

Thursday, April 21 Doublewood Inn 7:00 pm

Shimano and Aqua Vu Sales Rep Steve Hanson

Steve Hanson, a Manufacturers Representative for Shimano, Aqua Vu and Gamma Line will be our guest speaker for April. Steve is from the Twin Cities where he has worked in retail and for the past 4 years has been a Manufacturers Representative. As a Rep Steve works closely with Shimano on all rod development projects specific to his market.

Steve's seminar will focus on Shimano's history and why they are a unique company. Have they re-invented the reel? Steve will discuss Shimano's newer technology such as A-RB, Superslow Oscilation, the 750 reels, Instagage, and Digital Technology. He will also discuss trends in the fishing industry as they relate to rods, reels and underwater cameras. I am sure he will bring along some of the most current units for demonstrations.

Lastly, Steve will discuss practical applications. Rigging, floats, bottom bouncing, jigging, and trolling.

I am sure you will all find this a very informational seminar. See ya'll on Thursday, April 21st at the Doublewood Inn.

Doors open at 6:30 with the program starting at 7:00.



April 19 Board Meeting

April 21 Member Meeting

April 23 & 24 Club Outing - Waubay Lake Webster, SD 7:30 - 3:00 (both days)

> May 17 Board Meeting

May 19 Member Meeting

May 21 & 22 Club Outing - Big Stone Lake, SD Hartford Beach State Park 7:30 - 3:00 (both days)

June 2 Pelican Tourney Rules Mtg. 5:30 pm

> **June 3 & 4** Pelican Tourney

June 14 Board Meeting

June 16 Member Meeting

June 18 & 19 Club Outing - Devils Lake, ND Grahams Island State Park 7:30 - 3:00 (both days)

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

President's Comments...

Dear Members,

I hope everyone enjoyed our annual meeting. It was kind of laid back. I enjoyed the change of pace. Hopefully, we will get more members to participate in the swap meet. I think this is something we could do each spring and fall.

As I write this it is 70 degrees outside. Get your fishing gear ready, the lakes will all be open shortly. The club outing on Waubay on April 23rd & 24th is sure to be fun. Last year most anglers boated over 100 walleye each. This can kind of fun can lead to sore wrists, elbows and shoulders so make sure to pack you aspirin.

Lastly, I would like to welcome to Eric Daninger and Barry Chouinard to the FMWU Board. I know they will work hard to help us fulfil our mission. You will probably see them in numerous roles in the future.

Have a great spring-Best Fishes,

Chad Maloy Chad Maloy, President

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March Meeting Review by Jeremy frie

The FM Walleyes Unlimited annual meeting was held March 17th at the Doublewood Inn in Fargo, ND. President Chad Maloy called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Election of Officers

Change board terms to align for the future – member vote and passed Election of Board members: Flom - 02/06 - 1 year Meyer - 02/07 - 2 year Johnson - 02/08 - 3 year Daninger 02/08 - 3 year Chouinard 02/08 - 3 year Nereson 02/08 3 year

Other Business

-passed hat for Dave Jensen who is retiring from the ND Game and Fish Department. Thanks to all that donated.

Presentation - FM Walleyes member, Richard



Cossette, TRS Industries, Fargo, gave a nice presentation on boat covers. TRS can provide tarp covers for just about anything. Give TRS a call with any or visit their website at

questions or visit their website <u>www.trsindustries.com</u>.

<u>Chili Feed</u> – The chili did not disappoint. All members present were treated to an all-you-can-eat chili buffet. Hopefully no one went home hungry.



<u>Awards</u> – Steve Hall presented the Club Outing awards from 2004. A good time was had by all. If you have not participated in the club outings in the past, you will have 5 more chances in 2005. See Scott Stillwell or Steve Hall for more information.



<u>Swap Meet</u> – Although small, the first annual swap meet proved to be successful (especially for those that sold and bought!). A handful of members brought fishing related items that they could part with. A few dollars exchanged hands and the economy was stimulated...

Tickets were drawn for a number of free rod and reel combos. Congratulations to the lucky ones. Nearly every meeting an adult wins a prize and donates it to the nearest kid in the audience. It never ceases to amaze me at the generosity of others. Keep those kids interested in the sport we all love!

Motion to adjourn. Seconded.

Meeting adjourned.

If you haven't yet renewed your membership, please do so at your earliest convenience. There is a membership renewal form in the back of this newsletter. Simply insert your \$20 bill or a check made payable to FM Walleyes.and mail to FM Walleyes Unlimited, Inc. PO Box 1017 Moorhead, MN 56560. Memberships are the most essential part of our organization. Without renewals, we cannot support all of the good things that this club represents.

FM Walleyes Unlimited thanks you for your continued support of our organization.

Remember our motto:

Promoting conservation, sportsmanship and education in respect to walleye fishing.

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2005 Club Outing Schedule					
Date:	April 23 rd & 24 th				
Location:	Waubay Lake - Webster, SD				
Time:	7:30 - 3:00 pm (Both days)				
Weigh-in:	Breske Bay Landing				
Lodging:	Holiday Motel (605) 345-3323 or 800-667-3323				
Date:	May 21 st & 22 nd				
Location:	Big Stone Lake				
Time:	7:30 - 3:00 pm (Both days)				
Weigh-in:	Hartford Beach State Park (South Dakota)				
Camping:	800-710-2267				
Date:	June 18 th & 19 th				
Location:	Devils Lake, ND				
Time:	7:30 - 3:00 pm (Both days)				
Weigh-in:	Grahams Island State Park				
Camping:	800-807-4723				
Lodging:	Spirit Lake Casino (710) 766-4888				
Date:	July 23 rd & 24 th				
Location:	Big Pelican - Pelican Rapids, MN				
Time:	7:30 - 3:00 pm (Both days)				
Weigh-in:	West Access				
Camping:	(218) 532-3726				
Date:	August 20 th & 21 st				
Location:	Clitherall Lake - Clitherall, MN				
Time:	7:30 - 3:00 pm (Both days)				
Weigh-in:	Scenic Point Resort				
Camping:	(218) 864-5748 (Terry or Brenda)				
If you have questions, please call: Steve Hall:		Home: (218) 233-7011 Work: (701) 237-0435 Cell: (701) 261-4379			
	Scott Stillwell:	or			

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Mar. 15, 2005 Board Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Maloy at 7:00 pm.

Members present - Goldade, Jensen, Tweiten, Hall, Meyer, Flom, Johnson, Frie, Maloy, Amble. Members absent - Nereson, Sjoblom

Guests - Barry Chouinard, Eric Daninger, Nate Soens.

Treasurer's report - \$28,490

Old Business

The minutes from the last meeting will be reviewed at the April meeting as they were not present due to a mailing snafu of the newsletter.

Angler's Night – A big success. Thanks to WDAY and all sponsors for their help on another successful meeting.

Pelican Tournament – 113 entries received to date. Swap meet – everything is on track.

Board of Director candidates - Bob Jensen and Steve Goldade are retiring. Bruce Nereson (recording secretary), Lynn Johnson, Dennis Flom, and Steve Meyer plan to re-run for an additional term. Eric Daninger and Barry Chouinard also plan to run for the 2 vacant positions. If elected the terms will be as follows:

Flom - 02/06 - 1 year

Meyer - 02/07 - 2 year

Johnson -02/08 - 3 year

Daninger 02/08 - 3 year

Chouinard 02/08 - 3 year

Nereson 02/08 3 year

Calendar raffle - slow going. Need to pick up the pace to get tickets sold!

Advertising Sales/Tournament sponsors Increased revenues by \$2250 this year. A special thanks to Chad Maloy for his efforts in this area. Dinner Dance - everything is on track. March 19 at the Courtyard Marriot in Moorhead.

New Business

Sportsman's Warehouse - Store Manager Nate Soens was present to give information about their store and a special offer to FM Walleyes Club members. All paid members will receive a letter and voucher in the mail which will allow them to participate in the stores first "Friends and Family Night" in Fargo. On April 10, customers with a pass for the evening will be allowed to shop after hours for merchandise at discounted prices. Employee discounts will be passed on to those shopping that evening. Looks like a good opportunity.

Dave Jensen of the ND Game and Fish Department is retiring. We will pass the hat for donations to him at the annual meeting.

Swap meet – set up at 5:30 pm at the Doublewood Inn.

April monthly meeting - Steve Hanson of Shimano will be the speaker.

Motion by Meyer to adjourn. Second by Johnson. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Welcome New (and returning) Members!

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Guy Kimball, Trevor & Sarah Haugen, Trevor Thilmony, Warren Skalicky, Dave Nilles, Greg Hatten, Brenton Hell, Wayne Zimmerman, Chris Augustin, Jeff Thrall, Larry & Janie Johnson, Loren Keizer, Nick Serati, Dusty Schulz, Jon Wiser, Roland Woodbury, Eric Daninger, Chuck Fowler, Eric Kanski, Mike & Kari Reichert, Marvin Wright, Daren Josephsen, Jeff Mortenson, David Lonski, Herman Wegner

If you happen to see these folks around, give them a warm welcome. Also, a great big THANK YOU to all of you who renewed your memberships!

It's never too late to sign up, use the form on page 7 or see us at the regular membership meetings.



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A Few Tips on Walleyes Using Lead Heads

By Sheldon Meidinger

No secret that jigs are accountable for an awful lot of walleyes. We can fish a jig anywhere at anytime and catch walleye. Dare say that the modest lead head jig is the most versatile piece of tackle in the walleye anglers tackle box. Pitch, jig or drag, with dressing or bait, the varieties of tactics that incorporate a jig are endless. From my years fishing professionally on the PWT, I have picked up few lessons from some of the best. Small details and refinements do make a difference. Here is a small list of jig refinements and tips that will hopefully make you a better jig fisherman.

Sharpness and Proper Gap • Almost everybody knows how important sharp hooks are to angling success but few anglers take sharpness very seriously. The people who win tournaments use sharp hooks and these anglers are checking the sharpness all day long. Carry a file or sharpner in the boat and touch those hooks up throughout the day. Don't use your hooks to pop the eye free of jig eyelets. Gopher tackle offers a huge assortment of jigs with premium hooks and paint free eyes. You can pick up one of these jigs and just start fishing. As important as the size of the jig is for getting down to the bottom, the size and gap of the hook is very important as well. Use the right size hook for the bait you are using. You want the hook to come through the bait and be exposed so the hook can catch in the fish's mouth easily. Don't ever cover the hook or bulk the bait on the hook to the point where the hook has no room to set when a fish bites down.

To Sting or Not • Stinger hooks can be a very effective option at times for catching more walleye and sauger on a jig. Notice, "at times." If you are encountering debris or getting snagged up much more because of the stinger hook, keep the extra hardware in the boat. Stinger hooks work well when you can find light biting fish over a clean bottom. The rest of the time, stinger hooks can actually cost you fish by making you less effective and efficient.

The Right Stroke • How far to lift your jig from the bottom, how much to jig and the like is really a guessing game but certain areas seem conductive to certain presentations. Notice the cadence of local anglers around you. Are they dragging the jig, snapping the jig off the bottom? The most important aspect on most river environments is simply being very close to the bottom. Vary your presentation and give the fish ample opportunities to hit. Often, less is more. If one angler is catching fish in the boat, not only watch how they are jigging but also be conscience of the angle of his line. How much line you have out and the angle of the line can be very important when trying to match what somebody else is doing to catch fish.

Cast and Drag • One of the easiest ways to catch a walleye is to simply drag a jig behind the boat, assuming you aren't getting snagged. Casting jigs is also simple and tops for producing walleyes holding in shallow water. On many Lake Environments, the jig doesn't necessarily have to be on the bottom when casting to shallow water. Vary the amount of bottom contact until you find fish. Cast and reel, making a mental note as to how fast or slow you are reeling. Vary speeds until someone catches a fish and than match the speed. Walleyes will often follow the jig right up to the boat and the hits often come as the jig changes angle and starts traveling up to the boat.

Cosmetics • Many walleye anglers will tell you that color is important but not what is most important. Common sense tells us that florescent colors might get the nod in stained or turbulent water. Chartreuse, white and green are very popular jig colors in many situations but each area may have unique color tendencies or traditions. Berkley Power Baits also have their place for walleye fishing. There are a couple of applications where I have found Power Baits to be very effective. The bulk and extra vibration provided by a shad or twister tail can make a difference in stained water. Also, the extra bulk can slow down the rate at which the jig falls through the water, which can be effective at times. Berkley Gulp is also very effective and as we continue to experiment with Gulp, we become less dependent on live bait.

Conclusion • Jigs and walleyes are a proven combination. Regardless of whether you fish rivers, lakes or reservoirs. Jigs are effective cast, trolled, dragged or dropped vertically over the side of the boat. As simple as the lead head jig is however, there are endless variations and subtle tricks that can put more walleyes in your boat this year.

Editors Note: The author, Sheldon Meidinger has been a familiar face on the Professional Walleye Trail for several years. This Yar-Craft pro broke out of the gate at a young age and already boasts several accomplishments. 2004 PWT Cleveland Ohio, fifth; 2003 PWT Sportsman of the Year, 2002 PWT Championship qualifier; 2001 PWT Sportsman of the Year; 2000 Pro Team Walleye Championship winner; 1999 PWT Mississippi River, fourth; 1999 PWT Championship qualifier; 1999 NAWA Lake Sakakawea, second; and many other top-twenty finishes.



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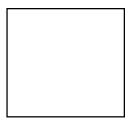
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