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Otter Street Fishing Club News

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RECAP: 2017 Winter Fisheree & Brandan's Bash

Another successful Fisheree in the books thanks to all of our dedicated partners, volunteers, sponsors and donors, **and club supporters.** The Fisheree's annual *Pre-Battle Challenge Fishing Tournament* is continuing to grow in popularity and participation numbers; we were glad to pay out thousands of dollars in prizes. The details of the *Pre-Battle Challenge* are simple: anglers had to purchase a \$10 fishing ticket to weigh fish, and all fish registered that day were entered into a drawing where we randomly selected a winner for (1) \$1,000 Grand Prize and (1) \$500 Runner-Up prize. Payouts were also paid to anglers who had the largest fish in a variety of specie categories (see right). In addition to the fishing contest, the day **was filled with raffle prizes, kid's games, food and beverages, 4x4/motorcycle and monster truck races, and more.**

The weekend wouldn't be complete without the weekend's annual "kick off" event: *Brandan's Bash*. Friday night's bash provided entertainment from headlining band, Star Six Nine to a tent full of club supporters and party-goers. All **money raised at Friday's event goes to the Brandan Kalmerton Memorial Fund.** Overall, we can chalk the weekend up to another huge success; a year full of fishing, friends, food and fun. If you missed us this year, make sure to mark your calendars for 2018's event...its always held the first weekend in February!



Pictured right: Club Vice President, Jim Erdman with Fuller Braun. Fuller took 1st place in the Panfish category. This was the largest fish of the entire tourney.

Pre-Battle Challenge Winners:

Grand Prize (\$1,000): *Dan Cotter*

Runner-Up (\$500): *Dave Grafenaver*

Fishing Contest Winners by
Category:

(\$\$ paid out to each winner, in each category)

1st Place: \$100

2nd Place: \$75

3rd Place: \$50

WALLEYE:

- 1st: Vince Worley
• 2.02 lbs
2nd: Matt Merten
• 1.30 lbs
3rd: Eric Juedes
• 1.28 lbs

PANFISH:

- 1st: Fuller Braun
• 2.18 lbs
2nd: James Ewong
• 1.32 lbs
3rd: Mike Kasper
• 1.26 lbs

WHITE BASS:

- 1st: Tony Barber
• 1.70 lbs
2nd: Nate Wohlke
• 1.68 lbs
3rd: Jeff Gehrke
• 1.62 lbs

PIKE:

No one brought in a Pike to weigh; no payouts in this category

*Congratulations to.....
Poakahi Hol I and*

...for winning the Grand Prize from the Raffle Drawings. Poakahi took home \$3,000! For a complete list of Raffle Winners, event pictures, event sponsors/donors and more, please visit our Facebook page



(search: Otter Street Fishing Club).

Thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers, sponsors and donors — each and every event we put on would not be possible without your effort and contributions! Please remember to thank any volunteers or sponsors you see at our events.

Are you a high school student looking to attend UWSP to study Natural Resources? No? Well maybe you know one!

OSFC in conjunction with *The Brandan Kalmerton Memorial Fund* awards (2) \$1,000 scholarships per year to eligible students. Visit our website for more details and important deadlines!

EVENT RECAP: WILD GAME FEED

2017 marked the sixth year for the Otter Street Wild Game Feed, and another fantastic year it was. The Wild Game feed has been wildly popular since the first year we held the event, and continues to be a fun and FULL event every year. Tickets typically sell out very quickly, and event goers are kept busy throughout the night with raffles, games, and delicious food and drinks. The Game Feed is hosted by Otter Street and is made possible by generous Club supporters and volunteers who contribute their wild game to be prepared by Primo chefs. There were several table raffles, door prizes and gun raffles up for grabs and multiple winners throughout the evening. Thank you to everyone who showed up to support our Club through the Game Feed!

OTTER STREET FEATURED IN BOOK SERIES

Otter Street Fishing Club was approached by Z Publishing House to be featured in one of their book series: *100+ Things to do in America's Cities*—where they research and select businesses and organizations throughout various cities within the US to feature in their publication. Otter Street was selected to be featured in their *100+ Things to do In Oshkosh, Wisconsin* series. The anthology was written by Otter Street member, Linda Nikolaus and will be published in the book. The book will go on sale in April or May 2017. Please follow Otter Street Fishing Club on Facebook for directions on ordering.

BLUE ANGEL PILOTS, OTTER STREET & EAA

Thank you to all of the Otter Street members who stepped up to volunteer their time and fishing knowledge and expertise to support the US Navy Blue Angel pilots. The Blue Angel Pilots will be going on fishing ventures the week of EAA, and the huge response from interested anglers and OSFC Club Members was a great reminder of kindness and generosity in action within our community. Thanks for stepping up!

OUR CLUB'S ONLINE PRESENCE....

If you haven't already, be sure to Like and Follow our Facebook page...we post updates related to Club and Event news, member updates, meeting information, event details, pictures, raffle winners, and more. Another way to stay connected is by visiting our website (www.theosfc.net). From there you'll be able to view Club History, Calendar of Events, important updates, download tournament applications, view membership details and more. Speaking of memberships....they are an absolutely crucial component to our Club's community presence, and we encourage you to purchase one each year. If you're looking for long term commitment—simply purchase a Lifetime Membership! Membership prices are below, and provide a whole host of benefits. Please view www.osfc.net for more information.

Memberships are:

- ◆ \$15 for the Annual
- ◆ \$150 for the Lifetime

2017 OTTER STREET/BOB SUMMER EDITION

Get your Applications in NOW!

This June will mark the fourth year we re-vamped our Walleye Tournament and partnered up with BOB, to make our Summer Edition Tourney one of the largest in the country. We can officially say that 2016's tournament WAS the largest Walleye Tourney in the US, and 2017 is trending to maintain that title. This year's payout is over \$105,000 in cash and prizes for anglers to compete for. Our tournament will be held over Father's Day Weekend, as it always has been, so mark your calendars for June 17-18th!!! We already have around 200 teams entered, and we cap out entries at 325 boats, so you will want to grab your fishing partner and get your application in as soon as possible. You can download your application from our website (www.theosfc.net) or pick one up in person at Jerry's Bar in Oshkosh.



Remember: when sending in your application, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope to ensure you receive your team # confirmation.

MEMBER'S ONLY WINTER ICE FISHING CONTEST



A reminder to all *Club Members*: we hold a members-only winter fishing contest every year! Simply bring your catches down to Jerry's Bar and you are eligible to win cash prizes in multiple categories! Please know your surroundings and exercise caution every time you travel on the lake.

CURRENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS & OFFICERS:



President:
Scott Engel



Vice President:
Jim Erdman



Secretary:
Julie Nikolaus



Treasurer:
Terry Wohler

Elections for the Board are held during our March meeting. The Officers hold annual terms of office and the rest of the Board are elected for three year terms.

BOARD MEMBERS:

- ◆ Doug Mosher
- ◆ Don Herman
- ◆ Glenn Curran
- ◆ Bob Habil
- ◆ Milt Schafer
- ◆ Matt Klug
- ◆ Chris Anderson
- ◆ Dave Kruck
- ◆ John Nourse



Would you like to get more involved with the Otter Street Fishing Club?
Contact Club President, Scott Engel to become a volunteer, donor or sponsor!

A special thank you to OSFC Board Member, Don Herman for providing continual updates on the ice conditions over the course of the season. Mother Nature threw us for a loop this year with the ultra warm weather, with constant highs and lows in temperature. This provided inconsistent and sometime treacherous ice conditions. Donnie made it a point to share updates on ice conditions multiple times per week. Thank you for your focus on safety!



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WHAT ARE PEOPLE SAYING ABOUT OTTER STREET?

Otter Street's community presence is strong, and we make it our priority to give back in so many different ways. We have a strong reputation for dedication to our mission and community outreach. Here are just a couple of things that our supporters are saying:

- *"These guys do a great service to fisherman every year!!! "*
- *"Where else can you get (ice) road side assistance for just \$10 a season! "*
- *"Thank you to Otter Street Fishing Club for a wonderful event...you put on a great wild game feed!! Glad to support such a great organization! "*

Otter Street is rated 4.9 out of 5 Stars on Facebook....and in real life! To join the conversation, visit us on Facebook. It's the easiest way for you to stay on top of Club news, changes, important dates, and more.

