

The Dogumentary

26th Year

The Waterdogs Fishing Club

December 2008

December Business Meeting at VFW

We're back to the land of wimpy burgers and burnt pizza at the Hopkins VFW for the December meeting. The meeting will feature elections for 2009 officers and the discussion of other subjects of interest for the club in the upcoming year. The tournament dates and locations have been proposed and will also be discussed, along with any other items that you are interested in. The meeting starts at 7 pm, with dinner and pre-meeting discussions at 6 pm.

2009 Waterdogs Fishing Club Calendar

Dec 4	Monthly Business Meeting
Jan 8 2009	Monthly Meeting
Feb 5	Monthly Meeting
March 5	Monthly Meeting
March 21	Trout Tournament
March 28	Trout Back-Up Date
April 2	Monthly Meeting
April 25	Crappie Tournament
May 7	Monthly Meeting
May 30-31	Walleye Tournament
June 4	Monthly Meeting
June 19	Bass Tournament
July 2	Monthly Meeting
July 18-25	2009 RockNRoll Musky Tour
August 6	Monthly Meeting
August 22	Bass Tournament II
Sep 3	Monthly Meeting
Sep 19	Multispecies Tournament
Oct 1	Monthly Meeting
Nov 5	Banquet

See the last page for the 2009 Tournament Details

33 Weeks until the LOTW Trip, but only 4 Weeks until the MN Trout Season Opens

From the Desk of the President, Little Angel



With the 2008 Waterdog year coming to an end this is my final letter as your President. I would like to thank all those who were gracious enough to accept the chair positions for this year.

I can't believe how fast this year has gone and how smoothly things moved along. Our club is well-organized, which makes a leadership position easy to fulfill. The tournaments went great, the speakers were superb, the photos and presentations... what can I say? We even had food at each tournament, and good food! F/D did his usual good job on the Dogumentary, even though he had to prod me once in awhile to get my letter done. It will soon be time for Helen to take over the Presidential rains for 2009. I see he has already started to line up his cabinet and has a good crew to carry on next year.

I hope everyone enjoyed the year as much as I did. I was once looking forward to finishing the tournament year in one of the first three positions, but there are a lot of good fishermen in

the club and competition is fierce. I learn more from each of you every year.

It soon will be time for ice fishing. I started to get back into it last year and hope to do a little more this year. If anyone would be interested an outing some time give me a call. I have all the gear including a 2 man portable house - just bring your rod! I fished Buffalo Lake last year with some success fishing for crappies.

I have also been looking at the Lowrance H2O Hand held GPS. It would come in handy for ice fishing as well as when I travel to Canada (without my boat). I like that particular model because it will also take my Naviaonics and Lakemaster chip. Has anyone had any experiences with this unit, a Lowrance H2O hand held?



Well that's all for this year. We will see everyone for the elections at the December meeting.

Beware of those promising a fish in every pot and a boat in every garage.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. (I am not sending cards!)

Little Angel

Banquet a Smash Hit

The annual Waterdogs Banquet was once again a very fun event for the members and their wives and families. The location at the Sunshine Factory restaurant proved to be just the right size and private, and also at a reasonable cost. The highlight of the event was the amazing video put together by Dave Haberle. It was the best 'slide show' ever, and I have now viewed it a couple more times, and loaned it out to a few co-workers who also really enjoyed it.

Perp Gets Waterdog of the Year

The highest honor in the club is to be given the Waterdog of the Year Award at the annual banquet, and this was an especially difficult decision this year with three great candidates to choose from. Nominated were Greenstick, captain Kirk, and Perp, with all three of them making great contributions to the club during the past year. All three have been great additions to the club over the past 2-5 years. Perp won the award for his numerous contributions in terms of both his many good ideas and his enthusiastic participation in all the different club activities. Way to go, Brian!

VOTE '08

For More Fish and Bigger Fish

The December meeting will feature voting for officers for the 2009 season, and for VP for next year, who will then become president in 2010.

For next years' VP, the nominees are:

Laun 'Barack' Sanderson
Brian 'Obama' Karsjens and
John 'Rodham' Schaffhausen

The VP nominees will each give speeches at the December meeting before the vote, in which they will each make the customary empty promises and distasteful mudslinging of the other candidates. We will try and prevent the event from erupting into fisticuffs as tempers do tend to get a little short when there is so much power on the line.

For the Board next year, the nominees are: Banana, Perp, Greenstick, and Kojak, in addition to the VP nominees who are not elected VP.

Fur and Fish Tales

Shatner Goes Where No Man Has Gone...

After driving by Pool 2 everyday as I go to and from work I decided to try fishing it again this fall. So instead of sitting in front of the TV watching the Vikings on Sunday afternoons I headed down to the Old Miss which is about 10-15 minutes from home and listened to football on the radio. No TV in my boat like Shorty has.

As I reported earlier my first trip was on 11/2 with my brother. We had a good afternoon catching 32 Walleyes and Saugers along with several other species. Most were 15-18 inches with the largest going 20. we got about half of them below the Ford dam and the rest near the Minnesota River. All were caught on a jig with fathead minnows which are much cheaper than those suckers we used on the Rum at \$7/doz. This day the weather was beautiful for the time of the year with air temp of about 60 and water temp of about 50.

From what I have been able to determine it takes about 50 degree water to get the bite going in the fall. The Vikings won 28-21 over Houston.

On Veterans Day Nov 11th which is a Bank holiday the Griz and I had planned to go back to Pool 2. We met for a hearty breakfast at JR's grill bought our minnows and then tried to wait out the mix of freezing rain and snow which never let up. Even the Griz would have been too uncomfortable under those conditions so we never got on the water that day.

With a decent forecast for last Sunday the 23rd Felix and I decided to give it one more try before putting the boat away for the season. This time we had some partial sun with air temp in the mid 30's and water temp that had dropped to 33 degrees. Fishing was definitely slower with only 11 Walleyes being caught. Again the jig and fathead was the bait with a stinger hook helping the hookup rate on a soft bite. Only Walleyes were caught this time and were found in the deeper holes up to 35 feet deep down river from the dam. Most were in the 14-15 range

with a couple about 17 inches. The Vikings won again 30-12 over Jacksonville.



Kirk Goes One-Up on Team Walleye

From The Analyst:

My father in-law Ed (past H2O-Dog member) and I did some hunting on some new land south of Red Wing we are looking at for possible purchase. We did some early season bow hunting and saw some good quality animals. We invited two of Ed's relatives from Red Wing to join us in order to better evaluate the quality of hunting on the land. Well it was pretty incredible. In the first half day of hunting, Saturday (we pulled out early due to rain which made the road treacherous) the four of us saw a total of 60 deer. 38 does and 22 bucks. 20 of those bucks were 2 ½ year old deer or better (8-10 pointers). Each of us passed on 4-5 mature deer as we were looking for Bullwinkle. Day two was not as active, but we still saw a lot of deer and Ed's nephew took a nice 8 pointer from a ground blind. By Monday we were ready to kill something. I was tired of "sorting" through the deer and told myself the next antlered deer that came through I was shooting. Well at 9 am I got my wish when a buck standing at about 80 yards suddenly came down with a case of lead poisoning and my season was over. It turned out to be my personal best. Ed had made the same decision as me and took the next buck he saw—at 4pm his season was over. Five minutes later Ed's brother in-law took a nice 9 pointer at about 30 feet from a ground blind and we were done. All told over 2 ½ days of hunting we saw a grand total of 106 deer, 35 of which were bucks.

Needless to say we are a bit more serious about purchasing the new property.



**Ed Jurva, Uncle Joe, and The Analyst
With their Three Bucks**



No Pets Allowed in School!

From Father Bertha:

Here is a picture of an old friend of mine a Theta Chi brother and myself with our bucks. We both got eight pointers and our bonus does, his was probably 2 and ½ years old and mine was a yearling. We saw lots of deer and I shot my two deer 14 minutes apart. We hunted up in Wadena, on his property.



2X8's on the Hoof

From Chips:



**Chips got a Spike Buck at the Annual Taylor
Lake Deer Camp Trip**

(Watch out, Jeffery, that rifle is aimed right at your foot!)

First Annual Monthly WD Poker Game

Six Waterdogs met for the first of what will be a monthly poker night, at the OF abode. Among the participants were OF, OJ, FD, Felix, Chainsaw, and Carmen. We had a great dinner and played cards and told stories until near midnight. The wild crowd broke two glass items at OF's house, so next month's game will be held at another location. Watch the e-mail for more details of upcoming events.



Chainsaw Tells Another Fish Story

Getaway on a Legendary Musky Lake

Dogs — I'm making my cabin available to rent to Waterdogs and friends of the

Waterdogs for several weeks in 2009. It's a three bedroom (3 double beds and sleeper sofa), three bath cabin on a secluded, wooded, 2-acre lakeshore lot on Hay Creek, a 16-minute drive from Hayward on the Northeast side of the Chippewa Flowage, a 17,000 acre reservoir. It's a two story cabin with serene views of the lake — a perfect place to unwind. Surrounded by national forest, Hay Creek Cabin is available year-round and is just minutes to outstanding snowmobile trails, cross-country ski trails (the Birkie Trail), mountain biking, exceptional deer and grouse hunting, and world-famous musky, walleye, smallmouth and crappie fishing. The cabin comes equipped with a gourmet kitchen, washer/dryer, AC, telephone, gas fireplace, TV/DVD, firepit, charcoal grill, dock, 17' Old Town canoe, adult and kid bikes, and a solo kayak. It's within minutes of restaurants (Dunrovin, Chippewa Inn, Famous Dave's) and golfing (Big Fish Golf Club), too. The county boat landing is about a 1/4-mile away. Great swimming beach and on-lake dining available within minutes from the dock. Many musky guides are in the area to put you on the next world record. Pets welcome. If you or friends are interested, email me at stephen@pockethercules.com or call me at 651-797-2829.

2009 Waterdogs Tournament Series

Mark Your Home and Work Calendars Now!

Date	Species	Location	Dogs in Charge
Saturday, March 21 (March 28 Backup)	Trout	Pierce and Rush Counties, WI	Janitor, Nasty, Shatner
Saturday, April 25	Crappie	Washington Lake	Mama's Boy, Griz
Sat-Sun, May 30-31	Walleyes	Big Stone Lake	Duper, Analist, Perp
Friday, June 19	Bass	Clearwater Lake	Helen, Buick
Saturday, August 22	Bass	Chisago Lakes	Chips, Farm B, Fluffy
Saturday, Sep 19	Multispecies	Minnetonka	Greenstick, Shorty, Kirk