

Sturgeon Bay 2006



The weather cooperated. The fish cooperated. And most importantly, the members cooperated. A whopping 73 club members participated, making this one of the best-attended outings ever. The White Birch Inn served as Saturday night's host, providing dinner and the opportunity to present awards and conduct the raffle.

Tournament champs this year were John Sanko, Bill Morgan and their friend Mike. Bob Teser and John Zegar came in second, narrowly missing victory by fractions of an inch. Third place went to Leon Pachowitz, Dave Pachowitz, and Steve Reznach. Tom Parker and Jim Zegar grabbed fourth place, Barn Dog and Steve Murphy snagged fifth, and Gene Krueger and Ed Zyga picked up sixth place.

Barn Dog, all the way from the Ozarks of Missouri, landed big fish honors. Second, third, and fourth places went to Gene Krueger, Tim Parker, and Tony Portincaso, respectively.

Gary Schlapinski and Joe Migalla helped out Jim Zegar with the raffle and the club set an all-time record for raffles sales. The proceeds covered the entire cost of the dinner, prizes, and related costs. Thanks to all. And the lucky winner of the grand prize "the Buzz Butters" custom-wrapped Walleyes Unlimited 35th Anniversary rod went to Jeff Katz.

Thanks also go to Gary for organizing the food and to Tom for organizing the contest.

With respect to the fishing, the smallmouth went crazy at times, the pike fishing was good, but the walleyes were their typical hard-to-find selves. Lots of techniques caught fish, from trolling cranks to casting jerk baits. Virtually every live bait method was productive, too.

You should have been there!

