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## WESTERN OHIO WALLEYE NEWS APRIL 2009

Right to left: Buck Harmon, Les Geiger, Robert Sanderson, Matt Sands, Chris Sands, Gary Levan, Andy Blumenschein.



2009

## Indian Lake

April  
4th

Placement	Team Members	Weight	Points	Big Fish
1	Chris Sands / Matt Sands	16.16	200	4.64
2	Andy Blumenschein / Gary Levan	14.2	198	5.34
3	Les Geiger / Buck Harmonm	12.62	196	4.9
4	John Clark / Marc Colwell	12.22	194	5.04
5	Robert Sanderson	12.08	192	5.86
6	Shane Falke/ Scott Newman	11.4	190	
7	Dave Helton / Brian Bowen	11.36	188	
8	Mike Defibaugh/ Adam Harlamert	10.82	186	
9	Chris Funk/ Chris Funk	10.64	184	
10	Jason Walls. Maria Chamberlin	10.64	182	
11	Bill Columber/ Bill Maynard	10.12	180	
12	Mark Wolf / John Mayberry	10.02	178	
13	Mike Stallings / John Stallings	8.98	176	
14	Say Louanglath / Jessie Wait	8.56	174	
15	Don Pedrick / Larry Patton	8.42	172	
16	Robert Lingg Sr / Robert Lingg Jr	8.28	170	
17	Ken Bailey/ Gary Maynard	7.06	168	
18	Duane Hough / Jim Burdette	6.9	166	
19	Tony Thornton / Mike Thornton	5.14	164	
20	Gery Myerys / Dave McCabe	4.7	162	
21	Bill Sadowski/ Larry Riley	3.14	160	
22	Corbin Williams / Brenda Williams	1.56	158	
23	Gary Thornbury	0.92	156	
24	Jim Robenson / Bill Adae	0	50	



There is a medical distinction between guts and balls. We've all heard about people having guts or balls, but do you really know the difference between them? In an effort to keep you informed, and to alleviate further confusion, the following definitions are listed below:

**GUTS:** Is arriving home late after a night out fishing with the guys, being met by your wife with a broom, and having the guts to ask: "Are you still cleaning, or are you flying somewhere?"

**BALLS:** Is coming home late after a night out with the guys, smelling of perfume and beer, lipstick on your collar, slapping your wife on the butt and having the balls to say: "You're next, Chubby."

I hope this clears up any confusion on the definitions.

Medically speaking, there is no difference in the outcome, since both ultimately result in death.

Wow what a start to the season. After a spectacular spring on Indian Lake our first event sets up for a major cold front as we rarely see in April. Friday started with 35mph winds Saturday had steady 15's and the temp dropping every day. The spawn is in it's last stages and many big fish were sitting off in deep water resting. The males were quite cooperative however, and once again the weigh-in would see plenty of limits brought to the scale. Aside from the limits was the amount of 4+lb. fish brought to the scales. Talking to several teams with big fish I found two common threads. The big fish were laying off the tri-humps in 6' of water and the fish wanted Reef Runner #200 Pink Lemonade Rip Shad. John Clark and I caught all ours on Cranberry Crusher #200 Rip Shad.. This is the same basic colors over a bare naked Rip Shad. They were made for Cranberry Creek in Huron Ohio. If you keep up on hot Lake Erie colors then you've already been to Cranberry Creek and picked up their exclusive Deep Reef Runners and Ripsticks colors. For other hot specialty colors go to [www.xtackle.com](http://www.xtackle.com) or look for these and others WL. BAUMLER- DISTRIBUTOR (PINK PANTIES) . HAPPY HOOKER BAIT AND TACKLE- DELAER HAPPY HOOKERCRANBERRY CREEK MARINA- DEALER (CRANBERRY CRUSHER)

. Speed also seemed critical at least to me. The fish we caught off the bank were caught cranking as fast as we could reel. As far as trolling goes we never caught a fish going under 3.0mph. While making a pass across the humps we came off into the deep water and was making a turn when I snagged. John made a hard turn and speeded up to go back and free the lure. During that turn the outside board went back and the result was our 5lb kicker fish. We were doing close to 4mph so the outside lure must have been going 5mph or better. The old urban legend of slow is better during cold fronts of spring just went out the door as far as saugeyes go.

A week before the tournament I was up casting banks and most of the fish came 5-10 feet off the bank. During the event we caught more within 5 feet of the bank with a couple of fish hitting after one crank of the reel just off rocks. We saw a couple of females roll up shallow most likely still spawning but the males were also shallow feeding on crawfish right in the rocks. For those who take fish home to eat do you make a habit of opening the stomach to see what they're feeding on? It's a habit with me and many times I've been wrong thinking they were feeding on perch to find small catfish or crawfish in their bellies. Have you ever caught eyes suspended and you were sure they were feeding on shad only to find crappies in the bellies. It pays to perform forensics on your catch.

My latest outing was with my brother. Sunday 3/19 and we got to the lake around 4pm. Knowing there were going to be tournament anglers pre-fishing was enough to make me stay home in the morning and do the honey do list. We started with 4 colors Pearl Ghost bare naked, Cranberry Crusher, Day old muffin and and Pink Lemonade, but Cranberry Crusher again started fast and furious with Day old Muffin coming on strong. At 7:45 clouds moved in and the light dropped early. There wasn't a boat on the Tri-humps. Two passes no fish. Changed two lures to Hot Pink Glow and Hot Flash and had two both over 25" on the next pass. Fished till 9:45 had two more big fish the largest was a 28" pig. 33 total. Caught fish on all four rods but the flimsy one produced the best. Banging bottom was a must even for the few we caught in deeper water. Most were 16-18"ers and we took four home for a midnite snack.

And as a last note. Morel mushrooms will be up within the next couple of weeks. This is a great way to get some exercise and make a good walleye meal great. There are plenty of websites dedicated to finding and identifying different edible mushrooms so I won't go into that. But for our newer members I'll give you the secret of bringing out the most taste you can get from your morels. If you own a dehydrater get it out. If not set your oven just above warm and put your morels on an oven rack and put them in. When they've shrunk and gone hard remove and refridge. You can also vaccum seal and freeze.

When you have enough mushrooms and walleye fillets take out the shrooms and put them in a bowl. Completely submerge them in whipping crême, or half n half. Put them in fridge overnite. Cut you fillets into 1-2" wide strips. Get out flour, eggs, milk and non salted saltine crackers. If you want salt pepper or other spices add them to the eggs. I start with three eggs and add ¼ cup of milk and salt n pepper, paprika, and just a little garlic. Take the crackers and crush them down as close to powder as you can get. Dip shrooms and fillets in flour, then the eggs, then the crackers. Heat your oil, pan fried or deep fried. Drop in and cook till the color is the color of straw or light brown. Don't overcook. Serve with Amish potato salad and white wine. Do the dishes afterwards and the wife might even pack you a lunch next time you go fishing. Till next month Marc Colwell

**P.S. Robert Sanderson will be providing Pizza after the Alum Creek event June 7<sup>th</sup>.**



# 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Scott Kuhn Memorial Saugeye Tournament

All Proceeds to benefit Scott's two children.

1<sup>st</sup> Place- \$700



2<sup>nd</sup> Place- \$350

3<sup>rd</sup> Place- \$150

(Based on 50 Boats)

Highest placing Tracker boat- \$300.00 donated by Ohio Marine



**Entry Fee: \$60.00 Per Boat (Up to 2 persons per boat)**

**Date: Sunday, May 3, 2009**

**Place: Indian Lake, Ohio**

**Launch Site: Blackhawk Channel**

**Time: 7:00 A.M.-3:30 P.M.**

Registration will end 6:30am Sunday, May 3.

Order of Launch determined by date entry is received.

There is a 6 fish limit & all fish must be at least 14 inches long & living. Dead fish will not be weighed at all.

**All Boats must be at weigh in by 3:30 P.M.**

Life vests must be worn any time outboard motor is running over a trolling speed.

Big fish at cost of \$10. 00 per boat and will be paid back at 100%

Please contact John Stalling (937) 407-1398 Or Matt Pickering (937) 844-9678 with any questions.

Please return bottom portion along with entry fee to:

John Stalling 18096 TWP RD 95 Kenton, OH 43326

Website [www.scottkuhnmemorial.com](http://www.scottkuhnmemorial.com) or [www.werememberscott.com](http://www.werememberscott.com)

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I try to keep politics out of the newsletter and can't confirm if it's true if so we all should shaking our heads. It's bad enough their bailing out those big boys who have gone under and can't pay their bills. No one is helping those small businesses and employees who are still fighting, and keeping their heads above water.

**Becoming Illegal**

(Actual letter from an Iowa resident and sent to his Senator)

The Honorable Tom Harkin

731 Hart

Senate Office Building

Washington DC 20510

Phone (202) 224-3254

**Dear Senator Harkin,**

**As a native Iowan and excellent customer of the Internal Revenue Service, I am writing to ask for your assistance. I have contacted the Department of Homeland Security in an effort to determine the process for becoming an illegal alien and they referred me to you.**

**My primary reason for wishing to change my status from U.S. Citizen to illegal alien stems from the bill which was recently passed by the Senate and for which you voted.**

**If my understanding of this bill's provisions is**

**accurate, as an illegal alien who has been in the United States for five years, all I need to do to become a citizen is to pay a \$2,000 fine and income taxes for three of the last five years. I know a good deal when I see one and I am anxious to get the process started before everyone figures it out.**

**Simply put, those of us who have been here legally have had to pay taxes every year so I'm excited about the prospect of avoiding two years of taxes in return for paying a \$2,000 fine. Is there any way that I can apply to be illegal retroactively? This would yield an excellent result for me and my family because we paid heavy taxes in 2004 and 2005.**

**Additionally, as an illegal alien I could begin using the local emergency room as my primary health care provider. Once I have stopped paying premiums for medical insurance, my accountant figures I could save almost \$10,000 a year.**

**Another benefit in gaining illegal status would be that my daughter would receive preferential treatment relative to her law school applications, as well as 'in-state' tuition rates for many colleges throughout the United States for my son.**

**Lastly, I understand that illegal status would relieve me of the burden of renewing my driver's license and making those burdensome car insurance premiums. This is very important to me given that I still have college age children driving my car.**

**If you would provide me with an outline of the process to become illegal (retroactively if possible) and copies of the necessary forms, I would be most appreciative.**

**Thank you for your assistance.**

**Your Loyal Constituent,**

**(hoping to reach 'illegal alien' status rather than just a bonafide citizen of the USA)**

**Donald Ruppert**

**Burlington, IA**

**Get your Forms (NOW)!!**

**Call your Internal Revenue Service at**

**1-800-289-1040.**

**(Please pass this on to your friends so they can save on this great offer.)**

**DOESN'T IT JUST BURN YOUR BUNS!!**

## Presidents Corner

With our first tournament in the books, I'm happy to congratulate Chris and Matt Sands with their win at Indian Lake. 16.16 was a very nice weight with their big fish weighing at 4.64lbs. They had almost a 3lb average, way to go guys. Andy Blumenschein and Gary Levan also had a nice second place finish with 14.2 lbs. Les Geiger and Buck Harmonm finished out the top three with 12.62 lbs. We had 24 boats which is a much improvement from last year's start. We had 205.9 lbs weighed in at our first tournament. The weather held off until I was on my way home that made it nice for the weigh-in. All and all I thought it was a great start to our 11<sup>th</sup> season in 2009.

I'm sure everybody way pleased with receiving the results later that night. This is just a sample of what we will be able to do once we get our website up and running. Marc is looking into what programs we need in order for Marc and me to be able to make changes to the website when we are up and running. We are hoping to have it up and running later this year. If anybody has any website experience or knows anybody with website experience please call me at 937-252-4947. My goal is to have the website up and running and have a year's down payment for service charges. We want to be able to support it for a minimum of one year. Hopefully we will have more information at our next tournament.

Speaking of our next tournament, it is at Alum Creek, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 7; 00am till 3; 00pm at the Cheshire boat ramp. I'm not sure if it was the weather our not but no one had any club issues they wanted to talk about. I didn't really have anything new; I just want to make sure all issues are taken care of in prompt time this year. Marc did a great job as our director and I thank him for stepping up and doing it this year for me. I know I'm still much involved with having the money mailed to me, but it was nice to check live wells and talk with everyone in the morning.

**Also all checks must be made out to John Clark, not the club. I no longer have a bank account for the club and I have no way of cashing checks made out to the Western Ohio Walleye Club. Also remember all entry fees have to be mailed to me no later than 10 days prior to the tournament or there is a \$10 late fee. The only tournament we have never charged a late fee and plan on not charging a late fee again is our championship tournament.**

If you have any concerns or commits please call me at 937-361-3799 or e-mail me at [walleyeclark@aol.com](mailto:walleyeclark@aol.com)



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New for this season.

If you haven't heard there's a new Pro Am Walleye Circuit filling the gap left when the PWT shut down. New to the walleye scene is the format. Instead of bringing fish to the scales, you measure and digitally photograph the fish and then release it back to the water. The top ten will have live webcast on the final day. There's several more twists to this circuit and you have to go to ([www.aimfishing.com](http://www.aimfishing.com)) to check it out. As for the WOWC we have had our circuit included in the "Sanctioned Series" for 2009. We will now have the opportunity to send a Team of the Year. To the AIM Championship on Lake Winnibigoshish in Northern Minnesota September 2-4<sup>th</sup> 2009. Since our Championship is Sept. 19-20<sup>th</sup> we will chose a team of the Year from our qualifying events. After C.J. Brown we will determine by point finish for the year, who will qualify to go. At the moment you have as much info as we do so go to the website and check it out. And before you ask we will still be sending our top competitors to the Cabela's National Championships.



Robert Sanderson



Les Geiger