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Upcoming YFC Outings Schedule

Wild Rose Fish Hatchery on Friday, April 15th.

At the request of several members, this will be a weekday outing. The Wild Rose Hatchery has had a major remodel and is state of the art. With the completion of the new coldwater facilities, Wild Rose is currently producing brown trout, Chinook and coho salmon and in the near future, rainbow trout. With the coolwater facilities completed, Wild Rose plans to resume production of northern pike, walleye, lake sturgeon, tiger and great lakes spotted musky, in addition to raising suckers and minnows for forage. See their website <http://dnr.wi.gov/fish/wildrose/>.

We are booked for a group tour starting at 10 am which should last about 1 1/2 hours. A naturalist will conduct the tour and it will be quite interesting and informative. After the tour, we can head over to the Pioneer Pub in Wild Rose for lunch. The Pioneer has some very nice specials exclusively for YFC - 1/2 lb. hamburger w/ fries for \$6.00, pitcher of Pop for \$5.00, a pitcher of domestic tap for \$7.00, or 25% off any menu item.

For car pooling, we will meet at the Gander Mountain (off I 94 and Hwy51) parking lot at 8 am. It is about a 90 minute drive to the hatchery.

So at the April meeting on the 12th, I will have a sign up sheet so car pooling can be arranged and I can tip off the Pioneer Pub w/ the number of persons planning on lunch there, or if you want to attend and can't make the YFC meeting, let me know beforehand so I can get you on the list.

May 21, Saturday, Fox River at Oshkosh

According to my Phenology calendar, the Lilacs should be blooming and the White bass run in full swing. Our own Gerry Paffenroth has caught thousands of White Bass on the Fox and will be speaking at the May meeting on methods, spots, bait, tackle, etc. You can also target Walleye and other species. This is a one day trip and we will boat pool as well as car pool. Should be action packed. June Small Mouth in Sturgeon Bay. Regrettably, we cannot put together this outing this year, too many things going on - speaker conflicts, Kids fishing June 4th, Fish Fry June 10th, (I'm gone the 9th through the 13th), YFC meeting on the water June 14th. We will really try to get this done next year.

June through August - meetings on the water.

Sept 24th weekend - back by popular demand, the hook and line Sturgeon outing on the lower St. Croix out of Hudson, WI. Last year everyone caught a Sturgeon and some members catching several. It was a blast.

Oct 15th weekend. Clements Barge on the Mississippi. This outing is to make up for the March 26th outing which we had to scuttle because of flooding and freezing temps. According to Clements, this is the peak of the fall run for Walleye, Sauger, sometimes Perch and of course other species in the river.

Future outings. I am always looking for outings the YFC would like to do, but I need your help and suggestions. If you know of a member or other person who is good at a particular place or type of fishing and would be willing to co chair an outing, please let me know.

Thanks and mark your calendar!!!

Tom Klein, tom_klein@dishmail.net, cell 608-225-4968

WDNR - Get the Lead Out - Wisconsin!

I suspect it is only a matter of time before lead tackle is phased out from Wisconsin fishing. Here is information from the WDNR website. Editor.

Get the Lead Out! is a campaign taking place in several US states and Canada to educate anglers on the effects of lead fishing tackle on fish, loons and other birds and wildlife. The LoonWatch program of the Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute, the Wild Rivers Chapter of WI Trout Unlimited as well as the Wisconsin Association of Lakes, Wisconsin Bird Conservation Initiative, Raptor Education Group Inc., Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, many individual lake associations, and others have partnered to educate anglers in Wisconsin on how they can help.

One Lead Split Shot - Enough to Kill a 12-Pound Loon!

Lead poisoning from ingested tackle usually occurs in one of two ways, a lead jig head is swallowed by a fish, or lost lead tackle is picked up along with small stones and grit from the bottom of lakes to help digest food. Fish, loons, eagles, trumpeter swans, and many other wildlife species are consuming lead in one or both of these ways, and the results can be fatal.

Anglers Can Tackle Lead

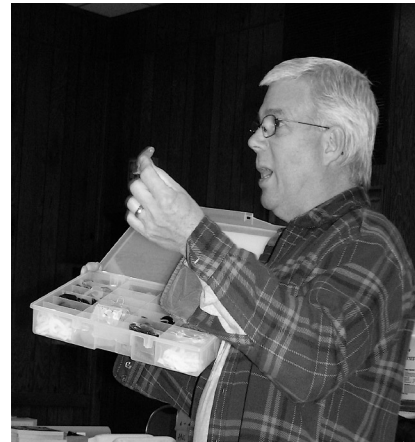
Lead fishing tackle has been used by generations of Wisconsin anglers. One of the goals of the Get the Lead Out! Wisconsin campaign is to bring awareness to anglers about lead poisoning in fish and other wildlife from lead tackle ingestion. Inexpensive and ecologically sound alternatives to lead fishing weights are available. Anglers can use sinkers and jigs made from non-poisonous materials such as tin, bismuth, steel, and tungsten-nickel alloy.

What will a change cost you?

Non-lead tackle is generally only pennies more than lead equivalents. Price comparisons show that steel tends to be even cheaper than lead.

	Lead	Tin	Steel
#3/0 Reusable Split Shot	\$0.03	\$0.04	\$0.04
#1/8 oz. Painted Jighead	\$0.40	\$0.51	\$0.25

YFC Annual Auction



The auction deposit was \$579. The Expo raffle grossed \$1,193.

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Fish making a pass at the Milwaukee River

Milwaukee - Navigating the Mequon-Thiensville Dam on the Milwaukee River will be easier for many fish species thanks to completion of a 1,000 foot fish passage. Fish from the lower 20 miles of the Milwaukee River will now be able to migrate past this dam and access at least another 12 miles of river.

River fragmentation has often been linked to fish population declines. Allowing resident fish to navigate around the 10-foot-tall dam should improve their overall population numbers by giving them the opportunity to find suitable habitat for spawning, young-of-the-year and over-wintering locations.

Although the fishway was designed to pass northern pike up a series of nine one-foot steps, many other species will also use the fishway to navigate around this dam. These fish include smallmouth bass, redhorse, walleye, sunfish, shiners, lake sturgeon, trout and salmon. Since the fishway was just constructed, complete analyses of fish movement through the fishway has not been finished. However, one electrofishing event in the fishway in September 2010 yielded 450 fish including northern pike, smallmouth bass and shiners. In addition, local residents have observed trout and salmon swimming through the passage.

This project was a collaboration of federal, state and local agencies including the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Ozaukee County, Village of Thiensville and City of Mequon. Project cost was \$355,000. The main work on the fishway occurred during the winter of 2009-2010 and was dedicated on September 26, 2010.

- Will Wawrzyn, WDNR

Wisconsin Smallmouth Alliance fundraiser

I spoke with Charlie Grimm several weeks ago about letting your group know about the Wisconsin Smallmouth Alliance fundraiser on April 19th at the Maple Tree Restaurant in McFarland.

Come early for dinner, if you wish, as the lively auction starts at 7:00 PM. You can visit our website at wisconsin-smallmouth.com for more info, including a list of the auction items; the list will be updated regularly.


We had your auction listed in our last newsletter, per Charlie's and my conversation. If you have any questions, feel free to call or email me.

Thank you,
Mike Simon, Auction Chairman

Link to the Alliance added to YFC website. See <http://www.yaharafishingclub.org/yfclinks.htm> Editor.

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A Proposal from Kurt Welke, DNR. Our April Speaker

I would like to bring to the Yahara Fishing Clubs' memberships attention a pending proposal to change the current southern Wi walleye reg from 5 fish X 15" to 3 fish X 18'. This will be up for a vote at the April 11 Conservation Congress spring hearing.

I will be coming to the 3/8 mtg with pamphlets, etc., but would like you to post this on the web. FYI, the Mad lakes are exempted from the proposal because to me, they did not meet the justification or objectives found in other waters: fishing pressure on walleyes is far below that for panfish, bass and perch. We do not have much natural reproduction so having potential spawners does not equate with or guarantee more fish, and 3rd; current size structure from our work does not suggest a cut off at the size limit- to the contrary, in Monona, Waubesa and Kegonsa, there is a large % of fish well beyond 15" and up to 29". More on that if you like..

Movie presentation : <http://dnrmedia.wi.gov/main/Viewer/?peid=677d8dcf11e24b8cbfd27001c12acbe9>
Web site ; <http://dnr.wi.gov/fish/regulations/springhearings.html>

Thanks so much,
Kurt Welke
Dane County Fisheries Manager
DNR South Central Region Headquarters
3911 Fish Hatchery Rd
Fitchburg, WI 53711

D & S Bait 2011 Fishing Seminars

All seminars are at 7:00 PM

APRIL


- 04/07 Mike Michaels - Ice-out Shorefishing
- 04/14 Rick Krueger - Under Water View Local Waters
- 04/21 John Lusk - Lake Mendota Catfish
- 04/28 Kurt Welke - DNR Fish Manager

MAY

- 05/05 Ron Barefield - Opening Weekend
- 05/12 Mike Pecosky - Get Hooked on Muskies

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Notes From the Prez

Well, my friends, for me personally, it's more than spring fever! Even though it's been chilly, you sure can feel that sun through the windows. And with the Brewers starting real play in a couple days and my annual Oklahoma fishing trip starting next week, I'm "walkin' on sunshine!" Of course, a fishing trip for 8 days that's about 800 miles away takes planning. But that's part of the fun! I've pulled out my map of Lake Tenkiller about a dozen times in the last month and reviewed my spots, old and new. After 5 or 6 trips down there now, that map has many notes, stars, and circles on it. This year I'll be taking my new Champion bass boat, so I have plenty of room for rods and tackle. Yards and yards of fresh line on the reels, tackle boxes organized, and a solid game plan that will probably change after the first morning. Spring fishing is so variable.

We have a new grandson named George William. Named after my grampa and my brother! He's 2 weeks old and has solid forearms and wrists.....probably a future musky fisherman! The poor guy.....he has no idea how expensive that's gonna be. Now that I think about it.....it won't matter to him!.....at least for a long time.....he'll be using all of my stuff!along with Jack and Freddy! Yikes!

The March meeting auction was a big success. Many thanks to everyone who donated tackle, time, and snacks for this event. Probably Dennis will have some totals at the April meeting. Certainly, the money raised helps the club in many ways. And a special thanks to

him too for keeping track of all the items and cash.....and the headache he surely got from it all!

Spring brings with it so many opportunities to get out there and fish so many different places. We'll find out at the April 12 meeting how our members did out on Clement's barge in Genoa on March 26.....definitely a super fun place to fish. Then there's a trip to the Wild Rose fish hatchery on April 15.....newly remodeled and state of the art.....if you can go on this trip, you most definitely should! And next will be the white bass outing up on the Wolf River on May 21.....how many white bass in those waters?.....more than a few!

After all that, our club will really get busy for the summer. Along with the Kid's Fishing Day on June 4 and the St Paul's church fish fry on June 10, we begin our summer round of on the water meetings. Stay tuned for details on all of these and please be willing to give of your time to help make these successful.

So sharpen those hooks, clean those reels, mark your calendars, and if you want to talk about golf.....don't call

Charlie

APRIL RAFFLE NEWS

Thanks in part to Maurice Wholesale sporting goods, supplier to Wal*Mart and Farm & Fleet stores, for the April meeting, we have a lot of quality items to raffle off. A really nice soft side tackle case which holds 4 plastic tackle boxes(included), baseball fishing hat, storm 9" musky swim bait, Suick musky bait, assorted crank baits, Berkley power baits, jig heads, swim shads, fish attractant, Rayovac sportsman flash-lights, and more.

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DNR Trout Fishing Review Launched to Seek Angler Input

We want to hear from you! We're launching a statewide effort to learn what you think about trout fishing in Wisconsin and what could be improved. We also want to learn more about your fishing habits and preferences.

Trout populations, trout streams, and trout anglers themselves have changed significantly since we last collected angler input on a statewide basis 23 years ago.

- Brook and brown trout populations statewide have increased overall and in each size range examined.
- There are more trout streams overall and more trout miles.
- Improved habitat has resulted in more naturally reproducing trout populations and changes in stocking practices [PDF 790KB] mean trout are wilder and more suited to stream.
- More anglers are practicing catch and release and traveling greater distances to fish. [PDF 117KB]

We want to better understand these changes and use what we learn to help make trout fishing even better in Wisconsin in the 21st century.

Participate in public meetings in late March and April

You can provide direct feedback by attending public meetings in late March and early April. Field biologists and supervisors are setting meeting dates and locations now.

Sign up to get e-mail updates and mobile alerts when new meeting dates or resources are posted - check the box that says "trout fishing review."

Take the online trout survey

You can take our informal qualitative survey to help share your fishing preferences and habits. The survey is available online, or you can fill it out at the public meetings in March and April. Survey results will help us shape wording and questions for a scientific statewide angler mail survey next fall. Results from all surveys will be considered during the trout fishing review process.

- Meeting dates and locations

For the greater Dane-Green - Rock- Jefferson -Dodge county area , the meeting is scheduled for WED , MAR 23 at 6pm, at DNR South Central Region Headquarters - 3911 Fish Hatchery Rd, Fitchburg WI 53711

Thanks - hope to see you there !

Kurt Welke

DWYER MARINE

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April 30, 2011

Saturday Fishing Seminars

9:30am – Doors open

10:00am – Geoff Crandall – “Early Season Madison Muskies”

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11:30am – Duffy Kopf – “Fishing Swim Jigs”

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The next meeting is on **Tuesday, April 12th**, at the Lakeside VFW Hall (John Nolen Rr. & Lakeside St.)

The Board Of Directors meet at 6:00 pm, The **General Membership meeting starts at 7:00 pm.**

Speaker : Kurt Welke

Calendar of Upcoming Events

April Events

April 12th - Club meeting at the VFW hall. Kurt Welke on the local DNR lake surveys and prospects for 2011 on the Madison chain

May Events

May 10th - Club meeting at the VFW hall. Jerry Paffenroth will discuss white bass fishing in the Oshkosh (how to and baits to use)

May 12th - Wolf River. See Page 1

The Yahara Fishing Club's doors are open to **EVERYONE**, so invite a friend to the meeting!

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