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The Prez Sez

Hello everyone, it's that time of the year for enjoying some late season ice fishing action. But with these warm days it's hard not to think of the early walleye bite in the river, probably better go check out the ramps soon.

As you probably already know, we held our 22nd annual Ice Fishing Extravaganza late Feb. 19 at Lake Audubon. The Club was able to raise close to \$3,000.00 for ongoing projects the club has going. This wouldn't be possible without the help of our many volunteers, gracious sponsors, and the 300 fishermen who came out for a day of fun on the ice. I want to thank you all. The winners of the Derby will be posted in the newsletter. That's all for now except give Dave Remboldt a hand for putting the Spring Derby together again and get your applications in early.

Your President
Bryan Siegel

We would like to thank all the businesses that donated door prizes to the Bis-Man Reel & Rec membership steak fry night. You helped to make our evening a success. Thank you once again. We would also like to welcome all the new members.

Promotion committee
Jim & Dick

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Victor H. Gibbins

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58501	47
58502	02
58503	22
58504	56
58554	42
Misc	30
TOTAL	199

LET'S GET THOSE DUES IN

2005 Winners

Species	Place	Winner
Northern Pike	1st Place	Mike Hutchins
	2nd Place	Al Page
Walleye	1st Place	Nick Herberholz (14yrs old)
	2nd Place	Lawrence Nelson
Perch (under 16)	1st Place	Peter Pomonis (14 yrs old)
	2nd Place	Peter Pomonis (14 yrs old)
	3rd Place	Riley Gerding (7 yrs old)

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2005 Schedule

Bis-Man Reel & Rec

April 19, 2005:	Membership Meeting - Derby Drawing - Mandan Moose
May 11, 2005:	Spring Derby Rules Meeting - Bismarck Amvets
June 7, 2005:	E-Board - Volunteers "Take A Kid Fishing" - Mandan Eagles
July - August:	Meeting Canceled
September 13, 2005:	General Membership Meeting - Bismarck VFW
November 8, 2005:	E-Board - Bismarck AmVets
December 6, 2005:	General Membership Meeting - Election - Mandan Eagles

*** Special Events ***

June 11, 2005: "Take A Kid Fishing" - Sweet Briar Dam



24th Annual Reel & Rec Derby

The Reel & Rec Walleye Derby will be held on May 14, 2005 at Graner Bottoms. Entrance fees are the same as last year at \$99.00 per team. The drawing will be held at the Mandan Moose Club on April 19, 2005 at 7:30pm. There will be a free keg of beer and a raffle and a good time will be had by all! The rules meeting will be held at the Bismarck Amvets on May 11, 2005 at 7:30pm. As you know, at least one member from each team must be in attendance.

There will be the traditional fish fry on Friday evening. Please bring walleye fillets. If you haven't experienced this you are in for a treat. Many a derby has been won by the information gotten during this event! A lot of the food is donated by Grand Forks Grocery and these veteran fryers know what they're doing.

The derby starts at 6:00am on Saturday, May 14, 2005 with a boat inspection. Remember that your boat, trailer, and live wells should be clean of any plant life and should have been cleaned thoroughly using a bleach mixture to eliminate aquatic nuisance species (ANS). The first flight leaves at 7:00am and must be reported in by 3:00pm. There will be four flights at fifteen-minute intervals. Once again, Reiny Keller and his expert crew will be in charge of live release, so take care of your fish!

Good luck to all of you.

Tournament Director
Dave Remboldt

Membership Input Needed

The Corps of Engineers held a public forum at the Bismarck Civic Center on January 20 concerning their proposed program for mechanical creation of emergent sandbar habitat for the nesting of the Least Tern and Piping Plover on the Missouri River system. Your input is needed to gauge how our membership views this project, and to establish the Reel & Rec Club's position on this matter.

This year we celebrate the 25th anniversary of our club. Planning has already begun for activities to mark this milestone. We would like to see an array of events throughout the year and we need member's suggestions and ideas.

Is there a fishing or camping area that needs the club's attention? This can be a possible new site, improvement of an existing site, or any suggestions for the future planning. Also, any comments on our current annual events are always welcome.

Please contact a club officer or specific committee with your thoughts.

Richard Fink

ND Sports Fishing Congress

As most of you are aware, the Bis-Man Reel & Rec Club is a member of the ND Sportsfishing Congress. This organization represents all the fishing clubs in the state. They work closely with the ND Game & Fish Department, ND Legislative lawmakers, and monitor Federal agencies to keep us informed on fishing issues. Their website is www.ndsportsfishingcongress.org. One of the perks to being a member club is having our own web page linked to their website. On their website, move the cursor to membership, click on associate club, click Bis-Man Reel & Rec Club. This web page will include our mission statement, Club Officers, Committees, meeting dates, special events, and a membership application. Also, you'll see a link to our most recent newsletters. A huge thank you to Duaine Ashe for your lobbying efforts so far this legislative session on behalf of all of us fishers and campers, and to Marie Hoerner for managing our web page.

Please take note: The ND Sportsfishing Congress Smoker & Raffle is scheduled for April 23, 2005 at the Bismarck Elks Lodge. For tickets contact Richard Fink, 258-6181, rtfink@bis.midco.net, or Mike Anderson, 224-9048, manderson@bis.midco.net.

Richard Fink

Help Our Armed Forces Families

With so many soldiers away from home right now, there are many youngsters without a parent to take them fishing. Please try to include these kids in your outings. Also, if you know of a club member serving in the military, please contact us so we can keep their membership current until their safe return.

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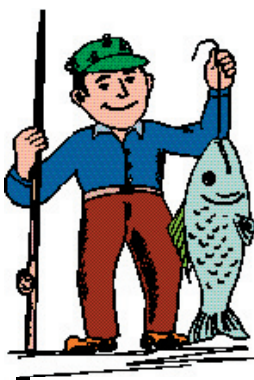
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Richard Fink