

The Dogumentary

28th Year

The Waterdogs Fishing Club

December 2010

“You can Lead a Fish to Water But You Can’t Make It Bite” – RC Buglemouth

Elections!

The December meeting will be back at Tuttle's Bowling Alley and Pool Hall in Hopkins. The feature of the meeting will be the election of the VP for next year from among our candidates of Carmen, Meat and Greenstick. Campaign speeches may also be given by any of the candidates who show up at the meeting. We anticipate plenty of mudslinging in this hotly contested race for the most powerful position in the club. Board members will also be selected.

Next month's meeting in January will feature new members, as we expand our roster to 34 on a trial basis.

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



2010-11 Waterdogs Fishing Club Calendar

Dec 2	Monthly Meeting
Jan 6 2011	Monthly Meeting
Feb 3	Monthly Meeting
March 3	Monthly Meeting
April 2 (9)	Trout Tournament
April 7	Monthly Meeting
April 30 (5/7)	Crappie Tournament
May 5	Monthly Meeting
May 21-22	Walleye Tournament
June 2	Monthly Meeting
June 18	Bass Tournament
July 7	Monthly Meeting
July 23-30	Rock N Roll Musky Tour
August 4	Monthly Meeting
Sep 1	Monthly Meeting
Sep 10	Multispecies Tournament
Oct 8	Smallmouth Tournament

It is hard to believe that it is already time for my last column as WD President. This year has certainly gone by quickly, but then it seems like the older I get, the faster time flies. There must be a law of physics for something for that.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my year as president. I can't remember any great conflicts or issues that we had to deal with. Maybe not remembering conflicts is another phenomenon associated with aging. Thank you all for making the year go smoothly and giving me the opportunity to serve in this role.

I looked back to see what I wrote in my first column and found that club membership size was mentioned. 2011 will give us a chance to try out the expanded format of 34 members. I look forward to welcoming 4 new members to our group.

It will be good to see what new things we can learn from each of them.

With Thanksgiving Day just past and Christmas rapidly approaching, I thought it would be appropriate to look back on 2010.

As I reflect back on the last 11 months, I find I have many new and old things to be thankful for. In addition to things like employment, health and family, here are a few other personal things that I am thankful for:

I have a new daughter-in-law. The wedding and dinner were the day after a major storm that knocked out power to the dinner location. Power wasn't restored until the following day, but an hour before the dinner was to begin, emergency generators were up and running and the party went on as scheduled. I was able to fish with my Dad again this summer. I have a wonderful wife who, in addition to her other traits, is supportive of my fishing and is willing to go fishing with me. And my son got his first deer this year and I am not sure which one of us was happier for him.

From a club perspective, I am thankful for the safe fishing and traveling we enjoyed this year. I don't believe we had any major boat or vehicle issues this year. I am also thankful that there were no major personal mishaps or injuries. (I don't think it's appropriate to include OJ's unorthodox ear piercing as an injury. He could have just gone to the mall to have it done.) I am thankful for the opportunity to fish new water (Pool 2) this year and the learning that goes with that. And finally, I am thankful that I am part of this great fishing club and thankful for all your friendships.

Perp

2010 Banquet Best Ever

This year's banquet was high on the fun meter with the Banquet Committee doing a great job of planning and producing a really fun event. The venue at the Embassy Suites Hotel was great with plenty of room and a good meal at a reasonable price. Way to go Kojak, Farm Boy, Chips, and all the others who helped make it an event to remember!

The Social Hour was a fun time to celebrate the Janitor's 60th Birthday which was a surprise for Bob that was arranged by Susan Blakely and Kojak. He

got a special cake decorated by Scott Hennessey's daughter, and a memory book full of articles and pictures from Janitor's friends.



The Janitor enjoyed his Surprise 60th Birthday Party Celebration as part of the Banquet Festivities

The Main Event of the evening was the Waterdog Movie put together by Greenstick that captured the year in a very entertaining and funny way. It was a howler from start to finish, complete with a commercial for the Blind Squirrels new product, "The Pee Buddy" which may not be available at Cabela's anytime soon.



The Pee Buddy was awarded to Juan, who intends to share it with all members

The Custom Fishing Rod awards for the top three tournament finishers were made to Shatner, Griz and Janitor, and the Captain of the year went to Perp. Carmen was the Little Buddy of the year and OF took the coveted Weenie Award.

Chips was honored as Waterdog of the Year for his great efforts this year from commandeering the Tournament Committee to helping out on the Banquet Committee and his excellent participation and service throughout the year.

2010 Waterdog Tournament Series Recap

I have tabulated the results for this past year of our 6 Tournaments and notice a few points to take note of for planning for next year's tournament series. The top three overall winners for 2010 of Kirk Duholm, James Ferstenou & Bob Blakely participated in all 6 of the tournaments. The average number of tournaments attended by Dogs was 4.2 tournaments. The highest turnout was 26 of 30 members for the trout tournament and lowest turnout was the Lake Alexander Multispecies Tournament of 18 Dogs. I want to congratulate the overall winners this year & a special congrats to Captain Kirk for winning the overall series 3 years in a row! I appreciated all of the committee members who helped to make my job as tournament committee chairperson for 2010 go so well & look forward to 2011 as a new challenge for us all.

Jeff "Chips" Lantto



A Last Minute 19.75" Smallie was caught by Father Bertha in the Rum River in November



This 23" Sucker caught by Bertha in the Rum may have been Minnow Bucket Escapee from Earlier Years

The Greenstick Christmas Light Show

Once again, Greenstick has put his technological skills to work in setting up his massive Holiday Lights to Music show at his house in Plymouth at 14910 - 47th Ave North. Come by for a look in the evenings from 5:00 until 10:30 and come on in for some Lutefisk on a stick after the show.



A Recent Test-Firing of the Greenstick Light Show

2011 Tarpon Trip Guest List

Shorty needs your indication if you are in for the Third Annual Tarpon Trip on any of the days from May 15-20 2011. The guides need to be booked and the fish need to be chummed prior to the trip. Shorty needs to know your commitment by mid-January.

2011 Tournament Series

Gentlemen, Mark Your Calendars!

Date	Species	Location	Dogs in Charge
Saturday April 2 (4/9 Alt)	Trout	Wisconsin	Janitor - Shatner
Saturday April 30 (5/7 Alt)	Crappie	Prior Lake	Griz – Banana - Suzy
Sat-Sun May 21-22	Walleye/Lake Trout	Grand Rapids MN	Fluffy - Carmen - Lil Angel
Saturday June 18	Bass	Pelican Lk Albertville	Analist - Bud
Saturday Sep 10	Multispecies	Minnetonka	Chips - Spanky
Saturday Oct 8	Smallmouth	Rum River	Perp - Buick