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Twin Cities Walleyes Unlimited Monthly Newsletter



President's Letter:

WHERE DID THE SUMMER GO??

Members, I have said this over and over before.....how does time go by so fast? Its not fair, but that's the way it goes. What a summer so far, I hope that all my friends in TCWU Land have had a good one too. So many walleyes out there, and so little time.

I had the chance to spend some quality time with club members Dale Meinders, John Lillie, Dave Brewer, and Don Hanson on two fishing trips to Ontario Canada this summer, We had great times in great walleye waters for sure. I was proud of Dr. Brewer for christening his new Ranger boat on Gull Rock Lake. That is a story for another time, but really a fun time for sure!!

I hope you all had the chance to chase those walleyes around this summer as well. I invite everyone to email any fishing pictures to the Club e-mail so we can post them on the Club website and Facebook page.

As we stand on the threshold of our next meeting season I am excited as I write this article. We have a solid club and I look forward to the upcoming year with all the outstanding speakers that are set to visit our meetings. Be sure to keep tabs on the website and Facebook page for the speakers scheduled through spring 2019.



I am proud of our organization for the two outings that we hosted with Fraser House this summer. I want to thank the Board and Club members who volunteered for both outings. It was a very rewarding and heart-warming experience for us all. A special thank you to Lisa Wood and Claire Moore for serving lunch to over 40 folks at the August Fraser House fishing event! Additionally, I want to recognize and say thank you to Tony at the Hopkins Thrift Bakery for donating all the buns and cookies for our lunch with the Fraser House residents.



I am excited to see my friends and TCWU comrades at the upcoming member meeting on Thursday September 6th, when we kickoff the fall meeting season.

Keep those lines tight and keep on fishing!

Jim Wood
President of TCWU

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**Next Meeting:
Thursday, September 6th**

**James Burnham MN DNR
R3 Coordinator.**

recruitment, retention & reactivation

John Arms Conservationist

*Study of generational impact on
outdoor activities*

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Upcoming Meetings](#)

TCWU VOLUNTEER REPORT

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Volunteers:



TCWU Volunteer Event - Fraser Group Home Residents

Twin Cities Walleyes Unlimited members volunteered at our second summer outing event where we assisted residents, individuals with disabilities, of Fraser Group Homes fish from piers. TCWU helped more than 30 Fraser residents during the outing.

This outing, which took place on August 11, 2018 in Fridley, MN, was a spectacular event. TCWU volunteers provided all the fishing rods, reels, tackle, and bait for our catch-and-release event where we helped individuals with disabilities, including individuals with mobility challenges, fish from two fishing piers at Moore Lake Park.



Be on the lookout for more volunteer opportunities like these for next summer. TCWU received great feedback from the Fraser residents and representatives and we are hopeful that they will be asking us to volunteer again several times next year.

If you have any questions about our last two summer Fraser Volunteer Events, or questions about the plan for next summer, feel free to contact Josh at (612)666-3030.

Thanks to all that volunteered at both outings this summer!

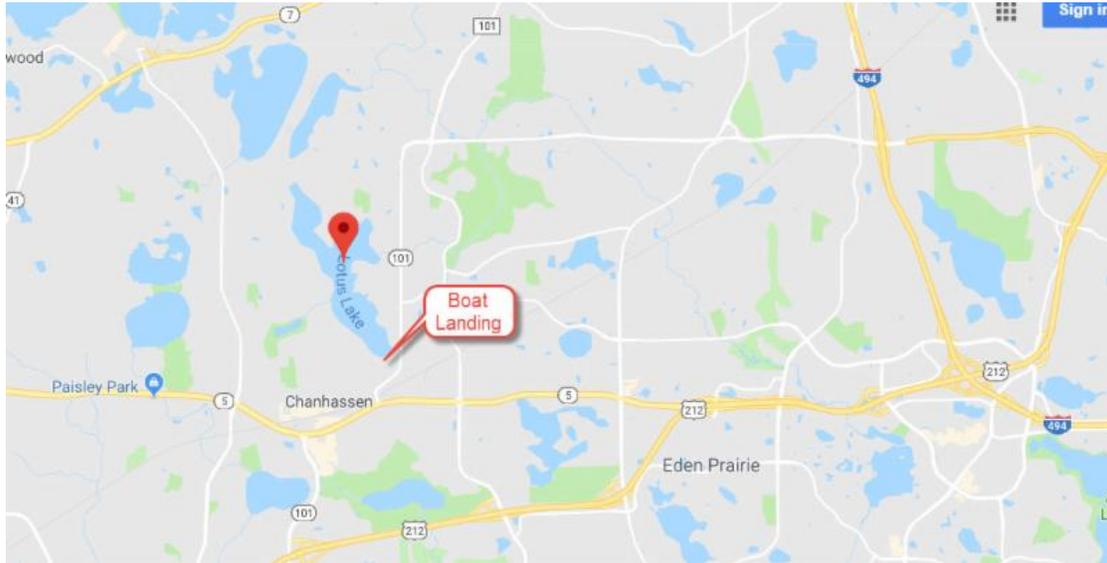


Club Fishing Outing

TCWU Fall Fishing Outing Scheduled on Saturday September 22, 2018 at Lotus Lake in Chanhassen.

Twin Cities Walleyes Unlimited has rescheduled the Summer outing to Saturday September 22 at Lotus Lake in Chanhassen. Lotus Lake is located in Northeast Chanhassen, (just north of highway 5 on highway 101). Turn onto South Shore Drive and the look for the landing entrance coming up quickly on the right side of the road.

Arrive around 7:00 am and we will get fishing soon after. Lunch and Beverages to follow feel free to bring your favorite beverage as well.



[Google map link to Lotus Lake](#)

[Click here to let us know if you plan to attend or have questions](#)

Guest Speakers and Schedule for 2018-19

Mission
Inspiring conservation, sportsmanship, and providing education to walleye anglers.

MEETING DAYS:
Thursdays

TIME:
6:30 p.m.—Social time
7:00 p.m.—Presentation

LOCATION:
Bloomington Events Center
AKA: Knights of Columbus

ADDRESS:
1114 American Blvd W,
Bloomington, MN. 55420



QUESTIONS?
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Upcoming Meetings:

Sep 6—Dr. Burnham / John Arms

Oct 4—Steve Pennaz

Nov 1—Mark Courts

Dec 6—Chip Leer

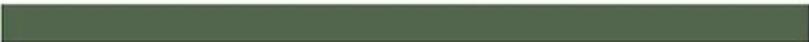
Jan 3—Tommy Skarlis

Feb 7—Robert Cardenas

Mar 7—Bill Sherck (Annual Meeting)

Apr 4—Mike Frisch/Bob Jensen

May 2—Scott Glorvigen



Check out our website and facebook page for more details!

Upcoming TCWU Meetings

September	October	November	December	January
Presenter: Dr. James Burnham	Presenter: Steve Pennaz	Presenter: Mark Courts	Presenter: Chip Leer	Presenter: Tommy Skarlis

Check us out at www.facebook.com/tcwalleyes or at www.TCwalleyes.com

Thanks to those that make it happen!

After wrapping up our Annual Meeting just a few months ago, it really makes you realize how far things have come in such a short amount of time. Reflecting on all the hard work put in by the board members, to those help and volunteer, and to all of our members, its no wonder that It all of it has helped bring the club to where it is today.

Of course, you can't overlook the main lifeline of the club – our sponsors. The list of support has grown substantially since the club first began and what's even more impressive is how diverse they are from the point of endemic and non-endemic sponsors (or those in the fishing industry and those that are not). It really speaks to how broad walleye fishing is and what it means to those in our state – not that it would come as a surprise to any of us.

The fact that our sponsors recognize Twin Cities Walleyes Unlimited as something they want their name associated with, means the world to us and makes the club want to work even harder to help keep it that way.

To all of our sponsors (imaged below), a very special thank you from all of us.

We truly appreciate your support!

Kyle Wood
Board Member of TCWU



Guest Speaker Re-cap

Corey Heiser - May 2018

In 2014 Corey Heiser and his partner Troy Morris quit using live bait and went 100% artificial for Walleyes. They cleverly named their concept and social media sites "Artifishalleges".

Their goal was to show artificial baits catch Walleyes, and can be used competitively in fishing tournaments. Skeptical? Well they won team of the year on the Masters Walleye Circuit in 2017. Corey talked through his favorite artificial baits, their advantages over live bait and the techniques he uses on tour.



Jigs and Plastics, Powerbait and Gulp

Corey's top plastics are Powerbait and Gulp. They are both Berkley products that were developed strategically differently from each other.

Powerbait

- Is an oil based plastic and it designed to to keep the fish on your bait longer.
- The bait releases scent when it struck by the fish, which keeps them on the bait.

Gulp

- Is a water based plastic, designed to expand the strike zone.
- The bait releases scent immediately, which helps draw fish in.
- The water based technology allows used baits to re-absorb scent when returned to the juice or the pack.

Advantages over Live Bait

- A multitude of colors.
- Sizes and length options.
- More and longer casts vs live bait.
- Allow for a more aggressive presentation, action and faster retrieves.

Specific Baits and Presentation

4 Inch Minnow

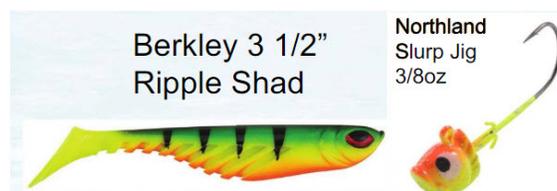
- Likes to rip through grass and cabbage.
- Work sand flats.
- Forward troll at .8 to 1.2 mph.
- Uses 1/4 oz long shank jigs.
- Uses 6'6" Medium/Fast rod.

Ring Worms

- Commonly used for rivers but also work well in lakes.
- Color availability allows you to contrast clear and dirty water conditions.
- Rings capture air and create buoyancy for slow presentations.
- Jig with 1/4 or 1/8 oz long shank jigs, or slow troll.
- Favorite shiner impersonator is the Firecracker

Ripple Shad

- Is a paddle tailed bait with an unique segmented body for more vibration and better swimming action.
- Use 3 1/2 inch size in combination with 3/8 oz Northland Slurp Jig.
- Favorite colors are Fireperch, Pearl White and Uncle Rico.
- Likes a longer rod with this jig, 6'9" to 7" with medium/medium fast action.
- Can be fished slow or fast.
- Use a straight retrieve with occasional stops or lift drop techniques.
- Two inch tails work great for Crappies.



Slow Death/Crawler Rigs

- This technique is generally used with a slow to moderate trolling.
- Uses a half of night crawler threaded on a kinked hook, that causes the bait to

rotate.

- Spinners and floats are commonly used with this rig.
- Typically use's a 3 inch Berkley Killer Crawler, which are super limber. They are bent and have a hollow core that is perfect for this technique.
- Also likes 3" Gulp Fry and the 2" Pinched crawler for short biters.
- Likes Mustad Slow Death, Berkley Slow-Turn and Matzu Death Roll hooks.



Hard Bodied Jigging and Casting Baits - Not all are created equal!

Equipment

- 6' 9" medium extra fast rod.
- Uses a Ball Bearing swivel with a 15 lb, 18 inch fluorocarbon leader to reduce line twist and the bait catching itself.

Rapala Jigging Rap

- Use size #7 and #9 based on depth and fall rate.
- Cast or fish vertically with a SNAP retrieve.

Moonshine Shiver Minnow

- Use size #2 and #3.
- This lure glides further with less effort.
- Not a great vertical lure.
- Tie directly to leader.

Johnson Jonny Darter

- Use size #5 and #7.
- Cross between Moonshine and Jigging Rap.
- Has a rattle and stout hook.

Overall Tips/Tricks

- Don't be over aggressive.
- Pre-rig multiple rods with different baits or colors.

Electronics

- Map out and fish the highest percentage fishing spots.
- Drive around for even an hour to determine best spots.

We were very lucky to have Corey join us in May as our guest speaker to share this concept and teach us how he does it.

You can follow Corey on twitter @CoreyHeiser, or search Facebook for Artfishalleyes to hear the latest fishing successes, view videos and follow him on tour.

Russell Nelson
Board Member of TCWU

Starry Stonewort is an invasive aquatic plant native to Eurasia, the species was first introduced into the Great Lakes by cargo ships discharging contaminated ballast water. The first confirmed case in the United States was found in the St. Lawrence River in 1978 and in 2015 the presence of the species was confirmed in Minnesota.

In appearance Starry Stonewort is a bright, bushy macro-algae that is very similar in appearance to many native species but is distinguishable by its white, star shaped bulbil. The main threats that Starry Stonewort presents include not only inhibiting recreational water activities due to the dense mats they can form, but also out compete native plants and provide poor food, shelter, and nesting habitat for native species. As Starry Stonewort spreads primarily through the movement of water related equipment, in order to prevent further spreading it is important to check equipment for any clinging plant material. Like many other invasive plants the species can be controlled through mechanical and herbicides treatments but require DNR permits.

Will Roach
Board Member of TCWU

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