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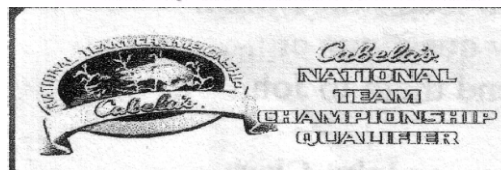
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ON APRIL FOOLS DAY EVERYONE SHOULD GO BASS
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Are you ready to rumble? Less than 4 weeks till the first tourney at Indian April 5th and it looks like we may be ice free. I say that with a touch of sadness in my writing since I can't get enough of eyeice fishing. But the ice goes out like my youth and once again it's time to get my mind on soft water fishing. By the way don't forget to read over the rules again. Many changes have been made. If I forgot something please e-mail me asap. Also make sure your fishing license is current and you have at least two ways of telling time (learned that one the hard way).

Thanks to all who have been sending me jokes all winter. There have been a few days when a laugh has been the best medicine. I hope you got out on the ice at least once this winter. I look forward to the day when I can enjoy all winter off in order to spend my full time on the ice.

But retirement is a ways off for me and it's time to get ready for the WOWC circuit. Alright make your check list. New line, sharpened hooks, fresh gas, new plugs and plenty of our sponsors products along with a take no prisoners attitude and you'll be ready. Don't forget a crying towel for your partner when you win the bet on the big one. But seriously the last thing you want is something missing or breaking down on tournament day. We've all had them and some are beyond anything but the will of God, but many are our own fault for lack of being prepared. I'm a big one for putting off till tomorrow but I've actually got a list that I go by that helps. It has changed over the years and has priorities. The top ones I try to keep done as soon as possible (usually just before I need it next). The next ones when I have nothing else to do, and finally the list I need money for. Am I the only one who hates direct deposit. Now my wife tracks my fishing expenses. She don't say much but I'm sure she wonders how much I spent when I cashed my own checks and she didn't know how much money I made. You'd think it was enough that I married her, but now she wants me to remember birthdays, anniversary and wants to track my spending. Anyway make a list and put it in a tackle box that doesn't leave the shelf so you'll have it next year.

Alright guys I haven't received any pics in a while. That's why your seeing my mug on the first page. I took my brother to the creek because it has given up some eyes lately. I told him it's been spotty but he joined me anyway. The smallmouth was my only catch that day. My brother snagged a carp by the tail and had a blast bringing it in. But we had fun and he's looking forward to learning how to troll this summer. He's one of three that want to learn the finer points of this technique. I consider myself on the lower end of expert and have been humbled a few times when fishing with the real trollers in our sport. It seems to be a technique you love or hate. If your one of those persons who can't sit still then trolling might not be your cup of mud. If I'm alone then music while watching electronics works. Now I'm into books on CD's so I'll probably have one with me when I'm trolling C.J. this summer. Sorry I'm drifting today. Anyway many people don't troll because they really don't know how. They've all cast out a crank let out line and drag that lure till the sun goes down. We all see them but have you offered to show them the proper way. I wonder how many we've lost to the sport because they couldn't figure how to catch walleyes consistently. And we all know not many are willing to ask directions. But if you see them at the ramp make a point to strike up a conversation and offer to take them out trolling so they can see hands on how to set up proper rigs. You never know they might toss you a hotspot that will win you the next tournament. Karma works that way... Well tell I see you at the boat ramp. Marc Colwell

An 8 pointer, 4 pointer and a button buck are standing by a field browsing on acorns. The 8 pointer says, 'I'm happy with my 10 does, we're really getting along.' The 4 pointer says, 'I'm happy as heck with my 5, they really take care of me!' The Button buck says, 'My two are all right, better than nothing I guess.' Then all of a sudden a GIANT 14 pointer walks out into the field. The three bucks had never seen anything like him before, they were in awe. The big buck made a huge scrape and pissed in it, rubbed a tree the size of a telephone pole and snapped it off at the ground! The three bucks looked on in amazement. The 8 pointer says, 'I could probably get by with 4 does.....Who really needs 10 anyway?'

The 4 pointer says, 'You know..... come to think of it, I only really use one or two of mine!' The button buck was silent, as the other two bucks look over to him in confusion. Suddenly the yearling runs out into the middle of the field! He rips and tears up some grass..... pisses all over the place, snorts & wheezes, rubs his head raw on a tree and chews a lickin branch clean off! Then he runs back over to his buddies. His friends immediately ask him, 'What the hell are you doing!?' I just want that big sumofa know that I'm a buck!!!

SPRING IS FOR WALKING

The birds are singing, the smell of early flowers are in the air and fish are only thinking of spawning. Yes get the boat ready for tournaments but save the gas and walk the banks. Armed with a few lures and one rod you can fill the frying pan at any lake or river bearing walleyes for the next two months. Toss a few jigs n twisters in a box. Add Cicada's, VIBE's, Little Rippers and a couple of Macks Promise Keepers to the box and you have what you need to limit out. Make sure your reel is loaded with Fireline so you can get out of more snags.

Now your ready to head out. Make sure you get to bed early since the best bites will be close to dawn or dusk. If your going to Indian head for the South shore. If it's C.J. the dam is the first place I'd check. Buckeye has eyes roaming Lieb's bay and the beach. Bait shops can provide info on other lakes. If you don't plan on moving much you might toss a dozen minnows in the bucket but if your moving try wax-worms instead. A little juice from the worms goes a long way in keeping the lure in the eye's mouth longer.

I like to start with the bladebaits first unless I know its extremely snag infested. Vary between the grip n rip and a straight retrieve. Work the area hard before changing lures. Try several colors and make your cast two to three feet apart as you work the area. Fish may hold tight and you need to get close. If blades aren't working try your jigs. Work them slow pausing up to ten seconds before moving them. If this doesn't produce try moving and start over. When the sun starts to go down the fish will move closer and when the sun disappears it's time to get out the little rippers and Promise Keepers. Cast these parallel to the bank and work them slowly back. Cast forward and behind you. Then move ten feet and try again. I've caught fish all night long this way and many have been pigs. Females will come right up to the bank for a last meal before spawning.

For those who head for the river the same lures apply. Look for holes and slow deep rapids. Outside corners of bends are some of my favorite places. Use the same techniques as the lake except when the sun goes down. When you pull out the cranks and spinners cast them downstream using the longest rod you own. When the lure gets parallel to the rod tip give it a hard twitch and let it sit. Do this for five minutes and reel in five feet and repeat. Hold the rod tightly since most hit are hard and fast. And don't forget any dams in the area. This is as far as fish can go and will likely be the spawning area the eyes will use.

We all like the ease of boat fishing but at times we all need the exercise and a chance to get back to the basics.

From my e-mails this winter

Four married guys go fishing. After an hour, the following conversation took place:

First guy: 'You have no idea what I had to do to be able to come out fishing this weekend. I had to promise my wife that I would paint every room in the house next weekend.'

Second guy: 'That is nothing, I had to promise my wife that I would build her a new deck for the pool.'

Third guy: 'Man, you both have it easy! I had to promise my wife that I would remodel the kitchen for her.'

They continue to fish. When they realized that the fourth guy has not said a word, they asked him. 'You haven't said anything about what you had to do to be able to come fishing this weekend. What's the deal?'

Fourth guy: 'I just set my alarm for 5:30 am. When it went off, I shut off my alarm, gave the wife a slap on her butt and said:

'Fishing or Sex?' and she said: 'Wear sun-block.'

And for those who like the pin-up calendars, this month only I have added the Krispy Crème monthly calendar for you to download as an attachment. I realize some of you (Duane) will have these blown up and posted on your garage walls so the JPEG is the best I could download. Enjoy....

NINE WORDS WOMEN USE

- (1) **Fine:** This is the word women use to end an argument when they are right and you need to shut up.
- (2) **Five Minutes:** If she is getting dressed, this means a half an hour. Five minutes is only five minutes if you have just been given five more minutes to watch the game before helping around the house.
- (3) **Nothing:** This is the calm before the storm. This means something, and you should be on your toes. Arguments that begin with nothing usually end in fine.
- (4) **Go Ahead:** This is a dare, not permission. Don't Do It!
- (5) **Loud Sigh:** This is actually a word, but is a non-verbal statement often misunderstood by men. A loud sigh means she thinks you are an idiot and wonders why she is wasting her time standing here and arguing with you about nothing. (Refer back to # 3 for the meaning of nothing.)
- (6) **That's Okay:** This is one of the most dangerous statements a woman can make to a man. That's okay means she wants to think long and hard before deciding how and when you will pay for your mistake.
- (7) **Thanks:** A woman is thanking you, do not question, or faint. Just say you're welcome. (I want to add in a clause here - This is true, unless she says 'Thanks a lot' - that is PURE sarcasm and she is not thanking you at all. DO NOT say 'you're welcome' . that will bring on a 'whatever').
- (8) **Whatever:** Is a woman's way of saying F-- YOU!
- (9) **Don't worry about it, I got it:** Another dangerous statement, meaning this is something that a woman has told a man to do several times, but is now doing it herself. This will later result in a man asking 'What's wrong?' For the woman's response refer
IF YOU LEARN THESE YOU'LL KNOW WHETHER TO COME HOME WITH FISH OR ROSES NEXT TIME YOUR LATE OFF THE WATER.

There is NO CURE for stupidity, and stupidity knows no geographic boundaries... Gene HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE TWO DUCK HUNTERS FROM WISCONSIN? ABSOLUTELY A TRUE STORY HEARD ON A WISCONSIN RADIO STATION REPORTING ON THE INCIDENT.

A guy buys a new Lincoln Navigator For \$42,500.00 (with monthly payments Of \$860.00).

He and a friend go duck Hunting in upper Wisconsin It's mid-winter; and Of course all of the lakes are frozen. These two guys Go out on the ice with their GUNS, a DOG, and of course the New NAVIGATOR.

They decide they want to make a Natural looking open water for the ducks to focus on Something for the decoys to float in. Now making a hole in the Ice large enough to invite a passing duck, is going to take a Little more power than the average drill auger can produce. So, out of the back of the new Navigator Comes a stick of Dynamite with a short 40 second-fuse. Now our two Rocket Scientists, afraid they might slip on the ice while Trying to run away after lighting the fuse (and becoming Toast, along with the Navigator), decide on the Following Course of action: They light the 40 second Fuse; then, with a mighty thrust, they throw the

Stick of Dynamite as far away as possible. Remember a couple of paragraphs Back when I Mentioned the NAVIGATOR, The GUNS, and The DOG...???

Let's talk about the dog: A Highly trained Black Lab used for RETRIEVING; especially Things thrown by the owner. You guessed it: The dog takes Off across the ice at a high rate of speed and grabs the Stick of dynamite, with the burning 40-second fuse, just as It hits the ice. The two men swallow, blink, Start waving their arms and, with veins in their necks Swelling to resemble stalks of rhubarb, scream and holler at the Dog to stop. The dog, now apparently cheered on by his Master, keeps coming. One hunter panics, grabs the shotgun And shoots the dog. The shotgun is loaded with #8 bird Shot, hardly big enough to stop a Black Lab. The dog stops for a moment, slightly Confused, then continues on. Another

Shot, and this time The dog, still standing, becomes really confused and of Course terrified, thinks these two geniuses have gone insane. The dog takes off to find cover, UNDER the brand new Navigator The men continue to scream as They run. The red hot exhaust pipe on the truck touches the Dog's' rear end, he yelps, drops the dynamite under the truck And takes off after his master.

! Then " "" "" "" "" BOOOOOOOOOOOOM "" "" "" "" !!! The truck is blown to bits and sinks to the Bottom of the lake, leaving the Two idiots standing there With "I can't believe this just happened" looks on Their faces. The insurance company says That sinking a vehicle in a lake by Illegal use of explosives Is NOT COVERED by the policy. And he still had yet to make the First of those \$860.00 a month Payments. The dog is okay. . .doing Fine.

And you thought Rednecks only live in the South..... ..

Slow, Slower, Slozzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzz.

Springtime and cold fronts. Been there done way to much of that. Odds are that if your out this spring you'll fish at least once after a cold front has shut the fish down. Can't be caught you say. I beg to differ. You might not go home with a limit but at least improve your odds of catching a few. Think small, think slow, think persistent. If your fishing jigs go to a double rig with crappie minnows. Drag the jig inch by inch pulling in line by your fingers. There's no such thing as too slow. Pausing a whole minute between moving the bait is not too long. Tail hooking the minnow allows the bait to pulse between movements. Having the line in your fingers allows quick feel of the bite and you can feed line giving time to take the bait.

One of my favorite ways to catch fish when the bite goes south is bait rigging. A fine wire #8 hook, two inches above use a rubber bobber stopper followed by 3/16" dia. Bead and a small Macks Lure Smile Blade. Four to six feet up tie a swivel and above that a 1/4oz. bullet weight. Start with a 4' lead as this can be cast if needed. Hook a minnow and again experiment between head hooking and tail hooking. You need to go as slow as possible and change minnows regularly if tail hooked. They don't last long. The idea is to move a foot a minute and give time for the minnow to fight it's way back to the bottom after the blade makes it jump up. You won't cover much area so make sure your fishing in a zone where fish are present on the screen belly to the bottom. This is a faith based technique that requires nerves of steel not to back to fishing fast and covering area. But even fish that have turned off won't pass a meal squirm in their face.

WOWC 2009 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE
APRIL 5TH, INDIAN LAKE LAKEVIEW RAMP
JUNE, 7TH ALUM CREEK CHESHIRE RAMP
JUNE 28TH C.J. BROWN
CHAMPIONSHIP SEPT. 19 & 20TH INDIAN LAKE

Presidents Corner

Our first tournament is just around the corner. Indian Lake is our kickoff tournament which is on April 4th at Lakeview boat ramp. The tournament starts at 7:00am and runs till 3:00 pm. I know some of you have already been out taking care of your cabin fever. I look forward to getting out myself. I know a lot of you are waiting to pay your club dues at the ramp the morning of the tournament. Remember that you have to be a member to fish our tournaments this year. The total cost will consist of club dues \$20 per person, \$80 entry fee, and optional \$10 for big fish. Marc is the director this year, However all entries should be sent to me at 218 Virginia Ave. Dayton, Ohio 45410. **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.**

Don't forget there is a \$10 late fee for entries at the ramp or not mailed 7 days prior.

I don't have the flyer right in front of me but I want to make sure everyone understands some of the changes we made at the banquet last year; first we agreed not to drop a qualifying tournament, which means we have three qualifying tournaments which consist of Indian, Alum, and C.J.Brown. We also decide to close our tournaments to club members only. Which means you must be a club member before the start of each tournament. All three qualifying tournaments count. We will not be dropping any tournaments since we only have three.

Please remember that this newsletter is going out only thru e-mail and if you know of anybody that wants to become a member that is not on our e-mail list. They need to e-mail saugeyemarc@aol.com or my e-mail address below. We are still looking forward of getting our web site up and running later this summer.

If you have any concerns or commits please call me at 937-361-3799 or e-mail me at walleyeclark@aol.com

A little boy wanted \$100.00 very badly and prayed for weeks, but nothing happened . Then he decided to write God a letter requesting the \$100.00. WHEN The postal authorities received the letter to God , USA , they decided to send it to the President. The president was so amused that he instructed his secretary to send the little boy a \$ 5.00 bill.

The president thought this would appear to be a lot of money
to a little boy.

The little boy was delighted with the \$5.00 bill and sat down to write a thank-you note to God, which read:

Dear God: Thank you very much for sending the money. However, I noticed that for some reason you sent it through

Washington D.C. and those assholes took \$95.00 in taxes.