

It's Not Over

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GWA – 2021

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GWA – 2020 In Review

Eagle River, WI

Per the GWA Camp Log...

It was a year unlike any other. The Corona virus (AKA covid-19, 'rona, China Virus) had the country in a pants-shitting lock-down like none we'd ever witnessed. They even closed the freaking bars!! What the hell?!?!?!

For lesser men, this perfect storm might have been interpreted as a bad sign. Time to cash it in. Time to hang it up. The Governor of the great state of Wisconsin was actually urging people to stay at home. Many did.

However, the Leinie's Guys are NOT lesser men! They are NOT the huddled masses, covering in their hovels and under their beds. Girded by 36 years of GWA tradition (and, some would say, excessive alcohol consumption) the Leinie's Guys heaved a collective "Phfft" at the stay at home edict. GWA would go on!!!

And so it was that on Sunday, May the 10th, 2020 that six intrepid anglers convened to boldly carry the torch of GWA into another decade. The fact that bars were closed only further steeled their resolve to fish, drink, eat, fart,

belch and do whatever the hell they wanted, wherever the hell they wanted.

GWA would not be denied!! GWA would go on!!

All creatures with fins were rightfully afraid. A can of whoop-ass was about to be unleashed.

And that's the way it was...

And, as the GWA theme predicted,



WE HADN'T SEEN NOTHIN' YET!!!

Shots were fired.
Turkeys (1) were killed.
Walleyes were caught.
Crappies were corralled.
It was really something.

GWA-2020 Recap



A GWA first...fresh turkey in camp.



GWA brain trust around the campfire.



Jiggin' Joe Henry still has it after 36 years.



Lard and Keet with a pile of future fish fries.



The Skeeter made its final appearance at GWA-2020.



Mikey likey the walleye pikey.

They Really Said It

(Quotes from GWA-2020)

“I’ll bet that by the end of the week I’ll be the smartest guy in camp.” – Puck, 5/10/2020

“Gonna stink.” – Deano, re minnow bucket spill in the back of Puck’s truck

“I’m sorry that my thing is so wide.” – Deano, to Mikey while in bed

“Jean doesn’t do shit.” – D-dog

“You can put that in your f**king book.” –D-dog

“Mikey is wider than you think.” – Deano

“Boz Skaggs gives me a headache.” – Puck

“I really appreciate that you (Deano) took the time to clean the paint out of the jig eyes...holy cow, does that save some time, eh?” – Puck

“I don’t mind hairy breasts.” – Lard

“The perch must do something.” – Puck

“The little Mrs. was pretty pleasant...I think that I could stay another week!” – Puck

“I’ve got two observations about the shitter:

- 1) If you’re the first one in there in the morning, it smells pretty fresh,
 - 2) I love the echo when you fart down the hole.
- Puck

“Don’t you know how a boat landing works?” – unknown Fat Boy, to Puck at Gogebic

Note: Several other quotes were omitted to preserve the marriages of those uttering them.

Ask a Leinie’s Guy...

Once again, the Leinie’s Guy scratches the bottom of his mail sack to answer queries from one of his many admirers.

Q. Hey Leinie’s Guy, do you know anyone with a buttload of money that would like to buy a lightly-used snowmobile?

-Ice Cold J.L. from C-Falls

LG Before I volunteer to get smack dab in the middle of your sled deal, let’s just crack an ice-cold Leinie’s Northwoods. Aaaaahhh, there, that’s better.

No. I don’t. Sorry.

GWA-2021 Dates Set

Three Lakes, WI In an unscheduled Facetime address, GWA organizer Buck Tailspinner announced the dates for GWA-2021.

“GWA has historically started on the Thursday after opening weekend,” Tailspinner stated. “However, because the opener is on May 1st this year, the traditional start date would have the Leinie’s Guys packing up and heading home the weekend of the Michigan opener.”

“Seeing how the Guys all love pillaging the U.P. walleye resource, we’re just going to push everything back a week,” concluded Tailspinner. “Official dates for GWA-2021 will be May 12-23rd. In checking the solunar tables, the Guys should experience optimal fishing conditions in that time frame. Plus, it gives everybody an extra week to straighten out all of their crap after the opener.”

Moericke Captures GWA-2020 AOTY Honors

Eagle River, WI Ending a string of runner-up finishes, Leinie's Guy Dan "Keet" Moericke captured angler of the year honors at GWA-2020.



Keet Moericke receives the AOTY trophy and congratulations from 2019 honoree Lard Krueger.

Stated Moericke when notified of the selection, "Wow! This is a real honor. There was a lot of hook-setting done by pretty much all of the Leinie's Guys. All of us were deserving."

"Keet is pretty much the crappie master every year and this year he stung a bunch of walleyes too. He earned it," acknowledged Lard Krueger.

"I felt like I was in the running until Keet put on a crappie clinic on the last day," nodded Puck Johnson. "I'll get it next year. I've got a new boat, you know."

Buck Shots...

As I sip on a Leinie's Toasted Bock, I'm scanning through the 2020 camp log and looking at the pictures from last years gala. Kinda gives me a little chubby.

It'll be here before we know it, men! The time is now to sort through your tackle box and patch up your rain gear.

The GWA theme committee is hard at work and Safety Marshall Mikey Bishop has assured me that the Covid thing will be a non-issue.

Let's pull out all the stops in our return to Big Lake for GWA-2021! We'll be in heaven at GWA thirty-seven!!

- Buck

Buck Tailspinner
Editor

PS. Make sure to get in your Wives of GWA photos for inclusion in this year's calendar as well as your topic for the Campfire Chat series.

GWA-2021 is on the horizon

**May 12-23 at the Big Lake Campground
BE THERE!!!**

