

A Tradition of Fishin!!

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GWA – 2023

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The 38th Annual GWA was Special - Tailspinner

Eagle River, WI Sipping a Leinie's Toasted Bock during happy hour at the newly renovated Braywood Bar, GWA organizer Buck Tailspinner paused to reflect on GWA-2022.

“It was the 38th annual GWA and it was 38 Special,” mused Tailspinner. “Yeah, the Leinie's Guys were back where they belong...on the shores of Big Lake. Fishin', drinkin', fartin', and having one heck of good time.”



“There were some epic campfires and meals fit for kings,” continued Tailspinner. “The Guys just really know how to throw one hell of a fish camp.”

“It's not easy,” acknowledged Leinie's Guy Mikey Bishop. “Lesser men couldn't possibly do what we do.”



Leinie's Guy JJ Henry grills up some of his famous beer butt chicken while guests Mitch and Wolfe bask in the glow of the GWA flow.

“Just the fact that all of the guys made it and survived without any serious injuries is reason for celebration,” added Tailspinner. “And I don't have to tell you that the Guys caught a heck of a lot of fish too.”

“Yep, yep, yep, the fishies were biting,” agreed Leinie's Guy Deano Radke.

“It was my first GWA and it was awesome,” gushed Mitch Sliswosowski.

GWA-2022 Special Recap (cont)

“Here at GWA Headquarters we’re ramping up preparations for the 39th annual event,” announced Tailspinner, in between bites of his Brayburger. “It’ll be huge, trust me.”



Leinie’s Guy Deano Radke with one of the many walleyes he snagged during GWA-2022.

“We had a lot of GWA guests and of course, did the big-ass fish fry,” recalled Leinie’s Guy Keet Moericke. “And the weather was pretty decent, too.”

“I can’t remember much past last week, but I think I had a pretty good time and caught a lot of fish,” reflected Leinie’s Guy Jackson Alters.

“Now that we’re all retired, we finally have time to get fully prepared for GWA,” chimed in Leinie’s Guy Lard Krueger. “I’ve got my to-do list going already.”



Jackson and Geno with a Michigan limit of walleyes.

“GWA is just ten days of guys being guys and doing pretty much whatever we want,” assessed Leinie’s Guy and GWA Charter member JJ Henry. “The first 38 years went by pretty fast. Looking forward to GWA-2023!”



Mikey relaxin’ while Puck marks his territory.



“The whole key to GWA is to stay hydrated,” concluded Tailspinner.

Radke Captures 2022 Angler of The Year Honors

Wausau, WI Leinie's Guy Deano Radke snagged the GWA-2022 Angler of the Year award with an epic hook setting performance. Always noted for his pie baking prowess, Radke proved to be a fish magnet during GWA-2022.

"I don't know how he did it," stated Lard Krueger shaking his head. "Most of the time his rod was just lying there while he was telling some story about somebody I don't know. When he'd finally pick it up, there'd be a fish on it."



GWA-2021 Angler of the Year Lard Krueger presents the trophy to Deano Radke.

"Nowdays they call it deadsticking," explained Radke. "I've been reading all about it in my outdoor magazines. The key is to leave the rod lay and, if possible, not pay attention."

"Yeah, Deano had a horseshoe up his butt last year," nodded Leinie's Guy Keet Moericke. "He can call it whatever he wants."

Leinenkugel Retires; Vows to be at GWA-2023

Eagle River, WI Chippewa Falls favorite son Dick Leinenkugel called it quits at the end of 2022 and announced that he will be "100% focused on GWA."

"Without a job, I pretty much am out of excuses to skip GWA," lamented Leinenkugel. "Plus, the Leinie Guys gave me this really fancy rod for a retirement gift so I suppose I should try to actually use it."

"So I'm working on securing some fancy accommodations because I'm not sleeping in that camper," stated Leinenkugel flatly. "I know a guy with a fancy trailer that he said I could use, so I'll bring that."

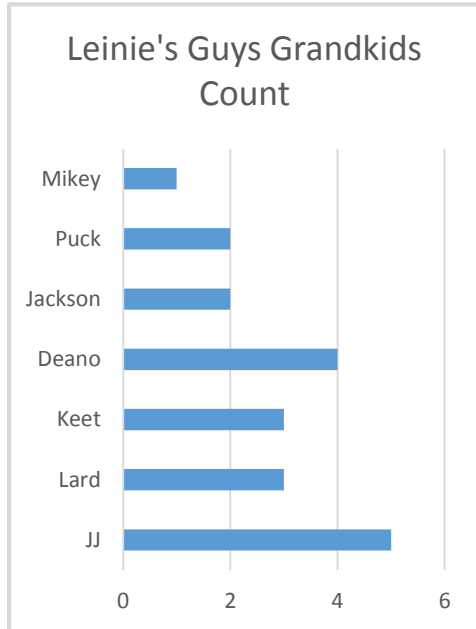


Leinie's Guy Mikey Bishop presents Dick Leinenkugel with a St. Croix rod as a retirement gift. Dick will be using to set the hook at GWA-2023.

"With all that free time on his hands, I sure hope he's able to secure a butt load of beer for us," worried Leinie's Guy Puck Johnson. "I just can't fish right if I'm too thirsty."

"I'm looking forward to fishing with the Guys for a few days," concluded Leinenkugel. "But there's no way I could handle all 10 days. I've got a bad knee."

Leinie's Guys at a Glance



Buck Shots...

The first 38 years of GWA were nothing short of awesome. Now it's time to start the noodlin' for GWA-2023.

There'll be no resting on our laurels, men! This assault will require each and every man to go all out, balls to the wall, and no looking back!

Start looking for your rain gear now. Buy some new line. Deano, paint some jigs...a thousand or so should do it.

It's not easy, but let's make this the greatest fish camp ever!

God Bless America!

- Buck

Buck Tailspinner

GWA-2023
May 11-21 at the Big Lake Campground
BE THERE!!!

(Sites 1836 and 1842 have been reserved for the duration.)

