

The Dogumentary

32nd Year

All the News that Fish to Print

May 2014

2013 Waterdogs Fishing Club Calendar

May 1	Monthly Meeting -Tuttle's
May 3rd	Crappie-Minnetonka
June 5	Monthly Meeting-Tuttles
June 6-7	Walleye- Leech Lake
June20	Fishing for Life-Minnetonka
June 21	Largemouth-Tetonka
July 12	Smallmouth-Mille Lacs
July 19	Fishing for Life-Medicine Lake

May Speaker: "Tackle" Terry Tuma



Slab frenzy 2014:
Top tactics for ice-
out crappies

Terry Tuma Blog
April 19, 2014

Prime ice-out crappie conditions are evolving right now across the northern part of the United States. These first open-water fishing opportunities for slabs since autumn 2013 coincide with their movement into the shallows. Once I see water temperatures hit 40 degrees you'd better believe I'm wetting a line for crappies.

The first paragraph from the blog link below.
<http://www.outdoornews.com/April-2014/Slab-frenzy-2014-Top-tactics-for-ice-out-crappies/>

The Seminar Committee really nailed it with this speaker.

From the Desk of the President:

Amazing where time goes, and we're already in May. That means time to pull out the boat, if you haven't already, and get it organized – along with your rods and tackle. With our second tournament just around the corner, hard to forget our very 'entertaining' April speaker in Crappie

Keith. Braving the snow to join us Dogs all the way from Rochester, he had some great tips for targeting crappie at all seasons.

For spring crappie, lure size is critical and he tended for a 1/100 oz jig with red/yellow calf-tail hair. If anyone is looking, I chased down a couple calves during our trout tourney – enough until the gunshots rang. Anywho, he also talked about using a smaller diameter line, typically a 5# Gamma line, and would attach a rocket or cork bobber about 2 feet up from the jig. This gives some weight in casting, helps hold the jig at a certain depth, and allows you to see the bite. He also demonstrated his 'sling-shot' cast, which wasn't the ideal setting with him taking aim at us. If you're feeling daring, give it a whirl. Just watch those hook-sets in the fingers and, more importantly, your partners.



We had a nice turnout for the first tournament of the year, and was great seeing several of our new members get into the action. Looked like they had a good time, and quickly got a taste of our usual Waterdog tournament weather. After a late scratch by my original partner, the unfortunate team of Perp and Fluffee inherited me. Good thing for me, they had a plan and I was along for the ride.

After meeting at the Orchard, we tried our luck on Gilbert for brookies. While Perp set off downstream, Fluff and I went upstream to hit a stretch of restored habitat. Banks were nice with

some great cuts, but the bite was slow. The persistent rain, while it helped hide us from the fish, was less than desirable. After getting our brookies, we were off to check out a stretch on the Eau Galle, although the water was high and fast. From there, Perp mentioned the Rush and we happened to roll onto some decent water near El Paso. There was some nice water around the bridge, where we got a few bites before deciding to setoff in opposite directions. Perp and Fluff went upstream, casting panthers and gold vibrax spinners. I went downstream throwing a small Countdown Rapala. The action was consistent throughout the rest of the day with a nice mix of brookies (surprisingly) and browns. All in, a great day of fishing.

Looking forward to the upcoming crappie tournament. Looks like the ice will be out as of this weekend, so we should be good. While pairings have already been sent, looks like some guys are dropping and others joining. We'll see where things shake out, so stayed tuned. Just want to extend my 'thanks' to all our committees on a great start to the year. It's nice to see all the involvement and new ideas to keep the Club active and engaged. Keep up the great work!

- From El Banana Boy

Trout Tournament Report:



FD 18.15" Big Fish of the Day with a less than professional blanking out of the background

After two of the nicest days of the spring with temperatures in the 60s, Saturday greeted the

dogs with rain and temperatures in the 30s. The forecast called for a high back up to 60 but the day never performed as advertised, topping out in the 40s. It never rained hard and stopped by mid morning. At least our guides weren't icing up and it still beat the day we hit the water at 5 degrees.

At 6:45, with an honor start, 22 Waterdogs hit the streams and rivers of western Wisconsin. All returned to the Orchard restaurant by the deadline with bones intact and most were relatively dry.



Justin Messner's 1st and, I presume, personal best trout

Of the 11 teams, 6 teams filled the limits of 5 brooks and 5 browns. Two additional teams filled the brook limit and one more filled the brown limit. Taking top honors were Griz and Dr. Uno with 708 points. Second place honors went to Perp, Fluffee and Banana Boy with 645 points. Nasty Boy and Farm Boy took third with 550 points. 4th, 5th and 6th places were only separated by 45 points, with new members Mark Sewald on the 4th place team and Don Blassly on the 6th place team. In all, 10 teams caught fish with Fishdick taking the largest fish honors with and 18.5 inch brown trout.

We look forward to hearing the winning strategies from Griz and Uno at Thursday's meeting.

Steve (Farm Boy) Haagenson

Blind Squirrel Enterprises:
Product of the Month

Here's how it started:
A picture from Fluffee from the trout tournament:



And then

On Apr 12, 2014 6:08 PM, "Laun Sanderson" <laun@sandcon.biz> wrote:
Nice picture of Perp. What's that thing hanging from his vest? Looks like something an engineer would come up with.

From: Matt M [<mailto:mmuell.m01@gmail.com>]
Sent: Saturday, April 12, 2014 5:36 PM
To: Laun Sanderson
Subject: Re: Tournament pictures and stories
I believe it is a "Contraption".

From: Laun Sanderson [<mailto:laun@sandcon.biz>]
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2014 9:16 AM
To: Karsjens, Brian (MN10)
Subject: RE: pairings
Brian,
I got a great photo of you from Fluffy. It appears you have some kind of "contraption" hanging from your vest. What is it and what's the story behind it.
Juan

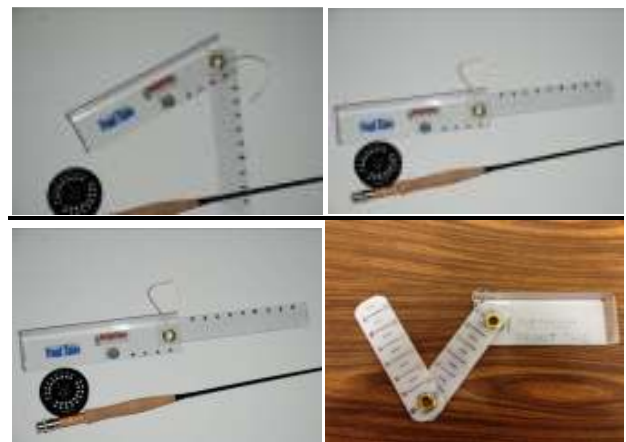
From: Karsjens, Brian (MN10) [<mailto:Brian.Karsjens@Honeywell.com>]
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2014 9:21 AM
To: Laun Sanderson
Subject: RE: pairings
Send me the picture please.

From: Karsjens, Brian (MN10) [<mailto:Brian.Karsjens@Honeywell.com>]
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2014 9:21 AM
To: Laun Sanderson
Subject: RE: pairings
Here is the original flyer (2009) about the Trout Tale with a 2014 update showing the final 3 section model. I am still using the 2 section prototype. Other Waterdogs have the 3 piece models.

So here's the original story of the development one of the many products Blind Squirrel Enterprises produces for the discriminating fisherperson

Trout Tales

A challenge was issued at the February (2009) Waterdogs meeting to come up with a measuring device for trout.
The challenge was accepted and a prototype made (1st three pictures)



The Blind Squirrels now have a product that should eliminate the “tales” when measuring those squirming browns, brooks and rainbows of Western Wisconsin and Southern Minnesota. Trout Tales meets the needs of catch and release trout fishermen everywhere (well at least Waterdogs).

. The original model was 12 inches x 3 inches x 1 inch and it expanded to 22 inches long for the big ones. After feedback, the original design concept was altered. The final design was a 3 piece fold out that is 8" long x 2.75 in wide x 1" high. It folds open to 20 inches.

The Trout Tale will clip to your belt or stow in your vest or pocket. It weighs just ounces. Cost is \$15 for remaining inventory.

Blind Squirrel Enterprises is a non-profit (not by choice) that produces products for the discriminating fisherman.

Fishing for Life:

I mentioned at last month's meeting that Fishing for Life is looking for boat guide volunteers to bring youth out fishing during their events this year. The dates and locations are listed below:

Friday June 20th- Armed Forces Family fishing celebration – 7AM to 1:30 @Minnetonka

Guide fishing with military families

Saturday July 19th – Fishing Frenzy- 8AM-1PM @ Medicine Lake

Youth fishing contest

Saturday August 2nd-Fishing Frenzy-8AM-1:30PM @ Lake Marion

Youth fishing contest

Saturday September 6th- Fishing Frenzy-8AM-1PM @ Forest Lake

You can get more information at fishingforlife.org or contact Tom Goodrich directly if interested at

GoodyKSTP@aol.com

Doug (Mama's Boy) Squire

Bananas supplement to Trout Tournament:

This one came on the Rush in El Paso. Fluffee and Perp worked upstream throwing spinners, and I started downstream tossing a small Rapala Countdown. Fishing some deeper rapids, and spotted a nice-sized boulder in the middle of the stream that had some good slack water behind it. After running my Rapala passed it on my first cast, I saw a large fish take a swipe at the bait and miss. I tossed back a second time and she smacked the bait. This one ended up being our largest brown of the day at 16".



LOTW Update **RABC, Get it Now**

The time is fast approaching for the Annual Trip and it is time to make sure you have all four documents needed for the trip.

1. **US Passport** – You will need a valid US Passport to reenter the United States after the trip. To be valid, the passport needs to be in force at least 6 months beyond the date of your expected return to the US. If you do not have a passport, you need to get the process started today. I believe you can get the forms and photos needed at a US Post Office, or go online for the forms and get photos elsewhere.

2. **Ontario Outdoors Card** – You will need to purchase one of these cards. The card is necessary to buy an Ontario fishing license.

3. **Ontario Fishing license** – Most of the Waterdogs get an 8 Day Conservation License. Since we are fishing for Muskies and do not keep them, this is the cheapest license. The license will allow you to keep and have in possession 2 walleyes and 2 northerners.

Both the Outdoors Card and Fishing Licenses can be purchased online. The card will be mailed to you, but your receipt and copies of the licenses are printed on your own printer and will need to be in your possession in Canada.

The site to buy these is:

www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/OC/2Columnsubpage/stdprod_091032.html

There are tabs to choose for a first time card, renew card and purchase a license.

4. **RABC** (Remote Area Border Crossing) Permit – You need this to go back and forth over the border without checking with customs every day. This can not be purchased online. You will need to complete a paper form, enclose a copy

of your passport, and complete an authorization to charge your credit card. They are asking for 6 week notice before travelling to Canada. A PDF of the form needed is attached to the Documentary e-mail. I will also have a few paper copies at the May meeting.

In summary, do it now. Especially the Passport if you don't have one and also the RABC. Everything except the passport can be purchased when you get to Canada if you forget, but it will take time away from the trip and delay your arrival at the Angle Outpost.

Come Listen to My Story bout a Bird Named Fred

Gobbler Fred, 23.5 pound with 10 inch beard. I was working another Tom who was already paired up with a hen for about an hour. He was strutting and gobbling, and unfortunately, he



wanted my decoy to come to him. So he was doing all this within 50 yards out to 200 yards from me. Fred, the gobbler I shot, came in to check out the party. I sweet talked him to come in a little closer to check out the offerings. When he walked behind some brush, I pick up my gun to give him a 4 shot sandwich. However, when I stopped calling to pick up the gun, it caused him to be a little apprehensive to what was going on. As I sat and waited for him to come out from the brush, I kept wondering where he was. Finally, realizing he was not going to come out towards

my decoys, I turned and I spotted him behind my right shoulder. I did a slow spin behind the brush, pointed my gun back through the brush, to perfectly line the bead of my shotgun up with his head at 40 yards. Freddy, turn off the lights the party is over!!!!

Tim (Father Bertha) Yanta

Bio of the Month: Jeff (Chips) Lantto

Who brought you into the club and what's your relationship to that person? *Former Dog Peter Geier who is a college fraternity brother of mine at the U of MN and a friend for life. Janitor-Bob Blakely and Fishdick-Bob Dickey are also frat brothers of mine as well as friends for life from those good old days at the U back in the 70's.*

What's your profession? *In July of 2014, I will have worked for the Ebenezer Society for 40 years and at this point-God willing I will retire from there in the future at some point. Ebenezer provides nursing home health care, assisted living housing, low income-affordable housing, independent (rental and ownership) housing, adult day care and child day care programs throughout the state of Minnesota. For the past 11 years, I have been the Director of Homeowner Associations, which provides property management services to seniors living in senior condominium associations and senior cooperatives. We currently manage 24 senior cooperatives and 1 senior condo. I work with 9 of those homeowner associations directly & over see the program that I have 3 other staff that does what I do as well. This represents 2237 units in the 25 sites with 154 employees. I feel fortunate to have worked for a mission based company that provides great service to our customers for my entire career—which does not happen too often anymore.*

A little bit about your family my wife Marcia and I will have been married 33 years as of (4-11-14). We live in White Bear Lake, one house off of Bald Eagle Lake (the other lake in WBL)where we raised two great kids; Anna who gave us our first grandchild(Calvin) who will turn 2 years old on the fishing opener weekend (5-11-14). I look forward to the day when I can take Calvin fishing on his birthday. Most of my fishing openers are shared with my son Andrew who enjoys fishing almost as much as I do. Both of our kids live in town, so we enjoy getting to see them often—especially our grandson Calvin.



What's your handle and the story behind it? *As I stated earlier, I went to the U of M and was a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity along with Geier, Blakely & Dickey. We had a lady cook who was quite the character named "Cookie" and she often gave us her pet names—since I was from Buffalo, MN—she called me Buffalo—my frat brothers added "Chips" to it of course and it was used when I joined the club back in 1990 and still used today.*

Where did you grow up and what's your history with fishing? *I grew up in Wright County that has lots of lakes in it and my dad, Calvin, who my grandson is named after, loved to hunt & fish. So that is how I got the bug for fishing. My early memories of fishing were fishing pan fish on my Uncle Virgil's pontoon on Cokato Lake with a cane pole. I remember picking up the long pole when the bobber went under and having the fish swing around everyone's head as I tried to get the fish onto the pontoon. I had another uncle who had a cabin on Lake Silvia and I remember ice fishing out on the lake in a fish house for pan fish. When I was in 7th grade, my parents bought a family style resort on*

Middle Cullen Lake just north of Nisswa, MN. I t had 7 cabins with both wood & aluminum boats. When school ended in Buffalo on Memorial Day weekend we headed to Nisswa for the summer and when school started the day after Labor Day in September back to Buffalo. The summers spent as a youth in Nisswa were fabulous. It was a lot of work, selling minnows, oil & gas to resort attendees as well as people off the lake. The best part was that you got to spend time with people who came to the North Country for their vacation and with many repeat customers you got to know lots of people from many states.

I helped a lot of customers catch some fish, who struggled to catch some during their time at the resort and also cleaned lots of fish for them as well. I have many fond memories of those summer days spent up north in the 60's & the 70's.

What's your favorite species to fish? Why? What's your favorite technique? *I have to say, I tend to fish muskies mostly now after the season opens in June. I do like to fish pan fish for some good eating and throw for bass or troll for northerns.*

What's your most memorable fishing experience? *I do truly enjoy our annual week up at Lake of the Woods that I have attended every year since 1991 except for two years which were the two best years the club has ever had up there.*

What do you like about being a Waterdog? *I like the opportunity to fish different lakes then I ever would on my own as well as different types of fishing. I would never go fish for trout in the streams of WI, if not for the Waterdogs. I enjoy getting to fish with everyone over the years and learning different ideas from other Dogs. The Waterdog Club is my escape, my chance to do something for me and not for my family or personal friends, but for me as a person who deserves something special. That's what I love about the Waterdogs!*

Personal Bests

Whenever a Dog scores a personal best please send a photo and a story if there is one, to Juan, for inclusion in the Dogumentary.

Photo of the Month

16" Brown and Rod by Banana Boy



2014 Tournament Schedule

Date	Species	Location	Format/Dogs in Charge
May 3	Crappie	Minnetonka	OJ and Shorty
June 6-7	Walleye	Leech Lake	Kirk and Analist
June 21	Largemouth	Tetonka	Hillary and Dr. Uno
July 12	Smallmouth	Mille Lacs	Boo Boo and Chips
August 16	MEGA Multi-Species	Pepin (Lake only)	Duper and Hynes
September 13	Largemouth	Big Birch	TBD
October 4th	Multi-Species	Waconia	TBD