

# Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Annual Meeting Swap Meet • Chili Feed El Zagal Shrine Temple 1429 3rd St N, Fargo

FM Walleyes Unlimited will hold the annual membership meeting and Chili dinner on Feb 16. The meeting will be held at the El Zagal Temple, site of our Dinner Dance in March!

The meeting will be busy, as elections will be held for 2 Board positions, and 2 Officers, including President and Vice-President. Year end awards will be presented to the club outing tournament competitors in both youth and adult divisions. Memberships expire in February, so be ready to renew, and Dinner Dance tickets will be on sale. The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Swap meet will be held, so arrive early to get the best deals before they are gone. Dustin Kjeldon will be the featured speaker.

Dustin Kjeldon has rapidly worked his way up the tournament ladder. Fishing Team Walleye circuit, Dustin

has won team tournaments on Chamberlin, and his home water, Lake Thompson. In MWC, Dustin placed 2<sup>nd</sup> on Big Stone in 2000. He fishes the FLW Tour as a pro, having placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the 2005 Devils Lake FLW, contributing to an overall 4<sup>th</sup> place finish in the FLW Tour Angler of the Year ranking. Dustin is from Brookings, SD where he makes his home with his wife Becky, daughter Ella, and of course his yellow lab 'Ranger'.

Join us in welcoming Dustin to speak to our club, let's see what secrets he can give up about Devils Lake and the South Dakota glacial lakes region.



Swap Meet set up at 5:30 pm, Chili Feed at 6:00 pm, Annual Meeting at 7 pm.

This event is for members only. Memberships will be sold at the door.



**February 14** Board Meeting

February 16 Annual Meeting - Members Only \* EL ZAGEL SHRINE \* Chili Feed, Election of Officers and Swap Meet

> **February 24-26** Fargo Civic Show

March 2-5 RRV Sportsmans Show @ Fargodome

> March 14 Board Meeting

March 16 Angler's Night with Bob Probst

March 18 Lowrance School Doublewood Inn • Fargo 9:15a.m. to 4:15p.m. *Must pre-register* 

March 25 Dinner Dance \* *EL ZAGEL SHRINE* \*

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



#### WALLEYE LINES

### President's Comments...

Dear Club Members,

This past year has gone by too fast. It seems just like last week that we were at our last annual meeting and swap meet. Make sure you give Jeremy Frie a call to reserve some table space. I know there has been lots of talk from members planning to bring good quality used items. This months meeting is at the El Zagal Shrine as the Doublewood Inn already had an event booked. We are grateful to the Shriners for allowing us to use their facility.

I look forward to seeing you all at our annual meeting on the 16th at the El Zagal Shrine.

Best Fishes! Chad Maloy, President

### Its' Not Too Cold For Aquatic Nuisance Species Problems by LRSchlueter

Ice cover is here and we are after yellow perch, walleye, and northern pike. Along with the ice fishing gear goes the bait. It could be frozen smelt and liver strips for northern pike, or wax worms and meal worms for perch. These baits are not going to cause a problem in the lake next spring. You must remember that not all aquatic nuisance species are dormant in the winter. Eurasian watermilfoil, silver carp, and adult zebra mussels are alive and can be moved in winter to new waters.

We, all of us anglers, should be concerned with fishbaits in the winter as well as the summer. It is illegal for anglers to bring live fishbaits into North Dakota, winter or summer. It is illegal for anglers to stock or release live fishbaits into North Dakota's water. There is a simple reason for these regulations – it is to prevent the introduction of aquatic nuisance species into North Dakota's waters.

Aquatic nuisance species will gladly catch a free ride into our state any time of the year. Those minnows, chubs, aquatic insect larva, crayfish, or other live aquatic baits could contain more than just bait. Aquatic baits are hauled in water or in wet bedding which was most likely obtained where the bait was collected. We do not know if that site was free problem species. That live vegetation bedding could be watermilfoil which can end up in the lake. A small fragment of Eurasian watermilfoil can start a new plant next spring and another infested lake. Those little clam shells could be zebra mussel which are adults that can produce tens-of-thousands of offspring next summer.

The simple methods to prevent winter aquatic nuisance species introductions are:

- Do not use illegally imported baits
- Do not release any unused live fishbaits
- Do not drop plant fragments into the water
- Do not pour the water used to transport live bait into the lake

These precautions are needed to prevent the introduction of aquatic nuisance species into North Dakota's waters.

## FM Walleyes Unlimited Second Annual Swap Meet

As part of the February meeting, we will again hold a swap meet for members. The event will allow our members to sell or swap any outdoor related equipment with fellow members. This is your chance to sell those extra rods, reels, tackle, electronics, boat equipment, decoys, or any other outdoor equipment that you want to liquidate. Only outdoor related equipment will be allowed at the swap meet. Keep the shop tools and picture frames for your summer garage sale. Also, guns and ammunition are prohibited.

There is no charge to sell your outdoor equipment. Call and reserve table space today. If you would like to reserve a table, please contact Jeremy Frie @ 701-238-2146. We look forward to seeing you at the El Zagal Shrine Center on February 16.

# **Recovery Update and Future Harvest Plans for Upper Red Lake.**

by Jeremy Frie

Gary Barnard of the MN DNR-Bemidji gave a good review and future update of the walleye situation on Upper Red Lake.

#### <u>History</u>

The walleye population began to collapse due to over harvest in the early 1990's. The MN DNR began discussions with the Red Lake Native American Band in 1996. The Red Lake Fisheries Technical Committee was formed in late 1996. The walleye population bottomed out in 1999, with less than 0.1 lb of walleye per acre. The MN DNR and the Band signed into an agreement to correct the situation in 1999, the same year the fishing season was closed on Red Lake. **Recovery** 

Massive amounts of walleye fry were stocked in the lake in 1999, 2001, and 2003 (30-40 million fry/stocking year). The fry were marked using ox tetracycline (OTC). The marking of the fry proved to be very valuable in the recovery effort. The stocking events were very successful, 1999 in particular. Pounds of walleye/acre peaked in 2003 (above and beyond late 1980's levels). Although numbers were high, the available spawning stock was still not at levels needed to maintain a healthy walleye population. Hence, the season was not opened in 2003.

#### Harvest Plan

A plan is in place (MN DNR and the Band) to begin harvesting walleyes in 2006. The DNR has established that 2-3 lb/ a of spawning stock is needed to maintain a healthy population. If the numbers drop below those values, the season would close. The optimal harvest range has been determined to be 1.75-3.5 lb/a with an annual cap of 4.5 lb/a. For 2006, a total harvest value for the eastern portion of the lake that will be open for fishing in 2006 (48,000 acres) will be 84,000-168,000 lbs/year with a cap of 240,000 lbs. To achieve this goal, the DNR has set a daily limit (which is also the possession limit) of 2 walleyes per angler. There will be a protected slot from 17-26". Angler's may only keep one walleye over 26". Harvest numbers for 2007 and beyond will be re-evaluated after the 2006 season.

#### <u>Future</u>

The current spawning stock is providing a very healthy fishery. If the stock produces at current levels, there should be no need to stock the lake again. The vast majority of the population is less than 26" in length today. It appears that the recovery effort of Red Lake walleyes by the MN DNR has been extremely successful in a very short amount of time.

#### Crappie Update

The crappie population will continue to decline over time. The 1995-year class is the only significant class of crappies in the lake. Yes, there are other classes (smaller fish), but they are very insignificant in numbers. Crappie size continues to be excellent with fair numbers.

Al Otto of the Upper Red Lake Association also gave a brief update. The Selective Harvest Program for northern pike appears to be working well. He encouraged angler's to get in on the crappie action this winter while the population still remains in good shape. Al indicated that the biggest challenge for the upcoming walleye season on Red Lake is the lack of infrastructure in the area. Hotel rooms and resorts are far and few in between. He suggested that one must be prepared to drive a fair distance to find lodging, or suggested that some of us to put up a hotel near the lake... Al also gave a couple of tips on how to increase your success rate in catching crappies on the lake. Don't you wish you had been at the meeting?

Thanks to Gary and Al for attending and presenting at our November monthly meeting.

A special thanks to our retiring board members, Tim Amble and Dennis Flom. Tim has been a part of the organization for countless years, with the last number of years as a board member. Tim always was willing to lend a helping hand including coordinating the Dinner Dance efforts for the last 2 years. Dennis has been on the board of directors for two terms. Dennis not only brought us leadership in the form of participating on the board, but also the perspective from a multi-species fisherman including his love for fishing catfish on the Red River. Although no longer on the board, we will continue to look to Tim and Dennis to provide guidance for the club in the future. Please thank them for their volunteer efforts!

### January Meeting Review - Tom Neustrom by Barry Chouinard

Chad Maloy began the January meeting with a special call to our club to donate to club member Wayne Braunberger, who has been diagnosed with Kidney Cancer. For more information, contact Duane Peterson at 701-371-6229.

The meeting continued with a Northland Tackle award presented by Gerry Peterson to Mike Miller for all his outstanding contributions to fishing. Congratulations Mike, and our best wishes to you. Dave Thomtke announced the YMCA Ice Fishing event has been cancelled due to poor ice conditions. (In place of the Ice Fishing event, volunteers taught youth fishing including a casting clinic on Jan 21st. The YMCA event was a big success with over 150 area children attending. \$6,000 was raised for the YMCA.)

Professional Guide Tom Neustrom conducted an educational seminar for all. Tom passed around many of his fishing tools so we could not only listen, but also feel the equipment he uses in the applications he described.

Three products Tom believes in that are reletively new advancements are the battery-less squeeze flashlight, a Thorne Bros Sweet Pea ice rod, and Northland Tackle's Slurpee Plastics. Modern, Impregnated plastics are a development that has improved success of plastics in fishing, at times outcatching live bait presentations.

On the political front, Tom serves on an advisory board to the MN DNR to communicate an angler's point of view. He encourages everyone to become involved in the Comorant depredation happening on our waters as quickly as possible to preserve our fisheries.

Throughout the seminar, Tom made several references to the importance of fishing within your confidence range, and expanding that zone. He stated there are 2 area's of Walleye fishing that are still relatively unknown – Fishing in less than 6 feet of water, and fishing very, very deep.

Among Tom's tactics are:

Locate Walleyes on edges • Pitch jigs into shallow water while positioning your boat in deep water • Using a stop, start presentation when pitching cranks • Use bullet sinkers to minimize fouling in weeds • Use short leaders in weeds and wood • Change line types when jigging. Mono and superlines impart a different action with the same terminal tackle • Fish light tackle whenever possible to soften the presentation, and maximize your enjoyment • Make use of modern improvements, including electronics, boats, 4 stroke and DI motors, and reasonably priced rods and reels.

Tom passed around a new rod hitting the market in 2006 that is a signature rod of FMWU club member Tom Backer. He finished his seminar by inviting club members to contact him at any time, and spent a good deal of time visiting with us one-on-one after the meeting.

# **Lowrance School**

by Doc Samson & Bill Diedrich "The Electronics Doc"

In-depth classroom instructions in the operation and use of Lowrance sonar, GPS, Lowrance Emulator and SonarViewer, MapCreate 6 and related mapping programs.

Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> Doublewood Inn, Fargo Time: 9:15a.m. to 4:15p.m. Cost is \$100 per person.

Please pre-register. Class size is limited. Registration: contact Bill Diedrich at 952-935-5764 or wdiedrich@earthlink.net

#### WALLEYE LINES

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#### FM Walleyes Unlimited Inc. • January Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Maloy, Choinard, Meyer, Johnson, Amble, Sjoblom, Hall, Frie

Guests present: Bob Jensen, Ron Sahr, Steve Garten

Meeting called to order by President Maloy at 7:02 pm.

Motion by Johnson, second by Frie to approve the November minutes. Motion passed.

Motion by Johnson, second by Sjoblom to approve the December minutes. Motion passed.

Choinard reported a balance of \$8734.00.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### Monthly meetings:

Jan: Tom Neustrom: \$500 plus mileage and room

Feb: Annual meeting to be held at the El Zagal Shrine – Steve Garten is taking care of arrangements. Steve Hall will present the awards from the family outings. Troy Morris of Ranger Boats has confirmed that Ranger Pro Dustin Kjeldan will speak compliments of Ranger Boats.

Mar: Angler's Night with Bob Probst. WDAY has again agreed to be the primary sponsor (\$1500).

Apr: Chris Gilman will speak compliments of Ranger Boats.

Need program ideas for May, Sept, Oct, and Nov.

FMWU sponsors will be sent a card that includes 2 meal tickets for the annual meeting.

Membership renewals will be available at the January meeting and will be mailed out after that.

Nominating committee update (Johnson, Chouinard, Hall):

Possible nominees include Steve Garten, Dan Kaup, Marvin Fjeldseth, and possibly a few more. The following terms are up: Pres-Maloy, Vice-Frie, Board-Amble and Flom

The YMCA Ice Fishing Tournament has been cancelled due to current ice conditions. A casting clinic and seminar will be held in place of the tourney at the Y. Ron Sahr will conduct the seminar.

The Dinner Dance has been changed to March 25 at the El Zagal Shrine in north Fargo. Tim Amble reports that the Mojo Boogie Band will provide the entertainment. Tickets will be printed very soon.

The Doublewood Inn has been booked for board and monthly meetings in all months except Feb and Sept at a rate of \$25/meeting. Chouinard will be in charge of booking meeting rooms.

Classic Championship: still under construction. Same member teams will need to fish the Pelican and Cormorant tourneys to qualify. Entry fees and payback are still under consideration. The goal is to increase the number of boats that fish our Classic tournaments. Chouinard, Maloy, and Sjoblom form the committee.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Doc Samson will conduct a seminar March 18<sup>th</sup> at the Doublewood Inn in Fargo and has asked FMWU to hand out flyers.

The following individuals have volunteered to chair the following projects:

- 1 Tournament director: Lester Sjoblom
- 2 Meeting Scheduler: Barry Chouinard
- 3-Advertising: Barry Chouinard

FMWU annual reports have been sent in to both ND and MN by Maloy.

Brian Wisenden, a fish biologist at MSUM has requested assistance in funding a walleye research project. We will invite Brian to our May meeting to give an overview of his research plans prior to a decision on his request.

The Lake Association for Lake Sallie and Melissa sent in a request for funding stocking efforts. Discussion was held regarding the current donations to the Detroit Lakes Fisheries office which stocks these lakes. Motion by Chouinard, second by Meyer to deny the request. Motion passed.

Tim Amble will check on costs associated with adding a lift system to the tournament trailer.

Motion to adjourn by Sjoblom, second by Frie. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Submitted by Lynn Johnson



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### **Classic Entries to be sent in early March**

We are in the final stages of organizing the Pelican Spring Classic and Cormorant Fall Classic sponsors. Once the details have been finalized we will print the applications and get them into the mail. We expect this to happen in early March. The dates have been set, so mark your calendars!

Pelican Spring Classic:Friday, June 2nd & Saturday, June 3rdCormorant Fall Classic:Friday, September 22nd & Saturday, September 23rd

New for 2006 will be the Classic Cup Championship. For those teams who fish both tournaments and pay a \$25 championship fee they will be competing for a new Lund WC-14 Fishing boat and other prizes. Over 100% of the championship fee will be returned to the field.



# **Classic Cup Championship**



Win a new 14' Lund WC14 Fishing Boat

- 1. The Classic Cup Championship entry fee is \$25 per team, is non-refundable and will be 100% paid back. Entry fee must be received prior to the completion of the Pelican Spring Classic rules meeting.
- 2. The Cormorant Fall Classic entry fee may be paid at a later date. Entry into the Cormorant Fall Classic is not confirmed until full payment is received.
- 3. Points are distributed to teams and may not be transferred in the event of a partner change. A partner change constitutes a new team.
- 4. Points: 120 points will be awarded to the winner of each event, 119 to 2<sup>nd</sup>, 118 to 3<sup>rd</sup>, etc. All teams that receive weight credit will receive points.
- 5. Points from the Pelican Spring Classic and the Cormorant Fall Classic will be added together to determine the Classic Cup Championship standings.
- 6. In the event of ties, final placing will be determined by the greatest weight on the final day of the Cormorant Fall Classic.
- 7. Awards will be presented at the completion of the Cormorant Fall Classic.
- 8. Payouts: A minimum of 5 places will be awarded with First place guaranteed to win a WC14 Lund. Other places will be cash and or prizes. 100% of all Classic Cup Championship entry fees will be paid out plus a new boat.

# Membership Application and Renemal

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# **3rd of March.**

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