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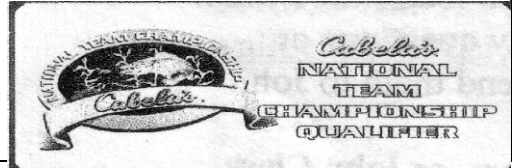
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Presidents Corner

I would like to start this newsletter off by saying congratulations to Mike Defibaugh and Dave Helton on being the highest club member team in their second place finish at Buckeye Lake. The Lake looked like it had good color (no green water), and almost all the fish came trolling the toll path. An assortment of colors and styles of crank baits was the lure of choice for most anglers. I want to thank everyone for not using trolling boards with all the boats playing doge the other boat. I would also like to say I'm sorry for forgetting the lures to the teams that won them. Like I stated I will have them at Indian Lake. What some of you might not know is that my computer was trying to throw me into a mad rage because it kept messing up on me. Computers are great when they work and are the work of the devil when they don't.

What some of you might not realize was that Jared my partner and tournament staff person along with Marc was not at this tournament which made it even harder to run. This fact and the fact that a lot of tournament rules came up at the end was enough to almost push me over the edge. I will deal with all your concerns at Indian Lake, please be prepared for a meeting on Saturday morning before we blast off.

Our championship is still at Indian Lake November 1st and 2nd. At Lake View boat ramp. The club took a vote and decided to have our hours of fishing the championship from 8:00 am till 4:00 pm, this was done because everyone believes it will be dark until 7:30 or so anyway. We have a good race going into our last tournament with several teams in position to take team of the year.

I'm looking for a tournament director for next year at least with the option of that person staying on for another year. This person will have to have internet, e-mail, at the very least. I'm looking for someone that is willing to do everything on the tournament side. I ask everyone to think about this because it could mean the difference of whether we have a circuit in the year 2009. This will be part of the meeting on Saturday.

Also we are inclosing a set of WOWC rules in this newsletter for everyone please read them because you will be responsible to know them. Several changes have been made, We will now make the life-vest an option that I hope everyone will wear to show good sportsmanship. Since the director cannot be everywhere at once and can't verify who has what on when. It is hard to enforce. So starting at Indian the new rules are now in effect.

If you have any concerns or commits please call me at 937-361-3799

2008-09 Western Ohio Walleye Club Rules

RULE CHANGES Interpretation of these rules shall be left exclusively to the tournament director; Failure to comply with any rule may result in disqualification. The decision of the tournament director shall be final in all matters. Contestants are reminded that the 'spirit of the rule' will prevail in all judgment cases.

PARTICIPANTS AND ELIGIBILITY Participation is open only to members of the Western Ohio Walleye Club. Tournament officials reserve the right to refund any entry fee, if it shall choose for any reason not to accept the application for membership. Person under the age of 18 years of age must have the signature of their parent or legal guardian on the entry form as well as the contestant.

BOAT INSPECTION All teams are subject to boat inspection. Inspections may take place at any time tournament day. No Boat may come in contact with another contestant's boat during tournament hours except in an emergency. There will be a mandatory boat inspection just prior to every tournament. All boat numbers are to be returned, before you can weigh-in, or receive any points. Failure to return number result in a \$50 fee.

SAFETY Safe boating is to be observed at all times. To show true sportsmanship please wear a Coast Guard approved personal flotation device any time the combustion engine is operating above trolling speed.

WEIGH-IN, CHECK-IN Teams must come to the weigh-in site by water on time. Boats within NO WAKE BOUY OR APPOINTED AREA at end of event are considered on time. **ONE POUND PER MINUTE WILL BE DEDUCTED FOR EVERY MINUTE LATE.**

SPORTSMANSHIP All contestants are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation. No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the boat at any time nor drunkenness tolerated..

COURTESY RULE When any contestant has tossed a marker or anchored other contestants should show sportsmanship and not fish within a twenty foot radius of the team's marker. Including sending planer boards or casting into the area. Team with marker must stay within a boat length of marker. Also as a courtesy if a troller is running a **short pass** don't jump in and anchor where they just caught a fish. Let's show some fishing ethics.

TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT Live bait and artificial lures may be used. Obey all State and Local laws regarding speed, licensing and tackle. Failure results in disqualification.

BOAT AND MOTOR All boats entered in the tournament must carry a \$100,000.00 liability policy. All boats must be equipped with some type of safety-stop switch and safety package(flag, whistle etc). Each boat must have properly aerated or recirculating livewell space to maintain a live limit catch.

Contestants must remain in the boat at all times except in case of dire emergency. In case of an emergency/disabled boat, at least one partner may return (in anotherboat) with the catch by the official check-in time. If an emergency bathroom break is needed the only facilities to be used outside the boat are to be at the launching site. While one partner is using the facilities, the other is to stay in the area but not docked.

WEATHER CONDITIONS Tournament officials will only begin tournaments during acceptable and usual weather conditions. It is the responsibility of the contestants to be aware of changing weather conditions. If conditions change to unsafe conditions, the contestants are required to seek safe shelter until the weather conditions pass.

RULES AND BAG LIMITS Tournament bag limit will be 6 fish per team with a minimum of 14" measured on "THE JUDGE" State size and bag limit will always take precedent. Species that will be weighed are walleyes, sauger, and saugeyes. Scoring will be in pounds, ounces/ hundredths. Presentation of more fish than the tournament limit will result in disqualification for the day. A three ounce penalty will be subtracted from weight for first dead fish. Director will decide if more than one dead fish will be accepted. No more than 8 walleyes/saugeyes are to be brought to weigh in area and those fish are to be culled on the water. Bringing more than 8 fish to no weigh-in area or culling after boat is removed from will result in disqualification. **NO SHORT FISH WILL BE ACCEPTED AND YOUR LARGEST FISH WILL BE THROWN OUT WITH THE SHORT ONE IF YOU BRING A SHORT ONE TO THE SCALE. SHORT FISH BROUGHT TO THE SCALE AT C.J. BROWN RES. WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION FOR THE DAY.**

PARTNER SUBSTITUTION Substitute must be club member. In case a team breaks up only one member will maintain the points.

LIABILITY Western Ohio Walleye Circuit, WOWC, its officers, promoters, tournament directors, sponsors and organizations or individuals assisting in the tournament operation, their agencies, etc. are not responsible for deaths, injuries, damages, liability, theft, fire, or any loss of any kind to entrants. Each entrant, upon paying entry is in essence signing a waiver form. Disqualification from the tournament for any reason will result in forfeiture of entry fee. Any litigation whatsoever must take place in Montgomery County, Ohio.

POINT CHAMP. QUALIFYING Each team will earn points depending on the place of finish. 1-day tournaments are worth 200 points. Points will be awarded in 2 point increments decreasing increments depending on place of finish. All teams not weighing fish will receive 50 show points. The 2-day championship tournament will be worth 500 points. Points will be awarded in 5 point increments decreasing increments depending on place of finish. All teams not weighing fish will receive 100 show points. The worst finish will be dropped and points will be added will be added to the 2-day championship points to determine the circuit champions for the year. In case of a tie, the tie breaker will be decided by the largest one day catch of the championship tournament.

If this does not break the tie then a one hour fish off will be held to determine the placement for the year. In case of a tie during 1-day events a flip of the coin will decide placement and plaques but both teams will get points for the higher place. Cash awards will be combined a split evenly for all events.

1St Annual Misfit
Buckeye Lake Open Saugeye
Tournament

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When: Saturday October 11, 2008
7AM-3PM (rain or shine)

Where: Buckeye Lake Leibs Island Launch Area

\$40.00 Entry fee per boat (2 man Team)
100% payback

1st Place 600.00
2nd Place 500.00
3rd Place 400.00
4th Place 300.00
5th Place 200.00

50-boat limit (first come, first served)

All registration must be completed by
Oct 4, 2008. Money order or Certified checks
Only. No credit cards, paypal, or personal check accepted. In
the event 50 boat field is not filled prizes awarded will be
adjusted accordingly

The next Bite:

Well I hope everyone has their electric on now. There's nothing worse than not being able to open your garage. My wife my think it's the spoiled food but she doesn't realize what it's like to have the day off and you can't get to your boat. Oh well.

As you can see there has been some changes to the circuit some a long time coming. Let's face it we're not the PWT and the fewer rules the easier for the director to enforce them. Most are just common courtesy and good sportsmanship and should be up to the competitors to use their good sense to make proper judgements on the water. A copy is enclosed and more will be available at Indian, read them before Indian Lake because they will be in effect there. Enough said.

As John stated we are looking for someone to be Tournament Director for the next one or two years. John is finishing school and next spring will be when all his finals come into play. Anything taken off his plate would be a great help. The director will set the schedule, get permits, create a flyer (our template is available) get them to bait shops at the chosen lakes, order plaques, perform safety check, conduct events, e-mail results to John, etc. etc. You get a loan from the club to get plaques and flyers, You have space on the newsletter plus the e-mail list for emergency postings. If your looking for a way to spice up your fishing resume, this is it. Sponsors like seeing Tournament Director on a resume.

Try to get some night fishing in during October. Definitely get out during the full moon phase. This is the time for the biggest fish. Egg Laden and hungry. Casting cranks along the shallows or trolling baits near the surface, should result in a few pigs. We've already had a cooler than normal late summer early fall with little rain and the waters cleaning up early. I like a little glow to bring them in on target. I find there are less miss hits at night when glowing baits lead the way. And don't be afraid to use big baits this time of year. Reef Runner Ripsticks will have to be pulled from the back of throats this time of year.

Let's also not forget the rivers this month. VIB'E's cast from the bank or worked vertical from a boat is the ticket for any river or tailwater containing Saugeyes. They don't wait for winter to head upstream and they are putting on weight for the winter. Low light hours produce the best but I've had some great catches below Taylorsville Dam at noon over the years.

If your stuck fishing the lakes during the day, crank it up. And I do mean the speed. Yes there are days where 1.2mph will catch fish, but speeds of 3+mph will cover more area and seems to turn saugeyes on during their off hours. But if you go slow go big. Big Mack's Smile blades, big beads and whole nightcrawler or chub minnow worked up and down the breaks could put you onto the next big pig for the books. Don't think for a moment we've seen the last record for Saugeye in Ohio. My personal belief is 20lbs is possible even now. But you won't catch her reading this newsletter, so soon as your off the toilet you need to get your gear together.

Marc Colwell

As you can tell I'm out of photos to use in the newsletter. Let see them past present or future. saugeyemarc@aol.com

**total
points**

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	Bonus	Total
Say / Jesse Wates	194	190	200	20	604
John Clark / Jared Meighen	198	196	188	20	602
Robert Funk / Chris Funk	194	192	192	20	598
Jim Burdette / Duane Hough	188	200	184	20	592
Corbin Williams / Brenda Williams	196	194	180	20	590
Marie Chamberlin ./ Jason Walls	198	194	196	0	588
Larry Wooten /Lenny Wooten	200	182	188	0	570
Tom Kemper / Rick Dutton	192	178	180	20	570
Gary Maynard / KennyBailey	182	198	170	20	570
Kurt Kinney / Wade Kinney	174	186	190	0	550
Bill Maynard / Jerry Columber	50	188	186	20	444
Les Geiger / Buck Marmon	50	190	184	20	444
Gerry Myers / Cave McCabe	50	192	176	20	438
Tony Thornton / Mike Thornton	50	50	178	20	298
Marc Colwell / Mercedes Colwell	50		198		248
Robert Sanderson / Lawerance Phillips		50	174		224
Dave Helton / Mike Defibaugh			200		200
Chuck Bayman / Benson Osborn	190				190
Gary Thornbury / Dean Thornbury	50	50			100
John Stalling / Mike Stalling	50	50	194		100
Chet Blevins / Rich Wilson	50				50
Mike Ahlers / Jeff Speckman	50				50
John Hill / Charles Hill	50				50
John Mahar / Dale Rapp	50				50
Pete Loukimiadias.	50				50

2007

Buckeye LakeApril
15th

Placement	Team Members	Weight	Points	Big Fish
1	Larry Riley / Mike Collins	10.66		
2	Dave Helton / Mike Defibaugh	10.6	200	
3	John Clark / Roger Combs	9.06	198	
4	Jason Walls Maria Chamberlin	8.94	196	
5	Say / Jessie Wotten	8.36	194	3.6
6	Robert Funk / Chris Funk	7.6	192	
7	Les Gieger / Buck Harmon	7.38	190	
8	Bill Maynard / Jerry Columber	6.9	188	2.8
9	Lenny Wooten / Larry Wooten	5.86	186	
10	Jim Burdette / Duane Hough	5.36	184	
11	Gary Maynard / Kenny Bailey	5.36	182	2.44
12	Corbin Williams / Brenda Williams	2.72	180	
13	Rick Dutton / Tom Kemper	1.14	178	
14	Gerry Myers / Cave McCabe	1.12	176	
15	Kurt Kinney / Wade Kinney	0.92	174	
16	Tony Thornton / Mike Thornton		50	

Ravings from the Mad Ghost Angler.

The "snood" is the fleshy projection just above the bill on a turkey.

Sharpshooter Annie Oakley's first name was Phoebe. Anne was her middle name.

Need to make a fire on a hunting or fishing trip and everything around you is wet? Try duct tape. It burns like crazy!

Honey is used as a center for some golf balls.

If you toss a penny 10,000 times, it won't come up heads 5,000 times, but more like 4,950. The heads picture weighs more, so it ends up on the bottom more often.

Coyotes can run up to 40 m.p.h. and leap a gap wider than 14 feet. Coyotes often carry fleas which can carry disease- something to keep in mind before you start skinning.

The softest mineral known is talc.

When is a car like a frog?.....When it's being toad.

Pollution costs us millions. That just goes to prove that grime doesn't pay.

In 1985 the Chicago Bears of the National Football League were nominated for a Grammy for their rap song "The Super Bowl Shuffle." They were nominated in the category of Best Rythum and Blues Performance by a Duo or Group.