

The Dogumentary

30th Year

The Waterdogs Fishing Club

October 2012

October 4 - Monthly Meeting

The Thursday, October 4 meeting will feature Travis Frank, a Minnesota musky guide who will talk about the fall transition and fishing for muskies during this productive time of year.

We will also be voting on the various awards for the banquet in November, and nominating officers for the December meeting and voting. Check with the member you are thinking about nominating for VP and other positions to make sure that they would want to do it. And, if you would like to take a bigger role in the club next year, make sure that someone nominates You!

*From the Desk of the President,
Greenstick – Dave Haberle*



2012-13 Waterdogs Fishing Club Calendar

Oct 4	Monthly Meeting
Oct 6	Bass Tournament
Nov 1	Banquet
Dec	Monthly Meeting
Jan 3	Monthly Meeting
Feb 7	Monthly Meeting
Mar 7	Monthly Meeting
Apr 4	Monthly Meeting
May 2	Monthly Meeting

See the last page for 2012 Tourney Details

Be sure to fill out the Banquet sign-up sheet on the last page of the Dogumentary.

First off, a few reminders – Be sure to make your reservation for the annual banquet – email or phone **Kojak** to let him know how many are coming with you and what your dinner selections are. The banquet is only a month away and an official registration form can be found as the last page of this newsletter.

A second reminder is that nominations for Vice-President and other board members are always a fixture of the October meeting, next Thursday, October 4th. Give some thought to the member you want to lead this group in 2014 and place your nomination at the meeting. As you all know, **Dr. Meat** will be our president next year, and rumor has it that he plans to invoke a little-known rule that has something to do with muskies and hats or caps... sorry, I can't remember the exact details...

A third reminder is that your board has decided that the club as a whole should vote on

Captain and Swabbie of the year rather than leave those choices to the Banquet committee. So be thinking about that – nominations will be made and written ballots will be used; the results will be announced at the banquet. Of course, the coveted Weenie Award will continue to be awarded by the Banquet committee, but you'll want to be sure to make them aware of appropriate persons worthy of consideration...

I'd like to publicly thank in advance members of the Photo committee for pitching in on the assembly of the annual wrap-up video. Produced for the annual banquet, this year's offering will feature segments designed and created by many committee members, and you're sure to enjoy their efforts. Thanks especially to **Nasty, Juan** and **Dr. Meat** for jumping into the river without knowing how deep the water was.

It is with great disappointment and supreme embarrassment that collectively, we have not yet formulated an appropriate handle for one of our members. **Todd Bollig** has spent nearly *two complete seasons* with the club and Todd, I apologize on behalf of the club for not having dug up any dirt on you. Rest assured, all of us are watching... and some of us, *very closely*...

One more event to go on the fantastic tournament schedule that **Fish Dick** and his tournament committee assembled this year... With 27 members currently signed up, this LM Bass tourney is sure to be a super event on October 6th at Clearwater! **Griz** and **Analist** are hanging onto their 1-2 spots for Angler of the Year with **Shatner** only a few points behind in the 3rd spot, and with all three of them fishing the tournament, they're going to have to watch out for potential equipment sabotage! Good luck to everyone – may your hooks be sharp and your lines tight. See you on the water!

-Greenstick

Rollin on the River

Tournament Seven for the Waterdogs was on the Lake Pepin portion of the Mississippi River in the second Megatrash Tournament sponsored by Duper and Hillary. Prefishing reports were good, but a cold front just prior to the tournament put the fish down, as our speaker, TTT Tackle Terry Tuma had predicted. Cool temps and strong winds made the fishing challenging, but some teams were able to find a good number of gamefish and trashfish species to get some fish on the boards. Gamefish species entered by the nine teams fishing broke down like this:

Largemouth	7 teams
Smallmouth	3
Northerns	2
Walleye	2
White Bass	1
Crappie	1

Trash Species:

Gar	2
Sheepshead	2
Catfish	1
Perch	1
Dogfish	1
Minnow	1

Altogether pretty slim pickins considering what the potential could have been.

Teams did better out on the main lake, battling the wind, and also in the various backwaters off the main river upstream from the landing. The current areas seemed to be the least productive on that day.

Here's a selection of critters that were brought into the boat:



The Good



The Strange



The Bad



The Tiny



The Ugly



The Sheepish

The winning team did have a strategy that paid off:

Megatrash on the MS

By Hillary

The Warm-Up:

Having never been down to the river and Lake Pepin, I headed down with a friend to get my feet wet the weekend before with a friend of mine. Having been beat-up on the St. Croix Multispecies event in August and also having a unsuccessful evening on Pool 2 the week before, I decided to head out to the main lake and try my luck with a more familiar "lake" environment.

After a full day of pre-fishing, we were left with the impression that this body of water was much more "alive" than the St. Croix with bait fish almost everywhere. We boated 7 species and had a good day with many decent SM and LM caught casting shoreline plus a half a dozen walleye pulling cranks.

Game Day: "Arrival of the Cold Front"

OJ and I were partnered up and I was pleased he had been on the river before to help with our inventory of spots to fish. We decided to head out to the main lake first thing and try our luck there. With the arrival of a serious cold front, we hoped to get a qualifying SM and LM "in the box" right away to at least get on the board.

We headed out the channel and out into the main lake to a wind swept section of rip rap I had found on the north shore that held some shallow weeds in the corner as it transitioned to a point. OJ put on a white spinner and I went with the wacky worm. We also ran 2nd "dead lines" in rod holders, mine with a 3 way minnow combo and OJ with a short spinner and crawler.

OJ was first on the board with a nice LM out of the small weedy area. High fives and back to fishing. The wacky worm caught half a dozen fish then OJ came back and stuck a decent SM. Having two fish on the board, we headed off to crank for walleye and hopefully pick up a sheepshead or white bass.

We pulled up to a section of windblown shoreline near Maiden Rock and rigged up the trolling gear. We ran braid with TDD-7 raps on

the planer boards and lead core with Salmo Hornets out the back. After an hour of fishing OJ caught a decent sheepshead



"gangsta" OJ

and a half an hour later we picked up a scoring walleye. Both fish came on the little Salmo Hornets running in 14'-15'

From there we headed across the lake to a shallow marina area trying to find a northern. Nothing happening in the marina, but picked up a 10" perch on my dead line/minnow as we cast the shallows outside the channel.

With the wind picking up, we beat back up the lake and headed into the river. Fishing rip-rap and some shallow bays, we struggled against the wind and lack of active fish.

I lost a nice pike in the marina that we launched on a Xrap, so we headed into the marina just up river. OJ lost another nice pike in this bay on a spinner bait and our frustration increased. Our luck did take a pleasant turn on our way out of this area as both our static lines loaded up with fish. OJ brought in a 30" Cat and I caught a 18" gar. A first for both of us.

Overall it was a great day on the river. Fish were caught, laughs were had, and I pulled the boat out with the same amount of paint and propeller I came with. Hard to ask for more!

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)	7:00-2:30pm	Multi	St Croix	OF - Janitor
√ Sep 8	7:16-2:38pm	Multi	Pepin	Suzy - Hillary
Oct 6	7:15-2:30	Bass	Clearwater	Griz - Nasty

2012 WaterDogs Annual Banquet

Thursday, November 1, 2012

5:30 PM Cash Bar
6:30 PM Dinner and Program

Embassy Suites Hotel
2800 American Blvd. west
Bloomington, MN 55431
952-884-4811

Please use this form to sign up for the annual banquet for yourself, family and any guests, and return to Scott Hennessy by Friday October 19th.

Dinner Choices:

Grilled Salmon*

Served with a Balsamic Glaze and mashed Potatoes

Chicken Chandelaise

Sauteed breast with Prosciutto and Mushrooms in a light Zinfandel Sauce

Pot Roast*

Slow roasted, served with carrots, potatoes and home made sauce

Kids Dinner (age 10 and under) Chicken Tenders and Fries

* Gluten free choice

Waterdog _____ Spouse _____

Kids/Guests _____, _____, _____

Salmon-----\$26.00 X _____ person = \$ _____

Chicken-----\$26.00 X _____ person = \$ _____

Pot Roast-----\$26.00 X _____ person = \$ _____

Kids Meal-----\$14.00 X _____ person = \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Make check payable to WaterDogs Fishing Club and bring to banquet.

Bring completed signup sheet to September or October meeting.