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PRESIDENTS CORNER
Hi everyone. I hope you had a great summer and fall. For me, this summer was too warm and way too short. Grandpa Otto said time would fly as I got older and he wasn't kidding.

The PWT Championship held October 13-15 was exciting. These fishermen truly are professionals. Most of them ran the 50+ mile gauntlet of deadheads and sandbars south to catch their fish. Hats off to the observers who braved the cold and hair raising runs. This tournament was a great opportunity to showcase our cities and the Missouri River to the world. With close to a 3# average, Lake Oahe is alive and well. I'm already looking forward to next spring.

While I will say that Lake Oahe and Lake Sakakawea are great fisheries, the drought continues. So far this fall we've seen much needed moisture and that is a blessing. There are two forces at work here: Mother Nature and the Corps of Engineers. We pray for fall moisture, mountain snowpack, winter snowcover, and spring rains. We must also pray that the Corps of Engineers can be convinced to conserve the water runoff in the upper reservoirs during this dry spell. We've attended five meetings this year with the COE. With the combined efforts of our Governor, our Congressional Representatives, our district COE staff's, ND Parks, ND Game & Fish, ND Water Commission, Friends of Lake Oahe, Friends of Lake Sakakawea, and the ND Sportfishing Congress, I know that we are making progress. We saw a shortened navigation season again this year and I'm confident that we will see a shorter season next summer. The COE also managed the releases to raise water in the reservoirs during spawning periods for the smelt and walleyes. I dream of the day when the headwaters of Lake Oahe are again near Hazelton. I'm sure the people above New Town have similar thoughts about Lake Sakakawea.

The Kneifel Landing public boat ramp became operational this fall. This ramp is situated at the mouth of Misty Waters Harbor, located 3 miles N of Keelboat Park on Hwy 1804. Along with the ramp, there is shoreline access for fishing. The high ground, just west of the ramp, will be a green area with scenic overlook. Thank you Steve McCormick and the Burleigh County Park Board for your work and dedication to bring this project together.

The fisher people of Bismarck, Mandan, and surrounding areas have many public access points to enjoy the beautiful Missouri River. From Washburn to Jennerville on the east side and from the refinery to Prairie Knights on the

west side. For this we are grateful to the respective Park Boards and the Bismarck & Mandan City Parks. To maintain these areas through the present drought will be frustrating, but we will persevere.

With that said, there are two areas that concern me:
(1) No public boat access from the Little Heart to Stanton. The concept of No public boat access for 40 miles is unbelievable. The Bis-Man Reel & Rec will work with Mandan & Morton County to address this issue. With all the private river and inland lake development going on in Mandan, perhaps the developers could follow the lead of Misty Waters and incorporate a public use area adjacent to or in conjunction with the private sector. If anyone has any comments or insight, please come forward.
(2) The diminished state of the Hazelton Boat Ramp Area. The Oahe Boat Ramp committee has been working tirelessly with the COE to develop a plan for the Hazelton Boat Ramp & Park and the process of procuring funds to finance the improvements. Just this fall electricity was installed for two camping pads, leaving 28 pads to do yet. Also on the agenda are drinking water and a dump station. This park is a diamond in the rough. When this area is completed, we envision something similar to what we've accomplished at Graner Bottoms.

In November a Task Force was formed with representatives from the Burleigh County Water Resource Board, Burleigh County Park District, and the Bismarck Park District to address future management of McDowell Dam recreation area and Burleigh County recreation properties. This is an extremely important matter for Bis-Man Reel & Rec members. We are in need of a member/volunteer to monitor the Task Force meetings, offer input from our Club, and keep the Club abreast of all aspects of these negotiations. In the meantime, if you have any input, opinions, or thoughts, please communicate them to either of the entities of the Task Force or directly to me. I'm always available for coffee too if anyone wants to discuss the issues.

Our Annual Meeting is December 5th at the Elks Lodge at 7:30 p.m. We'll meet upstairs on the deck just off the Teddy Roosevelt Lounge. On the agenda is the election of Officers and Board of Directors, amendments to the Constitution, and planning for next year's events. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Check our upcoming events calendar inside. January starts off with our annual Steak Fry and Social, followed by a Special Breakfast Fundraiser for Take-a-Kid Fishing Day. Dick Iverson and Paul Kuehl have all the details inside.

Have a great Holiday Season, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.
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BIS-MAN REEL & REC CLUBSCHEDULE OF EVENTS ALL MEETINGS 7:30 P.M.

2006	
December 5	Annual Membership Meeting-Elections, Bismarck Elks Lodge
2007	
January 2	Membership Meeting, Bismarck VFW Club
January 18	3rd Annual Steak Fry/Social/Raffle, Bismarck VFW Club
January 21	Breakfast Fundraiser for Take-a-Kid Fishing, Bismarck Moose
February 6	Membership Meeting, Ice Fishing Extravaganza Meeting, Amvets
February 10	Ice Fishing Extravaganza, Lake Audubon
March 6	Membership Meeting, Mandan Eagles
April 3	Membership Meeting, Bismarck Moose
April 18	General Meeting,Walleye Derby Drawing, Mandan Moose
May 1	Membership Meeting, Bismarck Eagles
May 16	Walleye Derby Rules Meeting/Social/Raffle, Bismarck Elks Lodge
May 18	Fish Fry, Graners Park
May 19	Walleye Derby, Kids All American Day, Graners Park
June 5	Membership Meeting, Bismarck VFW Club
June 9	Take-a-Kid Fishing Day, Sweetbriar Lake
July-August	No Meetings, Gone Fishing
September 4	Membership Meeting, Amvets
October 2	Membership Meeting, Mandan Eagles
November 6	Membership Meeting, Bismarck Eagles
December 4	Annual Membership Meeting-Elections, Bismarck Elks Lodge

Special Note:
Each event requires an event chairman or co-chairman, an event committee, and a host of volunteers. The club relies on its membership to come forward and fill these rewarding positions. Please contact a club officer or attend the next meeting to get involved in any of the above events.

3RD ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP STEAK FRY/SOCIAL/RAFFLE

Where: Bismarck VFW Club, 1326 E Broadway Ave.
When: January 18, Happy Hour 5:30-6:30 p.m., Dinner 7:00 p.m.
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Annual General Membership Meeting Election of Officers & Board Members Vote on Amendments to the Constitution

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Officers: President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer
Board Members: Five (5) Members at Large

The membership will also be voting on amendments to the constitution. A Copy of the Constitution is enclosed with this newsletter. The language to be deleted is bracketed and the language to be added is underlined.

We'll also discuss planning for 2007 events:
January: Annual Membership Appreciation Steak Fry
Take-a-Kid Fishing Breakfast Fundraiser
February: Ice Fishing Extravaganza
May: Annual Walleye Derby and Fish Fry
June: Take-a-Kid Fishing Day

Each event requires a Director or Co-Directors, an event committee, and a host of volunteers. Consider taking an active role in your Organization either as an Officer, Board member, Event Director, or Volunteer. We need you.
Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

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Richard Fink
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The officers of the organization shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. All Officers and Board Members shall be elected by the membership at an annual meeting or at a meeting specifically called for that purpose. [[[All outgoing Officers shall retain their E. Board position for a period of one year. Their replacements to be elected the following December.]]]

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