



Blue Water Sportfishing Association Newsletter



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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - TUESDAY,
JANUARY 7, 7:00 AT MCMORRAN**

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING - WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 8, 7:30 AT MCMORRAN**

CAPTAIN OF THE YEAR

Last year, the club held a total of 7 tournaments throughout the spring and summer. Points are given out to all boats that participate and for placing in the top 10. The points are added up, and the top three boats are awarded trophies at the Christmas dinner.

Third Place went to Tim Cook, captain of Fish Stix. Since Tim was also the tournament chairman, he presented the trophy to his son, Tyler, and thanked him for going out fishing with him and helping with all of the little things that are needed to do well in these tournaments. Tim and his crew never won a tournament last year, but did manage 3 top 3 finishes.

Second Place went to Dan Owens, captain of Kid's Fishing. Dan never won a tournament last year. In the first tournament of the year held in Port Huron, Dan's boat was 1 of only 3 boats to catch fish in very tough conditions, which gave him his only top 3 finish. Dan also captured one of the side bets held in Ludington by catching the big fish on Sunday with a 21 lb King. Dan practice fished for a few of the tournaments, always shares information on the radio during all of the club tournaments, and he likes to see everyone have fish at the weigh-in.

First Place went to Paul Baker, captain of No I.D. Along with the other two top boats, Paul never won a club tournament either. Paul had 2 top 3 finishes in club tournaments. Paul did capture a first place in the River Crab Salmon Stakes in which 218 boats fished, and also landed the largest king for the River Crab, which weighed 20.90 pounds. Paul spends a lot of time on the water, putting over 300 hours on his boat last year. In winning the captain of the year award, Paul was presented with the Dick Hudson Memorial Trophy. Congratulations on a great year Paul.





MEMBER OF THE YEAR

The recipient of this year's Member of the Year Award is Dan Dobson. Dan has been on the board of directors for a number of years, and has been a very active and dependable club member during this time. Dan, being the raffle chairman, is most known for his involvement with all of the club raffles and general membership meeting, picnics, and some of the tournaments.

Dan is an avid salmon and steelhead angler targeting them in the Manistee River with a fly rod.

Dan was unable to make it to the Christmas party, so his wife Judy and two grandchildren were there to accept his award.

It is because of members like Dan Dobson that makes our club such a great organization. Thank you Dan.



IMPORTANT CLUB DATES

Feb. 8-16, 2003	Detroit Boat Show
March 27, 2003	Fishing Forever Banquet
April 26, 2003	River Crab Salmon Stakes
June 6-8, 2003	Sarnia Bay Marina Tournament contact 519-862-2291

CLUB TOURNAMENT 2003

Tim Cook is looking for club members to join the 2003 Club Tournament committee. If you are interested, please contact Tim at 810-987-2459. The committee is planning to meet sometime in late January to discuss the schedule and rules. Next year, we are going to try to have a different boat run every weigh-in like we did in 2001, so we are looking for volunteers.

BLOOPER AWARDS

One of our club's great traditions is to recognize the anglers for their mistakes and mishaps over the course of the last fishing season. Gary Gaw once again did an excellent job in presenting these members at the Christmas Party last month.

Dan Owens was presented the first award. At the Port Austin club tournament, Dan was in the tight race for the captain of the year award. But this tournament would not turn out the way that he would have liked. While he and this crew were enjoying a cup of coffee and waiting to launch their boat at the ramp, a skunk proceeded to visit Dan and his crew by walking right underneath his boat. All salmon fisherman know it is tough to get that first fish of the day to get the so called skunk out of their box, but Dan would not have that luxury today. He boated zero fish for the day and never got the skunk out of his box. Dan was presented a bottle of skunk repellent for his trailer and cooler.

The next award went to John Johnson. John likes to wireline for walleyes in the St. Clair River. One technique used for wirelining is to piggyback pencil plugs together, so this means that there are a lot of hooks to deal with. Well John likes to deal with them a little bit differently than most anglers. When his lures are not in the water, he likes to store them in his clothing. John got one of the pencil plugs caught in his shirtsleeve, and while he was working to get that one out, he decided to get the other pencil plug stuck into his leg. John was presented plug boards for his hooks, and scissors to get the hooks out when he forgets that he has the plug board, and some band-aids.

Paul Baker was honored as well. He was fishing alone one evening out of Port Sanilac when his boat quit on him. He bobbed around a bit and finally found someone to tow him into port. Paul likes to be on the water a lot and wanted his engine repaired right way. He knew he either had a fuel or ignition problem, so he started replacing about \$200 in parts. Then when that did not solve the problem he finally found out about this switch on his engine called the kill switch. Paul flicked the switch, and the engine fired up right away. Paul was presented a note for his engine cover that read in big letters, "Try the Kill Switch, Stupid."

Then Gary decided to tell a really funny story about a charter captain, Jim Kuehn, who just happened to be at the party that evening. Both Jim and Gary charter out of Grindstone, and they keep in touch over cell phones to make sure that they have their customers catching fish. One day last summer, Jim was getting all sorts of bites on his leadcore rig. He called up Gary to let him know that he had a hot setup going. Gary was interested and asked him what lure he was using and where Jim was at. Jim



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said that he was in 40 feet of water. Gary just smiled and responded, "Jim, a full core will sink to about 45 ft". Jim, realizing that he was hooking up on bottom, just hung up the phone. Gary presented Jim with a book called "Leadcore for Dummies" and instructed him to read it before ever using leadcore again.

Jeff Parker, another charter captain, also experienced problems with leadcore. He somehow managed to get it tangled into his prop. So he turned the boat off and quickly got all of his tackle out of the water. Then Jeff tilted his engine up to get a look at the mess. He crawled out onto his swim platform and began to untangle the line. Well, one of Jeff's customers decided to give him a hand and crawled out onto the platform with Jeff. With the platform being wet, Jeff's customer slipped and went head first into Lake Huron. Gary went on to say that no customers were injured in the making of this story and presented Jeff a No Diving sign for his boat along with some bungee core tethers for his customers ankles.

Chuck Scott was next on Gary's list. At the Ludington tournament, Chuck spotted a duck that was wrapped in fishing line. He managed to somehow get ahold of the duck with a net and began unwrapping the line. Chuck was able to save the duck's life, but before letting it go, the duck thanked him by having a minor accident and ruining Chuck's clothes. Gary told the story to the Duck's Unlimited board of directors, and they decided to come up with a duck lifesaving apron and presented Chuck with the very first one.

At the end of Gary's presentation, the crowd voted on the Blooper of the Year award, which Paul Baker won. Congratulations Paul.

Many, many, many thanks go to Gary for coming up with all of the awards and presenting them. Your creativity is very much appreciated.



Chuck Scott



Jim Kuehn

CHRISTMAS PARTY





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Grilled Salmon with Surf Sauce

Yield: 4 servings

- 1 C. mushrooms, sliced
- 1 Tbs. margarine
- 1 C. barbeque sauce
- 6 oz. frozen cooked shrimp, thawed
- 1 Tbs. horseradish
- 1 1/2 lb. salmon steaks, 1" inch thick

Saute mushrooms in margarine. Reduce heat. Stir in 1/2 C. barbeque sauce, shrimp and horseradish; heat thoroughly, stirring constantly.

Outdoors:

Place fish on greased grill over low coal. Grill, uncovered, 6 to 8 minutes on each side or until fish flakes easily with fork, brushing frequently with remaining sauce. Serve with shrimp mixture.

Indoors:

Place fish on greased rack of broiler pan. Broil 5 minutes on each side or until fish flakes easily with a fork, brushing frequently with remaining barbeque sauce. Serve with shrimp mixture.

*Recipe Compliments of Gayle Gaw
Dea Lynn Charters*

Last Years Tournament Winners

Last years tournament winners, you can pick up your trophies at the January general membership meeting on Jan. 8th. Boat names that won are: Sweetness, Kawanee, Buster, Fishigan, Young Blood, and Tickled Pink.

A special thank you goes to Bob and Karen Roskey for the lovely Christmas centerpieces for the ladies raffle and for the white candles that many of the members took home. Everybody thought they were great and are enjoying them in their homes.