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Presidents Corner

How do you get 120 people of all ages, from all backgrounds, with differing interests to all laugh at the same thing? You mix in a little Mylo Hatzenbuhler. Thanks Mylo, and thanks to Jim & Keith for putting together a very enjoyable Cabin Fever evening.

Our 25th Anniversary Ice Fishing Extravaganza, headed by Alexis Steinman, was a huge success. A fantastic group of volunteers assembled for this one. I know it was due in part as a tribute to Bryan. See Alexis' article inside.

We say goodbye to Jeff Weekes, who passed away January 14. Jeff was a very active member, tireless worker, and always sporting a wide smile. Rest in Peace, my friend.

We will be accepting applications for our 27th Annual Walleye Derby starting March 19th. Fishing is going to be good!!! This has all the makings of another great Club get-together.

We are still looking for an individual or group to coordinate our Kid's Day event. If you have the time, energy, and love to interact with kids, I would like to visit with you.

More Good News!!! The most recent measurements of snowpack in the Yellowstone & Missouri watershed appear to be at or above normal for this time of year. That means fresh water runoff into the Missouri River System to rejuvenate the existing reservoirs and possibly replenish some of the storage behind our dams.

Keep your eyes and ears open for news from the Missouri River Users Group. They are organizing an event for May 31, 2008 on the river. There is a brief article inside with more to come in the next newsletter.

Until next time, enjoy the simple things in life, don't take yourself too seriously, and Wear your Club Logo with Pride.

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Bis-Man Reel & Rec Club Meeting & Events Schedule All Meetings 7:30 P.M.

2008

- March 4: Monthly Meeting, Bismarck Eagle Club.
April 1: Monthly Meeting, Bismarck Moose Lodge.
May 6: Monthly Meeting, VFW Club.
May 14: Walleye Derby Rules Meeting, General Membership Meeting, Bismarck-Mandan Elks Lodge.
May 16: Fish Fry, Graner's Park.
May 17: Spring Walleye Derby, Graner's Park.
June 3: Monthly Meeting, Mandan Eagles.
June 7: Take-a-Kid Fishing Day, Sweetbriar Lake.



Special General Membership Meeting

The Board of Directors has called for a special General Membership meeting to be held in conjunction with the 27th Annual Walleye Derby Rules meeting for the expressed purpose of voting on a proposed amendment to our Club constitution.

Where: Bismarck-Mandan Elks Lodge

When: Wednesday, May 14, 2008, 7:30 p.m.

ARTICLE VI: BALLOTING

D. A quorum for the transaction of any business shall be [[fifteen]] Nine (9) members.

Whether you are fishing the Derby or not, the Rules Meeting/Social/Raffle is a great get-together for all Club members. The Social begins at 6:00 p.m., the meeting at 7:30 p.m., followed by the raffle drawing. Come join us.

Richard Fink

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Members Appreciation/Cabin Fever Night

Hi. Just a short note to let everyone know that thanks to you, our evening was a success. Lots of prizes were won, the food was excellent, the service was great, and the entertainment by Mylo was hilarious. His show is a must see. Thanks John, Phil, Ralph, and Jonathon from the Corps of Engineer Oahe Project and Scott from the ND Game & Fish Department for joining us for the evening and sharing your comments with us. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped the committee with this event, and the following sponsors for partnering with us to make the raffle pleasurable and profitable.

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We welcome any feedback from you as we plan for next year's event.

Jim & Keith
Promotions

Missouri River Users Group

The Missouri River Focus Group is now the Missouri River Users Group, to better reflect the makeup of this group and why we, as a Club, are involved. The MRUG will be hosting a fun, sun, & safety day (fair) Saturday, May 31st at Moritz Sport & Marine. There will be activities for all age groups. This event is in the early planning stages and by the next newsletter, I'll have much more information for you.

Boat & Water Safety

It's time to start planning for the spring/summer boating season. Our Club will be hosting Boat & Water Safety Courses starting the first of April and continuing as long as we continue to get requests for classes. Please note ND Law: "No person 12 through 15 years of age may operate a motorboat or personal watercraft propelled by over a 10 horsepower motor unless the operator is accompanied by a person 18 years of age or older or the operator has passed a Boat & Water Safety Course". For people of any age, completion of this course can mean significant savings on Marine Insurance. It's a great refresher course on rules of the water and marine terminology. Take this opportunity to earn your certificate. Call 258-6181 to find out when the next class is scheduled.

Annual Elections

Elections were held at our Annual Meeting in December. Congratulations to all who were voted into positions as Officers & Board Members. Your service to our fine Organization and its members has my respect and appreciation. Thank you.

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27th Annual Walleye Derby

Inside this newsletter you should find an application for our 2008 Derby. If there isn't and you would like one, please call me and I'll get one in the mail to you.

I'm proud to welcome River City Sports as the Major Marine Sponsor of this event. Moritz Sport & Marine was a major sponsor, but with the success and growth of their own tournament, "The Big Muddy", it's become necessary to focus on their own event. We thank the Moritz family & staff for your past support.

Let me highlight a few notes:

- Applications will be accepted by mail only, starting March 19, 2008.
- Team numbers will be assigned on a First Come/First Serve format.
- Teams may enter as two (2) or three (3) person teams.
- Derby Field is limited to 75 teams.
- Entry Fee is \$120.00 per team. Special Projects Derby Fee is \$60.00 per team.
- Derby Caps and/or T-shirts must be ordered with your application at \$5.00 each.
- Two year Membership is required
- Dues are \$10.00/year or \$25.00/3 years and may be included with your application.



The Special Projects Derby has been very successful, for the fishermen and for the Club. This year's project will be an upgrade of Graner's Boat Landing.

The Rules meeting will be at the Elks Lodge Wednesday, May 14. The Social & Raffle start at 6:00 p.m., General Membership & Rules meeting at 7:30 p.m., with the Raffle Drawing following the meeting. Raffle & Door Prizes total over \$2000.

The Stolz brothers have offered to do the Friday Fish Fry at Graner's shelter starting at 6:00 p.m. I'm asking you Derby fishermen to share your pre-fishing bounty with the Fish Fry Crew. Coolers will be located by the shelter on Friday for your donations.

There will be fishing related activities Saturday for the younger folks, beginning about 11:00 a.m. at Graner's main shelter. Several volunteers will be needed also.

Famous Dave's will be serving BBQ on Saturday from 2:00 p.m. until about 6:30 p.m.

Tell our Sponsors how much you appreciate them. Give them your support and they'll continue to be a part of our event.

Volunteers for the Derby Committee are always welcome. The following positions still need to be filled:

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| • Patrol Boats (\$50 Gas Card) | • Official Time Master |
| • Registration (rules meeting & Graner's) | • Boat Inspection |
| • Boat Launching | • Dock Master |
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Come join us, won't you? Share the fun and excitement. Meet other Club members and visit with old friends. You'll have a good time!!!

Derby Committee
258-6181, rtfink@bis.midco.net

NDSFC Annual Smoker

The North Dakota Sportfishing Congress Smoker is scheduled for Saturday, April 12th at the Mandan Eagles, the social begins at 6:00 p.m., with a buffet dinner at 7:30 p.m., followed by the amazing raffle. Over one hundred fishing and hunting related prizes will be given away. Your dinner ticket automatically qualifies you for four cash door prizes ranging from \$50 to \$500. Tickets for this event are \$25. All tickets must be purchased in advance. Please contact Dave Bement 258-3583 or Vic Gibbins 255-1595.

Reel & Rec Club Logo's

There are two charges associated with having a logo done. A set-up fee of about \$30 and an application fee of \$5-10. What seems to work out the best is to keep a list of people wanting logo work done, and then periodically do the set-up and application. This way we share the set-up and each individual pays their own application.

We have several sponsors in the silkscreen & embroidery business. You can purchase a product from them or bring in clothing to be done.

I've started a list for sometime in early April. If you'd like to have a Logo applied, contact me. Richard, 258-6181, rtfink@bis.midco.net

Take-a-Kid Fishing Day

Spring is upon us and it's time to start thinking about Kid's Day. The committee for this event is forming and needs someone to step forward and direct it. The date has been set for June 7, 2008. As of this writing, the location remains Sweetbriar Lake. Corporate sponsors are lining up to get behind this great event.

You can help in getting the word out to the parents and Organizations that have kids interested in this event. Tell them about our Kid's Day Program and give them the contact information for our Board of Directors. Volunteers may also contact a board member to add your name to the list.

We will be discussing Kid's Day extensively at the upcoming monthly meetings. Please check the meeting schedule and plan to attend.

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WE HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU SOON TO RESERVE YOU'RE SPOT FOR THIS SUMMER AND SUPPORT THE BIS MAN REEL AND REC CLUB TAKE A KID FISHING EVENT.

CONTACT INFORMATION: JIM NAGEL / PHONE 701-226-6525



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25th Annual Ice Fishing Extravaganza

It was a beautiful day for an Ice Fishing Derby. On Saturday February 16th, with the temperature near 40, 312 people took to the ice of Lake Audubon for our 25th Annual Ice Fishing Extravaganza. They each paid \$5 to search for a Perch, Walleye, or Northern Pike that would qualify them for cash prizes for the two largest fish in each category. Of the 312 entrants, almost 100 youngsters took part. In all, 51 fish were weighed: 26 Northerns, 14 Perch, and 11 Walleyes.

The winners were:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Prize</u>
Largest Northern:	Terry Morin	Minot	20.15#	\$234.00
2 nd Largest Northern (tie)	Candice Blohm	Menoken	2.34#	78.00
	Mike Bentz	Mandan	2.34#	78.00
Largest Perch	Jim Schantz	Mandan	.58#	234.00
2 nd Largest Perch	Doug Francis	Sawyer	.56#	156.00
Largest Walleye	Brandon Gullickson	Minot	1.94#	234.00
2 nd Largest Walleye	Cordell Bader	Bismarck	1.88#	156.00

Of the \$1560.00 Prize Pool, \$1170.00 was awarded in prizes and a conservation fee of \$156.00 was donated to Lure-em-for-Life for their Youth Camp and Take-a-Kid Fishing programs.

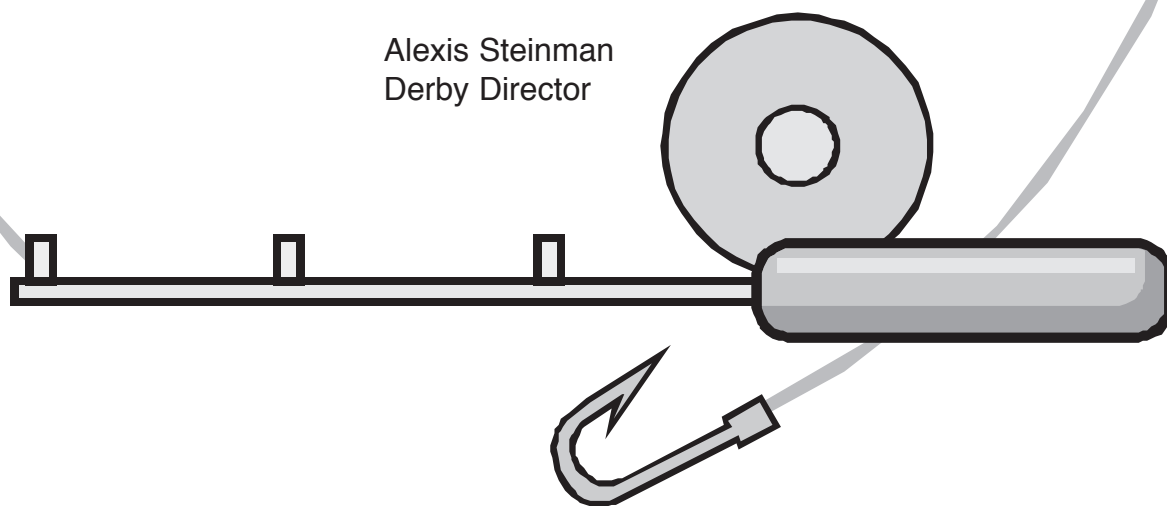
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