

Walleye Searchers of Minnesota

Club Overview

- **Club Purpose**
 - Promote and enjoy the sport of Walleye fishing
 - Community Service
- **Activities that promote 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 donated prizes
 - A rod and reel for every child who attends
 - 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
 - 6 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
 - 2024 – 70 Veterans, 50 boats, 70 volunteers including the captains
 - ~\$5000 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
 - Donations from Businesses and individuals
 - 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
 - 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)
- Season-end Club Tournament (15 points required to participate)
 - participants paired by drawing of names at random
- 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, Kevin Valento, kevin.valento@hotmail.com
 - Vice President, Gabe Kuettner, gkuettner2090@gmail.com
 - Treasurer, Steve Iverson, sji52@hotmail.com
 - Secretary, Kyle VanDeWalker, Kyle.vande345@gmail.com

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Annual Calendar

January	Meeting https://walleyesearchers.org/meetings-and-events 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) (Sep. 27 & 28 for 2025) 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 Club Tournament (15 points required to participate)
November	Meeting Angler of the year presentation Election of Officers
December	Meeting

2025 Volunteer Tournament

October 11th and 12th 2025

7:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Red Wing, MN

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2025 Volunteer Points

15 pts (required) to qualify for Volunteer Tournament

Meeting Attendance	½ pt per meeting
Seminar Helper (Day of)	1pt (NO MAX)
Take A Vet Helper (Day of)	2pts (NO MAX)
LPO Helper (Day of)	2pts (2 pts per day)
Spring Seminar Chair	15pts (1 Person)
Take A Vet Chair	15pts (1 Person)
Board Member	10pts (Elected)
Book of Raffle Tickets	2pts (Per Books Sold)
Youth Coordinator	5pts (1 Person)
Conservation Coordinator	2.5pts (1 Person)
\$100 Donation	2pts (Retail Value)
Seminar Committee	2pts (1st 5 People)
LPO Committee	2pts (1st 5 People)
LPO Chair	3.5pts (1 Person)
Take A Vet Committee	2pts (1st 5 People)
New Member Referral	2pts (Must Sign Up)
New Member Liaison	5pts (1 Person)
Website Coordinator	7.5pts (1 Person)
Big Ticket Chair	7.5pts (1 Person)
Take A Vet Boater	3pts
Raffle Ticket Committee	2pts (2-3 People)
Facebook Coordinator	2pts (2-3 People)
Tournament Committee	1pt (3-4 People)
By Law Committee	2pts (3-4 People)

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Launches frequently used by the Club



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