

The Walleye League

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- ❖ **Every Thursday Evening from 5pm until 9pm**
- ❖ **WHERE:** Pathfinder Marine
- ❖ **WHEN:** 4:30-5:00pm Check In
- ❖ **WHO:** Anyone who loves to fish for walleye
- ❖ **WHY:** Compete and HAVE FUN!!
- ❖ **HOW MUCH:** \$20 membership fee per person
 - ◇ \$20 per Team per week
 - ◇ BIG FISH pot awarded weekly. \$10.00 per angler, Winner takes all, EVERY WEEK!!!!
- ❖ Season starts July 12th and ends August 30th, 2018
- ❖ Awards to be held on Sept. 7th, 2018 at the Hideaway Lounge in Casper, Wyoming
- ❖ 80% payback to the anglers at the end of season tournament
- ❖ End of season tournament to be announced
- ❖ Limited to 24 boats

Elections

Elections were held and there were some new board members elected.

Welcome

George Axelund, Director

Joe Stewart, Secretary

Brandon Miller, Director

Bruce Parker, Director

Board of Directors:

Past President: Jay Zastrow

President: Kenny Mayer

Vice President: Brandon Green

Secretary: Joe Stewart

Treasurer: Brandon Weaver

Upcoming Events

07-11-18 Club Meeting

08-04-18 Pathfinder Club Outing

Thank You

Thank you to Matt Hahn for his presentation on the creel survey at our last meeting.

Thank you Willie Pond for representing NPWU at Elk Pond in Newcastle.

Thank you George Axelund for volunteering at the Expo and Yesness free fishing day.

Thank you to Eric Salveggio for the great pictures and video from the Toughman Tournament. You can see some of the photos online at our website or Facebook page.

Thank you to all the volunteers who participated at the Yesness free fishing day. NPWU gave out about 350 poles.

Announcements

FREE, padded bar seats. Can be made into boat seats or?...Contact Kenny

Pathfinder club outing is August 4th, check in at the Pathfinder shelter by the Marina at 7am and be in by 3pm. You can bring a covered dish, dessert or sides.

Anthony Martinez is the owner of Tire Professionals Inc. Thank him for supporting the club. Go see him for all your tire needs!

Cheesy Baked Walleye Fillets

Here is recipe that we used to make when the children were little and thought they didn't like walleye.....now that can't eat enough!

4-6 walleye fillets depending on the size

Cheese sauce:

6 Oz. Velveeta

1 tablespoon butter

2 -3 tablespoons of milk depending on how thick of sauce you like

1 tablespoon of lemon juice

1/2 teaspoon garlic powder

1/2 teaspoon onion powder

salt & pepper to taste

Heat oven at 350. Combine all ingredients for cheese sauce in a sauce pan and cook over medium heat on stove top. Cook until cheese is melted and ingredients are well blended.

Place the fillets in coated baking dish and sprinkle with lemon pepper. Pour cheese sauce over fillets and bake for 20-25 minutes. Serve with rice side dish and vegetable. Cheese sauce can be altered depending on if you like more or less flavor or hotter, such as, a dash of Louisiana Hot sauce or other flavors.

Enjoy!

Cheryl-Sinclair, WY...via Seminoe

Board Notes

- Discussed NPWU Walleye League final format. League is an effort to get the members to increase the participation in our events and possible learn more about Walleye fishing, conservation and to have fun! Only be 24 teams may participate.
- Board is looking for quotes for installation on trailer logos.
- Voted/Approved to proceed with 60 NPWU Club Fishing shirts embroidered.
- Voted/Approved 60 T-shirts for club with 1890 to get printed.
- Authorization form needed for volunteers who are going to Cody for Buffalo Bill Youth Fishing Derby.
- Please see Jay or Kenny for back ground form.

Tactics for Trolling Walleyes by Joe Bucher

Scenario: Warm, misty overcast evening in August. Mid lake rock humps topping out in the 16 to 22 foot range.

Usually, by late August many walleyes in deep clear lakes begin to leave their summer home ranges, suspended over deep open water, and migrate onto nearby rock and gravel humps. More often than not, the best humps top off at a range near the lake's thermocline. For example, if a lake typically thermoclines at 22 feet, humps in the 18 to 22 foot range are most apt to hold fish, while shallower cropping structures will be less productive.

When these mid lake humps are small, one can usually do quite well jig fishing them, but more so these humps tend to be large. This is when board trolling a spread of crawler harnessed spinner rigs anchored to bottom bouncing weights off planer boards is the key way to catch them. This is precisely the situation Joe is faced with in this segment. The mid lake rock/gravel structure is very large with a number of smaller "spines" topping out in the 14 to 18 foot range; however, most of the rock/gravel structure is much deeper at 22 to 26 feet.

The small spines are holding the fish, but they are somewhat difficult to stay on top of and pinpoint precisely in open water. This problem is easily solved by repeated trolling passes using this board/bottom bouncer/crawler harness system. Trolling ever so slowly, once any bottom contact is made, you can literally drag an armada of tempting tidbits across these spots and find these small groups of walleyes that are utilizing these spines.

The rigging trick here is to set out just enough line below the planer board so it will catch, or better termed "tick", the top of these spines, yet not get hung up. The best way to accomplish this is by staying as vertical as possible with your set up. Using a larger weight, in the 2 ounce class, in order to stay as vertical as possible, let out just a tad more line than the spine depth tops. For example, measuring out around 20 feet of line between board and the bottom bouncer (Rock Runner) weight is nearly a perfect setting for 16 to 18 foot humps. It might require a bit more line length in strong winds and big waves, but not in soft winds and slow trolls. Troll very slowly across these humps; just fast enough to activate the spinner and keep the spinner/crawler harness suspended off the bottom. Watch the board closely and you will notice when the Rock Runner weight is touching bottom. It will make the board bounce back. This is a key time to watch for a strike. Strikes, by the way, will respond on the board by the board jerking back in a tug-like fashion. Within a few seconds, the weight of the fish will then start to drag the board out of its original position destroying its sideways angle, and placing it more directly behind the boat. Then, it's simply a matter of crankin' the fish in and re rigging.

Throwing a floating marker off a reef after a fish is caught is a good idea for reference, as is punching in the coordinates on your GPS system. As soon as I get a strike, before pulling the rod from the rod holder, I immediately reach for a floating marker and pitch it over the side. Also, on purpose, I'll usually heave the marker just past the outside of the planer board that's showing the strike. This places me as close to the exact location of the strike as possible. All return trolling passes can then be made precisely close by the actual spot where the strike occurred.

Summer trolling reefs with bottom bouncers, spinner harnesses and a crawler rigged off planer boards is a super-hot tactic. It is especially good over large mid lake reef structures that may be more difficult to fish by casting and jig fishing. At the very least, this system enables you to cover a great deal of water very efficiently, and quickly eliminates the dead sections of a large reef. You can then refish the spot more slowly with finesse jig fishing presentations if you wish.

All in all, I'd rate this system as one of the very best overall walleye producers I have come to learn in my 25 years of hunting walleyes. If you're looking for a new edge on summer walleyes, you might want to give this deadly tactic a try this season.



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