



WALLEYE LINES



JANUARY 2007

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

Thursday, January 18th

Doublewood Inn • Fargo

Fishing the Extremes with

Jimmy Bell

Join FM Walleyes Unlimited, Inc on January 18 at 7:00 PM when Ranger Professional fisherman Jimmy Bell will share his experience fishing Walleyes in the shallowest of waters, and also the deepest of waters. Bell's fishing seminar will be held at the Doublewood Inn, Fargo, ND.

Jimmy Bell has been a Professional Angler on the Walleye Tour since 1994 when he began his career. In 1994 he was chosen as Professional Rookie of the Year and that performance has continued. Since then he has garnered three Tournament wins, one on Lake Sakakawea, and two on the Mississippi River. In 1999 he was Angler of the Year and he has over \$300,000 in tournament wins. Jimmy was qualified for seven FLW, RCL, PWT and NAWA Championships, and has also cashed checks in 44 of his past 52 Professional events. Jimmy is known as a family fisherman and fishes both Professional Walleye and Bass events.

Bells presentation is open to the public with no admission. Thanks goes out to Ranger Boats for sponsoring FMWU's January speaker. A Ranger Boats coat will be given away, compliments of Ranger.

Join us on January 18th at the Doublewood Inn for an entertaining evening with Jimmy Bell. The doors open at 6:30 and the presentation starts at 7 PM. Free and open to the public.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 16
Board Meeting

January 18
Regular Meeting
Jimmy Bell

January 20
YMCA Ice Tournament,
Camp Cormorant

January 26-28
Boat Show-Fargodome

February 13
Board Meeting

February 15
Annual Meeting, Chili Feed,
Backer-Randash at the Shrine

March 2-5
Sportsmen Show-Fargodome

March 13
Board Meeting

March 15
Regular Meeting
*Bob Jensen - Fishing the
Midwest*

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



President's Comments...

Dear Members,

Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed the holidays and have had a chance to get out on the ice.

I want to take some time to thank a few key people who have put in lots of time and energy to make your club successful.

Barry Chouinard has spent many hours organizing the Classic Tournaments, helping organize programs, keeping the books balanced and many other chores.

Lester Sjoblom put in long hours on the Newsletter and helping run the Classic Tournaments.

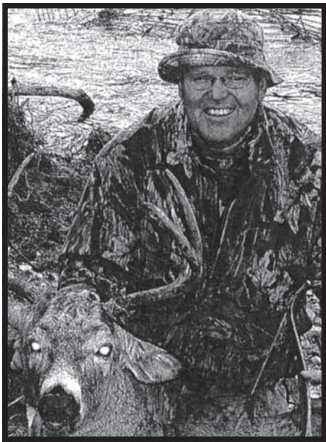
Steve Hall and Scott & Tammy Stillwell put in many hours organizing and hosting the club tournaments.

These members also put in time to volunteer for most other club activities as well. Please take the time to thank them for all their hard work. It is because of members like these that we have such a fun club.

Please keep in mind that Ron Sahr is looking for volunteers during the YMCA Ice Fishing tournament on Saturday, January 20th. Please call Ron at the shop at 293-1918 if you can help drill holes and help kids catch fish. Also, February will be our annual meeting and there will be a few openings on the Board of Directors. If you are interested please let a Board member know.

Best Fishes,

Chad Maloy, President



Bill Carr Benefit January 13th - Mainline Bar, Downer, MN

Bill Carr was recently injured in a vehicle accident. A benefit is being held at the Mainline Bar, Downer, MN to help raise funds to pay for his medical expenses.

A Chili Feed and Silent Auction are being held on Saturday, January 13th from Noon to 4pm. Prizes include a Benelli 12-Gauge Shotgun, 6 G-Loomis/Shimano combos, Lakes Sport Shop gift certificate. Bill has fished many of our tournaments so please consider helping his family out during their time of need.

Donations can also be made to:

The William Carr Benefit • Wells Fargo Bank • 406 Main Avenue, Fargo, ND 58103

Our Condolences...

*go out to the family of Jack Weaver
who passed away recently.*

*Jack was a long-time member of our club and was instrumental
in delivering our newsletter to local sporting-goods stores.*

Our prayers are with you.



MEMBERS CAUGHT *by Steve Garten*

Our "Get Well" wishes and prayers go out to Steve Garten for a speedy recovery. At the time this issue of the Walleye Lines is under way, he is recovering from bypass surgery at MeritCare. More on pg.6

Looking back at prior Walleye Lines Issues, some of the most interesting and enjoyable articles were: Fishing Personalities by Jack Fuller. I thought that something like this should be re-visited, but with a new focus. (Jack did a superb job, and I do not want to try and copy) So **"introducing ourselves"**, will be my theme. Speaking for myself, I see many fellow club members at our regular meetings, but can not put a name with the face. I know I am missing opportunities to know Great People. My goal is to feature a fellow club member each month, along with a photo. This month's **MEMBERS CAUGHT** will be Barry Chouinard; mainly I know him and know that he is a good sport to be in the first issue. I plan on calling either by phone or in person a different member each month and hope you the readers will enjoy the articles and most importantly get to meet your fellow members.



Barry has been a club member since 1990. His spouse is Karen. Their home is in Moorhead, MN. Barry is currently serving as our club's treasurer, and also has a co-chair for our Pelican and Cormorant tournaments. His real job is with Magnum Trucking as a special projects manager.

Here are Barry's answers to my monthly questions.

If you had to choose, what was your best walleye fishing experience? *"It's really hard to choose just one; there are so many great times, in so many different ways. Pine Falls, Devils Lake, our Club Outings, Mobridge???* The common thread is an enjoyable day on the water with friends. I'll choose a day on Lida with my 80+ Father in-law. It was a much less than spectacular bite that day, but a beautiful day to be fishing when Bob looked at me and said – 'Ya know Barry, I wonder what the poor people are doing today?' Every day with Bob is special."

Who, if you had to choose had the most influence on your walleye fishing? *"Tom Backer. I believe he understands the fish better than most I have fished with. Tom introduced me to FM Walleyes. He doesn't necessarily give up all his secrets, but I've learned a lot by really observing him carefully, and he will always answer a question. Tom's impressed me with how quickly he senses a change in the environment and how to change our presentation accordingly."*

What is your favorite walleye tactic? *Trolling. But more than any one presentation, my biggest goal is to be versatile and skilled at all presentations. Being versatile does make for a pretty heavy tackle box. Recently, I've come to believe the best presentation is often the fastest presentation that produces fish. I need to learn more about fishing points and river systems."*

Funniest experience fishing? *"I was with a couple friends in one of the first boats we fished out of, a 12ft resort boat with an 18hp pull start Evinrude. We knew we were running a little low on fuel, and stayed until we thought we had just enough gas to get back to the landing. After going about 200 feet, the motor started to run out of gas. So one friend held the gas tank and tried to tilt it so the pickup tube would get every last drop out of the tank. I pumped the primer bulb, and another pulled the rewind on the motor. The motor would fire, and we would make it another 50 feet, and then do it again, and again, and again, all against the wind. We finally made it to the landing, well after dark. We were like the three stooges that day – and a few other days as well!"*

I first met Barry not at a club meeting or outing, but at a Walleye Central get together in September 2003. I was impressed with his easy going attitude and willingness to share. My first trip to Pine Falls was with Barry that October, and he introduced me to pulling cranks. I was really impressed with his patience with this "pulling crank" rookie. Since then he has taught me the fine art of dead sticking using jigs. He has been a true friend, ever since! Barry likes to catch walleyes, but he really likes going to new waters and trying new patterns. He is also very good at boat rigging, and knowledgeable about boat maintenance.

Thanks Barry, and to my fellow members, I ask..." Are you ready to get **CAUGHT**?"

Meeting Review:**Dave Genz - Ice Fishing Legend - November 30th, 2006***by Chris Augustine*

Dave Genz, Ice Fishing legend gave an awesome presentation at the Double Wood with more than 200 in attendance. Dave went through the Ice Team's Winter Fishing System. The components to the Winter Fishing System are made up of *Plan of Attack, Mobility, Drilling and Checking, and Catch 'Em*.

Plan of Attack is the process you go through when figuring where and how you are going to fish a body of water. Dave spends lots of time in the summer studying structures for winter fishing and looking at maps the night before an excursion. Some areas Dave targets are northwest areas because they are the warmest. Flats with weed patches and fast breaks into deep water are also good spots to check out.

Mobility is key. During the summer people move easily on the water it should be no different in the winter. Dave uses A.T.V. or snowmobile for pulling and hauling his gear and fast setting icehouses.

Dave drills many holes during the day. He likes to drill holes in a zigzag pattern instead of straight lines. He feels the zigzags can tell you more about what is underneath you when dissecting a chunk of structure. Dave is also an advocates two horsepower augers. They drill about as fast as bigger augers, but are much lighter. Dave usually fishes with people and they work together as a team. Taking turns drilling, checking for fish, or using different presentations with more than yourself can increase your success.

Dave moves hole to hole looking for active fish. Be sure to use light enough line to prevent kinks in line, while using small jigs. Balancing rod and reels are also important. Dave likes to test rods in the store before a purchase. While jigging the rod should move up and down; not sideways. When baiting lures with grubs, "glob lures" to add bulk, scent, and movement. Bouncing lures on a lake's bottom simulates burrowing insects.

Afterwards Dave stuck around to answer questions. He also brought a bunch of gear for people to play with and test out.

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or

Go to www.ndsportfishingcongress.orgClick on **Membership**Click on **Associate Clubs & Delegates**Page down and select **FM Walleyes****BOOKMARK THIS PAGE!****LEADERS NEEDED**

Please take the time to congratulate and thank those individuals who have volunteered to serve in leadership positions of your club and those who have volunteered to work at different club functions. These volunteers take time out of their busy schedules to serve on behalf of your club. In return they receive a sense of pride and satisfaction, build friendships and have fun.

Your fishing club is very well known all across the Midwest. Our past leaders have done an excellent job in laying the foundation for our future. We need future leaders to help carry on that tradition. With over 250 members we have a great pool of talent to choose from. We ask that you consider a future in helping your club continue to be successful.

If you would like to volunteer your time, skills and knowledge please contact me at chadmaloy@gatecitybank.com or you can call me directly at 701-293-2491 at work. Volunteers will be needed to fill Board positions, help sell advertising, plan & organize tournaments, help with the newsletter, and may other items.

FM WALLEYES DISTINGUISHED MEMBER AWARD

NOMINATION FORM

Return to a Committee Member

(Ron Sahr, Bob Jensen, Steve Goldade, Don Marty or Barry Chouinard)

or mail to:

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so it is received by February 13th, 2007.

Award Objectives:

- For extraordinary contributions toward achievement of the goals and objectives of the club.
- To further the fishing education and enjoyment of the membership.
- To purpose the growth of the membership.
- To advance the importance of resource conservation and to encourage involvement in club activities by all members and their families.

This award to be presented annually to the one member who best displays the ability to unselfishly work toward the club goals in a spirit embodied by the membership of FM Walleyes.

To nominate a person please write as much information as you can about the nominee.

All nominations will be reviewed by the Board of Directors. All information will be kept in confidence by the Board.

Nominee Information: (Attach additional sheets if needed)

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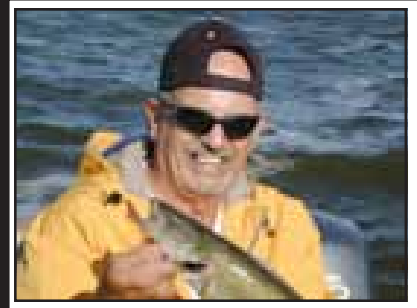
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Steven and Emily Garten
2909 Edgemont St N
Fargo, ND 58102

“YMCA Ice Tournament”

January, 20th • YMCA Camp Cormorant

We will be in need of a Drill Team. Please contact Ron Sahr at 293-1918 to sign up to help drill holes and provide assistance to the youth anglers.

Board Meeting Minutes - December 19,2006 - Doublewood Inn, Fargo, ND

Meeting called to order at 7:04 by President Chad Maloy. Absent members: Bruce Nereson, Lester Sjoblom, Steve Meyer. Treasury report given by B. Chouinard, to date \$11,372.57. Membership report: 262 members as of 12-19-2006. Minutes of October and November meetings reviewed and approved by board.

OLD BUSINESS

Major Sponsorship and Advertisers: Scheels \$1000 confirmed, Sportsman’s Warehouse \$500 confirmed.

Strategic Planning discussion: Don Marty heads up committee, some talk about future.

Tournament Update: Have permits, discussed future mail dates, nothing confirmed yet.

Meeting Update: Meeting in November with Dave Genz was a great meeting and turnout.

Jan: Jimmy Bell confirmed compliments of Ranger Boats.

Feb: Backer Randash Program confirmed for annual meeting at El Zagal Shrine Center.

Mar: Bob Jensen- Fishing the Midwest is confirmed.

Nomination Committee: Still looking for good candidates. Anyone in the general membership interested in getting involved with the direction of the club, please call any board member ASAP.

Distinguished Member Award: To be presented in March at Anglers Night, committee is still taking nominations, please send in before February 1, 2007.

Dinner Dance: March 10 at El Zagal, everyone come to a real Social Event for the club.

YMCA Ice Fishing Tourney: Ron Sahr still looking for a few more helpers, please contact him ASAP.

NEW BUSINESS

YMCA had request for a Shelter in lieu of a cash donation for ice tourney. Motion by Lynn Johnson to give YMCA \$2000 each year for 3 years for a winter fishing shelter in lu of our tourney donation. Second by Jeremy Frie, Passed by board members.

Newsletter Planning: discussion on whether we should group our news letter with other fishing clubs (BASS & MUSKIE CLUBS) to save money and to expand exposure. Nothing confirmed yet , still in discussion stages.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Barry Chouinard, second by Steve Hall motion passed at 8:20.

Next Board meeting: January 16 at Doublewood Inn, membership is always welcome to attend.

Lynn Johnson - Sub. Rec. Sec.

Membership Application and Renewal

F-M Walleyes Unlimited, Inc. – An area sportsman’s club, dedicated to the preservation and improvement of walleye fishing, invites you to join and actively participate in our fishing club New Renew

Application for Membership: \$20 After October 1 - \$10 Junior Members (under 18) - FREE

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Do you own a boat? Yes No Would you like to fish with other club members? Yes No

E-mail: _____

Membership requirements: Persons desiring membership must be those who can act in a sportsmanlike manner and will be a credit to the organization. Receipt of this application, yearly dues and approval of the Board of Directors are required for membership.

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