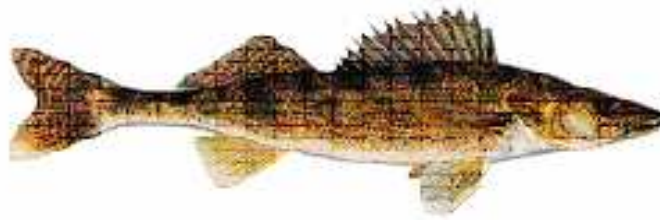


NIWC WALLEYE CLUB
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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

As I write my input for this month I am looking forward to the upcoming club weekend trip to the Mississippi River. I anticipate a good weekend with active fish. At present there are 10 guys coming. Hopefully the weather and the fish will cooperate.

I called an audible for our next meeting. On short notice I found out Rick Lacourse was putting on a free seminar at Bedford Sales in Morris on Tuesday October 30 at 7 pm. I decided this would be a good seminar to attend. With no scheduled speaker or topic for the November meeting it made sense to have it be our official meeting. We can still have an informal meeting November 6 at Pizza Pro but it will be just socializing and enjoying some refreshments.

It is time to make some plans for the upcoming year. One idea that we have done some investigation on is an ice fishing trip to Lake Petenwell. We have been in discussions with Marshall Wuensch to be our guide. We have looked at January 12 as a possible date. I would like to get input as to how many would like to go, whether a single day or a full weekend and the best date. Price is around \$50 for one day fishing and maybe some grilled food on the ice. Lodging would be additional if we make it a weekend.

I would like for some volunteers from club members to give a presentation to the club at some of our meetings. I am running out of sources for speakers. If you would take a topic, that would be terrific. Also suggestions for possible speakers are welcome. Just remember we have a limited budget. Free is good!

I would like someone to step up and be in charge of a "hands on" learning session for a meeting early next year. I would like to put on a demonstration to build your own crawler harnesses. The club can buy bulk makings to divide among the

participants. Then we'll charge a nominal fee to cover these costs. We'll show everyone how to build a crawler harness themselves. You can get creative in your design. This is a good wintertime activity.

I have been in contact with Cabelas for a road trip meeting at their new store in Hoffman Estates. The PR lady said they can put on a program about Cabela's history and show us around. They also have a rewards program we can participate in to receive points on purchases to earn rewards. When this might take place is still to be determined by Cabelas. I am waiting for the return phone call.

Club outing on the Mississippi river 10-26 by rob Liszek:

We had 9 guys in 4 boats go out Saturday for the club outing. It would have been 5 boats, but Greg Meyer wimped out (just because OF A COUPLE HOLES IN THE BOAT.) We knew going in that it would be a tough bite. Rivergates.com showed the river being up about 3 foot from its normal fall level. The water was also pretty muddy. The part that made it really tough to fish was all the grass in the water. Trolling was absolutely out of the question. If you can catch fish under these conditions, you're doing good. The floating grass had drifted in and piled up in front of the launch to about 10 feet out. If anyone is thinking of launching out of Albany, I would recommend bringing along a landscaper's rake with a 12 foot handle. After we pulled out, his boat looked like it was dressed for Halloween as a duck blind. The first 6 feet of the dock was also underwater. The big fish prize went to Dave Simpson for a 16' walleye caught early on at the dam. Since Dave's motor crapped out early in the afternoon, he can use that prize money toward a new outboard. I worked a jig and leech and produced a nice fat 20 ¼ " walleye from a shallow rock point in slack water. The fish was over the 20" slot, so he did not qualify for the big fish kitty. A little judicious tail clipping and I could have made him fit. (just kidding) Bill Meyer tried to enter his 8 pound sheephead in the contest. I had about 10 nice white bass and a couple short saugers to keep me from getting too bored during the day.

I rode in new member Keith Benson's Lund 2025. I was really impressed with the 36 volt trolling motor on his rig. Even against the strong current, I could have water skied behind it. Keith is a good boater and a pleasure to fish with. I felt a little guilty about all the grass and weeds we were getting all over his shiny rig, but only a little. The weather actually turned out nicer than expected. It was just a nice fall day to be on the water.

IWT Report By Mark Komo 10-17

Fishing was poor. Prefishing sat was good, friday was ok. Sunday it slowed. Seems all the pounding the snatch got, moved those fish. We fished the other side and got some to go. We finished with 3 fish, 5.87 lbs. Our biggest was 2.52. Both at 18+, and 14 incher. I think we finished 11th. It a decent start to the season.

All came on jiggin. We pulled floaters, cranks, some leadcore (though mainly friday). Lots of low fish counts. 1 and 2's. I think 41 total boats. Could not get any cranks to go on 3 ways. Use f7, f9, smaller stuff. The only think I didn't try was a fire tiger pattern. I had 5 and 3oz. 4ft and 5 ft leaders of 10lb XT, with a 16 inch dropper. The only think I could think of was the dropper. maybe too long? Speed seemed right at 1.2 up to 2 at times.

Double floater rig in big floater, different colors, but pink works the best. Two on the outside on the 9'6 rods and 2 on the insider corners with a 5foot shorty. Just enough to tick bottom, with a speed of .50 to .75.

We had some great prefishing on Saturday with the small creek about 2 miles up from Henry bridge was given up 17 to 19 incher's for us jiggin in 8 foot of water. Some smaller fish too. We went back Sunday, and only got 1 fish outta there. An 18 incher. The other two came from across snatch. At the tip, there is red buoy across the river. It's like a 45 degree angle from the tip of snatchland. Got two there very fast, another 18+ and a 14.

Randy Carroll won with just under 12lbs if I remember correctly. Worst / Smith got 2 fish, Balla got 2 fish, Mucha got 1, Still was a good time. Seen the usual suspects.

Gosh, the dock chatter about Chillicothe and Lacon. Brutal. One out of every four was talking about the big fish down there. We ran down to Lacon on Friday and pulled the two Snatch like drain lakes and got nothing. Some good rips, but nothing boated. John smith my old partner talked about 23 and 24 inch sauger at Chilli. It was unbelievable. Then came Sunday, we were the only monkeys to pass on the snatch (figured right, it took a POUNDING on Fri/sat.) when we ran to Henry.

Salmon report from Bill Meyer Proud father of Brian Meyer

This is what Brian has been doing 2 or 3 nights a week for the past 6 weeks. His fish have been running from 12 to 18 lbs. The average is 14 lbs. He is using glow spoons and glow shad raps at night. During the day he is using spawn sacs. He is fishing from shore at Port Washington and Milwaukee Harbor. He has caught fish at least 80% of the time he has gone out.

Brian Meyer's story

Went salmon fishing a couple weeks ago. I caught 3 kings in the Milwaukee harbor. The spawn sacs I tied up worked great. Fished them on slip bobbers instead of 3 ways. caught two off of spawn, and had a lot of hits on spoons. had one wrap around the pole to the dock and bust off. The one I caught on the spoon scared the heck out of me. It hit the spoon right in front of me, then charged straight up the boat launch right at me and beached itself at my feet, and was flopping around. It spit the hook and



the spoon hit me in the cheek, but luckily the hook didn't get me. So I was standing there dazed with a 15lb salmon flopping around, and then my buddy comes and runs over with the net and gets it just as its about to go back into the lake. There were a few guys taking a boat out of the water a couple slips down, and they all just started laughing. I guess they had done pretty good in the harbor. They said

they were just throwing #7 fire tiger shad raps, and limited out on kings and one brown. They were hitting them even at night. 4 guys in the boat.