

A Tradition of Fishin'

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GWA – 2022

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GWA-2021 was Epic! -Tailspinner Return to Big Lake Campground Deemed a Huge Success

Boulder Junction, WI “Epic, sensational, spectacular...call it whatever you want, it was great,” stated GWA organizer Buck Tailspinner while assessing the 37th annual Great Walleye Assault. “Just seeing the Leinie’s Guys once again at a campfire in the Big Lake Campground and fouling the Big Lake outhouses really put a lump in my throat,” sniffed Tailspinner, clutching a Leinie’s Toasted Bock and fighting back tears.

“It was great to be back at Big Lake,” echoed Leinie’s Guy Keet Moericke. “The Covid GWA at my cabin in 2020 was great too, but Big Lake will always be home.”

“GWA is the greatest fish camp ever,” asserted Leinie’s Guy Mikey Bishop. “No matter where it’s held.”

“Just like every GWA, I think that I was overserved,” recalled Leinie’s Guy Lard Krueger. “Joe’s margaritas were especially tasty last year and tequila still kicks my ass. Oh, and the beer-but chicken was exceptional.”

“Cancer treatments screwed up my schedule, but it was still pretty danged good,” acknowledged Leinie’s Guy Puck Johnson.



Puck Johnson hoists a nuisance musky.

“I caught more walleyes than all the other guys combined,” claimed Leinie’s Guy Jackson Alters. “And I did it left handed too.”

“Yep, yep, yep, it was a good time,” nodded Leinie’s Guy Deano Radke. “But next year I’m baking more pies.”

“If you want to call catching fish, drinking beer, eating venison and sitting around a campfire a good time, then yeah, I guess I had a pretty good time,” chipped in Leinie’s Guy JJ Henry. “I can’t wait until next GWA.”

Alters / Krueger Share GWA-2021 AOTY Honors

Boulder Junction, WI For only the second time in its 37 year history, the Angler of the Year honors were split. Leinie's Guys Mark "Lard" Krueger and John "Jackson" Alters ended in a dead heat in the AOTY voting.



GWA 2020 Angler of the Year Keet Moericke congratulates 2021 co-winner Lard Krueger. Co-winner Jackson Alters, in full camo, is barely visible in the background.

"It's always an honor to be selected for this," sobbed Krueger, wiping away tears. "My wife Jane will be so excited to see the trophy back on the mantle."

"I won it outright," muttered a disgruntled Jackson Alters. "There was voter fraud. A lot of it. I want a recount."

"Both of those guys fished their asses off," said GWA organizer Buck Tailspinner. "It was only fitting that it ended in a tie."

GWA-2022 Dates/Sites Set- Tailspinner

Eagle River, WI During an extended happy hour at Buckshot's Saloon and Eatery, GWA organizer Buck Tailspinner on Thursday announced that plans for GWA-2022 were on the fast track.

Sipping a Leinie's Toasted Bock, Tailspinner revealed that the dates were set and that the campsites had already been reserved and paid for.

"At first, I wasn't sure I cared for the whole idea of reservable campsites at Big Lake," belched Tailspinner. "But now I kind of like the feeling of having things pretty much nailed down before Christmas."

"The 38th annual Great Walleye Assault will be held at the Big Lake Campground from May 12th to the 22nd," announced Tailspinner to no one in particular. "And we've already got sites 35 and 36 reserved for it, just the way it was meant to be."

"GWA is the greatest fish camp ever and I can hardly wait to get back to Big Lake," gushed Leinie's Guy Mikey Bishop.

"This will be the 38th annual GWA and I'll tell you right now that it's gonna be special... .38 Special," echoed Tailspinner, pounding his fist on the bar. "The Leinie's Guys are gonna be rockin' into the night and holding on loosely like a bunch of wild-eyed Southern boys," slurred Tailspinner, with some convoluted references to old .38 Special rock hits. Mark your calendars.

Campfire Chat Series To Continue

Wausau, WI Campfire Chat Series administrator Joe “JJ” Henry has announced that the always popular Campfire Chat series will once again be featured at GWA.

“I need all of the Guys to get back to me with their campfire topic as well as any staging, lighting, sound system, or liquor requirements they may need for their presentations,” stated Henry. “I feel that we all learn so much during these sessions that we just have to continue the tradition.”



Campfire Chat Chair JJ Henry shows off his enormous bass.

“I’m looking forward to see what topics all of the guys are feeling passionate about this year,” concluded Henry. “I’m sure it’ll be special.... .38 Special!”

Buck Shots...

As we bust into 2022, it’s a wonderful thing to be looking straight down the barrel of the 38th annual Great Walleye Assault. GWA headquarters is a virtual beehive of activity in anticipation of the big event.

Of course, there’s still a lot of ice fishing, turkey hunting, and other stuff to be done between now and then. And I know Mikey Bishop is busy pulling together the Winter Summit. Man, where will we find the time!?!?!

Get to it men! It’ll be here before you know it.

- Buck

Buck Tailspinner
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