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Presidents Corner

Hi everyone. I hope this newsletter finds you well. Wow, what a busy Spring!! Of course the Walleye Derby creates most of the excitement, and combined with other things, we've been going strong since the Ice Extravaganza in February.

Congratulations to Mr. Ray Goetz of Bismarck, our new Burleigh County Park Ranger. I conveyed to Ray the Club's intention to assist him in any way we can.

Congratulations to Bill Mitzel and your staff as you celebrate your 30th year of Dakota Country Magazine. You deserve to be proud of the publication, and of Jon, who seems to have grown into your old boots. I've been with you for most of those years and continue to look forward to each issue. We wish you many more years of success.

Our 27th Annual Spring Walleye Derby events were phenomenal. Congratulations to everyone that placed. You earned it. From the rules meeting/ social May 14th, into the Fish Fry May 16th, and through Derby Day May 17th, we enjoyed fishing, food, drink, and camaraderie. Everyone was very patient with the wind delays and I thank you for being so consider-

ate. Famous Dave's did a great job as usual. Thanks to Dakota Awards, Jerome Distributing, and Sign Pro for the new scoreboard. Very Nice!!!

The Missouri River "Splash" was held May 31st at Moritz Sport & Marine. Thank you Nancy Boldt and Robert Timian for facilitating this event and bringing water safety to everyone's awareness. This has the makings of an annual event.

Our 27th Annual "Take-a-Kid Fishing Day" was held June 7th at Sweetbriar Dam. Jim Steinman and his committee did a terrific job organizing this event and were rewarded with beautiful weather for the day. The kid's, young ones and us not so young ones, had a great time with fishing related games and plenty to eat.

Due to health issues, I'm forced to take a less active role in the Club. I won't be seeking re-election in December. It has been my pleasure to serve you these past three years.

Have a great summer. Richard

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Meeting & Events Schedule All Meetings 7:30 P.M.

2008

- July, August No Meetings, Gone Fishing!!!
- September 9: Monthly Meeting, VFW Club
- October 7: Monthly Meeting, Mandan Moose Lodge
- November 11: Monthly Meeting, Bismarck Eagles Club
- December 2: Annual Meeting, Elections, Mandan Eagles Club




Missouri River "SPLASH"

The Missouri River Users Group held the 1st SPLASH event May 31st at Moritz Sport & Marine. The main objective is to promote safety on the Missouri River and to acquaint the other user groups with each other. We believe that education is the key to safety. Our goal will be to introduce new boaters to boating safety, and encourage all boaters to complete the ND Game & Fish Boating Safety Course. Our Club's activity was a fish painting/T-shirt transfer booth manned by Wayne Blohm, Mark Doll, Dave Bement, and Richard Fink. We had a blast!! I'm guessing 50-60 young artists joined us to paint rubber fish and then transfer the image to a T-shirt which they got to keep. (Many were going to be father's day presents which I found very touching) I have a feeling this will be an annual Spring event.

Dues Notice

The Bis-Man Reel & Rec Club operates on a calendar year, from January 1 to December 31 of each year. Please take a look at the date above your address label on this newsletter. If the date is 1/1/2008 or earlier, your membership has expired. To keep your membership current, complete the membership application/renewal form inside and mail it as soon as you can. Thank you.



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SCHEEL'S 1st Annual Fish Fest was held April 19th in the Kirkwood Mall parking lot adjacent to their store. They featured the Berkely Truck/Tent, Minnow races, many of the Berkely and SHEEL'S fishing pro's, boat show, tackle & casting demonstrations, and free Cloverdale hot dogs & pop. The Bismarck store assistant manager Derek Kostelecky approached the Club with a unique idea. If we would serve the food, SCHEEL'S would encourage a freewill offering for the lunch. To make a long story short, we had a great time, served almost 500 hot dogs and a stock tank of beverages, and collected \$385.02 for our "Take-a-Kid Fishing" Program. Thanks Derek & Dennis, and thank you to the following Club members for the good work:

Larry Wagner

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27th Annual Spring Walleye Derby

The Club hosted its 27th Annual Walleye Derby May 17th at Graner Boat Landing. Seventy-five teams competed for a total prize pool of \$9,825. The top eleven places and the largest walleye received cash prizes.

In conjunction with the Main Derby, fifty-three teams entered a side tournament (Special Projects) to benefit improvements to the Graner's Boat Landing.

There were 421 walleyes weighed, for a total of 997 pounds, or an average of 2.37 lbs. per fish. This compares to 423 walleyes with a 2.10 lb. average in the 2007 event.

The winners:

Place	Main Derby	Name	#Fish	Largest Walleye	Total Weight	Main Prize Money	SP Place	SP Prize Money
1st		Brian Fettig Matt Dietrich John Dietrich Kirk Hoff Lawrence Hoff	6		24.87	\$2,500.00	1st	\$847.25
2nd		Gary Olmsted Jeremy Eckroth Jesse Eckroth	6		20.32	1200.00	N/A	0
3rd		Eric Hoggarth Ryan Subart Owen Subart	6		20.08	800.00	2nd	423.50
4th		Keith Becker Chad Renner Kurt Schirado	6	7.04	19.75	600.00	3rd	282.50
5th		Jason Wright Jim Steinman Jacki Peterson	6		17.82	500.00	4th	211.75
6th		Alexis Steinman Grealing Starck Abraham Starck	6		17.72	400.00	5th	176.50
7th		Michael Starck Tom Miller	6		16.68	300.00	6th	141.25
8th		Brent Opdahl Shawn Mertz Jeff Martin	6		16.56	250.00	7th	106.00
9th		Steve Haugen Logan Martin Terry Weltz	6		16.36	200.00	8th	88.25
10th		Robin Weltz Russ Froelich Trent Eiseman	6		16.29	150.00	9th	70.50
11th		Levi Binstock Ryan Entzie	6		16.27	0	10th	53.00



Congratulations Brian, Matt, and John on capturing the Main Derby and the Special Projects cash & trophies. You earned it. Congratulations to Ryan, Owen, and Keith for catching the largest walleye at 7.04 lbs., good for \$690.00 and helped vault you into a 4th place finish. Congratulations to the team of Dave & Tony German and Mike Salwei for winning the Yar-Craft Boats/River City Marine promotion for the highest placing Yar-Craft at 15.91 lbs. They were awarded \$500.00 cash each along with a voucher good for a \$1000.00 bonus discount on the purchase of a new Yar-Craft.

Of our 808 Club members, approximately 550 participated in one or more of the Walleye Derby events. This is by far our most popular event. Want to be an active member of the 2009 Walleye Derby Committee? Contact me at 258-6181 or rtfink@bis.midco.net

Richard
Derby Committee

Special thanks to the following Team of dedicated volunteers.

Brenda Dietrich
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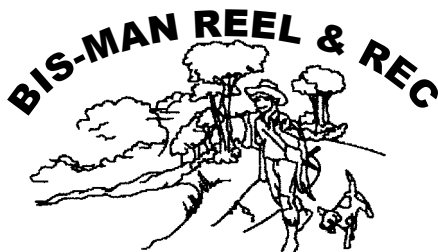
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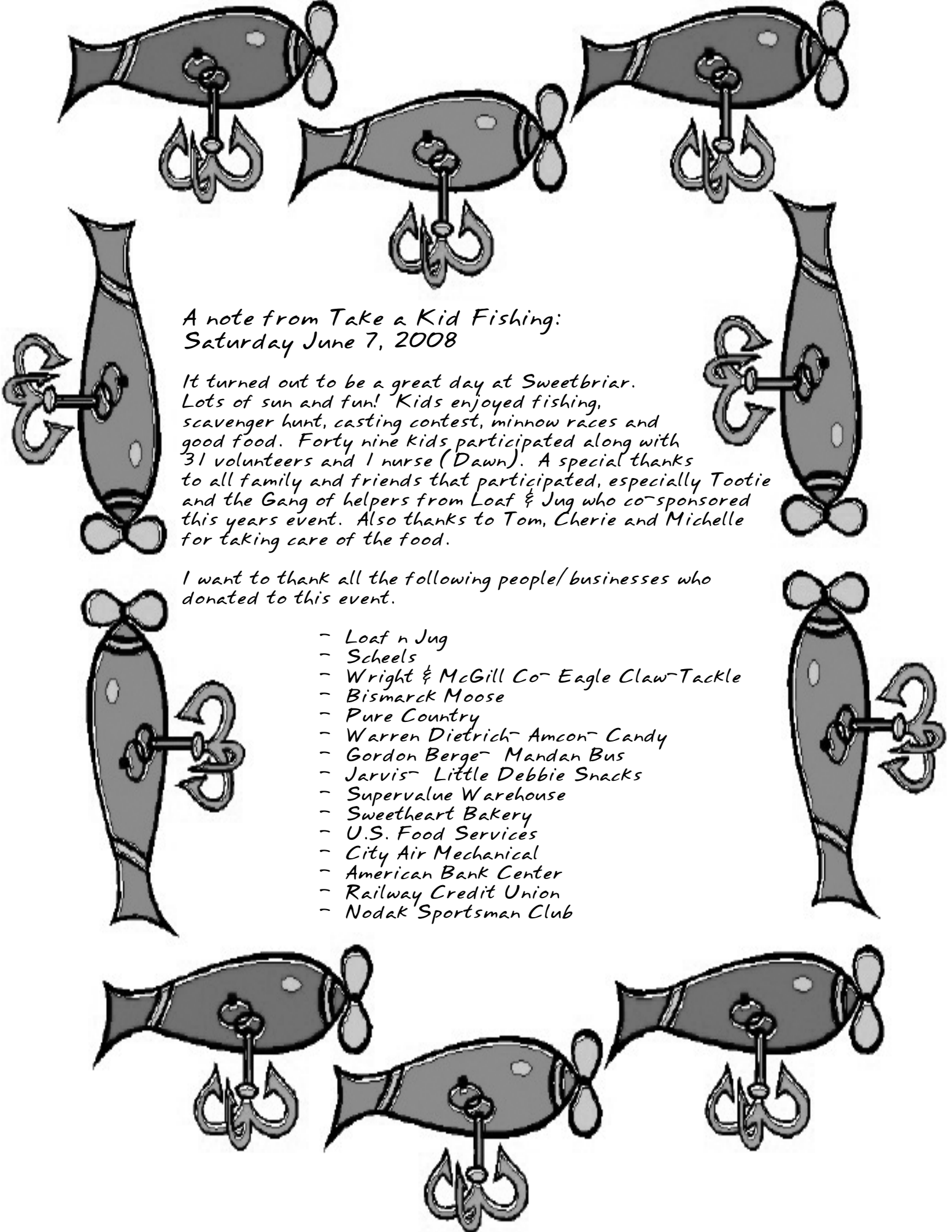
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*A note from Take a Kid Fishing:
Saturday June 7, 2008*

It turned out to be a great day at Sweetbriar. Lots of sun and fun! Kids enjoyed fishing, scavenger hunt, casting contest, minnow races and good food. Forty nine kids participated along with 31 volunteers and 1 nurse (Dawn). A special thanks to all family and friends that participated, especially Tootie and the Gang of helpers from Loaf & Jug who co-sponsored this years event. Also thanks to Tom, Cherie and Michelle for taking care of the food.

I want to thank all the following people/businesses who donated to this event.

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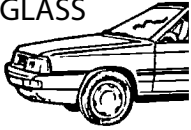


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