

Fish Tales Newsletter

Sheboygan Area Great Lakes Sport Fishermen

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Break Out Party & Juniors Awards - 7:00 pm January 18

Upcoming Club Events for 2011:

- Meeting 1/18/11
- Banquet 2/5/11
- Meeting 2/15/11
- Meeting 3/15/11
- Swap Meet 3/26/11
- Meeting 4/19/11
- Boat Rides 5/17/11
- Meeting 6/21/11
- Junior Derby 6/25/11
- Powder Puff 7/20/11
- Cobo Derby 8/13/11

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We hope all of our members and their families had a very happy holiday season, and would like to take this opportunity to wish all a happy and healthy new year and great upcoming fishing. We would like to thank all for the support and assistance for all the events held last year. Our first club meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the Outboard Club. We will be honoring club kids for their participation in our club's fishing contest by awarding trophies for the biggest fish caught in each species' category. Please come out and attend this meeting to show your support for our junior members and the big fish they registered last summer. As always at our first

meeting of the year we will be serving free pizza to our membership and guests. We also plan a short presentation by Andy Hron, Supervisor from the Kettle Moraine Springs DNR Fish Hatchery. He will be talking about the hatchery's operations, stockings and problems they are incurring. An update will be provided on our upcoming summer events, some new information on our clubs fishing contest including new start and end dates, and information on a new brochure and website. Banquet invitations will be passed out, so you can sign up for the annual awards banquet that night. We are always looking for new membership so plan on bringing a friend to welcome in the new



Come support our kids big fish awards night!

fishing season. Please join us for our "break out party" and first meeting of the new year on Tuesday January 18th 2011 starting at 7:00 pm at the Outboard Club located at 732 Water Street.

Awards Banquet - February 5, 2011

We cordially invite you to attend our annual awards banquet to be held on Saturday, February 5th, 2011. The event is scheduled to start at 5:30 pm for social hour, dinner at 6:30 pm and awards and raffles to follow. This years banquet will be held at a new location, the Sheboygan Yacht

Club located at 214 Pennsylvania Ave. This years event is organized by Jennifer Cihak and Grace Brown just like last year. We plan a family style dinner of baked chicken and beef tips with mashed potatoes, vegetables and desert, along with free beer & soda. Cost is the same as last year at

\$18 per person or \$35 per couple. The banquet is open to the public so plan on bringing a few guests to help celebrate the new fishing season. Please send reply by January 31 or call Jennifer Cihak at 920-452-9660 to make your reservation. Join the fun with plenty of raffle prizes for all!

Sheboygan Big Fish Board 2010

The "Sheboygan Big Fish Board 2010", sponsored by the Sheboygan Area Great Lakes Sport Fishermen Club, was officially over as of December 31, 2010. The following is a list of the largest documented fish caught and registered out of the port of



Sheboygan for the calendar year 2010.

This year's Big Fish winners are:

- Chinook Salmon 25.00 lbs 8/01/10
Joe Regan on Wolf Pack
- Coho Salmon 11.56 lbs 8/07/10
Dean Brotz on Fin Seeker
- Rainbow Trout 15.23 lbs 6/13/10
Amy Kvetlow on High Roller
- Brown Trout 22.20 lbs 7/12/10
John Skvarce on Top Gun,
- Lake Trout 19.73lbs 6/11/10
Todd Felsing on Shadow

The Sheboygan Area Great Lakes Sport Fishermen's Club would like to thank all those who participated and registered their fish, and would like to congratulate all of this year's trophy winners. There was a record number of entries again this year and the leader board changed many times. Awards will be presented at the annual Sheboygan Area Great Lakes Sport Fishermen banquet which will be held on February 5, 2011 at the Sheboygan Yacht Club. Worth noting was that all of this year's fish entries were larger than in 2009, except for the Chinook salmon.

National Weather Service Wind and Wave Forecast Info

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The standard for measuring wind is installing the instrument on a 10 meter tower, or about 33 feet above the surface. That is the level that all National Weather Service (NWS)

forecasts are designed to predict. However, we've received consistent

feedback from the Lake Carriers Association. The large commercial ships in the Great Lakes that frequently use the open waters tell us that those 10m winds do not represent what these large ships actually feel. Studies show that in general, winds at 100 ft. above lake level are 25 to 30 percent higher than at 33 ft. So, if we are observing or forecasting 34 knot gales at 33 ft., the large ships were measuring 42 to 44 knot winds on deck. The wind instruments on these ships are often 90 to 120 ft. above the lake surface. In an attempt to meet their needs, the NWS

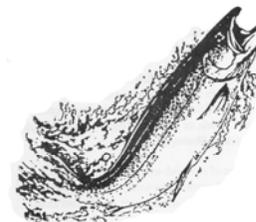
Great Lakes offices decided to issue 33 ft. wind forecasts for the near shore (within 5 nautical miles off shore), and 30m (100 ft.) wind forecasts for the open waters of the Great Lakes. The wave forecasts are generated from 33 ft. winds across the lake. And the point and click winds remain at 33 ft. on our web pages. However, the text of the Great Lakes Open Water forecasts contains the 100 ft. wind forecasts.

Jeff Craven,
Science and Operations Officer

New Club Brochure and Website for 2011

Our club is sporting a brand new brochure and website for 2011. The brochure describes many of our club's activities and events and includes a membership form and photos. We plan to make these available at all our club events and area tackle shops. The new web site is a work in progress and awaiting behind the scenes domain changes before it goes live. In the meantime the web pages are designed

and ready to go. The new website was set up and designed by Bryan Gruenke and can be updated and changed by any club member with a password. Anyone interested in volunteering for this project should contact Bryan to obtain details. We will update the progress and direction of the new web site at future club meetings. All club info will be available online such as our club fish contests, events, guest



Lake Michigan Sport Fishing

New web & brochure

speakers and any new information we need to pass along in a timely manner.
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9th Annual Fishermen's Swap Meet - March 26, 2011

The Sheboygan Area Great Lakes Sport Fishermen's club is having it's 9th annual FISHERMEN'S SWAP MEET and fundraiser on Saturday, March 26, 2011. Wow! this is going to be the 9th year we have hosted this event and every year it gets bigger and better for both attendees and vendors. Doors will be open to the public starting at 9:00 am and the event runs until 1:00 pm. Set up for all vendors will start at 7:00 am. No advance sales allowed before 9:00 am so that all bargains will be available to our visitors. The meet includes thousands of fishing and outdoor items, seminars,

raffles and refreshments. Cost is \$2 admission for adults and children under 16 are free. Advance reservation will provide you a table for \$15 or you may reserve at the door for \$20. This years location is again at Alliance Church located at 4321 Cty Tk A East, Sheboygan (near Home Depot). Call Tom Longrie at 920-457-6348 for additional info or to reserve a table. We could use some volunteers to help set up and break down. Last year, because of this one day morning event, our club made a record \$2000 to help support our clubs activities . Now is a good time to start rounding up your

no longer needed fishing items. Many anglers new to the sport are looking for bargains to rig their boats and stock up on some reasonable fishing gear. Thanks for the support and plan on attending this event and pass the word to others.



Lake Michigan World Record Brown Trout

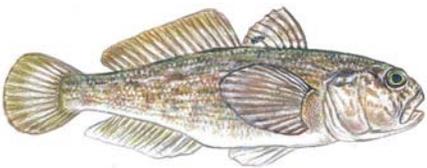
Fishing the waters off Racine on Lake Michigan, Roger Hellen of Franksville landed a 41.5-pound brown trout. The fish is more than a whopper - it's a new world record. Hellen was taking part in Salmon-A-Rama, the long-standing fishing contest run in Racine by Salmon Unlimited of Wisconsin, Inc. He caught the fish trolling in the Lake Michigan waters near Wind Point in northern Racine County. "Unreal," said Hellen, 38, and a veteran Lake Michigan angler. "But if you fish out here often enough, you know almost anything is possible." The fish

was identified as a brown trout by Cheryl Peterson, a Department of Natural Resources fisheries technician working the Salmon-A-Rama weigh-in tent. The DNR stocks two strains of brown trout in Lake Michigan - domestic and Seeforellen. Hellen's fish appears to be a Seeforellen, said Peterson. Tissue samples were taken by the DNR to age and assess the genetics of the fish. The Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame and the International Game Fish Association list the world record brown trout as a 41 lbs. 7 oz. (18.7956 kilograms) fish caught Sept. 9, 2009 in

the Manistee River, Michigan. Hellen's fish was taken to Brossman's Meat Market in Racine so it could be weighed on a certified scale.



Brown Trout Chomping on Round Gobies



The brown trout fishery in Lake Michigan, like the salmon fishery, is supported by stocking originally done to help control populations of alewife, an invasive fish species, but now done

as well to support what's become a popular fishery. Now, brown trout appear to be chomping on a newer invasive fish species -- round gobies -- helping fuel good survival and fishing, says Brad Eggold, DNR Fisheries Supervisor for southern Lake Michigan. "One of the things we're finding is the trout species are less discriminating when it comes to food, compared to Chinook," he says. "We know from stomach samples they

really go after round gobies. That could be why we are seeing really good survival of the fish and good condition. We've really seen an uptick in brown trout fishing, probably in the last 10 years, primarily in bigger harbors like Milwaukee and Racine and Sheboygan. Winter fishing in the mouths of harbors has been particularly popular. Lake Michigan fishing has been strong this past summer.

Presidents Report

I hope all of our members and their families had a very happy holiday season, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and healthy new year and great fishing. I would like to thank you all for the support and assistance for all the events we had last year. Our first club meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the Outboard Club. We will be honoring our club's kids for their participation in our club's fishing contest, with trophies being awarded for the biggest fish caught in each species' category. Pizza will also be served. Also, Andy Hron Supervisor from the Kettle Moraine Springs DNR Fish Hatchery will be talking about the hatchery's operations, stocking and problems they are incurring. I hope our members will join us for our meeting on Jan. 18th. I would like to extend a special thanks to Ken Mueller for running the raffles at our club meetings. Ken puts in a lot of time obtaining items for these raffles. He also runs the club's fishing contest and has made that a great event. Ken and Larry Freitag handle the budget and keep the books up-to-date.

I was invited by the Wisconsin Sea Grant to attend a meeting on January 4th in Manitowoc to discuss commercial fishing and the placement of their gill nets. Along with myself, those in attendance at this meeting were:

Tim Kocourek, President Northeast WI Great Lakes Sport Fishermen, Roy Potter, President Sheboygan Outboard Club, Bill Horns, Wisconsin DNR, Phil Moy, Wisconsin Sea Grant, Mike LeClair, Two Rivers Commercial Fisherman, Steve Kulpa, Two Rivers Commercial Fisherman, Glenn Seger, Sheboygan Commercial Fisherman, Charlie Henriksen, Door County Commercial Fisherman. And via Phone: Chuck Pistis, Michigan Sea Grant, Jim Fenner, Michigan Sport Fisherman

At this meeting, we discussed how we can improve the communication between commercial fishermen and anglers of Wisconsin and Michigan. Our club, as well as other clubs, the sea grant and the DNR can help anglers know the locations of the commercial fishermen's nets. I will have a full report in our next newsletter before spring on the locations of these nets. We will also have information available this spring at tackle shops, and possibly at the boat landings and on our website.

The whitefish have to be harvested, so we need commercial fishing. The commercial fishermen are more than happy to help in any way possible to let the public know where their nets are located. They also want anglers to know that if you ever get caught up in their nets by accident, they will be happy to return your lost baits if they are hung-up in their nets. You just need to notify them so they can return your baits.

We also discussed safety on the lake and if you ever get snagged on the bottom, in nets, on sailboat buoys, or ship wrecks, please have a cutter on hand at all times, so you can clip your cable lines. Losing a bait or gear is still better than having a rod holder or downrigger ripped off your boat or even worse, a loss of life. We all ask that you please be careful on the water.

Our club has the following events planned for upcoming meetings:

January 18th Kids' awards & Andy Hron from the Kettle Moraine Spring Hatchery.

February 15th We will be discussing new fishing techniques, such as wire and neon divers. This is a good way to keep up with the ever-changing way we have to adapt in order to catch fish. Such things as water clarity, sun light penetration, change the way we fish. We will also be having our club banquet on February 5th at the Sheboygan Yacht Club. This is the first year we will be having the banquet at the Yacht Club. We are looking forward to a good turnout. There will be plenty of good food, with lots of raffles and great prizes. This is a great way to meet and socialize with all our members.

March 15th We will be having a speaker from the Dave Schindelholz DNR Fishery talking on stocking and our forage base, as well as the trout and salmon population. We will also be having our Swap Meet on March 26th, held at the Alliance Church. There will be a lot of old and new baits for sale, as well as new and used fishing equipment and we ask that you please come and check it out.

April 19th Nautilus customer services will be giving a presentation on marine electronics. Nautilus provides services for installing marine electronics, auto pilots, radios, radar, fish finders, etc. They will be answering any questions you may have and suggestions on things you can try to resolve a problem.

We will have another newsletter in the future to keep our members informed on spring and summer activities.

Sincerely,

Russ Kleinert