

The Dogumentary

24th Year

The Waterdogs Fishing Club

September 2006

September 2006 Meeting

The September meeting will take place at the usual spot, the Hopkins VFW on Shady Oak Road. Dinner is 6pm, with the meeting starting at 7. Our speaker will be Aaron Cavanaugh of Fishin' Freaks, fishing guide and maker of custom rods. He will speak about bass fishing and custom rod making, so come and get your freak on!

Waterdogs Calendar

Sep 7	Monthly Meeting
Sep 9	Musky-Pike Tournament
Oct 5	Monthly Meeting
Oct 14	Smallmouth Tournament
Nov 2	2006 Banquet
Dec 7	Monthly Meeting
July 21-28 '07	LOTW Musky Tour

President's Corner – Steve Haagenson



Time Marches On

Wow, September already! Labor Day, State Fair, school starting. Most people are writing off summer. Many are getting ready to close up cabins and preparing to go quietly into winter.

But not us. How lucky are we? We still have almost a third of our tournament series left. There is some great fall fishing ahead of us.

After hearing about Buick's great experiences in the fall, I'm really looking forward to the Muskie/Pike tournament on Minnetonka. With such a great fall fishery in our back yard, we really need to get out and experience it. Sounds like a good excuse to get out and do some pre-fishing, too. Call a dog and get out there.

Then it's on to the Rum River, another fall fishing gem. We have a lot of fishing to do. I'm not going quietly into winter just yet.

Congratulations to Janitor and Felix for the great win on Wissota. Not only did you fish great but it was fun to see your enthusiasm about your catch.

Next month we'll be preparing for the banquet awards, so be thinking about nominations. The board is charged with nominating Waterdog of the Year candidates so if you have any suggestions, talk to a board member.

See you at the meeting.
Pharm Buoy

The fresh spellings of the month go to Janatre and Phelicks for the resounding win on Wissota.

Janitor and Felix Clean Up at Wissota

The 'Clean Team' of Bob Blakely and Dave Anderson caught some good-sized fish in five species to win the 5th tournament of the year on Lake Wissota in Wisconsin, on Saturday August 19. In all, 16 Waterdogs made the inter-state trip to Wissota, which is a reservoir on the Yellow River, and has structure that is more common to other reservoirs than natural lakes, with its stained water and shallow weedlines.



Another Average Smallie for the Janitor

In the multi-species tournament, there were several muskies caught up to 33" in length, and quite a few largemouth and smallmouth, which were the big-money fish in this event. There were no crappies caught, and just a few northerns up to 28".

The Janitor put up the game winning fish, a 19" Smallmouth, which was worth more tournament points than any other fish caught that day. It was also the second year in-a-row that the Janitor used a 19" smallie to win the contest, as you may also recall from Minnetonka last year. The Clean Team also had a Largemouth that went 19", a Walleye of 21", a 33.5" Musky, and a 22" Northern. The boys casted spinnerbaits along shoreline weed edges for most of their fish, with green or orange being the hot colors. The walleye was caught trolling a hot-n-tot, of course. They focused on the smaller section of the lake south of the bridge and access, where there was lots of varying structure in a relatively small area. All of their top counting fish were caught by 10:30 in the morning, but they went on to catch nearly 20 total bass that day, and a host of other fish with the spinnerbaits. Four of the five species they caught were the largest of the tournament, which really made it no contest, although some other teams also did OK.



Nasty with a common Wisconsin musky

In second place was the team of Nasty and Bubble-Boy, Kirk Duholm, also with five species with their best fish being a 17" Smallie. Not counted was a bonus catfish of around 10 lbs. caught by the Bubble.



Bubble Boy Released this Tasty Catfish

In third place was the team of Griz and Father Bertha with four species of smallish sizes. The remaining teams caught two species or less.



Father Bertha with a nice Football Bass

One of the highlights of the event was the feast put on by James' parents in Chippewa Falls. About 10 Waterdogs enjoyed their fine hospitality and about 4 times the food that you could possibly eat. It was a nice relaxing break between the Friday pre-fishing and the Saturday tournament. Thanks to the Ferstenou's for taking care of us!

Fishing For Life White Bear lake Pro-Am Tournament

by The Perp

Chainsaw, Farm Boy and I participated as guides in the second annual Pro-Am Fishing For Life outing. They ended up with a couple of extra volunteer guides, so Farm Boy was excused to take his kids to college. Chainsaw and I ended up with 2 kids and a dad in each of our boats. I had Brian (4th grade) and Will (6th grade) and Brian's dad in my boat. Brian had raised over \$125 to qualify for the tournament and Will was his guest. We tried fishing for bass with spinner baits, but both got bored in less than 30 minutes and wanted to bobber fish, so we found a point, anchored and put on little jigs with plastic and a short piece of night crawler. Will caught 22 sunnies and 1 bass between 5 inches and 6.5 inches in length and Brian caught 8 sunnies in the same size range. I suggested we put on leaches and try drifting for walleyes, but that lasted just a short time and they were bored again, so we ended up the morning fishing for pan fish. Prizes were awarded for the largest bass, northern, walleye and pan fish stringer (5 fish stringer). The kids and their families were treated to a barbeque after the tournament. It was a good way to spend a Saturday morning and if the opportunity comes up again next year we should consider doing it again. Thanks go to Chainsaw for making the arrangements. For additional details on Fishing for Life, you can visit their website www.fishingforlife.org

Waterdogs 2006 Tournament Series

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