



# ***Membership Handbook and Bylaws***

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**NOTE: THE WATERDOGS HAVE HISTORICALLY REFERRED TO THEIR FRIENDLY COMPETITIONS AS "TOURNAMENTS". DUE TO THE LACK OF ENTRY FEES, THE LACK OF AN OPEN ENTRY PROCESS AND THE ABSENCE OF PRIZES OR PRIZE MONEY IT IS INTENDED THAT NO OUTING MEET THE LEGAL DEFINITION OF "TOURNAMENT" UNDER DNR OR OTHER GOVERNING BODY REGULATIONS. ANY COMPETITION IS BASED ON FISH LENGTHS ONLY AND NO FISH ARE KEPT OR SUBJECTED TO A WEIGH IN EVENT. THE WATERDOG FISHING CLUB PROMOTES "CATCH AND RELEASE" AT ALL EVENTS.**

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# ***Introduction to the Waterdogs Fishing Club***

Welcome to the Waterdogs Fishing Club! As a member of the club, we feel it is important that you know as much about this fishing club as possible.

A little bit of history on the club seems like a good place to start. The Club was founded in September, 1982 by Ted Gwinn and Scott Beaty. As avid, diehard fishermen, Ted and Scott felt there was a need in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area for a club that would bring multi-species fishermen together. The idea was to learn as much about the science of fishing as possible while at the same time enjoying the friendships and stories that would develop within the club.

Like the rest of us, Scott and Ted both have jobs and are unfortunate enough that they must work so they can do what they love the most—to fish. They saw many people who were in the same boat (no pun intended); fishermen who wanted more out of fishing than just getting out a couple of weekends a month. They thought it would be a worthwhile effort to form a club that would bring these fishermen together to enjoy the sport to its potential. So on the first Thursday of November 1982 the first *Waterdogs* monthly meeting was held. Since that November meeting in 1982, the Club has steadily grown.

*Waterdogs* you may ask? Where the heck did that name come from? The name popped into Scott and Ted's heads one day after a long day (working like a dog) on the water, getting home dog tired, and still finding the energy to change the water in the bucket of bait they were using that day—*Waterdogs*!

So there you have it—a little history on the club. Please read on, the accompanying information in this packet will give you more information on the club, its goals, the tournaments, trophies, and its members.

Welcome to the Waterdogs Fishing Club!

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# ***Waterdogs Goals and Objectives***

The *Waterdogs Fishing Club* was founded for men interested in fishing. Our primary aim is to help you get the most out of fishing, whether you fish for walleyes, bass, northerns, crappies, trout, or muskies.

We are happy to have you in the club. Please feel free to roll up your sleeves and get involved. This is your club.

The goals of the *Waterdogs* are very simple:

- To have fun by sponsoring tournaments and monthly meetings.
- To improve our skills as fishermen through the exchange of techniques and ideas.
- To provide fellowship by meeting other fishermen who share our interests.
- To teach and practice the concept of catch and release.
- To promote and protect the sport of fishing.

Our primary aim is to help you get the most out of fishing whether it is by protecting and preserving the environment, reporting on the newest products and techniques, or sharing of fishing stories or *hot spots*. Feedback from club members is vital.

In order to ensure that the Club continues to grow and meet the goals, it is necessary to have leadership. Each year we will pass the leadership of the Club from member to member. Club members will vote each December to elect the President, Vice President, and three Board of Director members.

Membership fees will be collected annually. All money collected by the club will remain in the treasury and will be used to operate the Club.

An End of the Year Banquet will be held in early November. Spouses and family members will be welcomed at this event. Trophies or plaques are awarded to the first place winner(s) of each tournament. In addition, a first place trophy will go to the angler who accumulates the highest total points from the club tournaments (Champion). Second and Third place trophies will be presented to the second and third highest scoring members from the club tournaments. The top three anglers will also receive a custom-made fishing rod. The End of the Year Banquet will be held at a family restaurant, stories will be exchanged, pictures and slides shown along with numerous other activities that all family members can enjoy.

Meetings will be held the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. In addition to sharing knowledge and experiences among club members, we will bring in outside fishing *experts* to further enhance our knowledge and skills.

If you have any comments or suggestions about your club, contact your President, Vice President, or any member of the Board of Directors.

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# ***Amended Bylaws of the Waterdogs Fishing Club***

## **Article I: Government**

This Club shall be governed by the following bylaws:

## **Article II: Name**

The name of this club, founded on the first day of November 1982 by Scott Beaty and Ted Gwinn, shall be the *Waterdogs Fishing Club of Minneapolis, Minnesota*.

## **Article III: Purpose**

To stimulate public awareness of fishing as a major sport. To offer our State Conservation Department our organized moral and political support and encouragement. To promote full adherence to all conservation codes and to demand adequate water standards. To detect and report any polluter and call public and political attention to his crime. To improve our skill as fish anglers through: the concept of catch and release, friendly exchange of expert fish catching techniques and ideas, and to promote and encourage youth fishing, and a love for this great recreation.

## **Article IV: Membership**

### **Section 1: Number of Members**

The *Waterdogs Fishing Club* has a maximum number of 40 members. Former Club members wishing to reinstate their membership may be readmitted to the club even if such action causes the number of members to exceed 40. The board must approve such an exception and will consider in their decision past participation and current membership. No additional new members will be accepted until the number of members again drops below 40 and the addition of a new member would not put the club in excess of 40 members.

### **Section 2: Requirements for Membership**

To become a member, a man shall:

- 1) Voluntarily express a genuine interest in membership.
- 2) Must be male and 18 years of age.
- 3) Be recommended by a member at a regular monthly meeting.
- 4) Contacted and approved by the club Vice President.
- 5) Generally will not be accepted into membership unless the sponsoring member is a member in good standing at the time of new member acceptance.

### **Section 3: Waiting List**

A waiting list will be kept by the Secretary for interested people. The list will be kept in chronological order based on when the prospective member's name has been added to the list. Former waterdogs wishing to be readmitted will be placed at the top of the waiting list bypassing all other names.

### **Section 4: Membership Dues**

The annual membership fee shall be determined by the Board of Directors at the last board meeting of the year and is payable upon admittance to the club.

### **Section 5: Removal from Membership**

A member may be dropped from the membership role for the following:

- 1) Failure to pay dues.
- 2) Any action that would reflect dishonor and disgrace on this club.
- 3) Failure to attend 50 percent of the club's events, including: tournaments, monthly meetings and special services events.

The Club has a philosophy that its members be as active in the club functions as possible. However, it also

understands that peoples' lives change and that being involved in a fishing club may become a lesser priority. The club has set membership standards of 50% participation in all club activities. These are guidelines for prospective and current members. Each year we ask that you evaluate your current situation and determine whether you can commit to the club. If the Board feels a member is not being an active participant, the member will be contacted and the situation discussed.

## **Article V: Board of Directors**

### **Section 1: General Provisions**

The Board of Directors shall be subject to the provisions hereinafter contained and shall have charge of all financial and other affairs of the club during the interval between regular meetings. It shall authorize all expenditures, examine all accounts, and if found correct, authorize payment of the same.

### **Section 2: Duties of the Elected and Appointed Members of the Board**

- 1) Attend meetings of the Board.
- 2) Relay ideas and grievances of club members to other members of the Board.
- 3) Participate in the decision making process of the Board.
- 4) Assume responsibilities assigned by the Board Chairman.

### **Section 3: Treasurer's Records**

The Board of Directors shall have the power to examine the Treasurer's records, and all other books and papers, and require his attendance at its meetings and to produce any books, papers, or other property belonging to the club that may be in his possession.

### **Section 4: Officers of the Board**

The officers of this club shall consist of:

- 1) Chairman of the Board (Immediate Past President of the Club) (voting member)
- 2) President (voting member)
- 3) Vice President (voting member)
- 4) Secretary (non-voting member, unless appointed or voted in by members)
- 5) Treasurer (non-voting member, unless appointed or voted in by members)

### **Section 5: Board Members**

There shall be elected at the Annual Meeting three (3) representatives of the club members to serve with the President, Vice President, and Chairman (who is the immediate past president) on the Board of Directors. The President will name at his discretion one additional member to serve as a voting member of the Board. This could include, but is not limited to the Secretary or Treasurer, who are non-voting members of the board.



## **Section 6: Board Meetings**

The Board shall meet at least biannually or by call of the Chairman and it shall be presided over by the Chairman of the Board. If the Chairman is not present, it shall be presided over by the club President, or club Vice President, in that order.

## **Section 7: Board Quorum**

Five (5) of the seven (7) members of the Board need to be present to constitute a quorum.

# **Article VI: Nomination and Election of Officers**

## **Section 1: Election and Appointment of Officers**

The Vice President shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Meeting. A majority vote of those present and voting shall be necessary to elect. The Vice President of the previous year shall become President. In December of each year the incoming President shall appoint the Secretary and Treasurer subject to the approval of a majority of the Board of Directors.

## **Section 2: Number of Votes and Proxy Voting**

Each member is entitled to one vote. Proxy votes are not permitted.

## **Section 3: Nomination and Election of Officers and Representatives**

Nomination of all elected officers and representatives may be made by any member at the October meeting. The voting for officers and representatives will be held at the Annual Meeting during the month of December. Candidates for officers and representatives must be placed in nomination on the floor. Non-elected vice presidential candidates will automatically become candidates for the three remaining boards of director positions.

## **Section 4: Consecutive Presidential Terms**

No member of the Waterdogs Fishing Club shall hold the office of president more than one full term, provided that he may become eligible for reelection to such office after two (2) years have elapsed since his occupancy thereof.

## **Section 5: Balloting**

Each elective officer and representative to the Board of Directors shall be elected separately by separate and distinct ballot. A majority vote of those present and voting shall be necessary to elect each officer and representative. If on the first ballot one or more candidates shall receive a majority vote of those present and voting, he or they shall be declared elected.

## **Section 6: Term of Office**

The term of office is one year, which shall begin on January 1, and end on the last day of December or until the successor assumes office.

## **Section 7: Eligibility for Office**

To be eligible for office, a member must:

- 1) Be a member for six months, and
- 2) Have shown an active interest in all club functions.

## **Section 8: Resignation of Officer/Board Member**

If an officer or board member resigns from the club during his year of service, the vacancy will be filled following the election procedures outlined in this Article.

## **Article VII: Duties of the Officers**

### **Section 1: Duties of the Chairman of the Board**

- 1) Calls all meetings of the Board of Directors and presides over these meetings.
- 2) Communicates with other Board Members and receives feedback and ideas from any club member.
- 3) Has overall responsibility for updating club Board Members of pertinent business of the club.
- 4) Coordinates with the President and Treasurer, the setting of the annual club budget and coordinates the Board of Directors' annual review of the budget.
- 5) Prepares annual budget for the club (in coordination with the President and Treasurer) and presents to the Board of Directors.

### **Section 2: Duties of the President**

- 1) Responsible for the general direction of the club.
- 2) Appoints one member to serve as a voting member of the Board. This could include, but is not limited to the Secretary or Treasurer
- 3) Maintains up-to-date organizational chart and job descriptions.
- 4) Recruits and appoints Committee Chairmen (along with Vice President).
- 5) Communicates and interacts with the Board, Committee Chairmen and members.
- 6) Responsible for running monthly club meetings.
- 7) Overall responsibility for the financial situation of the club.
- 8) Only other club member that can write checks for the club besides the treasurer.
- 9) Places orders that incur expenses for the club or directs the treasurer to do so.
- 10) Responsible for relaying information and writing a monthly President's Corner column for the monthly newsletter and giving this information to the Newsletter committee Chairperson for publication.
- 11) Calls for Waterdog of the Year nominations in accordance with Article XI.
- 12) Presents Waterdog of the Year award to winner at the End of the Year Banquet.
- 13) Responsible for updating members on any organization that the Club is associated with.
- 14) Prepares annual budget for the club (in coordination with the Board Chairman and Treasurer) and presents to the Board of Directors.
- 15) Delegates pertinent responsibilities to club Officers, Committee Chairmen, or club members.
- 16) Represents the Club in its relationships to other clubs and organizations and is the designated club spokesperson.
- 17) Plans, develops, directs, coordinates, and evaluates (along with the Board of Directors) club direction, goals, and activities.
- 18) Responsible for preparing Vice President for eventual presidential responsibilities.

### **Section 3: Duties of the Vice President**

- 1) Prepares for eventual presidency of the club by working closely with the club President.
- 2) Runs monthly meetings/other activities in absence of the President.
- 3) Is a member of the Board of Directors.
- 4) Recruits and appoints Committee Chairmen (along with President).
- 5) Communicates and interacts with the Board, Committee Chairmen and members.
- 6) Responsible for welcoming and orientation of new members.
- 7) Assists President in planning, developing, directing, coordinating, and evaluating the club direction, goals, and activities.

### **Section 4: Duties of the Treasurer**

- 1) Reports to the President.
- 2) Prepares annual budget for the club (in coordination with the Board Chairman and President) and presents to the Board of Directors.
- 3) Responsible for record keeping of club revenues and expenditures (i.e. dues, raffle, banquet, trophies, seminars, etc.).
- 4) Gives Treasurer's report at monthly meetings and prepares a written budget at the beginning of the year.
- 5) Updates President and Board of Directors on financial situation of the club and gives recommendations on finances to them.
- 6) Only member (except for the President) who can write checks for the club.
- 7) Responsible for collecting yearly club dues from members.
- 8) Reimburses club members for expenses (with receipts only).
- 9) Files all receipts from club expenditures.
- 10) Pays club bills, speakers, etc.
- 11) Places orders (in coordination with President/Vice President) that incur expenses for club.
- 12) Keeps a *current* membership paid list and keeps President and Vice President updated.
- 13) Files all canceled checks and bank statements from the club.
- 14) Will always maintain a minimum of \$100 in the club checking account.

### **Section 5: Duties of the Secretary**

- 1) Reports to the President.
- 2) The Secretary will take minutes at all Board meetings.
- 3) Responsible for maintaining an up-to-date member roster and provides the official copy to the Communications committee for publication in the newsletter.
- 4) Responsible for maintaining a waiting list for potential members and providing the names to the Communications committee for publication in the newsletter.
- 5) Contacts waiting list members as openings in the club arise.
- 6) Responsible for contacting and screening potential club members.
- 7) Responsible for acquiring new member information for inclusion on the roster.
- 8) Responsible for maintaining new member packet and distributing it to new members.
- 9) Responsible maintaining monthly meeting attendance records.
- 10) Maintains a running year to year tournament winners list for club records and distribution (distributed once per year).
- 11) Maintains a running year to year *Waterdog of the Year* list for club records and distribution (distributed once per year).
- 12) Maintains the official copy of the Bylaws as directed by the Board of Directors.

## **Article VIII: Committees**

The members of the committees shall be subject to the provisions hereinafter contained and shall be responsible for the set forth.

### **Section 1: Committee Names**

The Committees will be named as follows:

- 1) Tournament Committee
- 2) Seminar Committee
- 3) Banquet Committee
- 4) Food Committee
- 5) Photography Committee
- 6) Special Services Committee
- 7) Communications Committee
- 8) Newsletter Committee
- 9) Annual Trip Committee

### **Section 2: Terms of Office**

Each Committee Chairperson(s) shall perform the duties of his office for one (1) year beginning January 1st or until his successor is duly appointed.

### **Section 3: Duties of the Tournament Committee**

- 1) Chairperson reports to President and reports on committee activities at monthly club meetings.
- 2) Responsible for selecting the tournament waters for the club tournaments.
- 3) Develops the rules and regulations for the season's tournaments and gets approval for all bylaw variances from the Board of Directors.
- 4) Responsible for obtaining information about tournament waters, access sites and conditions, parking information, driving distance, camping facilities, hotel information, DNR reports (stocking, etc.), and at least one bait shop (if pertinent) and relaying this information to the club.
- 5) Selects fishing partners pursuant to Article X.
- 6) Prepares and distributes tournament scorecards.
- 7) Calculates tournament participants' points and officially declares winners.
- 8) Provides annual tournament series results to the secretary for publishing in the membership handbook.
- 9) Forwards all tournament information to the Communication Committee for newsletter publication.
- 10) Presents tournament trophies at the annual banquet.

### **Section 4: Duties of the Seminar Committee**

- 1) Chairperson reports to President and reports on committee progress at monthly meetings.
- 2) Responsible for securing speakers to speak at monthly meetings on various topics identified by club members. These can be fishing experts, entertainment, educational, or whatever club members may have interest in (i.e. possible clinics, movies, VCRs, rod building, how to use locators, fishing weedlines, etc.). This is done in coordination with club President.
- 3) Responsible for giving information about seminars to the Communications Committee for publication in the newsletter.

### **Section 5: Duties of the Annual Trip Committee**

- 1) Chairperson reports to the President and reports on committee activities at monthly club meetings.
- 2) Chooses trip destination
- 3) Selects trip dates
- 4) Selects resort and makes reservation
- 5) Coordinates social events
- 6) Publishes travel routes, times, and procedures
- 7) Makes cabin assignments
- 8) Coordinates drive up partners
- 9) Selects fishing partners
- 10) Collects trip deposits
- 11) Responsible for collection of receipts, calculating trip costs and collecting final payments,

**Section 6: Duties of the Banquet Committee**

- 1) Chairperson reports to the Vice President and reports on committee activities at monthly club meetings.
- 2) Responsible for securing banquet facility for the 1st Thursday of November and giving this information to the President, Vice President and Secretary.
- 3) Prepares banquet budget
- 4) Prepares reservation form, receives reservations and collects banquet fees.
- 5) Prepares banquet program
- 6) Determines and purchases door prizes
- 7) Assigns purchasing and presentation of gifts at the banquet for:
  - a) Captain of the year
  - b) Swabbie of the year
  - c) Waterdog of the year
  - d) President's award
- 8) Solicits nominations and awards Weenie of the Year award.
- 9) Orders trophies, plaques or award plates for tournament winners, Waterdog of the Year, and engraving for Weenie of the Year.
- 10) Receives specifications and orders rods for series winners.
- 11) Acquire and award token gifts for 5 year anniversaries.
- 12) Emcees the annual banquet.

**Section 7: Duties of the Food Committee**

- 1) Chairperson reports to the Vice President and reports on committee activities at monthly club meetings.
- 2) Responsible for organizing food and refreshments for tournament and special outings.
- 3) Responsible for any cooking to be done at outings and tournaments.
- 4) Determines and collects food costs at all tournaments.

### **Section 8: Duties of the Photography Committee**

- 1) Chairperson reports to the Vice President and reports on committee activities at monthly meeting.
- 2) Responsible for taking photographs at all tournaments, monthly meetings, outings, the banquet and all club special events.
- 3) Collects photographs from club members.
- 4) Responsible for putting together a yearly slide show that will be shown at the banquet.
- 5) Responsible for preparing and judging the photo contest at the banquet.
- 6) Purchases and awards prizes for the banquet photo contest.

### **Section 9: Duties of the Special Services Committee Chairperson**

- 1) Chairperson reports to the Vice President and reports on committee activities at monthly club meetings.
- 2) Responsible for the development, coordination, and implementation of at least two club special project per year. This could include, but not be limited to, the following:
  - a) Environmental cleanups.
  - b) Stocking lakes and rivers.
  - c) Taking mentally/physically handicapped on a fishing outing.
  - d) Taking a 'tad' fishing.
  - e) Putting on event that could promote club public relations.
- 3) Provides event information to Newsletter Chairperson to publicize events.

### **Section 10: Duties of the Communications Committee**

- 1) Chairperson reports to the Vice President and reports on committee activities at monthly club meetings.
- 2) Responsible for maintaining club email list for club notifications.
- 3) Compiles and distributes the monthly newsletter called *The Documentary* by deadline agreed upon with the President (usually one week before monthly meeting).
- 4) Responsible for including biographies of new members in the newsletter.
- 5) Sets contribution deadlines
- 6) Responsible for gathering information from the President, Vice President, Seminar Coordinator, Treasurer, Tournament Coordinator, or other pertinent people for use in the monthly newsletter.
- 7) Selects fishing partners pursuant to Article X.

## **Article IX: Meetings**

### **Section 1: Monthly Meetings**

Meetings shall be held on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m., except as set by the President after notifying all members. Meetings will last a maximum of three (3) hours and a motion will be necessary to extend the length of the meeting. If a seminar is to be held at 7:00 p.m., the business meeting is to begin immediately after the seminar.

### **Section 2: Annual Meeting**

The December meeting shall be known as the *Annual Meeting* at which time the officers and representatives as provided under these bylaws shall be elected and appointed. All members **must** be present at this meeting. If a member is unable to attend, he must notify the President or Vice President.

### **Section 3: Special Meetings**

Special meetings may be called by the President at his pleasure, but must be called by him upon written request signed by at least five members of the club in good standing, provided due notice thereof be given the members stating the business to be considered and no other business than that specified in the call or summons shall be transacted at such special meeting.

### **Section 4: Banquet Meeting**

This Club shall hold one (1) banquet meeting annually on the first Thursday in November. This will be a family affair.

## **Section 5: Quorum**

A quorum shall be required to transact any business of the club and shall consist of ten (10) members of the club, one of whom shall be the President, Vice-president or Chairman.

## **Section 6: Due Notice**

Except as may be otherwise provided in these bylaws, *Due Notice* shall mean publication of such notice in the monthly *Dogumentary* or other written notice, either mailed or emailed to the member's last known address or email at least six (6) days prior to the date of the meeting specified.

# **Article X: Fishing Tournaments**

## **Section 1: Introduction to Club Tournaments**

To further enhance the fishing skills of the club members, the *Waterdogs* sponsors fishing tournaments during the season, with no more than two overnight tournaments. The tournaments are designed so that you can learn new techniques from different club members and are run in the spirit of friendly competition. The guidelines for each tournament are established by the Tournament Committee that will decide each year which lakes will be fished and which species will be sought. Random drawings will be held prior to each tournament to match up fishing partners. It is the responsibility of the partners to coordinate transportation and other arrangements prior to the tournament.

## **Section 2: General Tournament Rules**

All fish caught must be taken from the designated tournament waters while fishing from a boat unless otherwise specified by the tournament committee (i.e. stream trout tournament). All of the tournaments will be catch and release. If a fish is caught simultaneously by competing members and both member's hooks are clearly inside the fishes mouth then both fishermen are allowed to score the fish regardless of which member boats the fish. Fish are to be released immediately and alive after measurement is taken. All fish must be caught during the tournament hours. If a meal break is included in the tournament, no fishing is allowed during the meal break. Tournaments are for members only. Equipment and conduct must comply with state laws. Show consideration for the other guy. Competition can be fun, but remember, the reason we are together fishing is not to prove who is best, but to have fun and learn from each other! The tournament chair is the final judge and decisions are final.

## **Section 3: Specific Tournament Rules**

### **Subsection 1: Tournament Start Time**

The Tournament Committee will designate a starting time and location for each tournament. No entrants may start at any other location. Late arrivals may start when ready, and cannot make up time in extended fishing.

### **Subsection 2: Score Cards**

A Tournament Committee member will pass out score cards to each entrant before the start of each tournament.

### **Subsection 3: Measuring Fish**

When a fish is caught, the fish is measured from the tip of the nose with the mouth closed to the longest tip of the tail. Pinching the tail together is allowed, as this is the method approved for size measurement by the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Fish are measured in ½ inch increments and scored down to the nearest ½ inch.

### **Subsection 4: Release of Fish**

All tournaments will be catch and release. **Any member who keeps a game fish of any species during a tournament will be disqualified except as noted below.** This includes a member who catches and wishes to keep a trophy fish. The member will have to determine what is most important.

**Exception:** If a fish of any species is injured during a catch and, in the team's judgment, will not survive, that fish may be kept, but that fish must be counted as a 0 and reduces the allowed limit by 1.

### **Subsection 5: Weight Calculations**

All qualifying fish will have an approximate weight given according to the length to weight ratio formula for the species supplied by *In-Fisherman* magazine or the club. Entrant's largest legal limit shall count as his total weight. The following formulas for estimating weight (in pounds) are supplied by *In-Fisherman*:

Crappie:

$$\text{Weight} = \frac{\text{length}^3}{1200}$$

Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass:

$$\text{Weight} = \frac{\text{length}^3}{1600}$$

Muskie:

$$\text{Weight} = \frac{\text{length}^3}{3350}$$

Northern Pike:

$$\text{Weight} = \frac{\text{length}^3}{3500}$$

Walleye:

$$\text{Weight} = \frac{\text{length}^3}{2700}$$

This formula derived by the *Waterdogs Fishing Club*.

Tables for estimating weights of fish can be found beginning on p. 24.

### **Subsection 6: Minimum Size Limits**

The minimum size limits are as follows: Crappie, 8 inches; Largemouth Bass, 11 inches; Muskellunge, 21 inches; Northern Pike, 21 inches; Smallmouth Bass, 10 inches; and Walleye/Sauger, 14 inches.

### **Subsection 7: Live Bait**

Live bait will be allowed only in tournaments designated as live bait tournaments by the Tournament Committee.

### **Subsection 8: Timeliness**

The Tournament Committee will specify a starting time, meal break, and fishing time for each tournament. The club utilizes deadlines to mark the conclusions of a fishing event or in the case of a scheduled meal during a fishing event, a mid-event deadline for the purpose of serving the meal. It is expected that contestants (individuals and/or teams) arrive at the stated meeting place at or before such deadline or be subject to penalty for late arrival.

No fishing will be allowed on tournament waters before the start or during breaks on days of a tournament unless approved by the Board and outlined in the tournament rules.

A late arrival grace period of up to fifteen (15) minutes past a deadline is allowed. Contestants that arrive after the deadline but within the grace period will be penalized by removing the largest eligible scoring fish from their respective scorecards for that event. In the case of a mid-event deadline, the number of eligible qualifying fish for that team will also be reduced by one. Events that include both mid-event and end-event deadlines provide two separate grace period opportunities and as such, potentially two separate penalties. The penalty for late arrival after the fifteen (15) minute grace period is disqualification. In the event of a disqualification, the participant(s) will still be awarded the 1 point for participation. Contestants are reminded that radio or telephone notification to the tournament committee chairman for situations caused by mechanical failure, severe weather or other causes that are out of their control may alleviate either a penalty or disqualification; such notifications must be made before the deadline in question to be considered.



**Subsection 9: State Laws**

All participants in all tournaments must abide by all fishing and boating regulations as set by the state.

**Subsection 10: Alcoholic Beverages**

No alcoholic beverages will be allowed during the tournament.

**Subsection 11: Selection of Fishing Partners**

The Tournament and Communications Committee Chairmen are responsible for picking tournament partners. This will be done using a system that randomly selects these partners. A record keeping system (lasting two years) will keep track of who has fished with whom. If a member is selected to fish with another member, but has already fished with that person in the previous two years, the names will be put back and picked again. This is an attempt to get as many members fishing with other members as possible. In the case of an odd number of participants in the tournament, one boat will have three members. During individual tournaments each person within a three-person boat will fish independently. However, during team tournaments all parties within a three-person boat will be considered one team. Records will be kept so that no member will have to fish three in a boat until all other members have had to. All tournament participants must be available to fish at least 50% of the tournament hours to participate in a tournament.

**Subsection 12: Points**

All tournament participants will receive at least one point for attending, but not catching a minimum size fish. Three points will be received for catching a minimum size fish unless you are in the top six places in which case points are awarded as summarized in the table below:

<b>Position</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Points</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>

**Tournament Scoring**

In addition, two points will be awarded to the highest scoring fish caught. In the event of a tie, 1 point will be awarded to each fisherman included in the tie.

**Subsection 13: Ties**

In the event of a tie, both members will receive point totals for the position tied. For example: if two or more members would tie for 1st place they would all receive 1st place points. The next available position would then be bypassed. Example: in the case above there would be no 2nd place points if two members tied and no 3rd place points if three members tied. If two or more members tie for 6th place, they will all receive 6th place points.

#### **Subsection 14: Tournament Cancellations or Rescheduling**

A minimum of ten members are required to hold a tournament. If fewer than ten members are planning to attend a tournament it will be canceled and no points will be given. If weather conditions are too bad for a tournament to be held it will be canceled and no points will be given unless cancelled the day of the tournament. In that case, one point will be awarded for participation to those that were in attendance or attempting to attend at the time of the cancellation. Tournament cancellations require approval of a Quorum of the Board members. The tournament Chairperson is responsible for announcing any rescheduling or cancellation of tournaments.

#### **Subsection 15: Penalties**

Any infractions of the above rules may result in disqualification. You are responsible for yourself. Any uncertainties such as times, or other rules must be cleared before the incident. Disqualification will be made by the Board of Directors with input from the Tournament Committee Chairman.

#### **Subsection 16: Rule Changes**

Any changes to these rules will be done in coordination with the Board of Directors and the Tournament Committee.

#### **Subsection 17: Formal Protest Procedure**

Any member may file a protest at a tournament for any infraction of tournament rules by notifying his partner at the time of the alleged infraction and by notifying the Tournament Committee Chairperson or a club officer at the earliest possible opportunity. The Board of Directors will then resolve the protest.

#### **Subsection 18: Electronics**

There are currently no restrictions on the use of any legal electronic devices.

### **Section 4: Tournament Entry Fees**

There are no entry fees for tournaments. Club expenses incurred during tournaments are assumed to be covered by the club annual dues.

### **Section 5: Sharing Expenses for Tournaments/Outings**

It is expected that boat partners divide their expenses evenly among themselves. Costs will always vary according to the boat, vehicle, and distance traveled. The non-boat partner is expected to pay for ½ of the boat owner's expenses for traveling to, during, and from a club tournament or outing. It is understood that a variety of circumstances can take place, so it is expected that partners discuss finances, travel arrangements, meeting times, etc., before the function to avoid bad feelings. It must be noted that boat owners cannot charge partners for insurance, parts, repairs, or other problems that can develop while on a fishing excursion. However, non-boaters should understand that the cost of owning and operating a boat is more than the cost of gas, so don't be a cheapskate when it comes time to reimburse the boat owner. We realize it is often difficult for some people to ask for money, but please don't be afraid to ask. Non-boaters, please make a habit to ask the boat owner how much you owe.

### **Section 6: Food Expenses**

In recognition of the cost of owning, maintaining and operating a boat, the non-boater should pay for the meal expense of the captain for one main meal of the trip.

### **Section 7: Overnight Fees at Tournaments**

Overnight accommodation expenses are to be shared by those who occupy those accommodations.

### **Section 8: Awards**

Trophies or plaques will be given to the first place winner(s) of each tournament. In addition, trophies or plaques will be awarded to the three most successful fishermen for the season. The top three anglers will also receive a custom-made fishing rod. All awards will be presented at the annual banquet.

## Article XI: Waterdog of the Year

Each year one member of the club will be chosen as *Waterdog of the Year*. The Board of Directors shall select up to three nominees and the full club will elect the *Waterdog of the Year*. The club will vote on the *Waterdog of the Year* at the October meeting. Proxy votes are permitted. The award presentation will take place at the *Annual Banquet*. The *Waterdog of the Year* will receive a wall plaque proclaiming the honor and will have an award sewn on their jacket. The following criteria will be used in selecting the *Waterdog of the Year*:

1. Participation
2. Dedication
3. Leadership
4. Sportsmanship
5. Responsibility
6. Camaraderie

## Article XII: Catch and Release Recognition

Because the *Waterdogs Fishing Club* has a goal of teaching and promoting catch and release, members releasing a live, large game fish are rewarded with a catch and release patch. Catch and release recognition runs totally on the honor system.. The following table shows eligible species and minimum size requirements for release patches:

Species	Smallmouth	Largemouth	Northern	Musky	Walleye
Minimum Size	19"	20"	35"	40"	27"

Qualifying Species and Minimum Sizes for Patches

## Article XIII: General Rules

Members and their guests are not permitted to bring animals and/or pets to club functions

## Article XIV: Grievances, Problems, Ideas, Etc.

One of the functions of the club's officers and board directors is to listen to member concerns and provide guidance in diffusing conflicts and overcoming issues and challenges. Members who have concerns about the club, about club activities or another club member are urged to talk to a Board member, who will resolve the situation in the most appropriate manner.

## Article XV: Amending these Bylaws

Any club member may suggest changes to the bylaws by forwarding those suggestions to any board member. The board will then consider any possible changes and make recommendations to the entire club. Following this process, the bylaws may be amended at any regular club meeting by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote of all club members. Written and signed proxies will be accepted such a vote.

# Membership Handbook

## Estimating Weights of Fish

The following tables provide estimated weights for fish. These weights are based on the *In-Fisherman* formulas provided in the tournament rules. Tables are given for crappies, largemouth and smallmouth bass, muskellunge, northern pike, and walleyes.

Estimated Weights of Crappies			
8.0- 13 Inches		13.5-18.5 Inches	
Length (Inches)	Weight (Pounds)	Length (Inches)	Weight (Pounds)
8	0.4	13.5	2.1
8.5	0.5	14	2.3
9	0.6	14.5	2.5
9.5	0.7	15	2.8
10	0.8	15.5	3.1
10.5	1.0	16	3.4
11	1.1	16.5	3.7
11.5	1.3	17	4.1
12	1.4	17.5	4.5
12.5	1.6	18	4.9
13	1.8	18.5	5.3

Estimated Weights of Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass			
10.0-21.0 Inches		21.5-32.5 Inches	
Length (Inches)	Weight (Pounds)	Length (Inches)	Weight (Pounds)
10	0.6	21.5	6.2
10.5	0.7	22	6.7
11	0.8	22.5	7.1
11.5	1.0	23	7.6
12	1.1	23.5	8.1
12.5	1.2	24	8.6
13	1.4	24.5	9.2
13.5	1.5	25	9.8
14	1.7	25.5	10.4
14.5	1.9	26	11.0
15	2.1	26.5	11.6
15.5	2.3	27	12.3
16	2.6	27.5	13.0
16.5	2.8	28	13.7
17	3.1	28.5	14.5
17.5	3.3	29	15.2
18	3.6	29.5	16.0
18.5	4.0	30	16.9
19	4.3	30.5	17.7
19.5	4.6	31	18.6
20	5.0	31.5	19.5
20.5	5.4	32	20.5
21	5.8	32.5	21.5

Estimated Weights of Bluegills (Any Sunfish)			
8.0- 13 Inches		13.5-18.5 Inches	
Length (Inches)	Weight (Pounds)	Length (Inches)	Weight (Pounds)
7.0	0.2	11.0	1.1
7.5	0.3	11.5	1.3
8.0	0.4	12.0	1.5
8.5	0.5	12.5	1.7
9.0	0.6	13.0	1.9
9.5	0.7	13.5	2.2
10.0	0.8	14.0	2.4
10.5	1.0	14.5	2.7

<b>Length to Weight Conversion</b>			
<b>All Salmonids</b>			
<b>Length (inches)</b>	<b>Weight (lbs)</b>	<b>Length (inches)</b>	<b>Weight (lbs)</b>
8.00	0.10	20.00	1.93
8.50	0.12	20.50	2.09
9.00	0.14	21.00	2.26
9.50	0.17	21.50	2.44
10.00	0.20	22.00	2.63
10.50	0.24	22.50	2.83
11.00	0.28	23.00	3.04
11.50	0.32	23.50	3.26
12.00	0.37	24.00	3.50
12.50	0.42	24.50	3.74
13.00	0.47	25.00	3.99
13.50	0.54	25.50	4.26
14.00	0.60	26.00	4.54
14.50	0.68	26.50	4.83
15.00	0.76	27.00	5.13
15.50	0.84	27.50	5.45
16.00	0.93	28.00	5.78
16.50	1.03	28.50	6.12
17.00	1.14	29.00	6.48
17.50	1.25	29.50	6.85
18.00	1.37	30.00	7.23
18.50	1.50	30.50	7.63
19.00	1.63	31.00	8.05
19.50	1.78		

<b>Estimated Weights of Muskies</b>					
21.0-33.0 Inches		33.5-45.5 Inches		46.0-58.0 Inches	
<b>Length</b> (Inches)	<b>Weight</b> (Pounds)	<b>Length</b> (Inches)	<b>Weight</b> (Pounds)	<b>Length</b> (Inches)	<b>Weight</b> (Pounds)
21	2.8	33.5	11.2	46	29.1
21.5	3.0	34	11.7	46.5	30.0
22	3.2	34.5	12.3	47	31.0
22.5	3.4	35	12.8	47.5	32.0
23	3.6	35.5	13.4	48	33.0
23.5	3.9	36	13.9	48.5	34.1
24	4.1	36.5	14.5	49	35.1
24.5	4.4	37	15.1	49.5	36.2
25	4.7	37.5	15.7	50	37.3
25.5	4.9	38	16.4	50.5	38.4
26	5.2	38.5	17.0	51	39.6
26.5	5.6	39	17.7	51.5	40.8
27	5.9	39.5	18.4	52	42.0
27.5	6.2	40	19.1	52.5	43.2
28	6.6	40.5	19.8	53	44.4
28.5	6.9	41	20.6	53.5	45.7
29	7.3	41.5	21.3	54	47.0
29.5	7.7	42	22.1	54.5	48.3
30	8.1	42.5	22.9	55	49.7
30.5	8.5	43	23.7	55.5	51.0
31	8.9	43.5	24.6	56	52.4
31.5	9.3	44	25.4	56.5	53.8
32	9.8	44.5	26.3	57	55.3
32.5	10.2	45	27.2	57.5	56.7
33	10.7	45.5	28.1	58	58.2

<b>Estimated Weights of Northern Pike</b>					
21.0-33.0 Inches		33.5-45.5 Inches		46.0-58.0 Inches	
<b>Length (Inches)</b>	<b>Weight (Pounds)</b>	<b>Length (Inches)</b>	<b>Weight (Pounds)</b>	<b>Length (Inches)</b>	<b>Weight (Pounds)</b>
21	2.6	33.5	10.7	46	27.8
21.5	2.8	34	11.2	46.5	28.7
22	3.0	34.5	11.7	47	29.7
22.5	3.3	35	12.3	47.5	30.6
23	3.5	35.5	12.8	48	31.6
23.5	3.7	36	13.3	48.5	32.6
24	3.9	36.5	13.9	49	33.6
24.5	4.2	37	14.5	49.5	34.7
25	4.5	37.5	15.1	50	35.7
25.5	4.7	38	15.7	50.5	36.8
26	5.0	38.5	16.3	51	37.9
26.5	5.3	39	16.9	51.5	39.0
27	5.6	39.5	17.6	52	40.2
27.5	5.9	40	18.3	52.5	41.3
28	6.3	40.5	19.0	53	42.5
28.5	6.6	41	19.7	53.5	43.8
29	7.0	41.5	20.4	54	45.0
29.5	7.3	42	21.2	54.5	46.3
30	7.7	42.5	21.9	55	47.5
30.5	8.1	43	22.7	55.5	48.8
31	8.5	43.5	23.5	56	50.2
31.5	8.9	44	24.3	56.5	51.5
32	9.4	44.5	25.2	57	52.9
32.5	9.8	45	26.0	57.5	54.3
33	10.3	45.5	26.9	58	55.7

<b>Estimated Weights of Walleyes</b>			
14.0-26.5 Inches		27.0-39.5 Inches	
<b>Length (Inches)</b>	<b>Weight (Pounds)</b>	<b>Length (Inches)</b>	<b>Weight (Pounds)</b>
14	1.0	27	7.3
14.5	1.1	27.5	7.7
15	1.3	28	8.1
15.5	1.4	28.5	8.6
16	1.5	29	9.0
16.5	1.7	29.5	9.5
17	1.8	30	10.0
17.5	2.0	30.5	10.5
18	2.2	31	11.0
18.5	2.3	31.5	11.6
19	2.5	32	12.1
19.5	2.7	32.5	12.7
20	3.0	33	13.3
20.5	3.2	33.5	13.9
21	3.4	34	14.6
21.5	3.7	34.5	15.2
22	3.9	35	15.9
22.5	4.2	35.5	16.6
23	4.5	36	17.3
23.5	4.8	36.5	18.0
24	5.1	37	18.8
24.5	5.4	37.5	19.5
25	5.8	38	20.3
25.5	6.1	38.5	21.1
26	6.5	39	22.0
26.5	6.9	39.5	22.8



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**Waterdogs Multi-Species Point System for Trout**

<b>Length (inches)</b>	<b>Brook</b>	<b>Brown</b>	<b>Rainbow</b>	<b>Length (inches)</b>	<b>Brook</b>	<b>Brown</b>	<b>Rainbow</b>
8.00	10.00			23		140	138.4615
8.50	19.00			23.5		144	142.3077
9.00	28.00	10.00	10.00	24		148	146.1538
9.50	37.00	15.00	15.00	24.5		152	150
10.00	46.00	20.00	20.00	25		156	153.8462
10.50	55.00	25.00	25.00	25.5		160	157.6923
11.00	64.00	30.00	30.00	26		164	161.5385
11.50	73.00	35.00	35.00	26.5		168	165.3846
12.00	82.00	40.00	40.00	27		172	169.2308
12.50	91.00	45.00	45.00	27.5		176	173.0769
13.00	100.00	50.00	50.00	28		180	176.9231
13.50	105.26	55.00	55.00	28.5		184	180.7692
14.00	110.53	60.00	60.00	29		188	184.6154
14.50	115.79	65.00	65.00	29.5		192	188.4615
15.00	121.05	70.00	70.00	30		196	192.3077
15.50	126.32	75.00	75.00	30.5		200	196.1538
16.00	131.58	80.00	80.00	31			200
16.50	136.84	85.00	85.00				
17.00	142.11	90.00	90.00				
17.50	147.37	95.00	95.00				
18.00	152.63	100.00	100.00				
18.50	157.89	104.00	103.85				
19.00	163.16	108.00	107.69				
19.50	168.42	112.00	111.54				
20.00	173.68	116.00	115.38				
20.50	178.95	120.00	119.23				
21.00	184.21	124.00	123.08				
21.50	189.47	128.00	126.92				
22.00	194.74	132.00	130.77				
22.50	200.00	136.00	134.62				

**Waterdogs Multispecies Point System**

<b>Length (Inches)</b>	<b>Crappie</b>	<b>SM Bass</b>	<b>LM Bass</b>	<b>Walleye</b>	<b>Northern</b>	<b>Musky</b>	<b>Length (Inches)</b>	<b>Walleye</b>	<b>Northern</b>	<b>Musky</b>
8	10.0						33	176.6	85.7	46.8
8.5	13.8						33.5	180.4	89.2	48.4
9	17.5						34	184.2	92.8	50.0
9.5	21.3						34.5	188.0	96.4	54.2
10	25.0	10.0					35	191.8	100.0	58.3
10.5	31.3	13.8					35.5	195.6	105.0	62.5
11	37.5	17.5	10.0				36	199.4	110.0	66.6
11.5	43.8	21.3	12.5				36.5		115.0	70.8
12	50.0	25.0	15.0				37		120.0	75.0
12.5	62.5	29.2	17.5				37.5		125.0	79.1
13	75.0	33.3	20.0				38		130.0	83.3
13.5	87.5	37.5	22.5				38.5		135.0	87.4
14	100.0	41.6	25.0	10.0			39		140.0	91.6
14.5	116.7	45.8	28.0	13.8			39.5		145.0	95.7
15	133.4	50.0	31.0	17.5			40		150.0	100.0
15.5	150.0	56.3	34.0	21.3			40.5		151.7	102.9
16	158.3	62.5	37.0	25.0			41		153.5	105.9
16.5	166.6	68.8	40.0	28.1			41.5		155.2	108.8
17	174.9	75.0	45.0	31.3			42		157.0	111.8
17.5	183.2	81.3	50.0	34.4			42.5		158.7	114.7
18	191.5	87.5	55.0	37.5			43		160.5	117.7
18.5	200.0	93.8	60.0	40.6			43.5		162.2	120.6
19		100.0	73.3	43.8			44		164.0	123.6
19.5		112.5	86.6	46.9			44.5		165.7	126.5
20		125.0	100.0	50.0			45		167.5	129.5
20.5		137.5	110.0	53.6			45.5		169.2	132.4
21		150.0	120.0	57.1	10.0	10.0	46		171.0	135.4
21.5		160.0	130.0	60.7	13.8	11.5	46.5		172.7	138.3
22		170.0	140.0	64.3	17.5	13.0	47		174.5	141.3
22.5		180.0	150.0	71.4	21.3	14.5	47.5		176.2	144.2
23		190.0	162.5	75.0	25.0	16.0	48		178.0	147.2
23.5		200.0	175.0	78.6	27.5	17.5	48.5		179.7	150.0
24			187.5	82.1	30.0	19.0	49		181.5	152.9
24.5			200.0	85.7	32.5	20.5	49.5		183.2	155.9
25				89.3	35.0	22.0	50		185.0	158.8
25.5				92.8	37.5	23.5	50.5		186.7	161.8
26				96.4	40.0	25.0	51		188.5	164.7
26.5				100.0	42.5	26.6	51.5		190.2	167.7
27				108.3	45.0	28.1	52		192.0	170.6
27.5				116.6	47.5	29.7	52.5		193.7	173.6
28				124.9	50.0	31.2	53		195.5	176.5
28.5				133.2	53.6	32.8	53.5		197.2	179.5
29				141.5	57.1	34.4	54		199.0	182.4
29.5				150.0	60.7	35.9	54.5		200.7	185.4
30				153.8	64.3	37.5	55			188.3
30.5				157.6	67.9	39.0	55.5			191.3
31				161.4	71.4	40.6	56			194.2
31.5				165.2	75.0	42.2	56.5			197.2
32				169.0	78.6	43.7	57			200.0
32.5				172.8	82.1	45.3				

Waterdogs Extended Multispecies Point System									
7 - 29 inches					29.5 - 51.5 inches			57 - 70 Inches	
Length (Inches)	Bluegill (Any Sunfish)	White Bass	Catfish (Flathead - Channel)	Sturgeon (Lake & Shovelnose)	Length (Inches)	Catfish (Flathead - Channel)	Sturgeon (Lake & Shovelnose)	Length (Inches)	Sturgeon (Lake & Shovelnose)
7	10.0				29.5	72.1	39.5	52	114.3
7.5	21.3				30	74.3	41.0	52.5	116.7
8	32.5				30.5	76.4	42.6	53	119.0
8.5	43.8				31	78.6	44.1	53.5	121.4
9	55.0	10.0			31.5	80.7	45.7	54	123.8
9.5	66.3	18.2			32	82.9	47.2	54.5	126.2
10	77.5	26.4			32.5	85.0	48.8	55	128.6
10.5	88.8	34.5			33	87.1	50.3	55.5	131.0
11	100.0	42.7			33.5	89.3	51.9	56	133.3
11.5	114.3	50.9			34	91.4	53.4	56.5	135.7
12	128.6	59.1			34.5	93.6	55.0	57	138.1
12.5	142.9	67.3			35	95.7	56.6	57.5	140.5
13	157.1	75.5			35.5	97.9	58.1	58	142.9
13.5	171.4	83.6			36	100.0	59.7	58.5	145.2
14	185.7	91.8			36.5	103.2	61.2	59	147.6
14.5	200.0	100.0			37	106.5	62.8	59.5	150.0
15		112.5	10.0		37.5	109.7	64.3	60	152.4
15.5		125.0	12.1		38	112.9	65.9	60.5	154.8
16		137.5	14.3		38.5	116.1	67.4	61	157.1
16.5		150.0	16.4		39	119.4	69.0	61.5	159.5
17		162.5	18.6		39.5	122.6	70.5	62	161.9
17.5		175.0	20.7		40	125.8	72.1	62.5	164.3
18		187.5	22.9		40.5	129.0	73.6	63	166.7
18.5		200.0	25.0		41	132.3	75.2	63.5	169.0
19			27.1		41.5	135.5	76.7	64	171.4
19.5			29.3		42	138.7	78.3	64.5	173.8
20			31.4	10.0	42.5	141.9	79.8	65	176.2
20.5			33.6	11.6	43	145.2	81.4	65.5	178.6
21			35.7	13.1	43.5	148.4	82.9	66	181.0
21.5			37.9	14.7	44	151.6	84.5	66.5	183.3
22			40.0	16.2	44.5	154.8	86.0	67	185.7
22.5			42.1	17.8	45	158.1	87.6	67.5	188.1
23			44.3	19.3	45.5	161.3	89.1	68	190.5
23.5			46.4	20.9	46	164.5	90.7	68.5	192.9
24			48.6	22.4	46.5	167.7	92.2	69	195.2
24.5			50.7	24.0	47	171.0	93.8	69.5	197.6
25			52.9	25.5	47.5	174.2	95.3	70	200.0
25.5			55.0	27.1	48	177.4	96.9		
26			57.1	28.6	48.5	180.6	98.4		
26.5			59.3	30.2	49	183.9	100.0		
27			61.4	31.7	49.5	187.1	102.4		
27.5			63.6	33.3	50	190.3	104.8		
28			65.7	34.8	50.5	193.5	107.1		
28.5			67.9	36.4	51	196.8	109.5		
29			70.0	37.9	51.5	200.0	111.9		

## Tournament Results

<b>Tournament Results 1983-1987</b>				
	<b>Date</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Lake</b>	<b>Winner</b>
<b>1983</b>	May	Walleye	Lake Alexander	Pete Wehner
	June	Walleye	Mille Lacs Lake	Pete Wehner
	July	Bass	South Cedar Lake	Scott Beaty
	August	Bass	Lake Minnetonka	Scott Beaty
	September	Northern	Clearwater Lake	Scott Beaty
<b>1984</b>	April	Crappies	Canceled	
	May	Walleye	Knife Lake	John Benshoof
	June	Walleye	Mille Lacs Lake	Mike Berglund
	July	Bass	Lake Alexander	Scott Beaty
	August	Bass	Big Birch Lake	Brad Beaty
	September	Northern	Medicine Lake	Dan Swanson
<b>1985</b>	April	Crappies	Cedar Lake	Bob Sarff
	May	Walleye	Madison Lake	Scott Beaty
	June	Walleye & Smallmouth	Green Lake	Dave Idso
	July	Bass 2 man teams	Lake Minnetonka	Gary Sande and Mark Johnson
	August	Bass	Big Birch Lake	Rick Brachvogel
	September	Northern	Lake Minnetonka	Bill Dickey
	October	Multi-species	St. Croix River	Leon Kosel
<b>1986</b>	April	Crappies	Prior Lake	Brad Beaty
	June	Bass	Lobster Lake	Brad Beaty
	June	Walleye	Madison Lake	Keith Travers
	July	Northern	Lake Koronis	John Finley
	August	Bass	Lake Minnetonka	Stanley Morgan
	September	Multi-species	Big Birch Lake	Bob Dickey
	October	Walleye	Howard Lake	Jerry Krekelberg
<b>1987</b>	May	Walleye	Fish Trap Lake	Mike Berglund, Chris Covert, and Bary Easton
	June	Walleye	Lake Osakis	Gary Sande
	July	Bass	Cedar Lake	Scott Beaty
	August	Bass	Medicine Lake	Mike Sinacek
	September	Multi-species 2 man teams	Lake Minnetonka	Scott Beaty and Jeff Koelmel

### **Tournament Results 1988-1992**

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Lake</b>	<b>Winner</b>
<b>1988</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Walleye</b>	<b>Lake Shamineau</b>	<b>Peter Bachman and Phil Mattison</b>
	<b>June</b>	<b>Bass</b>	<b>North Center &amp; South Center</b>	<b>Paul Blixt</b>
	<b>July</b>	<b>Walleye</b>	<b>Mille Lacs Lake</b>	<b>Chris Covert and Bob Dickey</b>
	<b>August</b>	<b>Bass</b>	<b>Cedar Lake</b>	<b>Bob Dickey</b>
	<b>September</b>	<b>Multi-species 2 man teams</b>	<b>Lake Minnetonka</b>	<b>Scott Beaty and Larry Smiley</b>
<b>1989</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Walleye</b>	<b>Howard Lake</b>	<b>Randy Hart</b>
	<b>June</b>	<b>Bass</b>	<b>Lake Waconia</b>	<b>Chris Covert</b>
	<b>July</b>	<b>Walleye</b>	<b>Mille Lacs Lake</b>	<b>Pete Geier</b>
	<b>August</b>	<b>Multi-species 2 man teams</b>	<b>Lake Minnetonka</b>	<b>Randy Bobst and Lynn Schwankl</b>
	<b>September</b>	<b>Bass</b>	<b>Big Marine Lake</b>	<b>Peter Bachman</b>
<b>1990</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Walleye</b>	<b>Big Stone Lake</b>	<b>Jeff Nadeau</b>
	<b>June</b>	<b>Bass</b>	<b>Clearwater Lake</b>	<b>Bob Dickey</b>
	<b>July</b>	<b>Walleye</b>	<b>Mille Lacs Lake</b>	<b>Rick Anderson</b>
	<b>August</b>	<b>Multi-species 2 man teams</b>	<b>Mississippi River</b>	<b>Dave Anderson and Bob Dickey</b>
	<b>September</b>	<b>Bass</b>	<b>Lake Minnetonka</b>	<b>Dave Johnson</b>
<b>1991</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Walleye 2 man teams</b>	<b>Lake Alexander</b>	<b>Scott Beaty and Lynn Schwankl</b>
	<b>June</b>	<b>Walleye</b>	<b>Big Stone Lake</b>	<b>Ron Reigle</b>
	<b>June</b>	<b>Bass</b>	<b>Lake Waconia</b>	<b>Scott Beaty</b>
	<b>July</b>	<b>Multi-species 2 man teams</b>	<b>Lake Independence</b>	<b>Rick Anderson and Scott Beaty</b>
	<b>September</b>	<b>Bass</b>	<b>Clearwater Lake</b>	<b>Bob Blakely</b>
<b>1992</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Walleye</b>	<b>Madison Lake</b>	<b>No winner</b>
	<b>June</b>	<b>Bass</b>	<b>Lake Minnetonka</b>	<b>Paul Johnson</b>
	<b>June</b>	<b>Walleye</b>	<b>Mille Lacs Lake</b>	<b>Bob Dickey</b>
	<b>July</b>	<b>Multi-species 2 man teams</b>	<b>Forest Lake</b>	<b>Greg Eagle and Steve Haagenson</b>
	<b>September</b>	<b>Bass</b>	<b>Prior Lake</b>	<b>Ron Reigle</b>

### **Tournament Results 1993-1995**

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Lake</b>	<b>Winner</b>
<b>1993</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Walleye</b>	<b>St. Croix River</b>	<b>Dave Anderson</b>
	<b>June</b>	<b>Multi-species 2 man teams</b>	<b>Leech Lake</b>	<b>Paul Norstrem and Terry Petrik</b>
	<b>July</b>	<b>Bass</b>	<b>Lake Minnetonka</b>	<b>Mark Bystrom</b>
	<b>August</b>	<b>Bass 2 man teams</b>	<b>Cedar Lake</b>	<b>Rick Anderson/Randy Hart &amp; Ron Reigle/Gary Sande</b>
	<b>September</b>	<b>Muskie</b>	<b>Balsam, Bone, and Deer Lakes</b>	<b>Rick Anderson</b>
<b>1994</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Walleye</b>	<b>Shields lake</b>	<b>Ron Boudreaux</b>
	<b>June</b>	<b>Bass</b>	<b>Lake Minnetonka</b>	<b>Chris Covert</b>
	<b>June</b>	<b>Walleye 2-man teams</b>	<b>West Battle Lake</b>	<b>Ron Reigle/ Greg Salmi</b>
	<b>July</b>	<b>Multi-species 2 man teams</b>	<b>Big Birch Lake</b>	<b>Scott Beaty/ Scott Schwab</b>
	<b>August</b>	<b>Bass</b>	<b>Clearwater Lake</b>	<b>Pete Geier</b>
<b>1995</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Walleye 2 man teams</b>	<b>St. Croix River</b>	<b>Terry Petrik/ Steve Dupont</b>
	<b>June</b>	<b>Multi-species 2 man teams</b>	<b>Lake Minnetonka</b>	<b>David Strock/ Bob Blakely</b>
	<b>June</b>	<b>Walleye</b>	<b>Lake Mille Lacs</b>	<b>Ron Boudreaux</b>
	<b>July</b>	<b>Bass</b>	<b>Lake Independence</b>	<b>Scott Bugge</b>
	<b>September</b>	<b>Bass</b>	<b>Chisago Lake</b>	<b>Mark Bystrom</b>

### **Tournament Results 1996 - 1998**

1996	May	Walleye	Big Stone Lake	Scott Hennessy
	June	Multi-species 2 Man teams	Leech Lake	Mark Bystrom/ Jerry Krekelberg
	July	Bass	Lake Minnetonka	Scott Bugge
	August	Bass	Clearwater Lake	Greg Eagle
	September	Walleye 2 Man Teams	Green Lake	Steve Haagenson - Ron Reigle
1997	May	Team Walleye	Lake Mille Lacs	Todd/Dankert - Steve Haagenson
	June	Megabucks Team Bass	Lake Waconia	Terry Petrik - Dave Anderson - Rick Anderson Frank Tenczar
	June	Team Multi- species	Rush Lake	Ron Reigle - Mark Bystrom
	August	Bass	Prior Lake	Scott Bugge
	September	Walleye	Green Lake	No Winner
	October	Team Multi- species	Lake Minnetonka	Todd Dankert - Jay Dupree
	1998	April	Team Walleye	Mississippi River
	May	Megabucks Team Bass	Big Marine	Rick Anderson – Bob Raymo
	June	Team Multi- species	Leech Lake	Scott Bugge – Jay Dupree
	July	Bass	Lake Minnetonka	Greg Eagle
	August	Team Smallmouth	Lake Mille Lacs	Jay Dupree – Dave Strock
	September	Walleye	Clearwater	Scott Bugge

### **Tournament Results 1999-2001**

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Lake</b>	<b>Winner</b>
<b>1999</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Team Walleye</b>	<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>Dave Anderson – Jeff Lantto</b>
	<b>May</b>	<b>Walleye</b>	<b>Lake Koronis</b>	<b>Jay Dupree</b>
	<b>June</b>	<b>Team Multi-species</b>	<b>Pelican</b>	<b>Chris Downey – Tim Yanta</b>
	<b>July</b>	<b>Bass</b>	<b>Le Homme Dieu</b>	<b>James Ferstenou</b>
	<b>September</b>	<b>Team Bass</b>	<b>Big Marine</b>	<b>Dave Anderson – Doug Squire</b>
	<b>October</b>	<b>Team Multi-species</b>	<b>Lake Minnetonka</b>	<b>Laun Sanderson – Todd Dankert</b>
<b>2000</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>Team Crappie</b>	<b>Clearwater</b>	<b>Todd Dankert – Bruce Adams</b>
	<b>May</b>	<b>Walleye</b>	<b>Winnebigosh</b>	<b>Tim Yanta</b>
	<b>June</b>	<b>Bass</b>	<b>Lake Minnetonka</b>	<b>Rick Anderson</b>
	<b>June</b>	<b>Team Multi-species</b>	<b>Little Boy</b>	<b>Dave Strock – Doug Squire</b>
	<b>August</b>	<b>Team Multi-species</b>	<b>Rush Lake</b>	<b>Todd Dankert – Scott Bugge</b>
<b>2001</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>Team Crappie</b>	<b>Clearwater</b>	<b>Todd Dankert – Laun Sanderson</b>
	<b>June</b>	<b>Walleye</b>	<b>St. Louis River</b>	<b>Todd Dankert</b>
	<b>June</b>	<b>Team Multi-species</b>	<b>White Bear Lake</b>	<b>Ron Reigle – Tim Yanta</b>
	<b>July</b>	<b>Team Multi-species</b>	<b>Lake Vermillion</b>	<b>Dave Anderson – Terry Petrik</b>
	<b>August</b>	<b>Muskie/Pike</b>	<b>Lake Mille Lacs</b>	<b>Chris Downey – Greg Eagle</b>
	<b>September</b>	<b>Bass</b>	<b>Lake Waconia</b>	<b>Rained out</b>



### **Tournament Results 2002-2004**

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Lake</b>	<b>Winner</b>
<b>2002</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Walleye</b>	<b>St. Louis River</b>	<b>Tony Kuechle</b>
	<b>June</b>	<b>Team Multi-species</b>	<b>Lake Waconia</b>	<b>Dave Anderson &amp; Doug Squire</b>
	<b>July</b>	<b>Bass</b>	<b>Lindstrom- Center Lakes</b>	<b>Bob Dickey</b>
	<b>August</b>	<b>Team Musky/Pike</b>	<b>Lake Minnetonka</b>	<b>Matt Mueller &amp; Todd Witzman</b>
	<b>September</b>	<b>SM Bass</b>	<b>Rum River</b>	<b>James Ferstenou</b>
	<b>September</b>	<b>Team Walleye</b>	<b>Mille Lacs</b>	<b>Chris Downey, Todd Witzman, Kevin Killian</b>
<b>2003</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>Team Trout</b>	<b>SE Minnesota</b>	<b>Rick Anderson &amp; Jerry Krekelberg</b>
	<b>April</b>	<b>Crappie</b>	<b>Clearwater</b>	<b>Tim Yanta</b>
	<b>May</b>	<b>Walleye</b>	<b>St. Croix River</b>	<b>Todd Dankert</b>
	<b>June</b>	<b>Bass</b>	<b>Dakota County</b>	<b>James Ferstenou</b>
	<b>August</b>	<b>Team Multi-species</b>	<b>Leech Lake</b>	<b>Paul Johnson &amp; Karl Hamre</b>
<b>2004</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>Team Trout</b>	<b>Whitewater Valley</b>	<b>Rick Anderson &amp; Ron Reigle</b>
	<b>May</b>	<b>Crappie</b>	<b>Lake Koronis</b>	<b>James Ferstenou</b>
	<b>May</b>	<b>Walleye</b>	<b>St. Croix River</b>	<b>Steven Dupont</b>
	<b>June</b>	<b>Team Bass</b>	<b>Lake Minnetonka</b>	<b>Paul Johnson &amp; Steven Dupont</b>
	<b>August</b>	<b>Team Multi-Species</b>	<b>Vermillion</b>	<b>Paul Johnson &amp; Tim Yanta</b>
	<b>September</b>	<b>Team Multi-species</b>	<b>Chippewa Flowage</b>	<b>Bob Dickey &amp; Laun Sanderson</b>
	<b>October</b>	<b>Team Bass</b>	<b>Clearwater</b>	<b>Paul Johnson &amp; John Schaffhausen</b>

### **Tournament Results 2005-2006**

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Lake</b>	<b>Winner</b>
<b>2005</b>	<b>March 19</b>	<b>Team Trout</b>	<b>Root River</b>	<b>Paul Johnson &amp; Rick Anderson</b>
	<b>April 30</b>	<b>Team Crappie</b>	<b>Prior Lake</b>	<b>Scott Hennessy &amp; James Ferstenou</b>
	<b>June 4-5</b>	<b>Team Walleye</b>	<b>St. Louis River</b>	<b>Matt Mueller &amp; Tom Keller</b>
	<b>June 24</b>	<b>Team Multi-species</b>	<b>Lake Minnetonka</b>	<b>Bob Blakley &amp; Bob Raymo</b>
	<b>August 20</b>	<b>Team Bass</b>	<b>Rush Lake</b>	<b>Bob Dickey &amp; Brandon Happel</b>
	<b>September 17</b>	<b>Team Muskie &amp; Pike</b>	<b>Mille Lacs</b>	<b>Ron Reigle &amp; Paul Johnson</b>
<b>2006</b>	<b>March 18</b>	<b>Team Trout</b>	<b>Whitewater River</b>	<b>Paul Johnson &amp; Dave Anderson</b>
	<b>April 29</b>	<b>Team Crappie</b>	<b>Chisago Chain</b>	<b>James Ferstenou &amp; Matt Mueller</b>
	<b>June 3-4</b>	<b>Team Walleye</b>	<b>Gull Lake</b>	<b>James Ferstenou &amp; Bob Blakely</b>
	<b>June 16-17</b>	<b>Team Bass</b>	<b>Carver County</b>	<b>James Ferstenou &amp; Dave Anderson</b>
	<b>August 19</b>	<b>Team Multi-species</b>	<b>Lake Wissota</b>	<b>Bob Blakely &amp; Dave Anderson</b>
	<b>September 9</b>	<b>Team Muskie &amp; Pike</b>	<b>Lake Minnetonka</b>	<b>Bob Dickey &amp; Rick Wagner</b>
	<b>October 14</b>	<b>Team Bass</b>	<b>Rum River</b>	<b>Kirk Duholm &amp; Brian Karsjens</b>

### **Tournament Results 2007-2008**

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Lake</b>	<b>Winner</b>
<b>2007</b>	<b>March 17</b>	<b>Team Trout</b>	<b>Kinnickinnic &amp; Rush Rivers</b>	<b>Bob Blakely &amp; Kirk Duholm</b>
	<b>April 28</b>	<b>Team Crappie</b>	<b>Lake Minnetonka</b>	<b>Dave Anderson &amp; Doug Squire</b>
	<b>June 2-3</b>	<b>Team Walleye</b>	<b>St Louis River</b>	<b>James Ferstenou, Kevin Miller &amp; Scott Squire</b>
	<b>June 15-16</b>	<b>Team Bass</b>	<b>Carver County</b>	<b>Bob Dickey &amp; Bob Leibrock</b>
	<b>August 18</b>	<b>Team Multi-species</b>	<b>Lake Pepin</b>	<b>Scott Hennessy, Tom Keller &amp; Rick Wagner</b>
<b>2008</b>	<b>September 15</b>	<b>Team Muskie &amp; Pike</b>	<b>Lakes Minnetonka, Waconia &amp; Independence</b>	<b>Bob Blakely &amp; Jerry Krekelberg</b>
	<b>March 15</b>	<b>Team Trout</b>	<b>Kinnickinnic &amp; Rush Rivers</b>	<b>Mark Bystrom &amp; Kirk Duholm</b>
	<b>April 26 / May 3</b>	<b>Team Crappie</b>	<b>Pokegema (Pine County)</b>	<b>Weather Cancellation</b>
	<b>May 31</b>	<b>Team Walleye / SM Bass</b>	<b>Green Lake Kandiyohi County</b>	<b>Mark Bystrom &amp; Brian Karsjens</b>
	<b>June 20</b>	<b>Team Bass</b>	<b>Lake Sylvia Wright County</b>	<b>Bob Dickey &amp; Tim Yanta</b>
	<b>September 13</b>	<b>Team Multi-species</b>	<b>Mille Lacs</b>	<b>Mark Bystrom &amp; James Ferstenou</b>
	<b>October 11</b>	<b>Team SM Bass</b>	<b>Rum River</b>	<b>Rick Anderson &amp; Tim Yanta</b>

## Tournament Results 2009-2011

	Date	Species	Lake	Winner
2009	March 21	Team Trout	Kinnickinnic & Rush Rivers	James Ferstenou & Jeff Lantto
	April 25	Team Crappie	Lake Washington	Kirk Duholm & Brian Karsjens
	May 30 & 31	Team Walleye	Big Stone Lake	Mark Bystrom & Tom Keller
	June 19	Team Bass	Clearwater Lake	Kirk Duholm & Tim Yanta
	Aug 22	Team Bass	Chisago Lake	Bob Blakely & John Schaffhausen
	Sept 19	Team Multi-species	Lake Minnetonka	Kirk Duholm & Kevin Miller
2010	April 10	Team Trout	Barron, St. Croix & Pierce County WI	Bob Blakely & Kirk Duholm
	May 1	Team Crappie	Lake Minnetonka	Kirk Duholm, Paul Johnson & John Schaffhausen
	June 5 & 6	Team Walleye	St Louis River	Steve Haagenson & Stu Pagel
	June 18 & 19	Team Bass	Carver County	Dave Anderson & James Ferstenou
	August 28	Team Multi-species	Lake Alexander	Scott Hennessy & Matt Mueller
	September 18	Team Multi-species	Mississippi River Pool 2	Dirk Duholm & Dave Haberle
2011	April 2	Team Trout	Wisconsin	James Ferstenou & Branden Happel
	April 30	Team Crappie	Prior Lake	Kirk Duholm & Tom Keller
	May 21 – 22	Team Walleye	Mille Lacs	Todd Bollig & James Ferstenou
	June 18	Team Bass	Big Birch Lake	Kirk Duholm & James Ferstenou
	September 10	Team Multi-species	Minnetonka	Tom Keller & Tim Yanta
	October 8	Team SM Bass	Rum River	Rick Anderson & Peter Yawn

## Tournament Results 2012-2013

	Date	Species	Lake	Winner
2012	March 17	Team Trout	Wisconsin	Mark Bystrom & Todd Bollig
	April 14	Team Trout	Wisconsin	Kirk Duholm & Jeff Lantto
	May 19	Team Walleye	St Louis River	Mark Bystrom & Bob Dickey
	June 1	Team Bass	Scott / Dakota County	Mark Bystrom & Dave Haberle
	June 23	Team Multi-species	Forest Lake	Paul Johnson & Stu Pagel
	August 17	Team Multi-species	St Croix River	James Ferstenou & Dave Anderson
	September 8	Team Multi-species	Lake Pepin	Steve Clinton & Karl Hamre
	October 6	Team Bass	Clearwater	Kirk Duholm & Branden Happel
2013	March 16	Team Trout	Wisconsin	Kirk Duholm & Peter Yawn
	April 6	Team Trout	Wisconsin	Paul Johnson & Rick Anderson
	May 18	Team Walleye	Cannon, French, Mazaska & Roberds	Kirk Duholm & Dave Haberle
	June 7-8	Team Walleye	Mille Lacs	Branden Happel & Bob Dickey
	June 7-8	Team SM Bass	Mille Lacs	Brian Karsjens & Paul Johnson
	July 13	Team Bass	Lake Tetonka	Rained Out
	September 14	Team Multi-species	Minnetonka	Mark Bystrom & John Schaffhausen
	October 5	Team LM Bass	Lake Sylvia	Mark Bystrom & Tim Yanta

## Tournament Results 2014-2015

	Date	Species	Lake	Winner
2014	April 12	Team Trout	Wisconsin	James Ferstenou & Peter Yawn
	May 3	Team Crappie	Big Marine	Doug Squire, Jerry Krekelberg & Bob Blakely
	June 6	Team Walleye	Leech	Kirk Duholm & John Schaffhausen
	June 21	Team Bass	Waconia	Dave Anderson & Bob Raymo
	July 12	Team SM Bass	Mille Lacs	Todd Bollig, Don Blasy & Doug Squire
	August 16	Team Multi-species	Pepin	Steve Clinton & Bob Blakely
	September 13	Team Bass	Big Birch	Todd Bollig & Kevin Miller
	October 4	Team Multi-species	Minnetonka	Ron Boudreaux & Peter Yawn
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## Tournament Series Champions

Year	Champion	2nd Place	3rd Place
1983	Scott Beaty	Pete Wehner	Ted Gwinn
1984	Brad Beaty	Mike Berglund	Scott Beaty
1985	Scott Beaty	Rick Grissom	Rick Brachvogel
1986	Brad Beaty	Mike Berglund	Keith Travers
1987	Bary Easton	Chris Covert and Gary Sande	
1988	Gary Sande	Phil Mattison	Bob Dickey
1989	Bob Dickey	Peter Bachman	Randy Hart and Dave Johnson
1990	Bob Dickey	Dave Johnson	Jeff Nadeau
1991	Scott Beaty	Dave Johnson	Bob Blakely
1992	Dave Johnson	Scott Beaty	Paul Johnson
1993	Rick Anderson	Dave Anderson	Ron Reigle
1994	Scott Beaty	Bob Blakely	Scott Schwab
1995	Ron Boudreaux	David Strock	Scott Bugge
1996	Mark Bystrom	Scott Hennessy & David Strock	
1997	Terry Petrik	Todd Dankert	Paul Johnson
1998	Scott Bugge	Ron Boudreaux	Dave Anderson
1999	Dave Anderson	Todd Dankert	Mark Bystrom
2000	Tim Yanta	Todd Dankert	Dave Anderson & James Ferstenou
2001	Todd Dankert	Paul Johnson	Dave Anderson & Laun Sanderson
2002	James Ferstenou	Todd Witzman	Paul Johnson
2003	James Ferstenou	Paul Johnson	Todd Dankert
2004	James Ferstenou & Paul Johnson		Steven Dupont
2005	Paul Johnson	Dave Anderson & Bob Blakely	
2006	Paul John	James Ferstenou	Bob Blakely
2007	Bob Blakely	Bob Dickey	Paul Johnson
2008	Kirk Duholm	Mark Bystrom	Bob Dickey
2009	Kirk Duholm	James Ferstenou	Bob Blakely & Brian Karsjens
2010	Kirk Duholm	James Ferstenou	Bob Blakely
2011	James Ferstenou	Kirk Duholm	Branden Happel & Paul Johnson
2012	Kirk Duholm	James Ferstenou	Mark Bystrom
2013	Mark Bystrom	Kirk Duholm	Paul Johnson
2014	Peter Yawn	Kirk Duholm	James Ferstenou

## Waterdog of the Year

1983	Jerry Benshoof		1984	Mike Berglund
1985	Bob Dickey		1986	John Finley
1987	Gary Sande		1988	Bob Dickey
1989	Scott Beaty		1990	Frank Tenczar
1991	Jerry Krekelberg		1992	Rick Anderson
1993	Jeff Lantto		1994	Scott Hennessy
1995	David Anderson		1996	Terry Petrik
1997	Ron Reigle		1998	Frank Tenczar
1999	Ron Boudreaux		2000	Jerry Krekelberg
2001	Jerry Krekelberg		2002	Steven Dupont
2003	James Ferstenou		2004	Steven Dupont
2005	Paul Johnson		2006	Bob Dickey
2007	Dave Haberle		2008	Brian Karsjens
2009	Kirk Duholm		2010	Jeff Lantto
2011	Mark Bystrom		2012	Bob Dickey
2013	David Anderson		2014	Steve Dupont

## Waterdogs Largest Tournament Fish

Species	Name	Size	Date	Location
Brook Trout	Kirk Duholm	14 in	Mar-08	Kinnickinnic
Brown Trout	Steve Haagenson	17 in	Mar-08	Kinnickinnic
Rainbow Trout	Bob Blakely Paul Johnson	15.5 in	Mar-04 Mar-06	Whitewater
Crappie	James Ferstenou	13.5 in	May-04	Koronis
LM Bass	Bob Dickey	21.5 in	Jun-07	Lotus
SM Bass	Blakely, Bystrom, Karsjens	21 in	Jun-13	Mille Lacs
Walleye	Branden Happel	28.5 in	Jun-13	Mille Lacs
Northern Pike	Ron Reigle	44 in	Sep-05	Mille Lacs
Muskie	Brandon Happel	49.5 in	Sep-06	Minnetonka

## Waterdogs Largest Official Event Fish

Brook Trout				
Brown Trout				
Rainbow Trout				
Crappie				
LM Bass				
SM Bass				
Walleye	Ron Reigle	31 in	Jul-06	LOTW
Northern Pike	Doug Squire	43 in	Jul-97	Minaki
Muskie	Fr. Tim Yanta	53 in	Jul-08	LOTW



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# ***Tournament Committee Guidelines***

These are suggestions for the tournament committee and are not considered part of the club bylaws. As such they may be altered or amended in manner other than required for altering club bylaws.

- Determine the tournament lakes, species, dates and tournament formats by the December meeting.
- Allow for various species. (Are there any that we have not traditionally fished for that we should give a try?)
- A six-tournament schedule seems to be preferred, but seven tournaments can be scheduled.
- Keep event dates spread apart. Remember Dogs like spending time with family, too.
- Only one overnight tournament is preferred.
- Try not to plan an overnight tournament near the Annual Lake of the Woods trip or late in the year.
- Limit the number of two-day tournaments. Consider two day in town tournaments as an option.
- Try not to fish the same lake within a two-year window.
- Consider alternate tournament formats (i.e. team, individual, megabucks, multiple lakes, switching partners day to day, etc.)
- Don't be afraid to get a little creative and think out of the box.
- Have a marketing attitude toward designing the tournaments. What about this tournament (convenience, interest, timing, uniqueness, format, etc.) will appeal to members and maximize attendance? It's no fun to have an exotic trip if no one attends.
- Determine all details (starting times and ending times, if a meal is needed (as well as meal starting and ending times), bag limits, landing(s), overnight accommodations, live bait usage, etc.) status by the February meeting. Meet as a committee to review all details and make adjustments before submitting the final details to the club.
- Consider bringing preliminary details to the club and asking for their input. Using that input, the tournament committee has the responsibility and authority to determine the final details.
- Consider choosing an alternate tournament lake and date in case we need to cancel a tournament.
- The pairings for the last tournament shall be done in reverse order (i.e. highest-ranking paired with the lowest ranking and then adjust as needed to assure a boat for the team). Adjustments should be made with the minimum amount of impact. For example: 15 members sign up for the tournament with the following ranking: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 12, 15, 16, 18, 19, 26, 27 and 30). The pairings would be 1-30, 2-27, 3-26, 4-19, 6-18, 7-16, 9-15-12. If both the 3rd and 26<sup>th</sup> ranked members did not have a boat and 2 and 27 did, then the pairings would be adjusted to 3-27 and 2-26. If there is a drop out after the pairings are released, the pairings need to be redrawn. While all attempts should be made to accomplish the reverse order pairings (and avoid three-man teams in the upper-ranked boats), unforeseen conflicts can occur like boat availabilities. Under all circumstances the Tournament and Communications Committee chairmen will be responsible for making the final pairing decisions per the By-Laws.
- All tournament specifications/information packets are to be submitted to the Tournament Committee for review and approval prior being released to the club in order to help prevent last minute changes to the tournament rules.

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# ***Revision and Change Log***

## **Changes in 2007:**

Updated Tournament and year end records.  
Added Bluegill scoring table (page 16).  
Reordered Trout and Walleye Scoring tables (pages 20 and 21).  
Added Extended Multispecies Scoring Table (page 23).

## **Changes in 2008:**

Article X: Section 3: Subsection 8: Timeliness was revised. The penalty for being late (missing a deadline) was changed from disqualification to a grace period with a largest fish penalty and then a disqualification if more than 15 minutes late.

Article VII: Section 2 - 11: Corrected “Calls for Waterdog of the Year nominations in accordance with Article IX.” to Article XI.

Article X: Section 2: General Tournament Rules added “while fishing from a boat unless otherwise specified by the tournament committee (i.e. stream trout).”

Added “If a fish is caught simultaneously by competing members and both members hooks are clearly inside the fishes mouth then both fishermen are allowed to score the fish regardless of which member boats the fish.”

Page 16 & 17 moved bass weight table and added salmonid weight table

Page 21 revised trout multispecies scoring

Updated largest fish table.

Updated Tournament and year end records.

Added clarification to last tournament guidelines in Tournament Committee Guidelines.

## **Changes in 2009:**

Article X: Section 3: Subsection 8: Added clarification “In the event of a disqualification, the participant(s) will still be awarded the 1 point for participation”

Article X: Section 3: Subsection 19. Extra Tournament Points. Removed Subsection 19.

## **Changes in 2011:**

Article IV: Section 1: Membership maximum changed from 30 to 34

## **Changes in 2013:**

Article IV: Section 1: Membership maximum changed from 34 to 40

Article X: Section 3: Subsection 14 Tournament cancellations clarified.