



WALLEYE SEARCHERS FEB NEWSLETTER

Meeting & Event Details

Monday Feb 2nd 2026, at the Eagles club in Rochester, Mn. A DNR presentation will start at 6:00 PM. Nick Schlesser and Nick Heredia from the MN DNR will give a presentation on Pool 4 survey and the health of current year class of walleyes and saugers. This is always great information to learn, and they do a fantastic job with the presentation. Q & A session to follow. This event is open to the public. Club meeting to follow at 7:00.

Membership Notes

Our current board members are:

- President- Kevin Valento
- Vice President- Tom Klinkhammer
- Treasurer- Jeff Stokfisz
- Secretary- Steve Iverson

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 7th, 2026
DNR @ 6:00 PM

Club Meeting @ 7:00 PM

March 2nd, 2026
Club Meeting 7:00 PM

March 14th, 2026
Spring Seminar 1:00 PM
Eagles Club Rochester, MN

April 6th, 2026
Club Meeting @7:00 PM

April 11th, 2026
Club Tournament #1
7:00-3:00 Fish Fry



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Membership Notes Cont.

The Jan meeting passed the 2026 meeting and tournament schedule. This will be published on the website and can be downloaded.

We have two months until our Spring seminar on the 14th of March. While things are coming together, we can always use more help to make this a successful event. Please remember that the seminar with the big-ticket raffle is our main source of income and we need them to be successful to fund all our events for the year. Dan R is our seminar chairman; contact him to find out what you can do to help. We will be having a special drawing just for veterans and active military personnel. More details to follow! We also have some nice items being donated for seminar lots. Bigger prizes will be highlighted on the website.

WTF Where's the Fish

Although there is good ice in most locations there have been some landing closings due to open water. Most of us enjoy the warm spell but it makes for dangerous situations with thin ice and open water. Please be careful and check the condition of the ice on the body of water you are venturing on to. Reports of good ice and bite on the South end of Lake of the Woods. There are mixed results reported in most areas of the state. Temp swings are definitely not helping.

Catch of the Month

We encourage members to submit photos to be shared here. This month we have Caleb on one of his many adventures. Caleb informs me he was using MegaLive2 in forward mode to see fish around his shack. He was using a 3" slab rap to create noise and vibration to bring fish in. Once they were within 15 feet, he switched to a 1/8 oz gold jigging spoon with a shiner head.

Thanks Caleb!

