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President's Corner

Well, here we are going into July. The summer is sure moving fast! We have had lots of storms in our area. I sure hope none of our members had any major damage.

We want to congratulate all the members of the seven teams from the Michiana Walleye Assn. who recently participated in the Cabela's National Championship at Lake Winnebago in Wisconsin. We were all very excited when the Randy Gaines and Mike Rhoades team were in 1st place after the first day. Things did not go as well for them the second day. However, they still came in 11th in a field of 234 boats of America's best walleye fishermen. Our teams and the order of finish: Randy Gaines and Mike Rhoades - 11th place, Mike Beauchamp and Dwight Jones - 56th, Ed and Steve Szymczak - 89th, Rob Burns and Don Shelton - 120th, Mike Zachary & Tim Schrock - 184th and Kris and Meredith Blouir - 194th.

Our Cabela's Qualifier Tournament was held on Sunday June 27 at Lake Maxinkuckee. There were twelve teams fishing; seven weighed in fish. 1st place went to Dwight Jones and Mike Beauchamp (3 fish, 5.90#), 2nd Dave and Adam Hayes (3 fish, 5.20#), 3rd Mike Rhoades and Randy Gaines (4 fish, 5.11#), 4th Ed Szymczak and Adam Dunn (2 fish, 2.25#), 5th Mike Zachary and Tim Schrock (1 fish 1.39#), 6th Charlie VanCamp and Chris Lord (1 fish, 1.39#), and Jim Bartosch (1 fish, 1.28#) for 7th. We have another club tournament coming up on July 18 from 7:00 to 3:00 at Winona Lake in Warsaw.

In other news, we recently had a Girl Scout fishing outing at our club pond, where the girls all brought a dad, grandpa, uncle, brother, etc. to fish with them. There were around 35 girls, so we had 65 to 70 people fishing the pond. Most of them were catching fish, as the bluegills were on the beds, which made catching a little easier. If you would like to get involved in something like this, we have a fishing derby coming up for kids ages 5 through 14 on July 24. We could use some help to measure fish, untangle lines, replace hooks and just help the kids. If you are interested in having your kids or grandkids fish, be sure to register early, as we usually have more registrations than we have space for. There will be prizes for all kids. Because of this fishing derby, the pond will be closed to all fishing from July 7 through July 24. We will also have a group of special needs individuals from Corvillia that will be fishing on Tuesday, July 6 at 5:00 PM.

Our calendar is very full this summer as we have a lot of things going on. However, we do have a few dates still available for club rental on weekends.

Les

MWA UPCOMING EVENTS

- 6/27 Cabelas Tourney @ Lake Maxinkuckee, Culver 7:00 to 3:00**
- 7/10 Open Meeting 6:30pm**
- 7/18 MWA Club Tourney @ Winona, Warsaw 7:00 to 3:00**
(* Note Date Change ***)**
- 7/19 Board Meeting**
- 7/24 Kids Fishing Derby – Sign up 8:00am**
Fishing from 9 am to noon. Lunch will be provided.
For more info call Angie @ 574-535-8229. Registration
will be limited to the first 50 kids (5 to 14 years old) to sign up.
There is a signup sheet at the MWA club house.
Bait will be provided and rods and reels will be available.
Anyone wanting to donate anything for the derby (prizes or
help), just contact Angie.
- 8/8 MWA / PNA Challenge Tourney on St. Joe @**
Midway Bait & Tackle
- 8/14 Open Meeting 6:30pm**
- 8/15 Cabelas Tourney @ Winona, Warsaw 7:00 to 3:00**
- 8/16 Board Meeting**
- 8/21 MWA Annual Perch Derby on Lake Michigan 7:00am**
@ New Buffalo - Big Fish - \$10 per boat for big
fish pot. As many anglers per boat as legally
acceptable. Sign up at ramp at 7:00am. Fish from
8:00 am to 2:00 pm. 8/22 will be blow day

Cabelas Grand National Tourney Lake Winnebago

Lake Winnebago is 10 miles wide by 30 miles long. It has 3 other lakes connected to it by a river system. So where do you start?

We decided to start out in the back lake, which is a 1-1/4 hour drive by boat if you were launching from the tourney ramp. We drove to the lake by truck, launched and idled out because the water was 3-4 feet deep in most of the lake, 8-9 foot in the middle. We tried trolling crawler harnesses and caught a 25" and a 22" in two passes. We also fished the rice or reed patties, caught fish on jigs and crawlers (not big fish - maybe 18").

We left there and drove to the middle of the lake and tried the same thing there and then went in for the evening. We returned the next day, tried the same spots and caught nothing but dinks.

After 3 or 4 days of trying the rivers and back lakes without much luck, we started on Lake Winnebago. We fished several different reefs and did pretty good one day and caught nothing the next. For 3 or 4 days we worked different parts of the lake, all the way around it, but nothing consistent.

We just happened to be driving the boat in water 3 to 4-1/2 feet deep and spotted some walleyes swimming around - nice ones. We fished for them on and off for the next 7 or 8 days. We saw or caught fish that were 18" to 25" every time we were there. But we had to be careful because of the other tournament boats that were around and watching us.

On day 1 of the tourney, we went right to that spot and our first two fish were 22-1/2" and 24". We ended up with 7 in the box; we were allowed to have 8. We caught 20 or so walleyes that day.

It stormed like hell overnight. The wind blew like crazy. On day 2 we fished very hard but ended up with only 1 fish. We dropped from 1st place to 11th place. I believe the fish were still there but just not cooperating.

Mike Rhoades

******* Bits and Pieces *******

For Sale

1992 Sea Nymph has console

2008 Honda 40 hp 4 stroke

Minn Kota 55 trolling motor

Trailer has 3 new tires

2 Anchor Mates

Am/Fm cassette player

2 Life Jackets

Call Lucky @ (574) 514-3420 for more information

Just a reminder to everyone: We still have many scholarship raffle tickets to sell. Please come to the club and pick some up for yourself or to sell to your friends and neighbors. They are only \$5.00 each for a chance to win a trip for 2 to Peffley's Wilderness Camp in Perrault Falls, Ontario, valued at \$1300.00. There will only be 300 tickets sold.

All proceeds from ticket sales are dedicated to the scholarship fund only!

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Wanted: Aluminum

The club is looking for aluminum. If you have any unwanted aluminum that you would like to donate to the club, please drop it off at the club grounds after 5pm on any Tuesday. This money is used to help support our walleye stocking efforts.

Michiana Walleye Pledge

**To preserve and to protect our waterways
and fish therein,
To provide a future for generations yet to
come,
To educate those generations so that this
tradition may be carried on.**

2010 MWA Meeting Schedule @ 6:30 PM

January 9th

February 6th

March 6th

April 10th

May 8th

June 12th

July 10th

August 14th

September 11th

October 9th

November 13th

December 11th