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DNR Basic Archery Instructor Courses Scheduled

November 15, 2006

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is offering free basic archery instructor (BAI) courses for physical education teachers who wish to join the DNR's Archery in the Schools Program. Archery in the Schools introduces international-style target archery to students in 4th through 12th grade physical education classes. The in-school curriculum's core content covers archery history, safety, technique, equipment, mental concentration and self-improvement. To date, more than 100 schools across Michigan have implemented the program.

"Target archery is a safe sport, in which students of all skill levels can be successful regardless of age, size or physical ability," said Mary Emmons, coordinator for the Archery in the Schools Program. "Incorporating archery as a school sport choice in the physical education curriculum creates an opportunity to engage students who otherwise may not participate in traditional athletics in an individual sport they can enjoy throughout their lifetime."

Physical education teachers can sign up for the free eight-hour basic archery instructor course at one of the following locations:

- Thursday, Dec. 7, 8 a.m., Living Word Lutheran School, Rochester, Oakland County
- Saturday, Dec. 16, 8 a.m., Chippewa Middle School, Okemos, Ingham County

To register for a BAI class or more information, contact Mary Emmons at (517) 241-9477; e-mail emmonsm@michigan.gov, or visit the DNR Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnrarchery. The DNR also is offering archery equipment grants to schools, both public and private, that enroll in the Archery in the Schools program. –



2006 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our 2006 Christmas party on Dec. 13th was a great family event. The evening started out around 7:00 with drinks and raffle ticket sales. Harold Hastings said grace at 7:30 and dinner was served to close to 100 BWSA members.

After the dinner, Bob Roskey introduced Rose Biesel to speak about our Adopt-a-family program. Every Christmas, the BWSA will support 1-2 families with around \$200-300 in gifts. The Salvation Army selects these families. This year, the Salvation Army selected 2 families for us to support. After the families are selected, we contact them to help determine what they need. This year, both of the families asked to have more food than other items like gifts, toys, or clothing.

Then Bob thanked our entire kitchen crew of volunteers for the party. We will have a list of volunteers in the next newsletter.

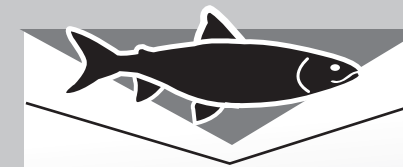
Next, Bob introduced Paul Baker to award the Captain of the Year Trophies. This year, the clubs tournament schedule was decreased to 5 events (4 on Lake Huron, and 1 on Lake Michigan). Look thru the newsletter for another article on the Captain of the Year.

To finish off the evening, Gary Gaws was introduced to do the Blooper of the Year Awards. Look thru the newsletter for another article on the Blooper of the Year Awards.

Next month's general membership meeting, we will be awarding the boat tournament winners.

Wild Game Dinner Plans

We are making plans for the wild game dinner that will be held in february. If you would like to help out, please call Bob Lane at 810.367.62602



Board of Directors Meeting:

Tues. January 2, - 7:00 pm
at McMorran

General Membership Meeting :

Wed., Jan. 13th, 7:30 pm
at McMorran

Fish Stories

Attention
Club Members!

We are looking for images and pictures of your fish stories to place in the newsletter. If you have a great story about a recent fishing trip that you want to brag about, contact Mike Rymar at (586)-215-3972 or at mrymar@hotmail.com.

We would love to publish your story.

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Member of the Year

This year's election there was a slight problem with the voting that maybe the folks in Florida could have helped us with. The results kept coming back with a 3-way tie. There was a 3-way tie at the General Membership meeting in November. Then the vote was taken to the December Board Meeting, and again it ended in a 3-way tie. It was then decided to go to the December Christmas party

and allow for more voting there. The X-mass party had about 80-100 members present, and they were able to break the tie.

The recipient of the 2006 BWSA Member of the Year Award is Bob Roskey.



Bob gave a short speech while receiving the award. He stated that he could not quite remember when he joined the club, but he could remember that Bob Corbin was the president at the time. He used to sit in the back most of the time, was quite for the most part, and generally was there to help learn more about salmon fishing. Then he started fishing in the club tournaments, started to met more members, and later became a board member.

Bob has been a big part of the club over the last year. He volunteers to help with pretty much every single committee. Salmon Stakes, Advertising, Blue Water Classic, Club Tournaments, Fishing Forever, and everywhere else the club needs a

hand. Bob has also been our club President for the past two years.

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

SAVE OUR LAKES

Shut down St. Lawrence Seaway

The time has come to close the St. Lawrence Seaway to save the Great Lakes for future generations.

Over the past years much discussion has been held in regard to the impact of the St. Lawrence Seaway on the Great Lakes Eco System. Is it good or bad, enlarge it or eliminate it completely?

Economic research has shown that the Seaway has saved our great lakes region about \$55 million a year in transportation costs and if eliminated would add approximately 1.6 trains and 197 trucks per day. As we well know the seaway is a part time transportation system that is limited due to weather conditions and is about 7% of the total system.

Now, let us look at the real impact on the residents and our industry. Over 180 invasive exotic species (such as zebra mussels) have been dumped via ballast water into the Great Lakes from overseas ships. Our eco-system has been altered daily since the opening of the Seaway which allowed ocean going vessels direct access to our area. The dumping of water in their bilges continues to spit out the invaders that alter our fisheries and clog our water intakes. The latest discharge is a fish disease called VHS which fortunately does not affect humans but could destroy the fishery. The cost impact of zebra mussels alone is said to be over \$200 million per year. Add all the exotic introductions and the estimates are over \$1 billion per year we cannot afford to spend this amount to save \$55 million per year.

The answer is simple -SHUT IT DOWN.

We have attempted to control ballast water dumping but all current methods have drastically failed. The public should not be subjected to the constant fear of what will be the next invasive species or pollutant added to 85% percent of the US fresh water supply. To add insult to injury a high cost proposal is being floated to enlarge and deepen the Seaway to allow more ships with hidden invaders to enter the Great Lakes. -

By Capt Dick Smith

Captain of the Year

In 2006, the club held a total of 5 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.

Here are the top 3 for 2006:

- 1st Tim Cook King Kong
- 2nd Jeff Parker In The Red
- 3rd Bob Roskey Cuttin' Fool



First Place went to Tim Cook, captain of King Kong. In previous years, Tim has been in the top 3 for CotY four other times. This is the second time he has won it all (2004). Tim has been a member of the club since 1987. He fishes a lot of the club tournament. Tim and his crew fished every since event from 2002-2004. Tim was waiting all year to fish the Ludington event this year. Prior to the event, Tim had mated on a boat for some of the larger Lake Michigan tournaments at Ludington and Frankfort. He had picked up a few new tricks from those guys and wanted to put a hurting to the fish at the Ludington tournament. Really, everyone is pumped up for the Ludington event. There are a lot of Chinooks roaming around and there are some big 20+ pound class fish swimming around. Everyone did well in the tournament and most guys weighed over 50 pounds of fish. However, Tim's crew on King Kong were able to find the mother load of large adult kings, they weighed-in 89.4 pounds of fish to win the event.

In winning the captain of the year award, Tim was presented with the Dick Hudson Memorial Trophy. Congratulations on a great year Tim.