

# The Dogumentary

32nd Year

All the News That's Fish to Print

November 2014

## 2013 Waterdogs Fishing Club Calendar

November 6<sup>th</sup> Waterdogs Banquet  
December 4<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting (Elections)

### From the Desk of the President:

Happy Halloweenie, to all you Dogs! We spent the night braving the cold and making the door-to-door runs with our werewolf and firefighter. Boys had an absolute blast and even "forced" their parents to join in the action. What can I say, we gave it our best?!? Surprisingly, the boys didn't last long. Not sure if that's because of the cold, or that they wanted to get home to see their piles of candy. Certain it was the latter, but no complaints by me.



Unfortunately, not much to share or report on from my end. The boat is stored for the season and I will likely miss this year's pheasant and quail hunting season as I'll be coaching my boy's Little Mustangs basketball team. I know some of you have your boats and gear put away for the season, but some of you diehards still have plans for hitting the open water. If you do, be safe and be sure to share any pictures and stories. For me, I'm looking forward to some hardwater fishing, although not sure

when that will happen. Some reports are saying we'll have a winter similar to last year and others are predicting a more mild winter – which, in comparison to last year, isn't saying much. On the ice fishing front, if anyone knows of someone looking to get rid of a Vexilar, let me know. I'm in the market!

As we near the end of 2014, I want to thank everyone for a great year! We unfortunately lost a few long-standing Dogs from the club, but welcomed in a group of new guys. Participation was good at tournaments and our monthly meetings. We had a great run of speakers. And, we witnessed some pretty memorable events, which I'm sure will not be forgotten as we wait in anticipation to hear the nominees for Weenie Award. Lastly, I want to especially thank all of our officers and committee chairs for making this past year a GREAT one. We could not have done what we did without each of you and your committees. I'm hopeful that as we look ahead to next year that we can see some fresh faces step forward to take on leadership roles within the organization. And, congrats to Uno, for winning the Tournament Series. Nice to see a fresh face in the mix!

Banana Boy

### Minnetonka Multispecies

#### Uno and Shorty's Big Adventure

With the terrible forecast Shorty and I had exchanged emails about dropping out, but with me being in the top 3 I knew I had to fish and Shorty supported that. It was as crappy as expected on Saturday morning. When I meet up with Shorty he tells me that he threw out his back so I know our day has an even higher chance of sucking. Our plan was simple, try to suffer as little as possible and have some fun if possible.

We started at the north end of Gray's bay to stay out of the wind on a spot I had caught fish before. After about two hours of throwing spinner baits and jigs and seeing one pike, I got a cast up in the wind and got a completely irretrievable backlash (I did end up getting it out later at home with a crochet needle and about 90 minutes of work).

I had debated all week about getting live bait, and had decided that I didn't want to regret not getting it. With my spinnerbait rod out, I thought "screw it, live bait time." So I put on a sucker, and Shorty said "what the hell" and did the same. We finally caught a little dinky pike, then decided to move. The plan was to get somewhere closer to

lunch and still out of the wind. After a fairly cold and painful ride, we ended up by Spirit Island. It was a shallow sandy bay that had a few weeds and then transitioned to rock. A few minutes later Shorty's bobber starts to swim away and he pulls in a 14 inch largemouth. Next cast, he catches a 13.5 inch smallie (first I have ever seen on Tonka). Another 15 largemouth for him and a 15 for me and we are feeling like at least we won't get last place. 10 minutes later I see a bit swirl next to my bobber, then it shoots off. I set and see a big green/brown flash. I call out to Shorty "Musky, get the net!" And he just starts laughing. And laughing. Finally he gets the net going, and after a few nervous minutes we get the fish in. And he laughs some more. The fish bit off my fluoro leader right after we got him in the net. We decided that we had at least met our goal of having fun, so off we went to lunch. After a bit of a cluster trying to get the boat tied down, we got to the best part of the day, chili for lunch.

### Minnetonka Multispecies Photos:



Kirk with a 20.5" Smallie



After lunch we went back to Gray's bay looking for a pike or two and saw nothing. In the end we won because Shorty's smallmouth was worth more than any of the largemouth we caught. All our fish came in one spot in about 30 minutes. Despite the weather, a fair amount of swearing, and significant groaning from Shorty, we managed to have fun and get some fish in the boat. Thanks so much to Shorty for toughing it out with me (hope the back has come around for you).



Duper 43" Muskie





Banana Boy 42.5" Muskie

**October on the Rum**

A few dogs took the opportunity of getting out on the Rum last week before the level was lowered. The results:



Mama's Boy and Perp spent Perps birthday playing hookie from work and catching some 18" smallies

Clarabelle and Tim had a multispecies day



Clarabelle with a nice 20 1/2" smallie





Tim with a 23" walleye



Clarabelle was out with Janitor a couple of days later and landed this 36 1/2" Pike

### **Bio of the Month: Bob (Janitor) Blakely**

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

Bob Dickey was a college roommate and fraternity brother. At one time there were five of us Kappa Sig's in the Dogs.

What's your profession?

I own and operate a janitorial supply company named Janex in Eden Prairie. We distribute cleaning supplies to commercial cleaning companies, churches, schools, health care facilities, office buildings, etc. I may control the bathroom tissue quality in the building you work in, so be nice!



Janitor with a yellowfin Tuna

A little bit about your family

Married to Susan for 33 years. Susan has a public relations business and is a writer at heart. Adam is our 28 year old son and he works at Janex. We have started an ownership transition which will have Adam owning the business and result in me having a few more days to fish and golf. Both Susan and Adam enjoy fishing and love to eat fresh walleye filets.

What's your handle and the story behind it?

One of my grandfathers was a school custodian and the other sold vacuum cleaners for a while. So I guess the Janitorial field was a natural for me. It

was one of the Waterdog founders – Scott Beatty-that hung the handle “Janitor” on me.

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

I started fishing the shorelines of Como Lake in St. Paul . It is one of my earliest memories. A real treat was to go to my grandparents cabin on Yellow Lake in Wisc. If I was not in their boat,(oars, no motor) I was at the end of the dock looking for one more bite.

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

I am truly a Multi-Species guy. A good day on vacation at Lake Vermillion will find me fishing for walleyes early, then switching to Smallies, and finishing with throwing for Muskies.My favorite technique is anything that pursues the bite. Sitting and waiting for fish to show up is not me.

What's your most memorable fishing experience?

The weekend after 9/11 at Lake Minnetonka. What started as a drag the crawlers along the deep weed edge for walleyes turned in to a multi-species bonanza. All of the species were there and feeding. By 10 AM that Saturday morning, I had a limit of Walleyes, 21” SM, 20”LM, 35” Pike, 43” Musky, and 13” Crappie. I went back the next day and the action was still in high gear. I fought a Musky for 20 minutes on 8 lb test. There were 3 attempts to get him in the net but the giant would not fit. A true monster!

What do you like about being a Waterdog?

The Waterdogs developed my passion for multi-species. There is no doubt that I would have never been a Trout fisherman if not for the Dogs – and I love “Troutin”. Having another fisherman in the boat has been a wonderful way to connect with many over the years. You share more than fishing experiences over the course of a day. Most of the time,

what you caught is soon forgotten.  
Janitor

### **Special Services News**

#### **Future Angler's Foundation Fundraiser**

I had sent an e-mail to the group mentioning the Fundraiser Dinner for the Future Angler Foundation, and a few Dogs expressed an interest in attending. We reserved a table for 8 for the event. We could get an additional table if more Dogs are interested let me know as we will need to get them a commitment shortly.

Where: **Crowne Plaza Hotel, Bloomington**

When: **Saturday, January 3, 2015 7:00 pm**  
(Sponsored by Yamaha and Skeeter) in conjunction with the NPAA (National Professional Anglers Association) annual conference

What: Fundraiser Dinner with Silent and Live Auction for Future Angler Foundation Tickets are \$20 each or a table of 8 for \$150.

To see further information on the organization check out their web page at:

[www.futureangler.org](http://www.futureangler.org)

Thanks, Mamas Boy

#### **Photo of the Month by Clarabelle**

Janitor on the Rum with a 20 ½” Smallmouth

