

MAY 2007

PERFECT DRIFT

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May
- 10..... 4H Program, Casting
 - 17..... 4H Program
 - 19..... Restoration, Gilchrist Creek, Pigeon & Ocqueoc Rivers
 - 20..... Install Temperature Loggers, Black & Pigeon Rivers
 - 24..... 4H Program
 - 31..... 4H Program, Go Fishing
- June
- 12..... Board of Directors Meeting
 - 14-16 ... Two Heart Chapter Outing
 - 20 Salmon Fishing Trip, St. Mary's River
- July
- 10..... Board of Directors Meeting
 - 15..... Alpena Brown Trout Festival, Family Day

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Opening day is a time for tradition, a time to better appreciate those that came before us and a time to enjoy a new life.

The day before the opener my wife, Sue, and I enjoyed a traditional party at Glen and Martha Eberly's home on Shupac Lake in Lovells.

I had a different approach to opening day than most, beginning my day at Gates Au Sable Lodge where I purchased a new pair of wading boots and a signed copy of Rusty Gates new book, *Seasons on the Au Sable*.

Then I had breakfast at Fuller's North Branch Outing Club in Lovells where anglers gather for a traditional breakfast before heading to the stream.

At the Lovells Historical Museum I viewed the new fly fishing exhibit: Clubs on the North Branch. I encourage you to visit the Museum on Twin Bridges Road to enjoy the splendid presentation of history, traditions and fly fishing.

Sue and I walked the dog along the river at one of our favorite fishing spots. We knew there would be many anglers here during the weekend, so observing the various mayfly and caddis hatches was good enough for us.

Sitting, watching a feeding trout sip Hendericksons or Blue Winged Olives on the surface of the water means spring is here, a new life is emerging.

At the end of the day Sue and I attended the Anglers of the Au Sable 20th Anniversary. There were over 330 people in attendance, including many friends and a contingency from Headwaters Chapter, were gathered. This fund raising event is held every 10 years and the room was filled with high quality items.

Opening day was special to our family. My brother and his wife had their third child on April 27: Ryan Irene Walters. I think I'll call her "Brook".

TWO HEARTED CHAPTER FUNDRAISER

WhenJune 14, 15 and 16, 2007

WhereDr. Barber's Pond
Pickford, Michigan*

The pond will be stocked with trout from 10 -28 inches. Fly Casting & Tying Instruction will be held throughout each day as well as fly-fishing trips to local streams.

Lunch will be provided each day and there is Camping on the premises.

A Raffle drawing will be held Saturday from 12:00-12:10 pm.

Prizes:

1st Old Town Predator Kayak

2nd Orvis Rod w/handmade wood case

3rd LL Bean fly outfit w/reel and line

*Located 1.2 miles South of Pickford on M-129 or 9.6 miles north of Cedarville on M-129.

NEWAYGO COUNTY WATER WITHDRAWAL

"Nestlé Waters North America today" (4/5/07) "announced it would not move forward with investigating a site in" . . . "northeastern Newaygo County, Michigan for the possible installation of a spring-water well. Scientific assessments indicate it would not meet Nestle's criteria for development."

"Had the project proceeded . . . the company could have then applied for permits under Michigan's recently enacted water withdrawal law and public drinking water supply law."

"The project would have generated a new source of tax revenues for Monroe Township and the State, supported potential job growth by Ice Mountain in the coming years and expanded support for community organizations in the area."



VOLUNTARY YOUTH FISHING LICENSE

DNR officials are urging us to buy a \$2 youth fishing license for anglers under age 17 as a way to draw more federal funding.

For every fishing license sold in Michigan, the DNR receives \$8.18 from the Dingell-Johnson Act.

Passed by Congress in 1950, the program is funded by revenues collected from the manufacturers of fishing rods, reels, creels, lures, flies and artificial baits, who pay an excise tax on these items to the U.S. Treasury.

The funds are then distributed to the state fish and wildlife agencies based on the number of licensed anglers and the amount of land and water area in the state.



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STREAM CLEAN-UPS

I will donate 30 canoes, paddles, pads, lifejackets and 2 trailers to TU for River clean-ups. I also have hook sticks for deep water, they work great.

I am having a Thunder Bay River Clean up on May 19th. I have 20 people already, so no help is needed.

There are other clean ups going on that day. If you would like to help with those give me a call.

I can be reached at 248-467-6645 or 989-785-2187. *Don Popour*

BRUSH CREEK CLEAN-UP POSTPONED

The Brush Creek clean up scheduled for May 19th has been postponed. Funding for this project has been put on hold by the DNR. When funds become available we'll then re-scheduled this project. Thanks for your patience while the funding gets straightened out. *Paul Meyer*

TRIVIA QUESTION

Here it is, what you have all been waiting for, the new trivia question.

Who was the first person to plant brook trout and rainbow trout into the Au Sable River system and where was it done?

Send your answer to jimsalpine@charterinternet.com or to the Headwaters PO address. The winner will be named in the next newsletter

HEADWATERS PRESIDENT HONORED

In April John Walters was awarded the Otsego County Spirit of Volunteerism Award. *Lance Weyeneth*

CONTRIBUTION REQUEST FOR KOLKE CREEK

On April 3, 2007 Anglers of the Au Sable made a grant request to Headwaters president John Walters: "This lawsuit has cost the Anglers approximately \$15,000.00 per month since its inception. Total attorney fees, expert witness fees and costs is over \$200,000.00. It is anticipated that an additional \$100,000.00 will be needed to complete the initial lawsuit."

In a separate letter to the Angler's board Rusty Gates outlined the March 22, 2007 hearing: expert witnesses on both sides gave opposing testimonies.

There will be at least two more days of testimony in April. "Closing arguments will be submitted in writing."

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

The 29th annual banquet/fund raiser, held at the Otsego Club was a success.

The food was excellent and the social hour allowed for meeting old and new friends.

Many area businesses donated items for the silent or live auctions. We'll have an up to date list for the next issue of Northern Michigan Trout.

We would like to congratulate the following award winners and thank them for their service to our chapter.

Brook Trout	Faith Fetrow
Rainbow Trout	Bob Slezal
Brown Trout	Tom Cadwalader
President's Award	Vienna Andrews

Thanks to all of you who came, participated and made this one of the greatest fund raisers we've ever had.

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

Tim Cwalinski, MDNR Fisheries Biologist called to inform me Brook Trout were being planted in two of the Sinkhole Lakes in the Pigeon River Country State Forest (PRCSF).

Jeremiah Blaauw, a MDNR Fisheries Technician, drove the truck from Marquette to deliver 295 Brook Trout to the first lake. He used a dip net to retrieve the fish from the container and counted fish into five gallon buckets. Tim and I transported them to the lake, took a temperature reading and released the trout. The three of us traveled to the second lake where we released 150 Brook Trout.

All seven Sinkhole Lakes in the PRCSF have been closed to fishing since 1965 for research which ended about ten years ago. The actual fishing ban will be lifted on opening day of 2008. No fish will be planted in three of the lakes due to erosion issues.

There will be specific regulations on these lakes and the type of watercraft permitted. Creel limit will be one 15" or larger trout. Campers will have specific setbacks from the lakes to help reduce bank erosion.

The MDNR will ask Headwaters Chapter to be the caretakers of these lakes. We will clean tree limbs and blow-downs, litter, and campfires. Trout plantings will occur as needed, but no more than once a year.

I want to thank Tim for allowing me to join in the planting and giving Headwaters Chapter the chance to be caretakers in an area that will provide fishermen new destinations to fish.