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Thursday, April 19th

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 14**
ND Sportfishing Congress
Annual Meeting - 10:30am
Eagles Club - Mandan
- April 17**
Board Meeting
- April 19**
Member Meeting
*James Holst & Chris Tuckner
at El Zagal Shrine Center*
- April 28-29**
Club Outing - Waubay, SD
- May 12**
Minnesota Walleye Opener
- May 15**
Board Meeting
- May 17**
Member Meeting
- May 19-20**
Club Outing BigStone, SD
- May 31**
Pelican Tournament Rules
Meeting
- June 1 - 2**
Pelican Tournament
- ALL MEETINGS AT
7 PM AT THE
DOUBLEWOOD INN OF
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OTHERWISE STATED.**

President's Comments...

Dear Members,

Anglers Night 2007 was great entertainment. Bob Jensen of Fishing the Midwest put on a great show. Please make sure to show your appreciation to the event sponsors which included: WDAY, Gate City Bank, Miller Lite and Moorhead Marine. These sponsors made the evening possible with their contributions.

The club also owes gratitude to Lamarr Van Dame for setting up the sound system for the March Anglers Night. It really helped make a good show. Lamarr also helped arrange the April meeting in short time. Our planned seminar fell through the cracks and Lamarr had a replacement program confirmed and booked within a few hours. Thank you for your efforts, Lamarr!

Make sure to bring a pen and paper to the April meeting as I am sure James & Chris will have lots of good information for everyone to put to use.

I hope to see everyone at the April meeting on Thursday, April 19th at the El Zagal Shrine Center. Get there early to get a good seat.

Best Fishes,

Chad Maloy, President



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2007 FM Walleyes Unlimited Club Outings

FM Walleyes Unlimited Inc has announced it's 2007 Club Outing schedule. It all gets started with our annual trip to Waubay Lake, SD on April 28th & 29th. This event usually includes a fish fry after the weigh in on day one where no one goes hungry. The complete schedule is as follows:

April 28-29	Waubay Lake, SD	Lodging at Holiday Motel (800) 667-3323
May 19-20	Big Stone Lake, SD	Lodging at Hartford State Park
June 16-17	Lake Le Homme Dieu, Alexandria, MN ..	Lodging at Day's Inn
July 21-22	Devils Lake, ND	Lodging at Graham's Island State Park
August 18-19	Upper Red Lake, MN	Lodging at Big Bog State Park

Club outings are a great place to make friends and enjoy time on the water with the family. Club members compete in a low key tournament format where members are allowed to weigh in three fish daily. Anglers can fish one or both days. Your top three fish for the weekend will be counted as your total weight for the event. Results are tracked thru ought the year and a club tournament champion is crowned at the annual meeting in the adult and youth divisions. The focus of the events is not so much on competition but more on enjoying the outdoors with others that share your love for the outdoors. Club outings frequently include a fish fry and cookout where many friendships are cultivated and strengthened.

*If you would like more information on the club outings please contact
Steve Hall at 701-261-4379 or Scott Stillwell at 701-361-1682 .*

2007 WALLEYES 'R' US FISHING LEAGUE SCHEDULE

Wed, May 16	Franklin Lake	Public Access	6-9 PM	Sat, June 30	Ottertail Lake	Public Access	8 AM-Noon
Wed, May 20	Boyer Lake	Public Access	6-9 PM	Sat, July 14	Little Pine	Public Access	8 AM-Noon
Wed, May 30	Pelican Lake	SW Access	6-9 PM	Sat, July 21&22	Devils Lake, ND	To be determined	
Wed, June 6	Big Detroit Lake	South Access	6-9 PM	Wed, July 25	Lake Lizzy	Public Access	6-9 PM
Wed, June 13	Cotton Lake	NE Access	6-9 PM	Sat, August 4	Star Lake	Public Access	8 AM-Noon
Sat, June 16	Lake Melissa	Public Access	8 AM-Noon	Wed, August 15	Little Cormorant	Public Access	6-9 PM
Sat, June 23	Middle Cormorant	West Access	9 AM-Noon	Sat, August 18	Big Cormorant	Public Access	8 AM-Noon
Kids Day-No entry fee event & Non qualifying event				Sat, August 25	Pelican Lake	Public Access	8 AM-3 PM
				Year end tournament & social after weigh in			

2007 WALLEYES 'R' US ANNUAL REGISTRATION MEETING

Tuesday, May 1st, 2007 **Chumley's Bar, Moorhead, MN** **6:30 P.M. Registration** **7:00 P.M. Meeting**

The Walleyes-R-Us Fishing League will be having its annual registration meeting as noted above. Registration will begin at 6:30 with the meeting beginning at 7:00 to go over the rules, answer questions, to elect new board members and award door prizes. Please fill out the bottom portion of this registration and attach your payment of \$10.00 per person. This registration can be handed in at the meeting or mailed to:

Walleyes R Us, %Darla Dockter, 1755 Prairie Lane, Fargo, ND 58103

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. Questions can be directed to John and Darla Dockter @ dockters5@i29.net or 701-232-6167.

----- Separate Here -----

Please sign me up as a 2007 member of Walleyes R Us. Along with this registration, I am including the \$10.00 membership fee.

Name (please print legibly) _____

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Surviving the final days of winter... *“Prepare for success!”*

by Chris Tuckner, In-DepthAngling.com Pro Staff



March is the time of year where I find myself conflicted! I want to go ice fishing, yet Pools 2 and 4 are calling! I know I have many tournaments coming up for 2006, so preparation for them is critical for success as well. So when I look out the window, and see an image like the one I captured earlier this season, I find myself gravitating to my garage going through the mental list of things to do to get ready for open water. Many of us work for a living and try to fish tournaments on the weekends. We know that preparation time is at a premium! Everyone wants a piece of your time. So days like this, get your list out! There is plenty to do!

I start with my rods. I go through each of my rigging, trolling, and casting rods with a tooth brush and mild detergent. This takes off the lake scum that accumulates on the rod guides. A warm bucket of water and a tooth brush, your favorite radio station going in the background... and you got it! Same thing with your reels! Use the brush to get into the nooks and crannies of the reel. Remove the grime and grease that settled in there over the course of last year's fishing season. Re-spool with your favorite line, and loosen and tighten your drags to ensure proper action. This will ensure that when you hook up with "Mrs. Big" this spring, at least your equipment will be ready.

Early in the season, bobber fishing for Mille Lacs walleye takes up a lot of my time. Tackle for this type of fishing would include lighted slip bobbers. Go through your stock of lighted bobbers, and see what needs to be replaced. Batteries and LED lights go bad with time, as do the rubber seals. Replace bobbers and/or batteries as needed. Look at the tops and holes on the bobbers that your line passes through. This goes for your non-lighted bobbers as well. Ensure that they are free of grooves and nicks that will impede your line going through them. The soft plastic used in bobbers leaves them very susceptible to line wear. For that reason I Super Glue beads to the tops of my bobbers. I use a hemostat or needle nose pliers to do this. The off season is a great time to do this so they are ready, and in your box when you need them. This way you can use very small weights, and still have your line slide through with ease.

As we move later into the season, the rigging bite takes shape both on rivers and lakes. I use the foam floating tubes you can buy for swimming. I cut them up into 1 foot sections. If these ever go overboard for any reason, you can get them back! I use a number of hat pins to go through the swivel. The hooks simply imbed into the foam. I make a tube for each type of fishing. Lindy style rigs on one, floating jig heads on the next, spinner rigs on yet another. I re-tie all my rigs in the late winter/spring to maximize knot strength for the upcoming season. Knots can lose a significant amount of strength over the off season. These tubes can fit easily into a "Soft Sider" or hard case. I go through my supply of blades, beads, and hackles to see if I need to make a trip to my favorite bait shop or website to re-order.

Mid summer finds me trolling a lot of planer boards. These are simple pieces of equipment to use, but they also need some off season maintenance. The line grippers need to be looked at to ensure that the rubber has not worn or degraded to the point where they need to be replaced. What I do is replace my old snaps or grippers, and make them into snap weights that I also use for mid-lake trolling.

Finally, the winter and early spring season is a great time to go over the well used cranks from last year. Change hooks as needed and inspect eyelets and "O" rings. Ensure they are all in original shape, or you will pay the price trying to tune these things on the water, cussing the whole time! At this time of year I also look at my tackle boxes to see if replacement or upgrading is needed. I assess the type of fishing I plan to do for the year, and buy boxes or trays that best suit that type of fishing. Obviously jig boxes are going to be different than Crankbait boxes. Speaking of jigs, if you are buying jigs in bulk, don't bring your whole entire selection with you all the time. Over a period of time, shifting and rubbing will affect paint and hook tips. Moisture can take its toll on hooks causing corrosion. So keep your unused inventory at home in a dry stationary place until you need them. A successful angler is one who is prepared for all circumstances within their control. With the demands of family and your job, these days can be put to great use!

Lake of the Woods - *Late Ice Walleye & Perch*

by James Holst

I recently spent a weekend on Lake of the Woods (LOTW) with fellow IDA Pro Staffer Scott Steil. The plan was to target deeper gravel during the day for numbers of walleye and the gigantic perch that LOTW is famous for and then make a move shallow during the last couple hours of the day in search of larger walleye. The temps were warm, the breezes light... and the plan worked to perfection! During the day Scott and I targeted depths of 25 - 27 feet working a gravel flat positioned in between two nearby reefs. The majority of the fishing pressure in the area was targeting the edges of those nearby reefs and seemed to work in our favor as the noise and commotion pushed those fish off the structure. We had the "typical" game plan in mind... punch dozens of holes scattered across the gravel flat we intended to fish and stay on the MOVE hopping from hole to hole.



It didn't take long for us to connect with numbers of walleye and sauger in the 15" - 19" class making up the majority of the catch. Numbers of fish landed was excellent and the best bite took place from 10:30 AM - 3 PM. All told we landed over 20 legal walleyes and saugers during this bite window with one 24" walleye representing the largest fish landed during this mid-day bite. Our presentation was simple... 1/8 oz. go-devil jigging spoons tipped with the head of a shiner minnow took all but a couple fish that fell to plain minnows on bobber rods. The real reason we were in this area was in search of the monster perch that roam these expansive gravel flats late winter. 12" - 15" perch show up on a daily basis and both Scott and I were on a mission to see who could be the first to ice a 14" sumo-perch.

Scott was the first to get that job done with the perch shown in the last photo. Again that 1/8 oz. go-devil in perch was the ticket and resulted in the pair of us landing a nice batch of these monster perch in addition to the "accidental" walleyes and saugers. Around 4 PM we packed things up and made the LONG run back towards the south shore to target a shallow rubble flat that has the reputation for holding large walleyes prior to moving up into the Rainy River to spawn. On this afternoon we would NOT be let down! The final hour of the afternoon prior to sunset is the magic hour on this lake and the action started with a half dozen 18" - 20" walleyes, all caught on the same baits used earlier in the day, before the bigger fish showed up.

The big bites started with a 29" hog that did her best to separate me from my jigging rod on the strike. These fish fought INCREDIBLY and the 4 feet of ice make getting these larger fish turned up into the bottom of the ice hole a real challenge. Shortly after we landed and released the 29", literally before Scott could walk down 5 holes to start fishing again, I stick a 30" behemoth shown in the first photo! When these fish move through an area... they come through in waves and they pass through quickly. I was the lucky stiff of the evening as I happened to be over the right hole at the right time and it is certainly 10 minutes of fishing I'll NEVER forget. The great news that I have to offer about this trip is that we caught it ALL on tape and we'll be airing this show next winter just before the ice season gets rolling. The conditions on LOTW right now are good... once you get out on the lake. With the warm temps of late the ice near shore is deteriorating and there is slush and standing water on the ice to deal with. If you can get out on the lake, the fishing should be spectacular. We lodged at WigWam this past weekend and the accommodations were very nice. Tom, the owner, was exceptionally helpful to us making sure that we used the best routes on and off the lake and even offered up some very helpful fishing advice that helped us narrow our search area on a lake that can be overwhelming at times for the first time angler and experienced LOTW angler alike. If you're looking for a last ice fix... LOTW is the best game in town. Give WigWam a call before you head up to reserve a room and get the latest word about conditions and the bite. Steve DeZurik and I will be heading to the Rainy River next Sunday. Hopefully the river opens up and the tribs run low and clear!

Board Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, March 23, 2007 @ the Doublewood Inn

Meeting was called to order @ 7.00 by President Chad Malloy

Absent Board Members: Chris Augustine & Seth Hibl

Guests: Duane Voit, Scott Stillwell, Ron Sahr, Tom Lloyd & Eric Hellman

Minutes of February Board Meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurers Report by Barry Chouinard: Current balance is \$19,626.34.

Membership Report by Don Marty: 308 members on the books (40 of those are new members)

Old Business:

Annual Meeting Review: We had a great meeting with good attendance. Speakers and chili were both good. Thanks to Lamar VanDame for providing the sound system!

Dinner Dance Review: Attendance was poor, probably due to timing. To help with getting a better turn out next year, we need to look at the possibility of changing the date of the event next year also to advertise/promote more and pre-sell tickets. There was motion made to pay Barry Chouinard for his out-of-pocket expenses for the dinner/dance by Steve Meyer and a second by Steve Hall. Motion passed.

Pelican Tournament Update: All is in place and moving along nicely for the Tournament. Entries are now being received.

Sponsorship/Advertisers: All tourney sponsors are locked in & discussion to update the tournament trailer and banners. Talk of possibly having a column in the newsletter to "Meet our Advertisers".

Strategic Planning Review: Don Marty says that 50 surveys have been returned. He is in the process of going through these & putting together a summary of items brought up by the general membership.

Meetings Update: Currently working on speakers for the upcoming club meetings.

Distinguished Member: The distinguished member has been chosen by the committee and the award will be presented at Anglers Night.

New Business:

-One of our guests tonight, Eric Hellman, has a new product called "Cut N Clean" that he would like to present to the club at our Annual Anglers Night. The board okayed this.

-Don Voit, another guest, attended our meeting tonight to discuss the possibilities of our club working with a new Boy Scout group called the Venture Crew. The Venture Crew is made up of Scouts, ages 14 through 21, they are gathering information on fund raising to help benefit their group.

-Northern Lights Council is requesting \$2000 contribution for them to purchase a trolling motor. Discussion followed. Barry Chouinard made a motion for the club to contribute the \$2000, was seconded by Lynn Johnson. Motion passed

-Funding of New Projects. Ideas were discussed and board members were asked to also look into additional projects that could be of interest to the club.

-ND Sport Fishing Congress membership. Discussion followed to allow renewals of current memberships coming due with notification to the board.

-Friends of Sakakawea membership. Membership since 2003 to be renewed when comes due.

Other Business:

Barry was invited and attended a DNR Meeting the following is the summary:

1) Recruitment & retention of fisherman is important

2) There are some bills on the MN legislature that we may to pay some attention to since they are looking at the possibilities of eliminating ponds that raise live bait and aid in stocking lakes. These measures can be researched on the government website:

www.legmn.gov. The file numbers are as follows: house file 1188 and senate file 919

3) They are also looking at formalizing the permit structure for tournaments.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.14pm.

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, April 17, 2007. We want you to all remember that the general membership is always welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted by Tami Stillwell, Recording Secretary.

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New Renew

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Do you own a boat? Yes No Would you like to fish with other club members? Yes No

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