

The Dogumentary

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All the News That's Fish to Print

October 2014

2013 Waterdogs Fishing Club Calendar

October 2	Monthly Meeting at Tuttle's
October 4th	Multi-species Minnetonka
November 6th	Waterdogs Banquet

No Speaker at October Meeting

From the Desk of the President:

Farewell, summer. Fall is officially upon us, which leaves me with two reactions. One, the glass half empty view, that another brutal winter is just around corner. Or, the glass half full view, that some nice fall fishing and hunting lies ahead.



With school back in full gear, and football and scouts on the agenda, I haven't had much time for fishing. Since last report, my only time on the water was fishing the Big Birch event with Little Angel. With my partner

somewhat tardy on his arrival, although he did have a bakery run to make, I had the chance to talk to some locals at the landing that fish the lake regularly. One gentleman said you can spend time working all angles of the lake, but the best spot (in his view) was just off the landing where the outside weed line drops off. As your typical fish story, and maybe there's truth to it, he said they often catch upwards of 75 bass in a given day. Having worked the spot to death, tournament day was not the day for a hot bite – at least for Little Angel and myself. We had some decent bites on a jig-and-pig, and frequently saw the guy I talked to come in and out of the spot throughout the day, but very little action on our part. We did, however, see Boo Boo and Bud land quite a few fish around us. They obviously had the technique down and the score sheet proved it. Congrats to those two on their win.

Looking ahead, we have our final tournament of year taking place on Minnetonka and it seems to be a fairly decent turnout. The weather is looking to be a stark contrast to this past weekend, but that should hopefully play in our favor of keeping the pleasure boaters off the lake. We also have our annual banquet coming up the first Thursday of November, which includes a new tech crew behind the slideshow this year (Duper's girls) and promises to be a good show. If you have any pictures, be sure to get them in ASAP! Stay thirsty, my friend.

Banana Boy

Big Birch Bassin' with Boo Boo and Bud

Bud and I started the morning looking for smallies on a couple of spots where I caught them in practice a few days before. After about an hour and a half and only two fish to show for it(although nice ones)we decided to concentrate on largemouth.

With the wind starting to blow like heck,we looked for a little shelter to make things easier.

The only area that seemed to fit the bill was near the access and Bud recalled Billy Hildebrand mentioning that area at the previous meeting,so we started there.I had recently followed Bud's lead and switched to a 3/8 ounce jig and craw combo(he had the most action early),and that was all it took.

We kept working the same few general areas,keeping the boat in about 18 to 22 feet,and the action just got better and better.The bigger fish were way out near the drop off outside the weed edge but we had to sift through numbers of mediocre fish to get them.You had to be near the heavy coontail beds but not right in them,just letting the jig lay on the bottom when the

retrieve was almost complete. It took 50 fish ,or so, to get the 10 we needed to add to our 2 smallies to complete the bag limit and it sure was a lot of fun getting there.



Thanks to Bud ,I kept my sanity when my trolling motor started giving me fits(wiring issue) and the little pike were taking more tackle than I cared to lose. I have since fixed the motor problem and if anyone has a plan for getting rid of those little,slimy,smelly,boney,tooth ridden bastards that eat anything,please let me know.

P.S. It's the little ones I can't stand,I love BIG pike.
Boo Boo

Big Birch Tournament Photos:



Griz with a 20 ½” Largemouth



The Swingers nose takes a hit from a ½ oz jig



Tom with a nice smallie

Vermillion River Trout Survey

As many of you know I enjoy trout fishing and often fish trout throughout the whole season that ends in October. Much of my summer fishing has been on the Vermillion River which is close to the metro area and known for its large Browns. Earlier this summer I fished the V with TJ DeBates who recently was promoted to East Metro Fisheries Manager for the DNR. During our outing he mentioned that he had a team that was going to do an annual shocking survey on the the V later this summer and that that I could participate. That opportunity came up the first Friday in September.



The Vermillion is a unique trout stream in that it is outside the driftless area and close to the metro area. It has very cold spring fed water which supports a self sustaining population of Brown trout. With a good forage base the trout can grow quite large with many over 20". This stream is managed very closely by the DNR. Part of that management is an annual survey at several points on the stream.

The survey consists of shocking and capturing all species of fish in the stream. All fish are measured and weighed. The trout are marked by clipping the top of

their tail fin. The following day the same stretch of stream is again surveyed. They call this the recapture. They compare the two days data and apply a formula to estimate the stream population.



When I showed up for the start I was given a pair of rubberized gloves and a net so I could assist in capturing the shocked fish when the came to the surface. The gloves were protection from the electrical charge. I informed them that I didn't think my waders were rubberized so they suggested that I follow a bit behind to avoid getting zapped like a trout. They also made sure I didn't have a pace maker. Two of the three member crew led us up the stream with a shocking probe in one hand and a net in the other. Leah the crew chief followed close behind towing a small raft containing the gas generator, a tub for fish and other gear. A couple times I did get a bit too close and could feel a tingling in my legs.



In a smaller section of the stream Leah led us with a back pack electroshocker that appeared to work just as well and we carried the other gear in 5 gallon buckets.

It was interesting to see the variety of life in a stream that isn't normally seen when fishing a stream. We shocked trout, suckers, crappies, pike, LM bass, mud minnows, bullheads, sunfish, darters and crayfish. The

trout ranged in size from young of the year to well over 20". They used the metric system so I only estimated the length in inches. A number of the trout bottomed out their small scale that went to 3 or 4 lbs. from what I saw the V looked to be a very healthy stream.
 Clarabelle fra Shatner

Bio of the Month: Kevin "Bud" Miller

Who brought you into the club and what's your relationship to that person? Laun Sanderson, "Juan Valdez".

What's your profession? Recruiter Mortgage Professionals

A little bit about your family Wife Joy, met her on my 19th birthday, married her on my 22nd birthday, 40 years of Joy. Two Daughters, Maren 32 art teacher, Osseo School District. Anna 30, School teacher Brooklyn Center, Arts Magnet School, Theater.

What's your handle and the story behind it? BUD, no incident, Duper just thought I looked like a Bud. Where did you grow up and what's your history with fishing? New London, MN, my Dad, loved to fish Green Lake and other surrounding lakes. Fishing walleyes on Green was a year round endeavor.



What's your favorite species to fish? Was Walleye, now it is Smallmouth bass why? Great fish with a great pound for pound fight to the finish.

What's your favorite technique? Minnow and a bobber, spinners, cranks and worms, whatever works?

Sewald with a nice smallie

What's your most memorable fishing experience? So many great outings and trips, but the most memorable would be the last trip I took my dad to Canada fishing, he could hardly talk from having had a stroke, but he still could fish and still get excited about everyone he caught. He always got a smirky smile on his face, a twinkle in his eye and let out a little chuckle after he set the hook, knowing there was a fish on

What do you like about being a Waterdog? Being schooled by the many great fisherman in this club, I learn something new about fishing with every event and every new partner /captain.



Bud and his Dad Toolie(Richard)we had nick names too, nice stringer of walleyes, Canada.

Waterdog Bios:

The Bios are a great way to get to know a bit about the other club members Your name will appear here in red until Juan has your bio: They're slowly coming off the list.

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| Carl Aegler | Bob Blakely |
| Todd Bollig | Mark Bystrom |
| Bob Dickey | Chris Downey |
| Kirk Duholm | Brian Karsjens |
| Steve Haagenson | Branden Happel |
| Tim Hynes | Glenn Johnson |
| Paul Johnson | Jerry Krekelberg |
| Kevin Miller | Justin Messner |
| Tom O'Neill | Bob Raymo |
| Doug Squire | Scott Squire |
| Tim Yanta | Peter Yawn |

There's a short Word from attached. Just fill it out and e-mail to laun@sandcon.biz.

Photo of the Month
Juan Plymouth Sunrise



2014 Tournament Schedule

Date	Species		
September 13	Bass	Big Birch	Nasty and Bud
October 4	Multispecies	Minnetonka	