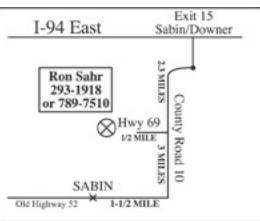


### **F-M WALLEYE CLUB PICNIC SET**

The FM Walleye club picnic will be held Thursday, August 25th at the home of Ron and Kathy Sahr. This is one of our largest social functions of the year. If your an oldtime member or a new member, it gives us all a chance to meet each other, and is a fun event for the entire family.

The club will furnish all the meats, drinks, plates and silverware. We ask each family to bring a salad, hotdish, or a desert to contribute to the picnic. Please bring your own lawn chairs and card table. Make sure the kids bring their swimming suits as the pool will be open.

The fun begins as 6:00 p.m. We hope to have a huge turnout.. \$500 in door prizes will be given out.



**DIRECTIONS:** 1 mile South of Sabin on Highway 52, 3 miles East on County Road 10, 1/2 mile North on County Road 69. If you take Interstate 94, get off at exit 15 - Sabin/Downer Exit. Take a right and go west at the stop sign. Go 2.3 miles to County Road 69. Take a right and go 1/2 mile. The corner will be marked.

If you have any questions, please call Ron Sahr at 293-1918 or 789-7510.

Please mark your calendars!

### Cormorant Fall Classic Entries Still Available

The Cormorant Fall Classic is nearing the half full point. We currently have 45 teams and will take up to 120. Deadline for applications is September 16th. The entry fee is \$250 per team. A rules meeting will be held at 6:00 on Thursday September 22nd at the Cormorant Sportsman Club with a Calcutta to follow.

### Cormorant Tournament Volunteers Needed

We will need a few more club members to help out with the Cormorant Fall Classic on Friday and Saturday, September 23rd and 24th. Please call Chad Maloy at 293-2491 if you are available to help.



August 16 Board Meeting

August 20 & 21 Club Outing - Clitherall Lake, Clitherall, MN Scenic Point Resort 7:30 - 3:00 (both days)

#### August 25

FMWU Picnic at the home of Ron & Kathy Sahr Starting at 6:00 p.m.

> September 13 Board Meeting

September 15 Regular Meeting Club Outing Winners Share Their Secrets

September 22 Cormorant Rules Meeting Cormorant Supper Club 6:00 p.m.

September 23 & 24 Cormorant Classic Tourney

> October 18 Board Meeting

October 20 Regular Meeting *TBA* 

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

### WALLEYE LINES

### President's Comments...

Dear Club Members,

Summer is almost wrapped up and the kids will be heading back to school. I hope everyone had the opportunity to get out and enjoy the phenomenal fishing this year in MN, SD & ND. I feel pretty lucky to live in an area where I could drive 3 hours in any direction to find great fishing.

I hope everyone is able to make it to our club picnic. It is a fun time to visit with other club members and share stories about this summers adventures. Don't forget to thank Ron & Kathy Sahr for their hospitality. We are so fortunate that they allow us to use their home for our picnic.

Lastly, If you plan on fishing the Cormorant Classic get your apps in. They are available at Scheels, Gander Mtn and Sportsman's Warehouse. You can also contact Ron Sahr or myself if you need an entry form. The YMCA will be cooking breakfast for all the anglers this year. Make sure to bring your appetites. The food should be tasty.

See ya'll at the picnic, Chad Maloy, President

### **CLUB OUTING RECAPS**

by Steve Hall

#### Big Stone Lake -- May 21 & 22, 2005

Mother Nature was no friend to us this time! She really had her way with us this tournament! High winds forced us to a one day only outing. It is the very first time I can ever remember this happening! We have had delays in the past but never a full day cancellation. Let's hope for better weather next year!

#### Devils Lake, ND -- June 18 & 19, 2005

Fishing was a little tough with a lot of small fish. But, everyone who stuck it out did catch fish. It seems like every time we go to a lake we learn more about it. Can't beat a good education!

#### Big Pelican -- July 9 & 10, 2005

Boy, this is a busy lake when it is hot outside! We had a good turn out for the outing. History was made. Ron Sahr won his first Club Outing and he has the biggest walleye caught during an outing this year! 5.22 lbs!

### CLUB OUTING STANDINGS

as of July 10, 2005

#### **JUNIOR DIVISION TOP 5**

Matt Kimball	20.90
Grady Stillwell	17.96
Nikki Hall	13.94
Justin Montplaisir	13.62
Matt Quiggle	8.92

#### **ADULT DIVISION TOP 10**

Guy Kimball	11.70
Don Marty	8.96
Larry Williams	7.66
Delphine Marty	7.56
Dan Kaup	7.22
Sharon Kaup	6.74
Scott Stillwell	5.26
Ron Sahr	5.22
Steve Hall	4.32
Tami Stillwell	3.48

### Troubles with your Tournament Boat, Motor, Trailer... NO PROBLEM!

Tournament time seems to bring out the most untimely equipment breakdowns. The Cormorant Tournament fisherman will have "lakeside" help at their disposal. Once again Tim Sweeney of the J&K Marine Service Center located near Lake Ida will be available on both days of the tournament.

#### **AUGUST 2005**

### **LAST CLUB OUTING FOR 2005**

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If you haven't joined in on a Club Outing this year, this is your last chance. We will be at Clitherall Lake in Ottertail County, MN on August 20 & 21, 2005.

I am not very familiar with this lake, actually I have never been on it. But I do know it is noted for excellent walleye fishing. We will run out of Scenic Point Resort, 7:30 a.m to 3:00 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday.

For camping reservations, please call Terry or Brenda at (218) 864-5748.

Hope to see you there!

*For more information, please call:* Steve Hall: 218 233-7011 (home) • 701 237-0435 (work) • 701 261-4379 (cell)

or Scott Stillwell:

218 236-9001 (home) • 701 361-1682 (cell)



## A Norse of A Different Golor

### By Jason Mitchell

Late summer and early fall is an obvious period of transition. There are summer patterns that still linger and new patterns emerging. Usually on most walleye lakes, the traditional summer patterns are getting fished out. The fish get smaller and the spots dry up. This process of change doesn't happen over night however so some of the spots just linger, offering just enough fish to keep fishermen hanging around.

The patterns that can emerge in September are varied. In fact, there might not be another time of the year where so many patterns can exists at the same time. There is a good chance that there will be walleye utilizing some kind of habitat in the shallowest water and the deepest water. This in a sense really spreads out the fish. Spread out fish can also make for tougher fishing.

There is one pattern however that emerges each fall that I am quite fond of. The fish also give you clues themselves as to just how dialed into the pattern you really are. We fish a variety of tactics each year but one tactic that I really enjoy personally is Lindy Rigging. I love feeling a fish pick up the bait. I also feel confident with a Lindy Rig. Let's face it, a good piece of bait will always catch fish. We fish Lindy Rigs deep over rock piles especially late in the fall but early fall can offer great opportunities in the mid-depths of existing weed beds. The edges and open pockets of these weeds are great candidates for a Lindy Rig.

People have this assumption that weeds die in the fall. We find green weeds when ice fishing so let me assure you that there is plenty of green vegetation left, especially in early fall. We have found fish over both cabbage and grass. Usually, the outside edge coincides with deeper water but the open pockets inside the weed bed are often the result of a change in bottom, perhaps gravel or even rock. The outside and inside edge can be good and the pockets are usually worth checking out as well.



For walleye like the author is holding, Lindy Rigging existing weedbeds can be one of the most consistent patterns during early fall.

Polarized glasses are a must for finding the weed edges and good electronics will also give you more clues as to what you are fishing. We have all switched to the Vexilar Edges because the dual frequency enables you to figure out what is exactly below in so many situations.

The actual rigging may vary from lake to lake. My personal favorite setup is a NO-Snagg Singer combined with a short snell (three feet) and I usually like to put a small float ahead of the bait when working through weeds. The shorter snell seems to give me more control and I like to keep the weight in the cone angler of my Vexilar right below the trolling motor. The float seems to lift the bait enable the bait to slide through some of the weeds better. Again, I am targeting openings and edges so boat control is critical to keeping the presentation weedless.

The biggest clue to really getting dialed into this pattern however comes from the fish themselves. Remember that September is the month of change. There are fish on the move. Coming and going, fish seem to do an awful lot of moving in the fall. When fish do put on the miles, they become paler. The fish seem to loose some of their color. Changes in season will cause fish to move, as will changes in weather.

When fish are set up in a pattern however, the fish will have good color and usually be darker. Often, many of the fish we find in the fall have been on the move and we might have only intersected them between point A and point B. When the fish that you are catching don't have the normal color, watch out because there is a good chance those fish won't be anywhere close tomorrow. The beauty of weed fish is that they aren't nearly as nomadic as fish relating to other patterns.

During a time of change, consistency is golden. Literally. If the fish you are finding in the weeds have good dark colors, chances are they have been on that location all week and will probably be on that location tomorrow.

**Editors Note:** The author, Jason Mitchell heads Devils Lake, North Dakota's largest and most respected team of open water fishing guides, Mitchell's Guide Service. Mitchell's Guide Service can be reached by calling 701-662-6560 or on the web at: www.fishdevilslake.net. Jason Mitchell is sponsored by Yar-Craft Boats, Lindy Little Joe, Salmo USA, Vexilar, Valley Fun Source of East Grand Forks, Woodland Resort, Pro-Pointer Lake Maps, Berkley, Fenwick and Abu Garcia.

The Cormorant Classic Tournament is just around the corner! Get your registration form easily by going to our website and downloading the tournament flyer! It's as simple as 1, 2, 3!

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Page down and select FM Walleyes		<b>3.</b> Click on the link for the
		Annual Cormorant Fall Classic Tournament

Outing Review

# Devils Lake, ND -- June 18 & 19, 2005

All we can say about Devils Lake is, that for us, it has to be a world class walleye factory right in our own backyard. Big lake, big water, and huge, fat & sassy fish, whatever the species.

Most of the Club members in attendance stayed at Graham's Island State Park. What a gem of a park; clean, lots of room, friendly staff and neighbors, mature shade trees, and outstanding fish cleaning facilities. One tip though, if you are in a tent and the forecast is for strong winds/storms you might want to consider NOT camping under large trees. Check with the Steve Q's family on that one.

On to the fishing. Some wind on Saturday, but manageable, even for 16' boats with 40hp motors. They just don't enjoy the range of the larger boats on the wind swept expanse of this fishery. Our boat tested the trees first near Fort Totten. Score one for the woods as my fishing partner (#1 son) neglected to take out Dad's favorite rod from the holder on the first jump to a new set of trees, and for the people who have fished the shelter belts, you pretty much know what happens when you pit a tree against a 7' fishing rod. Gnarly tree one, rod zero. So much for happy Father's Day. We managed some nice fish, saw lots of other nets flying, and visited with other club members at different spots on that side of the lake.

Day two found much calmer conditions and we set out for the Golden Road with our slip bobbers and leeches in tow. We found some structure unique to the road and splashed in the anchor. Everyone else out there was either riggin' or crankin' and we still fished with our slips. You are allowed 2 lines per person in the Summer on the big lake and normally we set one line with a slip and the other we fan cast with a jig but, as usual, the fish dictate the proper presentation and for us that meant STILL with the gentle wave action enough movement to entice a pair or 19" Walleye to gobble up our jumbo leeches. We like those words "git the net".

Our observations for success on Devils Lake in early June would be; fish the trees, give each tree spot 15 minutes unless you catch quality fish, change the color of your hook frequently, keep your line loose to allow the leech to bump along naturally (in other words cast into the wind and when your line finishes the drift, cast it back out immediately), and DON'T use your rod holders = )

Remember: Catch and Release or in the Grease.

### Pelican Lake Outing -- July 23,24 2005

### by Guy Kimball

On Saturday our event started out with a downpour and some sparks from above. After we got the all clear signal from our organizers our group took off from the West Access of Pelican Lake.

Most people started out in an area referred to as Broadwater and then dispersed from there. Judging from the campfire talk on Saturday night many different presentations were used such as rigging, bouncing, and pulling hard minnows. The typical depth that we heard at the campfire was deep (meaning 25 - 35 feet).

As usual the youth participants outclassed the adults at the weigh-ins, which included a 6 1/2# Northern and other various species brought up from the depths of Pelican Lake.

The members were treated to a meal of hamburgers, brats, and hotdogs in the parking lot after the weigh-in with Steve Q. coming up big with the special seasoning and, of course, Sharon's famous bars along with a delicious fruit salad. After our food settled the kids were challenged with a fishing obstacle course with various stations designed to test their fishing skills on land. Many laughs were had by the parents and other onlookers as the kids tore through the course.

Sunday brought 90 degree temps. and more flat water to the 11 or so boats present at the access. As an interesting sidebar it was so calm that a scheduled sailboat race was canceled due to the bluebird conditions. Again the initial pattern was duplicated for the second day with pretty much everyone stopping @ Broadwater for some friendly banter and cultimating with Ron S. singing our National Anthem which pretty much sent both the fish and fishermen out of the area!

It seemed that with the healthy(and hungry) panfish population that the preferred presentation for the day would be to pull wood until someone spread the rumor that a 7# Walleye had been reeled in on a mid lake hump with a crawler.

One reason that my family chooses to fish our Club Outings is that you are forced out of your comfort zone as far as presentation is concerned during these dog day summer contests. I'm not very confident pulling wood around but after being nudged by my son(and running out of crawlers and leeches by the afore mentioned species) we preceded to catch a boatload of 15-17 inch Northern and Bass, which was great fun and am now a firm believer in #9 Shad Raps and their ability to catch a variety of fish. We had multiple doubles and many stories that would not have happened if it weren't for those darned panfish inhaling all of our live bait.

Versatility is the key and that is what our Club has taught us in these late Summer outings on our quest to become more efficient anglers.

Remember: Catch and Release or in the Grease.

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### WALLEYE LINES

### June 14th, 2005 Board Meeting Minutes Doublewood Inn, Fargo, ND

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm by president Chad Maloy

Absent Members: Lynn Johnson, Eric Daninger and Dennis Flom.

**Treasurer's Report:** Barry Chouinard reported a checking account balance of \$22,012.77 with bills in the area of \$12,000 to pay.

**Old Business:** 

Motion by Jeremy, second by Tim to approve the minutes from last board meeting...passed.

Chad reported on the Scouts Pathways event which went well and thanked all volunteers. Chad opened up discussion on Pelican Lake Tournament review

Calcutta discussion with pros and cons covered...will make decision for next year to go back to individual teams.

Discussion on concerns for all teams going out at once....very hard on volunteers... will go back to the three flight method.

Discussion of fishing participants making decisions and getting involved with tournament happenings...will not happen again!

The volunteers did an outstanding job under the changes they found themselves in...hopefully we can get them all back.

Trailer discussion...thanks for all who helped with tear down, the trailer is all cleaned up and will make the changes to the weigh scale readout for the next tournament.

Suggestion for next years tournament is to have the volunteers all dressed alike so all would know who they are.

#### **New Business:**

Dinner Dance discussion was held to cover any necessary changes to make the event even better.

Steve Hall, second by Barry to have attendance prizes continue for upcoming meetings...motion passed.

Chad brought up having a club storage unit....Ron Sahr volunteered his unit for the cost of his ad in the walleye lines...motion by Tim, second by Steve Meyer to take Ron up on his offer....motion passed.

Chad brought up the need to change to the club picnic from August 18th to the 25th out at the Sahr ranch...once again a big thanks to Ron for hosting out club picnic.

Motion for adjourn meeting at 8:45 p.m. by Tim, second by Lester...motion passed.

### July 19th, 2005 Board Meeting Minutes Doublewood Inn, Fargo, ND

Meeting called to order by president Chad Maloy at 7:05pm

Absent Members: Tim Amble and Steve Hall.

### Treasury Report: no report

**Old Business:** 

August family picnic at Ron Sahr's on the 25th of August. Jeremy, Steve M. and Bruce will handle. Motion by Steve M., second by Dennis to have Lynn get \$500 worth or prizes. Motion passed.

Chad reported still outstanding bills for advertising...Eric will make calls and report back.

Tournament trailer will need a few details attended to before the cormorant tournament...September 13th will be date to handle needed work.

Lester reported on Cormorant Tournament with 37 entries in to date. Post cards will be sent out to prior contestants.

#### **New Business:**

Barry reported on Pelican Lake Foundation request for \$600 that needed to be paid...Barry will handle.

Barry reported on camp registrations for the ND Wildlife Federation Youth Camp motion by Jeremy, second by Steve to send one applicant to camp...motion passed.

Barry discussed the Cedar Crest Camp with 176 kids...special thanks to Mike Miller are in order. Barry also brought up the Boy Scouts pathways that went very well. Motion to adjourn by Jeremy, second by Steve M. Motion passed at 7:45pm.

### Bruce Nereson, Recording Secretary

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06/18/05 4- \$50 Drawings Audrev Johnson, Moorhead, MN Carl Sheael, Moorhead, MN Larry Williams, Fargo, ND Jeff Laliberte, Fargo, ND

06/17/05 1 - \$200 Fathers Day Stanna Flom, Harwood, ND

06/25/05 4 - \$50 Drawings Doug Dufty, Fargo, ND Josh Johnson, Fargo, ND Diane Anderson, Fargo, ND Dan Wieland, Fargo, ND

07/02/05 4 - \$50 Drawings Russ Tweiten, Lenard, ND Andy Buckley, West Fargo, ND Coralee Demers, Moorhead, MN Bill Hughes, Moorhead, MN

07/04/05 1 - \$300 Independence Day David Lunder, Ulen, MN

07/09/05 4 - \$50 Drawings Dan Kaup, West Fargo, ND Curt Brewer, Moorhead, MN David Przymus, Fargo, ND Dan Turnek, Fargo, ND

07/16/05 4 - \$50 Drawings Curt Brewer, Moorhead, MN Rich Lea Gary Lunder, Fargo, ND John Ladwig, Moorhead, MN

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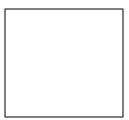
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