

# The Dogumentary

23rd Year

The Waterdogs Fishing Club

April 2005

## Next Meeting – LakeMaps

The next club meeting is Thursday April 7 at the Hopkins VFW at 7:00pm, or 6:pm for dinner. Our featured speaker will be a guy from LakeMaps, who will discuss the various methods of making the maps and the things they learn while doing so. It should be an interesting talk. The regular club meeting will follow the presentation, and last until about 9:00. Upcoming speakers include:

May: Taking better pictures by Nat'l Camera

June: A river guide tells how it's done.

July: Thorne Brothers, at their store for a musky talk and sale. See details in Duper's column.

Days Until LOTW Countdown:

**113**

## President's Corner: Doug Squire



Well, I had hoped during this issue in April that I would have some report on a great Root River tourney. Well we all know how that turned out! I believe this will go down as the first tourney canceled because of 20" of snow. That should hold up in the Waterdogs record books for many years to come. I'm hopeful that we can reschedule for sometime in April.

Well with about 15 days before my boat comes out of storage, it's time to start planning what I need for the up coming season. I'm sure many of you boat owners have heard this before "all you do with a boat is dump money into it". I certainly don't think that's true but here a few things I need to dump into it. I went all of last year without a spare tire, so that tops my list. Next a bigger drift sock because I need to slow that drift down just a little bit. I haven't put rod holders in the boat yet because I could not get enough guts to drill a 3/4 wide hole in my gunwale. I hate to drill into the boat! Wave

## The 2005 Waterdog Calendar Gentlemen, Mark You Calendars!

<b>April 2</b>	<b>Schara Clinic MplsAud</b>
<b>April 7</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>
<b>April 16</b>	<b>Trout Tourney</b>
<b>April 30</b>	<b>Crappie Tourney</b>
<b>May 5</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>
<b>May 28</b>	<b>Bertha Ordination</b>
<b>June 2</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>
<b>June 4-5</b>	<b>Walleye Tourney</b>
<b>June 24 (Fri)</b>	<b>Multi-S Tourney</b>
<b>July 7</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>
<b>July 23-30</b>	<b>RockNRoll Musky Tour</b>
<b>Aug 4</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>
<b>Aug 20</b>	<b>Bass Tourney</b>
<b>Sep 1</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>
<b>Sep 17</b>	<b>Musky/Pike Tourney</b>
<b>Oct 6</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>
<b>Oct 15</b>	<b>Wissota Outing</b>
<b>Nov 3</b>	<b>Annual Banquet</b>

Tournament details are on the last page.

whackers and maybe a stainless prop round off my list for now. Last year I had good luck at the North West Sport Show in finding deals for my boat. Where else can you walk a few hundred yards and visit most of the tackle/boat dealers in the state? I never really bought much of anything at the Sport Show until last year. I had planed on buying a trolling motor and a couple of graphs and had a good idea of what kind of pricing I would expect on paying for these. So I stopped at Capra's, Gander, Thorne Brothers and Reed's to see what I could find. Most of these guys all had show specials with pretty good pricing compared to what I was seeing before the show. I ended up going back to Thorne Brothers as I thought they were willing to make me the best deal. By the time I was done I got the trolling motor and graphs that I was looking for and a marine band radio, 8' antenna, mounting rams for the graphs and a Navionics map chip. I'm not quite sure why but at the sport show I didn't have to pay sales tax, so bottom line I ended up saving about \$500 from what I priced things out through Cabala's. Not a bad shopping trip. So if you planning on dumping a little money into the boat, stop into the Sport Show!

Mama's Boy

### **Special July Meeting at Thorne Brothers**

In anticipation of the 2005 Muskypalooza LOTW Rock 'n' Roll Musky Tour, the Annual Trip Committee has arranged for a special July monthly meeting.

On Thursday, July 7, we will meet at Thorne Brothers in Fridley at 6 p.m. Dinner (pizza and sodas) will be followed with a talk by Steve Jonesi, one of the Thorne Brothers musky experts, starting at 6:30 p.m. We will then go over the annual trip materials, which will be followed by at least an hour of shopping at Thorne Brothers.

While the details are still being worked out, Thorne Brothers will offer at least a 10% discount to all Dogs in attendance on all lures and fishing rods. In addition, it will offer a special deal on a rod/baitcaster reel combo, which will be especially useful for all of the rookies joining the trip this year.

Even if you're not going on the annual trip this year, all Dogs are invited to this meeting.

Keep in mind that we have a muskie/northern pike tournament scheduled for August. In addition, guests who will be participating on the annual trip are invited to attend this meeting as well. Suzy will need to get a count in advance of the meeting to order pizzas and sodas.

### **Special Outings Taking Shape for 2005**

We are in the process of scheduling two outings for the upcoming season to compliment our tournament series. So far, a musky outing to Lake Wissota in Wisconsin is scheduled for October 15, and is on the calendar. We are also expecting to arrange a May trip to the Minnesota River for catfish, carp, or walleyes, but the exact details are still being worked out. The Rum River is out, due to a remodeling of the dam this year.

### **Fishing Report: Nasty's Day Off**

On Tuesday, March 15th, I went down to Preston to check out the tournament waters. The day started at 20 F and topped out at 40 F. Perfect sunny day. I arrived in Preston at around 10am, checked out the meeting area and went west to Forestville. I walked the river and visited the historic town site while down there. I talked with several people for secrets at the town site. I quickly found that you can't park anywhere close to the river without being in the State Park which requires a permit. The water looked great. I checked out quite a long stretch of the river in the State Park with no luck. Didn't even see a fish. I did see the DNR guy who checked me for licenses, barbless equipment, and looked in my vehicle to see if I had fish. At midday I went east to one of the smaller streams and fished for one hour. I saw one fish and caught none. Water was murky and very shallow. After that, I went to another small stream to give it one hour of fishing. First pool I got three browns, all longer than 12 inches, second pool - one 12 inch brown, third pool - 2 browns longer than 12 inches, fourth pool - a real nice rainbow (I didn't measure it). I was only 1/2 hour into my hour of fishing and had 7 nice fish and I had only walked 50 yards from my vehicle. I tried several lures and my old standby did the trick. Every pool after that provided at least one fish and I had a distinct pattern. After an hour I got out of the river and was stopped by different DNR guys. They checked license, equipment, and vehicle again. I talked to these guys a little about the

fishing but they were kind of grouchy so I didn't get much from them. Well, on to one more spot for an hour then I had to head home. I went further east and found another good looking stream. The road was a little iffy so I walked in a little way. Guess what? A fish in every pool again and nice ones. I lost count somewhere along the way but I caught a mess of trout with the smallest being 11 inches. I was really fired up to fish after that and was matched with OF for the tournament, who had won the last two trout trips. You dogs all got my e-mails while I was driving back to Minneapolis. My trout gear is all out and rigged. The next day I was in a fishing frenzy so I got my boat out of storage, so I'll be ready for crappies as soon as the ice goes away.

### **Muskypalooza 2005 – Lake of the Woods**



### **WATERDOGS FISHING CLUB NORTHWEST ANGLE, LAKE OF THE WOODS JULY 23-30, 2005**

Planning for this year's Rock 'n' Roll Musky Tour continues in high gear. So far, 28 Dogs and their guests have registered for the trip.

The annual trip guidebook is being edited by Suzy, Fishdick and Carmen. Fluffmeister Flash is spinning the CDs to create another ultimate musik mix, which this year will focus on the theme of "name of your big dream musky."

The Oddsmaker has been reviewing his records and setting the odds on the Dog who

will catch the biggest musky of the trip. As of this issue, Janitor is considered an even bet for hauling in the biggest pig. "He's due, he's just plain due," says the Oddsmaker. Suzy is the Oddsmaker long shot.

In addition, with the input of several Dogs, new Waterdog caps and the annual trip t-shirt are being designed.

If Father Bertha receives the nod and is able to join us for the trip, he will offer a daily mass for any Dogs who wish to participate.

Side note: The new Dick Pearson video "Muskie on the Shield" is now available. Much of the footage was shot on Lake of the Woods and it features some great video of Dick Pearson catching some very nice muskies. Cost is \$20. Available on the web by doing a Google search for Esox Research Company.

### **Lures for Rookies**

Get set for our first ever charity event where we invite Dogs to part with one or more of their precious musky lures to help a handful of rookies who have never been on the Rock 'n' Roll Musky Tour. Dogs such as Dr. Meat, Helen Keller and Brian Karsjens are new to the Tour this year, as is Rocky Leibrock, who is familiar with the walleye waters of the Sioux Narrows area. We all know how expensive musky baits are now-a-days. The sky-high prices of quality baits can often prove to be a huge barrier for a rookie experiencing their first time on the water in pursuit of muskies. That's why the rest of us Dogs need to step up and help these rookies. So, for our June meeting, consider offering at least one musky lure, which will be divided among our rookies.

### **Need a New Truck or SUV?**

Now that Duper belongs to the GM family, he can offer up to two non-family members per month a supplier discount on many new GM cars and trucks. The discount typically amounts to about an additional 5% off of the manufacturer's suggested retail price and can be combined with other incentives and promotions. Duper will make these discounts available to any Dog on a first-come basis.

Here's testimony from an actual Waterdog:

*Ms. Suzy wanted me to tell the club about my vehicle purchasing experience through the GM Car in Every Driveway Program. This is the program that Suzy offered Dogs as a deal on the purchase of new GM vehicles. This is one of his employee benefits that he mentioned at an earlier WD meeting. Suzy recently sponsored me, and all I needed was a letter that Suzy got off his web site. I not only received several thousands off the Trailblazer I purchased but had the best car purchasing experience ever. With all of the incentives and Susy's discount my purchase price was lowered by approximately 35%. Awesome experience...THANKS SUZY!*

Nasty

**Lucky Libby Invites You to Her Charity Musky Tournament**

Lucky Libby Hoene and her devoted father Tim will be hosting a charity musky tournament to raise funds for Make-A-Wish Foundation. The tournament will be conducted on Oct. 1, 2005 at Lake Minnetonka. Entry fee is \$150 per person. Tournament is limited to 30 boats. For more information, call Tim or Libby Hoene at 763-755-2484.

**Waterdogs 2005 Tournament Series**

Mark Your Home and Work Calendars and Let's Go!

<b>Date</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Dogs in Charge</b>
April 16 (Sat)	Trout	Root River (Preston-Forestville area)	Mueller – Keller
April 30 (Sat)	Crappie	Prior Lake	Dupont – Karsjens
June 4-5 (Sat-Sun)	Walleye	St Louis River – Duluth	Hennessey – Miller
June 24 (Fri)	Multi-species	Minnetonka	Blakely – Ferstenou
Aug 20 (Sat)	Bass	Rush Lake by Rush City	Lantto – Johnson
Sep 17 (Sat)	Muskie/Pike	Mille Lacs	Leibrock - Haagenson