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All the News that's Fish to Print

September 2013

2013 Waterdogs Fishing Club Calendar

September 5	Monthly Meeting Tuttle's
September 14th	Minnetonka Multispecies
October 5th	Small Mouth Rum River
November 7th	Banquet

September Speaker: John Roundsley

John Roundsley is the owner of Thorne Brothers. John has spent several years as a Professional gunsmith and still spends a lot of time working in the field. On top of working on guns, John is also a competitive rifle shooter and avid hunter. During the open water season, John is a Professional tournament angler who won the NABC Championship in 2011. Outside of hunting and fishing, John enjoys most sports and even captained the 1989 Coon Rapids High School soccer team. John will give up his bass fishing secrets for Lake Minnetonka. You won't want to miss it.

From the Desk of the President,

Labor Day has arrived. I know I am not the only parent happy to have their children back at school! It does however mean that the summer is definitely winding down. For me August was a blur with little opportunity to fish. I was able to get out with the kids for a quick bass hunt on Labor Day weekend. With all the heat they were not up for an all day affair but showed good patience while we coaxed the bass out of heavy weeds/pads. The bite was fairly slow and the bigger fish were hard to come by. It was still fun to be out on the water with the kids and see my daughter showing more of an interest. With only two tournaments left, I know the opportunities to be out on the water are decreasing rapidly for this year. Looking forward to Tonka and the Rum! See you all at Tuttle's this Thursday!



Dr. Meat/John Schaffhausen

Bud Does Montana

At the end of June and the first part of July, Joy and I went on our annual summer trip to Missoula Montana. With us were 4 other couples that we have known for years in our church choir and are part of our Brew Crew (we brew beer together). Our trip included stopping on Rock Creek, just outside of Missoula to visit Joy's parents, and camp and trout fish in the stream and in grandpa's pond. We had a ton of fun fishing Rock Creek with fly rods and spinning rigs. The guys were novice fly fishermen so they had some difficulty getting the fly out to the right spots in the stream to get fish, plus they had some difficulty with landing a fly without slapping water. The water was crystal clear perfect speed and we had several hatches coming off so fishing was good to excellent. I use an 8 weight Fenwick rod with 2X leader. I had a lot of success with a #14 Purple haze (cutthroat candy), Adams and caddis, the largest stream trout we caught was 16" brown but we caught several 12-15" cutthroats and rainbows. We also caught several fish in the stream with pounded bronze and orange daredevils (1oz) on ultra light rods 4lb test.



In the evenings we would give grandpa's pond a shot, you would think pond fishing would be easy but these fish get a lot of looks at flies and spinners as every guest and my father-in-law fish the pond regularly. Usually, you catch one to two fish out of the pond and the fishing is done, they get educated in a hurry. The pond has a maximum depth of 10 feet and covers about an acre, it has floating and sunken logs, so some significant cover. We know there are some very large fish in the pond but the big ones very rarely get fooled they never bite on a dry fly. Last year my father-in-law caught a 10lb fish so we know they are in there.

Enough background. I take two of my friends up to the pond to them a try at a lunker. Both had on orange and bronze on. Paul Nelson caught 2 nice rainbows in the 4-5 lb range in the deep end.



Then just to try something different, I had Eric Hanson try a between some partially sunk logs in the shallow end, maybe 3 feet of water. It was twilight so we thought the fish may be out starting to feed on minnows in the shallows. One cast between the logs and bang - fish on. Eric initially thought he was snagged and then it started to move, the drag whined as he try to bring the fish in. He was lucky it did not take him under logs but instead it ran for deep water. As we finally got the fish tired enough to bring in, it made a big roll on the surface and with its tail showing Eric yells "Oh my god it's a monster carp!" I said that not a carp, I think you got one of the biggest fish in the pond on the other end! Several minutes later I waded in to the water by shore and tossed the trout out, no net and too light of line to beach the fish without some help. We landed a 27" - 10 plus lb rainbow, healthy thick in the body fish. A nice way the end the day!



Kevin Bud Miller

Waterdog Profile – James Ferstenou

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

Dave Andersen (A.K.A. "Felix") introduced me to the Waterdogs. Dave and I worked together for many years at Fabcon. When I was a Drafter/Engineer there I have several fishing pictures adorning my cubicle walls. Once Dave saw them it didn't take long for us to start talking fishing and after being on the club's waiting list for a year and a half or so the opportunity finally came along for me to join the club.

What's your profession?

My background is in Structural Engineering/Drafting and Engineering Management but since 3/1/12 I have been working for Waterdog member Mark Bystrom's company, Jurva Leak Testing, as a Helium Leak Test Specialist. It's a definite change of pace from my past professional work experience, but I really enjoy it and find the work interesting and challenging.

A little bit about your family

I grew up in Chippewa Falls, WI and get back there fairly regularly to visit my parents and enjoy the outdoors and lakes near where I grew up. I have one brother who is married with two stepdaughters and lives in Black River Falls, WI. We try to get together whenever possible to go fishing. I currently live in Burnsville, MN with my wife, Amber Cardinal. We've known each other since December of 2009 and married on October 22, 2011. Currently we call an apartment home but hope to take advantage of the low interest rates and get into a house within the next year or so.

What's your handle and the story behind it?

My handle is "Griz" and the story behind it is quite simple in comparison to some in the club. As many of you know I sported a long beard for many years. I showed up to my first Waterdogs meeting with Dave Andersen and he introduced me to the club as part of the meeting activities. At one point in the evening (I don't recall if it was before the meeting started or after my official introduction) Sticky Fingers unofficially dubbed me "Griz" due to my resemblance to the character of James "Grizzly" Adams played by Dan Haggerty on the 1970's TV show The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams. The name stuck, and while many club members earn their handles after an extended time in the club, I've literally been "Griz" since day one.

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

I've been fishing for as long as I can remember with my family. Growing up my grandfather on my mom's side of the family was quite the outdoorsman and I got my love of the outdoors from him. Being that my mom was the youngest of five children, by the time that I was old enough to hunt my Grandpa was older and didn't hunt as much anymore. He still made time to get out fishing relatively often though. I can recall many family outings with my grandpa, mom, dad and brother using 2 small 14' boats and fishing for panfish. When we were young, my brother and I would usually spend 2 or 3 two to three days stints with him each summer and we'd go fishing every day.

Not to be left out of the equation here is my grandpa on my dad's side of the family. He wasn't big into the outdoors. He was a farmer for most of his life/career and didn't hunt much (as evidenced by the fact that my dad didn't deer hunt until he got married) but he did fish occasionally, especially in the winter when there wasn't as much to do on the farm. It's from him that my brother and I got our love of ice fishing. Especially after his retirement he and a few of his friends would go ice fishing several days a week. Whenever possible he'd take us along. I learned a lot from him too and he also helped instill my love of fishing at a young age.

As I got into middle and high school I got more into reading books and magazines about fishing as well as watching what I could find on TV or video to try to learn more. Once my friends and I could drive we spent a lot of time on the water playing around with different species (mostly bass) and techniques which expanded my knowledge and experience. Once I got into the fishing club that knowledge expanded even further, especially when it comes to musky and walleye fishing) and it's been a great experience.

P.S. Recently I've been having fun teaching Amber more about fishing too. She fished a little bit growing up but so far we've been trout fishing in WI, ice fishing on LOTW and panfish/bass fishing in WI.

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

For me it's a toss up between bass and muskies. I grew up fishing for bass and still love to do that, but once I got into musky fishing I've found that I spend

a little more time each year chasing the big girls. If I'm fishing for bass I love using the weightless Senko if the wind will allow it. It's a confidence lure for me and I've caught countless bass on it in many different fishing situations over the past decade. I use a 3/0 red Gamakatsu wide gap worm hook and my two "go to" colors are cinnamon and smoke with large black flake. When it comes to muskies I like to throw bucktails. A close second would be trolling live suckers in the fall.



lot to me and I hope to be a part of it for years to come.



The photo below is a simple one with no fish. It's just me, my brother and my dad from an ice fishing trip to Upper Red Lake several years ago. It was a fun trip, but moreover to me it represents the opportunity that fishing provides to spend time with family and friends and create memories through shared quality time.

What's your most memorable fishing experience? There are so many over the years that it's hard to pick just one. Some are memorable for bad or funny things that happened; some are memorable for good things that happened. Some for a big fish caught (or lost), some for the number of fish caught (or not caught), but mostly they are all memorable for the time spent in the outdoors with family and friends.



What do you like about being a Waterdog? I really enjoy the camaraderie of the club and getting to know the group through our meetings and outings. I think that we really have a great group of people. I also enjoy learning more about fishing through our speakers, sharing of information and through fishing with each other. The club means a

2013 Tournament Schedule

Date	Species	Location	Dogs in Charge
September 14	Multispecies	Minnetonka	Greenstick and Helen
October 5	Smallmouth	Rum River	Perp and Nasty