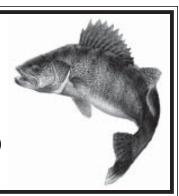
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F-M Walleyes presents

Tommy Skarlis

Doublewood Inn January 20th, 2005



Professional Angler Tommy Skarlis is one-half the brain trust at WildSide Diversified. He's a seasoned walleye angler with a deep understanding of fishing and fish behavior in general. This knowledge makes him as comfortable stalking walleyes atop wingdams as plucking panfish through a frozen hole.

As a touring professional and representative for sponsors, he excels at the spoken word. Skarlis is a



charismatic seminar speaker and welcomed guest on numerous radio and television programs. And it's fair to note that Skarlis frequently participates in kid's fishing clinics.

He and WildSide Diversified partner Chip Leer cofounded On Ice Tour (www.onicetour.com) and Fishing the WildSide (www.fishingthewildside.com).

Achievements in Tournament Fishing...

- 2004 PWT Angler of the Year
- 2004 Ranger Cup Champion
- 2004 PWT Winneconne Champion
- 2003 PWT Lake Erie Champion
- 2002 PWT Lake Erie Champion
- 2001 PWT Detroit River Champion
- Qualifier of 8 Straight PWT Championships
- Record Holder of the Heaviest tournament weight ever in a professional walleye tournament (15 fish @ 138.28lbs.)
 - Vice President of the National Professional Anglers Association
 - 1997 Masters Walleye Circuit (MWC) Team of the
 - 1995 Masters Walleye Circuit (MWC) Team of the Year runner-up
 - Over 20 Top Ten finishes in professional walleye tournaments

This seminar is free and open to the public.

January 18 **Board Meeting**

January 20

Regular Meeting Tommy Skarlis

January 22 YMCA Ice Tourney Camp Cormorant

> **January 28-30 Boat Show** Fargodome

February 15 **Board Meeting**

February 17 Anglers Night Gary Parsons at PLAYMAKERS

March 3-6 Sportsmans Show Fargodome

March 15 **Board Meeting**

March 17 **Annual Meeting** Chili Feed & Swap Meet

March 19 Dinner Dance Courtyard by Marriott

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

President's Comments

Are you looking for a New Years resolution? How about making a resolution to get more involved in your club. The Board of Directors will be looking for 3 new members to take a leadership role with your club. One position we will need to fill is that of Treasurer as Bob Jensen intends to step down after many years of dedicated service. Besides Board positions we have many jobs that need to be done and your help would be appreciated. Please talk to a Board member to see how you can pitch in. Actually, it would be nice to



Best Fishes, Chad Maloy

Openings on the Board

The following officer/board position terms will expire in February 2005.

see interested club members attend the Board meetings held the Tuesday prior to our regular meeting.

• Treasurer • 2 Board Members at Large

If you are interested in being a leader of your club, please let a member of the Board of Directors know that you are interested. Phone numbers are listed on the back of the newsletter.

FM WALLEYES FIRST ANNUAL OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT SWAP MEET

As part of our Annual Meeting on March 17th, F-M Walleyes will facilitate a swap meet for members. This event will allow our members to reserve a table and sell or swap any outdoor related equipment with the exception of firearms and ammunition. Firearms and ammunition of any kind will not be allowed. This is your chance to sell or swap those extra rods, reels, decoys, artwork, lures, tree-stand or what ever you may have that is either taking up needed space (for something new or better) or something that sparks bad feelings between you and your spouse! We want to keep this an outdoor related event so if you have an old toaster or old records better save them for your yard sale this spring. There is no charge for reserving a table. Set up starts at 5:30 and the swap meet will begin around 6:00 and end at 7:30. Due to space limitations we will have 20 tables available on a first come-first served basis.

If you would like to reserve a table please contact either Steve Goldade at 293-1350 or Russ Tweiten at 729-2940. We look forward to seeing you all on March 17th at the Doublewood.

Good Things In Stocking...

No, it's not a Christmas article... The Fergus Falls Fisheries Area 2004 fall walleye stocking information is in from the Minnesota DNR. A total of thirteen ponds were in operation this past year. Total production from the area was 6,399 pounds (104,694 fish).

F-M Walleyes sponsored four of these ponds. Total from the ponds we sponsored equated to 4,686 pounds or 73% of the total production.

If you are interested in looking at the actual data, stop by to see me at the member meeting on the 20th of January. You can also renew your membership at the same time, if you haven't done so already.

Lester

November Meeting Review by Jeremy Frie

Chip Leer. Ice Fishing – Winter's Greatest Outdoor Experience.

Chip Leer, of Walker, MN recently entertained the FM Walleyes audience on tips for the upcoming ice fishing season. Chip is known for his ice fishing talents, Fishing the Wildside (Leer, Skarlis, Smith), their Saturday morning show on Fox Sports Net, and the Walleye Classic held each spring on Leech Lake. Chip first commended the FM Walleyes group by saying "Clubs like this are priceless" when it comes to learning more about fishing.

Chip encouraged anglers to keep an open mind and don't be afraid to try something new. Ask questions and refine your techniques to improve your catch rate. While on the ice, work in a group to locate fish. Find new spots to fish. Don't just go to where the other fish houses are and expect to catch fish.

Call AT&T (attract, tease, and trigger). Try each lure in a bucket before heading out to the lake. Chip does this while watching the local NFL team each Sunday afternoon. The way things have been going, it is probably more productive than actually watching the game...

Rod grip. Pistol versus Palmer. Most use the palm method. Try the pistol grip method. This method puts less strain on the wrist and allows for a quicker hookset when jigging.

Spoons. There are many types. Keep an assortment with you and don't be afraid to switch lures. The new Buckshot Dropper spoon is one of his favorites. Instead of the hook being attached directly to the spoon, it is attached to a 2-3" piece of monofilament. This extends the lure and can increase hook ups on short biters.

New Gear.

<u>4 blade augers.</u> Allows one to drill holes at an angle. When fishing trophy fish, especially lake trout, drilling one hole at an angle inside of another hole (like a ramp) allows for greater water volume at the top and can help with landing a big fish.

Eye dropper jigs and spoons (again, with hook extended away from the spoon).

<u>Artificial bait</u>. GULP. Chip usually baits his hook with a piece of GULP on the shank and then tips it with live bait. This way, if the bait falls off, there is still artificial bait with tremendous smell still on the hook.

Airplane jigs. More realistic and there are many new colors and sizes.

<u>Underwater cameras.</u> Best learning tool developed in many years. Great entertainment and education value. If you don't own a camera or a locator, Chip recommends getting a sonar/locator first and then a camera.

Coming up...

January 20th meeting:

Tommy Skarlis will give tips on ice fishing. (Doublewood Inn)

February 17th meeting:

Gary Parsons (Playmakers Pavillion)

Don't Miss Out!!!

Annual Meeting • Chili Feed • Swap Meet

March 17th, 2005 \Rightarrow Members Only \Leftarrow

FM Walleyes Board Minutes -- November 16, 2004

November 16th meeting called to order on, by Bob Jenson at 7:04 p.m. at the Doublewood Inn, Fargo, ND.

Members Present: Bob Jensen, Russ Tweiten, Lester Sjoblom, Tim Amble, Steve Goldade, Lynn Johnson, Steve Hall.

Treasurer's report: Bob Jenson -- balance of \$5572.52 in our account with outstanding contributions of \$3000 to the Boy Scouts of America and \$1000 to the YMCA Camp Cormorant.

Motion to approve October Board Meeting minutes by Tim Amble, seconded by Steve Goldade.

Old Business:

- Dinner Dance: It was decided that the Dinner Dance is a go. Dana at the Courtyard by Marriott has us projected for the 19th of February, 2005.
- Bylaw committee update: In progress. Jeremy will head.

New Business:

- Playmakers has agreed to host the February Membership Meeting with Gary Parsons at no charge.
- NDSFC website overloaded... tabled discussion to pay extra \$120 to upgrade until April 2005.
- YMCA Ice Fishing Tourney will be held January 22nd. A signup list will be at the November Membership Meeting. Motion by Steve Hall to spend up to \$1000 to buy 75 ice rod & reel combos & line for use at this years tournament. Fishing gear will be stored to be used for future ice fishing tournament. Seconded by Lynn Johnson.
- March Annual Meeting Ideas: Awards, Chili, Distinguished Member and FMWU member swap meet.
- Still need board of director nominees. Nominating Committee for board of directors consists of Chad Maloy, Lester Sjoblom, Steve Hall, Tim Amble with Jeremy Frie heading the committee.
- Still distinguished member nominees. Nomination forms will go out in the January Walleye Lines.
- Calendar Raffle. Bruce Bokinskie has agreed to run it again. He has stubs from '04 and will work on a direct mail option for raffle ticket sales.
- Attendance prizes for the upcoming meetings was ordered by Chad Maloy at the price of \$478.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting by Tim Amble at 7:45, seconded by Lynn Johnson.

Lester Sjoblom, Reporting

F-M Walleyes Board Minutes -- December 14th, 2004

December 14, 2004 Doublewood Inn, Fargo, ND

President Chad Maloy called meeting to order at 7:04 pm

Members present: Chad Maloy, Bruce Nereson, Lynn Johnson, Steve Hall, Steve Meyer, Bob Jensen, Steve Goldade, Dennis Flom, Lester Sjoblom and Ron Sahr.

Treasurer Bob Jensen reported our checking balance at \$5405.52

Old Business

Dinner Dance discussion with date set of March 19, 2005 Courtyard by Marriott, Moorhead, MN. All contracts completed, raffle and prizes on track.

New Business

Distinguished Member committee reported award will be given at March meeting

Pelican Tournament discussion reported all necessary reservations have been made. Motion by Steve Meyer, second by Lester Sjoblom to keep payouts and places the same..motion past.

YMCA Ice Fishing outing for January 22, 2005. Ron Sahr reported he has enough volunteers.

Chad reported on January meeting and all okay for Tommy Skarils, all okay for February Anglers Night with Gary Parsons.

Steve Goldade reported on a swap meet at the Annual Meeting. Details to follow.

Motion by Lynn Johnson, second by Steve Meyer to give \$100 to Missouri River system request..motion passed.

Six terms up for board of Directors in 2005..discussion followed with Meyer, Nereson , Flom and Johnson okay to run again with Goldade and Jensen undecided.

Maloy reported Calendar Raffle permit and raffle tickets ordered.

Motion by Lynn Johnson, second by Steve Meyer to adjourn at 7:55 pm.

Bruce Nereson, Reporting

Learning is a Life Long Endeavor By Jason Mitchell



The author, Jason Mitchell
makes a living guiding
anglers from all over the
country on Devils Lake, North
Dakota.
More information can be
found at
www.perchpatrol.com

The beauty of fishing is that there is always something to learn. The learning or "discovery" is perhaps fishing's secret to addicting so many people. When we look at the big scope of fishing, it becomes pretty obvious that everyone knows something. Everybody is an expert at something if they spend anytime outside. Take a look at ice fishing for example. There are people who are really comfortable fishing with tip ups for example catching walleye on a certain river at certain times of the year. There are other anglers who are very comfortable site fishing for blue gills on a particular lake. The list of species and tactics when we just talk about ice fishing is endless. Look around, people who spend a lot of time ice fishing are a dime a dozen and everybody knows something, everybody has that comfort zone where they feel like they are the experts.

Sooner or later however, your curiosity comes to a dead end if you pigeon hole yourself to your "comfort zone." One of the most enjoyable aspects of ice fishing for me is learning new tactics, figuring out new fish, learning new lakes, etc. The more experiences we can draw from, the better prepared we are. When it comes to learning, I am at a disadvantage in a way because I am "pigeon holed" to one lake all winter, Devils Lake North Dakota where I am on the staff of the Perch Patrol Guide Service. Even though I am tied to one lake making a living (I am not complaining... Devils Lake is a great place to be tied) There is so much of the lake to learn and the lake is always changing so in a sense, we are fishing a new lake each winter. While most of our time is spent chasing perch, we do mix things up with walleye and pike to keep the winters interesting. The real advantage to being a guide however isn't being on the water everyday, it's the huge variety of approaches and tactics that the clients bring to the table.

If I had more time, I could travel to every frozen lake in the country and fish with anglers that are adept at catching fish on those lakes. What happens to me is the reverse but the effects are just the same. I get people who come from all over the country with many different fishing styles. My Fish Trap literally becomes a melting pot for ideas on how to catch fish from just about every corner of the ice belt. I get hand liners from the East, I get to see their rods, watch them apply what they know while they try and incorporate my input into their game plan. The next crew might be a bunch of die hard cheese heads who just use tip ups on the lakes they fish back home and a few more tricks are picked up on tip ups. Every state, every region has something to offer. Some unique little wrinkle. Some places, people kink the line for a strike indicator, other places insist on spring bobbers. We can always tell the guys who are from Minnesota because do that thing called the "pound." When we do get away to fish Minnesota or beyond, they know who we are and where we are from because we fish out of our pickups and have all of our electronics mounted on the dashes. You know somebody is from Wisconsin when their ice fishing jacket, bibs and hat is all blaze orange, they have a bucket full of rods with the big Swiss reels and they keep asking you if you ever use "wigglers."

All jokes aside, that is what I love about guiding. I get to meet people from all over the country who love to ice fish. Whether they are a beginner or expert, they all bring something to the table. Some little wrinkle or tip that evolved to catch fish where they live and can be applied to catch fish where I live. Besides getting humbled and looking like a total idiot, there are some good reasons to watch, listen and learn from other anglers no matter how much we think we know already. There aren't enough days in the winter to try and learn everything ourselves and other anglers who have much different strengths or areas of expertise force us out of that hideous "comfort zone" I referred to at the beginning of this article. People who can't see past their own little world are indeed experts of that little world but there is much more to be had. So many more fish, so much more to learn. Pity the pour souls who do not agree for they are so ignorant they might come off as arrogant.

I must admit however that there is one place I won't go, a dark and gloomy place. Do you know what a crappie rig is? This contraption has wire arms in which three or more mono leaders spread out from the main line. Each leader has a hook. The bottom of this rig usually has a big bell sinker for getting to the bottom fast and three to five hooks. A minnow is attached to each hook. I cringe when I see these setups. I hate them, I don't want to learn about them, call me the ignorant soul who comes off as arrogant for not recognizing the joy of reeling in three fish at once. I don't care. You don't feel much of a bite because no perch in Devils Lake is big enough to move a three-ounce bell sinker stuck in the muck so you just check the rig from time to time and sometimes, a real hungry fish swallowed the hook. Even with the crappie rig, however, there must be a time and place for them somewhere, perhaps the Great Lakes where depth and current make conventional tackle worthless.

Always something to learn and either going somewhere else, or fishing with somebody from somewhere else is as good as it gets for learning something new. There is that saying, "when in Rome, do as the Romans do." That's a good point, just remember to try what the Romans do when you get back home. This melting pot mentality is exactly why I believe the Ice Team Trap Attacks have gotten so popular over the past few years. Granted, people are fishing for money and sure, there are always some egos. But there is a larger intangible reason why people will travel so far. Let's get real, the chances of winning aren't real good. There are plenty of damn good fishermen at each event. Somebody is going to win but there is something more to the events. People are coming from all corners of the ice belt because they want to see how other anglers fish. If you don't sight fish where you live for example, you might find yourself talking to and watching sight fishermen. There are people who are adept at finding fish in weeds, others anglers excel at finding fish suspended over open water. Other anglers might be skilled with picking out fish in the mud by using a Vexilar, for example. Everybody has that little niche, something to offer, some little experience that is unique. Everybody has their equipment set up a little differently; Fish Traps are customized for different styles of fishing. The flame gets hot, the kettle gets stirred and the brew starts to boil. Every angler is a different ingredient. What's most important is that every angler comes home with new ideas. The wheels start to turn again. Everybody learns

Dave Genz started Ice Team's Trap Attacks several years ago. These events are



one of the best places to learn more about ice fishing.

something. If you really like to ice fish, learning something new is the catalyst for really enjoying every second on the ice. This why I enjoy guiding as much as I do and exactly why Ice Team and the Trap Attacks have attracted such a following of die hard ice anglers.

Editors Note: More information on Ice Team and the Trap Attacks can be found at www.iceteam.com. The author, Jason Mitchell is a member of the Perch Patrol Guide Service on Devils Lake, North Dakota. The Perch Patrol can be reached by calling 701-351-3474 or on the web at http://www.perchpatrol.com.



Learning something new is what makes ice fishing interesting.

Pictured is a customer of Devils Lake's Perch Patrol with some huge perch.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

YMCA Ice Fishing Tournament Cormorant Lake

January 22nd, 2004
Entry Fees: \$5.00 Youth
\$10.00 Adults

(Kids like fishing, too.)

The Annual Dinner Dance
will be held Saturday,
March 19th at the Courtyard by
Marriott in Moorhead.

Please call Chad Maloy at 293-2491 or Ron Sahr at 293-1918 to reserve your tickets.

DINNER DANCE DONATIONS NEEDED

Each year we hold our Dinner Dance as a way to break up the winter an have a fun night out with our friends. The 2005 Dinner Dance is being held at the Courtyard by Marriott in Moorhead on March 19th. 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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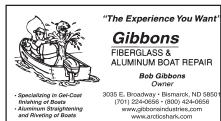


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