

The Dogumentary

22nd Year

The Waterdogs Fishing Club

June 2004

July Meeting – Wayne's World

Our speaker at the July meeting will be **Wayne Klemz**, noted musky guide and fanatic. His talks are entertaining and motivational, to say the least! We'll see some videos of 50"+ fish, and hear many stories and tips from Wayne. His talk will run exactly from 7-8 pm, due to many other items on the meeting agenda, so don't be late!

For the July meeting, we will be back to the **Hopkins VFW** on Shady Oak Road. Dinner starts at 6 – 6:30, with a choice of many items off the menu at a reasonable price. We will resume the Castaways project over the next few weeks.

The 2004 Waterdog Calendar

July 8 (2nd Thurs)	Monthly Meeting
July 24-31	RocknRoll Musky Tour
Aug 5	Monthly Meeting
Sep 2	Monthly Meeting
Oct 7	Monthly Meeting
Nov 4	Annual Banquet

****See the tourney calendar for other dates****

President's Corner – Matt Mueller:



The frenzy begins. July 1 has arrived and with it the three-week "slide in to home" that we call the Annual Trip. My favorite time of the year, baseball season and fishing season, requires me to mix my metaphors as much as possible. The obsession that started about 11 months ago hits a fevered pitch about now. Call's from fellow cabin-mates and other LOTW'ers start to show up on an almost daily basis. A corner of my living room has been taken over as my nesting site; where the less-than-obvious trip necessities get stashed so as not to be forgotten. Trips to Thorne Brothers are no longer luxuries but imperatives.

As I think about those things that you need for the trip, some are blatantly obvious; rod and reel, or food. Some are very valuable but can get overlooked; a big box or fan deck of cards. Here's a list of few things everyone should consider bringing;

1. Patience - for the fish to strike or to finally get one in the boat. Or for your boat mate who is not having a good day.
2. Perseverance - as I reread Baggy's article, it struck me how true his comments are. Keep working it.

3. Confidence - in yourself, your lure, your location, everything that means production. That being said, don't fish useless baits in dead water.

4. Luck - the good kind. It goes hand-in-hand with confidence and perseverance. "The harder I work, the luckier I get". Rub the Buddha's belly, bring your lucky underpants, find it any way you can.

5. Humor - keep it light. It makes catching fish more fun and not-catching fish more tolerable. Especially when everyone around you is boating.

and don't forget...

9. A shot of Jagermeister for all the Party Cabin Boys.

10. A watermelon and Cribbage pegs for all the Video Boys.

There's enough in this edition of the Dogumentary for me to shut now. Hope to see you all at the July 8th meeting, or at least 21 of you on the Lake of the Woods.

-Fluffee

Duper Pulls Further Ahead at Bass Contest

Twenty-Two Dogs took a Friday off from work to fish in the clubs fourth tournament of the year, for bass on Lake Minnetonka. The weather was threatening at the start, and after the first half-hour, thunderstorms arrived that sent boats under the bridges to wait it out for an hour. Otherwise, the rest of the day was a good fishing day with a surface bite before the storm, and spinnerbaits and plastic worms working well later. The chief pattern for most of the successful teams seemed to be to work shallower water.



Felix and a 20

Of the 11 teams, three caught limits, with first place going to Nasty/Duper with 33 pounds for 12 fish, including Nasty's tournament largest, a 21-incher. Paul and Steve spent the day in the northern bays of Stubbs, Maxwell, and North Arm.

The top six placings were:

1. Johnson/Dupont	33.0 lbs
2. Ferstenou/Kilian	32.5
3. R Anderson/Dickey	22.2
4. Reigle/Leibroch	21.3
5. D Squire/Haagenson	19.11
6. D Anderson/Sanderson	14.8

Duper has now stretched his lead by winning two tournaments and placing in the two others. There appears to be no way to stop this run-away train, except to hope to be his partner during the next two team tournaments, which he plans to fish. The top six for the year after four tourneys and three to go are:

Dupont	61 points
Ferstenou	52
Johnson	51
Reigle	36
R Anderson	36
S Squire	31

LOTW Trip Update: Go Dogs Go

By Suzy

It's only 23 days until the annual trip. We're still holding steady at 22, although Sticky Fingers won't be coming up with the convoy due to family obligations and instead will meet up with our flotilla at around noon on Sunday.

Other notes:

The Party Cabin announces its nightly movie picks for LOTW week: Saturday: Best of Saturday Night/Will Farrell; Sunday: Fast Times at Ridgemont High; Monday: Kill Bill; Tuesday: Space Nuts; Wednesday: Blazing Saddles; Thursday: Life of Brian; Friday: Payback. All Dogs are welcome to attend. Movies will start around 10 p.m. Bring your own popcorn and beverages. And don't forget to: "Shut the f*cking door when you come in."



The Party Cabin announces Marguerite Night – Thursday night during the LOTW trip. Serving marguerites, including non-alcoholic versions. All Dogs are welcome. Bring your own cups. Free musky bait to the best Jimmy Buffet imitation.

Are you a Dickhead? Say it loud and proud with a new Dickhead button during the LOTW trip. Put your order into Suzy.

Watermelon Challenge – Going into its third year, the Party Cabin vs. Video Boys cabin in weekly competition for most muskies. The series stands at 2-0 with Video Boys leading. Fluffy has volunteered to lead a morning stretching exercise each morning at 6:00 am with a daily meditative thought. Meet at the bathhouse for those who would like to limber up before hitting the water.

Power Lure tickets will be on sale for \$5 and are available to all members to purchase, regardless of whether you're going on the trip. You'll get a chance to gander at the Milk Can, the new Most Muskies trophy at the next meeting as well. Bagbalm defends the Can this year, and is looking to add his name to the list of Most Muskies trophy winners for the fifth (or is it 6th year) in a row.

Baudette Ferry – If for whatever reason a Dog is not allowed to cross the border going into Canada (example: DWI offense), the Sportsman's Lodge out of Baudette offers a ferry ride from Baudette to Oak Island. Contact information is 800-862-8602.

Because of the higher water levels so far this year, it should be safe to run the French Portage for those interested in fishing the Skeet Island, Astron Bay and Sunset Channel areas for muskies. These are mostly unexplored waters for the Dogs, but the various musky message boards say there's lots of action up that way. You can also reach by going through Tranquil Channel.

Water Levels – Water levels have continued to climb at LOTW. The lake is within 15 inches of the high water mark that we experienced during the 2002 trip.

Latest Fishing Reports – Several musky message boards report very slow fishing since the season opened a couple weeks ago. Weather has been cold and wet. Frank Walsh, owner of the Bay Store Camp on Oak Island even recommended trolling for muskies with

Shad Raps. Weather is starting to warm up though and hopefully, that will turn the 'skis on. No dominant lure patterns have emerged so far, either, though 7-inch Suicks and Grandma lures are mentioned.

Hooked and Set on John Schaffhausen

Edited by Suzy



Handle: Shaft

How did you get your handle? Suzy just made it up. Jealous? [or maybe he would prefer 'Little Doc']

When did you join the club: 2004

What club committees have you worked on, or leadership positions have you held: None, yet, but I know I can contribute a lot. Somebody ask me to be on their committee.

Family (wife, kids, pets, etc.): Wife, Denise; son, Luke (3.5); daughter, Eira (5 months). Previous lab owner. Still have two cats and I have been informed they can live a long time. Several fish as well.

Age: 32

Hometown: Sioux City, Iowa

Where you currently live: Champlin

School: College - St. John's University; medical school - University of Iowa (GO HAWKEYES)

Your job: Family practice doctor (work with Sticky at North Clinic)

Your favorite fishing reel: Still like to pull out my old Mitchell 300A, which was actually my first reel. Also recently purchased a Pflueger President reel, which is pretty slick.

Your favorite fishing rod: Have a custom made rod that a friend gave me, don't even remember who made it for him.

Your favorite fishing lure: Like the plastic

worms and top water lures for the bass. And I, too, like the scum frog.

Boat: Not yet.

Truck: 2004 Silverado ext cab (green).

Your personal bests (by inches or pounds):

Musky – never fished for them yet

Northern pike – 24 in

Walleye – 19 in

Largemouth bass – 19 in

Smallmouth bass – 16 in

Crappie -- 10 in

Trout/salmon – 14 in trout

Carp – don't measure

Sheepshead – don't measure

The fish that you like to fish for the most:

Bass of course.

Your favorite lake or river on which you like

to fish: Anywhere the fish are actually biting.

Rainy Lake is always nice.

Favorite pro angler: Perhaps Suzy?

Your fishing fantasy: Finally going muskie fishing and getting that trophy fish.

All-time favorite fishing memories: First time I took my son fishing and saw how excited he was.

Favorite fishing techniques: Getting that bass to bite on a top water lure right at the edge of reeds or pads.

Best fishing tip you could give to the rest of the Dogs: Fish seem to like the smell of a good cigar, so get rid of the Swishers.

Favorite cut of meat: Prime rib

Favorite restaurant: The Porterhouse Restaurant in Captiva, Florida.

Favorite beverage: So many to choose from. Love the Belgian Ales and Trappist beers. Pretty fond of my own homebrew as well (that is when I actually take the time to brew it).

Favorite medical procedure: That I do? Probably toenail removal, it gets 'em every time.

Least favorite disease: Toss up between gingivitis and BO

Best health tip for your fellow Dog: Don't stick anything smaller than your elbow in your ear, don't pick your nose, and wash your hands! Also, know that Guinness is good for you!

Favorite musical artist or band: I like quite a variety. Probably U2, Van Halen, the Stones, etc. Not a great lover of country music.

Other hobbies or interests, besides fishing:

Like to brew beer when I have the time, golf (again when I have the time), and reading.

I like being a Waterdog because... Great group of guys, a great excuse to go fishing and now I get to learn how to fish for things other than bass.

Rituals or habits you perform to improve your fishing ability: Grab the right gear, hit the head before getting on the boat, bring a few beverages along, and if all else fails, just sit back and enjoy a cigar.

Favorite fishing memory with the Dogs:

First trip I took this year and catching my first trout. Felix was great and brought me up to speed on the Dogs.

Word that best describes you: Depends on who you ask.

Shorty Goes Multi-Species in Africa

Shorty spent two weeks in June hunting big game in Africa, where he bagged many different big game. We're sure many stories will follow, but here's a picture of one of the trophies he shot:



Here is the tournament schedule for this year. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Waterdogs Tournament Schedule – 2004

Date	Type	Species	Location	Dog In Charge
✓ March 27	Team	Trout	Whitewater River	Fluffee
✓ May 8	Individual	Crappie	Koronis	Farm Boy
✓ May 22	Individual	Walleye	St. Croix River	Carmen
✓ June 11	Team	Bass	Minnetonka	Shorty
August 21-22	Team	Multi (overnite)	Vermillion	Chips
Sep 11-12	Team	Multi (overnite)	Chippewa Flowage	Griz
Oct 2	Individual	Bass	Clearwater	Nasty Boy