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MICHIGAN MAN NEWSLETTER (READER'S DIGEST VERSION)

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My apologies for such an abbreviated Newsletter this month. May snuck up on me and yard work, baseball, and golf overwhelmed, me. Honest, honey! It wasn't my fault.

I sit here sheepishly typing looking at the clock knowing that I have about thirty minutes to get this done and out. Did I mention I am finally reading "The Seven habits of Highly Effective People?" I think there's a chapter coming up...

Had a great time this past month including a couple of local fundraisers as well as a reunion with two old team mates from college. The Nogggin Room crowds in Petoskey are picking up as summer draws near. I am back at Hoppies on Burt Lake. I had a chance to entertain in Onaway at Manzana's. What a great time and very unique setting. Everything gis going great at Dick

O'Dow's' in Birmingham. It's a young crowd that once again has drawn my observation that by midnight, everybody my age is home sleeping. But the kids are appreciative and tell me I "rock" and I "rule." Really? I need a nap. But I love these kids.

Remind to tell you about a special group of guys who get together every year to raise money for underprivileged kids to go fishing and hunting. They are an amazing and selfless group of men (and occasionally women) who believe in the legacy of the outdoors. More on them next month.

Again, I apologize for the brevity and next month I will be (hopefully) sending out a complete summer schedule. It will also be my last Newsletter until fall. I 'm sure the last thing you want to be doing when the sun is shining and life has turned up the value quotient a notch is to be sitting in front of your computer. So, with that in mind, here is my schedule for the next two months.

MAY

Friday and Saturday May 7 & 8 at Hoops in Auburn Hills 248.373.4744

Wednesday May 12 & 26 at O'Tooles in Novi 248.349.7038

Thursday May 6, 13, 27 at Dick O'Dow's in Birmingham 248.642.1135

Friday May 14, 21, 28 at The Noggin Room in the Perry Hotel in Petoskey 231.347.4000

Saturday May 22 at the Buckhorn Inn in Trout Lake

Saturday and Sunday May 29 & 30 at Hoppies on Burt Lake 231.238.8900

JUNE (MORE TO COME NEXT MONTH)

Thursday June 3 & 10 Dick O'Dow's in Birmingham

Fridays June 4, 11, 18, 25 Noggin Room in the Perry Hotel Petoskey

Saturday June 19 Hoppies on Burt Lake

Saturday June 26 Side Door in Petoskey

Sunday June 27 at Horn's on Mackinac Island

Well, that about it. Short, huh? No smart ass

comments from the locker room, either.

Hope you are all happy and healthy .. oops! One joke!

This is what to do if you get caught with a full bucket!

Ole was stopped by a game warden in Northern Minnesota recently leaving a lake well known for its Walleye and he had two buckets of fish.

The game warden asked, "Do you have a license to catch those fish?"

Ole replied, "No, sir! I didn't catch em. Dese here are my pet fish."

"Pet fish?" the warden replied.

"Ya sure, you betcha." answered Ole. "Every night I take dese

fish here down to da lake and let dem svim around for a while.

Den I vhistle and dey yump back into deir buckets and I take dem home."

"That's a bunch of hooley. Fish can't do that." said the game warden.

Ole looked at the game warden with an expression of great hurt, and then said, "Yumpin Yimminy! Vell den, I'll jus show you den. It really does vork, don'tcha know?"

"O.K. I've got to see this!," said the warden. The game warden was really curious now. So Ole poured the fish into the lake and stood waiting.

After several minutes, the game warden turned to Ole and said, "Well?"

"Vell vhat?" responded Ole.

"When are you going to call them back?"

"Call who back?" asked Ole.

"The fish!"

"Vhat fish?"

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This issue brought to you by Mr. Covey who would kick my ass if I didn't send this out.