



## Blue Water Sportfishing Association Newsletter



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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - TUESDAY,  
 DECEMBER 6, 7:00 AT MCMORRAN**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY - WEDNESDAY,  
 DECEMBER 14, 7:30 AT MCMORRAN**

### BWSA CHRISTMAS PARTY

All are welcome to join us at our annual Blue Water Sportfishing Assoc. Christmas Party on December 14th at 7:30 P.M. It will be held at McMorran in the downstairs area, which is the same location as the general membership meetings. We ask that each family that attends, please bring one dinner dish or desert dish. The BWSA board members take care of the turkeys and hams.

Events for the evening include the Blooper Awards; presented by Gary Gaw. If you know of any members who performed any bloopers over the last year, please contact Gary at 810-364-3603. Also, the BWSA captain of the year award for 2004 will be presented at the party. Captains of Eveready, Tech Rally, and No I.D., your attendance is requested to pick up your hardware. In addition, we will be awarding our Member of the Year.

The annual Christmas party is one of the club's best family outings and all are encouraged to attend. It will be a great time and we hope to see you there.



### MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Past Member of the Year winners are as follows:

| Year | Member                       |
|------|------------------------------|
| 1989 | Donna Bozyk                  |
| 1990 | Al Tyrrell                   |
| 1991 | Dick Hudson                  |
| 1992 | John Brennan / Charlie Sloan |
| 1993 | John Hawkins                 |
| 1994 | Charlie Eberwin              |
| 1995 | Jim Gibson                   |
| 1996 | Dick Beaudry                 |
| 1997 | Fred Witter                  |
| 1998 | Al Cross / Rob Helzer        |
| 1999 | Dick Hudson / Chuck Scott    |
| 2000 | Rob Helzer / Andy Remeselnik |
| 2001 | Norm Heinrich                |
| 2002 | Dan Dobson                   |
| 2003 | Bob Lane                     |
| 2004 | Paul Baker                   |

### 2006 BOATING DATES

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| January 13-22  | Cleveland Boat Show                     |
| February 18-26 | Detroit Boat Show                       |
| March 3-5      | Spring Boat & Fishing Show<br>Birch Run |
| March 30       | Fishing Forever                         |
| April 29       | Salmon Stakes                           |



## LAKE ONTARIO 2005

On Sept. 17th, my dad (Dave) and I made a weekend trip to Lake Ontario. Usually we do all of our late season salmon fishing out of Ludington, but this year we were looking for a different experience. We crossed the Marine City ferry at about noon; 170 miles and 3 hours later we found ourselves at Port Credit, Ontario. Port Credit is about 8 miles west of Toronto. The Credit River flows right thru Port Credit and spawning adult kings can be found staging in front of the rivermouth. I was told that we could launch our boat right at the mouth of the Credit River, but the ramp there was a bit small for our boat. I don't think you could launch anything over 20 ft at that launch. So, we were in search of a boat launch. It took us a while, but we found one about 3 miles East of Port Credit at the end of Lakefront Promenade Rd. We got out for a quick evening fish, but it produced nothing.

Sunday morning, we were the first boat to launch. We ran to the mouth of the Credit River and dropped lines in only 40 FOW. It only took a few moments and we had a nice King on a downrigger. I was up and after a 15 minute battle, we landed a 24 lbs Chinook. Our largest Chinook of the year. After that, things slowed. We were about 10 days late, as a lot of the Kings had already made it into the river to spawn. Only a few fish were still in the lake. We managed about 1 bite every 2 hours. We would end up losing the next 5 fish (3 broken lines and 2 that just never stuck). It was nice though to see 2 kings grab our dipsy setups and pull out 400+ ft of line. At 2 pm, we pulled lines and were back at home in Algonac before 7 pm.

We are probably going to go back in 2006. The best time is right around Labor Day weekend. It is also the busiest time to go. They have a couple of Salmon Derbies going on and a Salmon Tournament. Bronte is also another port that is worth trying out. I have been told that most of their adult King now range in the 17-21 lbs range, though fish up to 36 lbs were caught last season.

We did encounter some sea fleas on our lines. They were not too bad. The fleas mostly collected on the braided divers; they did not get on the 25 lb test downrigger rods. Another thing to note is that sailboats outnumber fishing boats by a large margin, maybe 10:1. They travel at 5-7 knots and for the most part you are at their mercy. Twice we had sailboats come right up within 30 yards of us. We changed course, but when you are only moving at 2-3 knots you can't do anything. One of the guys actually hit our inline board and broke it off. Most of the sailboats stay inside of 60 FOW and they do not get out on the water till about 10 or 11 o'clock. - *Mike Rymar*

## BWSA Dick Hudson Memorial Captain of the Year Award

| Year | Place | Captain           | Boat            |
|------|-------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1990 | 1st   | John Brennan      | Big Buzzard     |
| 1991 | 1st   | Les Smith         | Jan Le          |
| 1992 | 1st   | John Brennan      | Big Buzzard     |
| 1993 | 1st   | John Brennan      | Big Buzzard     |
| 1994 | 1st   | Les Smith         | Jan Le          |
| 1995 | 1st   | Dave Anderson     | Triple A        |
|      | 2nd   | Paul Zimmer       | Donna Mae       |
|      | 3rd   | Les Smith         | Jan Le          |
| 1996 | 1st   | Les Smith         | Jan Le          |
|      | 2nd   | Paul Zimmer       | Donna Mae       |
|      | 3rd   | Chuck Scott       | Charlie's Pride |
| 1997 | 1st   | Matt Macker       | RJ's Lure       |
|      | 2nd   | Bob Lane          | C-Dog III       |
|      | 3rd   | Paul Zimmer       | Donna Mae       |
| 1998 | 1st   | Matt Macker       | RJ's Lure       |
|      | 2nd   | Bob Lane          | C-Dog III       |
|      | 3rd   | Dave Anderson     | Triple A        |
| 1999 | 1st   | Paul Zimmer       | Donna Mae       |
|      | 2nd   | Bob Lane          | C-Dog III       |
|      | 3rd   | Roger Toner       | Buster          |
| 2000 | 1st   | Roger Toner       | Buster          |
|      | 2nd   | Paul Zimmer       | Donna Mae       |
|      | 3rd   | Tim Cook          | Fish Stix       |
| 2001 | 1st   | Rod Cope          | Rod Man         |
|      | 2nd   | Paul Zimmer       | Donna Mae       |
|      | 3rd   | Roger Toner       | Buster          |
| 2002 | 1st   | Paul Baker        | No I.D.         |
|      | 2nd   | Dan Owens         | Kids Fishin     |
|      | 3rd   | Tim Cook          | Fish Stix       |
| 2003 | 1st   | Dave Rymar        | Fishigan        |
|      | 2nd   | Tim Cook          | King Kong       |
|      | 3rd   | Frank Rotondi     | Doghous         |
| 2004 | 1st   | Tim Cook          | King Kong       |
|      | 2nd   | Bill Ogden        | Willisa Ann     |
|      | 3rd   | Paul Baker        | No I.D.         |
| 2005 | 1st   | Paul Baker        | No I.D.         |
|      | 2nd   | Keith Hieber      | Tech Rally      |
|      | 3rd   | Preston Schroeder | Eveready        |



## GO DEEP

At the April 2005 BWSA meeting Jim Johnson talked about the changes that are taking place in Lake Huron. He made comments that stuck with me and were a focus of my 2005 fishing season. His comments were along the lines of, since the ecosystem seems to be moving from a mid water system to a bottom oriented system, Jim recommended that fisherman head to deeper water and fish the bottom.

On the Tech Rally, we only have two downriggers. We designated one as the bread and butter rigger, by running cowbells and spin n glow. This setup put lots of numbers of fish in our boat, but many of them were only 3-4 pound fish. On the other rigger, we ran an 8-inch white spoon. This spoon doesn't catch large quantities of fish, however, the fish that do hit are always big. For the first time this year, we caught a fish less than 7 pounds on this spoon. Normally, this spoon catches fish that are over 8 pounds. We also ran Super Mag Dipseys with braided line, five foot off the bottom. On these Dipseys we ran Fishcatchers and flies. Our Dipseys caught a mixture of sizes of fish, but generally were a pound heavier than what we caught on the cowbells. We still had five rods to set up, but couldn't think of a good way to run another set of Dipseys down on the bottom. After much thought we finally came up with the answer to get another rig down on the bottom; one pound lead balls.

Our lead ball rig entailed using a three-way swivel with a 3-4 foot leader to the lead ball. The bait leader was 5-6 foot long and held another 8-inch white spoon. We ran this setup with a pole spooled with braid line, to avoid the water resistance of the thicker mono lines and use less line to get the rig to the bottom.

We ran this setup down the middle of our spread or down the chute. We found it easiest to let this rig out first when setting lines, to keep it from getting tangled with the rigger lines.

When setting out the lead ball rig, you should let out line until you feel the rig touch bottom. If you were to just leave the rig in that position, it will ride up high off of the bottom, due to resistance of the water passing over the line. After a few minutes, put the reel on free spool and thumb out additional line until you feel the ball hit bottom again. We had to do this three or four times before the ball bumped bottom every three or four waves. You don't want the rig to be dragging on the bottom, just an occasional bumping.

We ran this rig mostly in 100-135 foot of water most of the 2005 season. While bumping bottom, this will put this rig about 75-100 yards behind the boat, kind of like running leadcore, except a lot deeper. We have run this rig as deep as 150 feet, however we had to switch to 1.5-pound balls to counteract the added water resistance of running 50% deeper. We found most of our fish on the deep side of the ledge, where the water drops from 100-110 feet to 110-120 feet.



40% of the fish we weighed at the Lake Huron tournaments were caught on our lead ball rig. Next year we are looking at running two lead ball rigs, one off of each side of the boat. One will have a 1-pound ball and the other will have a 1.5-pound ball. The reason for the different sizes is to keep the rigs separated and not to over disturb the fish. We have found that less is more.

*Keith Hieber*

## FISHING HOTLINE

The club's fishing hotline is available with current reports. The number for it is 810-987-FISH. Joel Anderson from Anderson's Pro Bait is keeping it up-to-date.



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## **YUKON GOLD POTATO ENCRUSTED SALMON**

Yield 4 servings

2 lbs. salmon fillets, skinned and boned  
2 medium Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled  
1/3 C. olive oil  
1 leek  
4 oz. bacon  
2 cloves garlic  
1 peeled shallot  
1 C. dry white wine  
juice of half a lemon  
1/2 C. heavy whipping cream  
2 Tbs. butter

FOR SALMON: Season 4-8 oz. salmon portions with salt and pepper. Grate potatoes coarsely, and divide equally on the fish portions. Pat down and

season with lemon. Heat olive oil over medium high in nonstick skillet. Sear fillets potato-side down until golden brown. Flip over and continue cooking for 2 to 3 minutes. Remove and reserve liquid.

FOR THE SAUCE: Saute bacon until lightly brown. Add shallots, garlic and leek, and saute 2 minutes. Drain grease and add wine. Reduce by 2/3 and add lemon and cream. Reduce to a smooth sauce consistency over medium heat. Strain through fine sieve and remove from heat. Add butter in small pieces, one at a time. Season with salt and pepper. Sauce each plate first and place fillet over the sauce. Garnish with lemon wedge.

*Compliments of Gayle Gaw Dea-Lynn Charters*