

Michiana Walleye Association Newsletter

December 2021

13040 Day Road, Mishawaka, IN 46545.
Located 1/2 way between Bittersweet Rd. and Capital Ave. (IN 331)



MWA PLEDGE

TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE WATERWAYS AND FISH THEREIN.
TO PROVIDE A FUTURE FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.
TO EDUCATE THOSE GENERATIONS SO THAT THIS TRADITION MAY BE CARRIED ON.

Activities Calendar

December 6

Monday 6:30 PM
Board Meeting

December 7,14,21,28

Tuesday 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Work Night

There will be no communal meal. Please use your own judgment for Covid-19 prevention.

December 11

Christmas Party!

Saturday 6:00 PM
Dinner served 6:30 PM
Dinner main course provided by club. Please bring a side if you can.

There will not be a Tuesday Member Meeting in December



Board of Director Nominees

We Need You!!

We will have three Board Of Director positions to fill at the January 2022 Membership Meeting. If you or a Member you think would be a good Director please put your name in as a nominee or nominate the person(s) you want on the Board Of Directors. Please contact any Board member or Officer.

Qualifications and Elections: Nominees for the Board must be "members in good standing". Directors will be elected by the general membership at the January meeting. Term of office is (3) years.

Duties of Directors: The duties of each Director and to the Directors in their entirety include to strive to achieve the purposes of the Michiana Walleye Association and shall take an active role in the promotion and development of the Michiana Walleye Association, Inc.

New members will begin serving at the January 17, 2022 Board Meeting.

Help make your club the club you want. This is a great opportunity for you to assist in the future direction and viability of MWA. Please consider this opportunity.

MWA Family Christmas Party!

Saturday December 11, 6:00 - 8:00PM

Dinner main course provided by the club. Please bring a side dish to share.

Meal will begin at 6:30pm. If coming with child/children please RSVP by December 5th, and advise if child is boy or girl and their age(s)

Please email Tim Wyatt: twyatt007@gmail.com, or call/message to 574-904-0971 if you plan to attend.

Please observe all COVID-19 protocols. Precautions should be taken as members feel necessary.



MWA Leadership and Officers

PRESIDENT: PHIL HAKES	574-575-0609
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TREASURER: RON HIPSHER	574-274-4200
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Board of Directors

RON HIPSHER (Chair)	574-274-4200
BARRY UKELE (Sec)	574-274-7472
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RICK NICHOLS	574-993-1913
TIM WYATT	574-904-0971
DALE DILLER	574-596-6301

All Board Meetings are open to MWA members as non-participants. Anyone wishing to address the Board must contact the Board Chairperson at least one week in advance of the meeting to be placed on the Board agenda.

MWA November 9 Member Meeting Minutes Sec Lisa Jaworski

- Special notice: No December Membership meeting. Reconvene on Jan. 11. At this meeting we honor the membership. Appreciation gifts to be distributed. Come get yours!!!!
- Don Shelton update: he is at home recovering. Please reach out by phone (269-479-5550) or text. Prayers welcome. He needs the connections with members to boost his spirits.
- Pad is ready to be poured on the Fish Shack. To be completed before winter.
- Tim has ordered the waterproof roof topping material. Volunteers needed to complete the project before winter.
- Raffle tickets are being sold for supporting the Scholarship Fund. For 2022 we are raffling a fishing charter by Reel Tite. Tickets are \$5 each through April 2022. Each member please help to market and sell these tickets.
- Valentine brunch will be held on Feb. 12. More details to follow.
- Wakarusa Maple Syrup Festival – April. 22-24. MWA booth and raffle sales. Need volunteers.
- Fishing Derby for Youth will be held in the Spring in 2022.
- 2022 Fish Frys will be held strictly carry out, but picnic tables available for eating on site. Tentative schedule: May 17, June 28, July 26 and Aug. 30. Yet TBD as firm dates.

- Fish with a Vet Day will be either June 11 or 12.
- Osceola Days Bluegrass Festival is Aug. 12-14, 2022 – MWA will have a booth and raffles.
- Gutter guard to be donated by Mike Jaworski or use for aluminum recycle.
- R & B Trucking will harvest sand from the north pond and dig it deeper for us.
- Board meeting discussed marketing the club as a Multi-Species fishing club.
- 2022 Membership Drive open from January to March 31. Now is the time to recruit members and build the club.
- Following the meeting: Guest speakers Barry Ukele and Mike Rhodes gave a presentation about fishing tips.
- Note: please think of the club whenever you go fishing (walleye, pan fish, etc.) and donate filets to the club.
- Next Membership Meeting: Jan. 11, 2022. Bring side dish to share at 6 p.m. Main dish to be provided by Tim and Mike. Meeting at 7 p.m. This is the membership recognition meeting. Appreciation gifts to be distributed.

MWA November 1 Board Meeting Minutes Sec. Barry Ukele

- Tickets available for 1/2 day trip on Lake Erie or Lake Michigan with Reel-Tite Charters, LLC.
- The footings for the cook shack dug and ready. Phil will check with cement company when they can pour. Brad and Hezzi will be doing most of the finish work.
- Waiting for date for Open House to include all species seminars; sometime in April.
- There will be speakers the first of the year at the member meetings so stay tuned.
- The roof will be coated this year. Will need help.

- The MWA will be taking on BSA charter organization Troop 122 from Osceola, IN.
- The Wakarusa Maple Syrup Festival will be April 22, 23, & 24. The booth will be free.
- MWA is working on having a Vet Tournament June 11 or 12 if dates work out.
- Fish Fry dates have been picked out for 2022.
- Christmas Party will be December 11. Dinner at 6:30pm.
- Barry Ukele and Mike Rhodes will give a presentation on fishing techniques.

Message from the Membership Committee Chair

Mike Jaworski

Early Christmas greetings to one and all!

As we speed towards the ending of another year, all of us on the membership committee wish each and every one of you a Holiday Season filled with the hope for a brighter New Year! This past year has been a challenge for everyone, especially for those dealing with the effects of the terrible virus which plagues not only our country, but the entire world. So many activities and projects which were planned for throughout our country and right here within our own club had to either be modified, or completely set aside. Many of the projects which we, as your committee had planned on doing, suddenly had to be put on hold. We all hope and pray that with the coming year we will be able to serve you, the membership with the programs and activities previously planned.

The club will be hosting a membership Christmas party on December 11, with the details outlined in other parts of this newsletter. There might even be a visit from that Jolly, Old Elf himself!!

It is our hope that with the coming new year our club can come together as one, to regain the attendance and support we enjoyed prior to the epidemic. I urge everyone who is able, to attend the Tuesday night work sessions, and especially our monthly meetings.

The upcoming monthly meetings will feature speakers on various outdoor and fishing topics.

At our January meeting, members in attendance will receive a gift, compliments of the membership committee in thanks of your support.

I had the opportunity, at our fish fries to speak with many of you to gain your input on what you would like to see provided by the club. In light of this, many of you expressed that you were not walleye fishermen, but were interested in the club. These comments have been taken to heart and changes are in the process of being made.

As we quickly approach the Greatest Day of the year, I asked each of you to break away from your festivities, and step outside. While looking towards the Heavens give thanks for all HE has done for you.

Keep your line tight, your bobber wet, and your eye on the weather! -Mike



Scholarship Tickets Now available! \$5.00 per chance - Limit 400 Tickets

Win a 1/2 day trip for two with **Captain Jeremie Weber of Reel - Tite Charters LLC on one of the Great Lakes.** Captain Jeremie is a MWA member and is an active member with Michigan Charter Boat Association, The National Professional Anglers Association and #340 of the Walleye Federation. He is a United States Coast Guard licensed charter license number 7328370. They are licensed in Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana. They are a fully insured charter. All required inspections are current and up to date. Their #1 priority is the safety of their customers.

Drawing will be held on April 12, 2022. Get your tickets early.

MWA members are encouraged to sell tickets to friends, family, or anyone they know who might be interested in this great project. Simply contact Harley Hough (574) 261-4315 to arrange for signing out the number of tickets you wish to sell. You will not be asked to pay for the tickets at this time. Contact Harley Hough or any club officer for further information.

The MWA Scholarship Program is one of the Michiana Walleye Association continuing community service projects designed to assist students planning on pursuing careers in conservation, environmental, or DNR related fields of study. Currently we have provided over ten thousand dollars of financial assistance to students in their fields of study. Each semester a \$500 scholarship is awarded.

Applicants or their family need not be MWA members to be eligible. Anyone interested in applying may contact any of the Board members listed in the newsletter for further information.



Member Activities and Benefits

Member meetings

MWA **General Member** meetings are held on the **2nd Tuesday each month** at the club house. The general public is invited to attend. Fish stories or product reviews at 6:30PM and the club meeting is scheduled to start at 7:00 PM. Drinks are available for purchase. Guest speakers and fishing reports are often included as well as fishing techniques for new members and interested parties. **EVERYONE IS INVITED.**

Tuesday Evenings! (except 2nd Tuesday)

Tuesday evenings have been designated as a work night on the club grounds. Club members are asked to come out early and help with whatever maintenance and repair needs to be done to help keep our club grounds looking good. Some members use the time to play a few hands of euchre.



Grounds Use

Each member will get a combination to the lock to enter the gate to the club's grounds with their membership card. The grounds are available to you and your family to enjoy. This includes the wooded area that is filled with the wonders of nature that children love to explore. Included is a stocked catch and release pond, a basketball court, horseshoe pits, and picnic grounds with outdoor restroom facilities.



Club House Use Donation

Our clubhouse use donation is as follows: Currently for any MWA member, membership one year or more, donation is \$100 per day, plus \$50 cleaning deposit. The cleaning deposit will be refunded if the clubhouse is found to be properly cleaned by the user. Non-members donation is \$200 per day, plus \$50 cleaning deposit (refundable). The clubhouse has a seating capacity of 110 persons. It is a great facility for family celebrations, graduation parties, family reunions, etc. It is a non-smoking, non alcoholic facility with a warming kitchen inside.



Club Apparel

MWA apparel is available for sale. Many colors available. Long or short sleeve T-shirts (with or without front pocket), Ladies style shirts, Sweat shirts, Camo hats, Walleye hats, Jackets. Embroidery will be available for an extra charge. T-shirt prices are from \$10 to \$15 depending on size. See or call Rick Nichols at (574) 993-1913, for more details. Items available at membership meetings.



Hitchhikers Program

For all MWA club members who would like to fish on the river or local lakes, we offer the Hitchhikers Program. This is an opportunity for our club members who do not have a boat to get out and fish. It's also a program for members with boats but would like a boat buddy or to fish with an experienced member.



To get on the list for the Hitchhikers call Barry Ukele (574) 274-7472. The sign-up list is also posted on the club bulletin board.

Reminder

Visit Clear H2O Tackle, 69037 Christiana Lake Rd., Edwardsburg, MI 49155, 269-414-41431, 855-515-3228. ClearH2O gives MWA members a **10% discount.**



Visit the store for your fishing needs.



MWA BIG FISH Contest Entries 2021

Below are the winning entries in our first year **MWA Big Fish Contest**. The winners names will be entered in a drawing of three prizes. The drawing will take place at our January member meeting. The prizes are \$100, \$50, and \$25.

Since MWA is a multi-species fishing club this contest is for all of our member and member families. It is meant to instill some fun. We had no youth entries.



Karen Stutzman caught this 9 3/4" Bluegill at Winona Lake on a euro worm.



Lou Bisel caught this 10 1/2" Crappie on a Nightcrawler at Lake of the Woods.



Rick Nichols caught this 16 3/4" smallmouth bass at Lake Maxinkuckee.



Jim Hough caught 12 7/8 perch in Wawasee on a minnow.

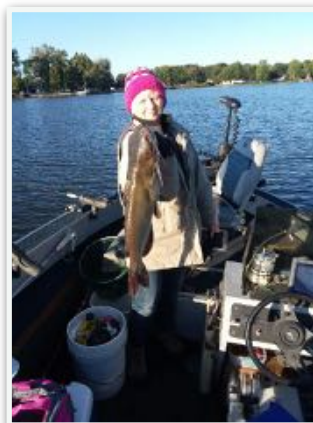


Rick Nichols caught this 8 3/4" pumpkinseed on The St. Joseph River on a red wiggler worm



Jack Egenhoefer caught this 18" Walleye on Lake of the Woods on a jigging rap.

Fish Species	Size (Inches)	Current Leader
Walleye	18	Jack Egenhoefer
Largemouth Bass	16	Lou Beisel
Smallmouth Bass	16 3/4	Rick Nichols
Northern Pike		
Crappie	10 1/2	Lou Beisel
Bluegill/Sunfish	9 3/4	Karen Stutzman
Pumpkinseed	8 3/4	Rick Nichols
Perch	12 7/8	Jim Hough
Chinook Salmon		
Coho Salmon	19	Jack Egenhoefer
King Salmon		
Rainbow Trout		
Muskellunge		
Catfish	28	Karen Stutzman



Karen Stutzman Caught this 28" cat fish Lake of the Woods on a Euro Worm.



Jack Egenhoefer caught this 19" Coho on Lake Michigan on a Flicker Shad

Beer Batter Recipe

Submitted by Lou Biesel this recipe is excellent for fish and vegetables. The Editor tried it for Bluegill, Perch and Walleye. It should be equally good for any fish species.

This recipe can be divided in half. One half is sufficient for two or more servings of fish.

- 1 Cup Flour
- 1/2 cup yellow Corn Meal
- 1 teaspoon Baking Powder
- 1/2 teaspoon Salt
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup favorite Beer (More if too thick)
- Fry in 2" Canola or Peanut Oil



Editor's Note:

Batter should be thin enough to just cover fish piece before putting in oil.



Feel free to add your favorite spices. I used one Tablespoon Garlic Powder and one Tablespoon Paprika.

Tournament Results

Maggies Landing, St. Joseph River, October 2

1st place

Dwight Jones 3 fish total weight 5.20 lbs.

Big Fish - Dwight Jones - 2.36 lbs.

2nd place

Tom Wilson / Ron Dutoi 2 fish total weight 3.24 lbs.
There were a total of 9 fish weighed in.

Two Day Classic September 11 and 12

Day one Winona Lake only 1 fish weighed in.

Josh Fugett / Gentry Brown one fish, total weight of 1.23lbs.

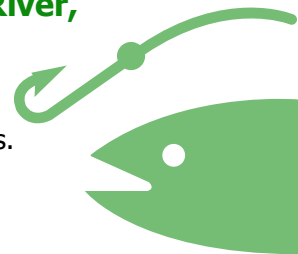
Day two Maggies Landing, St. Joseph River. Five fish were weighed in.

Tom Wilson / Ron Dutoi five fish with a total weight of 7.09lbs.

2021 Classic winners - Tom Wilson /Ron Dutoi

ANGLERS OF THE YEAR

Heath Malone / Riley Cook with a total of 402 points.
Congratulations Heath and Riley.



For Sale

Portable underwater Camera, Zero Lux, 80 feet of cable, removable sun shield, complete with batteries and charger, with a Coleman Cooler carrying case. \$125

Hand held portable Magellan GPS unit with carrying case, charger, and cigarette outlet adapter. Used only once. \$75

Assorted Dipsey Divers, perfect sizes for walleye fishing. \$7 - \$8.

If interested call Mike Jaworski 574-274-6101

ClearH2O Tackle Winter Open House

Our best deals of the year on ice fishing gear and more. Dates and times are as follows:

December 10 - 12

- **Friday: 7am - 7pm**
- **Saturday: 6am- 6pm**
- **Sunday: 6am - 4pm**





Dave Peffley - Owner

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