

The Dogumentary

23rd Year

The Waterdogs Fishing Club

December 2005

December Meeting

The December meeting will be back at the Hopkins VFW with dinner at 6:00, and the meeting at 7:00. Although there will be a business meeting, there is no speaker, so the meeting will likely be over before 8:30, as long as nobody talks too much.

The December meeting is called the 'All Members Meeting', where members who are expecting to stay in the club next year should show up at the December meeting for the elections. This year, we will be choosing next year's VP from The Janitor, Griz, and Dr. Meat. Each will present his case for talking the job, or not, for next year, and then on to president in 2007.

Also on the ticket will be voting for the board of directors, for which Nasty, Suzy, Felix and OJ, are all nominated. Come to the December meeting ready to make Waterdog history, and try the meatloaf, too.

Waterdogs Calendar

Dec 1	Monthly Meeting
Jan 5	Monthly Meeting
Jan 14-15	Schara Kids Clinic - St Paul
Feb 2	Monthly Meeting
March 2	Monthly Meeting
March 18	Trout Tournament
March 25	alternate Trout date
April 29	Crappie Tournament
June 3-4	Walleye Tournament
June 16-17	Bass Tournament
July 22-29	Rock'N Roll Musky Tour
August 19	Multispecies Tournament
Sep 9	Musky-Pike Tournament
Oct 7	Smallmouth Tournament

President's Corner: Doug Squire



As I write my last column as the outgoing President on this Thanksgiving weekend, I would like to thank all of you who helped make this another successful season in the club. We capped off the year with our banquet at Biaggi's with a fine turnout of members and guests. The banquet committee chaired by Rick Anderson and many other committee members made for a great evening. Once again the slide show put together by Scott Squire and help with many pictures from our group of Dogs was a great way to remember the highlights of the season. Thanks also to all of you members that chaired various committees this year; the organization of all the committees is what helps create a successful year.

As I look back throughout the year we had a very competitive tournament series this year, with 7 Dogs finishing within 20 points of each other. We started the year when we had our first ever tournament rescheduled because of 20" of snow that fell the day before and ended the season trying to keep up with Fat Boy (Buick's hot pike lure). We also were honored to have the Ordination of a club member Fr. Timothy Yanta. All in all a fantastic year!

Remember December is a mandatory meeting for all club members. We will be electing a Vice President and directors for next year. If you are not going to make the meeting please let me or one of the directors know. We are off to a fast start for planning for next year. The tournaments have been set already for next year, so mark your 2006 calendars. We are hopeful because of the early date selection; we can see some increased participation.

Mama's Boy

Banquet Success

The 2005 club banquet was a big success, with 27 Dogs and their families enjoying the festivities at Biaggi's restaurant. Thanks to Rick Anderson for organizing the event, and to all the helpers who pitched in. It was a great time to see some of the member's families that we have not seen in a year, and also to remember some of the good times from years past. The dinner was followed by a great slide show that was put together by Little Angel, and then the Grande Awards Ceremony finished out the evening. For the awards, Nasty Boy won the Waterdog of the Year Award, and Who? won Captain of the year. What? won the Little-Buddy of the Year, and Fluffee, of course, was a shoe-in for Weenie of the Year. No one can seem to remember who or what won the Captain or Swab of the year awards, so if it was you, bring your award to the meeting and let us know who you are!

Adventures with Crystal Marine – part II

Something has happened to the service area of Crystal Marine ever since Roid has been on the injured reserves. You may recall last issue when I told the story about the mix-up with my boat and another where the wrong information was give to me that took the repair charge from \$1200 to over \$3000, and then back to \$700. Well, I got the boat back after three weeks, and first noticed that the back deck was dirty and had been wet and was also full of leaves. Apparently my boat was left out in the yard mid-repair, with the cover off during the big storm that we had in September. I actually had to bilge the boat out after picking it up. Then, on a trip to the Rum River, I noticed that the motor's speedometer cable was not attached. No problem, I plugged it back in. But after

running the boat and fishing, we put the boat back on the trailer and I noticed that the torque plate was missing off the bottom of the motor. I don't know if it was there when I got the boat back, or if it fell off while in use, but it isn't there now. So now I have all winter to deal with that small problem and get the boat cleaned up, but in the meantime, I'm going to write-up a special Weenie of the Year award for Crystal Marine. It's too bad that a company that claims such a high regard for customer service can screw up so many times when the Roidmaster is not around. Hopefully, I won't be back there anytime soon.

Fall Fishing Report: Dogs Brave the Weather in Search of the Hot Bite

Compiled by Suzy

Lake Auburn State Record Bass: Farm Boy and Suzy headed out to Lake Auburn to pre-fish next year's Carver County Bass Shoot-out in mid-October. Just a few weeks prior, the new state record largemouth bass had been hauled out of Lake Auburn. With the weeds dying down, the boys started fishing tight to pencil reeds and cattails. No luck. Then, they started casting from the 12-foot break into the 4 to 6-foot break with small crankbaits. Fishing was slow until Suzy nailed a 18.5 incher -- the only fish after 4 hours of fishing.

Lake Harriet Muskies: With Lucky Libby and her Dad fishing from shore, Fishdick, Carmen and Suzy paraded back and forth on Lake Harriet's north side in search of late fall muskies on Oct. 30. No muskies were to be had, but a handful of crappies provided at least some action, primarily on rattlin' Wiggle Warts, the lure of choice that was supposed to entice the big girrrrls.

Arizona Big Bass: Carmen traveled to Bartlett Lake, Arizona, located within the Tonto National Forest to fish a reservoir that reached 150-feet deep near the reservoir's dam. Fishing with his brother-in-law, Carmen used a Rapala DT-10, hot mustard color, to fish points and sunken islands throughout the reservoir. He and his brother-in-law caught largemouth bass in the 14-18 inch range in 8-12 feet of water. Very light bites that often felt like you were just hitting the rocks. They caught 18 fish in about 5 hours time. They fished the lake on two occasions over the Thanksgiving Weekend break, starting out at daybreak and watching

the sun illuminate the desert mountainsides against a cloudless sky. On Friday, they encountered a tournament about to get under way. They got to their spot first and boated at least 9 before it started getting too busy. It was a great experience and reminded Carmen of LOTW -- getting hung up on rocks but with cactus and no weeds. Carmen's brother-in-law has fished the lake for more than 20 years and remembers when it would take an hour and half to get to it in a 4 X 4 truck. He would be the only person on the water and the action was constant. It now takes less than 30 minutes on blacktop road to a landing that has at least 200 parking spaces.

Rum River Northern Pike: Actually, the day was supposed to focus on the Rum River's much-touted smallies, except they wouldn't bite. Braving 40 degree weather (and 36 degree water), constant train traffic over the bridge that runs through Anoka, and low water, Fishdick, his brother Bill (Clem), and Duper, worked their way up and down the river, from

the dam up river a mile or two. The only catches were a chunky northern pike and a bottle of Mountain Dew, which was still three-quarters full and had lots of fizz left --- Clem found it quite satisfying.



Duper Pulls a Crappie out of Carmen's Ear at a Lake Harriet Outing in November

Waterdogs 2006 Tournament Series

Mark Your Calendars Now and Plan to Attend!

Date	Species	Location	Dogs in Charge
March 18 (Sat)	Trout	Whitewater River (March 23 alt. date)	Mueller
April 29 (Sat)	Crappie	Chisago Lakes area	
June 3-4 (Sat-Sun)	Walleye	Gull Lake	
June 16-17 (Fr-S)	Bass	Carver County Lakes area	
Aug 19 (Sat)	Multi	Lake Wissota, WI	Ferstenou
Sep 9 (Sat)	Muskie/Pike	Minnetonka	
Oct 7 (Sat)	Smallmouth	Rum River - Anoka	