



# Blue Water Sportfishing Association Newsletter



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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - TUESDAY,  
JANUARY 4 , 7:00 AT MCMORRAN**

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING- WEDNESDAY,  
JANUARY 12, 7:30 AT MCMORRAN**

## MEMBER OF THE YEAR

The recipient of the 2004 BWSA Member of the Year Award is Paul Baker. Paul has been a member of this club since 2000. Soon after, he became a member of the Board of Directors.

Paul took over as club tournament chairman in December of 2003. He got all of the tournaments scheduled for 2004. He also ran all 9 tournaments, starting with roll call at 5:15am all the way until the weigh-ins at 2pm. Paul also made sure all the tournaments had a picnic at the end for everyone as well.

Paul also stepped into the club's Treasury position over this summer. In doing this, he has to keep track of all of our finances. Paul has to go to our mailbox in Port Huron one to two times a week. Plus, every single committee the club has needs the treasuries support to run, and Paul is involved with every committee now.

Our club is very thankful to have Paul as a member.

## MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Year	Member
1989	Donna Bozyk
1990	Al Tyrrell
1991	Dick Hudson
1992	John Brennan / Charlie Sloan
1993	John Hawkins
1994	Charlie Eberwein
1995	Jim Gibson
1996	Dick Beaudry
1997	Fred Witter
1998	Al Cross / Rob Helzer
1999	Dick Hudson / Chuck Scott
2000	Rob Helzer / Andy Remeselnik
2001	Norm Heinrich
2002	Dan Dobson
2003	Bob Lane
2004	Paul Baker



## 2005 BOATING DATES

January 14-23	Cleveland Boat Show
February 12-20	Detroit Boat Show
March 4-6	Spring Boat & Fishing Show – Birch Run
March 31	Fishing Forever
April 30	Salmon Stakes
May 7-8	Sarnia Bay Tournament of Champions
May 20-22	Blue Water Classic
June 3-5	Grand Haven Offshore



## CAPTAIN OF THE YEAR

In 2004, the club held a total of 9 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. All three of these deserving captains fished every one of the tournaments.

Anyone who fished all 9 events, give yourself a huge pat on the back, as in 2003, we had 7 events. Going up to 9 tournaments was a big step and a lot of work to get to all of them.

The BWSA only gives awards to the top 3 captains; however, we wanted to make one comment on the 4th place captain. Kevin Maculewicz captain of the Polish Viking fished in all 9 events. Since our club is located in Port Huron, most of our tournaments are along Lake Huron's southern shoreline, ports like Port Austin, Harbor Beach, and Port Sanilac. Well Kevin made it and fished every event. This was probably more work for him than anyone else, as he lives in Grayling. Just to make the 3 Port Sanilac tournaments, Kevin was driving about 175 miles and 3+ hours one way.

Third Place went to Paul Baker, captain of No I.D. Paul finished in the top 10 several times. His highest finish was 2nd at the second Port Sanilac tournament, and again at the Port Austin tournament. Paul's crew also battled and landed the largest fish at the second Port Sanilac event. Since Paul was awarding the trophies, he presented his award to Brent Gilmore, one of his dedicated crew members throughout the years.

Second Place went to Bill Ogden, captain of Willisa Ann. Bill is most noted for taking his family out fishing with him the majority of the time; his wife, Rhonda, and two children. Bill said that he drives the boat mostly and lets Rhonda run the back of the boat. Bill only got to fish 8 events. Bill and Rhonda finished in the top 3 at four events. Their highest place was a 2nd at the July Harbor Beach tournament. Willisa Ann also took two of the big

fish prizes; they had a 10 lb Lake Trout at Port Austin and a 11.6 lb Chinook at Rockport.

First Place went to Tim Cook, captain of King Kong. In previous years, Tim has been in the top 3 for Captain of the Year three other times. This is the first time he has won it all. Tim has been a member of the club since 1987. He fishes a lot of the club tournaments. Tim and his crew fished every single event from 2002-2004. Tim finished in the top 3 three times. Tim won the Port Austin tournament. Tim also captured the largest fish at the first Port Sanilac event. You can usually tell how Tim is doing in a tournament. If he is not doing well, you will not hear from his boat on the radio, and if you do they are usually not talking about fishing. He usually relies on himself to get the fish going, is at the back of the boat changing lines, or moving his boat to a new location. If Tim is whacking a bunch of fish, he usually gets really excited, he will get on the radio, and tell most everyone what is going on. In winning the captain of the year award, Tim was presented with the Dick Hudson Memorial Trophy and given a 2004 Captain of the Year Jacket. Congratulations on a great year Tim.



## SPRING BOAT AND FISHING SHOW

BWSA has decided to rent a space at the Birch Run Boat and Fishing Show on March 4-6. We are doing this to help promote the club, Salmon Stakes, and BW Classic tournament. We need a few volunteers to run the booth. We have about half of the positions filled, but need to fill the other open spots. If you are interested, please call Mike Rymar @ 586-215-3972.

## LAST YEAR'S TOURNAMENT WINNERS

Last year's tournament winners, you can pick up your trophies at the January general membership meeting on Jan. 12th. Boat names that won are: Sea Duce (need both your Port Huron and Ludington crews), Ivanhoe, Donna Mae, In the Net, King Kong, Orca, Fishigan, and In the Red.



## BWSA DICK HUDSON MEMORIAL CAPTAIN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Year	Place	Captain	Boat
1990	1st	John Brennan	Big Buzzard
1991	1st	Les Smith	Jan Le
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1994	1st	Les Smith	Jan Le
1995	1st	Dave Anderson	Triple A
	2nd	Paul Zimmer	Donna Mae
	3rd	Les Smith	Jan Le
1996	1st	Les Smith	Jan Le
	2nd	Paul Zimmer	Donna Mae
	3rd	Chuck Scott	Charlie's Pride
1997	1st	Matt Macker	RJ's Lure
	2nd	Bob Lane	C-Dog III
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	2nd	Bob Lane	C-Dog III
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	2nd	Bob Lane	C-Dog III
	3rd	Roger Toner	Buster
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	2nd	Paul Zimmer	Donna Mae
	3rd	Tim Cook	Fish Stix
2001	1st	Rod Cope	Rod Man
	2nd	Paul Zimmer	Donna Mae
	3rd	Roger Toner	Buster
2002	1st	Paul Baker	No I.D.
	2nd	Dan Owens	Kids Fishin
	3rd	Tim Cook	Fish Stix
2003	1st	Dave Rymar	Fishigan
	2nd	Tim Cook	King Kong
	3rd	Frank Rotondi	Doghhouse
2004	1st	Tim Cook	King Kong
	2nd	Bill Ogden	Willisa Ann
	3rd	Paul Baker	No I.D.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our 2004 Christmas party on Dec. 8th was a great family event. The evening started out around 7:00 with drinks and raffle ticket sales.

The first surprise of the evening was the jackets that were given to the members of the Fishing Forever crew. 19 members of this committee have worked on it for all 5 dinners. These guys work hard throughout the winter to put on an excellent fundraising dinner in March.

Next Mike Rymar spoke about our Adopt-a-family program. Every Christmas, the BWSA supports 1-2 families with around \$200-300 in gifts. The Salvation Army selects these families. This year, the Salvation Army has more families than ever that need support. So, instead of supporting 1-2 families this year, the BWSA will be supporting 3 or 4 families.

Then we ate an excellent ham and turkey dinner prepared by several club volunteers. Some of the volunteers show up at 2 o'clock to help prepare the food. Bob Lane took charge of the dinner this year and thanked his volunteers, Frank Rotondi, Rose & Frank Biesel, Jim Gibson, Dave & Sandy Weed, Reinhart & Doreen Hrdlovich, Bill & Paula Hillman, Bill Lill, Karen & Bob Roskey, and Keith Hiebert.

After the dinner, we were going to have Gary Gaw do a presentation for some of the member's bloopers that happened throughout the year. When we talked to him before the dinner, he explained that no one had told him of any bloopers; not a single one. So we could not present a Blooper of the Year. We do not know if guys are making deals with one another not to tell on each other or what is going on, but in 2005 we will be watching.

Paul Baker presented the 3 Captain of the Year awards. There is another article in the newsletter on this.

Finishing off the evening, Mike Rymar presented the BWSA Member of the Year trophy to Paul Baker. Again, there is another article about this in the newsletter.

A special thanks needs to be give to the following volunteers for donating ham & turkeys, and preparing the dinner.

At next month's general membership meeting we will be awarding the boat tournament winners.

### FISHING HOTLINE

The club's fishing hotline is available with current reports. The number for it is 810-987-FISH. Joel Anderson from Anderson's Pro Bait is keeping it up-to-date with current reports.



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## **FISH CAKES**

Yields: 3 servings

2 C. flaked, cooked salmon or trout  
1 C. cornflake crumbs  
1/2 C. sliced green onions  
3 eggs, divided  
1 Tbs. sherry  
1 Tbs. worcestershire sauce  
1 tsp. oil  
1/4 tsp. salt  
1/4 tsp. pepper  
1/2 C. seasoned dry bread crumbs  
2 Tbs. oil

In medium mixing bowl, combine fish, cornflake crumbs, onions, 1 egg, the sherry, worcestershire

sauce, 1 tsp. oil, salt and pepper. Divide mixture into 6 equal portions. Shape each portion into 1/2-inch thick patties.

In small mixing bowl, lightly beat remaining 2 eggs. Place bread crumbs in shallow dish. Dip patties first in egg and then dredge in crumbs to coat.

In 10-inch skillet, heat vegetable oil over medium heat. Add patties. Fry 2 to 4 minutes, or until golden brown, turning over once. Drain on paper-towel-lined plate. Serve with lemon wedges, tartar sauce or cocktail sauce.