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PRESIDENTS CORNER

This fall issue of the newsletter is always bittersweet for me. On one hand, it signals a goodbye to summer camping; on the other hand, fall is such a great time of year in North Dakota. The fish and game are in transition, as are the trees & foliage. As I write this, the reservoirs of Oahe and Sakakawea are at respectable levels considering the ongoing drought. The release flows from Garrison are low causing some problems in the river right now, but I expect them to increase and improve boat & shore access.

It is with a heavy heart that I pass along the news of the death of Club members Bryan Siegel, John Bailey, and Ron Engstrom. Please see a brief obituary inside.

My hat is off to the Burleigh County Park Board, especially Dave BeMent, Dwayne Wahl & Jim Peluso, for the outstanding job they're doing at Kneifel Landing. The idea to put the courtesy dock on the River side of the rip-rap was a good one from what I'm hearing. The first phase of the landscaping project looks great and we look forward to working with you on the next phase. This new public ramp location couldn't have come at a better time, as the need to relieve some of the congestion in the metro area has increased. Will some one who knows this stretch of the River please take me out and show me around?

In May of 2006 the Club purchased a used pontoon for use at Club events, such as our Spring Derby and Take-a-Kid Fishing Day. In retrospect, this wasn't the best decision. The cost of maintenance, upkeep, and insurance made this purchase prohibitive for the little we used it. This summer we became aware that Sporting Chance's pontoon had become unusable. On September 17, 2007 the Board agreed to sell our pontoon to Sporting Chance for a substantial discount to the purchase price. They will make good use of it. For those of you not familiar with Sporting Chance, they provide outings for people with severe disabilities.

Congratulations to Dennis Bense and crew on the Grand Opening of the new SCHEELS store. Thank you for the VIP invitations.

Our Annual General Membership meeting will be held December 4th at the Bismarck-Mandan Elks Lodge, 7:30 p.m. The Members Appreciation/Cabin Fever Night is scheduled for January 25, 2008, also at the Elks Lodge.

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Bis-Man Reel & Rec Club

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

2007	
December 4:	Annual Meeting, Elections, Bismarck-Mandan Elks Lodge.
2008	
January 8:	Members Meeting, Mandan Moose Lodge.
January 25:	Members Appreciation/Cabin Fever Night (See article) Bismarck-Mandan Elks Lodge.
February 5:	Members Meeting, Amvets Club.
February 16:	Ice Fishing Extravaganza, Lake Audubon.
March 4:	Members Meeting, Bismarck Eagle Club.
April 1:	Members Meeting, Bismarck Moose Lodge.
May 6:	Members Meeting, VFW Club.
May 14:	Walleye Derby Rules Meeting, Bismarck-Mandan Elks Lodge.
May 16:	Fish Fry, Graner's Park.
May 17:	Spring Walleye Derby, Graner's Park.
June 3:	Members Meeting, Mandan Eagles.
June 7:	Take-a-Kid Fishing Day.

Annual Meeting

The Bis-Man Reel & Rec Club's Annual General Membership meeting will be held Tuesday, December 4, 2007, 7:30 p.m. at the Bismarck Elks Lodge. We will meet in the room just off the lounge upstairs. The purpose of this meeting is:

- Fellowship with other Club members
 - Recap and discussion of 2007 events
 - Discussion, initial planning, and committee assignments for 2008 events
 - Election of Club Officers and Board of Directors
 - Planned events for 2008 include:
 - January: Membership Appreciation/Cabin Fever Night
 - February: Ice Fishing Extravaganza
 - May: Spring Walleye Derby, Fish Fry
 - June: Take-a-Kid Fishing Day
 - TBA: Fundraiser for Take-a-Kid Fishing Day
- Mark your calendars and plan on attending. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Event Planning for 2008

The tentative event schedule for 2008 is very similar to 2007 (see Annual Meeting article). If you have an idea for additional events or changes to an existing event, we would love to hear from you. These events are put on by our members for our members and we all have a stake in them.

Leadership, volunteerism, and participation are the cornerstones of our Club. Each event needs a Chairperson and/or Co-Chairpersons, an event committee, and a host of volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering for a particular event or are willing to help out wherever needed, we need to hear from you. Your ideas and talents are needed to help shape these events into great outings for our members. In addition to our event schedule, your input, ideas, and talents are needed for other Club business, such as the newsletter, fundraising, and promotions.

We are in immediate need of someone to organize the Ice Fishing Extravaganza. Many of us are willing to volunteer to work this event, but we need a chairperson.

Please contact any Club Officer or Board Member with your thoughts and intentions, or e-mail rtfink@bis.midco.net.

It's all about our Youth

Our Club mission statement reads "to promote, share, and teach any and all aspects of sportfishing and associated recreation". If you've been associated with our Club for any length of time, you know we put special emphasis on our youth. All Club functions include something for our young folks and all Club functions serve as fundraisers for our Take-a-Kid Fishing program.

Not only are we involved in our own youth programs, we take great pride in joining other Organizations to assist with their events, such as:

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| ND Game & Fish Department | Lure-em-for-Life |
| Sporting Chance | Cops-N-Kids |
| Scouting Program | 4-H |

We promote youth fishing for many reasons:

- To introduce our youth to fishing and the outdoors
- Teach them how to be good fisher people (to have better fishing success)
- To understand the wildlife food chain
- To understand human interaction with nature
- Environmental awareness and the effects of littering & pollution
- The effects of underharvest and overharvest
- The social interaction with others on shore or in a boat
- Sharing the experience with other kids

Being a part of these programs for kids and the less fortunate is very rewarding. It presents an opportunity to give something back and to share the knowledge that we have learned and earned. If you are not able to be involved in any of these organized events, invite a neighbors or acquaintances youngster to go with you. Have a good time!!!



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Members Appreciation/Cabin Fever Night

When: Friday, January 25, 2008
 Time: Social, 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
 Dinner, 7:00 p.m., Chinese Auction to follow
 Menu: Choice of Stuffed Pork Chop or a Grilled Chicken Breast, each served With a Potato, Salad, Dinner Roll, and Desert
 Cost: \$10.00 per person

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The Promotions Committee, Jim Steinman & Keith Lipp, have organized this night to honor the many volunteers that run this great Club and all the events we host during the year. In addition to the supper and good fellowship, we will also have a Chinese auction to benefit Club projects. Mylo Hatzenbuhler "The Strasburg Superstar" has graciously offered to join us for the evening.

Please Note: This is A MEMBERS ONLY social and is open to all ages. Make sure your dues are up to date. If your mailing label reads 1/1/2008 or earlier, your dues are due. You may include the membership application in this newsletter with your ticket purchase. Tickets must be purchased in advance to give the committee a head count to work with. Seating is limited to room capacity. No tickets will be available at the door.

Four Cash Door Prizes will be drawn from Dinner Tickets. Need not be present to win.

A Fun Get-Together, Great Meal, Entertainment, Door Prizes, and Chinese Auction. Don't Miss It!!! Call Today. RSVP deadline is January 17, 2008.

Contact: Jim, 220-4282, jmp716@msn.com, Keith, 202-1398, kwlipp@bis.midco.net, or any Club Officer for information and tickets.



2007 Fundraising

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In addition, many businesses partner with us for specific events. Those businesses are highlighted in a recap of the event.

To all of you, thank you very much. When you hear or see a reference to a Bis-Man Reel & Rec Club event or project, know that you are a partner with us and the community.



Missouri River Focus Group

On May 31, 2007 I attended a meeting at the ND Game & Fish Department to discuss safety concerns on the Missouri River in the immediate Bismarck-Mandan area. The meeting was facilitated by Mr. Robert Timian, Enforcement Officer for the ND G&F Dept. In attendance were Marina owners, Boat Dealership owners, riverfront landowners, the riverboat pilot, boat recreation enthusiasts, and fishermen.

The topics brought up:

- Riverfront landowners are upset at the large wakes being created that cause bank erosion and damage docks & boats.
- The riverboat has had many near misses with boat operators cutting in front of them or not yielding to them.
- Reckless operation of boats and personal watercraft.
- Boating under the influence.
- Operators not adhering to no wake areas (marinas, public boat ramps, etc.)
- Operators not adhering to no access areas (operating too close to shore fishermen, boat fishermen, docks, swimmers, non-powered craft, etc.)

The Missouri River is now being shared by the following individuals:

Fishermen	Pontoons	Kayaks & Canoes	Water skiers
Speedboats	Cuddy Cabins	Jet-skis	Tubers
Riverboat	Wake Boarders	Houseboats	Swimmers



Safety is a huge issue in this area. There are 50,000 watercraft registered in ND and only 15,000 people have been certified in the Boat & Water Safety Course provided by the ND Game & Fish Dept. The rules on the water are very similar to the Rules of the Road when operating a motor vehicle. Without these you have chaos, much like a summer weekend on the Missouri River.

From the original meeting in May, a group was formed to meet monthly to address and discuss this situation. We last met August 29th and will recess until February when we will pick up where we left off and try to find some common ground with all the stakeholders.

The solution?? Mandatory licensing of watercraft operators?? No wake zone from Ft. Lincoln to the Refinery?? Mandatory Boat & Water Safety Certification?? Increased enforcement?? These suggestions have all been made by one group or another. I feel the majority of these problems can be solved with education. Many of these operators have no clue other than turn the key and go. The Bis-Man Reel & Rec Club will continue to work with Nancy Boldt of the ND Game & Fish Dept. in offering classes for voluntary Boat & Water Safety Certification. These classes last about two hours, and finish with an open book test that you can take home to complete. Please contact Nancy or Richard Fink (258-6181) with any questions.

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Notice of By-Laws and Dues Increase

At the September 4, 2007 monthly meeting, the By-Laws for our Club were created. Up until this point we have operated under a Constitution only. Since our inception in April, 1980, many subjects have come up and motions passed by the Board of Directors. These were recorded in the meetings minutes, and now are incorporated into our By-Laws.

One topic in particular has been discussed since 1989, but never acted on. That is Categorizing Memberships and increasing Membership Annual Dues.

A Membership in the Bis-Man Reel & Rec Club has always been considered a Family Membership (Member, Spouse, and children under 16 years of age). Broadening our categories of Membership became necessary to accommodate other Membership status. We also raised the age of children covered under a Family Membership. New Membership categories are:

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

There shall be four (4) categories of Membership:

Individual: An Individual Membership.

Family: A Family Membership will be issued in one name, and will include a Spouse and all children under eighteen (18) years of age or younger.

Business: A Business Membership will include any for-profit enterprise.

Organization: Any group operating as a non-profit organization. Example: Fraternal Organizations, Charities, Fishing Clubs, Youth Organizations, groups for the Aged, Poor, or Disabled, or any other group that promotes goodwill and volunteerism.

Membership Dues have remained \$5.00 per year since our Club came into existence in April, 1980. To give you some perspective, gasoline was \$1.23 a gallon, and 1st class postage was 15 cents. There were two considerations for raising the Membership Dues: (1) To meet the costs of doing business, (2) To give your Membership added value. The new Membership Dues are:

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP DUES

Individual: Ten (\$10.00) dollars per year, Twenty Five (\$25.00) dollars for three (3) years.

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Business, and Organization: Fifteen (\$15.00) dollars per year, Forty (\$40.00) dollars for three (3) years.

The new Membership Dues rates are effective January 1, 2008. There are several points that the Board specified and I want to make very clear to you:

All Membership Dues paid before January 1, 2008 are \$5.00 per year. You can use the Membership application in this newsletter to sign up for as long a period as you wish, at \$5.00 per year or a Life Membership for \$100.00.

If you are already paid up for multiple years: The new Dues rate will only affect you on your Dues due date printed above your name on your mailing label. You also have the option of extending your Membership by using the Membership application in this newsletter, at \$5.00 per year if paid by before January 1, 2008.

Memberships make nice gifts for friends & family. You may sign up a new member for as long a period as you wish, at \$5.00 per year, if paid before January 1, 2008.

If you would like a copy of The Bis-Man Reel & Rec Club By-Laws, address a request to our mailing address, call 258-6181, or e-mail your request to rtfink@bis.midco.net. Copies will also be available at our Annual Meeting December 4, 2007 at the Bismarck Elks Lodge, 7:30 p.m.

Richard Fink

Members Passing

John Bailey, 75, Bismarck, passed away July 13, 2007.

Ron Engstrom, 56, Mandan, passed away May 4, 2007.

Both of these gentlemen were long time, active Bis-Man Reel & Rec Clubmembers, which makes it difficult to say goodbye. They both enjoyed the camaraderie of club get-togethers, and pitched in wherever they were needed. We'll miss you.

Bryan Siegel, 52, Mandan, passed away October 30, 2007.

The Bis-Man Reel & Rec Club lost a true friend and champion in Bryan. He, and his wife Michelle, were active members and volunteers for many of the Club's events, most notably Chairing the Ice Fishing Extravaganza from 1999-2007. Bryan also served as the Club's President in the years 2003-2005. He presently held the position of Member-at-Large on the Board of Directors. Bryan was loved and respected by his fellow members and will always remain in our hearts. Michelle, our thoughts are with you. Please accept our sincere condolences.

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