

# The Dogumentary

32nd Year

The "Of-fish-ial" Voice of the Waterdogs

June 2014

## 2013 Waterdogs Fishing Club Calendar

June 5	Monthly Meeting-Tuttles
June 6-7	Walleye- Leech Lake
June 20	Fishing for Life-Minnetonka
June 21	Largemouth-Tetonka
July 12	Smallmouth-Mille Lacs
July 19	Fishing for Life-Medicine Lake
Aug 16	Mega Multi Species-Lake Pepin
Sept 13	Small Mouth-Big Birch

## May Speaker: Jim Peters



Hello, I am Jim Peters. I have been fishing my entire life. I love to fish! I live in Hastings Minnesota, not far off the Mississippi River and only a few short miles from the St. Croix River.

I am not just a river fisherman. I fish many lakes in Minnesota and Wisconsin. My favorite is Mille Lacs for walleyes! I began fishing Mille Lacs 28 years ago. I have been guiding for 20 years and a tournament angler for 24 years. Both are very enjoyable, but guiding is my passion. I enjoy teaching people new presentations, new spots and theories about fishing.

## And if our IT crew can make it happen: Gary Trimble by phone link

I grew up on Leech Lake and have guided over 40 years. I guide only on Leech Lake and only for walleyes and muskies. I am a retired teacher and football coach and now guide full time. I also teach fishing seminars at a number of area

resorts to help people increase their success on the lake.

## From the Desk of the President:

Ahhh, the smell of fresh cut grass! Times are getting ridiculously crazy for me as we get closer to Toro's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in July – not to mention I decided to coach my boy's soccer team. What the Frankenstein was I thinking! On the

bright side, it will all pass soon and will have more time to spend on the water.

Despite the madness, Justin and I took the boys fishing a few weeks back on Big Marine Lake after getting a good report from the Analist and Shatner. They were counting 200+ crappies a day in the "small" bay at which Janitor and team



won the tournament. The bite was a bit slow the day we were there, and probably not helped by the cast of characters living along the shore – yelling, splashing and even flying into the bay on a speedboat. It was quite the sight! We actually ran into the Analist and his boy, and they were pulling in the crappies and gills – much faster than we were on 1/64 oz orange/chartreuse hair jigs. When asked what they were fishing, it was no surprise why they were having so much luck. They were tossing small black & yellow "Hawkeye" jigs. We borrowed a few, but didn't make it much longer as the boys were getting restless. Note to self: if you want to fish seriously, don't bring 5 and 7 year olds with you. In any case, we managed a couple eaters for dinner that night.

Looking forward to our Leech lake tournament this coming week, and hopefully the weather and other factors cooperate. We were up at Leech on Memorial Day weekend (no kids!) as a friend was getting married. We managed to get on the water

one day, and caught some decent sunnies and bass. According to a friend of mine, who lives up there, the walleye bite has been somewhat slow with mostly an evening bite. Hopefully, things have since started to pick-up and they will be slammin' next weekend. Looking forward to learning more from our speaker this Thursday – that is, if the Club's IT guy comes through. All the faith in the world, especially after being enlightened by Rev. Bill Maher last night. Shorty – I think I saw you there!

- Banana Boy

### **Big Marine Crappies:**

I was paired with Janitor and Chainsaw, so I had high hopes getting a chance to fish with 3 captains in a boat. My thought was to start on the north end of the lake and look for warm water. We got into the north end and started at



**The Winners**

some deeper holes that might hold suspended fish, but didn't see anything on the graph so I moved into the shallows. I started out using the 1,000 oz calf hair jig that I won during April meeting, but soon lost confidence in the bait as I could not get good casts into the wind. I switch to a pink 1/32 oz jig and white tail that I always have luck with and hoped for better results. We move to a small bay in north side that had a couple of Dog boats already in it. Janitor landed our 1<sup>st</sup> crappie at 10:00 and I picked up one shortly after. We caught a northern in the spot so fishing slowed, then we made a move to the west end of the lake before lunch.

We went to a small cove that I thought looked good on the map; the bay had a few boats in it so we found an open area and just fished the shallows. Chainsaw picked up our third crappie just before lunch, so our plan was to come back to the area after lunch. During lunch we figured our 3 fish

wasn't that good of start, but soon realized a number of boats didn't have a fish so we still thought we had a chance.



**Bob(The Janitor) Blakely**

After lunch we went back to where we caught our last fish. A local boat next to us decided to leave, so I moved into their spot, as we had seen them bring in a few fish. By this time we were using just plain hooks and crappie minnows with bobbers. Soon Janitor found the spot on the spot, where we could pull a crappie out after every other cast. The bite really lit up after water temps moved to 47 deg. We had a full card by 2:00, and then just tried for bigger fish. Overall we had great day, boating I guess 30 plus fish. As "Tackle Terry" told us we always kept that positive attitude!

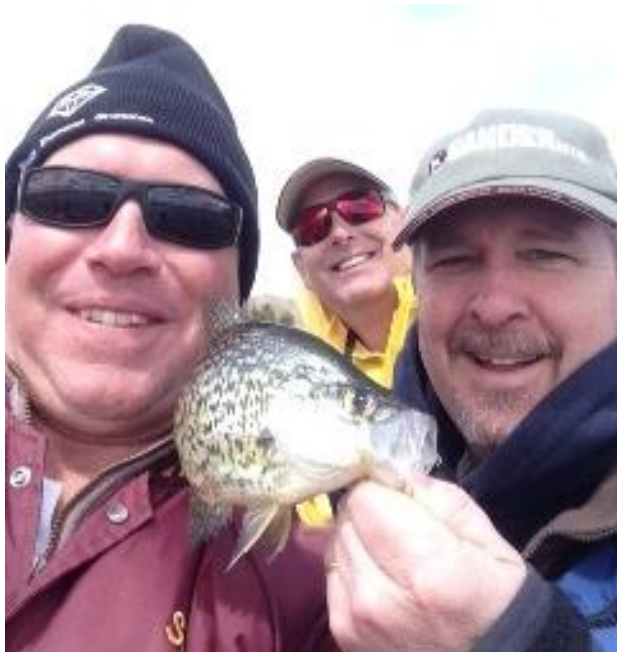
Doug (Mama's Boy) Squire

### **A few other tournament photos**



**Our First Wienie Nominee**





3rd Place Selfie



4th Place Selfie

**Fishing for Life:**

Muskie Inc and Fishing for Life's Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration  
 Friday, June 20  
 Lord Fletcher's on Lake Minnetonka



-- Guided fishing for military families & Wounded Warriors -- Free picnic lunch  
 -- Fishing contest for youth with trophies & medals -- Boats & equipment provided  
 Sponsored by: Twin Cities Muskies Inc and Lord Fletcher's on Lake Mtkka

They've got a lot of people signed up and are worried about being short of captains.

**Plus you get a free lunch at Lord Fletcher's**

You can get more information at [fishingforlife.org](http://fishingforlife.org) or contact Tom Goodrich directly if interested at [GoodyKSTP@aol.com](mailto:GoodyKSTP@aol.com)

Doug (Mama's Boy) Squire

**Mother's Day Fishing:**

Crappie Keith Jigs in action:

I didn't get out for the opener this year as my son was playing Lacrosse, but I did get a chance to sneak out on Mother's Day for a few



hours. We went to Big Marine and hit the small bay where the guys won the recent tournament.

We used home-made jigs like the ones Crappie Keith showed us at the our recent meeting. They work great and don't require any bait. Seemed the Bluegills preferred the smaller baits (1/80 oz) with a chartreuse head and black hair while the Bluegills preferred a larger profile. For them we used 1/60oz jigs in white/blue.

The photo is of my son and his friend—who had previously never caught a crappie. I changed that! Anyways, we got lots of fish and had a great time. If anyone wants tips on making the jigs just give me a call.

Mark (Analist) Bystrom

### **Bass Opener with Felix and OF:**

Bass Opener on Waconia has become a tradition of sorts for Rick and I over the last several years. Some years have been good and, in other openers we have done a lot more fishing than catching!

The lake is way behind this year. The reed beds are just getting through the surface.

We started in the NE corner where there were very few places with the reeds penetrating the water's surface. After about 90 minutes we had four nice fish to 17 ½", two on the buzzer and two on Senkos.

Headed towards the SW corner docks and weed beds and caught another 8 to 10 nice Bass, mostly on Spinner Baits in the next hour or so.



We headed towards the reed beds on the West side, staying about a good cast length from shore. It was Phenomenal! The Spinner Bait had them going! Several times we had doubles in 3 out of 4 casts. Nice fish to 19 ½", very few fish less than 15".

Back and forth, with the wind, against the wind, same result; fish every time! Sometimes close to shore, other times out in the middle of the reed bed. We got on the water about 6:20 am and off at about 3:40 pm and our final count was 181 Largemouth Bass and one, very distinctive, black polka dot, 24"+/-, Muskie!

Best day we have had on Waconia in several years!

Body is still sore and the Thumb is still healing!

The Fish in the Photo was 18" and was number 176!

Dave (Felix) Anderson

### **LOTW Update RABC, It's almost too late**

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 northerns.

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](http://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 Dogumentary e-mail.

### **Bio of the Month: Joe Forester**

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

Dave Anderson I work with him at Fabcon

**What's your profession?**

Reliability Engineer / Project Manager / Associate Professor at St Mary's University

**A little bit about your family.**

Grew up in a large family of 6 boys and 1 girl (next to the youngest) fishing and hunting were part of growing up.

I have been married to my wife Shelly for almost 33 years we have 3 sons Dustin (29) Phillip (27) and Payne (23) (yes I called one of my sons Payne). Shelly and I both grew up in South St Paul and somehow we never left.

With the 3 boys we have a nice foursome for golf and we enjoy playing with and against each other.





**Lac Seul Walleye**

We have a cabin on Pine Lake by Finlayson MN that we try to spend as much time as possible at. The lake has provided us with a few walleyes in the past but now the lake is more of a bass, northern, pan fish lake.

**What's your handle and the story behind it?**

A handle has been assigned to me yet.

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

I have always been an active fisherman with 2 trips yearly to Lake of the Woods (January and October) and one trip to Canada. The past 10 years the Canada trip has been to Lac Seul on the very north end of the lake. I have been taking yearly Canada fishing trips with my brothers since I was in high school. I look forward to these trips and sometimes my wife says the only reason I work is to support my fishing.

On top of the open water fishing I have a 10X20 foot ice house on Mille lacs at Hunters Point Resort. Please do me a favor and don't get me started on the current condition of Mille Lacs. With 2 brothers living on the lake and my ice house I have some concerns on how the lake is being managed.

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

**What's your favorite technique?**

Walleye: They are not the easiest fish to catch and they taste a lot better than a bass.

I spend most of my time using Lindy rigs or jigging for walleyes.

**What's your most memorable fishing experience?**

About 12 years ago during my Canada trip we were at a lake Kukukus and everything fell into place for the one dream day of walleye fishing. We were fishing at one of the outlet streams of the lake in mid-June and the walleyes were stacked up after their spawn. The 3 of us landed 11 walleyes over 28 inches that day and probably spend the rest of my life looking for another day like that one.

**What do you like about being a Waterdog?**

As a new member I am looking forward to getting out of my walleye comfort zone and experience fishing for the different types of fish the club goes after. In the end I hope it makes me a well-rounded fisherman.

**A Picture with a Story**



**Mark Sewald at the General Mills Walleye Tournament**

After I sent the photo out, I noticed my Popeye boxer shorts were sticking out Gangsta style. We forgot the net, so I had to bend way (way) over to hand land the fish. Jon captured the moment. He later told me he thought I was going for the 'prisoner pants' look, so he didn't say anything.

So the official fishing report is:

"a craz-eye try banging my Rap, so I pop a cap in his a-fin". I'd still speak with a MN dialect however, so add an "oh gease" at the end.

**Waterdog Bios:**

The Bios are a great way to get to know a bit about the other club members I'm down to my last one. People I need bios from are:

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| Carl Aegler     | Bob Blakely      |
| Todd Bollig     | Mark Bystrom     |
| Bob Dickey      | Chris Downey     |
| Steve Dupont    | Kirk Duholm      |
| Steve Haagenson | Branden Happel   |
| Tim Hynes       | Glenn Johnson    |
| Paul Johnson    | Jerry Krekelberg |
| Kevin Miller    | Justin Messner   |
| Tom O'Neill     | Bob Raymo        |
| Doug Squire     | Scott Squire     |
| Tim Yanta       | Peter Yawn       |

There's a short Word from attached. Just fill it out and e-mail to laun@sandcon.biz and attach a photo. If you don't have a photo or know how to

attach it, I'll come up with one. (But you're probably way better off supplying your own)

**Photo of the Month**

**Shatner with fat (phat?) 22" Brown**



**2014 Tournament Schedule**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Dogs in Charge</b>
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