



Blue Water Sportfishing Association Newsletter



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

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

WILD GAME DINNER

February's general membership meeting will be the BWSA's second wild game dinner. All are welcome to attend. The event will take place on February 8 at McMorran. Bob Lane is organizing the event. Bob has several volunteers bringing different wild game entrées. If you are also planning on bringing a wild game entrée, you should contact Bob @ (810) 367-6202 if you have not already. People are welcome to bring more wild game entrées and we also need desserts.

Currently, the only special presentation we will have for this meeting is Bob Roskey presenting the Big Fish awards. This meeting is meant to be more of a social event, so we suggest you bring some pictures of your recent hunting and fishing trips from last year to brag about at the dinner.

SPRING BOAT AND FISHING SHOW

BWSA has decided to rent a space at the Birch Run Boat and Fishing Show on March 3-5. We are doing this to help promote the club, Salmon Stakes, and BW Classic tournament. There are several free seminars discussing Great Lake Trolling. Also, Great Lakes Angler Magazine has a \$25 seminar that you have to pre-register for (you should get your money back out of it with the free products that are in their giftbags). Debby Packard is organizing the volunteers for the booth. If you would like to spend a few hours in the booth, please give her a call @ 810-987-4029. Hope to see you there. More information can be found at: http://www.mssfa.com/flint/spring_show.htm

CLUB TOURNAMENTS WINNERS

Here are winning captains and crews from the BWSA 2005 club tournament trail. Congratulations and we wish you good luck in 2006.



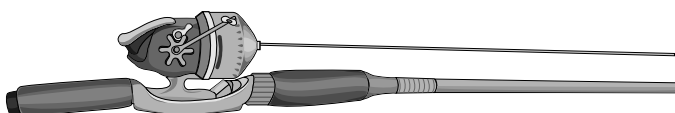
CLUB TOURNAMENTS

Look for 2006 club tournament schedule business cards to be handed out at a future General Membership Meeting. The schedule also can be found on the club's website at: <http://www.bluewatersportfishing.net>.

There are also several rule changes to the club tournaments. Hard copies of the 2006 rules will be at the February, March, and April General Membership meetings.

SARNIA HATCHERY BUG

Bad news at the Sarnia hatchery across the river. Six BWSA members went across the river to work at the hatchery recently and were informed that a bug has killed half (about 25,000) of the steelhead fingerlings and about 10% (5000) of the salmon fingerlings. Samplings have been sent in for analysis. As of 1/11/2006 no specific culprit has been identified.





Big Fish Contest

Here are the final standings for the Big Fish contest. If you were one of the lucky anglers to be listed, you need to attend the February general membership meeting to receive your trophy. Please direct any questions or comments about the contest to the Big Fish Chairman, Bob Roskey, at 987-7891.

Adult Division

King Salmon

1 st	Chris Seimen	23 lb 8 oz
2 nd	Preston Schroeder Jr	19 lb 6 oz
3 rd	Bob Roskey	17 lb 4 oz

Brown Trout

1 st	Claton Harrison	23 lb 4oz
2 nd	Seldon Thornsberry	15.95 lbs
3 rd	Preston Schroder Jr	14 lb 5 oz

Pink Salmon

1 st	Mark Hodge	1 lb 8 oz
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Steelhead

1 st	Howard York	10 lb 4 oz
2 nd	Bob Roskey	8 lb 4 oz
3 rd	Ed Loehnis	4 lb 11 oz

Lake Trout

1 st	David N Kaufman	19 lb 12 oz
2 nd	Ed Loehnis	10.16 lbs
3 rd	Jodi Stephen	9 lb 2 oz

Atlantic

1 st	Ed Loehnis	3.85 lbs
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Walleye

1 st	Steve McKinch	7 lb 11 oz
2 nd	Seldon Thornsberry	7 lb
3 rd	Seldon Thornsberry	6 lb

Coho Division had no entrants.

Junior Division

King Salmon

1 st	Andrew Beggs	22 lb 8 oz
2 nd	Nick Durst	17.4 lbs

Brown Trout

1 st	Raymond Rapson	6.71 lb
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Coho Salmon

1 st	Raymond Rapson	2.1 lbs
2 nd	Andrew Beggs	1 lb 9oz

Lake Trout

1 st	Andrew Beggs	5 lb 4oz
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Open Divisions are Walleye, Atlantic, Steelhead, and Pink.

BWSA BIG FISH WINNER

Year	Angler	Species	Weight
1980	Bob Bingle	King	34.0 lbs.
1981	No Record		
1982	Jim Turner	King	29.1 lbs.
1983	Len Gerlach	King	31.9 lbs.
1984	John Perry	King	31.9 lbs.
1985	Les Smith	King	27.3 lbs.
1986	Mark Cooley	King	26.1 lbs.
1987	Pat Griffin	King	26.0 lbs.
1988	Garrett Gaw	King	29.6 lbs.
1989	No Record		
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1991	Rick Kolady	King	28.5 lbs.
1992	Joanne Stahl	King	27.45 lbs.
1993	Jay Brueggeman	King	27.0 lbs.
1994	Mike Rymar	King	22.8 lbs.
1995	Judy Ogden	King	32.2 lbs.
1996	Dan Fenner	King	27.08 lbs.
1997	Eric Hutchinson	King	28.12 lbs
1998	Andy Remeselnik	King	26.5 lbs.
1999	Tim Cook	King	26.3 lbs.
2000	Jim Kuehn	King	24.85 lbs.
2001	Mike Rymar	King	29.63 lbs.
2002	Brian Meredith	King	25.1 lbs.
2003	Rich Cooley	Lake Trout	36.55 lbs.
2004	Mike Rymar	King	21.44 lbs.
2005	Chris Seimen	King	23.50 lbs.



Chris Seimen with his big fish and Andrew Beggs with his big fish - junior division



HUNT FOR BIG FISH

This fish will not win any award with our organization, but club members Dave and Sandy Weed deserve some recognition for their hunt for Big Fish. Dave and Sandy try to make one or two exotic fishing trips a year. In 2005, they made a long flight to Thailand in search of the giant Mekong Catfish. Their goal was to not only fish for these giant fish, but also set some IGFA records while doing it. We were able to track down an email from the Thailand IGFA representative explaining their trip:

“We had quite an amazing day, yesterday 26th November, guiding clients at BungSam Lan Lake. Two of our Fishing Adventures Thailand client’s catch records were broken, and big time....

...Later in the afternoon, Sandy Weed, a female angler from Port Huron, Michigan, USA, who with her husband Dave were fishing with us for the 4th time, accomplished the exploit to land a 75.00 kg (165 lb) Mekong Giant Catfish. This impressive catch would have been a new IGFA All Tackle World Record if the IGFA rules had not been broken (current world record is 63.00 kg). Unfortunately for Sandy - and there was nothing she could do about it – her line got entangled twice around structures during the fight that lasted well over an hour. We had to jump twice in the water to help with the snagged line, so she could resume fighting.

A running catfish of this weight moves in the water like a tow truck. It is totally unstoppable at times. And this one seemed to be gifted with a big amount of stamina. Its defense was outstanding. This catfish just did not want to give up. Hail to Sandy for not quitting, but bearing the pain she had to endure in her arms while playing this fighting machine, until it got tamed!

Her 75 kg (165 lb) Mekong catfish catch is now the new Fishing Adventures Thailand’s female anglers record catch for the Pangasianodon gigas. A record that should stay safe for a long while. The former record was a tie between Vee Carlson (UK) and Sue Papper (Australia), for their respective 53.00 kg (116 pounders) catches, both landed in 2004 (April & November).

*Best regards,
Jean-Francois Helias
IGFA Representative - Thailand
Fishing Adventures Thailand
www.anglingthailand.com*

IGFA rules are very strict about specific things. Once the fishing guides touched Sandy’s fishing line with their hands, IGFA would no longer allow the catch into their record books. Record or not, this is one monster fish. BRAVO SANDY! Here is an image of the monster Sandy did battle with for over an hour, this was just one of 18 others they caught this day. The others averaged 40-70 lbs.



CLUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Several of the clubs committees have started meeting on a weekly basis. Advertising, Fishing Forever, Classic, and Salmon Stakes have all met in the past week to discuss changes and organize the 2006 events. If you are interested in helping out at any of these events, please join us at the Wild Game dinner to find out how.

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.

2006 BOATING DATES

February 18-26	Detroit Boat Show
March 1	2006 Fishing Licenses go on sale
March 3-5	Spring Boat & Fishing Show Birch Run
March 30	Fishing Forever
April 22	Port Huron Club Tournament
April 29	Salmon Stakes
May 19-21	Blue Water Classic



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Salmon with Ginger Glaze

Makes 4 Servings

1/4 c packed brown sugar
2 Tbsp Dijon mustard
1 Tbsp grated fresh or 1 tsp ground ginger
4 6-oz wild Pacific salmon fillets, about 1" thick,
skinned
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp freshly ground black pepper

1. Coat rack of broiler pan with cooking spray. Preheat broiler.
2. In small bowl, whisk sugar, mustard, and ginger. Season both sides of fillets with salt and pepper. Place salmon on broiler rack and brush glaze on top. Broil (6" from heat) 8 to 10 minutes or until fish is lightly browned and opaque.
3. Serve each fillet on top of a lightly dressed mixed green salad.