

# The Dogumentary

22<sup>nd</sup> Year

The Waterdogs Fishing Club

May 2004

## May Meeting – Reel Repair

The May meeting will be back to Chainsaw, Inc. as we prepare another shipment of rods and reels for Schara's 'Castaways for Kids' program. We'll be meeting at Silent Knight's warehouse at 9057 Lyndale Ave So. It's a white, L-shaped building on the east side of Lyndale. The garage door door to get in is around back. We'll meet at 5:30 – 6:00 with pizza arriving for dinner at 6. Bring reel repair tools, line strippers, oil, rags and plenty of jokes to share. This has always been a fun get-together, at least for a few times.

### The 2004 Waterdog Calendar

<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>
<b>Aug 5</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>
<b>Sep 2</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>

**\*\*See the tourney calendar for other dates\*\***

## President's Corner – Matt Mueller:



While I'm writing this the temperature outside has just cracked 90 degrees. To quote Astro Jetson, "r-uh r-oh"! I'm just realizing that Fishin Time has arrived. I knew the ice would be off the lake sooner or later. It seems I just went to bed last night with snow on the ground and a solid sheet of ice on the lake. I wake up and the plants are green and the mercury has soared. It's time to be on the water. Yet I'm stuck in an office with a calendar that's going to keep me off the lake until May 8. What did I do to deserve this? True, "Opener" has not yet arrived, but that less of a big deal for me. For me Walleye Opener is typically a bear anyway. The pike are lethargic and the walleye are fussy. Personally I get more kick out of bass and muskie opener, by then, everything is biting (and the weather a little warmer). The limnological exception to this has got to be crappie fishing. April and May for crappies is tops and I'm very much looking forward to Koronis. I know every Dog has their favorites, and for some a Crappie tournament might not get them too excited. For me though it's usually a hoot. Provided pomoxis nigromaculatus and pomoxis annularis are cooperative. In laymen's terms Black Crappie and White Crappie. That poses a question that might need to be addressed. White and Black Crappie are

technically as distinct as Smallmouth and Largemouth Bass yet the Waterdogs have not distinguished them for previous tournaments. The Minnesota state record for a Black Crappie weighs in at 5 pounds even. The White Crappie Record is a mere 3 pounds, 15 oz. At first blush White and Black Crappie may appear similar but it only takes a moment to recognize one from another. The White Crappie is paler, the black markings are fewer and run in bands or stripes. I don't think we have to worry about differentiating between the two for the Koronis tournament, purportedly there are only Black Crappies in the lake. I would suggest that if you believe you have a White Crappie, throw it in the live well for verification.

While the open water season has snuck up on me, it didn't catch me totally by surprise. I found some time last weekend to dust off some tackle, change some line and so forth. This sort of "preseason nesting" has developed into a regular tradition for me. I usually have the kitchen table covered with reels, grease and tools. The Twins are on the radio and I might have a properly chilled beverage in hand. Lot's of promise in those reels for the upcoming season. Some of which may even materialize. I hope it starts with my lightweight Abu Garcia spinning reel out on Koronis.

Unfortunately I am being sent out of town for business the entire week of May 3 and will miss Thursday's monthly meeting for the second, and hopefully last time. I will not miss Koronis. The turnout looks terrific, another strong showing for our second tournament. Let's hope it's equally productive as the first. See you all on the 8th!  
Hugs and kisses, Fluffee.

### **Rock 'n' Roll Musky Tour Update**

By Suzy

Here's the latest on the trip:

Two dropped two weeks ago, Colin (Little Fart) Anderson, and one of the new guys, Kevin Miller. Colin is going to work with the National Forest Service this summer and a scheduling conflict arose for Kevin. Twenty-two scheduled to go as of today.

Big change: The LOW trip participants overwhelmingly voted to leave at 5:30 a.m., rather than our usual start time of 7 a.m. We'll still meet at the McDonalds at the Rogers exit off of I-94 but we won't stop for breakfast until we hit the Hardees in Walker at around 9:30 a.m. Bob Raymo (Porn King) has agreed to pick up Krispy Kreme donuts and distribute them at Mickey D's before we leave. By leaving earlier, and by moving the traditional dinner that Angle Outpost makes for us to Sunday, we will give ourselves more time to fish on Saturday, when we arrive.

Shirts are being printed and will be distributed at the July meeting.

The drive-up, cabin and fishing pairings are still in the works. Cabin assignments will be announced at May meeting to allow cabin buddies to start planning their food, etc.

Bagbalm, Fishdick and Buick are going to add their tips for catching more and bigger muskies to the annual LOW trip booklet.

LOW Power Lure tickets are for sale – win big money by guessing who will catch the biggest musky of the trip.

Adding a new category to Big Fish Pot – The Grand Slam, LOW trip participant who achieves the greatest Grand Slam during the trip (Total length of one musky, pike, walleye and smallmouth caught in a single day).

LOW trip participants received their first LOW Fishing Report last week. Some debate as to how high (or low) the water level will be.

LOW trip participants – Make sure to send in your Remote Area Border Crossing applications. You can access the application forms from [www.angleoutpost.com](http://www.angleoutpost.com). Also strongly urge all participants to get and bring a U.S. passport or an original birth certificate, which proves you are a U.S. citizen.

The Esox University (sponsored by Musky Hunter magazine) will be up at Lake of the Woods the week before the Dogs' trip.

Doug Johnson, musky guru, will be staying in Cabin #1 at Angle Outpost throughout the summer.

Last year, 22 Dogs went on the trip and caught 81 muskies, 25 percent more than the year before. Can the Dogs break the 100 mark this year?



Flag Island Dock Cam, 4/29/04 – Ice is out.  
The muskies are waiting for the Dogs to return.



**Hooked and Set on....Scott Hennessy**

Edited by Suzy

**Handle:** Kojak

**How did you get your handle?** My "friends" gave it to me the first month of being a Waterdog.

**When did you join the club:** 1990

**What club committees have you worked on, or leadership positions have you held:** Chairman, president, VP, and secretary. Chaired the following committees: phone callers, banquet, annual trip and membership. Current member of: food and tournament committees.

**Family (wife, kids, pets, etc.):** Wife Shari, registered nurse with Fairview Southdale Hospital nursery; son Mike, age 28, computer consultant; and daughter Rebecca, age 35, sales for Ceridian, currently prospecting for a husband.

**Age:** 55

**Hometown:** Grand Forks, North Dakota

**Where you currently live:** Plymouth

**School:** Mankato State University. Will obtain masters degree from American College, May 2004

**Your job:** Life Insurance Wholesaler

**Your favorite fishing reel:** ABU Garcia 6500C4

**Your favorite fishing rod:** 7'0" Custom walleye rod I got for second place in the tournament series 1996

**Your favorite fishing lure:** Don't have a favorite

**Boat:** 17' Alumacraft, 90 HP Johnson

**Truck:** 2004 Tahoe

**Your personal bests:**

Musky - 47"

Northern pike - 40"

Walleye - 26"

Largemouth bass - 18.5"

Smallmouth bass - 14"

Trout/salmon - 15"

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

Don't have a favorite, I like variety

**Your favorite lake or river on which you like to fish:** Same answer

**Favorite pro angler:** None

**Your fishing fantasy:** Fly-in trip to Canada to a lake full of trophy size fish

**All-time favorite fishing memory:** First trip to the Angle. On the morning of the first day, Roid and I went into a bay, where I caught a 45.5 inch musky. While retying my line, I had to interrupt my efforts to net a 39-inch 'ski for Roid that went airborne twice. We saw three more muskies before we left that bay.

**Favorite fishing technique:** Casting

**Favorite fishing magazine:** In Fisherman, I read it for "Up North With Doc"

**Favorite fishing TV show:** Don't watch any

**Best fishing tip you could give to the rest of the Dogs:** Watch them Anderson boys, they

know what they are doing; watch Shorty, do the opposite.

**Favorite cut of meat:** Filet mignon

**Favorite restaurant:** Wildfire, located in Eden Prairie.

**Favorite beverage:** Coke

**Favorite musical artist or band:** Neil Diamond

**Other hobbies or interests, besides fishing:** Golf and reading

**I like being a Waterdog because...** of the great fellowship with the guys at tournaments, outings and meetings.

**Rituals or habits you perform to improve your fishing ability:** Practice, practice, practice

**Favorite fishing memory with the Dogs:** There are so many great memories, hard to pick a favorite

**Word that best describes you:** Kojak

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>Koronis</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>