

# Lake Roosevelt Walleye Club

Home of the Annual  
Washington State Governor's Cup  
Walleye Tournament



2014

**Monthly Board Meeting is at 5:30 P.M. prior to regular meeting.**

**Regular Meeting Date is 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday @ 7 P.M.**

**Senior Center, Kettle Falls**

President: Jim Meskan 738-4386, Vice-president: Gerry Eickerman 732-6219

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The club's web site is located at: <http://www.lakerooseveltwalleyclub.com>

**Next regular meeting will be March 13, 2014 -- Reminders: Meeting starts at 6PM this month.**

Please get to selling your Rifle Raffle tickets and turn in money and stubs to Doug Unzeitig at the meeting.

**President's Message:**

Fishing Report: Club members are still catching lots of rainbows towards the south. Up and down Lk. Roosevelt trout anglers are reporting favorable catches and limits of trout. This has been and continues to be the best rainbow trout fishery this lake has seen in 30 years. With last Springs limited drawdown to 1250', the trout survived better in the netpens and were released in prime condition. The only complaint was the lack of carryover trout seen in the creel but the sheer number of trout provided lots of action for shore anglers as well as trollers.

Governor's Cup pre-fishing teams caught lots of trout and the bite continued all summer long. These rainbows grew an inch per month since June in the plankton rich reservoir.

We have several Club members heading down to Spring Canyon this week in hopes of landing kokanee. The reports have been pretty slim on the kokanee catching this year which is very unusual as the January/February kokanee fishery has always been strong.

Walleye fishing has been very good to the locals lately but frustrating to others. At our recent Jig Pour event, lots of club members poured sonar/blade baits due to the renewed interest spurred by Donnie and Ron at our last meeting. These guys have put in years in perfecting the cast and retrieve techniques that now rewards them with nice big walleye. Be persistent, think about what that lure is doing, put time into this technique and be ready for the unexpected bite. This is not a put the rod in the rodholder and kick back inside the heated cabin of the boat fishery. This is a very active, 1000 casts a day for 10 bites kind of fishery. The excitement is hooking into that 5 to 13 pound heavy hen looking to yank that rod right out of your frozen hands!

For some of us, we prefer to pick apart small pieces of water very meticulously with another technique known as dropshotting. Youtube videos and dvd's abound on the technique and it is very effective at all depths in our lake. Armed with Berkley Gulp minnows or leaches, a couple hooks and dropshot weights is all the tackle you need to be successful, maybe 2 or 3 crawlers for the day. Even when walleye are in the negative feeding period, they can't resist an easy 3" minnow looking helpless right in front of their face. Their predatory instinct

naturally takes over and they strike. Pretty straightforward. Well, not all the time. The wind seems to blow lots out here and controlling that boat in drawdown current with your minnow in 90 feet and you just pressed the wrong button on the remote and now you're supposed to feel the "tick" of the soft bite. There's lots to go wrong in a hurry to make dropshotting a frustrating chore. If it was easy everyone would be doing it. First rule to never break while dropshotting, keep boat right above your dropshot bait. Any more than a 5 foot flagging going on and your hookset percentage just decreased by 50%. These are two ways of pursuing walleye during the winter months when trolling for slimerockets has lost its appeal. Many a delicious lingcod have also been caught using these techniques but are not allowed in my boat or deep fryer! Winter is winding down and its time to start fishing while the fish are biting.

**Membership Renewal Notice**---The Club Treasurer has only seen a few renewal membership applications so far this year. Don't be left in the dark on upcoming events. Throw Doug U. a few bones to keep your Newsletter coming. After April meeting, your name is no longer on the mailing roster. For a nominal yearly fee you get more than your money's worth. See Renewal Application in this month's Newsletter. C'mon and join the fun!

Fishing Tackle--Spring fishing catalogs are already in the mail and that means refreshing those tackle boxes with new walleye gear. Come to the meetings and set up any fishing gear you may want to part with for free or sell. Besides, we're always looking for a good laugh!

**WA state Walleye record broken.** John Grubenhoff of Pasco, WA caught a 20.34 lb. walleye last weekend near Tri Cities. Full details are not out yet but it was officially weighed and the certification paperwork is in the process to be recognized as a record.



March 1st. Talk about a fish of a lifetime.

**John Grubenhoff**, of Pasco Washington, has just caught a 20.34 lb Walleye near the Tri Cities, Washington. The Record is still being certified at this time. John is a familiar face in the Lower Columbia as he posted "Camas Tourny" wins here. He is a master of the blade bait technique. We have heard that he did not use a blade bait to catch this fish. The details will be confirmed as they are released. John is one of the nicest guys you will ever meet. He has put in the effort and deserves the record. The Current Washington state record was caught in 2007 by Mike Hepper of Richland Washington at 19.3 lbs. The Oregon State Record has been held by Arnold Berg since 1990 at 19 lbs 15.3 oz. The current undisputed record Walleye is from Greers Ferry Arkansas, 1982, at 22 lbs 11 oz. A disputed record was caught in 1960 from Old Hickory Reservoir

in Tennessee and measured in at 25 lbs. There are fish reported to be much larger than any of the above fish still available to be caught, by YOU!

**Official News Release** from WDFW:

March 5, 2014

Contact: John Easterbrooks, (509) 457-9330

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New State Fishing Record: Walleye (*Sander vitrius*)

Caught by John Grubenhoff of Pasco, WA, in Lake Wallula (Columbia River), Benton County, on Feb. 28, 2014

- \* Weight: 20.32 lbs
- \* Total Length: 35.50 inches (90 cm)
- \* Girth: 22.75 inches (57.5 cm)

Fishing method/gear: Trolling in 22 feet of water upstream along a current break at 0.8 mph and using a RapalaR J-13 lure 6 feet behind a 2 oz. "bottom walker" weight.

Conditions: Sunny, but with a cold front coming in the next day. Water temperature: 37.2 degrees; air temperature: upper 40s.

Species description: Walleye are extremely popular sport fish everywhere they occur, and are known for their exquisite flavor. They are native to the Midwest United States and were first identified in Washington about 1960 in Banks Lake. They have since spread throughout the Columbia Basin and the Columbia River from Lake Roosevelt, downstream to near Longview. Washington is known nationwide for its walleye fishing.

Previous record: Taken Feb. 5, 2007 in Lake Wallula (Columbia River) by Mike Hepper of Richland, WA

- \* Weight: 19.3 lbs
- \* Total Length: 33.7 inches
- \* Girth: 22.2 inches



The club has a new raffle drum that was made for us by Dennis Hankins.  
Many thanks to Dennis for the great job.

**Our Guest Speaker for march will be Jeb Race, Tournament Fisherman**

**STUFF AVAILABLE:**

The Club has an underwater camera available for club members to use. We also have a pretty good inventory of fishing videos available to members. We have 5 inch color decals for interior or exterior placement of the Clubs logo. They work great on a boat, or bumper, or inside a window. We also have a set of GPS training booklets, and Walleye fishing booklets.

Fred Young has worked with Clark's All Sports in Colville to have Club Logo Shirts available for purchase. There are two weights of long sleeve shirts with the club logo embroidered on them, very nice looking shirts. **Light weight - \$19.90 + tax, Heavy weight - \$31.50 + tax.** If you are interested, go into Clark's and order yours up.

**LAKE ROOSEVELT WALLEYE CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

YEAR **2014** NEW MEMBER\_\_\_RENEWAL\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP IS JANUARY TO DECEMBER. ANNUAL FAMILY MEMBERSHIP IS **\$30**, INCLUDES CHILDREN UP TO 18 YEARS OLD & LIVING AT HOME

LAST NAME\_\_\_\_\_FIRST\_\_\_\_\_SPOUSE\_\_\_\_\_

CHILDRENS NAMES\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS\_\_\_\_\_CITY\_\_\_\_\_STATE\_\_\_\_ZIP\_\_\_\_\_

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