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Kids Ice Fishing Day, January 2009 A Huge Success!

By Rick Seeger

Thanks to each and every one of you from the club who came out on the morning of January 17 to help put on our annual kids ice fishing day. After the ice chips were finished flying we handed out 181 rod / reel combos, 15 gallons of hot chocolate, 240 hot dogs and buns, over 100 five gallon pails, over 200 bags of chips, and nearly 1,500 spikes – all I can say is wow! As with all club events like this it could not have been done alone, again my most sincere thanks to each of you who made the effort to help the club out with the event. I know the kids and parents really appreciated our efforts as well. I have received several e-mails and phone calls thanking everyone for putting the event on. The smiles on the kids' faces said it all. The following link will direct you to the Wisconsin State Journal article and photos about the event: <http://www.madison.com/wsj/home/sports/outdoors/434526>

I would also like to thank the following businesses for providing items for the event:

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Kids Ice Fishing, Continued



March Club Meeting

For March, we are going to try the panel discussion format again. The three panelists will be: Wally Banfi, Gary Engberg and Terry Frey. I, again, will be the moderator.

All three guide on the Wisconsin River and Lake Wisconsin. We'll talk about spring fishing on those bodies of water, with emphasis on the game fish. But, we will also cover crappies and white bass (probably).

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Devil's Lake State Park Ice Fishing Outing

I would like to put together an ice fishing outing to Devil's Lake State Park in Baraboo on February 21, 2009. We will be fishing for brown trout and possibly northern pike at the lake. If interested in going you will need an inland trout stamp, a state park vehicle permit (daily passes are available at the park), food to put on the grill, a medium jig rod, and a couple of tip ups. I will bring along a small grill to cook lunch and a power auger. If you have other items you would like to bring along please feel free to do so. I usually set two tip ups and jig near by for the trout. The fish like to bite fat head minnows, small shiners, jigging Rapalas, jigging spoons, or vibrating blade baits. Depending on snow depth / ice conditions at the lake access point we may not be able to drive onto the ice so be prepared for a short walk. See me at the February club meeting if interested in going along, or send an e-mail to seeger@chorus.net or call (608)849-3714. I would like to meet at the Piggly Wiggly parking lot in Waunakee at 5:45 am and leave at 6:00 am.

Rick Seeger

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Notes From the Prez

Once I packed up my drills and was leaving Brittingham Park, I realized what a great job Rick Seeger did with our Kids Ice Fishing Day. He put this together with very short notice and it ended up being a great day. It was a little cold, with a little wind and snow, but the kids came out with their parents and had a great time. Seemed like almost everyone caught fish and I saw a lot of smiles. Check out the article from John Nolan on the WSJ website along with a few pictures. You can get a good idea of how good looking Jack Hurst is during the winter. Thanks go out to Gary Engberg for spending the morning with us.

Another positive was Clay Russell's ice fishing panel discussion. I thought it was very informative and I received a lot of positive feedback on the format. Terry, Jim, Eric and Charlie did a great job. We have a lot of people in this club that have a lot of experience and knowledge. This was a great way to utilize it.

This month's meeting is our annual Auction Night. Bring all of your fishing stuff you want to get rid of and anything else of value you think might help the club make some money. You are also encouraged to bring some snacks along to share. I will be bringing some sausage and cheese. Somebody please bring the crackers.

Have you paid your dues? If you have, thanks. If you haven't, get your butt in gear and please get this done. Our club runs more smoothly when everyone takes care of their obligation.

The proposed By-Law and General Rule changes are printed elsewhere in this issue. We will be voting on these changes at our April meeting. Please take some time to go over these.

Holy Cow! The Fishing Expo is coming up quickly. Jim Pankratz has the sign up sheets going around and we need you to sign up to help. We need people to man the booth, people to help the vendors set up, people to sell tickets and take tickets at the door. This Expo is an opportunity for us to "sell the club". We get new members and we also make money on the raffle. We need to "sell the hell" out of those tickets. We also have the opportunity to be the area fishing club who really helps put this thing on. If everyone does a little, know one has to do a lot. As a reminder, those that show up to help with the vendor set up will get a free ticket.

Just so everyone knows, Tom Raschke is taking over the website. He is still feeling his way around, so have a little patience. Once he is really up and rolling we can make some changes and you can send him information that will be put on the website on a timely basis. Also, if you see Jayne Meyer, thank her for her years of service to our club.

The committee for our Kids Fishing Day in June is meeting tomorrow night to see what type of strategy we need to come up with to hold this event.

The membership gave the Board a pretty clear signal that they would like to have our general meeting start earlier. This probably would mean an extra night for the Board to do its business. The Board will consider this at the next meeting and make a decision on it. Stay tuned.

I hope to see everyone at the auction. Make sure you say hi.

Fishing Season Never Closes,
Duffy Kopf - Prez

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please remember to renew your fishing club membership before the end of February or you will stop receiving the monthly newsletter. Your annual dues are used to help support the operations of the club such as the printing and distribution of the newsletter. Dues can be paid at the monthly meetings or mailed to the club's post office box address.

Please Note: Members who have not paid their dues by the end of February will stop receiving the monthly newsletter starting with March.

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Proposed By-Law and General Rule Changes

What It Presently Says

Article II of By-Laws: The Annual Meeting of the members of the club shall be held in the month of September at a place and time as established by the Board of Directors. The President or Secretary shall give written notice of the time and place of such meeting, which notice shall be mailed via the newsletter or postcard, to each member in good standing as appears upon the membership records a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

Article I of General Rules

1. Due Of Members. The dues of the members shall be established at a level by which the club may fulfill any or all of its monetary obligations. The aforementioned dues shall be payable and due in the month of the annual meeting (September). Any member whose dues are delinquent will no longer be seen as a member in good standing.

Article I of General Rules

3. Life Memberships. Life Memberships shall be available at a cost of twenty-five times the current, yearly adult membership fee. These funds shall remain separate from the General Fund and the Endowment Fund. Each year, during the month of the annual meeting, the interest derived from the Life Membership fund may be transferred to the General Fund by the Board of Directors. The purpose of the transfer of interest shall be to pay for the life members yearly club membership fee. The principal in the Life Membership Fund shall be used ONLY for debts incurred during the basic operation of the club and NOT for special projects.

Article III of General rules

6. Expenditures. Only the board of Directors may authorize spending YFC funds. The Board may spend up to \$500 without membership approval. No expenditure, disbursement or obligation which is in excess of \$500 (with the exception of money donated for a specific activity) shall be made, authorized, or incurred by the Board of Directors with the approval of 2/3 of the club members present at any meeting. Even if a 2/3 vote recommends ANY expenditure, the Board may decide NOT to fund the request.

Article IV of General rules

1. Meetings. A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held without notice approximately seven days after each general membership meeting. The meeting shall be held at such place as agreed upon by the Directors. Additional meetings may be called by the President of the club. The Directors shall receive five (5) days notice of such an Additional Meeting by mail or telephone or word of mouth.

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Article I of General Rules

1. Dues of Members. The dues of the members shall be established at a level by which the club may fulfill its monetary obligations. The aforementioned dues shall be payable and due in the month of the Annual Meeting (December). Any member whose dues are delinquent will no longer be recognized as a member in good standing.

Article I of General Rules

3. This section of Article I is eliminated (Life Membership)

Article III of General Rules

6. Expenditures. Only the board of Directors may authorize spending any type of YFC funds. The Board may spend up to \$500 of unbudgeted money without membership approval. Regardless of any other provision contained in these General Rules, no expenditure, disbursement or obligation, which is in excess of \$500 of unbudgeted money, shall be made, authorized, or incurred by the Board of Directors without the approval of 2/3 of the club members present at any meeting. Even if a 2/3 vote recommends ANY expenditure, the Board may decide NOT to fund the request.

Article IV of General Rules

1. Meetings. A regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors will be held prior to the meeting of the general membership at a day and time of the Board's choosing. Additional meetings of the Board may be called by the President of the club. The Directors shall receive five (5) days notice of such an additional meeting by mail, telephone, email or word of mouth.

(NEW) Article V of General Rules

4. If a Director is going to miss a meeting, they shall contact the President in a timely manner. If a Director misses more than two meetings without notice or sufficient reason, this may be grounds for dismissal from the Board. Dismissal of a Director will occur upon the recommendation of the President and voted on by the Board of Directors. The YFC summer "On The Water" meetings are considered regular meetings. It is the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of Directors' attendance.



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Thanks to the Ice Fishing Panel

Moderator - Clay Russell
 Panelists - Charlie Grimm, Jim Kusuda,
 Eric Olson, Terry Rogers

The panel discussion went well, with Clay's well-prepared questions and well informed answers from the panel members. The only mistake was that I became so interested in the discussion that I forgot to take good notes. Stan Nichols will be returning to write up the March meeting's panel discussion. If anyone else would like to take notes at our presentations, let me know.

Tom Raschke



Clay tactfully demonstrates his verticality

Pete Froland Award Winners



Marv and Mary Cutrell accept the award presented by Jack Hurst

2008 Fishing Contest Winners

By Rick Lane

- Musky - 46" - Mike Michaels
- Northern - 43" - Jeff Western
- Walleye - 28 3/4" - Paul Zoch
- Sauger - 19 7/8" - Paul Zoch
- Largemouth Bass - 22 3/4" - Paul Marunich
- Smallmouth Bass - 21 1/8" - Jeff Western
- Catfish - 29 1/2" - Paul Zoch
- Rainbow Trout - 16 1/2" - Stan Nichols
- Brown Trout - 20 1/4" - Paul Zoch
- Brook Trout - 13 7/8" - Steve Hurst
- Perch - 14" - Paul Zoch
- Bluegill - 10 1/4 - Jim Kusda & Stan Nichols (tied)
- Crappie - 13 1/8" - Jack Hurst
- White Bass 15 1/2" - Paul Zoch

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Warner Park Sedimentation Improvements

Jack Hurst reports on progress.

This fall a filter was placed across the drainage ditch at Warner park near Trailsway and Monterey. It's purpose is to keep sediment from the lagoons. Funding has been from the Fishing Expo and the DNR. The project is a collaboration between the City of Madison Engineer, the Park District and others. Jack Hurst, who has been pushing for this project for several years, took these pictures on December 8th, 2008.



Yahara Fishing Club Membership Application

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The next meeting is on **Tuesday, February 10th**, at the Lakeside VFW Hall (John Nolen Rr. & Lakeside St.)
The Board Of Directors meet at 6:15 pm, The **General Membership meeting starts at 7:30 pm.**

Calendar of Upcoming Events

February Events

- February 10th Club meeting - Lakeside VFW Hall
Annual Club Auction, Charlie Grimm auctioneer
- February 21 Devil's Lake State Park in Baraboo
Ice fishing outing organized by Rick Seeger (See P. 2)
- February 27 - March 1, 2009 Madison Fishing Expo
Alliant Energy Center

March Events

- March 10th Club meeting - Lakeside VFW Hall
Panel Discussion Spring fishing on the Wisconsin River and Lake Wisconsin.
- March 21st Muskie Fishing School
Waunakee High School. See Duffy Kopf for details

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

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