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Special points of interest:

- Patrick Schmutzer, owner of "Fire Flies LLC" will be our Guest Fly Tyer, on Tuesday, February 16th, starting at 7:00 pm at the Moose Club, Downstairs
- KSFCA 2016 Awards Banquet, Saturday, Feb. 27th @ Boat House Pub & Eatery. Cocktails: 5:00 PM, Dinner: 6:00 PM, Awards: 7:30 PM. (See ad on pg# 6 of this issue).
- Fly Tying Class held Tuesdays @ 7:00pm in the Moose Lodge (lower level) thru March, 2016.
- Kids Fish-N-Fun, Saturday May 7, 2016 at Anderson Pond. 9:00 AM 'til Noon.
- If you know a business owner or individual that may be interested in becoming a supporting member of the KSFCA please contact Jon Fio-Rito at 262-220-4606 for additional information and details.

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KSFCA Election Results for 2016

2016 started off with a very well attended presentation by Milwaukee Charter Captain, Doug Kloet. This very knowledgeable captain spoke about charter fishing outside Milwaukee and in lakes both small and Great. (Photos By: Lynn Davis, of Dougs' talk are on page 6 of this edition).

The bylaws, with proposed changes, were presented for a second reading and voted upon by the membership. The newest version of the bylaws will be available on the website.

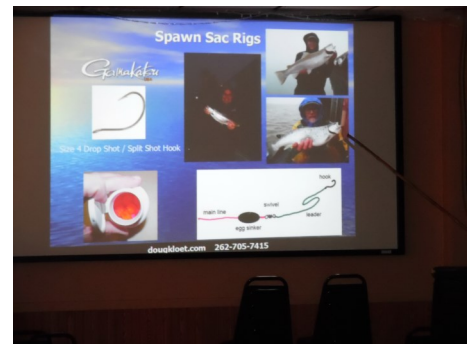
The Annual Election of Officers and Open Board Positions took place. Nominations from the December meeting were presented. Nominations were again requested prior to the elections. Our Newly elected officers are: Jon FioRito— President, Jerry Costablie— Vice-President, Bonnie Jantzen— Secretary, and Lynn Davis— Treasurer.

Filling Board Openings are: Dan Kish— 4 year term, Kip Maske— 4 year term, Jack Springer— 1 year term.

We welcome both new and returning members to the board.



Doug Kloet "making his presentation"



"One of Doug's slides"

Photos By: Lynn Davis (Con't on pg. #6)

Lake Michigan Fly Tying Demo: Tues., Feb. 16th @ 7:00 pm



(Fire Flies LLC more on Page #2)



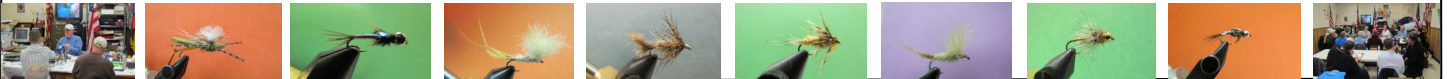
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Jacks' Flies of the month...

Article by: Jack Springer

- Feb. 2nd: Higas' SOS: Why the SOS in the name? This means "Save Our Skins" when the guides needed to show the clients on the stream "something". Materials are mostly black (thread, bead, pheasant tail, dubbing and crystal flash) with a red wing case.
- Feb. 9th: Hornberg: The Hornberg fly can be fished wet or dry, depending on your fly fishing approach. Frank Hornberg, a Wisconsin game warden, founded the fly and believe it or not, it was banded as bait in Conn. And Mass. A real fish getter in its, own right.
- Feb. 16th: Guest Speaker & Lake Michigan Fly Tier "Patrick Schmutzer" of "Fire Flies LLC" will be our Guest Presenter, starting @ 7:00 pm, downstairs at the Moose Club. Patrick will tie coho and chinook Lake Michigan trolling flies.
- Feb. 23rd: Hippie Chick: A midge emerger, tied on size #18-20 emerger hook, combining four different colors of thread/or floss on body. The up-wing is white and resembles a parachute. A very unique color combination on the body, and with the white up-wing means "fishing and catching" for you.

The next edition of this publication will cover the flies to be tied during March.



"Crumb Snatcher" (New for 2015).



UV BEADS (100 Pack)



"JAWZ" (2016 LINE)



G.L.A.S.S. Alewife (Full Setup)



Fire Flies LLC owner Patrick Schmutzer will be demonstrating how to tie Lake Michigan Flies at 7:00 pm, downstairs in the Moose Club, on Feb. 16, 2016
Please Attend This Demo!

WDNR Warden Jon Sinclair spoke about the September to May night fishing rules. Any calls to the DNR can be anonymous. Report violators to 1-800-847-9367,

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Fishing Report

Courtesy of: Lake Michigan Angler

Racine harbor has been producing good numbers of brown trout and steelhead on spawn sacs and golden roaches. Big pike are being caught out of North Point Marina. Pike between 35 and 40 inches were caught over the weekend on golden roaches and suckers. On the fox chain anglers fishing the main lakes are catching walleyes and catfish while those in the channels are catching mostly bluegills.



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Near-record walleye found in Jackson County lake survey

By Paul A. Smith of the Journal Sentinel, Dec. 23, 2015

Wazee Lake near Black River Falls isn't your typical Wisconsin waterbody.

At 350 feet deep, it's the state's deepest inland water (Big Green Lake is the deepest natural lake at 236 feet).

Wazee has a different history than most lakes, too. In fact, it started as an iron mine. When the pit filled with water, the lake was born. It now covers 146 acres in the Wazee Lake Recreation Area in Jackson County.

It's also one of the relatively few lakes whose name is listed alternate ways, even among state and county references: Wazee Lake or Lake Wazee.

With deep and very clear water, the lake is a popular destination for scuba divers.

But a finding on a recent fisheries survey is likely to make Wazee more famous—at least among the angling community—than any other fact.

On Dec. 16, a Department of Natural Resources fisheries crew caught and released a walleye of jaw-dropping dimensions: 17.5 pounds and 32.3 inches long.

The fish is drawing attention from far and wide because it is just a big meal away from the Wisconsin record for the species. The state record walleye is listed as an 18-pounder caught in 1933 on HIGH Lake in Vilas County.

"It's a rare day when you come up with a fish like this," said Heath Benike, DNR fisheries supervisor. "It goes to show you never know what's down there unless you do the work."

A DNR crew of fisheries biologist Daniel Hatleli and fisheries technician Brad Betthausen caught the fish in a fyke net (a mesh net shaped like a funnel).

In an ironic twist the men weren't looking for game fish such as walleye. Their primary intent was to check for cisco, a forage species.

Wazee is classified as oligotrophic, or of low productivity. Its steep sides drop into deep

water quickly. Benike said, and allow for very little weed growth.

As a result, the fish population is limited. The DNR stocks the lake every year with trout, both rainbow and brown. It has periodically planted bluegill, black crappie, largemouth bass and walleye.

And in an effort to boost the forage base of the lake, two years ago it started a modest program to stock cisco.

Ciscoes are a native member of the herring family found in inland lakes in Wisconsin as well as the Great Lakes. They prefer cool to cold water such as that found in



Wazee.

If successful, the cisco will establish a long-term, self-sustaining population of prey fish, which will in turn support larger populations of faster-growing game fish. The DNR transferred about 250 cisco to Wazee from a Vilas County lake over the last two years, Benike said.

The fyke netting earlier this month found two male cisco, each about 16 inches in length. It's too early to tell if the project will work; the DNR plans to put about 250 more cisco in Wazee.

But the netting produced a spectacular answer to a question it wasn't deliberately asking: There's at least one huge walleye in the lake.

The big fish could be the result of DNR walleye stocking in 2005, when it planted 27,592 small fingerlings (about 2 inches

long) and 754 large fingerlings (about 6 inches) in Wazee.

"A 32-inch walleye could do pretty well on the yearling trout we put in there every year," Benike said.

After they pulled the huge walleye from the fyke net, Hatleli and Betthausen weighed the fish on a spring scale, measured its length and then took a spine and scale sample. They then took a quick photo and released the fish back to the lake.

The spine and scale samples will be used to estimate the fish's age.

The DNR crew wasn't expecting to catch a big game fish and the scale they used isn't what you'd call "certified." But there's no doubting the length measurement and overall extraordinary dimensions of the fish.

Among state fish records, the muskellunge is king. Not only is the musky our official state fish, but the toothy species grows to very large size and is an apex predator in the waters.

The walleye, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass and northern pike records are arguably just behind the musky in terms of popular interest.

It will be interesting to see how the fishing pressure on Wazee changes in the months and years to come. It really has only one direction to go.

The lake has a relatively low density of fish, so it has not been a hotbed of angling activity, Benike said.

It's non-traditional structure also makes it challenging for most anglers to fish. Further, Wazee is "electric only" and prohibits normal outboard motors. Many anglers simply don't want to row or use an electric motor to move around the lake.

It's just the type of lake that allows a fish to get very big and very old.

Is a state record walleye in the offing in 2016?

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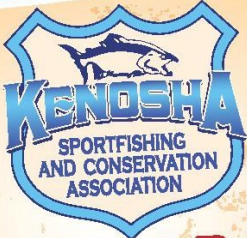
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If you would like to support these activities, please contact us by phone, mail, or email. We welcome anyone interested in becoming a member. If you are not interested in becoming a member, but would still like to support these important activities in our community, we do accept financial donations.



2016 AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday, February 27, 2016
Boat House Pub & Eatery,
Kenosha, WI



Cocktails: 5:00 PM
Dinner: 6:00 PM Prime Rib Dinner
Awards: 7:30 PM
Cost: \$15.00 Per person plus a \$25.00 max. gift for raffle


2015 AWARDS FOR:

- Sunday Contests
- Biggest Rainbow & Kim Case Award for Biggest Rainbow, Progressive
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"Pics" (Continued from page #1)



"Capt. Doug Kloet"



Photos By: Lynn Davis

FEBRUARY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 KSFCA Club Meeting 7:00 pm	2 Fly Tying 7:00 pm	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Fly Tying 7:00 pm	10	11	12	13
14	15 KSFCA Board Meeting 7:00 pm	16 Fly Tying 7:00 pm (Fire Flies LLC)	17	18	19	20 WFGLS FC - aka Federa- tion Mtg.
21	22	23 Fly Tying 7:00 pm	24	25	26	27 KSFCA Awards Ban- quet 5:00 pm
28	29					

Important dates this month

- 2-01-16 - KSFCA Club Meeting at the Moose at 7:00 pm
- 2-02-16 - Fly tying at the Moose Lodge 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm (Higas' SOS)
- 2-09-16 - Fly tying at the Moose Lodge, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm (Hornberg)
- 2-15-16 - KSFCA Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- 2-16-16 - Fly tying at the Moose Lodge, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm (Guest Speaker & Tyer, Fire Flies LLC)
- 2-20-16 - Wisconsin Federation of Great Lakes Sport Fishing Clubs (Mtg. in Sheboygan, WI).
- 2-23-16 - Fly tying at the Moose Lodge, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm (Hippie Chick)
- 2-27-16 - KSFCA 2016 Awards Banquet @ Boat House Pub & Eatery, 5:00 pm 'til???

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Publication	* Dick Kessler Lynn Davis
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Guest Speakers	* Jon FioRito Jerry Vigansky

2016 Schedule of Club Events

- 01/04/16 - Board Elections
- 02/27/16 - Awards Banquet
- 05/07/16 - Kids Fish-N-Fun
- 05/15/16 - Monthly Tournament & Fish Fry
- 06/05/16 - Monthly Tournament & Fish Fry
- 08/07/16 - Monthly Tournament & Fish Fry
- 09/17/16 - Pike River Revival (to be confirmed)
- 09/18/16 - Monthly Tournament & Fish Fry
- General Club meeting are held on the first Monday of each month at the Moose Lodge 7:00pm (no meeting in July)
- Board meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 7:00pm location T.B.D. (no meeting in June)

New Fish mapping tool available on line

The map is available at
https://cida.usgs.gov/wdnr_fishmap/map/.



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12:30 – 2:00 pm – March 12th
Capt. Don Johnson – FishSniffer Charters
Pro-Staffer for Rapture/Silver Streak

2:45 - 4:00 pm – March 12th
Capt. Arnie Arredondo – Southport Charters
Pro-Staffer for Cannon/Shimano

10:00 am to 11:30 am – March 13th
Capt. Robert Bechler – Battalion 1 Charters
Pro-Staffer for Stinger Spoons

12:00 am to 1:30am – March 13th
Capt. Al Johnson – Rainmaker Sport Fishing

2:00 pm to 3:30 pm – February 13th
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Assist with Rearing Pond

Fly Tying Clinics: oct-Mar

