

It's Not Easy

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Bishop Establishes New GWA Concussion Protocol

Three Lakes, WI After taking a spectacular header at the conclusion of the GWA Winter Summit, GWA Safety Czar Mikey Bishop laid out provisions for new concussion protocols for the upcoming Great Walleye Assault.

Stated Bishop, “This was really a great learning opportunity that we need to take full advantage of. My personal research on concussion recovery will be of benefit to all of the Leinie’s Guys.”



Bishop demonstrates his brown liquor supplemented pre-concussion visual acuity to JJ Henry.

“I’ve actually developed a whole brown liquor concussion protocol,” announced Bishop proudly. “Curiously, the amount of brown liquor that would give me a headache prior to banging my melon on the sidewalk is the identical amount necessary to treat my post-concussion symptoms.”

“I think it’s great that Mikey has done the research on this,” assented Leinie’s Guy Lard Krueger. “The older we get, the more likely we are to take a digger.”

“It’s this kind of pro-active investigation that makes GWA great and keeps our safety record improving,” belched Leinie’s Guy Keet Moericke while downing a Leinie’s Creamy Dark at the Sunset Grill. “Mikey is really on top of his game.”

Bishop went on to disclose that he had prepared all sorts of charts and graphs that he will present at the next GWA safety meeting. “We can all learn from my experience,” summed up Bishop.

“Mikey needs to start wearing a helmet full time,” stated Leinie’s Guy Puck Johnson flatly.

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, when can we go back to Escanaba Lake and punch a bunch of walleyes again?

-Filet fanatic

LG Well there, fish fry guy, before we slap an Escanaba hook-setting date into our dance cards, let's crack open an ice-cold Leinie's Northwoods. Ahhh, there, that's better.

Now then, Escanaba Lake. For many decades this little gem was the dream prom date of walleye fishing...always open and no limits. Do whatever you want and have fun. No questions asked and no prisoners taken. Then, for no real reason, in 2003 the DNR decided that they would manage it as a trophy lake and limit the harvest to one fish over 28". This was to be a ten year study.

To no one's surprise, the DNR is now in the 18th year of their 10 year study. And what did they find out? Well, they found out that on a 300 acre natural lake with natural reproduction and no harvest in 18 years they were able to identify exactly one walleye over 28 inches.

Guess what?? Not every walleye grows up to be ten pounds. Not every buck grows up to be a 200" twelve pointer. Not every musky grows to be fifty inches.

So, for eighteen years now instead of enjoying our always promiscuous prom date in ways that only the Leinie's Guys can, we've been celibate. Neutered. Getting exactly what we had when we were boys...nuthin.

To their credit, the DNR now feels that with just one more year of "study" they'll be able to open up the lake to a traditional 3 fish over 15" bag limit.

So mark your calendars for GWA-2022 and get ready to write a new chapter on Escanaba Lake.

I'm pissed, but what is one more year after we've waited eighteen? Now, somebody bring me another Northwoods. I'm parched (and pissed).

Winter Summit Declared a Total Success

Three Lakes, WI The 14th annual Winter Summit drew massive crowds and rave reviews from the attendees.

The Leinie's Guys rallied on Wednesday March 3rd to open up a big can of ice fishing whoop-ass on the fish of Oneida County and proceeded to do the things that they are most noted for...drinking beer and talking smart.



Leinie's Guy Joe JJ Henry shows off his seldom used ice fishing prowess.

"It was no weight loss clinic," assessed Leinie's Guy Lard Krueger. "The fishing might have been so-so, but the food was great!"

Winter Summit (Cont...)

Smoked barbecued ribs on Wednesday night were followed up with a big-ass fish fry on Thursday. The fish fry was of course topped off with one of Deano Radke's berry pie masterpieces.

"Gained 5 pounds," stated Puck Johnson flatly. "Got a lot done."

"Yep, yep, it was all good," nodded Leinie's Guy Deano Radke.

CAMPFIRE CHAT SERIES UPDATE

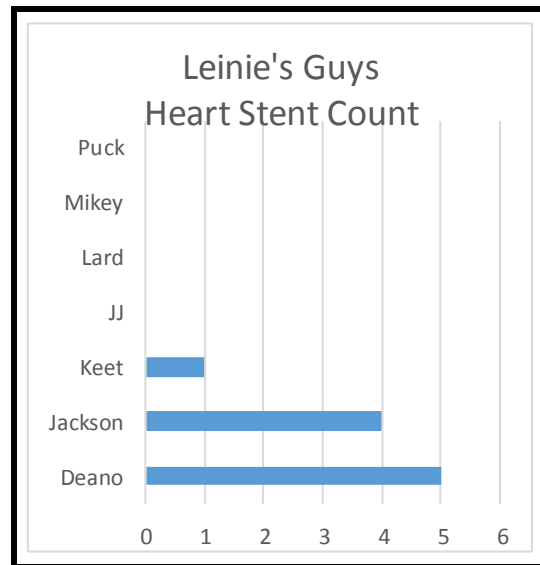
Wausau, WI Leinie's Guy Joe "JJ" Henry revealed during the recent Winter Summit that over half of the 2021 Campfire Chat series had already been booked.

Henry stated that, with all of the extra time on their hands as a result of the pandemic, the Leinie's Guys had really put in some extra effort into their campfire presentations.

While not disclosing the full slate of campfire chat topics, he did offer up this teaser. "We'll know a heck of a lot more about just what kind of a doctor Dr. Phil is once Deano gets done," smirked Henry.

The full campfire chat itinerary will be announced in the April newsletter.

Leinie's Guys at a Glance



Buck Shots...

The Leinie's Guys put on a show at the winter summit and it looks like Big Lake is in for another one

As the days get longer and the ice gets thinner, time to start organizing the boats, re-spooling some reels, and shuffling through the tackle boxes.

The return to Big Lake will be one for the ages! I gotta pee.

- Buck

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**GWA-2021
May 12-23 at the Big Lake Campground
BE THERE!!!**