live: Glen Lake – kinda in between Hopkins and Minnetonka.

School: Graduated from the U of M in 1980 with a bachelors degree in architecture.

Your job: Architect, Senior Project Manager, Data Center consultant for Trammell Crow/UnitedHealth Group

Your favorite fishing reel: Abu Garcia 5500 C3, Shimano Calcutta 400, and Okuma Avenger spinning reels

Your favorite fishing rod: St. Croix 8-foot musky rod.

Your favorite fishing lure: Wades Wobbler (chunk'o'wood), Jake (multiple personalities), Suicks, Shumway Flashers (doubles blades w/feathers – no soft, whimpy plastic)

Least favorite lures: Shumway Hotheads (dam p__y baits), Berts (stinky northern baits), Oddessy baits of any kind, Vibrax

Boat: 1994 Alumacraft Phantom 185 with 150 Merc EFI, Forrest Woods Limited Edition (Forrest owned an Alumacraft before he started making Rangers)

Truck: Durango – no Hemi.

Your personal bests (by inches or pounds):

Musky – 47” (2) - ‘Tonka

Northern pike – 43” – Rainy

Walleye – 26-½ “ Mississippi

Largemouth bass – 21” Waconia

Smallmouth bass – 20” – Rainy

Trout/salmon – 14” Brookie – Ounce River

Sturgeon – 42” – Mississippi

Sailfish – 9’-8”, 144# - Gulf of Mexico

The fish that you like to fish for the most:

Muskie, trophy northerns, and smallies.

Your favorite lake or river on which you like to fish: Rainy, Vermillion, LOTW, Tonka

Favorite pro angler: Jack Burns, Pete Mania

Your fishing fantasy: Breaking the 50-inch barrier.

All-time favorite fishing memories: Nine muskies between 40 and 47 inches caught between Sept. – Dec., 1999 on Lake Minnetonka (mostly caught with Roid and Huck); Bertha’s 51-incher caught in my boat the last time we were at Sabaskong Bay; spending a day rubbing shoulders with Doug Johnson, while he quietly rambled on all day about the big girls (Shorty caught Elvira that day!); and my son Sam’s first muskie – a 42 incher from Lake Harriet.

Favorite fishing techniques: Chucking wood over a rocky point in big waves; cranking and ripping a Jake on Tonka.

Favorite fishing magazine: Esox Angler

Favorite fishing TV show: The Capras – I just love their accents, you know.

Best fishing tip you could give to the rest of the Dogs: Stay focused, don’t be afraid to try something new.

Favorite cut of meat: Tenderloin, but I prefer BBQ chicken.

Favorite restaurant: El Meson in southwest Minneapolis.

Favorite beverage: Laphroig, Lagavulin, Ardbeg – fine, smoky single malt scotches.

Favorite musical artist or band: Los Amigos, Stevie Ray Vaughn, Alicia Keys

Other hobbies or interests, besides fishing:

Hiking, bird hunting, travel, woodworking, landscaping

I like being a Waterdog because... great friends and great memories.

Rituals or habits you perform to improve your fishing ability: Offering a shot of single

malt to the fishing gods before the first cast of the day.

Favorite fishing memory with the Dogs:

Taking St. Joe's kids out fishing on Forest Lake. We got into some really nice 17 to 18 inch bass throwing crankbaits.

Word that best describes you:

Friendly/cranky, tough/fair, intense/laidback (when I'm asleep), jerkbait lover/Shumway hater.

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

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