

The Dogumentary

31st Year

All the News that's Fish to Print

June 2013

2013 Waterdogs Fishing Club Calendar

June 6	Monthly Meeting
June 7/8	Mille Lacs Flip-Flop
June 15	Fishing Clinic for Kids
July 13	Shot in the Dark Bass
July 20-27th	LOTW
September 14th	Minnetonka Multispecies
October 5th	Small Mouth

June Speaker

Our June speaker is Jim DaRosa. Jim lives on Mille Lacs during the fishing season and has been chasing Mille Lacs smallmouths for over 20 years. He started guiding exclusively for "brownies" in 2006. Jim guides from June to mid September and spends over 100 days on the big lake each year.

From the Desk of the President,

June has arrived and hopefully fishing opportunities will increase. May was a rather busy month leaving me little time to get on the water. I only managed a few hours at the in-laws in Wisconsin and we only saw a few bass. At least it was a dry outing. Looking forward to going after those Mille Lacs fish, especially the smallies! Just a reminder about the upcoming meeting. The speaker can't be there at the start so we will plan on doing the business portion first. My understanding is that the speaker is an expert on smallies on Mille Lacs, we shall see.

It looks as though a few Special Service opportunities are coming up and I hope that some of you are able to go. I unfortunately will be on call for the event in Buffalo. If anyone hears of other opportunities be sure to let Mama's Boy know. We are also approaching the half way point of the year already and I haven't heard any requests/concerns to discuss at the board. I have no illusions that there isn't going to be some controversy or scandal during my tenure as president. I must be doing something wrong!

I hope I have more to report next month, especially with regards to fishing. If not, I may have



to describe the benefits of colonoscopy as a screening test for cancer. Then again, as I look at the aging population of the dogs, I hope you have already been informed of such things!

Dr. Meat/John Schaffhausen

Southern Fried Walleye

On the spot reporter FD

The Elusive State Fish

Twenty Two Dogs fished the Southern Fried Walleye Tournament near Faribault on May 18th, and true to their species, the walleyes played tough to get for most of the teams. Four different lakes



Mama's Boy with a nice Walleye were part of the tournament, and one lake proved to be the dominant producer of fish, but even that one did not put out in big numbers. In all, 20 board-member walleyes were caught by the 11 teams,



Boo Boo with what I am told is Fluffy's Walleye

with 16 of those coming from Cannon Lake and the others from Masaska. Of the 20 fish caught by the club, the winning team of Shatner and Greenstick got 9 of them using a less traditional manner of fishing than most others were doing. The biggest walleye caught was from Masaska, however, with a 21" for Little Angel early in the tournament, and that turned out to be Bud and his only fish for the day, but it was good enough for 4th place.

The Winner's Circle

The Shatner-Greenstick Connection

by Greenstick

"Meet you at your house at 4AM then!" I said enthusiastically and then hung up the phone. Then I realized what that meant... "Holy crap! That means I have to get up at 3AM to get ready, and leave the house by 3:15!"

I've gotten up early for fishing many times in the thirty-plus years Kirk and I have known each other – that's half of our lives, when you think about it. And now that both of us are past 60 and can't sleep anymore, we may be repeating this routine more and more frequently. But on this morning, we felt confident about catching some fish! Well, perhaps Kirk did more than I, but in any event, there was an air of confidence in the Acura as we drove away from his Eagan home. The week before we'd traded emails a couple times to formulate our strategy – it looked like this:

SHATNER: How about prefishing Monday or Tuesday?

GREENSTICK: Crap. I've got a thing on Monday and a meeting at a customer site on Tuesday.

SHATNER: Work sucks.

(Then on Wednesday...)

SHATNER: They're really biting. Mostly in the shallows. Fished with Hillary. Got a dozen or more over 18 and some over 22 using both crawlers and #5 crankbaits in perch or silver. We'll fish the Cannon. Here's a setup I'd suggest...

GREENSTICK: Ok. Gotta make a trip to Gander. I'll bring crawlers and maybe some leeches.

SHATNER: Forget the leeches. Crawlers will be all we'll need. I'll get some from my neighbor kid, too...

So that was our strategy. I've learned over the last 30 years to trust Kirk's instincts in a lot of ways, but especially when it comes to fishing. It was Thursday of tournament week when I went to

Gander Mtn. to pick up some crawlers, and the rest of the tackle. I think it was the shortest period of time I've ever spent in Gander Mtn – I knew just where the things were that I needed to pick up and I was in and out in a flash, probably saving money in the process...



Greenstick's 18 1/2

Our tackle setup was to be a crawler on a multi-hook worm harness at the end of a 3 or 4 foot snell with a small spinner; that connected to a ½ - ¾ oz bottom bouncer, and we'd use planer boards to get the lines out away from the boat so as not to spook the walleye. We planned to fish shallow (4-7 feet) and troll in a couple spots where he'd had success earlier in the week. If the worms didn't work, we'd break out the crank baits to try to trigger a bite. As it turned out, the crank baits never hit the water.

Approaching the launch on the south side of the Cannon, we met up with Hillary and Puddin' Man as they were sliding the purple monster into the lake. Hmmm. Looks like our secret was out. We launched the Enterprise, chatted with Hillary and Puddin' for a couple minutes as it neared 5:30 AM and then were off to find our spot.

If you've ever fished with Shatner, you know that he must use a patented speed-baiting technique because by the time you're just settling in and reaching for your gear, he's already in the water fishing. I'd just finished putting a worm on my hook when I heard, "Got one!" so I dropped my rod and went for the net. That's how it went for about three hours... we had five in the boat by 8:30 and were feeling pretty good about the planer board/bottom bouncer/spinner-snell/worm harness/crawler setup, although it was kind of a messy set of gear to untangle after catching a fish. (I guess that's what it must be like for women to get dressed every morning, I dunno...)

Mid-morning we noticed many more members' boats were in the vicinity – but nobody was catching anything. So we moved to a second spot along the west side of the bay not far from the launch and trolled up/down along the docks. We landed a few bass there but also four more walleyes, one of which was a 20.5", our biggest one of the day.

With about an hour of fishing time left and what looked and felt like a storm coming in, we decided to pull out and take our chances with our full card of walleyes. When the scores were announced, we were amazed that we had not only won, but won by quite a fair amount.

Well Done OF **Rick's Bike Sale News**

Apple Valley, MN. The garage is empty again at the Anderson household! After spending the last year refurbishing 161 donated bicycles, Rick Anderson was again able to put on a successful sale at his Apple Valley home. Dozens of people left the 5th annual sale with a new shiny bike that was brought back to life and Rick is proud once again to donate \$11,546 to Kids 'n Kinship, a local mentoring program in Dakota County.

\$33,560 RAISED FOR KIDS 'N KINSHIP IN FIVE SALES!

129 bikes were sold this year and the remaining 28 bikes were generously donated to the Juvenile Diabetes Association garage sale.

Rick would like to thank Jeff and the whole crew at Valley Bike and Ski for providing him with discounted parts, free advice, and help with some of the more difficult repairs. He would also like to thank all the buyers, volunteers, bike donors the Apple Valley Famous Dave's for donating lunch, and gift cards.

HELP NEEDED

As the sale continues to get bigger each year, Rick is seeking additional help from the community. Much of the bike refurbishing is simply cleaning the donated bikes, which Rick would appreciate help with. If you have some bike maintenance experience, or would like to learn about bike tune-ups, please consider working on next year's donated bikes with him.. He has a flexible schedule and will find times that suit you as well. Rick plans on taking bike donations again in the fall with the goal of another successful sale in the spring/early summer 2014. If you would like any additional information or have a bike you would like to donate please feel free to contact Rick by phone or email.

Kids 'n Kinship is a private non-profit organization that matches children who have a need for an additional supportive relationship with carefully screened adult volunteers. Once a match has been made, volunteers spend 1-4 hours per week with the child. Typical activities might include picnicking, attending sporting events, sharing interests or going to the movies. Volunteers make a one-year commitment to the program. These relationships often grow into life-long friendships. We serve children in the communities of Apple Valley, Burnsville, Eagan, Farmington, Lakeville and Rosemount. See more at: www.kidsnkinship.org/

LOTW Update

The 12 Dogs going on the annual trip are: Shorty, Janitor, Sticky Fingers, Griz, Kojak, Puddin' Man, Perp, Chips, Fluffee, Carmen, Buick and Dr. Meat.

The following will make the trip on Friday, 7/19: Shorty, Sticky, Griz, Puddin' Man, Chips, Fluffee, Carmen, and Dr. Meat.

I will reserve 4 rooms at the Super 8 in Warroad. That leaves Janitor, Kojak, Perp and Buick making the Saturday trek.

Cabin mates:

Griz, Puddin' Man, Chips and Janitor
Kojak, Perp, Buick and Sticky
Shorty, Dr. Meat, Fluffee and Carmen

Captains are:

Shorty, Fluffee, Chips, Perp, Buick, Janitor, Sticky and Kojak.

Anyone wishing to fish with a particular person should let me know.

Carmen

Kids Fishing Clinic

Mama's Boy

The 16th annual Buffalo Days / Fishing Clinic For Kids event is being held on Saturday June 15th @ Sturges Park on Buffalo Lake. They would like us to help in the casting area and setup for the event. The event starts at 9:30 to 1:30, with setup starting at 7:30AM on June 15th.

Let me know if you are available to setup, help in casting area, or both.

Bio of the Month:

Tom Keller: AKA Helen

Who brought you into the club and what's your relationship to that person?

Laun invited me into the club. Laun and I attended the same church and met there. I can't actually remember how we got talking about fishing, but when an opening came up he asked if I'd be interested.

What's your profession?



I am a Quality & Regulatory Operations Manager for General Mills. I am mainly responsible for Pillsbury branded products (The Dough Boy!) You can find Pillsbury Products in the refrigerated and frozen isles of your grocery store. I am also a member of a merger and acquisitions team, and a technical team with our global cereal venture with Nestle. As a result, I travel internationally about 4 - 5 times per year.

A little bit about your family

I am married to Janet and have two kids, Annika (10) and Sam (9). Both the kids like fishing, but not too much. We live in Plymouth, but are looking to move to the country when the right property shows itself. We also enjoy summers at our family cabin on Whitefish Lake, a chain with excellent boating and fishing.

What's your handle and the story behind it?

Helen. It's really unique – NOT! I never heard that one before...

Where did you grow up and what's your history with fishing?

I grew up in St. Paul. I learned to fish at the cabin as kid, but really didn't fish too much until joining the Waterdogs. I regard myself as a novice and trying to learn.

What's your favorite species to fish? Why? What's your favorite technique?

I like fishing Bass the most, mainly due the local opportunities, but I want to learn more about Musky fishing. Two favorite techniques, top water and

plastics wacky style around docks and the inside weed edge - deadly

What's your most memorable fishing experience?

Anytime I am fishing with the kids and they're enjoying a bite.



What do you like about being a Waterdog?

Learning from other Dogs. There are some great sticks in the club. I enjoy fishing with other people and getting to know them, it's just plain fun.

Tip of the Month

Lickety Split

This month's tip is compliments of the wily Perpetrator.

While he does not claim to have discovered it on his own (he claims to have read it somewhere) he has implemented on his rods and really likes it. So here's the Perp's advice: the idea is to use a split ring in the hook saver on a rod as a place to connect the lure when not fishing. It saves the hook saver and is easier to slip a hook into. I find it especially handy on muskie equipment. The split ring floats in the hook saver and is oriented in the correct direction for easy storage. I have found it to not work as well on spinning rods. For some reason the line tends to hook itself in the split ring.



2013 Tournament Schedule

Date	Species	Location	Dogs in Charge
Mar 16	Trout	Wisconsin	Carmen & FD
April 6	Trout	Wisconsin	Griz & Fluffee
April 20	Trout	Backup for Trout 1 or 2	
May 18	Southern Fried Walleye	TBD	Little Angel, Bud & Banana
June 7-8	Mille Lacs Flip-Flop	Mille Lacs	Janitor, Duper, Chips
July 13	Shot in the Dark Bass	TBD	Kirk, AnaJlist
July 20-27	Muskie	LOTW	
September 14	Multispecies	Minnetonka	Greenstick and Helen
October 5	Smallmouth	Rum River	Perp and Nasty