

The Dogumentary

28th Year

The Waterdogs Fishing Club

May 2010

May Meeting

The May 6 meeting will be at **Tuttles Grill** and bowling alley on Shady Oak Road. The featured event will be the rebuilding of some rods and reels to benefit kids that are participating in the Fishing for Life events this summer. **Bring your tools, oil, rags,** and other stuff you will need to refurbish some rods and reels. We're planning on fixing about 60 rods, which should take about an hour.

2010 Waterdogs Fishing Club Calendar

May 1	Crappie Tournament
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
Oct 7	Monthly Meeting
Nov 4	Banquet
Dec 2	Monthly Meeting

See the last page for 2010 Tourney Details

Fishing for Life Events Calendar

Opportunities for community involvement with fishing is possible with the Fishing for Life organization that has several events that we can participate in. Besides the upcoming rod repair at the meeting, volunteers are also needed for these FFL events:

The 4 fishing dates for kids, which boats may be needed are:

- **June 25th** Armed Forces day at Maynard's on Minnetonka,
- **July 10th.** Lake Marion
- **July 24th.** Medicine lake
- **Aug 21st** White Bear Lake

Indications of attendance to any of these events will be taken at future meetings.

They also have planned a Fish Fair scheduled for May 7/8th at Anoka county fairgrounds with a "Big Fisherman's" garage sale too.

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



Welcome to May and the traditional start of the fishing season in Minnesota.

Last weekend I took my boat out of storage which means pulling it forward from along side the garage and taking the extra cover off. I hauled the batteries up from the basement where they had been on a Battery Tender all winter, checked the oil, put the muff on and proceeded to attempt to start the motor. Much to my relief it fired off and after a few false

starts began fogging for mosquitoes. Not quite sure why, but I am always nervous about it not starting after the winter.

Last year it seemed that the water pump didn't want to prime itself and I would get the motor started and then shut it off when the cooling stream didn't start. So this year, I put the hose up to the outlet port and backfilled it first a couple of times, then put the muff on and let the water run. When the motor fired, the cooling stream began immediately which removed my fears of overheating and made the start up process go smoothly. Now the real test will be on Saturday on Minnetonka.

The trout tournament was a success with all 13 teams catching fish. Congratulations to all. The weather cooperated. I especially enjoyed the format that forced exploring new water this year. Good job Fluffy and Carmen on the format. Enjoy the stories from the tournament that follow.

It looks like there will be 21 Waterdogs participating in the first ever 3 man team crappie tournament. Thanks Banana for the creativity in format. Should be interesting. Remember that the May meeting will be at the new location, Tuttle's. We will be repairing rods and reels for Fishing For Life. Bring your tools, extra line, rags, WD40, reel grease, etc. Good luck on Saturday, see you then.

Perp

Kirk 'n Jan Ran the Trout Trail Plan

It was the news that rocked the fishing world when the team of Kirk Duholm and Bob Blakely won the first club tournament of the year on the trout waters of western Wisconsin. The strategy of getting two of the clubs best fishermen to fight amongst themselves backfired as K&B learned to cooperate and work as a team to capture the biggest stringer of brooks and browns. In all, 26 members participated in the tournament, to make up 13 teams. The day was cool and a bit overcast to start, and warmed up to become a very pleasant day for all. Trout were caught on a wide variety of streams and with a large number of methods, which the winning teams describe later. The goal was to reach a limit of 10 brook trout and 10 brown trout per team,

and four of the teams limited out and they took the top 4 spots in the standings.

In first place was the team of The Janitor and Shatner with a full card of fish up to a 16" Brown and a 13.5" Brook Trout that was caught by Kirk for the Big Fish of the tournament. Their story follows.

Not far back in second place was the team of Griz and Bud with ten of each species with a top fish of an 18" Brown, which was the biggest fish of the tournament, but just shy of Kirk's brookie for big fish points. Griz and Bud caught most of their browns in the Trimbelle River, one of the closest streams to Minneapolis. Griz provides a few more details later in the letter.

In third place was the team of The Analyst and OJ, with a full card of a good average size fish, but no hawks. Mark explains some of his unconventional but successful techniques in a story below.

Rounding out the top 6 were the teams of Nasty and Chainsaw with 20 fish for fourth place, and Fluffee and Perp with 15 fish and fifth place. OF and Kojak caught just 13 fish with only 3 Brookies, but the sizes were good enough to get them 6th place.

According to Plan

By The Janitor

Shatner and I had a great time pre-fishing and scouting out a plan for the tournament. We started the first weekend in March mostly eliminating water. 250-300 miles a day. Dunn County was promising for Brooks' but proved disappointing. A few fish caught in Elk Creek. Very few in Sand, Hay, Wilson, Tiffany and more. So, back to Pierce County. Plum, Cady, Eau Galle, Parker, and more.

Tournament day dawned with us at the Eau Galle by Spring Valley where we had found large Browns mixed in with a few Brooks. Shatner with his Rapala and I with my Panther-Martin. After a slow start, we found them in moving water and Shatner banged a few large Browns and I a nice Brookie. Off to another part of the Eau Galle by Elmwood. Another mixed bag of Browns and Brooks. We were in good shape with a full card of Browns, but only 3 legal Brooks. So, off to the difficult Plum

Creek south of Plum city for Brookies. Plum is a soft bottom creek with scattered wood in the water. It was by the wood that small pools formed and held larger than average Brooks. Shatner was awesome connecting on 9", 9", 11.5", 12" and 13.5" Brooks. I caught a 10" and a couple of 10.5" on jigs and Gulp. The Plum was also the scene of a spooked Deer snapping its rear right leg about 20 feet from me. A natural tragedy.



Tournament overview by the Analyst:

We caught most of our Brook Trout in the South Fork of the Hay. The upper end of the stream is similar to the Cady—good numbers, but smaller fish. Fun if you want to catch fish, but unlikely to win a tournament on upper reaches. The lower portion of the stream supposedly holds larger fish (up to 17 inches according to my "source"), but fewer of them. I pre-fished this area with my son & didn't like the water much—slow, shallow, muddy bottom with lots of blow-downs.

We figured we had about 45 minutes of fishing time left, so we returned to our starting place which was the Eau Galle in search of large Browns to upgrade our card. The fish that were in the current early in the morning were no longer there. They had moved to a nearby hole with slow moving current. They were not chasing our Spinners or Rapalas but were eager to cooperate with jigs and Gulp. Shatner caught a 13.5" Brown and I a 15" in the last 5 minutes. It was probably the decisive margin for the win. The day was beautiful, my partner was incredible, the Troutin' was excellent, and the tournament had gone according to plan.



We caught majority of Browns in the Elk River in the S/E corner of Dunn County. Beautiful stream & lots of restoration done. Decent numbers, but largest fish was 13.5 inches. Not sure if it's worth the drive.



Karl sports a new Rooster Tail Earring

I caught majority of my fish on a 6" Gulp worm fished Whacky style—incredible action in the clear water! I did a slight modification by adding stinger hooks to each end of the worm. Surprisingly though, all the larger Brown Trout (those over 11 inches) all were caught on the center hook. We caught many of the smaller Brookies on a #2 spinner.



From Griz:

All of our browns were out of the Trimbelle River. Brookies were out of the Trimbelle River, Big River and Gilbert Creek. I caught all of my fish using a 1/16th ounce black jig and a 2" pumpkinseed power grub. Kevin caught some fish on that lure as well but he also

caught fish on spinners, flies and a small power worm.

Waterdog Member News

Griz Gets Serious:

My girlfriend's name is Amber Cardinal. We met on-line through a website called plenty of fish dot com in late November/early December. Ironically we had been previously matched on e-Harmony back in October but failed to make a connection at that time (mainly due to the distance between Circle Pines and Prior Lake - our respective residences). Our first date was on December 15th at the Mall of America and there was an instant spark on both sides. Since meeting we've talked and e-mailed every day and gone out as often as time will allow. She's been to my parents place several times and I've spent a lot of time with her family as well. Both of our families have similar attributes and all has gone well with all of the various meetings, introductions, gatherings, etc. Her brother got married last weekend and that's why I needed to skip out on the meal at the trout tournament. I needed to be in the LaCrosse, WI area in time for the reception and dance (see photo from just prior to the start of the reception).

Amber is currently working as a Mental Health Practitioner and completing her Masters degree in psychology at Bethel University (she'll graduate on 5/22). She is from Ham Lake originally and most of her family still lives in the area. She'll soon be transferring her job to their office in Apple Valley and we are moving into an apartment together in Burnsville on 5/1 (whatever I can get done after the crappie tournament) and 5/2. Our new address will be 12312 Parkwood Drive, Apt.# 310, Burnsville, MN 55337. I'm looking forward to moving in with her and to having less than a mile to go to work each day. Amber does like to fish but she hasn't done it in a while since she's been busy with school, work and other things. I'm looking forward to getting her out on the lake this year. She also likes to read and cook, including many meat dishes despite being a vegetarian. Dating her is unlike any other dating experience that I've had and I think that I may have finally found "the one" after a long search.



Introducing Amber and Griz

Helen bought a new boat, a 2006 Skeeter SL 180 with a Yamaha 115 4-stroke. It's a family fishing boat that he bought on e-bay and drove to Kentucky to fetch it.



Watch Out for that FR Helen!

OJ got married to Bonnie in February, and has sold his boat. The happy couple are selling their homes to buy a condo that will require less upkeep and allow them more time to travel and party. Karl will now be joining the Little Buddy Chapter of the club and will need to go back into training in order to learn the proper etiquette that is required of his new position.

Kirk Duholm's son Steve was featured in the current issue of In-Fisherman Master Angler

section with his 10.5" sunfish he caught in Lake Itasca last summer with his dad. Kojak was also mentioned in the on-line report with his 50.5 incher from last year's Musky Tour.



Chainsaw celebrates the birth of his sixth grandchild with Quinn Scott Michael Daley born 10/27/09 to Jerry's daughter Audrey and her husband Alan. The kid came in at 7lbs, 2 oz, about the same as a good pike, but not as long. It won't be too long and he will no doubt be tagging along with grandpa to a Waterdog meeting.



Call Me "Q"

Mama's Boy is working for Guy Metals located in Hammond WI. They are a distributor and processor of stainless steel and aluminum sheet, bar, tube and plate products. I'm in my

3 week now selling for them. It's nice to be working again!

Bud Miller got a new job with Legacy Growth company that specializes in business consulting solutions in accounting and technology areas. Kevin is the director of New Business development and has already made some good contacts and progress with the company. Kevin and Joy are looking to move out and sell their current home and temporarily rent a good-sized home somewhere in town.

Duper continues to add more responsibility and challenges to his life. The Pocket Hercules advertisement business is booming, the house is being remodeled, and the family recently added a new dog "Caroline" (a Carolina Dog that is related to the dingo) who has actually brought some calm to the Duper household. One of Suzy's many goals was to ride his mountain bike 1000 miles before he could get a new one. He rides to work in downtown Minneapolis from his home 15 miles away, which takes nearly an hour each way. He finally passed the 1000-mile mark in April and got himself a new bike, an Orbea road bike with a padded seat.



No More Blisters!

2010 Waterdogs Tournament Series

Date	Species	Location	Dogs in Charge
√ Saturday, April 10	Trout	WI Rivers	Fluffy, Caveman
√ Saturday, May 1	Crappie	Minnetonka	Banana Boy
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