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Kurt Schirado and Jason Wright from the Popular TV Show "Ultimate Outdoors Adventure Television" will bring their insight and entertaining banter to the Doublewood Inn in Fargo, ND on April 18th. This popular duo has accumulated a vast knowledge of fishing techniques for the Missouri River System while filming over the years. They will answer what does and does not work.

The doors will open at 6:30pm, with the Program starting at 7:00pm.

THIS PROGRAM IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 16
Member Meeting
Ultimate Outdoors Adventure
Television:
Kurt Schirado &
Jason Wright

**April 25 & 26** Club Outing Waubay Lake, Webster, SD

**May 16**One Day Only
Lake Traverse, Browns Valley, MN

**May 29-30** Pelican Spring Classic

**June 20 & 21**Club Outing
Devils Lake, Devils Lake, ND

**July 11**Detroit Lakes AYA
Walleye Tournament

**July 18 & 19** Club Outing Star Lake, Dent, **MN** 

**August 15 & 16**Club Outing
Upper Red Lake, Waskish, MN

ALL MEETINGS AT 7 PM AT THE DOUBLEWOOD INN OF FARGO, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.





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## President's Comments...

Dear fellow Members.

As I write this article, many of us in Fargo/Moorhead and throughout the Red River Valley have been involved in the Flood either directly or indirectly. My thoughts and prayers to those of you who have had water in your home, and my deepest gratitude to those of you who have volunteered your time in assisting this flood fight. The history book has been rewritten and soon the massive clean-up effort will begin.

When you receive this month's issue hopefully it will be time to get that boat out of storage and ready for some fishing.

Hope to see you at our April meeting!

Steve Garten, President



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## 2009 FLW RAFFLE

It's time for the 2009 FLW co-angler entry raffle. This year we have a co-angler entry for the Leech Lake FLW tournament on June 10-13 up for grabs. The lucky winner could be you, and if the streak continues, you could win a lot of money. Even if you don't place in the money, you will still be able to fish along side some of the best walleye anglers in the county.

In 2007 we gave out one for the Devils Lake FLW tournament. Club member Larry Williams of Fargo, was the lucky winner and turned the \$5.00 ticket into \$10,000.00 by winning the co-angler side of the tournament. In 2008 we gave out one for the Cass Lake FLW tournament. Josh Johnson of Fargo was the winner of the raffle and turned his \$5.00 into \$1,700.00 by placing 6th on the co-angler side. Tickets are available from any of the board members or from me (Scott-701-388-4408). Get you tickets early as the drawing will be held during the April general member meeting on April 16.

## FM Walleyes Unlimited, Inc. 2009 Schedule of Club Outings Announced

#### April 25 & 26

Waubay Lake, Webster, SD time: 7:30 am to 3 pm weigh in: Breske Bay Landing lodging: Holiday Motel

(605) 345-3323 (800) 667-3323

## July 18 & 19

Star Lake, Dent, MN time: 7:30 am to 3 pm

weigh in: Frank's Lodge/Campground access lodging: Frank's Lodge and Campground

reservations: (218) 758-2876

## May 16 - One Day Only

Lake Traverse, Browns Valley, MN time: 7:30 am to 4 pm weigh in: County Park, MN side

## June 20 & 21

Devils Lake, Devils Lake, ND time: 7:30 am to 3 pm weigh in: Graham's Island State Park lodging: camping at state park reservations: (800) 807-4723

### August 15 & 16

Upper Red Lake, Waskish, MN time: 7:30 am to 3 pm

weigh in: Big Bog State Park Access lodging: Big Bog State Park Campground

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Contact Steve Hall with any questions: (701) 261-4379

## FM WALLEYES 2009 ANGLERS' NIGHT OUT

The 2009 Anglers' Night Out brought a crowd out to the Doublewood Inn on Thursday, March 19th. Joel Heitkamp, KFGO personality, served as the evening's M.C.. Those in attendance were treated to one of the outdoor media's most widely recognized names. Babe Winkelman shared angling insight and stories through an eye catching multi-media presentation.

Babe contends that "catching walleye is easy, finding active walleyes is the hard part". He suggested that anglers narrow the search to find these active walleyes by considering the factors that dictate where they may be found. These factors include:

- 1. Nature of the beast what makes a walleye, a walleye?
- 2. Seasonal influences what motivates a walleye at particular times of the year?
- 3. Available food where you find food, you will likely find walleyes.
- 4. Available structure what structure will provide all of the necessary factors to hold active walleyes?
- 5. Available cover the biggest walleyes in any system will take the best available cover.
- 6. Local weather/moon phase what time of the day/month will walleyes be most active.
- 7. Man made influences what has man done to influence the activity of walleyes in a given system.

As captivating as the useful walleye fishing information was, the real impact of Babe Winkelman's message was his focus on including family in your interests and pursuit of outdoor sports. Babe was accompanied by his wife Kris and daughter, who shared their perspective on family time spent on fishing trips. The evening ended with a video of highlights from two trips where Babe and his late father fished for trophy pike and for crappie. The success we find in this sport isn't measured by the fish in the live well, but rather the memories we have with friends and family. By Kyle Agre

## Thank You Angler Night Sponsors













## **FM WALLEYES UNIVERSITY CUSTOM ROD BUILDING CLASS**

By Kyle Agre

Twelve young anglers ranging in age from seven to fifteen gathered on Saturday, March 14th to learn the fundamentals of custom rod building and to build their own fishing rod. The class, part of the FM Walleyes University youth anglers education program, was conducted by Chuck DeRemer. Chuck is an active member of FM Walleyes and a professional custom rod builder. Assisting with the class were Gaylen Briese and Gary Sauvageau, both with extensive experience in custom rod building.

The young anglers, accompanied by a parent or adult, learned about the components of a quality fishing rod, how they are assembled together, why each of these items are important and how they contribute to the quality of the fishing rod they were building. They learned how to identify the spine of a rod blank and how to place the line guides for optimal performance.



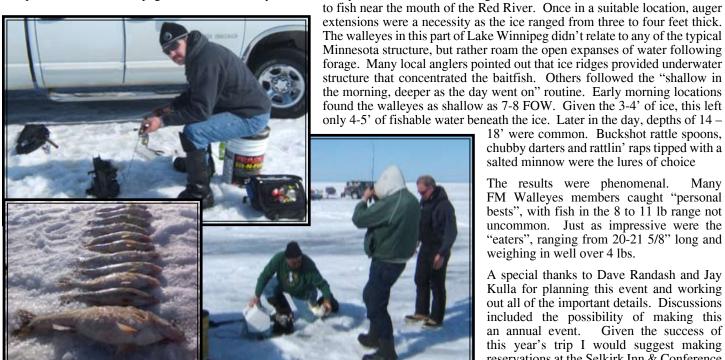
Line guides and hook keepers were then hand wound, the rod personalized and a finish coat of epoxy was added. The end result for each of the individuals was a fishing rod that would rival any \$200 store bought rod.

## FM WALLEYES, INC. MEMBERS GO ON AN ICE FISHING EXCURSION TO LAKE WINNIPEG AND FIND **MONSTER WALLEYES**

By Kyle Agre

March 20 through 22nd a contingency of FM Walleyes, Inc. members traveled to Selkirk, MB for an ice fishing excursion with the Walleye Anglers Association of Manitoba (WAAM). The hospitality shared by the members of WAAM was outstanding and the walleye bite nearly as impressive. Events included a social on Friday and Saturday night and an on-ice chili feed/fish fry for lunch on Saturday. Those in attendance found that members of WAAM had many things in common with. These enthusiastic anglers were proud of the fishery located right in their back yard and were more than willing to share information, enabling everyone to enjoy a successful trip. Craig Stapon, a Canadian muskie fishing celebrity, and Roger Sternn, the local walleye guru and president of WAAM shared tips and insight at the Friday evening social.

The pursuit of Lake Winnipeg "Greenback" walleyes this time of year consisted of venturing six miles out on a lake the size of Lake Erie



The walleyes in this part of Lake Winnipeg didn't relate to any of the typical Minnesota structure, but rather roam the open expanses of water following forage. Many local anglers pointed out that ice ridges provided underwater structure that concentrated the baitfish. Others followed the "shallow in the morning, deeper as the day went on" routine. Early morning locations found the walleyes as shallow as 7-8 FOW. Given the 3-4" of ice, this left only 4-5' of fishable water beneath the ice. Later in the day, depths of 14 – 18' were common. Buckshot rattle spoons,

chubby darters and rattlin' raps tipped with a salted minnow were the lures of choice

The results were phenomenal. Many FM Walleyes members caught "personal bests", with fish in the 8 to 11 lb range not uncommon. Just as impressive were the "eaters", ranging from 20-21 5/8" long and weighing in well over 4 lbs.

A special thanks to Dave Randash and Jay Kulla for planning this event and working out all of the important details. Discussions included the possibility of making this an annual event. Given the success of this year's trip I would suggest making reservations at the Selkirk Inn & Conference Center very soon!

## 2009 WALLEYES 'R' US FISHING LEAGUE SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY - MAY 13

FRANKLIN: 6:00 - 9:00 PM

WEDNESDAY - MAY 20

**BOYER:** 6:00 - 9:00 PM

WEDNESDAY - MAY 27

PELICAN: SW ACCESS • 6:00 - 9:00 PM

WEDNESDAY - JUNE 3

BIG DETROIT: SOUTH ACCESS ◆ 6:00 - 9:00 PM

**SATURDAY - JUNE 6** 

LIDA: NORTH ACCESS • 8:00 - 12:00 NOON

SATURDAY - JUNE 13

MELISSA: 8:00 - 12:00 NOON

WEDNESDAY - JUNE 17

BIG CORMORANT: NORTH ACCESS • 6:00 - 9:00 PM

<u>SATURDAY - JUNE 27</u>

COTTON: NE ACCESS • 8:00 - 12:00 NOON

SATURDAY - JULY 11

LITTLE PINE (SLOTLIMIT: 18"-26") PARK ACCESS W SIDE

8:00 - 12:00 NOON

**WEDNESDAY - JULY 15** 

**SALLIE:** 6:00 - 9:00 PM

SATURDAY - JULY 25 \*KID'S DAY - NON QUALIFYING EVENT\*

MIDDLE CORMORANT: 9:00 - 12:00 NOON

HOST: WALLEYES-R-US MEMBERS

SATURDAY - AUG 1

STAR: 8:00 - 12:00 NOON

SATURDAY - AUGUST 8

**STRAWBERRY:** 8:00 - 12:00 NOON

**SATURDAY - AUGUST 15** 

ROSE LAKE: 8:00 - 12:00 NOON

SATURDAY - AUGUST 22

BIG CORMORANT: NORTH ACCESS • 8:00 - 3:00 PM

HOST: Board of Directors/Walleyes R Us

(Year end tournament - social/awards/prizes

following weigh-in)

Please contact Kyle Anderson at 701-261-4661



## 'Pre-Flight' Your Boat Trailer Before You Take Off for The Wild Blue Water

A properly maintained and loaded boat trailer makes getting to the water easier and safer. BoatU.S.Angler, part of BoatU.S., the largest recreational boating association in the United States, suggests a driveway "preflight check" before you head to the lake and offers these suggestions.

Loading your boat and trailer: Most trailer manufacturers recommend loading your boat with seven to eight percent of the total weight placed on the tongue. This helps prevent fishtailing and gives you good control on the road. But you also need to think about balance. If you are planning a long trip with sporting gear and camping equipment loaded inside your boat, distribute the items evenly so that tongue weight is still maintained but gear isn't piled up in one spot. It's also very important to make sure you do not exceed the trailer manufacturer's maximum weight limit.

**Pre-departure trailer checks:** Performing the following trailer checks will ensure your safety on the road and at the launch ramp.

- Before you hook up, check the radiator coolant, transmission and the engine oil levels in your tow vehicle. Any suspension issues must be addressed now. This is also the time to examine the hitch, receiver and safety devices.
- On level ground, couple the trailer to the tow vehicle and check
  the brakes on tow vehicle and trailer, trailer lights and turn signals.
  Safety chains should be crossed, secured with beefy fasteners and
  not make contact with the pavement.
- Ensure that sideview mirrors allow you see a complete picture of the sides of the boat and trailer wheels. If not, get a pair of temporary towing mirrors.
- Walk around the trailer and towing vehicle looking for any problems such as damaged springs or chafed wiring. Inspect tires for tread wear, inflation and overall condition. Check your spare tires too
- While at the tires, check the tightness of the trailer wheel lugs.
   Repeat this check periodically during your trip. Also ensure bearings are greased and dust caps in place.
- Be prepared for a potential roadside breakdown by ensuring any that tools, emergency equipment and foul-weather gear is readily accessible.
- Finally, check and inspect all bow, transom and gunwale tie-down straps.

BoatU.S. Angler is a new program from BoatU.S., the nation's largest association of recreational boaters. Its mission is to protect the interests of boat-owning freshwater anglers, increase boating safety, provide consumer assistance and ensure fishing remains worry-free. For more information, go to BoatUSAngler.com or call (866) 906-0013.

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES-TUESDAY, Feb 17, 2009 @ Doublewood Inn, Fargo ND

-Meeting was called to order @ 7pm by President Steve Garten.

Absent Board Members: None

General members attending: Steve Goldade & Scott Stillwell

- -February's board meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes was made by Steve Meyer, second by Steve Hall. All in favor, motion passed.
- -Annual meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes made by Steve Meyer, second by Gary Sauvageau. All in favor and motion passed.
- -Treasurer's Report by Barry Chouinard. Current balance is \$5,143.39. List of cash transactions was given out to be reviewed. Motion to approve transactions was made by Don Marty, second by Kyle Agre. Motion passed.
- -Current Members: 322 (of which 164 are current and have paid for 2009).
- -February General Meeting Attendance:

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- -Speakers, Ed Liberda. Nothing new, speakers are scheduled.
- -Angler's Night 2009. Doors open at 6pm. Speaker Babe Winkelman. MC will be Joel Heitkamp. Also Youth Class on Electronics prior to meeting. Distinguished member award to be presented. Babe will have an autograph table set up. KFGO will have media coverage. Raffles: 3 general raffle tables, 1 special raffle table, 1 FLW ticket and merchandise table, 2 membership tables & 1 table to extras. We discussed that this month instead of having a membership only drawing that we would change this to attendance prize drawing for all in attendance. Motion made by Don Marty and second by Steve Hall. Discussion followed. Voted on all in favor, motion passed.
- -Advertisers/Tournament Sponsors, Don Marty. Don handed out updated list on current sponsors.
- -Annual Meeting Review. Things to look at: parking problem and running out of chili. Meeting flowed well. Good idea to have the board of directors sit up front during meeting to let the club know who these people are. Brian Dahlin wanted to thank Don Marty and Tami Stillwell for handling registration at the front door, while he was busy and running some club errands.
- -FM Walleyes University. The next youth education class entitled "Introduction to Electronics" will be held prior to the annual meeting. This will start @ 6pm and be held downstairs at the El Zagal Shrine. For pre-registration or to ask any questions feel free to contact Kyle @ 701 526 0262.
- -Distinguished Member Award. This year's award will be presented at our March meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- -Raffle Budget, Scott Brewer. 2008 budget recap presented. 2009 proposed budget also presented. Barry made a motion to approve 2008 and 2009 raffle budgets. Gary Sauvageau seconded. Discussion. All in favor motion passed.
- -Budgets. Steve Garten asked that all committee heads have there 2009 budgets in by next board meeting.
- -Steve Hall received call from member regarding information on a new net that he's designed. The guy would like to show these at this month's meeting. Discussion will follow.
- -Donation/Grant Request, Steve Garten. (1) Received grant request from Northern Lights Boy Scouts Council in the amount of \$1,250 to operate and maintain a boat and motor at Camp Wilderness. Discussion. Motion to approve contribution of \$1,250 to Northern Lights Boy Scouts made by Steve Meyer. Second by Scott Brewer. All in favor and motion passed...(2) Then Fergus Falls DNR Fisheries Rearing Ponds is requesting \$800 to sponsor 4 ponds (non-reservation lakes). Motion made by Barry to grant this donation. Discussion followed. Motion seconded by Steve Hall. Vote taken and all in favor, motion passed.
- -Visitor, Steve Goldade. Brought request for donation from our club to the Liudahl Family Endowment, Scholarship Fund. Steve Goldade explained what the Liudahl family is doing and what their goals are. Discussion followed. Motion made by Ed Liberda to table this discussion for now until we have time to do more research and then to reconsider this by September. Second Steve Meyer. More discussion. Motion amended by Scott Brewer to review this in June not September 2009. Second by Steve Meyer. Amended motion voted on, all in favor and motion passed.
- -Committee assignments. Currently all committee assignments will stand.
- -Review of the year of 2008 for the club, Steve Garten. Good year, good board in place and we are all looking forward to an even better 2009. Thinking forward, we all need to look for areas of improvement.

#### **ROUND TABLE:**

**Steve Garten**...Email received from Clint N regarding showing some products at a general club meeting. Board decided that each request like this should be reviewed by the board prior to allowing products to be shown.

**Scott Stillwell** Rod Building Class for Kids was fantastic. Chuck DeRemer, Galen Bries and Gary Sauvageau did a great job!

Thanks to all that helped out and attended for making this successful.

**Scott Brewer** FLW raffle drawing to be drawn at April meeting. Also next custom rod raffle to be ready to sell soon. Lake

Winnipeg Ice Fishing Weekend...fun fishing, raffles, FM Walleyes to donate a few club clothing items. So far 25 FM

Walleye members planning on attending.

**Kyle Agre** Banner Board of pictures for meetings. Also website photo pages online.

**Don Marty** Possibly consider setting up reserve funds...to cover bills (some carry over is okay for out type of club).

Barry Chouinard Corey Heiser offered to have his Games Galore at the Club Picnic this coming August. AYA Fund Raising Banquet

soon. Tournaments, will need to get some volunteer hats and flags for the coming tournaments.

**Brian Dahlin** Need to get articles soon for the next newsletter. Also want fishing pictures from any club member.

-Motion to adjourn meeting @ 9.00pm by Gary Sauvageau, second by Don Marty. All in favor. Meeting adjourned

The next board meeting with be on Tuesday, April 14th, 2009 @ the Doublewood, Fargo ND.

We encourage general members to attend any or all board meetings.

Respectfully submitted by Tami Stillwell, Recording Secretary.



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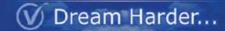
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