



Not Your Average Joe!

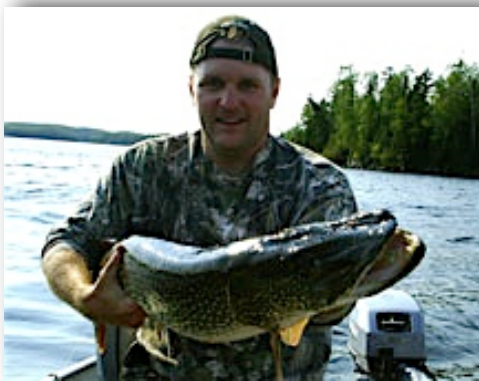
Fall Turnover ... Turns 'em on!

It's Joe Pichey we're talking about. He and his group of college pals headed out to [Zig Zag Lake](#) over the Labour Day holiday...and caught some of those wandering, hungry, toothy Northern Pike. Two of 'em were big enough to become Master Anglers. (40 inch plus)

In fact Douglas Frucci, (McKinney TX) who claimed he was "no angler" reeled in his 41 inch Master Angler entry after being on the lake about an hour on day one.

That's Joe with his 42" in the top photo and Doug in the other two.

Joe, like so many of our guests, is a returning angler. He has chosen Zig Zag because of its reputation for both trophy pike and walleye. However, Joe reports in this week's [podcast](#), that while the group caught plenty of Walleye they did not find those elusive 26 inch plus golden big girls we know are there.



The big pike all came from the adjacent lake to Zig Zag...Crescent Lake. The pattern? 10-12 feet of stained water with grass. The weather was typical fall windy, rainy at times 65-75 degree days. Fronts pass through quickly, so it's easy to experience several weather and fishing patterns all on the same day.

Joe reports, "We just casted in those flashy metal Johnson Silver Minnows...and Cyclops spoons and BAMB those big pike could not say NO."

It's interesting to listen to Joe on the [podcast](#) report that heading into the quiet

Canadian wilderness is the perfect getaway from the hectic urban life he leads in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex.

This week's [podcast](#) also includes a discussion of the now closed Ontario Brook Trout season. Gord Ellis, award winning outdoor writer and CBC broadcaster gives us all a little lesson on the autumnal spawning activity of this native "fish of the North" and answers questions about their survival rates, life expectancy and how they select spawning locations. Gord explains that the males turn a bright red/orange this time of year, like salmon, but live to spawn another day.

Brook Trout are protected from Labour Day through January 1st ...to allow the spawn to occur and the eggs to "settle in" to the nests for the winter.





Last Call for Master Anglers !

by *Alan Cheeseman, President Wilderness North*



Our downloads area at the website has the current Master Angler list. Look for ***Master Angler 091007.pdf***

However, we know it is not complete...just current.

We will still have anglers enjoying fall fishing at our lodges and outpost cabins and we DO expect more stories and pictures to roll in.

As of this moment 133 fish...both Walleye and Pike have been caught released and registered. That's ninety five pike 40 inches or longer, and thirty eight Walleye 26 inches or longer.

As of this date the largest walleye was 30.5 inches from [D'alton Lake](#), caught on July 5th by Ron Melander of St. Paul, Minnesota. The largest Pike was 49 inches long caught at Ogoki Lake on June 13th, by Brett Toberman from McGregor, Iowa.

As in the past, Whitewater (40) and Ogoki Lake (27) and Zig Zag (19) produced the most big fish.

We also know that some of our guests went home without registering their trophy fish and receiving their Master Angler pin. Since our guests at [Miminiska](#) and [Makokibatan](#) along the Albany did not pass through our Armstrong base, we know we've missed a few deserving anglers. If that sounds like you or someone in your party give us a call. We can register your fish over the phone, get a current address to which we may send your pin and make sure name goes in the record books for 2007, and to the Ontario Federation of Hunters and Anglers.

In both 2005 and 2006, guests of Wilderness North were awarded the largest caught and released North Pike honors by OFHA.

Keep in touch,

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Ask the Resource Team

Most of you know that we have assembled some real wise guys...no wait...anglers of considerable wisdom to write and report on news and views relative to the Canadian angler.

Got a question just send by email...and we'll have Gord Ellis, Scott Earl Smith, Chris Clemmons, Bill Sherer, or Gary and Peg Kokaisel take a shot at.

We will have weekly fishing reports for two more weeks...so click here to submit your question or comment.