

A Tradition of Fishin'

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Mexican Tariffs Threaten Margarita Night

Eagle River, WI Recently imposed tariffs on goods imported from Mexico have raised concerns over the potential impact on the ever popular Margarita Night at GWA-2025. GWA Organizer Buck Tailspinner voiced his concern during a recent happy hour at Smuggler's Lounge in downtown Eagle River.

"Look," said Tailspinner, "if these tariffs are going to shut down the flow of tequila into the United States, it could totally hose up Margarita Night."

"That would be bad," assessed Leinie's Guy Jackson Alters. "I always look forward to that first warm day at GWA when Joe busts out the blender."

"This could be worse than the great lime shortage of 2018," nodded Leinie's Guy Keet Moericke.

GWA Headquarters contacted margarita master Joe "JJ" Henry at his home in Wausau to assess the situation.

"Everybody can rest easy on this one," assured Henry. "I pretty much saw this coming during the election last fall and have been stockpiling tequila ever since."

"The price of limes may still be an issue, but we'll manage," asserted Henry.

News of Henry's forward thinking was cause for celebration among the Leinie's Guys.

"Tequila kicks my ass, but man, I'd sure hate to miss out on Joe's margaritas," blurted Leinie's Guy Lard Krueger. "Give the man credit for thinking ahead."

"That Joe Henry is brilliant," agreed Leinie's Guy Mikey Bishop. "GWA just wouldn't be the same without a Margarita Night or two stuffed in there."



Leinie's Guy Lard Krueger experiencing a margarita brain freeze.

Dale “Puck” Johnson Gone Too Soon

Three Lakes, WI GWA Headquarters was stunned to learn of the passing of Leinie’s Guy Dale “Puck” Johnson on February 19, 2025 at the age of 65.



Leinie’s Guy Puck Johnson

“Sometimes life kicks you right in the nuts,” stated GWA Organizer Buck Tailspinner. “This is one of those times. Puck was a one-of-a-kind great guy and a true blue Leinie’s man.”

“GWA isn’t going to be the same without Puck’s dry wit and fish catching prowess,” echoed Leinie’s Guy Keet Moericke.

“I’m beyond sad,” stated Leinie’s Guy Joe “JJ” Henry. “Puck has been my bunkmate at GWA for decades. I’ll miss his snoring and quiet/aromatic farts.”

“I met Puck in college and he’s been a great friend ever since,” chimed in Leinie’s Guy Mark “Lard” Krueger. “I just can’t believe he’s gone. I think he still owed me twenty bucks.”



Puck, master trapper.



Puck, master angler.



Puck, master smoker.

Campfire Chat Series Announced

Campfire chat series chairman Joe “JJ” Henry on Monday proudly announced the lineup for this year’s campfire chat series. The announcement came during the 2 for 1 happy hour at Wausau Mine Company.

Stated Henry, “This should be another beauty with a little something for everyone. This lineup really showcases what a wealth of knowledge the Leinie’s Guys possess.”

Thursday, May 8th Opening Ceremonies

Friday, May 9 Deano Radke puts on a crow calling clinic. Bring an empty toilet paper tube.

Saturday, May 10 Big-ass fish fry #1 with a Puck Johnson memorial campfire.

Sunday, May 11 Using artificial intelligence to catch more crappies. A powerpoint presentation by Jackson “AI” Alters. (Is he real or a hologram??)

Monday, May 12 Celebrating 11 ½ hours of sobriety, Lard Krueger will unveil recipes to his favorite Mocktails. The Lard-dog will whip up some of his favorite non-alcoholic ‘mocktails’ for a totally sober campfire experience. Participation while sober is optional.

Tuesday, May 13 Another toe-tapper as Joe “JJ” Henry whistles the entire Doobie Brothers Greatest Hits album.

Wednesday, May 14 Enjoy the arts as Mikey Bishop puts on a shadow puppet theater presentation of the Broadway musical “Cats”.

Thursday, May 15 Express Yourself! Keet Moericke demonstrates fancy boot lacing techniques that make a statement on the water or in camp.

Friday, May 16 Big-ass fish fry #2

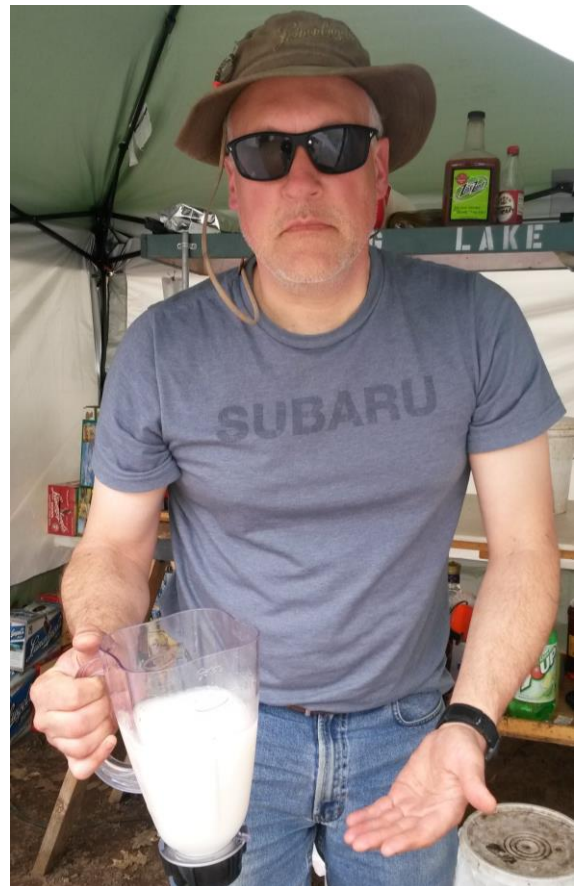
Saturday, May 17 Closing Ceremonies & Legislative Session

Buck Shots...

It’s still hard to imagine a GWA without the calm guidance of Puck Johnson in camp. But, GWA goes on. Just 55 days between us and the greatest fish camp of all time. Puck would insist that we all fish, talk smart, and enjoy ourselves.!! God Bless America! RIP Puck.

- Buck

Buck Tailspinner



There'll be a margarita waiting for you!