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President's Corner

As I write this column (mid October) the leaves are bright oranges & yellows, light frost but no snow yet, pheasants are the hunting focus, and the Missouri River is alive and well with healthy fish. I truly believe Mother Nature lives somewhere in North Dakota.

It is my sad duty to report the deaths of 5 gentlemen who were great Club members, friends & supporters. Shannon Kehl, Bob Kniefel, Dean Hildebrand, Terry Hagen, and Pat Branley. I'm sure there are others that I'm not aware of. God Bless you all. It was our pleasure to share this earth with you and we will miss you.

Our Annual Meeting and Elections will be at the Mandan Eagles on Tuesday, December 2nd at 7:30 pm. Please plan to attend. Article inside.

Don Schick has volunteered to direct the Ice Fishing Extravaganza. We still need directors for the Spring Walleye Derby, Take-a-Kid Fishing Day, and volunteers to help out at these events. Contact any Board Member to sign up.

Happy Holidays!!! Richard

Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will be Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at 7:30 pm in the Mandan Eagles Club dining room. The agenda for this meeting will be:

- Fellowship with other members
- Recap 2008 events
- Discuss planning and committees for 2009 events
- Election of Club Officers and Board Members

All members are encouraged to participate in the Club as Officers, Board Members, Event Directors, and Volunteers. If you are interested in directing the Walleye Derby, Kid's Day, or would like to serve on the committee, please attend this meeting or call me. Our meetings are open to all current and prospective members, of all ages, so bring your family and friends.

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



2008

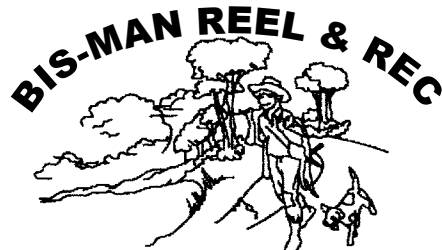
December 2: Annual Meeting, Elections, Mandan Eagles Club

2009

January 6 Monthly Meeting, Mandan Moose Lodge
 Jan 31 or Feb 7 Cabin Fever/Members Appreciation Banquet
 February 3 Monthly Meeting, AMVETS Club
 February 21 Ice Fishing Extravaganza, Lake Audubon
 March 3 Monthly Meeting, Bismarck Eagles Club
 April 7 Monthly Meeting, Bismarck Moose Lodge
 May 5 Monthly Meeting, VFW Club
 May 13 Walleye Derby Rules Meeting, Elks Lodge
 May 15 Fish Fry/Corn Feed, Graner's Park Shelter #1
 May 16 Walleye Derby, Graner's Boat Landing
 June 2 Monthly Meeting, Mandan Eagles Club
 June 6 Take-a-Kid Fishing Day, Sweetbriar Dam

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 name and address label on this newsletter. If the date is 1/1/2009 or earlier, your membership needs to be renewed. To keep current, please complete the membership application/renewal form inside this newsletter and mail it as soon as you can. Also, any address corrections can be made by calling Vic at 701-255-1595. Thank you.



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On August 15, 2008 a Wildlife Management Area was dedicated to Dean Hildebrand. It is north of Drayton on the Red River. The dedication was sponsored by the North Dakota Sportfishing Congress. The Bis-Man Reel & Rec Club was a co-sponsor for this event.

This dedication is a testament to Dean for his work ethic as ND Game & Fish Director. His love of North Dakota wildlife, its management, and his desire for the general public to be able to share this bounty, will be his legacy.

Fundraising and Gifts

As part of our 2008 fundraising efforts, the following fraternal clubs and businesses have generously donated to Club projects and events:

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Many other businesses provide sponsorship for specific events and our newsletter. These businesses were recognized in the event wrap-ups in previous newsletters.

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Bob Kniefel & Dean Hildebrand

With the passing of these two gentlemen, outdoor recreational people lost two good friends. These two men worked so all people, from the poorest to the richest, could enjoy the outdoors. If they believed in a project, both would roll up their shirt sleeves and work along side their requesters to accomplish the task. Both of these men had recreational areas named after them while still living.

Bob Kniefel was a Burleigh County Commissioner from 1980 thru 1992. I got to know Bob in the early years of the Bis-Man Reel & Rec Club thru his efforts to make sure we had boat landings along the Missouri River in Burleigh County. He was a person who knew alot of people in the right places. In efforts to create new landings along the Missouri River, he went directly to the COE in Omaha to get the permits. When we expanded the land area at Steckel Landing, if memory serves me correctly, he talked the landowner into donating the land. The boat access you see along the Missouri River in rural Burleigh County today, was a direct result of Bob.

Dean Hildebrand was ND Game & Fish Director from 1996 thru 2005. During this time period with Game & Fish, there were times when he and I were at odds, but at the end of the day we were still friends. I got know Dean very well by accident. Last fall I had my boat nearly loaded at a local boat landing and a person said to me "I sure wish I could go catch some walleyes". It was Dean. "Let's go", I said. He replied "I really can't because I have some meetings". I said "cancel your damn meetings" and started to unload my boat. In less than an hour we were back with a limit of walleyes for him and his bride. We fished many times together in the fall of 2007. We started fishing again in mid April of 2008. If you want to get to know a person well, fish with him all day and you can tell if his values are just words and no action. This man was great at selling a project from grass roots up, which is reverse of a typical politician. We teased each other, because he knew biologically about fish and I knew how to fish. I miss you Dean in the front of the boat. During the burial service at the Veterans Cemetery an eagle flew overhead.

Early last spring Dean got interested in helping me try to bring fresh water into McDowell Dam. We met with Bob Kniefel to persuade him into helping us sell the project to the farmers along Apple Creek from Wing to Bismarck. It was about this time that Dean found out he had cancer. He asked me to keep it a secret as he thought he could overcome the disease. We abandoned the McDowell Dam project.

As personal friends, and your dedication to the public, we will miss you.

Rynee Kellar

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Area Projects

The Hazelton Boat Landing area has had some major renovation this year. The work that's been done is a culvert for drainage under the new parking area, and a road that leads up to the Campground. This will provide additional parking and access to the campground without having to cross or use the highway. We'll have an update on the campground improvements in the January newsletter. Our thanks to Rynee Kellar, Ron Kraft, Corps of Engineers Pierre-Oahe (Phil, John, & Ralph), ND G & F, and Sen. Dorgan.

We've had numerous discussions with Mr. Vern Davis of the Morton County Parks Department concerning Graner's Park and Boat Landing. As a Club, we have voiced our support for the following improvements to the Boat Ramp. In the short term, we will work with Vern to have the hump taken out of the south lane to prevent trailers from catching this lip. In the long term, we will be looking at doing a major overhaul of the entire ramp.

At the Kniefel Boat Landing, the Burleigh County Park Board has done an excellent job of landscaping the areas adjacent to the ramp. One of the areas yet to be completed is the river overlook to the west of the ramp. This project will be a focus over the winter and into the spring. Would you like to work on this project? We'd like your input. Call Dave Bement at 258-3583.

We will be addressing the Bismarck City Parks Commission with a request to install a courtesy dock at Keelboat Park. Our proposed site would be along the riprap directly across from the vehicle/trailer parking area. This boat landing was intended to accommodate boats launching on either side but the reality is that silt continuously builds up on the east side to prevent launching. The courtesy dock would allow a boater to launch or load and then move away from the ramp to allow another boat to launch or load. Passengers would be picked up and dropped off at the courtesy dock.

The Rifle Range Boat Landing is being examined concerning the undercutting of the ramp and bank erosion in the immediate vicinity. Bob Froehlich of the ND Game & Fish Dept. and the Corps of Engineers Pierre-Oahe are working on this and we will assist them any way we can.

As you can see, the ND Game & Fish Department, Corps of Engineers, City Parks, and the County Parks are strong allies in our endeavor to recreate along the great Missouri River.

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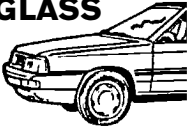
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