

The Dogumentary

23rd Year

The Waterdogs Fishing Club

November 2005

Banquet!

The Annual Waterdogs Banquet will be held at Biaggi's Restaurant at Eden Prairie Mall on Thursday November 6. By now, all those that are going should have signed up with a deposit to Rick Anderson. If you plan on going but have not yet signed up, be sure to get ahold of Rick right away so that he can make any last-minute adjustments to the menu.

Featured at the banquet will be the Camaraderie of fellow Waterdogs and their families, along with a great Italian meal, the annual awards banquet, and the annual slide show hosted by Little Angel.

Awards will be given out for outstanding performances for the past year. Nominated for Captain of the year are Buick and The Janitor, for Swab of the year, The Perp and Brandy, and for Waterdog of the year, The Janitor, Nasty Boy, and Fishdick. The coveted Weenie of the year trophy will also be awarded, with a somewhat feeble attempt by Rocky at taking the honors from Fluffee, the odds-on favorite. All voting for these awards was done at the October meeting.

Waterdogs Calendar

Nov 6	Banquet
Dec 1	Monthly Meeting
Jan 5	Monthly Meeting
Jan 14-15	Schara Kids Clinic - St Paul
Feb 2	Monthly Meeting
March 2	Monthly Meeting
July 22-29	Rock'N Roll Musky Tour

Officer Nominations

At the October meeting, nominations were made for the officers for next year. Nominated

for VP were The Janitor, Griz, and Doctor Meat. Each will get on their soapbox to outline their agenda for 2007, for when they would become the club president. Also nominated for board positions were Nasty, Suzy, Felix and OJ, with voting for these positions also happening at the December meeting.

President's Corner: Doug Squire



Well I put the boat away for the winter last weekend, but managed to get one last trip in for the year. Initially, Chainsaw, Bertha and I were going to take Monday Oct 17th off work to try our luck for some full moon walleye action on Mille Lacs. Chainsaw came down with what he thought was food poisoning the day before so he bowed out. Bertha and I got to the lake about 2:00PM so we needed to make a decision on where to put in. I called a co-worker of mine that was out the night before and he had some luck just outside Eddy's Resort. Then we made a trip to Lundeen's Tackle to get an idea where they thought would be best. As it turned out we didn't get much information there as Mr. Lundeen wasn't

in a real talkative mood. Bertha and I might have interrupted him from watching Oprah or something. He suggested we go out of Izatys and head to 3 mile reef, which is on the east side of the lake and getting pounded by what I guessed to be about 25 mile winds. I'm not quite sure why, but I guess we felt sorry for this guy and we each bought a crank bait before we left. We ended up going out of Eddy's which was on the calmer side of the lake. We planned to fish for muskies until dark, so we hit a few spots that I had see fish from our previous tournament. We fished Vineland Bay, and Rocky Reef area with no success seeing anything. As it got closer to dusk we switched over to trolling for walleyes. At about 6:45 Bertha landed our first fish a 15" range in about 10 feet of water. The fish seemed to be more relating to weeds then rocks that night. We fished Indian Point in the rocks with many boats around us and I didn't see many fish being caught, so we went back to the weeds for better luck. We each boated a couple more 15" fish which all seemed to be the same size. About 9:00PM I had a bigger fish that we fought for a while before we could get it in the net. This was a 24 1/2 fish that was the fattest walleye that I think I have ever caught. About 1/2 hour later in almost the same spot Bertha caught an identical size fish. We thought it was the same fish I had just released, but I doubt that it was. We both had to work the next day so we headed off the lake at 10:00PM with three fish in the live well and a couple of nice fish we released. A nice day to end the season on!

Mamas Boy

2006 Tournament Dates Selected

The tournament committee met before the October meeting and has selected the dates for the 2006 tournament series. In keeping with last year's successful format, all the tournaments will be team competitions for a seven event series.

Here is the schedule, which is 98% certain at this time:

March 18 Trout Kinnekinick River – WI
(alternate date of 3/25 in case of foul weather)

April 29 Crappies Chisago Lakes

June 3-4 Walleyes Gull Lake
June 16-17 Bass Waconia–Carver County Lakes
August 19 Multispecies Lake Wissota WI
September 9 Musky-Pike Minnetonka
October 7 Smallmouth Rum River Anoka

As usual, there will be no changes to this schedule, unless there are changes to be made at the last minute.

More details on these events will be discussed at upcoming meetings.

Adventures with Crystal Marine

As some of you may know, I hit a rock while fishing the tournament on my new favorite lake, Rush Lake. My new \$600 navigation unit indicated that there was a passage around a rock bar, which I took, but the rocks reached up to grab me anyway. At first, I thought it may be just a prop problem, and took that in to get fixed. Two weeks later, I put the repaired prop on, but noticed when I spun it, that the propshaft was making 1/4" circles as it went around. So, I took it in to Crystal Marine to be repaired, along with the skeg. The first prognosis was that the propshaft and seals would need replacing, for a total cost of \$1235. So I said, 'go ahead' and decided I'd have to cut back on Senkos for next year. Two weeks later, Crystal called back to say that the patient was in worse shape than they expected, and a new lower unit would be needed at a cost of over \$3000. I then went to my insurance specialist, Old Fart, for financial assistance. After two more weeks, the insurance was arranged, and the same day that I talked to the main insurance office, Crystal Marine called again to say that they had made a mistake. Apparently, they got my motor mixed up with another one, and it didn't need the whole lower unit after all. Now, they told me that the job was done and that the total bill would be \$730 (with \$275 of that being the skeg). So I called off the money folks and went and picked the beast up. It will not be water-tested until after the banquet, but I'm confident that it just might be OK. After all that, there's a good lesson to learn, and that is 'Watch out for FR's' and stay away from Rush Lake for more than just that reason.