

NEWSLETTER

Meeting Location – Upstairs at the Legion Hall, Westboro Branch - 391 Richmond Road, between Churchill and Roosevelt Avenues. *Parking is on neighbouring streets. Start time – 7 pm.*

Crappie-Thon – Saturday, May 6, at Reeve Craig. Time to get the ole' boat wet, and hone those reflexes. Come and have a crappie time!

MAY MEETING THURSDAY, May 4 – 7 pm

Topics:

- 1. Club Fish Planning – Come out and tell Jim what you think of the schedule.**
- 2. God only knows, and He doesn't have me on His email list.**

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Miscellaneous Mutterings

As part of my duty as Newsletter Editor, I get to give unsolicited views and comments on various topics.

The topic on which you are about to get the benefit of my present thinking is the amazingly swift reaction of the fishing public to the news that Jeff Morrison's column was being dropped by the Ottawa Sun.

You may recall that I passed on the news that Jeff had sent to me and a few thousand of his closest friends.

Everyone copied everyone else and there must have been an almighty flood of emails and calls to the Ottawa Sun.

To the everlasting credit of the Sun management, they quickly reversed themselves. Interesting how enlightened self-interest can do that to a publisher when a lot of readers take the trouble to give him the benefit of their present thinking. Perhaps we should consider something similar for Fisheries Minister David Ramsay and his boss, Dalton McSquinty? After all, there is more to fishing and fishing management than keeping First Nations happy.

Crappie-thon!

Saturday, May 6, at Reeve Craig.

Dave Mingie is planning a Fish Fry at 3 PM so don't disappoint him. Get out there and catch fish, bubba!

Neil will have chili and beans and dogs as backup.

Club Fish Schedule - 2006

Sat: May 6 – Reeve Craig – Crappie-thon – Fish Fry @ 3 PM – chili, beans & dogs

Sat: May 27 – Mississippi Lake

Thu: June 1 – OFC meeting

Sun: June 4 – Reeve Craig - Musky

Sat: June 24 – Bonnechere River – “Jim Macdonald Memorial Bass Opener”

Thu: July 6 – OFC Meeting – Mooney’s Bay

Sun: July 9 - Wendover

Wed: July 12 – Reeve Craig

Sat: July 22 – Edmonds

Wed: July 26 – Reeve Craig

Sat: July 29 - Merrickville

Thu: August 3 – OFC Meeting – Hartwell Lock

Wed: August 9 – Reeve Craig

Sat: August 12 – Headpond - Madawaska Reservoir

Sat: August 19 – Clayton Lake

Wed: August 23 – Reeve Craig

Sun: August 27 – Mississippi Lake

Wed: Sept. 6 – Reeve Craig

Thu: Sept. 7 – OFC Meeting – Location – TBD

Sun: Sept. 10 – Rockland

Wed: Sept. 13 – Reeve Craig

Sat: Sept. 16 – Reeve Craig

Sun: Sept. 24 – White Lake

Sun: Oct. 1 – Mississippi Lake

Thu: Oct. 5 – OFC Meeting

Sat: Oct. 7 – Reeve Craig

Sat: Oct. 14 – Wendover

Sat: Oct. 21 – Rockland

Sat: Oct. 28 - Rockland

Rick Newton — More Information on "The Whopper That Wasn't "

Quick Recap from last month's newsletter

Last month, an angler from Carlsbad, Calif., named Mac Weakley was fishing on Dixon Lake, a reservoir near San Diego, when he landed a largemouth bass that weighed 25 pounds, 1 ounce. The fish, if certified by the International Game Fish Association, would topple the current world record: – a 22-pound, 4-ounce bass caught by George Washington Perry in 1932.

This prompted an email from Rick Newton – OFC Member Emeritus – out in California.

In regards to my WW bass update, I realize I never let you know where I live – I live about 20 minutes away from Dixon Lake, where the fish was caught. In fact, I live less than 1 hour away from about 8 different lakes where these toad largemouth live. I gave up bass fishing out here and went to the ocean as there are too many rules, regulations, time constraints, boat constraints, licenses constraints, just too much crap to deal with. Another reason is that these fish don't bite out here with all the pressure and lack of accessibility on the ponds. You only hear about the big fish this time of the year as they have been raped off of the beds and that, in my opinion, is not catching-it's snagging. It's a totally different kind of fishing out here in the freshwater areas.

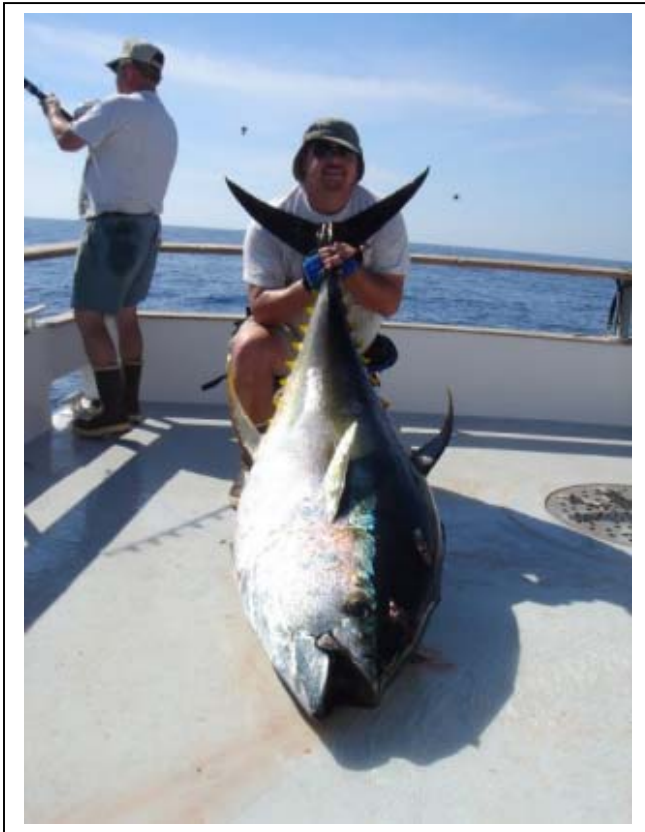
Rick

In response to the article on the WW bass caught at lake Dixon, The fish is the same fish that Mike Long caught 5 years ago @ #20 and again 3 years later by Jed ? @ #21. These three anglers have been chasing this fish for years. Every year it spawns on the same bed. This morning that the female was caught, the male was also on the bed. It was in approx. 18' to 23' of water, and the water isn't as clear in these lakes out here. The male was protecting the bed and when it bit the jig to move it off the bed the hook was set into the female. The fish was hooked by the jig in the side as if it was snagged. It wasn't intentionally snagged, but it was snagged. A timing issue, the fish was in the wrong place at the wrong time. I have not personally spoken with these gents, but I've heard stories that they use some interesting methods of fishing, including live trout. Again, these are just things I have heard. You never know exactly what's up, but it is hard to believe that a WW was not recorded and that the individual who supposedly caught the fish was never pictured. That's my story and I'm sticking to it!!!

>Rick

➤>PS. I haven't seen any mention of a certain OFC alumni, who has taken the skills he has acquired by being a member of the OFC to extraordinary heights in the Pacific Ocean by bagging numerous saltwater inshore and pelagic species, including a yellowfin tuna of over #300, #320.7 to be exact, an accomplishment that no more than 100 or so people have done in the world, in the newsletter. This alumni loves to see his name in print. Ha Ha Call Lorne Whitty, he'll put it in the Sun.

Rick is a bit out of date – Jeff Morrison is the main man now as a sports columnist in Ottawa. Also – I understand that Rick is planning a charter to Alaska – any interest?



Forthwith, a picture of said Alumnus of the OFC, with his pelagic yellowfin tuna, of some 320.7 pounds.

Jeff Morrison: Do you suppose that you could get such a picture, etc., into your reinstated column in the Ottawa Sun?

"An OFC Alumnus and friend", maybe?

What is Old?

"OLD" IS WHEN: Your sweetie says, "Let's go upstairs and make love," and you answer, "Pick one, I can't do both!"

"OLD" IS WHEN: Your friends compliment you on your new alligator shoes and you're barefoot.

"OLD" IS WHEN: A sexy babe catches your eye and your pacemaker opens the garage door.

"OLD" IS WHEN: Going bra-less pulls all the wrinkles out of your face.

"OLD" IS WHEN: You don't care where your spouse goes, just as long as you don't have to go along.

"OLD" IS WHEN: You are cautioned to slow down by --- the doctor instead of by the police.

"OLD" IS WHEN: "Getting a little action," means I don't need to take any fiber today.

"OLD" IS WHEN: "Getting lucky" means you find your car in the parking lot.

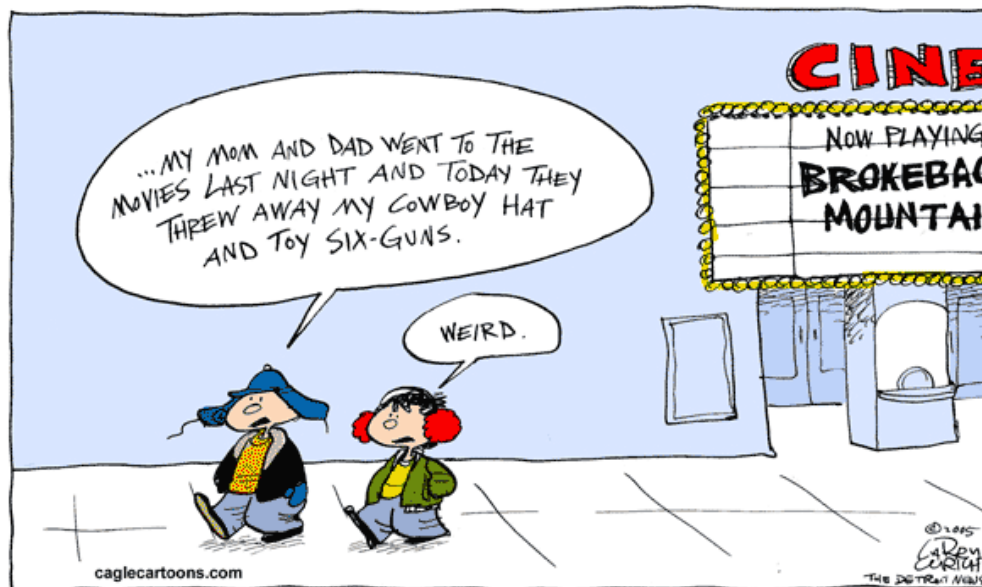
"OLD" IS WHEN: An "all-nighter" means not getting up to pee.

Men Are Just Happier People

What do you expect from such simple creatures?
Your last name stays put.
The garage is all yours.
Wedding plans take care of themselves.
Chocolate is just another snack.
You can be President.
You can never be pregnant.
You can wear a white T-shirt to a water park.
You can wear NO shirt to a water park.
Car mechanics tell you the truth.
The world is your urinal.
You never have to drive to another gas station restroom because this one is just too icky.
You don't have to stop and think of which way to turn a nut on a bolt.
Same work, more pay.
Wrinkles add character.
Wedding dress \$5000. Tux rental-\$100.
People never stare at your chest when you're talking to them.
The occasional well-rendered belch is practically expected.
New shoes don't cut, blister, or mangle your feet.
One mood all the time.
Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat.
You know stuff about tanks.
A five-day vacation requires only one suitcase.
You can open all your own jars.
You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness.
If someone forgets to invite you, he or she can still be your friend.
Your underwear is \$8.95 for a three-pack.
Three pairs of shoes are more than enough.
You almost never have strap problems in public.
You are unable to see wrinkles in your clothes.
Everything on your face stays its original color.
The same hairstyle lasts for years, maybe decades.
You only have to shave your face and neck.
You can play with toys all your life.
Your belly usually hides your big hips.
One wallet and one pair of shoes one color for all seasons.
You can wear shorts no matter how your legs look.
You can "do" your nails with a pocketknife.
You have freedom of choice concerning growing a mustache..
You can do Christmas shopping for 25 relatives on December 24 in 25 minutes.
No wonder men are happier.



This global warming thing ain't ALL bad, eh?



NO COMMENT