



Clouds and Cool... and More Trophies!

72 Trophies now in the 2007 Master Angler Book

Two Timer Tammy from Kansas adds a Walleye to her Angling Success Stories

A year ago Tammy Clayton of Wellsville, Kansas caught the fish of a life time - a 45" Northern Pike.

So she and her party came right back to Whitewater Lake's [Strikers Point Lodge](#) to give it a go again this year. And what do you know? This time Tammy reeled in a walleye that would give her yet another entry in the Master Angler book. She felt a tug on her quarter ounce chartreuse twister tail road runner and thought it might be another pike. But no! It was a 30 inch walleye. Now that made fishing in the rain worth it.

Is it the perfume she wears? Is it a secret technique? For now she just smiles and says, "I'll never tell" :)



Speaking of returning guests, Chris Clemmons and his group were back in Canada last week, and they, too, were on Whitewater Lake. Would you believe four Master Anglers out of the group? Orv Rehfeldt - 26" walleye. (Markers in front of camp on a sucker), Mike Demaruro - 28" walleye. (Island straight out from camp on a sucker), Brad Clemmons - 40" Northern (Exit mouth of Ogoki River on a sucker), Mike Clemmons - 43" Northern (Islands towards narrows on a silver minnow), Dan Coombs - 41" Northern (Exit mouth of Ogoki River on a jig & twister).

Of the 72 Master Anglers registered to date, 10 have been for Walleyes 26" or longer, and 62 for pike 40" inches or longer.



From Left: Mike Clemmons' 43" Pike - Orv Rehfeldt's 26" Walleye - Brad Clemmons' 40 Inch Pike

So what is it with Whitewater Lake? It's the largest fishery we send guests to. We have practiced CPR for a decade, and we have the best marked maps for guests. We think it's a combination of a great fishery and better prepared anglers. No wonder 46% of our year to date Master Anglers have come from this special destination.

Happy Holiday

By the time you read this our July celebration will be over.

Many of our U.S. guests are unaware of this event, unless they happen to be in Canada on July 1. Like the American 4th of July, it is our big summer event. And yes, there are picnics and fireworks.

Once called Dominion Day, in 1982 its name became Canada Day. For information about this Holiday ...[Click here](#)

Now for the American Holiday: Many of our U.S. readers know that Thomas Jefferson and that wild bunch he was running with in 1776 decided to send King George a letter that said they were not royal subjects anymore.



Sure, there were some hurt feelings for a few decades, but everybody seems to be getting along just fine now. So, we'll bet you two U.S.bucks we can find a picture of the party at which Jefferson's gang signed the Declaration of Independence.

Why two U.S. Dollars? Well, first in Canada the two dollar currency is a coin and secondly on the back of every U.S. two dollar bill is John Trumball's famous painting.

[Click Here](#) for the story.



The Canada Day - July 4th Holiday is a signal that summer is here. However, our weather is more like early June than early July. Cool cloudy and lots of rain...all good for fishing...just ask Tammy Clayton.

I would like to follow up on the fact that nearly half of our trophy fish have come from Whitewater Lake. I like to think of Whitewater Lake as "Opportunity Lake." Its our 26 mile long, 26,000 acre natural impoundment of the Ogoki River. We have two destinations on the lake [Whitewater Lodge](#) and [Striker's Point Lodge](#). Our guests at both destinations have learned that if one particular pattern isn't working, there are plenty of other choices to try on the big lake. Having said that, there is one pattern that IS working. And I believe it will work for you no matter what destination you select. Moving water. That's it. Find moving water and find walleye.

Even though we only keep count of the trophy fish, the one note I wish to share with you is that all of our guests who work moving water are having success. And by now you know, if you find walleye, the pike are not far away.

Up on the Albany, and especially along the Keezhik's fast moving cold waters those world class Brook trout are still abundant. This week, Gord Ellis is with us at [Miminiska](#), and will be fishing the Keezhik. I look forward to his report. Scott Earl Smith, a Thunder Bay writer and Canadian Editor for Fly Fishing America has posted his story on the Keezhik trip he took with his 75 year old father earlier this summer...you'll find it in the downloads area of the website. While you are there look for *Master Anglers May - June 2007* to learn more about the 72 anglers registered so far this season. .

And thanks for the letters, calls and notes. Keep fishing that moving water.



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U.S. Government changes passport rules

The US government announced that it had relaxed earlier stricter passport re-entry requirements due to a backlog of passport applications.

Thus, until September 30, 2007, US citizens arriving in Canada by air need only present proof of passport application rather than a passport itself.

These requirements are less strict than those originally mandated in January 2007 by the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI).



Tip of Week: Troll The Bottom-All the Way Down

Most anglers know that a long rocky point is perfect for low light walleye feeding. However, there are two basic errors to avoid.

First. Don't allow the boat to drift over the strike zone, and the strike zone is the entire point including at least ten feet beyond the point.

Two, Troll the bottom. Especially with crank baits. If you are not feeling the lure actually hitting and bouncing off those submerged rocks, you're not deep enough. Those oh-so-shy and light sensitive walleyes like to forage on lake points, but they stay all the way down.

And one other thing...slow down. 1 or 2 MPH is plenty. You can speed the bait up by pulling on the rod...not increasing motor speed.