

# The Dogumentary

28th Year

The Waterdogs Fishing Club

November 2010

“Live Bait has Feelings Too!” – Sally Sucker Minnow

## Banquet!

The 2010 Banquet will be held at the **Embassy Suites Hotel** - 2800 American Blvd. West, Bloomington, MN. Social hour starts at **5:30 PM**, and dinner at **6:30 PM**. After dinner we will enjoy the Waterdogs Picture Show and a live awards ceremony. Especially interesting will be the Weenie of the Year award, with so few good choices (for a change). It will be a night not to miss! Bring your payment to the Banquet if you have not paid already.

## *From the Desk of the President, Brian Karsjens – ‘The Perp’*



## 2010-11 Waterdogs Fishing Club Calendar

Nov 4	Banquet!
Dec 2	Monthly Meeting
Jan 6 2011	Monthly Meeting
Feb 3	Monthly Meeting

\*\*\*The proposed 2011 Tournament Dates are on the last page.\*\*\*

## Election Year for the Waterdogs

The December meeting will feature elections for the 2011 VP (and 2012 President), along with board member voting and other talk about the year coming up. Nominated for VP are **Carmen, Greenstick** and **Meat**. They will present campaign promises before the Election process at the December meeting. In addition, Board Members were nominated and are: **Juan, Shorty, Banana Boy**, and **Fluffy**, in addition to the two VP candidates who are not elected.

October turned out to be a great month for fishing. I took off work on an 80 degree Friday afternoon to take my father fishing one last time this year. I ended up taking both Mom and Dad out and we had a great afternoon on Minnetonka. I was a little hesitant when I got to the Grays Bay landing and discovered only 3 parking spots open. The rest were filled with logo covered trucks and boat trailers from Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota to name a few. It turned out that it was a pre-fishing day for the PMTT season finale tournament. We had a great time fishing and didn't get run over by any of the Musky boats. (It was encouraging to hear that even the pros struggle. Only 11 muskies were caught over 2 days by the 50 teams.)

Saturday my wife, Barb, and I headed for Lake Independence. Before we got there, our kids found out about it and joined us. Fishing was slow, but it was good to get out.

Sunday afternoon was nice again and Barb and I decided to go small mouth fishing on the Rum. As we pulled in, Janitor and Carmen were just leaving and gave us a good report. Fishing was good with multiple smallies caught ranging from 15 to 19 inches long.

The following Saturday afternoon we went back to the Rum and again caught fish up to 18 inches long. The Analyst and his son were observed catching multiple fish.

The weather reports for last weekend didn't sound good with rain scheduled all weekend, so I figured my fishing for the year was over, but by lunch time on Saturday, the rain had not started and the forecast had pushed the rain out until evening, so we went out one last time. This time Janitor and FD were met at the landing. FD reported no success, but Janitor reported multiple fish. (Something about choice of bait was mentioned as a factor. I have even heard rumors that FD is willing to try something wiggly on his line next time out.) We had our suckers, and Janitor gave us some extras he had since he had been the only one using live bait in his boat. Fishing was slower Saturday, but I pick up a personal best 19.5 inch small mouth to end my 2010 fishing season.

The weather this October was one of the best I can remember for fishing and I was fortunate to be able to take advantage of some of it. This weekend will be spent winterizing the boat and putting it away for the winter. It is always a sad event knowing that open water fishing is over for another year. But I am thankful for a great weather this past month that extended the fishing season for me. See you at the banquet next week. Perp

### **Jack of All Trades, Master of Most**

Our own Greenstick doesn't do anything half-way as we can see in the yearly Waterdog movie, and now he's at it again - only this time he's stretching the vocal chords and performing in an opera in November. Dave is performing in the opera "Elmer Gantry" that will be performed at the Ted Mann Concert Hall at the U of M for four days from November 18-21. Tickets are available for \$22 here:

[http://tedmann.umn.edu/events/index.php?view\\_month=11\\_2010](http://tedmann.umn.edu/events/index.php?view_month=11_2010)

Programs will be autographed after the event.

### **Dog Shots:**



Here's The Janitor with a 22" largemouth from Reitz Lake caught in late September. It's his new personal best.

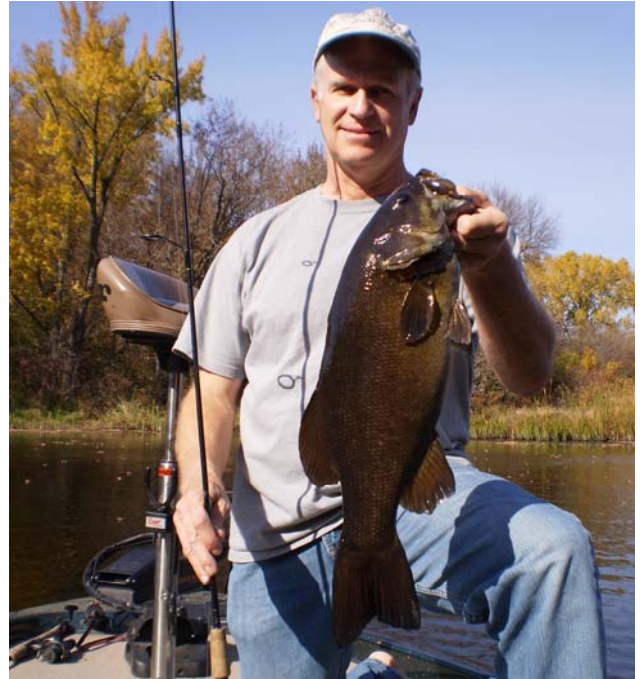


Captain Kirk caught this 19" largemouth from Big Lake while fishing with Steve Carney and FD on September 8. FD "won" the half-day of guiding that Steve donated to Fishing for Life at their banquet earlier this year. This photo also appeared in Carney's column later in the month.





Helen caught this Smallie from the Rum River while fishing with Juan in early October. The river really put out for many Dogs this year.



Kirk with a 21" Smallie from the Rum caught in late September



The Janitor with a 19" Smallie from the Rum River on October 23.

### **Third Annual Tarpon Fishing**



It's time to start thinking about our third annual Tarpon Fishing trip to Florida.

I have Three Guides tentatively booked for 5/15/2011 through 5/20/2011, to accommodate two anglers for each guide. Cost is the same as last year at \$325 per-person per-day for eight hours on the water. As told by the dogs who participated last year, the fight of a tarpon can not be compared to anything in fresh water. It's an extraordinary experience that will dwarf any fish story you have ever experienced.

The oil spill had no effect on the fishing season around Captiva this past season so we can expect to have similar results this year.

Its time to start dropping hints about what you want for Christmas this year.

Accommodations will be supplied by yours truly, so all you need to do is get there.

I'll need to know by 1/15/2011, if you are going, how many days you would like to participate, and most importantly a check for the number of days you plan to fish. I need to confirm with the guides by the end of January.

- Shorty

**Proposed 2011 Tournament Series Schedule**

The Tournament Committee has met and picked the dates and preliminary locations for the 2011 Tournaments and here they are:

April 2 (4/9 Alt)	Trout	Wisconsin
April 30 (5/7 Alt)	Crappie	Prior Lake
May 21-22	Walleye & Lake Trout	Grand Rapids MN
June 18	Bass	Pelican Lake Albertville or TBD
Sep 10	Multispecies	Minnetonka
Oct 8	Smallmouth	Rum River

Details on these events still need to be worked out, but the dates are good, so Mark Your Calendars!