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FIRST ANNUAL HURON RIVER OUTING

MARCH 13th, 2010

Outing Chairperson: John Popp
313-336-7649 or 313-408-4715

Steelhead and Walleye To be held at Labo Park

South Huron River Drive East of Old Fort
(I-75 exit 26, left turn, east)

Fishing 10 AM to 3PM

Fish the river from the bank or by boat

Float Tubes are acceptable

Dropback, Centerpin, Bobber or Fly Fishing

Whatever method you prefer

Luncheon at 4 PM \$ 5.00

Bragging Rights Only

All Welcome – Must be Club Member to Win

West Basin/Detroit River Walleye Tournament(s)

April 10th

Port Chairman: Mike Manick

April 24th

Port Chairman: Ray K'

We kick off the 2010 tournament season in the West Basin in seek of trophy walleye. Our first two tournaments will be held two weeks apart in April taking advantage of those hawks that move into the Detroit River and the Western Basin of Lake Erie. Past tournaments have produced 5 fish catches totaling 30lbs and individual walleye over 11lbs. If you're looking for trophy walleye this is a good time of year to be on the water!

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All Club West Basin tournaments are now again open to both the lake and river and this is one time of the year that winning catch can and have come from the river as far north as Great Lakes Steel to the lake as far south as the reefs north of Camp Perry. Winning methods have included everything from handlining to jigging, trolling body baits high and low to crawler harnesses. Everything has proven to be the winning combination in April.

Weigh-in locations have yet to be confirmed but tentatively the April 10th tournament will be held at the Lake Erie Metro Park on the south west side of the Wave Pool parking lot. The April 24th tournament tentative weigh-in location is Hellenburg Park in Monroe.

To enter the tournaments sign up at the monthly membership meeting or contact (for April 10th) Mike Manick at 313-383-0019 and (for April 24th) Ray K' at 313-570-7388 or for either Dave Varitek at 734-558-7819.

Benton Harbor Salmon Tournament

May 1st & 2nd

Port Chairman: Mike Zaborowski

We are in Benton Harbor for our first Salmon Tournament again this year. Even though it has been several years since Bob Bilski's famous lunch has been featured Benton Harbor has remained the Club's must attended Salmon event!

In the spring most of the fishing is in warmer water near river mouths and power plant warm water outlets. Most all the fishing is done in 30 to 50 feet of water. Occasionally either very shallow water or somewhat deeper water is productive but the bulk of the fish will be in the 30 to 50 ft.

Dipsy Diver rigs, Lead Core line towed by mini planar boards and body baits have been the best producers in the recent past. The further

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From Our President,

Except for Cabela's Show March 5th and 6th the shows are over. Not many new members were obtained, however we've talked to many fisher people and a few may show up at one of our meetings and join our club later. We checked a lot of coats at the Novi shows and sold tickets for our April drawing for the Charter boat trips. At our own Mich-Ohio show we showed a decent profit. I haven't seen in black and white yet but I've been assured it is much better than last year even though the Maumee Bass Pro shop put on a big show with many discounts and prizes.

If any of you know of any business that would participate in our It Pays To Belong program please let me know. Also, getting us a new ad for our newsletter would really be appreciated. The newsletter ad price is \$50 for calling card size and \$90 for the larger size ads. Get their card or copy and Dave can scan them into the computer. When doing business with any of our advertisers, please tell them we appreciate their support.

We lost another long-time member February 18th. Bill (Sudsy) Smith participated in many events and after moving to Harrison about fifteen years ago he was still around once in a while.

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Sudsy Passes Away

By Carroll White

After being in the hospitals most of the last three months he passes away on February 18th. He was called Sudsy before I met him and I can only guess where the nickname came

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from. He was a fun guy to be with. I could write a book about adventures with him. I'll note a couple below.

Back in 1984 I had an old mahogany Chris Craft with an inboard engine. We had been working on it and took it to the Wyandotte ramp and launched it and took it a short distance to the marina and into my slip. Sudsy was driving because of my no experience and he hit reverse to stop the boat but it would not stop, we hit the end of the dock very tenderly. Then we discovered we had put the prop on without a nut. Someone said the only nuts were operating the boat.

In 1985 in our very first tournament at Benton Harbor I had brand new Big Jon electric downers, four of them. We had no experience with anything but walleye. We caught a nice looking fish that weighed about fifteen pounds and I asked what is that? And Sudsy says A Keeper so in the box he goes, however at the weigh in they would not allow us to weigh the huge fish because it was a few days till May first, the day lake trout season begins.

At a Ludington outing I happened to mention that things were going good but we were out of Budweiser. Bob Bilski who was just a bit n front of us came on the radio and said he would drop a couple over board in a ziplock bag. We scooped them up and had a great day.



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From the Editor and Tournament Director,

As I sit here and write this looking out at the 15 inches or so of snow on the ground it is hard to believe I'm also writing about boat tournaments in just 6 weeks! But yes it's true, all of it.

Short of a significant warm up our first event on the Huron River March 13th will likely be fished with a lot of snow on the ground. First time I remember that!

Just the same, while working on the Newsletter today I saw three deer in the backyard, first deer Nancy or I have seen in weeks. I also received an email from a Club member stating he too is again seeing deer in his yard and even included a picture:



Yes, the summer boating season is just around the corner!

On the Asian Carp front Rich Montre attended an Asian Carp Conference February 25th at Outdoorama and his report can be found on page 7. As noted previously this is a fast moving issue and since the 25th some notable things have occurred. First Illinois has moved to head off Michigan's attempt to have the Supreme Court reconsider its earlier ruling not closing the Chicago Locks... In a real positive development, the commercial shipping interests in Illinois have stated they could live with a separation of the Mississippi / Great Lakes water system downstream of Chicago so as not to isolate

Chicago shipping from the Great Lakes. Sounds like a great opportunity to meet on common ground and separate the Asian Carp threat from the Great Lakes!

Dave & Nancy Varitek

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away from the boat and back the better the production.

St. Jo Hotel - We have a block of rooms reserved at the Silver Beach Hotel (Formerly called The Clarion). The rate for a room with two queen size beds is \$65.00, plus taxes. The reservations are for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. If, when making reservations, you only want two nights, it will be allowed. You must give them our club name and a credit card number. Reservations must be made by April 27th. Contact the hotel at 269-983-7341 or toll free 866-514-6232.

Weigh in and lunch will be at West Basin Marina. If you have any questions regarding the Benton Harbor Tournament, contact Mike Zaborowski at 734-699-4275.

For accommodations and dockage call:

Tackle Haven	269-925-0341
West Basin Marina	269-983-5432
Silver Beach Hotel	269-983-7341
Motel 6	269-925-5100
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