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APRIL 2004

WALLEYE LINES

PLAYMAKERS PAVILION

April 15, 2004

Matt Straw -- Editor, In-Fisherman Magazine

Matt's seminar will focus on the spring bite for walleyes and crappies. He will cover location for both species touching on lakes, reservoirs, ponds and rivers. He will discuss timing-finding the key periods within the overall period for fishing both species and matching presentations to specific environments and conditions such as lure shots, rod & reels, knots, etc. Lastly, Matt will bleed into the summer period and discuss some "NEW" things for walleyes-like plastic swim baits, plastic worms, soft jerks and other presentations most folks have yet to try.



Matt Straw was born and raised in Michigan and has degrees in English Literature and Communications from the University of Michigan. Matt began fishing with his father after his father had built a small wooden boat. Dad quit fishing after the family purchased a pontoon but his cousins took over. They would take Matt to little streams chasing brook trout with light spinning gear. By the time Matt hit the University of Michigan he was spending all his free time studying fish biology. One of Matt's professors convinced him to try to publish a paper he had handed in. It was eventually published by Michigan Out of Doors and in Michigan Seasons. Matt went to work for a newspaper in Grand Rapids, MI and began spending all his free time in search of any fish swimming in the nearby waters.

On the side, Matt began selling his piscatorial exploits to magazines around the region and Canada. About 16 years ago In-Fisherman bought two stories about trout. After that, In-Fisherman sent Matt on assignments for almost every issue for several years, then hired him in 1991. Matt has been there ever since, covering practically every freshwater fish in every state of the Union, every province in Canada, Mexico and he was even sent overseas at times shooting photos, filming television and gathering information for In-Fisherman, the best multi-media fishing resource in North America for multi-species anglers.

Doors open at 6:30 and the program will begin at 7:00. This event is being held at Playmakers Pavilion and is open to the public.
PLEASE USE THE NORTH ENTRANCE.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 13

Board Meeting

April 15

Regular Meeting

*Matt Straw from In-Fisherman
at Playmakers Pavilion*

April 24 & 25

Club Outing - Waubay Lake SD

May 15

MN Walleye Opener

May 18

Board Meeting

May 20

Regular Meeting

*MN DNR & ND G&F
Update on Regulations
and more.*

May 25

Boy Scouts Pathways to Fishing

May 29

MN Bass Opener

June 3

Pelican Classic Rules Meeting

June 4 & 5

Pelican Classic Tourney

June 15

Board Meeting

June 17

Regular Meeting

*Pelican Classic Winners
& PK Video*

**ALL MEETINGS AT 7 PM
AT THE DOUBLEWOOD
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OTHERWISE STATED.**

President's Comments

Dear Club Members,

I hope everyone has their boat and fishing gear ready for the first club fishing outing at Waubay Lake, SD on April 24 & 25th. I already purchased my SD fishing license over the internet at www.sdgifp.info and if you click on the Wildlife, Hunting and Fishing section you can download a map of the lake. Over the past couple of years we have been successful using minnows under bobbers, pitching a 1/8 oz jigs w/ a white or chartreuse twister tail, pitching #4 Shad Raps and #10 Husky Jerks. Colors used have been Firetiger, Clown, and Blue. Basically, use the same tactics you would on Devils Lake in the spring.

Around 120 people attended the 2004 Dinner Dance and I had many club members comment that it was the best one they have attended in a long time. The food was fabulous and so were the prizes. A big thanks to Steve Meyer who again constructed a beautiful oak cabinet. The club netted well over \$2000 after all expenses. Look for a financial statement on the event in next month's newsletter.

Spring is finally here!

Best Fishes,

Chad Maloy



CLUB VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED

The club will be looking for people to help out with the Pelican Spring Classic on June 4th & 5th and the Cormorant Fall Classic on September 24th & 25th. Duties include checking boats at landings, writing information on boards, entering data on the computer, setup and teardown. Workers can work one day or two days. If you are willing and able to help, please contact Chad Maloy at 293-2491.

From the Editor...

From time to time, members have approached me with requests for certain articles to be printed in the Walleye Lines. This issue showcases 1 such request which I hope will be accepted by all and will get the opportunity to continue with the support of our entire organization. On the following page is a test run of the "Fry's Forum" with information pertaining to items that may be of interest to our younger crowd. We hope to highlight events, fishing jargon, stories and pictures of the fishing adventures that our junior members contribute. Point of contact for this new section will be Darla Dockter. (Phone: 232-6167 or E-mail: dockters5@aol.com)

The second section is a "For Sale" or "Wanted" section. Specifications for this section are still being determined but will depend on space available. **Look for more info in the May Lines...**

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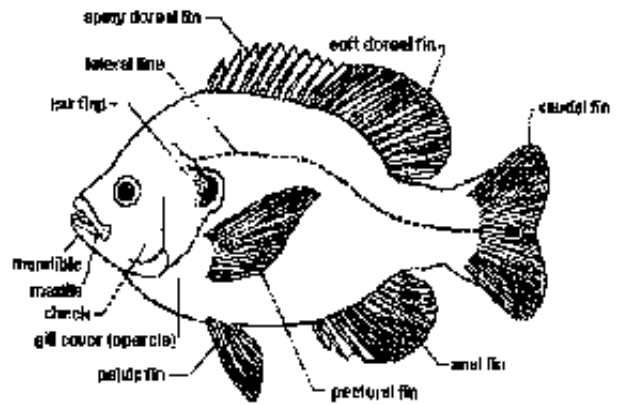


Boy Scouts
Pathways to Fishing
May 25th

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ANATOMY OF A FISH



Suggestions or submissions welcome, please contact Darla Dockett, 701-232-6167 or dockett.d5@anl.com

Its New, It's not Good by LR Schlueter

Last fall, zebra mussel larval were collected below Gavins Point Dam and Ft. Randall Dam. With larval sampled below the dams, it means that adults are living somewhere above these dams. In addition, a large numbers of Corbicula, the exotic Asian calm, were found in a water intake pipe near Yankton, SD. All of these locations are on the Missouri River. Minnesota found more lakes with infestations of Eurasian watermilfoil and zebra mussels in 2003.

A real concern is that these waters and all of these infestations of aquatic nuisance species (ANS) are within easy driving distance of North Dakota. ANS are moved by hitching rides with anglers, hunters, boaters, and other outdoor recreators. Someone could unknowingly bring these undesirable creatures here. Once established in our waters, it's another new infestation, another source for the transfer of these creatures, more problems for anglers, and less fish in North Dakota waters for us to enjoy.

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Fishing Personalities

by Jack Fuller

"Fishin Kids"

Look out Tom, move over Dave, here they come! The future generation of fishermen (or to be more politically correct, fisher people) is moving up.

As most of us are aware, the success of a club like F.M. Walleyes or fishing in general lies with its youth. The F.M. area has its share of upcoming young fisher people. I chose a sample to see what motivated them to get involved and stay involved with fishing.

I found out these "young-uns" are not exactly neophytes. They have enough hardware (trophies) to make most of the older generations envious. The five I interviewed could likely open their own trophy shop. The five were: Matt Kimball (13), Brock Golick (14), Nikki Hall (11), Jackie Hall (16), and Grady Stillwell (8).

This was a very interesting group that had many things in common but also some unique individual thoughts. All were uninhibited and readily shared their ideas about the sport of fishing. All attributed their start to their parents, usually dad. I sensed a close family bond which fishing helped to create.

I asked them to share some of their favorite memories. To mention a few, Matt started by telling that his favorite experience was when they were fishing Big Cormorant Lake. With time running short, they had to get to church. Just then he hooked a 7 lb. Walleye. He landed the fish and they got off to church although a little late. I'm sure The Lord will forgive you for that one Matt. He also shared his most humorous moment on the water. While still fishing, he was sitting on the motor and fell in. He managed to grab a "Wave Whacker" and held on until dad came to the rescue. Nikki, sounding a little more devious, tried to play a trick on her dad while ice fishing. She covered one of the holes outside with snow to camouflage it in hopes that her dad would step in. The problem was her dad knew what she was doing but she forgot about it and stepped in the hole herself. Jackie says her dad always makes a big fuss when landing fish. Even if it is a little Perch he acts like he has a really big one coming in. Jackie comments; "I always get the net just in case and have never knocked any of his fish off. He has some of mine". It sounds like maybe Steve needs a little more practice with the old net?

They all felt it was a good thing to help the environment and the ecology of the lakes by practicing "Catch and Release". Releasing the big fish helps to reproduce more fish and it lets other people have a chance to catch that big one. If you don't plan to mount the fish, put it back. These are some mature thoughts!

Who is the best fisher person you know? Dad, dad, dad they all commented except Grady, who thought his peers (Nikki, Matt, and Brock) were the best. Matt also poured the accolades on his sister, Megan. He felt she was the best. Matt, did you say, "Now she owes me one"?

Do you have any tips you would like to share that you have worked well for you? Matt, Nikki, and Grady disagree with our speaker Sam Anderson when it comes to finesse fishing. They set the hook right away and don't let out line or count time. They tell me it works for them. So who can argue with success. Brock and Jackie like to be a little non-conventional. Switch lures and colors till you find what works even if the colors are pretty wild.

As I mentioned earlier in the article, fishing seems to be a nucleus that helps to bond families. These young people continually referred to the good times they had with mom and dad while fishing. The things they did and are doing together create memories that last a lifetime. F.M. Walleyes plays a large role in this process also. It is the glue, if you would, that pulls everyone together. The organization provides many opportunities to keep interest high while allowing its members to "bond" with one another.

Parents, you can be proud of your kids, they speak with respect of the things you do together. This is something you can look back on and enjoy for years to come.



Brock Golick & Jackie Hall



Grady Stillwell



Nikki Hall



Matt Kimbal

Waubay Club Fishing Outing

The Waubay outing will be held April 24th and 25th just North of Webster, South Dakota. The take-off and weigh-in will be at the Breske's Bay Ramp located in Breske Bay on the West side of the lake. There are public ramps close to Breske Bay that can be used, but if it is windy they can be tough to load at. Breske's Bay is more "out of the wind" and they just ask for a donation to use the ramp.

Camping or RV spots (some with electricity) are available by calling Andy or Darlene Breske at Breske's Bay Resort at 605-345-4232. To get to Breske's from Webster, SD, take Hwy 25 North 4 miles, then go East on 137th St 1 mile, then go North 3/4 of a mile. Lodging is available in Webster at the Holiday Motel (605-345-3323), Day Country Inn & Suites Motel (605-345-4701), and others.

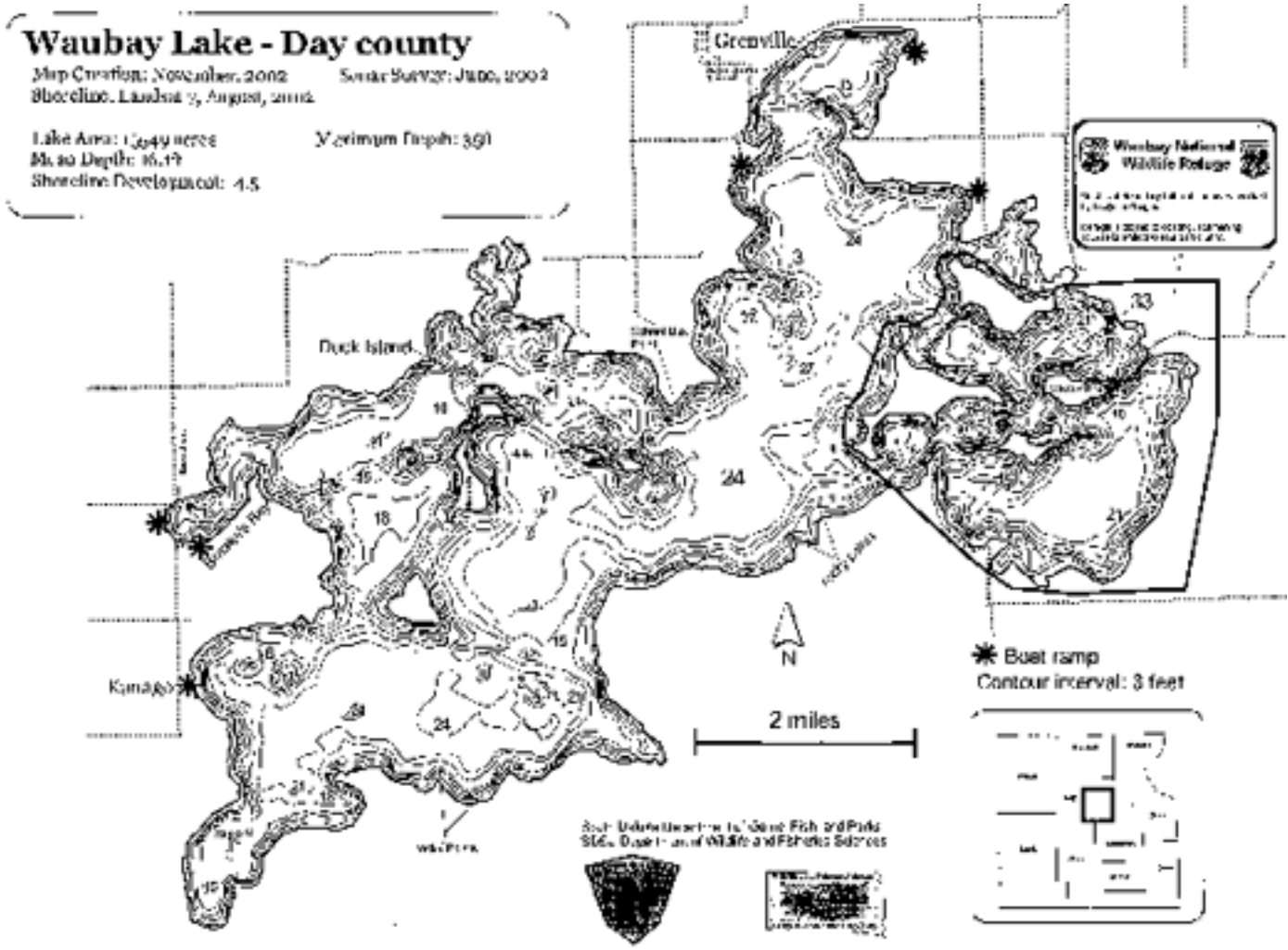
You will need a South Dakota fishing license. You can purchase your licenses at most bait shops in South Dakota, including in Webster, or over the internet at the South Dakota Game and Fish Department website (<http://www.sdgfp.info/>). Click on "Licenses and Reservations", "Online - Buy General Hunting Fishing Licenses" and follow the directions. You can purchase 1-day licenses for \$12, 3-day for \$30 or annual licenses for \$59.

Waubay Lake has a limit of two walleye per day, and a slot limit with minimum length of 14" and only one walleye over 20" or longer may be kept.

This is a great walleye lake and I'm hoping to see a lot of you there. If you have any questions please call:

Scott Stillwell (Home: 218-236-9001 or Cell: 701-361-1682)

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FM Walleyes Board Meeting Minutes

March 16th, 2004 • Doublewood Inn, Fargo, ND

Meeting called to order by President Chad Maloy at 6:55pm with all board members present and club members Ron Sahr and Tom McGeehan.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion to approve Annual Meeting and February Board Meeting minutes by Jeremy Frie, seconded by Steve Meyer. Motion passed.

Treasurer Bob Jensen reported \$33,139 in checking.

Chad Maloy discussed the Pelican Lake Classic issue of changing partners during the tournament. Discussion ended with agreement that no changing of partners during the tournament can be allowed.

Tim Amble suggested work on the trailer for March 27th meeting at the Butler pancake feed at 9:00 a.m., then out to Tim's.

Tim Amble discussed Dinner Dance with the need for final number count for the meals. Motion by Jeremy Frie, seconded by Lynn Johnson to approve spending of up to \$1000 for prizes for the Dinner Dance. Motion passed.

Motion by Bob Jensen, seconded by Dennis Flom to pay \$3000 to the boy scouts for the needed dock on Cormorant Lake for the Y-Camp. Motion passed.

Motion by Tim Amble, seconded by Steve Meyer to table any action on DL rearing ponds funding requests to allow for further information and time.

Chad Maloy discussed club web page. i.e. Costs, etc. Discussion followed with no action taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Steve Goldade, seconded by Lynn Johnson to pay up to \$800 for the speakers Tommy Scarlis January meeting and Chip Leer for the November meeting. Motion passed.

Motion to disband current By-Laws Committee by Tim Amble, seconded by Lester Sjoblom. Motion passed.

Discussion followed with the appointments to a new By-Laws Committee. Committee members appointed are Tim Amble, Jeremy Frie, Steve Meyer, Chad Maloy and Lester Sjoblom.

Chad Maloy discussed the need for a new Advertising Chairperson...Tim Amble is the new chairperson.

Wildlife Federation - discussion for funding requests was tabled to a later meeting.

Adjournment at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Nerison, Recording Secretary



Walleyes R Us Fishing League

Are you interested in fishing with other walleye anglers on a variety of area lakes? Walleyes–R–Us Fishing League is made up of anglers, many of which are also members of FM Walleyes, who fish some or all of twelve league events throughout the summer. All regular league events are held either Wednesday nights from 6-9 pm or Saturday mornings from 8-Noon. The league may be fished individually, with a partner throughout the season or with a different partner for each event.

League membership dues are \$10 for the season, with a \$10 entry fee per person for each event fished. There will be an organizational meeting held in the basement of J.C. Chumley’s in Moorhead at 7:00 pm on Thursday, May 6th. If you have any questions or would like further information please contact: Kyle Agre 526-0262 or John Dockter 232-6167.

Wednesday, May 26	Franklin
Wednesday, June 2	Pelican
Wednesday, June 9	Big Detroit
Saturday, June 12	Cotton
Saturday, June 19	Melissa
Saturday, June 26	Kids’ Fishing Tournament on Middle Cormorant
-Non-league event open to all children 12 years old or younger 9 am - Noon	
Saturday, July 10	Lida
Wednesday, July 21	Big Cormorant
Saturday, July 31	Big Pine
Saturday, August 7	Star
Wednesday, August 18	Crystal
Saturday, August 21	Ottertail
Saturday, August 28	Lida (Year End Tournament*)

*The year end tournament is held from 8 am until 3 pm. Qualification requires participation in three prior league events during the season.

Membership Application and Renewal

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