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Twin Cities Walleyes Unlimited Monthly Newsletter



President's Letter:

Members,

I can hardly believe that it finally arrived.... Spring. Fishing on unfrozen water has finally arrived. Thank goodness!

I want to thank all of my fish-head friends for your support of our growing club and look forward to the coming season of fishing. I want to send a big thank you to Corey Heiser, our May guest speaker. So much great information from a fellow Walleye Fanatic, Thank you, Corey!!

As the "Opener" has come and gone, we can all dig in and get serious now. I look forward to the summer and upcoming events that the club has planned. The club fishing outing is June 16, Saturday at Lake Parley near Victoria, Mn. Anyone that wants to join us as a boater or with a boat, please e-mail us at the website so we can accommodate everyone.

Please watch our email and social media outlets for updates!

I want to encourage all of our members to



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Last Meeting:
Thursday, May 3rd
Corey Heiser

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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

share your fishing pictures, and anything fun you are doing this summer. You can post on the Twin Cities Walleyes Unlimited Facebook page or email us at tcwallyes@gmail.com and we can post them for you. It will be a great way that we all can keep in touch with each other and keep up on our members and their successes.

I hope that everyone keeps tuned in and sends in any tips or hot bite info that you may have. Please let me know if you have anything that you would like us to do or especially if you want to share a secret fishing spot! I promise.... I won't tell. I hope to spend time with my TCWU friends on the water this summer!

Oh, to bring full disclosure on this Presidency I must admit, I went turkey hunting on fishing opener weekend. I told you guys many times that I am constantly conflicted?

I am fishing in the trusty Lund this weekend and hope to run into my pal, Walter!

Jim Wood
President of TCWU

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2018/2019
Upcoming Meetings**

**Corey Heiser's Guest
Speaker Rec-cap was not
available this month. We do
apologize and hope to
have it ready for our next
newsletter.**

Thanks to those that make it happen!

After wrapping up our annual March 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



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Babe Winkelman Series - Part 3

Babe Winkelman - March 2018

Due to the length of Babe's amazing and unique meeting, we will re-cap his event in a three part series.

Babe shared his amazing fishing insights by telling them through his life experiences. It was truly a wonderful, passionate and personal conversation that captivated us all. The amazing journey of his life story was one we could all relate to and reminded us all of our past. A wonderful era, when the little things like a stream and fishing helped us forget the hard times, and gave us something to look forward to every day.



Part Three, Fishing Tips and interesting facts

“You can’t catch what you haven’t found. They don’t leave the lake. Most of the time they are doing things you don’t expect. You have to find out what they are doing the day you are fishing.”

Back in the day the word was walleyes don’t suspend, they are bottom fish. Or real men don’t fish Walleye with bobbers.

How close minded we were. Babe, was determined to find ways to fish them.

- Fish are shallow, deep or somewhere in between. Always start shallow work your way deeper.
- Aggressive fish move up shallow to feed.
- They care about how much food there is and what opportunity they have.
- When you find fish are they stationary or moving? You need to figure it out and if you do, you will catch more fish.

Mayflies

Traditionally we are all told you can't catch fish during a Mayfly hatch. Not necessarily the case.

- Look and find where they are hatching.
- Watch for unusual sonar activity. Babe experienced Graph readings that showed bottom at 28 and Walleyes at 32. Walleyes were routing up the larva out of the mud bottom and the silt line was causing a false bottom. The walleyes were stacked in there gorging on the mayflies.
- He found another spot with the same sonar readings and it was packed with walleyes.
- There was no structure, they will stage around food not necessarily structure. Larva hatches create such amazing food and feeding patterns.

Northerns

- Fish digest slower in cold water, so the pattern is to eat and then move into shallow warm water to digest.
- They will feed in deeper water and swallow big bait fish such as Tullibee, Whitefish, or other small Pike.
- They eat them whole and then head to shallow warm bays to digest.
- So if they are eating big bait, then they will eventually leave a big poo.
- Look for Northern poop in the shallows. It looks like peanut butter. When you find it expect big fish to come back later.

In fall they will eat the biggest bait they can. They eat them head first in their mouth.

- Fish with 10 to 12 inch creek chubs, the bait can't be too big.
- Sometime at the middle of winter the food will be at its lowest point of the season. Fish have to fatten when the opportunity presents itself.

How far will fish swim?

- A Walleye was tracked in lower lake Pepin that traveled 32 days up to the dam to in Red Wing to spawn. It stayed for five days in the same hole before spawning. It completed at 1:30 pm and traveled 32 miles downstream by 6:00 am the next morning.
- Fish don't always spawn if conditions are bad they will re-absorb their eggs. When they absorb, the big females don't usually bite well. When you hear about good or poor fish classes egg absorption is a big why.
- Has caught 1000's of walleyes sight fishing, there are times you can do it. After spawn you can find them resting in clear lakes and target them.
- The sensitivity of their eyes allows fish to see UV's.
- There is nothing that we understand about fish senses that we can explain. They have the ability to move around and find their way back to their favorite spots.
- They will always seek out the best way to grow fatten and make it through the lean times. Always, survival instincts.
- At the end of wing dams the swirling eddies will create holes that fish like to hang in.

Babe's Quips and Quotes:

- Lie like a couple of rags.
- Some fellas can fall into a damn sewer and come out smelling like a rose.
- You said when the wind blows from the east, the fish don't bite. Apparently he didn't find wind from the east.
- Human beings have the ability to pass along facts based on total bull.
- Remember Joe, in order to raise chickens you need at least two roosters, because you never know when one of them is going to sneak off fishing.
- Fun is a bite of anything

Babe shared reflections on his first family outing for sunfish. He can remember everything that day so clearly. Those memories of family together in the outdoors become the most intimate and most cherished memories of your life. Take the time to create and cherish your moments.

He closed with a very passionate speech on Ticks and Lyme's Disease. Babe has

compiled the most thorough detail on this subject. You should definitely check out his website to learn about this horrible disease, It is an epidemic and Babe's website is the best resource on the subject.

**For more information go to:
Babe Winkelman Productions
Winkelman.com**

End of the Babe series, hope you enjoyed. Have a great summer and we will see all next September!

Russell Nelson
Board Member of TCWU

Conservation Corner

The Chinese Mystery Snail are small animals that grow up to three inches tall and can be identified by their coiled spiral shell and olive coloring. The snail grazes on the material found on the bottom of lakes and rivers and earned its name due to the fact that females of the species give birth to young, fully developed snails that appear suddenly and mysteriously.

The species is native to Asia and is a common import in the aquarium trade, it was first brought as a food source to California in the 1890's, by 1915 the species had spread to Massachusetts and was first recorded in Minnesota in the early 2000's. The Chinese Mystery Snail is a regulated invasive species, this means it is legal to possess, sell, buy and transport but it is illegal to release the species into the wild.

The Mystery Snail can cause economical, recreational, and ecological damage and can change how residents and visitors can enjoy and use Minnesota waters due to the species experiencing die-off in large numbers and covering the beaches and shoreline. While no cases have been recorded in the U.S., in Asia the species has also been known to transmit several parasites to humans such as intestinal flukes.

This species is spread primarily through human actions of illegal aquarium release and water based equipment. The best methods to restrict further spread in addition to not releasing them into the wild are; to remove any aquatic plants and animals from watercraft, drain water by removing drain plugs and keep them out during transport' dispose of unwanted bait in the trash, and dry dock lifts, swim rafts and other equipment for at least 21 days before placing equipment into another body of water.

Will Roach
Board Member of TCWU

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