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KLEEBBA CHALLENGE TROPHY COMES TO GOD'S COUNTRY

First off, a huge "Thank You", to our club members that helped out with the hosting of this years Kleeba challenge.

For only the second time since the inception of the trophy in 1986, the trophy will come below highway 10 for a year.

The team of Tolokken, Foss, Hawkins, Nontelle, Cornish, and Weidemann boated 4 tourney fish that totaled 44 points. Enough to win on a tough weather dominated weekend and bring the Larry Kleeba traveling trophy to LaCrosse.

We had a great turnout with 70 members representing 7 of our state's MI teams.

Several chapter members deserve recognition including; Scott Cornish, who recorded a personal best 44" during Kleeba and a 39" caught earlier on

friday. AJ Wiltinger boated 3 fish during the feeding window on Saturday afternoon, and scored 3 fish for 35 points. With his efforts, he won our chapter contest, and will be awarded a Gander Mountain \$50 gift certificate. Congrats AJ and the Wiltinger family. That team also took 2nd place in the tournament with those 35 points.

3rd place went to team 1 of 1st Wisconsin with a 4 fish total of 31 points.

Final totals showed 17 fish were boated out of nearly 35 boats with only 2 fish caught on Sunday.

Rounding out our scoring were; 1st Wisconsin team #2 with 2 fish for 20 points, Milwaukee chapter that had a single catch for 18 points and a 44" that equaled big fish for the weekend. Other

chapters that recorded fish were; Central Wisconsin with 1 fish for 12 points, Between the Lakes with 1 fish for 11 points, and Headwaters team #2 with a 36" for 10 points.

The Saturday afternoon meal social went great as all were happy with the meal of burgers and brats. We also did very well on our fundraising raffle, as we ended up selling nearly \$700.00 in raffle tickets. As it turns out, that'll cover all our expenses related to the hosting of the tournament.

Again, thanks to all that attended, especially the chapter ladies that came up and didn't fish, but helped with the meals and ticket sales. Diane, Kim, and Julie your help was invaluable!

Let's keep the Kleeba in LaCrosse!

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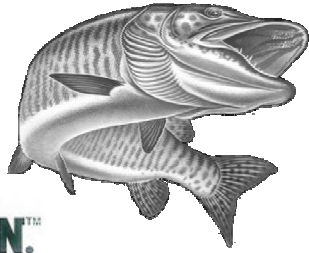
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CHAPTER PICNIC DETAILS

The chapter picnic will be held on Tuesday, July 27th, at the upper Myrick Park pavilion.

The social will start at 6:00 pm, followed by a short meeting and dinner afterward.

We'll be having our usual kids, and adult, games. We also plan to have our usual casting contest for all levels of expertise.

Please contact

Bob Nontelle at 608-799-4030 before July 20th so we can have a reasonable headcount. We also need to know how many kids below age 12 we'll have so we can get them some special prizes.

It's going to be a busy July, plan to take part in this fun picnic social.

Remember the egg toss, so dress accordingly.....

CHAPTER NEWSBITS

We have a team set to fish the Gil Hamm International chapter challenge at Vermilion in August. We also have an extra member that would take on a boat partner. You can still fish it if interested. Contact me and I'll get you the details.

The donor letters are ready for next years banquet. If you'd like to get some early, please contact me and I'll get them to you. We still need to decide if we're planning on keeping the trophy sponsorship set up the way it is now, or to change it.

The kiosk project is still in the waiting stage, as the county is working to OK the site and structure beforehand. Stay tuned.

Gander Mountain is currently without a store Manager. Paul Pierre has accepted a job at the Rochester store. Because of this, we need to wait to request continuance of the ongoing 10% off coupon program. Please be patient, and the info will get to you as soon as it comes in. Thanks.

The new chapter banner was unveiled at the Kleeba outing, and it turned out superb. It's in full color and definitely out shows our old black and white banner. Thanks to the Mazzone's and Smith's on getting this project taken care of!

Did I mention the Kleeba trophy is back in La Crosse?

MD'S RESORT STAY UP FOR SILENT AUCTION

MD's Resort, formerly Ardee's, on the North fork of the Holcombe Flowage, is offering a 2 nights stay in a 2 bedroom cabin. The stay can't be used on a Holiday weekend, but doesn't have any expiration date.

You'll have until the picnic meeting, on July 27th, to place a silent bid with me if interested. Contact me

At 608-792-7722, or Email at Muskie313@aol.com to send a silent bid. The highest bid will get the certificate.

The Reader's have been amongst our best donors in the past. Let's continue to support them in return. Place a bid. You'll have a great time!



PLAN TO ATTEND FAMILY NIGHT AT THE LOGGER'S SATURDAY, JULY 17th!

Here's a great chance to come out and take in some quality baseball in a family atmosphere!

We have the Wipfli party deck reserved out in right field for a night with the Logger's on Saturday, July 17th.

The chapter will help our members with the tickets, as adults will be able to attend for \$15 instead of the usual \$24. Kids 16 and under will be covered by the club.

If you're interested in attending, you need to contact Leif Tolokken by cell, or email, and let him know how many of you plan to attend. We've been left with unused tickets before, and ask this year that you prepay for tickets before the game.

Your ticket will include all you can eat, and drink, during the duration of the game from 1 hour before up to the 8th inning.

We need to get a ticket count to Leif by Saturday, the 10th of July. Contact him by phone at 608-386-2675, or on the web at ltolokken@hotmail.com and he'll get you signed up.

Game time is set for 7:00 pm, but gates will open shortly after 6:00 pm.

As always, we'll have special prizes for the kids, Logger bingo, and a Fig Rig rod as the grand prize for the evening.

This has been a great social in the past at a super price. Plan to come out and spend a night at the lumberyard!

PLAN TO ATTEND OUR 2ND CHAPTER OUTING AT LAKE WINTER

Our 2nd outing of the year will be based out of the Rustic Inn over the weekend of July 23-25 on Lake Winter up in Sawyer county.

Scott Cornish, and Bob Nontelle, will chair this event.

As with the Kleeba outing, all will be asked to come in for a short social from noon to 2 pm at the Rustic.

You also will be able to fish where ever you want, as long as you attend the chapter social on that Saturday.

Several of the motel sites are already taken, but there are 5 sites that are located off the point in the bay behind the resort.

If you plan to attend, contact Scott, at 608-780-6303, or Bob at

608-799-4030 to get signed up.

Campsites will be available at club cost on Friday and Saturday night only.

As with all our club outings, the tournament will run from Friday noon, thru Sunday noon, with the club member amassing the most points thru the MI fish scoring system winning a \$50 Gander Mountain gift certificate.

Contact these guys and put them to work. Aside from having a head count to help with the food purchases, Winter is a good body of water, and should definitely kick out a few fish. Hope you can make it!

MUSKY HUNTER EDITOR STEVE HEITING TO SPEAK AT AUGUST MEETING!

Musky Hunter writer, and musky pro, Steve Heiting will be giving us a seminar on Tuesday, August 31st. This will replace our usual meeting on August 24th.

More details will become available

as the seminar nears.

We plan to open the seminar to the public and possibly have a raffle to offset the costs.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend what will be an awesome educational experience!

GOD'S COUNTRY DONATES TO FISHING HAS NO BOUNDARIES

Our chapter has decided to send a donation in the amount of \$150 to the Fishing Has No Boundaries Inc.

This non profit organization works to help send our regions handicapped kids to destinations where they can

get an opportunity to fish and enjoy the sport.

56 million Americans are disabled and can't walk down to the dock and jump in a boat like we can.

Check out their website at; www.fhnvinc.org!

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A FULL JULY OF EVENTS....CHECK IT OUT!