

Distinguished Member Award



First Annual Award - 2002

~ Ron Sahr ~

Past president Ron Sahr was chosen to receive the first annual FM Walleyes Distinguished Member Award. This award is given out to the club member who best displays the ability to unselfishly work towards the club goals in a spirit embodied by membership in FM Walleyes Unlimited, Inc.

Congratulations and a big "Thank You" to Ron for all his efforts over the years!



2003

~ Gary Hasse ~

Gary Hasse was chosen to receive the 2004 Distinguished Member Award. This award is given out to the club member who best displays the ability to unselfishly work towards the club goals in a spirit embodied by membership in FM Walleyes Unlimited, Inc.

Congratulations and a big "Thank You" to Gary for all your effort over the years!



2004

~ Bob Jensen ~

Bob has set himself apart from the average angler, serving on the Board for many years in various capacities. He is an accomplished fisherman, always ready to lend a helping hand when one is needed. This willingness to give of his time in the promotion of our sport was instrumental in his being nominated to receive this award.

Thanks Bob, for all you have done!



2005

~ Bob Dobler ~

On August 4, 1946, Robert "Bob" Dobler entered this world to accomplish many things. He will be best remembered for his many accomplishments as a fisherman and a good friend of F-M Walleyes. Bob was known by his gentle demeanor and his enjoyment of sports activities. He enjoyed wrestling as a Bison, softball, pool, darts, golf and most of all fishing.

As a member of F-M Walleyes, Bob was involved in the following:

- Pelican Tournament Chairman - 1996 thru 2001
- Helped on the Cormorant Tournament
- Helped on the YMCA Ice Fishing Tournaments
- Hosted the June club tournaments on Lake Lida - 1996 to 2005
- Helped on Pathway to Fishing
- Fished many club tournaments
- Member of Board of Directors - 1997 to 2001

Bob Dobler was always willing to help out wherever possible to help move the club forward. This led to Bob receiving the F-M Walleyes Distinguished Member Award in March 2006.



2006
~ Mike Miller ~

Mike Miller is the Recipient of the 2007 FM Walleyes, Inc. Distinguished Member Award. Mike is a long time member of F-M Walleyes and the fishing community.



2007
~ Scott, Tami & Grady Stillwell ~

Congratulations Scott, Tami and Grady Stillwell

They were chosen as the 2007 Distinguished Member Award Recipients. This award is a lifetime achievement award that goes to club members. The Stillwells have over 59 years of combined service to F-M Walleyes, Inc. It would take a book to write list all of their accomplishments. We are proud to have them in our club!!!



2008 Distinguished Member of FM Walleyes

I am so happy to have the honor of presenting the 2008 FM Walleyes Distinguished Member Award.

The General Membership of the club is asked to nominate a member for this award. The recipient is picked by a committee of previous winners based on the award objectives. It is the most prestigious club award and I guess you could say it's our version of "The Hall of Fame".

This year's distinguished member is a 20 plus year veteran of the club

- Worked with pathways to fishing program
- Worked with dinner dance
- Worked on calendar raffle
- Worked on collecting donations/prizes for fund raisers
- Worked on articles for *Walleye Lines*
- Worked on Board of Directors as Recording Secretary for 6 years
- Worked as Assistant Pelican Tournament Director for 2 years
- Worked as Pelican Tournament Director for 3 years

The pattern is obvious. This member has accomplished a huge amount of work for this club. It is my own opinion that the Tournament Director position is one of the most time consuming, detailed and toughest jobs in this club. It takes hundreds of hours of work and thousands of phone calls to make just one of these tournaments happen. I'm sure that a closer inspection of this member's involvement in the club would reveal many more accomplishments than I could possibly relate to you in only a few minutes.

There are 2 trophies for this award. The large plaque with picture, naming current and previous winners is placed in the fishing department at the Scheel's All Sports store in Fargo. The other trophy with the clock is for the recipient to have.

I have known this member for more than 20 years and I can assure you that all of the award objectives have not only been met but have been exceeded.

It is with great appreciation for all the years of service to the FM Walleyes that the committee has picked and would kindly ask Jean Nygaard to stand and be recognized as the 2008 Distinguished Member of FM Walleyes.

Tami Stillwell, 2007 Distinguished Member





2009 FM Walleyes Distinguished Member Award

By: Scott & Tami Stillwell

This year's recipient ... Has been a member of the club for many, many years.

Has served on the board of directors for many, many years.

Has worked with our youth education programs, club picnics, family club outings, dinner dances, the YMCA Take A Vet Fishing, YMCA Ice Fishing fundraiser, writing articles for the Walleye Lines and works at the general meetings. This person tirelessly promotes the club in so many ways it would be impossible to name them all! In other words, helps the club with most every project that we do and then some.

I'd like to bring to your attention, the manner that this person supports and represents this club...It is with a calm and patient demeanor while acting as a mentor and an educator to many, many people. And does all of these things in a selfless manner with the focus being on the betterment of the club and the sport of fishing.

Now we'd like you all to know that this recipient was **not** notified that he would be presented with this award tonight.

Can anyone guess who it is??

This should give it away for sure.

It's the man with 1000 one-liners

It's Mr "Ain't no bad chicken here"

It's Mr "Here's the deal"

It's Mr "STEVE HALL!"



2010 DISTINGUISHED MEMBER AWARD



The 2010 FM Walleyes Distinguished Member Award was presented to Barry Chouinard. This award is comparable to a Hall of Fame Award. Barry is a well -deserved recipient. He is involved in the club's activities such as "Take A Kid Fishing", Pathways to Fishing, the Annual Dinner Dance, securing Club Memberships, recruiting sponsors, tournament director for the spring and fall Classics, the AYA tournament in Devils Lake, participation in the club outings, serving on the Board of Directors, and serving as an officer of the club. He is also our club's spokesperson at the Annual Minnesota DNR Round Table. The list could go on and on. Barry is always contributing his time and talent to this club. Thank you, Mr. Chouinard for your many contributions and your commitment to the success of this club.