

The Dogumentary

30th Year

The Waterdogs Fishing Club

August 2012

August 2 - Monthly Meeting

The monthly meeting is back at Tuttle's Grille and Bowel where we will hear the stories of fish caught and the ones that got away up at Lake of the Woods. In addition, our speaker will be former Dog Herman Fasbender, who fishes the St. Croix River regularly and will give us an idea of what to expect and how to rig up for the multispecies tournament that is coming up in two weeks. Herm is in a St. Croix-based fishing club with a little different format than we have, and we might pick up a few ideas in that regard too.

Dinner starts at 6 and Herman talks at 7.

2012 Waterdogs Fishing Club Calendar

Aug 2	Monthly Meeting
Aug 17(Fri)	Multi Tournament
Sep 6	Monthly Meeting
Sep 8	Multi Tournament
Oct 4	Monthly Meeting
Oct 6	Bass Tournament
Nov 1	Banquet

See the last page for 2012 Tourney Details

LOTW Falls Short of Expectations

By now you have seen the statistics for the Lake of the Woods trip, and the slow musky fishing that the club struggled with over the week. Statistically, each Dog on the trip caught an average of 1.6 muskies this year, which was about half of the 3.1 average from last year, and about a third of the record year for the club. It could have been the early and hot summer that changed the patterns and mood of the fish, but the catching was slow, and the follows were lazy, making for some long days on the water. As it turns out, the Musky School that was at LOTW the week before also had musky numbers that were well below their normal amount.

The new owners of Angle Outpost Resort were very gracious hosts and have fixed up the cabins with new paint and some new fixtures to make it more comfortable, and everyone had a good time, with no apparent weenie moves or medical emergencies.



Two boats did go down, however, with Fluffee's boat suffering a bent prop shaft from an earlier rock from Forest Lake, and Shorty's boat just shorted out and would not run after

the third day. As a result, Dogs were 3-in-a-boat on occasion, and also rented the resort boat, from which several muskies were caught.

In all, there were 26 muskies caught by the 16 Dogs on the trip. The best day of musky-catching for the club was on Tuesday, when 7 muskies were measured, but that was followed by a zero for the club on Wednesday. Ten of the 26 muskies were over 40", which is a similar ration to previous years.

Even though the musky fishing was tough, some guys had a good week with the other species, topped by the Janitor's catch of the largest walleye and largest smallmouth, which boosted him to the top of the weekly grand-slam competition, and helped him to clean up on the fish pot at the end of the week. He also split the Team Slam with Puddin Man when they fished together on the last day of the trip.



The biggest musky was a 49" caught by Griz, one of his two, the other being the second-largest of the trip at 44.5".



The "Most Muskies" milkcan was won by Buick, with 3 muskies, all caught on Monday and Tuesday.



The Party Cabin won the Cabin Cup with an average of 1.9 muskies per guy for the week, but the Old Guys won "Most Mice" by catching 10 over the course of the week. Apparently some new crawl spaces for small bodies were added to the cabin during the remodeling process.



We will have more stories and pictures from Lake of the Woods in the next issue of the Dogumentary. Here's the first account of the trip from Felix:

The Old Guys Journal

By Felix

Janitor, Chips, and Felix comprised the "Old Guys Cabin" in 2012. We stayed in Cabin 8 as we have for several years.

Our first day we discovered our refrigerator and TV we not working and we had a mice issue. Reporting this to Jason the next morning as we left to go fishing he said he would replace the two appliances and get some traps set. When we returned later Sunday found a different TV and refrigerator and traps set. By the end of the week we had caught 10 mice and the both appliances worked well. Jason told us the refrigerator came from his Mother-in-law's house.

Saturday fishing provided Muskies for all three old guys, a 32" fish for Janitor while he was on the water with Buick. Chips caught a 20" with Bertha and Felix boated a 36.5" fish late in the day with Banana.



All three fish were caught on White Shumways and it seemed like the week was off to a fair start! Northern and Smallmouth, 17" for Janitor and 16.5" for Banana, were also caught that first day. Warm day, actually HOT. Seven follows for Janitor and Buick, 6 follows for Felix and Banana, and 4 for Chips and Bertha.



Sunday found Janitor fishing with Carmen they had seven follows, caught two large Smallies,

15" & 17.5", and Northern. Chips was on the water with Griz and caught a 16.5" Smallmouth and a Northern. Felix and Uno spent most of the day near Portage Bay and caught several Northern to 27.5". A bear was spotted a swimming from the small island in the channel into Portage Bay to the shore to the West.

Monday was windy most of the day. Chips netted a nice 44" Muskie for Buick at the east end of Quandary Bay. Fluffy joined the two in the evening as his boat had lower unit issues and was out of commission for the remainder of the week. Other than the fish they caught they had 10 follows! Janitor and Griz had 12 follows but did not boat a Muskie. Janitor catches a 26" Walleye and they boat two others in an hour on the north shore of Lambert Island. A Wiggle Wart and the Hot-N-Tot caught the quarry. Felix and Bertha had 6 follows but settled for several Smallmouth and Northern. They were entertained by a Doe and two Fawns frolicking along the shore in Portage Bay.

Tuesday found Uno catching a Northern in the Marina while standing in Chip's boat awaiting his captain and trying out a new bait. They have 0 follows but do see two Beavers and a Deer during the day. Janitor and Bertha have 16 follows but don't boat a Muskie. They catch a couple more Walleyes. Felix and Puddin Man catch the TEAM SLAM with a 14.5" Smallie and Walleye, 29" Northern and 32" Muskie caught by Felix. The Walleyes came from Lambert and the other fish from Portage Bay.

By now we have caught 10 mice in the Cabin and the problem seems under control! Janitor causes a small tree Frog to POOP by calling him cute! Cribbage is being played and the Janitor is the MASTER at this!



Chips and Janitor tally up the mice on their phones.

Wednesday we have a big storm roll in and nobody ventures out after 4:15. Felix and Griz have only one follow and catch a small Northern in Outer, Portage and on the north side of Royal Island. Janitor loses a BIG fish while on the water with Uno. Chips and Carmen have a tough day. Shorty's boat goes down with a computer issue.

Thursday Felix has both Fluffy and Shorty in his boat and we head to Monument Bay but stop and watch Shorty lose a Musky in the reed bed at the north turn to Monument Bay. We have only one more follow before searching out Safety at the Monument Bay Lodge dock as a serious storm rolls in and drops an incredible amount of rain on us in the next 2 1/2 hours as we watch from the cover of a very expensive, new dock built by the Marvin family. Edwin, the caretaker, was cordial and told us a bit about the history of the lodge. Got a short tour of the improvements made to structures on the island and they are amazing!



Later in the evening, Shorty manages to hook and boat his best musky of the trip – a 44” from Low Island caught on his new best-est favorite bait – a #6 Vibrax.



Janitor and Meat end the day with five follows. Chips, Carmen, and Puddin Man get the slam today beating the score of Felix and Puddin Man. Chips gets a 44” Muskie and they add a 21” Northern, 17” Smallmouth, and a 16” Walleye.

Friday arrives with beautiful weather to start the day and ends with a bit of a wind. Felix and Buick are on the water from 7:40 to 5:10 have

five follows but only catch two Smallmouth and two Northerns. Chips and Griz don’t catch a fish but have 8 follows. Chips gets into a conversation with Grouchy, a cabin owner known for yelling at the Muskie fisherman near his property. They were also “flipped off” by a Muskie. Janitor and Puddin Man have 14 follows with a 38” Muskie being caught by Puddin Man. They finish the daily team slam with a 31” Northern, 14.5” Smallmouth, and a 16.5” Walleye beating the score from the Chips, Carmen, Puddin Man to win the SLAM! A slower trip than we wanted but a good trip!



2012 Tournament Schedule

Date (Saturdays)	Hours	Species	Location	Dogs in Charge
√ Mar 17	7:30-2pm	Trout	Wisconsin	Fluffee – Shatner
√ Apr 14	6:30-1pm	Trout	Wisconsin	Fluffee – Shatner
√ May 19	2-9pm	Walleye	St Louis River	Little Angel – Chips
√ June 1	1-9pm	Bass	Scott/Dakota Cos.	Felix – Banana
√ June 23	5:30-noon	Multi	Forest Lake	Perp – Carmen
Aug 17 (Fri)	6:30-1:30pm	Multi	St Croix	OF - Janitor
Sep 8	7:16-2:38pm	Multi	Pepin	Suzy - Hillary
Oct 6		Bass	Clearwater	Griz - Nasty