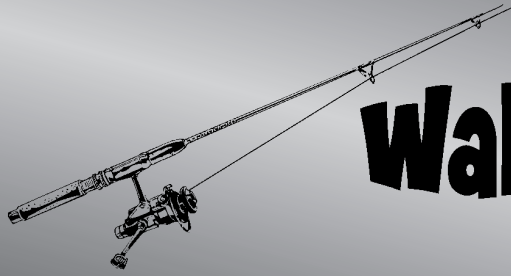


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## Annual Meeting / Chili Feed Features Legendary Angler "Marv Koep"

**Thursday, February 19th • Doublewood Inn, Fargo**

Using the right bait is something that Marv Koep is accustomed to. He grew up seining minnows for his father's bait business near Alexandria, Minnesota. And in 1961, Marv and his wife Judy moved to Nisswa to start Marv Koeps Nisswa Bait and Tackle.



Marv Koep holds up two walleye from a good day on the water. The legendary angler has been guiding in the Brainerd Lakes area for 40 years.

He bought the bait store from Pete Link and at that time they only sold bait. Now bait was Marv's specialty, but he also knew that you need hooks, sinkers and tackle to catch fish too. Marv added basic fishing tackle to his store within the first year. A few years later, Marv's store was recognized as the premier bait store of the Brainerd Lakes area. It was also the home of the legendary Nisswa Guides League. Former guides out of Koep's include none other than Al and Ron Lindner, Gary Roach and of course Marv Koep.

Today, Marv no longer owns the business, but the tradition he started lives on, including the legendary Nisswa guides. Koep's Pro Shop continues to have a full staff of professional guides to service any angler's desire. What ever your favorite species is, this area is bound to have an option for you. Marv's fishing days are far from over and he still has something to prove. "My goal is to catch half the fish people think I do," he says with a twinkle in his eye. "But that doesn't surprise me. I started the rumors about how many I caught."

**The annual meeting is open to all New and Existing 2004 paid members. Your dues may be paid that night and New Memberships will also be accepted. The night will include a free chili feed, election of officers, and entertainment by Legendary Angler, Marv Koep.**

**Our Annual Meeting is being held at the Doublewood Inn of Fargo. Doors open at 6:00 and the program starts at 7:00.**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**February 6-8**  
Boat Show

**February 15**  
MN Walleye Season Closes

**February 17**  
Board Meeting

**February 19**  
MEMBERS ONLY  
Annual Meeting/Chili Feed  
*Legendary Angler - Marv Koep*

**February 20**  
Pelican Spring Classic  
entries to be mailed out

**March 1**  
Pelican Spring Classic  
open to all entrants

**March 4-7**  
Sportsman Show

**March 16**  
Board Meeting

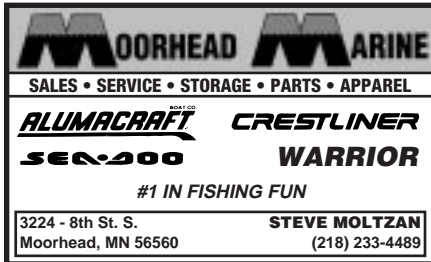
**March 18**  
Anglers Night Out  
*Sam Anderson*  
*at Playmaker's Pavillion*

**March 20**  
Dinner Dance at Moorhead  
Courtyard by Marriott

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## President's Comments

If you did not attend the January meeting you really missed out on a great informational seminar. I had many phone calls and emails from members stating that Scott Fairbairn's seminar was one of the best we have ever had. We'll more is on it's way. **February - Marv Koep** is one of the most noted walleye anglers in History, **March - Sam Anderson** is a young but seasoned tournament angler and **April - Matt Straw** has been with In-Fisherman for many years.



*Please note that the March & April meetings will be held at Playmakers Pavillion.* Use the North entrance. We had to make arrangements since the Doublewood had a convention on our meeting dates.

Ice fishing has been sporadic. I have been to the Jamestown Reservoir a few times and it was hot one day putting out nearly a limit of crappies and then cold providing only a couple the next. I hope your outings have been more productive.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Meeting.

Best Fishes,

*Chad Maloy*

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Membership Renewals will be taken at the Annual Meeting. To speed things up please complete the form on the page 7 of this newsletter and have your check or cash ready when you enter the meeting.

For those members who have not renewed and cannot make the annual meeting, your renewal forms will be mailed one week after the annual meeting. If you do not receive a renewal form please use the one printed on your Walleye Lines Newsletter.



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# The 3rd Annual "Y" Service Club/F-M Walleye Ice Fishing Tourney HUGE SUCCESS

There were 490 tickets sold. Approximately 250 people showed up to fish for the day.

There were several special groups involved this year. The West Fargo and Fargo VFW clubs sponsored veterans and veteran families for the tournament. The Clubs paid for their fees, food, lines, a special tent that was heated and bait. There were 67 children that were sponsored for the tourney. Many of the children were from the Madison and Jefferson Schools in Fargo. Several Cub Scout Packs attended the tournament. The YWCA also had a group of children attend.

This year's event raised \$6,500 to help support scholarships for youth attending YMCA Camp Cormorant and to help pay for a pontoon for youth to use at camp to learn how to fish.

The F/M Walleye group came through again this year with increased financial support and stepped up to the challenge of helping over 65 kids learn how to fish and drilling over 200 holes for others.

Plans are already underway for next year's event. The tournament will be held Saturday January 22, 2005, 1:00-3:00 at Cormorant Lake. We encourage everyone to attend next year.



## 2004 FM Walleyes Unlimited Drill Team

Chad Maloy presents the YMCA's Paul Finstad a check for \$1000. The money will be used for youth fishing activities.

**Pictured: back l-r:** Steve Hall, Scott Stillwell, Steve Meyer, Steve Garten, Wayne Wateland, Cody Wateland, Jeff Bruer, Pat McGeehan, Ken Cumber, Tom Badore, Ron Sahr  
**front l-r:** Lynn Johnson, John Studt, Tom McGeehan, Ed Sklebar, Chad Maloy, Paul Finstad, & Michael McGeehan, others not pictured Don Marty, Bruce Bokinskie, Arnie Ellingson, Richard Tholkes, Don Jelinek, Ed Piekutowski, Jeremy Frie.

# Fishing Personalities

by Jack Fuller

## Dave Genz



“If God had not created the resources that provide for ice fishing, Dave Genz would have”!

Many articles have been written about this man and his expertise on the ice. So much, that if you live in the Northern Hemisphere and have not heard of Dave Genz, you don't ice fish. When I first contacted Dave I asked if he would discuss the “little things”, things that might have been overlooked at his seminars or that other writers may have missed. Now that is like squeezing the last drop of Katsup out of the bottle because Dave is very open and willing to share his methods. But he is a thinker, and new creative ideas are constantly being put to work. So.... “Dave, what innovations do you have that may make ice fishing a little easier, more comfortable, or faster”? “First off,

Mobility is the key Dave explains, anything you set outside your fish house I considered an anchor that cuts down on your mobility”. Take along what you need, but make sure it all fits inside your house. That way when you move it will be quick and easy.

One of the first things Dave does to prepare for the fishing season is to customize his ice shelters. “The Fish Trap”, one of Dave's creations is one of the most unique on the market (now copied by many). It is light, durable, and quick to set up. Now tweak it and it becomes even more user friendly.

For starters, he adds a section of vinyl rain gutter the width of his shelter and attaches it with pop rivets to the rear of tub (sled) inside behind the seat. This provides a holding area for his rods. The shape of the rain gutter keeps the rods from spreading out all over the floor and they can be transported in the fish house eliminating the use of more paraphernalia such as a bucket to carry them

in. At the front of the tub (sled) Dave attaches broom holders, the spring metal ones that you attach to the wall of your garage etc. to hold broom handles. These are positioned so he can clip the handle of his dead stick (the rod he is not jigging) in easy reach and extract it quickly without causing slack in the line. His rod is conveniently located by his side for a “quick draw” when a fish strikes. Broom holders are found in most hardware stores and attach with screws or pop rivets.



Many ice fishermen, including myself, use the “Blue Box” to hold our electronics such as the Vexilar. By doing some cutting and relocating, the box becomes smaller and more efficient. Start at the back where the battery is located. Cut it off even with the handle. Move the battery in front of the

handle by cutting a new slot the size of the battery. To make it look better, cut a thin portion off the back and glue it up close near the handle. Then cut a hole on the top surface for the transducer. This makes a clean package that takes up less room in your fish house and in your vehicle. (See photo)

Lure adaptations; a quick color change to your jig is made by applying permanent Magic Marker color. Dave carries a pack of assorted colors in with his tackle. “The color doesn't last as long as paint, but long enough to see if the fish are drawn to a particular color. Shade changes like red on gold jigs seem appealing”.

Even though Dave considers the Vexilar his main piece of ice fishing equipment, a camera is fixed to the front/



center part of his Fish Trap. He rigs this to look straight down. The camera backs up what he sees on the Vexilar and lets him see how the fish react to his presentations.

For drilling, Dave likes ice augers with a smaller diameter. He uses a 7 inch cut. "In a smaller hole, if the fish gets loose he has less chance to turn over and get away before you can grab him. And I find less transducer/line tangles occur in the smaller holes. Things as large as a Vexilar can easily fall down a 10 inch hole and if you are not careful and step in one, your foot can go through". Dave adds; "When I drill a hole I often do not clean out the slush". I commented to Dave that this could cause the holes to freeze over faster. His reply, "If your hole freezes over, you probably have been there to long". O.K.... that explains his run and gun technique.

I found spending time with Dave Genz gave me a whole new perspective to ice fishing. As one tournament official said, "I met with Dave for a couple of hours in his home discussing ice fishing. It was like going up the mountain for a visit with the Dalai Lama, I thought I knew quite a little about ice fishing, but after that conversation I was in awe of all the things I did not know".

If you are lucky enough to fish with Dave or have attend one of his many seminars recently, you will be surprised at the amount of ice fishing knowledge that can be gained.

As I try to point out in this article, Dave is constantly finding new things to peak your interest. And the list grows from daily.



## Dinner Dance • March 20th

*MARK YOUR CALENDAR!*

*The Annual Dinner Dance will be held Saturday, March 20th at the Courtyard by Marriott in Moorhead. Please call Chad Maloy at 293-2491 to reserve your tickets.*

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## FM Walleyes Board Meeting Minutes

January 13th, 2004 • Doublewood Inn, Fargo, ND

Board Members absent: Steve Meyer, Chad Maloy

Vice President Jeremy Frie called meeting to order at 7:00pm

Treasurer Bob Jensen gave the treasurer's report with \$673.01 in checking



### Old Business:

Pelican tournament director Jean Nygaard reported entry forms go out on February 20th to past participants with others mailed later. Most of sponsors are lined up for tournament at this point.

Annual meeting discussion with nomination committee getting all lined up for open board positions. Need for larger room, chili feed in same room and speaker Marv Koep all on track.

Steve Goldade reported on distinguished member award with three nominations in at this point.

Tim Amble reported on dinner dance with tickets being available on Thursday. Tim suggested we do phone calls this year as we need to get the word out and get tickets sold. Will be doing more raffles that went well last year but still could use some new ideas.

Tom McGeehan reported on membership renewals with necessary paper work available for Thursday nights meeting. Will need two tables for new memberships and renewals outside room.

Calendar Raffle discussion: raffle tickets will be available for Thursday night meeting. Bruce Bokinskie will manage this again this year.

YMCA Ice Tourney update by Ron Sahr has manpower lined up with the club buying breakfast for volunteers that morning. Ron will visit with more people at the Thursday meeting.

Jeremy reported the meetings for March and April will be at Playmakers with Miller helping out with sponsorship for Anglers night.

### New Business:

Jeremy reported 04 annual registration for license completed for MN, with ND still to complete.

Motion by Steve Goldade, seconded by Tom McGeehan to spend \$200.00 for raffle prizes for Thursday night meeting. Motion passed. Lynn Johnson will get prizes.

Tom McGeehan reported all 04 newsletter advertising bills have been sent out. New stickers will be available soon and should have several dozen hats available for Thursday meeting.

Bob Jensen reported on Cormorant lights with several new issues which he will resolve and report back.

Decision on participating in 04 Sportsmen's Show through discussion was a no for this year.

Work on tournament trailer was discussed with Tim putting it into his heated building. He will determine the time and date and report back.

Jeremy called for adjournment at 8:30pm. Motion by Ron, seconded by Tim - motion passed.

Next meeting is February 17th, 2004 • Doublewood Inn • Fargo, ND

Respectfully submitted,

*Bruce Nererson*

Recording Secretary

**OPENINGS ON THE BOARD**

The following officer/board position terms will expire in February 2004:

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Richard Cossette

*J.R.S.*

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Each year we hold our dinner dance as a way to break up the winter and have a fun night out with our friends. The 2004 Dinner Dance is being held at the Courtyard by Marriott in Moorhead on March 20th. This is another big fundraiser for FM Walleyes Unlimited, Inc. We are in need of donations and prizes for the event. If you have something to donate or would like to approach local businesses, your help is greatly appreciated. If you have a donation please call me at 293-2491 or Tim Amble at 236-8698 so that we may make an inventory of prizes.

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The February meeting is our annual meeting where we will be electing officers. It is open to members only. That means your dues must be paid prior to entering the meeting. Please attend this meeting and pay your dues at the door. If you are unable to attend please mail your dues in asap to help with bookkeeping. There is a renewal form on the last page of the newsletter. A renewal reminder will be sent after the February meeting for those who have not sent theirs in. Don't forget-Free Chili!

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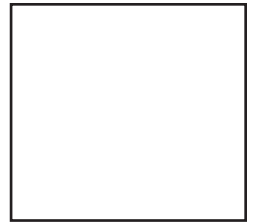
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