

The Dogumentary

24th Year

The Waterdogs Fishing Club

June 2006

June Monthly Meeting: Don't Miss It

Randy Gorman, Twin Cities-area territorial manager for Pure Fishing (Berkley, Abu Garcia, Fireline, SpiderWire, Stren, Fenwick, etc.), will share new product developments at Pure Fishing, and will talk specifically about fishing lines. The meeting will be at the usual spot, the Hopkins VFW, with dinner at 6, and the meeting beginning at 7 pm.

In addition, in our continuing series about "Healthy Fishing," James "Griz" Ferstenou will talk about the five reasons beef jerky is good for your health, and will share the process he uses to make the delicious jerky many of us enjoy during the annual LOTW musky trip. Hopefully, he'll bring a few samples.

The Lake of the Woods Fall Fishing Trip drawing will be conducted by Suzy. If you haven't paid for your chance yet, please bring \$20 per chance (checks payable to Waterdogs).

July Meeting: Mark your calendars -- the July meeting will be conducted at Thorne Brothers, located in Fridley, just off of University Avenue and 85th Street North. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. and will include time for shopping (with 10-15% discounts for all Dogs in attendance).

Waterdogs Calendar

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| June 1 | Monthly Meeting |
| June 3-4 | Walleye Tournament |
| June 16-17 | Bass Tournament |
| July 6 | Monthly Meeting |
| July 22-29 | Rock'N Roll Musky Tour |
| August 3 | Monthly Meeting |
| August 19 | Multispecies Tournament |

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| Sep 7 | Monthly Meeting |
| Sep 9 | Musky-Pike Tournament |
| Oct 5 | Monthly Meeting |
| Oct 14 | Smallmouth Tournament |
| Nov 2 | 2006 Banquet |

Lake of the Woods Countdown

53 days

What to do now:
Clean and repair musky gear and tackle.

President's Corner: Steve Haagenson



I can't wait for the Gull Lake Tournament.

I think the most common responses to the question, "What do you like best about the Waterdogs?" are "The camaraderie! The guys! The friendships!" Since I got my boat I have been trying to get out fishing more which has been great. But, there is nothing like a Waterdogs tournament; the early morning

greetings by many friends, the “in the boat” social drifting while waiting for the fleet to prepare, the roar of motors at the starting announcement, that little extra adrenaline rush of making that first cast and hoping for an early mark on the board, the excitement of hearing announcements over the radio of competitors hooking a big one or the comfort of hearing that no one else is catching anything either. I always enjoy the lunch breaks as a time to gather information to help me be a better fisherman or just to find out what has been going on with a fellow Waterdog and friend. Preparing the boat for the ride home as you share stories about the day and anticipate the winning announcement is certainly more fun than just whipping the cover and straps on and heading for the road. Even the end of the day is not the end of the fun as stories of the trip are retold at the next meeting and throughout the season. And, if we are lucky, a Weenie nomination will be observed causing the experience to live on in infamy throughout the years.

Perp and I hit Minnetonka last Sunday and enjoyed a beautiful evening on a cool spring night. As we talked, Perp referenced the Chisago/Lindstrom crappie tournament and even though I was warmer than you that day, it was certainly my loss for not being able to share in that experience with friends. (By the way the small Northern's were quite aggressive and we took home a half dozen Crappies – 12.5 was the largest.)

I can't wait for the Gull Lake Tournament! Then Carver County. Then Wisconsin. Then LOTW.... And meetings in between to relive the experiences. This is a great club!

See you at the meeting,
Farm Buoy

P.S. The fresh spelling of the month goes to Purp for helping me install my hour meter. Thanks.

Also on the nickname front, Phish Dique's forward regarding WD-40 got me thinking. If Roid got his name by putting Preparation H on his lures, could a guy who puts WD-40 on his lures be called Squeak? Your destiny could be in your hands, Lowell.

Recycling: A Story about Catch and Release

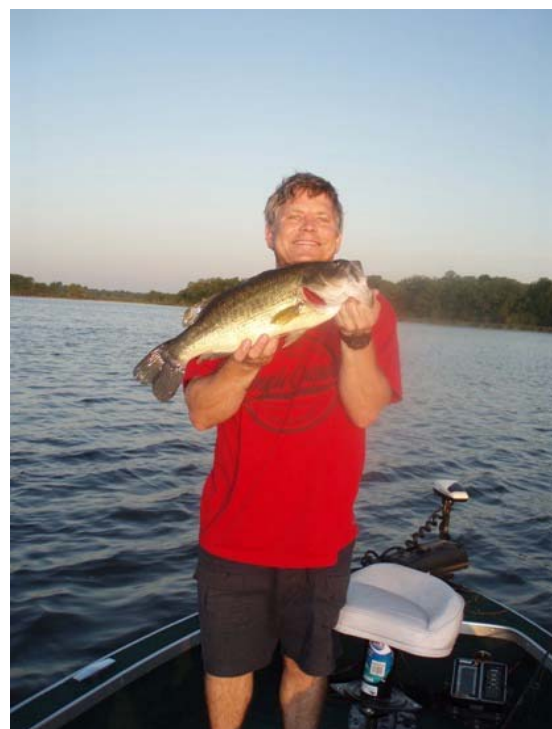
My brother and I were fishing on Bald Eagle Lake Sunday morning for Walleye. After about an hour unsuccessfully bait dragging around, we moved to a classic inside corner just off a break beyond the mouth of Otter creek. We immediately started to catch fish using jigs and fat head minnows. The fish weren't big, but they were numerous, with a few keepers mixed in. After an 30 minutes or so, I hooked a small Northern that bit off my jig just as I got the fish up to the boat. As usual, I tied on the new jig, hooked on a minnow and went on with business. About a 30 minutes latter I had another Northern on the line. This time I didn't want to loose my jig, so I asked my bother to net the fish. Well, I got my original jig back; it was the same fish I caught a half an hour earlier. I guess recycling works.....

Helen

A Carver County Lake

Suzy and Nasty Boy celebrated Memorial Day with an early morning outing to one of the designated lakes in the upcoming Carver County Shoot-Out, June 16 - 17.

On the water by 5:30 a.m., they managed to catch nine bass, all larger than 12 inches, with the largest at 20 inches caught by Nasty.



Waterdogs 2006 Tournament Series

Mark Your Calendars Now and Plan to Attend!

| Date | Species | Location | Dogs in Charge |
|--------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| ✓ March 18 | Trout | Whitewater River | Mueller - Johnson |
| ✓ April 29 | Crappie | Chisago Lakes area | Lantto |
| June 3-4 (Sat-Sun) | Walleye | Gull Lake | Mueller – Johnson |
| June 16-17 (Fr-S) | Bass | Carver County Lakes area | Blakely – Dupont |
| Aug 19 (Sat) | Multi | Lake Wissota, WI | Ferstenou |
| Sep 9 (Sat) | Muskie/Pike | Minnetonka | Blakely – Karsjens |
| Oct 14 (Sat) | Smallmouth | Rum River - Anoka | Karsjens - Dupont |