

January 19th, 2006 Pro Fishing Guide - Tom Neustrom

Tom Neustrom began his 27 year career as a fishing guide on Lake Geneva in southern Wisconsin. Since that time he has focused his attention on walleye fishing but guides frequently and successfully for all species of fish.

Recognized by In-Fisherman, Northern American Fishing Club and Fishing Facts Magazine as one of the top walleye fishing guides in the country,

Tom spends the majority of his time during open water season on the lake doing guided trips. Off of the water, much of his time is spent doing seminars in an effort to pass his knowledge and expertise on to others.

Reflective of his commitment to the long-term future of sport fishing, he is proud to partner with the DNR in an effort to preserve Minnesota's game fish for generations to come. He is a member of the DNR Fishing Round Table and has recently been appointed to the Red Lake Advisory Committee. This committee will play a crucial role in the angling future and harvest of the Red Lake walleye fishery. In 2001 he was a member of the DNR Fisheries Bag Limit Committee which researched the implementation of new bag limits on several species of game fish. It was the first time the public was allowed to have input on bag limits and Tom was pleased to lend his years of experience and knowledge of fishing to the process.

Since 1992 he has hosted a radio show "Guides Corner" on KMFY-FM in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. It is a forum that allows Tom to reach a large audience and provide anglers with current fishing reports and strategies to catch "the big one."

Tom Neustrom has made a career of the sport he loves through dedication to learning new techniques, his willingness to share his

knowledge and his commitment to conservation. He believes that by giving his time and his expertise back to the sport which has given him so much he can impact the future of angling in Minnesota for generations to come.



Join us on Thursday, January 19th, 2006 at the Doublewood Inn of Fargo. Doors open at 6:30 pm, meeting starts at 7 pm.

This event is free and open to the public.



January 17 Board Meeting

January 19 General Member Meeting *Tom Neustrom*

January 21 YMCA Ice Tourney CANCELLED Look for details in the Forum

> January 27 - 29 RRV Boat & Marine Products Show @ Fargodome

> > 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 25 Dinner Dance * EL ZAGEL SHRINE *

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



President's Comments...

Happy New Year everyone,

This is the time of year we have lots going on. The January speaker comes very highly regarded and should put on a good show. February we have the annual meeting and chili feed and swap meet. I hope you are all getting your gear dusted off and shined up for the swap meet. I know last year I made over \$200 selling equipment I did not use anymore. I also spent \$100 on some good used stuff. Call Jeremy Frie at 701-28-2146 to reserve space. March is Anglers Night and the Dinner Dance. Please review the calendar of events and plan accordingly. Best Fishes!

Chad Maloy, President

Swap Meet at Annual Meeting

Contact Jeremy Frie at 238-2146 to reserve space and make big bucks by selling your used outdoor equipment. No guns or ammo are allowed.



Benefit for Wayne Braunberger

Spaghetti Dinner, Silent Auction, Bake Sale and Raffle

- Date: February 11, 2006
- Time: 3:00 7:00 p.m.
- Place: T.R.S. Industries, Inc. 4119 14th Ave. NW, Fargo Northside Industrial Park

Wayne has been diagnosed with Kidney Cancer and is recovering from the removal of one kidney and a large tumor. He has started treatments for the remaining cancer that has spread to his lungs.

Wayne has been a great influence to this community for many years.

There is a free will donation for the spaghetti dinner.

For more information you can call Duane Peterson at 701-371-6229 or 800-246-1749. Proceeds are being matched by Modern Woodmen of America, Camp 17312. Donations can be sent to US Bank.



Hoeven Names Steinwand Director

BISMARCK, N.D. - Gov. John Hoeven named Terry Steinwand the new director of the North Dakota Game and Fish Department effective January 1. Steinwand's salary will be \$85,000 a year.

"Terry brings two decades of experience to the director's position, as well as the respect of colleagues and the public," Hoeven said. "Not only has he helped to build world-class fisheries in North Dakota, but he has also helped us to meet challenges like drought on the Missouri River and completion of an outlet from Devils Lake. He'll bring that same great experience and love of North Dakota's fish and game to his job as director."

Retiring Director Dean Hildebrand said: "I am extremely pleased that Terry Steinwand was named the new director of the North Dakota Game and Fish Department. Terry has a wealth of knowledge and experience with hunting and fishing. He is recognized by his peers for his scientific work to improve freshwater habitat and fishing in our state. His leadership ability will be a genuine asset to the North Dakota Game and Fish Department and the people of our great state."

Steinwand is a twenty-two year veteran of the department, where he began in 1982 as a fisheries biologist for the Garrison Diversion. In 1989, he was named Fisheries Division Chief, and was responsible for the supervision of 22 full-time employees and administered programs for fisheries production, management, research, development and aquatic habitat. He has worked closely with the public, the federal government and the Legislature concerning Game and Fish Department issues.

He has a Bachelor's Degree in Fish and Wildlife Management and a Master's Degree in biology from the University of North Dakota. He received the Director's Award for Professional Excellence in 1987 and a Project Wild Certificate of Recognition in 1990.

"I would also like to thank retiring director Dean Hildebrand, who has left a living legacy for generations to come in the form of North Dakota's great outdoors," Hoeven said. "Under Dean's stewardship of the PLOTS program, we've reached more than 830,000 acres toward our goal of building

1 million acres of quality habitat in North Dakota. We're continuing to build that in both quality and quantity. That is something we can pass on to our children with great pride."

Hoeven said he gave incoming Director Steinwand the same objectives he did Hildebrand when he appointed him. "Build the resource – more game and fish and more quality habitat; balance all interests fairly; and communicate - get input from everyone," Hoeven said.

FM Walleye Club Outings and Year End Update

Our last outing was held on Clitherall lake on the 20th and 21st of August.

Junior Division	Adult	Division	
1st Matthew Kimball, 8.1	14 lbs. 1 st Br	ian Fitch, 5.54 lbs.	
2 nd Brianna Fitch 7.76 II	os. 2 nd D	an Kaup 2.78 lbs.	
3 rd Nikki Hall 4.44 lbs.		uy Kimball 1.76 lbs.	
Year End			
<u>Junior Division</u>	<u>Number of Fish</u>	<u>Total Weight (lbs)</u>	
1. Matthew Kimball	12	29.04	
2. Grady Stillwell	12	22.16	
3. Nikki Hall	12	18.38	
4. Justin Montplaisir	11	16.98	
5. Matt Quiggle	8	8.92	
Adult Division	<u>Number of Fish</u>	Total Weight (lbs)	
1. Guy Kimball	8	13.46	
2. Dan Kaup	7	9.98	
3. Delphine Marty	8	9.06	
4. Don Marty	6	8.96	
5. Sharon Kaup	7	8.30	
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All of the year end trophies and $1^{st}-5^{th}$ plaques will be			
distributed at	t our annual meeting	in February.	
If you have any questions please call:			
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<u>Steve Hall</u> Home: 218 233-7011 Work: 701 237-0435 Cell: 701 261-4379	<u>Scott Stillwell</u> Home: 218 236-9001 Cell: 701 361-1682	Clothing committee: Frie will head up. Advertising committee: Maloy will head up. Motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm by Sjoblom, second by
Cell: 701 261-4379		Johnson.

FM Walleyes Board Meeting November 15, 2005 Meeting called to order by Chad Maloy at 7:00 pm. Members present: Chad Maloy, Jeremy Frie, Barry Chouinard, Steve Hall, Lynn Johnson, Lester Sjoblom. Motion by Frie, second by Johnson to approve October's minutes. Motion passed. Treasurer's report: Barry reported a balance of \$10,160.37. **Old Business:** Gary Barnard (MN DNR-Bemidji), and Al Otto (Upper Red

Lake Assn) will present at Thursday's meeting. A room will be billed to the club for Al. Attendance and door prizes for Nov mtg: \$200 + combo

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Jumbo Panfish - The Devils In the Details By Jaron Mitchell

Finding and catching jumbo panfish can be a challenge, even on lakes where a good population of big fish exists. Ironically, the healthiest jumbo panfish Mecca's are often bodies of water where catching these fish does indeed challenge the ice angler, demanding the right combination of mobility and finesse.

The healthiest fisheries are often environments where fish are well fed, have places to hide and stay alive long enough to reach trophy status. Healthy jumbo panfish fisheries are getting harder to come by all the time. Just not as many places anymore where perch can enjoy an abundant food supply and live long enough to awe you at the bottom of the hole.

Many trophy panfish anglers are starting to realize that some of the most consistent fishing for truly impressive perch often takes place on large bodies of water. That isn't to say that small bodies of water can't grow big panfish because they do... just that when big panfish are discovered on small water, they become more susceptible to over

harvest and fishing pressure. Thousands of acres of ice can often intimidate anglers but size also acts as a buffer against fishing pressure. There is no doubt in this day and age that some of the largest populations of truly large panfish indeed swim the untapped basins of large lakes that host strong forage bases.

While big water with ample food can be the ingredients where old humpbacked panfish can flourish, this environment can also be a double-edged sword. Perhaps nowhere is this double-edged sword more apparent than North Dakota's famous perch fishery, Devils Lake.

Devils Lake is a massive body of water, sprawling for more than 125,000 acres. The lake has a notorious reputation for growing jumbo perch that take the shape of a barrel. These fish grow to impressive sizes because they have so much water to hide from anglers and because these fish feast on a never-ending forage base of freshwater shrimp. What a great situation for a fish, being able to hide from anglers and never having to deal with hunger pains. The places that grow jumbo perch often present a challenging situation for the angler.

While genuine jumbos are at times aggressive and easy to catch, more often than not, finesse is needed to coax these fish to eat. Remember that environments capable of growing truly large perch are often the same environments where fish seldom have to compete aggressively against each other and the food supply is unlimited.

Big baits and aggressive presentations don't necessarily mean big perch. Savvy anglers must often switch combinations and rely on finesse to be successful.

CALLING ALL PERCH

Successful anglers find fish with the help of electronics. Vexilar's FL-8 or FL-18 are both excellent tools for locating perch. When searching for perch on deep mud basins, the zoom mode and bottom separation features on the FL-18 are invaluable. Your electronics are your eyes underwater.

On big water, finding perch often starts with a lure that will attract and draw fish in from a distance. Working a small spoon like a Frostee Spoon or Lindy Rattler aggressively will let you know if there are any fish in the vicinity. Some fish in the school might indeed be aggressive and an angler can do quite well aggressively working one lure. A small spoon tipped with either; maggots, wax worms or a minnow head is a time honored presentation that works well for aggressive perch. So often however with temperamental fish, an aggressive presentation might indeed find fish and pull wandering fish into the cone angle of your Vexilar but something subtler is needed to trigger a bite. Call fish over to you with a flashy presentation like a spoon than make the switch to something smaller or subtler when needed. Again, your electronics let you know when fish are found and how they are responding to your presentation.

DOWNSIZING TO UP-SIZE YOUR CATCH

Tiny horizontal jigs might be poor lures for finding fish in the regard that they do not emit much flash or water displacement but these same morsels can be deadly for triggering perch that need to be coaxed. When perch refuse to hit a spoon, downsizing to micro jigs like; Fat Boys or Genz Worms can often mean the difference between



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catching fish and just watching fish on the electronics. For really fussy fish, successful perch anglers often use two-pound low stretch monofilament for detecting these fish. Spring bobbers can also be a huge advantage for sensing an often-subtle strike. If you are getting the hits, downsize until you start to catch fish. One of the deadliest triggers for perch without an appetite is simply holding something small perfectly still in front of the fish and waiting. This hold-still mode will only be effective however if your jig can hang perfectly still without spinning from line twist. Run your fingers down the line repeatedly to get rid of the twist. Watch your jig in the hole, if the jig is spinning, you are not going to catch many fish.

COMBINING THE ELEMENTS

Overfed perch can be temperamental and a good way to combat this temperament is to combine the elements each presentation offers. Successful anglers often switch back and forth between two or more rods rigged with different presentations. Besides switching rods, anglers often combine the strengths of different presentations into one lure by making a dropper rig. The Dropper rigs are extremely popular in perch circles for the simple reason that they drop through the water fast, can attract fish from a distance but offer something easy and small down below for a fussy perch to eat.

WAITING OUT THE BITE

So often, mobility becomes a catch phrase in today's ice fishing circles. Anglers can often cripple their success however if they focus on moving so much that they move right past finicky fish. Don't be so quick to leave areas where fish are showing up on the electronics but refuse to bite. If these finicky fish are the right size, there are advantages to staying put and waiting out the bite. Well-fed jumbo perch often binge feed, turning on and off like a light switch. At other times, experimenting with different presentations can entice reluctant fish to bite. When facing perch that don't ever have to work for a meal, accept the fact that the bite might indeed be light and the fish probably won't be aggressive. Fish accordingly.

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

Lakes capable of growing true jumbo perch are all unique. Many of the characteristics of a lake that are essential (for nurturing bragging size perch) are often disadvantageous for the angler. The key to consistently catching big perch is to fish bodies of water that hold big perch and recognize why these fisheries grow trophy fish. When you can recognize the traits inherit to these fisheries, adapt accordingly and you are on to jumbo road.

True jumbo perch are highly regarded by ice anglers. Ice angling for perch continues to flourish and increase in popularity. Few fish are better eating or offer as much excitement. The big perch game might not always be a numbers game where the action is as fast as you might find in a fishery full of stunted five-inch fish. The trade off is well worthwhile however for anglers who really enjoy and appreciate big panfish.

Editor's note: The author, Jason Mitchell is a professional ice angler on the staff of Devils Lake's famed Perch Patrol Guide Service. The Perch Patrol can be reached by calling 701-DL1-FISH.





Horizontal jigs like Genz Worms and Fat Boys are much more effective if you can slightly bob or hold the jig in front of finicky fish without the jig spinning because of line twist.

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WALLEYE LINES

Bob Jensen Newest Member of Distinguished Member Committee

This comes a bit late, with Bob being voted in as the Distinguished Member and receiving his recognition this past year. The committee is currently going over applications for the next Distinguished Member. If you haven't gotten your nomination in, you can download a form from our website.



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passed.

Treasurer's report: Barry reports a balance of \$10,150.87.

Old Business:

January meeting: motion by Steve, 2nd by Lester to spend \$250 for Raffle prizes, passed.

February meeting is Annual meeting with Swap meet, Steve Hall in charge of table reservations for swap meet.

Lester will send invitations to all our sponsors to invite them to our Chili feed in February.

Board reviewed update from Nominating Committee: no changes still looking for candidates. Anyone interested please contact the board.

YMCA Ice Tourney: Ron Sahr is in charge, need 15-20 volunteers, anyone interested please contact Ron Sahr to help out this great program..

Motion made By Lester to remove the limit of 85 teams on the Cormorant Classic Tourney. Second by Lynn, motion passed.

Discussion to use 2 Lund boats for Classic Cup prizes, tabled until next meeting.

New Business:

Motion by Lester to drop the annual Calendar raffles, 2nd by Eric, motion passed.

Membership renewals available at next meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 8:28, second by Lester, motion passed.

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Membership Application and Renewal

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