

# Walleye Searchers of Minnesota

## Club Overview

- **Club Purpose**
  - Promote and enjoy the sport of Walleye fishing
  - Community Service
  
- **Activities that support promoting the sport**
  - Spring Seminar
    - Event open to the public
    - Seminar by a nationally recognized Walleye fisherman or subject matter expert
    - Fishing related displays and youth focused activities
    - Numerous opportunities to win prizes
  - Financial and technical support for numerous High School fishing teams
  - Members' fishing tournaments, monthly from April through October
  - Fund and manage the annual "Lake Pepin Open" fishing tournament
  
- **Activities that support community service**
  - Support for High School fishing teams
    - 7 to 10 teams annually
    - ~\$5000 of support annually
  - Cash donations to local community focused organizations, e.g., Boys and Girls clubs, youth fishing events, youth camps, Eagles and other outdoor related activities
    - ~\$2500 annually
  - Take a Vet fishing
    - 2022 – 84 Veterans, 62 boats, 80 volunteers including the captains
    - ~\$2500 annually
  
- **How we fund those activities**
  - Member dues
  - Annual Spring Seminar
    - Donations from local businesses and national fishing and outdoor businesses
    - Ticket sales for chances to win donated items
  - Annual Raffle for cash prizes

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## Activities and Highlights

- Monthly Meetings (typically the 1st Monday of the Month)
- Tournaments (monthly April thru October)
  - Participants paired randomly for each event
  - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place and big fish prizes awarded
  - Tournament Schedule at <https://walleyesearchers.org/meetings-and-events>
  - Tournament guidelines at <https://walleyesearchers.org/documents>
- Meeting and event schedule at <https://walleyesearchers.org/meetings-and-events>
- Blue Ticket Raffle (major fund raiser)
- Spring Seminar (fund raiser and community outreach)
- Take a Vet fishing (community outreach)
- Financial support for High School Fishing clubs
- Sponsor and manage the Lake Pepin Open (LPO)
- Volunteers' Tournament (must qualify by earning participation points)
  - participants paired by drawing of names at random
  - Point award schedule at <https://walleyesearchers.org/documents>
- Club By Laws, Tournament Guidelines, and membership application at <https://walleyesearchers.org/documents>
- Walleye Searchers Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/walleyesearchersofminnesota>
- Officers for 2024 are:
  - President, Caleb Buenger, [cbuenger188@yahoo.com](mailto:cbuenger188@yahoo.com)
  - Vice President, Mark Kruger, [krugeroutdoors@gmail.com](mailto:krugeroutdoors@gmail.com)
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## Annual Calendar

January	Meeting <a href="https://walleyesearchers.org/meetings-and-events">https://walleyesearchers.org/meetings-and-events</a> Distribute Blue Ticket Raffle Books Collect annual dues Approve meeting dates and Tournament schedule
February	Meeting DNR Speaker
March	Meeting Spring Seminar
April	Meeting Lake Pepin Open (LPO) Walleye Tournament
May	Meeting Walleye Tournament
June	Meeting Walleye Tournament
July	Meeting Walleye Tournament
August	Meeting Walleye Tournament Take a Vet fishing event
September	Meeting Walleye Tournament
October	Meeting Nomination for officer positions Walleye Tournament Volunteers Tournament
November	Meeting Angler of the year presentation Election of Officers
December	Meeting

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## Points award schedule for Volunteers Tournament

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Points required to qualify

OFFICER / EVENT CHAIR	10 POINTS
PORT 104 CHAIR	5 POINTS
WEB SITE COORDINATOR	5 POINTS
BIG TICKET CHAIR	5 POINTS
LPO CO-CHAIR	5 POINTS
TAKE A VET BOATER	3 POINTS
CHAMPIONSHIP TRACKER	3 POINTS
SCHEELS FISH FEST	2 POINTS
CONSERVATION COORINATOR	2 POINTS
YOUTH COORDINATOR	2 POINTS
RAFFLE TICKET COMMITTEE	2 POINTS
\$100 DONATION ITEM	2 POINTS
BOOK OF RAFFLE TICKETS SOLD	2 POINTS
HELPING AT CLUB EVENT	2 POINTS
FACEBOOK COORDINATOR 2 POINTS	2 POINTS
MEETING ATTENDANCE	1/2 POINT
SEMINAR DOOR PRIZE	1 POINT
TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE	1 POINT

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