



FEBRUARY 2009

WALLEYE LINES



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

Thursday, February 19th
at El Zagal Shrine Temple
Annual Meeting and Chili Feed

Guest Speaker:

MARK CHRISTENSON

Leech Lake Guide



Professional Guide, Mark Christenson will deliver his seminar, "The Art of Rigging". He will cover how to break down a lake to get started by gathering information, easy keys to instant success and developing a pattern. He will also discuss how boat control is the key, how to use presentations for different situations, the best baits to use and share some secrets to catching big fish.

Mark has over 30 years of guiding experience on his home waters of Leech Lake, Cass Lake and Bemidji areas. Mark and his wife manage Moore's Lodge, a beautiful resort on Agency Bay of Leech

Lake where Mark offers an instructional and professional guide service. With 30 years experience as a guide, he guarantee's his clients will enjoy their fishing experience.

Mark has also fished the Professional Walleye Trail "Super Pro" circuit. Some of his tournament accomplishments include 1ST Place Aikens Lake "PWT Celebrity Shootout, Leech Lake Walleye Classic 3 Time Champion, Canadian Walleye Championship 2 Time Champion, Spirit Lake Marina (Devils Lake, ND) 2 Time Champion.

The Chili Feed begins at 6 pm.

The Annual Meeting and election of officers begins at 7 pm
followed by the Mark Christenson seminar.

— This is a MEMBERS ONLY meeting —

*New memberships and membership renewals
can be obtained at the door.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 17
Board Meeting

February 19 at
El Zagal Shrine Temple
Annual Meeting
Mark Christianson

FM Walleyes University
*"The Right Equipment
for the Right Fish"*

March 17
Board Meeting

March 19
Member Meeting
*Anglers Night with
Babe Winkelman*

FM Walleyes University
"Introduction to Electronics"

April 14
Board Meeting

April 16
Member Meeting
Ultimate Outdoors
Adventure Television:
*Kurt Schirado &
Jason Wright*

April 25 & 26
Club Outing
Waubay Lake, Webster, SD

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



President's Comments...

Dear Members

It is our Annual Meeting time again, awards will be given, elections to be held, and of course "Free Chili". Remember this is a "members only" meeting.

Our dinner dance was a success, thanks to the efforts of Tami Stillwell and her committee. Good dancing and great fellowship at this event.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your comments and questions to me this past year, and look forward to serving for our new year!

See ya at the Annual Meeting!

Steve Garten, President

FM Walleye Club Outings 2008 Final Year End Results

Adult Division

1st	Steve Hall	10 fish	16.72 lbs
2nd	Brian Fitch	8 fish	15.78 lbs
3rd	Tami Stillwell	8 fish	12.94 lbs
4th	Scott Stillwell	5 fish	11.04 lbs
5th	Helen Montplaisir	5 fish	7.28 lbs

Junior Division

1st	Brianna Fitch	12 fish	36.64 lbs
2nd	Grady Stillwell	12 fish	27.92 lbs
3rd	Derion Baker	12 fish	27.68 lbs
4th	Justin Montplaisir	10 fish	18.52 lbs
5th	Blake Meyer	8 fish	15.02 lbs

Year end awards will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

Traveling trophy to the first place winner in both divisions. Plaques to the first five places in both divisions.

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NEXT MEETINGS TO BE SPECTACULAR

March 19th - Anglers Night

Guest Speaker Babe Winkelman



KFGO, Gate City Bank, Miller Lite, Swanston Equipment and Royal Jewelers have all teamed up to bring back National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame Legendary Angler, Babe Winkelman on Thursday, March 19, 2009 at the Doublewood Inn.

Babe Winkelman is a nationally-recognized outdoorsman who loves nothing more than passing fishing and hunting traditions along to others. Over the past 25 years, his charismatic style, coupled with a strong desire to educate, have resulted in some of the most informative and entertaining shows ever produced. Whether it's Babe Winkelman's "Good Fishing" or "Outdoor Secrets," viewers can expect the finest in heart-stopping action, boatloads of fun and classic outdoor programming suitable for the entire family.



April 16th - Member Meeting

Ultimate Outdoors Adventure Television

TV Hosts, Kurt Schirado and Jason Wright will share some adventures they have had while filming their outdoor television series. They will share their expertise chasing walleyes across North Dakota.



FM Walleyes Unlimited, Inc. 2009 Schedule of Club Outings Announced

April 25 & 26

Waubay Lake, Webster, SD
time: 7:30 am to 3 pm
weigh in: Breske Bay Landing
lodging: Holiday Motel
(605) 345-3323 (800) 667-3323

May 16 - One Day Only

Lake Traverse, Browns Valley, MN
time: 7:30 am to 4 pm
weigh in: County Park, MN side

June 20 & 21

Devils Lake, Devils Lake, ND
time: 7:30 am to 3 pm
weigh in: Graham's Island State Park
lodging: camping at state park
reservations: (800) 807-4723

July 18 & 19

Star Lake, Dent, MN
time: 7:30 am to 3 pm
weigh in: Frank's Lodge/Campground access
lodging: Frank's Lodge and Campground
reservations: (218) 758-2876

August 15 & 16

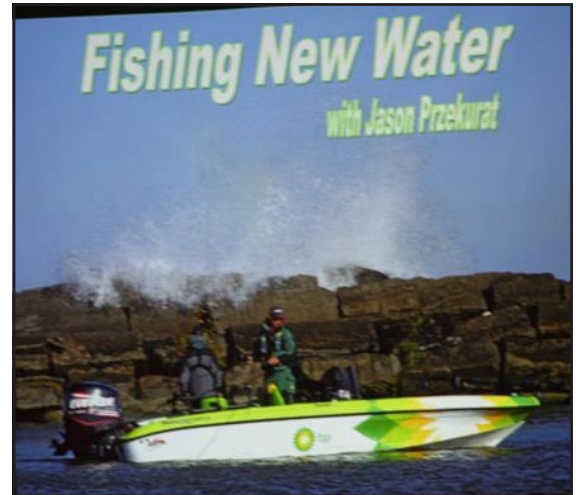
Upper Red Lake, Waskish, MN
time: 7:30 am to 3 pm
weigh in: Big Bog State Park Access
lodging: Big Bog State Park Campground
reservations: (866) 85parks
online: www.stay@mnparcs.com

Contact Steve Hall with any questions: (701) 261-4379

JANUARY MEETING RECAP:

The January 15th FM Walleyes Unlimited club meeting brought Jason Przekurat and approximately 82 club members to the Fargo Doublewood Inn on an evening where temperatures outside dipped into the -20's. Jason, a full time professional angler from Stevens Point, WI, provided a presentation entitled "Fishing New Water", which was packed with facts and practical approaches to finding fishing success whether participating in a tournament or on vacation. With his beginnings as a muskie angler in Wisconsin, Jason soon found his way to competitive walleye fishing and the challenges of fishing "new" water. Jason's four step approach to successfully decoding the secrets of "Lake Walleye" included:

1. What do you need to look for?
2. Evaluating fish locations
3. How to "read" water conditions
4. How to get them in the boat



In step one; Jason suggested examining lake maps now in January, when it's 20 below zero outside. This evaluation of the lake we will be targeting during the open water season allows us to become familiar with the lake before even getting the boat wet. If we wait until the day we arrive at the lake, we'll be certain to waste a good deal of precious fishing time. Jason recommends looking for the obvious points of interest that are recognizable on a map; structure & hazards, inlets & outlets, weed beds, submerged timber and other areas of probable fish location.

Step two takes this initial examination to the next level. Once we are on the water we will want to explore each of the locations that we identified on the map as points of interest. On the water, we will be looking for the "spot on the spot", the one place on that structure where the fish are congregating. Many times this means boating over

the area in a grid pattern, marking all essential elements with a waypoint on the GPS. This will create a "picture" and identifying the areas of special interest; inside and outside turns, changes in bottom content or weed species. When fishing a tournament, Jason's strategy is not just to find fish, but to find the spot containing the most fish and target that area.

Jason pointed out that walleyes migrate more than any other fish species except catfish. This migration creates challenges in patterning a school of fish. Water temperature is a big factor in their migration and another clue to which areas will be more productive. Other considerations shared by Jason included:

1. Areas where rocks and weeds intermingle are good areas to target
2. When fishing walleyes in flooded timber don't be afraid to "go in after them". Thick, nasty snags = big fish.
3. Fish cribs – fish over the top of the cribs. Walleyes feed up and will often hang at the tops of the cribs waiting for a meal to swim over the top.
4. Flat shorelines – fish these areas only in the wind. On calm days target structure.
5. Submerged rock piles or sunken islands – identify and fish the shelf off of the edge of the reef. This is where the fish will congregate. Position your boat down wind from the structure and cast into the wind, over the target.
6. Mud flats are summer targets. Fish them with bottom bouncers and troll the flat in a grid pattern until the areas of fish concentration are identified.



Reading water conditions, the third step in successfully fishing new waters, is an “on the fly” activity. This part of the process is one that will change from day to day or perhaps hour to hour. Jason believes that wind has the biggest effect on fish position and activity. Wind creates feeding opportunities and drives active walleyes into shallow water. Jason recommended casting into the wind, allowing the boat to drift away from the structure if we are landing a fish, leaving it undisturbed. At worst, cast parallel to the wind avoiding a drift over or into the structure that is being targeted. Water clarity is the second consideration in “reading” the water. In clear water, extra care must be given to spooking the fish, where as in stained water the presence of a boat will rarely ruin the fish catching opportunities in that spot. Lastly, sunlight can also play a factor in the success of a particular spot on any given day. Jason stated that walleyes are most active during low-light periods of time and will shy away from bright lights.



Jason’s fourth step in the process of fishing new water is choosing the right presentation for the spot and conditions. He advised that no one in the same boat should be fishing with the same lure until one of those individuals has caught at least two fish. Jason recommended plastics for jig fishing approaches. He added that when fishing with plastics they must be fished more aggressively than we would with live bait. When fishing slip bobbers, Jason recommends using orange bobbers and hi-visibility super line to allow easy identification of the rod to bobber connection. Jason also enjoys casting crank baits for walleyes. A #5 rattlin’ rap is one of his favorite lures for this approach due to its ability to fish at various depths and it’s ease of casting in windy conditions.

The evening concluded with a question/answer session where Jason explained in further detail some of the approaches that he has taken in specific situation.

YMCA Annual Indoor Ice Fishing Fund Raiser

By Ron Sahr

On Saturday January 24th the YMCA held their annual fund raiser for the YMCA Camp on Big Cormorant Lake. Over 300 tickets were sold, and five area programs provided free admission to many area children that normally could not afford to attend.

Volunteers from F-M Walleyes set up a free casting clinic open to anyone interested. Over 150 children and several adults attended.

F-M Walleyes, Inc. has been a huge supporter of this event and the YMCA Camp over the years. This year the club is proud to be able to donate \$2,000.00 to support the kids at the camp.

I’d like to thank Bob “The Candy Man” Jensen who greeted kids with a smile and free Suckers and popcorn balls at the door (He always gets the good jobs) and Ron, Robby, Brady and Tyler Sahr, Scott and Grady Stillwell, Brian Dahlin, Barry Chouinard and Chuck Deremer, who shared their casting expertise with the kids. They all helped make this event a great success.

IT WAS A VERY REWARDING DAY!!!

BOARD MEETING MINUTES-TUESDAY, January 13, 2009 @ Doublewood Inn, Fargo ND.

-Meeting was called to order @ 7pm by President Steve Garten.

Steve Meyer, absent.

-Last month's board meeting minutes to be reviewed.

-Financial Report by Barry Chouinard: Current balance is \$4,294.54. List of expenditures was given out to be reviewed. Motion to approve list was made by Don Marty, second by Gary Sauvageau. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

-Speakers, Chad Maloy. This month's speaker is Jason Przekurat. Ranger is covering the speaker fee and FM Walleyes is covering the travel expenses. For the annual meeting at El Zagal the speaker will be Mark Christianson. Lund is paying that fee. Babe Winkelman is booked for the March Angler's Night. In April we are hosting Ultimate Outdoor Adventures.

-Advertisers/Tournament Sponsors, Don Marty. Don has sent out 35 invitations to some of our past corporate sponsors of the annual dinner dance. Invoices to all sponsors and advertisers will be going out in the mail soon.

-Dinner Dance, Tami Stillwell. This year's event will be held at the El Zagal Shrine on Saturday, January 31st. MoJo Boogie Band will provide the music. Final preparations are being done. If anyone is interested in donating items, please contact Tami @ 701 367 6741. Also contact Tami or any of the board members to buy tickets (\$25 per person).

-This month's meeting. Raffles, Scott Brewer...We will be having a general raffle and also a trolling combo special raffle. If any equipment is needed for the speaker we can contact Matt Sorum.

-FM Walleyes University, Kyle Agre. The ice fishing youth class that was held prior to Anglers Night on Ice had 10 kids attend. Upcoming classes to be held in February and March. For pre-registration or to ask any questions feel free to contact Kyle @ 701 526 0262. There will also be a sign up table at the next meeting.

-Kid's rod building class. Chuck Deremer will be teaching a kid's rod building class at one of the local sports stores (location yet to be determined). This class will last between 6 to 8 hours for kids between the ages of 10-16. Pre-registration will be required, call Kyle for more details. Tentative date is Saturday, March 14th.

-Annual Meeting. Just a reminder that this is the only meeting that is for paid members only. Meeting will be @ El Zagal on Thursday, February 19, 2009. There will again be a chili feed. This year we have 2 board positions expiring. Both current board members will be re-running for their positions. If anyone is interested in joining the board or have a nomination to consider, please let the committee know (Brian Dahlin, Steve Meyer or Scott Brewer). The Club Outing trophies will be presented. There will be a general raffle and also two member prizes to be given out.

-Distinguished Member Award. Committee is the past recipients of the award. If you wish to make a nomination, please send letter to FM Walleyes or give to Ron Sahr, Gary Hasse, Bob Jensen, Mike Miller or Scott & Tami Stillwell. This year's award will be presented at our March meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

-2009 Club Outing Schedule, Steve Hall. Tentative schedule... April in Waubay, May possibly Jamestown Reservoir, June at Devils Lake, July at Star Lake and Red Lake in August.

-Y Ice Fishing Event to be held this Saturday at the Fargo Main YMCA. Contact Ron Sahr if you can volunteer to help out.

-2009 FM Walleyes Custom Rod & Reel, Scott Brewer & Kyle Agre. This year Chuck Deremer will be making the rod & reel combo for the club. We're all looking forward to seeing this one.

-2009 Committee Budgets are due at the February meeting.

ROUND TABLE:

Brian Dahlin. Matt is the new manager at Sportsman's Warehouse.

Don Marty. We need to brainstorm about new sponsorship possibilities. (Possibly boat insurance companies).

Scott Brewer. Club clothing. We have access to have our club logo put on any clothing, contact Scott for details.

Chad Maloy. Brought up the idea of tracking club member numbers, meeting attendance and checking account balance month by month and year by year to use to grow the club by having a comparison tool to follow trends.

-Motion to adjourn meeting @ 8pm by Barry Chouinard, second by Brian Dahlin. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, February 17th, 2009 @ the Doublewood, Fargo ND.

We encourage general members to attend any or all board meetings.

Respectfully submitted by Tami Stillwell, Recording Secretary.

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