

NEWSLETTER

Thursday, September 7 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.

Coming Club Fishes

Wednesday, September 6 – Reeve Craig

Sunday, September 10 – Rockland

Saturday, September 16 – Reeve Craig

Sunday September 24 – White Lake

SEPTEMBER MEETING Legion

THURSDAY, September 7 – 7 pm

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Miscellaneous Mutterings

I have been pestered over the past month by “furry cockroaches”, AKA squirrels.

On the way home from the Reeve Craig Club Fish on August 9, the “engine check” light came on. The Owners Manual said that it was OK to proceed so I went on home without incident.

Took the Pathfinder in to the dealers and found out that squirrels had chewed up some of the emission control hoses. \$57 later, the light went out.

A few days later I tried to start up the truck and it was misfiring badly. Back to the dealer. This time it seems that the squirrels had eaten through some of the fuel injection control wiring harness. This was going to be a big fix so I left it with them and went down to the cottage for the week.

Came back and the truck ran just fine - \$457 worth of fine. Took it out the next day and it started leaking fluid. Back to the dealer to discover that a mechanic had bugged up a connection. The intake manifold had to be replaced – their expense.

Picked it up again – dealer very apologetic. Two days later, the light comes on again as I am (coincidentally) in the dealer’s neighbourhood. Pull in and the service manager himself comes out to look at the problem. Seemed to be the filler cap not seating properly. I guess I need a new one (sigh) ... next week.

Club Fishes Results**Wednesday, August 9 – Reeve Craig:**

I don't seem to have any reports on this event.

Saturday, August 12 – Madawaska

Bad weather and bad reports on the municipal ramp – nobody went.

Saturday, August 19 – Clayton Lake:

Charles Gao arrived at Clayton about noon and launched between Taylor and Clayton Lakes. No fish around the launch site. Paddled into Clayton and fished the west end of the lake. Got a 16" LM and a 23" pike. Left at 5:00 PM.

Dave Mingie and Pete Melvin put in at Beaton's – still \$5. Weather hot and no wind. Pete got a small pike, a small walleye and a small LM. Dave got some perch and a 17" walleye. He lost a good bass on a top water.

Ryan Weinheimer and Jim Lumsden launched at Clayton. Ryan got 6 Club Legal perch. Jim got 2 Club Legal perch, a 20+" walleye, and lost a Club Legal pike.

Wednesday, August 23 – Reeve Craig

A good turnout – the results were as follows:

Greg: fished from 6 – 8 PM. He got a 15" LM and a 27" pike.

Jim: fished from 1:30 – 7:30 PM. He boated 10 fish – 4 pike, 25", 25", 24", 24"; 5 LM – 13", 13", 14", 14", 15". One Club Legal rock bass.

Charles: fished from 7 PM – dark. Lost a big muskie and 2 pike, THEN found out that the hook on the spinnerbait wasn't sharp. Changed baits and got 4 LM – 15", 14.5", 14", 12". One pike 23". The split ring on the spinnerbait broke and he lost it.

Mark: fished from 6:30 PM – dark. One 35" muskie on a jerkbait and two follows. Lost a big muskie about 9 PM..

Sunday, August 27 – Mississippi Lake

Windy, wavy and wet – rained on and off most of the afternoon. Moe and I started about 12:30 PM and spent the whole time drifting the flats in front of the entrance to the creek that leads to the ramp. We saw only a couple of local boats all afternoon. Tried trolling but no joy.

The "killer bait" was a spinnerbait – two red willowleaf blades, a black skirt and a yellow grub. Moe boated 4 LM – 16", 15", 14 ½", 13" LM and lost a big one. He got a 21" pike. All of his fish were on THE SB.

I got a 24" pike on THE SB. I boated 3 LM – a 15 ¼ " and a 13" on a Tequila Shad worm, a 14" LM on a crankbait, and a Club Legal sunfish on the worm. Very peaceful and enjoyable day. Left about 7:30 PM.

Anchors

With the imminent arrival of fall and possibly higher winds, it seemed appropriate to provide some information on anchoring options.

Anchors come in two basic shapes that are important to fishermen. One is a “Water Spike” type – lightweight with sharp points – that digs in on clay, mud or sandy bottoms. Something like the Rideau River, I guess.

The other is a Navy anchor – heavy with 2 large claws – or a variation on the Navy anchor that is heavy with multiple points. These anchors are good on gravel, rocks or boulders. If you have both on board, you are equipped to deal with the different type of bottom conditions that you may face.

Buy big. A 14 to 16 foot boat needs a 24 or even a 26 or 28 pound anchor. Smaller boats can get away with lighter weights but err on the heavy side. They’re useless if they don’t keep you in place. Using two anchors – one front, one back – can help.

Have plenty of rope attached to your anchors. If you don’t use enough, you will slip out of place and disturb your “honey hole”. About 100-150 feet of rope per anchor isn’t too much. Mark the rope every 10 feet if you do a lot of deep water anchoring, such as in some lakes and the Ottawa River. If you have to reset the anchor because your anchor slipped, you’ll have an idea of how much to let out the next time.

Slip anchors into the water quietly. This sounds obvious but you’d be amazed at how many people just drop the anchor with a splash or let it bang around in the bottom of the boat.

Finally, a mushroom anchor is useful if you want to drift over a weed flat but the wind is a bit too high for careful fishing. Let out just enough rope to have the anchor slip slowly. You won’t catch quite as many weeds as the others and you can adjust your drift speed pretty well.

Nylon Pads

Here is a tip that sounds great but I haven’t had a chance to try it yet. If your boat is hard to winch up because your carpet is badly worn or you have a small winch, consider buying a Rubbermaid **Commercial Quality** cutting board. You can cut it into strips with a saw, countersink the mounting holes and have a complete set of pads for far less than pre-made ones.

You can heat this stuff with a heat gun or a torch and bend it. By tapering the last 6 inches from one-half inch down to one-quarter inch, you have a short angled ramp. Screw the narrow end of the ramp to the end of the bunk so that the pad points straight up. Heat the pad and bend it forward over the bunk before putting in the rest of the screws. This way, there are no sharp edges to catch the hull.

The ordinary cutting board doesn’t work. If you try to cut it on a saw, all you do is melt it to the saw blade. The Rubbermaid **Commercial Quality** boards are like sawing wood.

Sounds like a winner!

Harvard Test

The School of Psychiatry at Harvard University developed the following as a mental age assessment. Take your time and see if you can read each line aloud without a mistake. The average person over 40 years of age cannot do it!

1. This is this cat.
2. This is is cat.
3. This is how cat.
4. This is to cat.
5. This is keep cat.
6. This is an cat.
7. This is old cat.
8. This is person cat.
9. This is busy cat.
10. This is for cat.
11. This is forty cat.
12. This is seconds cat.

Now go back and read the third word in each line from the top down.

Quickies

1. Mother Superior called all the nuns together and said to them, "I must tell you all something. We have a case of gonorrhea in the convent."

"Thank God!" said an elderly nun. "I'm so tired of chardonnay."

2. A Polish immigrant went to the MoT to apply for a driver's licence. First, of course, he had to take an eyesight exam. The optician showed him a card with the letters, "C Z W I X N O S T A C Z."

"Can you read this!" the optician asked.

"Read it!" the Polish man replied, "I know the guy."

3. Fifty-one years ago, Herman James, a Northern Ontario man, was drafted into the Canadian Army.

On his first day in basic training, the Army issued him a comb. That afternoon, the barber sheared off all his hair.

On his second day, Herman was issued a toothbrush. The dentist yanked seven of his teeth.

On the third day, Herman was issued a jock strap. He has been AWOL for 51 years.

Great Literary Taunts

In an effort to raise the tone of the Club meetings, I offer the members a better class of insults.

"I feel so miserable without you, it's almost like having you here." – Stephen Bishop

"A modest little person, with much to be modest about." – Winston Churchill about Clement Atlee

"He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary." – William Faulkner about Ernest Hemingway

"He is not only dull himself; he is the cause of dullness in others." – Samuel Johnson

"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it." – Groucho Marx

"They never open their mouths without subtracting from the sum of human knowledge." – Thomas Brackett Reed

"His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork." – Mae West

"He has Van Gogh's ear for music." – Billy Wilder

Some Rules of Life

Kaufmann's Paradox of the Corporation: The less important you are to the corporation, the more your tardiness or absence is noticed.

The Salary Axiom: The pay raise is just large enough to increase your taxes and just small enough to have no effect on your take-home pay.

Lampner's Law of Employment: When leaving work late, you will go unnoticed. When you leave work early, you will meet the boss in the parking lot.

Second Law of Business Meetings: If there are two possible ways to spell a person's name, you will pick the wrong one. Corollary: – If there is only one way to spell a name, you will spell it wrong anyway.

Law of the Search: The first place to look for anything is the last place you would expect to find it. Corollary: It will not be in the last place you expect to find it.

Law of Libraries: There are no answers, only cross-references.

Kenny's Law of Auto Repair: The part requiring the most consistent repair or replacement will be housed in the most inaccessible location.

Yeager's Law: Washing machines break down only during the wash cycle. Corollary: All breakdowns occur on the plumber's day off.

Lerman's Law of Technology: Any technical problem can be overcome given enough time and money. Corollary: You are never given enough time or money.

Miller's Law of Insurance: Insurance covers everything except what happens.



Oops!



And to
think that
Rick gets
paid for
this!