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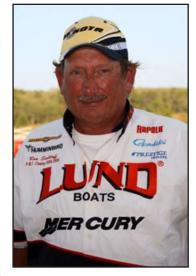
# Thursday, January 17 Doublewood Inn & Fargo

### **Ron Seelhoff**

Trolling for Walleyes

Ask anyone familiar with professional walleye fishing who they consider the best angler when it comes to trolling and the name of our January speaker is guaranteed to come up. Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, Ron Seelhoff, Burlington, CO, the most successful angler on the Professional Walleye Trail will share his knowledge on how and where to find walleyes and the best presentations he uses while trolling.

Seelhoff feels trolling doesn't have to be all that complex. Success comes from putting baits at the right depths at the right speeds. From his point of view, if you learn to troll on one natural lake or river or reservoir, you'll do well on others by applying what you already know. His concept



is -- if you've seen one, you've seen them all. Walleyes behave similarly in a reservoir in Colorado as they do in a reservoir in any other state.

#### **Some Seelhoff Statistics:**

All time PWT money winner (\$663,950)
6 PWT tournament wins, a record
2 PWT Championship Titles (2000 & 1999)
2 PWT Angler of the Year Titles (2006 & 1995)
Fished 16 Championships in 17 years
26 Top Ten Finishes

January meeting of FM Walleyes Unlimited Inc Thursday, January 17th at the Doublewood Inn, Fargo Program starts at 7:00 with the doors opening at 6:30. This event is open to the public free of charge.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 15
Board Meeting

January 17
FM Walleye University
6 pm - Chestnut Room

January 17
Member Meeting
Ron Seelhoff - 7 pm

January 19 Dinner Dance El Zagal

February 5, 7, 12, & 14

Rod Building Class
at Sportsman's Warehouse
from 5:30 - 8:30

**February 19** Board Meeting

**February 21**Mark Courts

March 20 Anglers Night with Ted Takasaki

**April 17**Denny Palmer

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

### President's Comments...

Dear Club Members,

If you missed the November meeting, you missed one of the best seminars we have ever had. Gord Pyzer educated all those in attendance on how to look at fishing in a completely different way that none of us had ever considered before.

I anticipate that our January speaker, Ron Seelhoff, will be very educational also. Ron is one of the most accomplished trollers of all time.

If you do not have your Dinner Dance tickets yet please contact Tami Stillwell at Stillwelltami@ideaone.net. There are still tickets available for the January 19<sup>th</sup> event. Thank you Tami for taking on the task to be the Chairperson for this years event.



I hope everyone had a great 2007 and I look forward to a very good 2008. I hope to see everyone at the January meeting and please bring a few friends to this event.

Best Fishes.

Chad Maloy, President

## NOMINATIONS FOR FMWU DISTINGUISHED MEMBER ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED!

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 and the Distinguished Member Committee. Deadline is Feb. 12th, 2008.

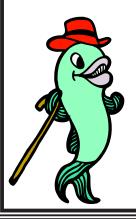
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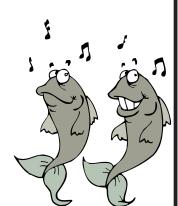
F-M Walleyes Dinner Dance will be held Saturday, January 19th, 2008 at the El Zagal Shrine Center

For more information, contact Tami Stillwell at: stillwelltami@ideaone.net



Back by popular demand...
The Mojo Boogie Band!

If interested in volunteering, Please contact Tami.



BOARD MEETING MINUTES-TUESDAY, November 27, 2007 @ THE DOUBLEWOOD INN

Meeting was called to order @ 7.20pm by President Chad Malov.

Absent Board Members: Jeremy Frie & Steve Meyer.

Treasurer's Report by Barry Chouinard: Current balance is \$8,247.90.

Membership Report by Don Marty: 241 members

OLD BUSINESS:

- -Review of last month's board meeting minutes. Motion made Don Marty, seconded by Lynn. Motion passed.
- -Club Outings, Steve Hall. Next year's outing dates & locations will be set soon.
- -Sponsorship/Ad, Barry Chouinard. Working on better database for sponsors. Jeremy is also working on a tri-fold brochure about the club.
- -Youth Education, Stillwells. FM Walleyes University program will be held before our January 17th general membership meeting. The first class will be open to club members' children and/or grandchildren. If you are interested in having your kids attend please RSVP to Helen Montplaisir at 701 282 9364 or Rendy Randash at 218 233 7042 or email: randash@cableone. net. The class will be limited to the first 24 children. The class will start at 6pm in the Chestnut Room at the Doublewood Inn. -Dinner/Dance. Tami Stillwell will head up this year's event. The event will take place on Saturday, January 19th, 2008 @ El Zagal Shrine. The MoJo Boogie Band will provide the music again this year. Please contact Tami if you are willing
- -Meetings Update: Dec: No meeting Jan 17th: Ron Seelhoff Feb 21st: Mark Courts Mar 20th: Ted Takasaki

April 17th: Denny Palmer

to volunteer.

- -Tournament Update, Barry Chouinard. Major club tournament dates have been set.
- Angler, Young Angler Tournament. This tournament is limited to 50 teams. Will be contacting Lake Region Anglers club of Devils Lake ND to see if they will participate. Each participating club will need to supply 2-3 volunteers. We discussed if we should proceed with the planning of the event. A motion was made by Barry to have FM Walleyes commit to the project contingent on Lake Region Anglers club decision. Second by Steve Hall. Motion carried.
- -November Meeting. Motion was made by Auggie to spend \$270 +/- of club money to purchase items for the ice fishing package & general raffle to be held at the November General Membership meeting. Second by Steve Garten. All in favor, motion carried
- -Nomination Committee. Don Marty, Steve Meyer & Steve Garten. Expiring terms need to be filled. Possibilities were discussed.
- -Public Relations, Steve Garten. The Hawley Herald will be a new source for the club's public relations.
- -Distinguished Member Committee. Ron Sahr, Bob Jensen, Mike Miller, Barry Chouinard & Steve Meyer. Currently accepting nominations & reviewing these. This award will be presented at the March meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- -MN DNR Request. They requested that the club consider donating funds to assist with the remodel of the hatchery over the next 6 years. Discussion followed. Item was tabled for now.
- -Possibility of having a Special Section of Items for Sale, in Walleye Lines. Discussion of a possible online area to do this. No decision made. Further discussion at a later time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.55pm.

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, January 15th, 2008 at the Doublewood Inn. Please remember that the general membership is always welcome to attend any or all board meetings.

Respectfully submitted by Tami Stillwell, Recording Secretary.

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES-TUESDAY, December 18, 2007 @ THE DOUBLEWOOD INN

Meeting was called to order @ 7.00pm by President Chad Maloy.

All Board Members in attendance. Guests present: Scott Stillwell & Brian Dablin

Treasurer's Report by Barry Chouinard: Current balance is \$6,106.05.

Membership Report by Don Marty: 242 members

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- -Review of last month's board meeting minutes. Motion made to approve minutes by Jeremy Frie, seconded by Barry Chouinard. All in favor, motion passed.
- -Club Outings, Steve Hall. Next year's outing dates & locations to be announced soon
- -Sponsorship/Ad, Barry Chouinard. Barry & Auggie are currently working on getting more sponsors. Jeremy & Auggie are both working on tri-fold brochures which will summarize what our club is all about.
- -Youth Education, Stillwells. FM Walleyes University program will be held on before our January 17th general membership meeting. The first class will be open to club members children and/or grandchildren. If you are interested in having your kids attend please RSVP to Helen Montplaisir @ 701 282 9364 or Rendy Randash @ 218 233 7042 or email @ Randash@cableone.net. The class will be limited to the first 24 children. The class will start @ 6pm in the Chestnut Room.
- -Boy Scout Romp, Meyer. The event is pending.
- -Dinner/Dance. Tami Stillwell will head up this year's event. Event will take place on Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008 @ El Zagal Shrine. The MoJo Boogie Band will provide the music again this year. Please contact Tami @ 701 367 6741 if you are willing to help.
- -Meetings Update Jan 17th: Ron Seelhoff, Feb 21st: Mark Courts?

Mar 20th: Ted Takasaki, Anglers Night, April 17th: Denny Palmer

-Tournament Update, Barry Chouinard. Major club tournament dates have been set & are locked in. Currently working on new entrance application, one application for both major events. Rules will be posted on the web, instead of listed on the application.

Angler, Young Angler Tournament. This tournament is limited to 40 teams. Lake Region Anglers club of Devils Lake ND is still deciding if they will make a commitment to the event. Each participating club will need to supply 2-3 volunteers. March 1st is the target deadline.

- -Nomination Committee. Don Marty, Steve Meyer & Steve Garten. Expiring terms need to be filled. Possibilities were discussed.
- -Public Relations, Steve Garten. January meeting possibly to be covered by Dan Hammer (Channel 11) & Steve Hallstrom (Channel 6). Also contacting Channel 4 to discuss coverage. Looking at also getting an article in the Forum Outdoor Section & adding events to the Outdoor Calendar.
- -Distinguished Member Committee. Ron Sahr, Bob Jensen, Mike Miller, Barry Chouinard & Steve Meyer. Currently accepting nominations & reviewing these. This award will be presented at the March meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- -Hunt of a Lifetime has submitted a request for us to sponsor their banquet to be held on February 28<sup>th</sup> at the Speedway from 5.30pm to 9.30pm. The board reviewed the request. We determined that since our club purpose is specific to fishing that we would not be a sponsor of the event. However, they could attend our general membership meetings to promote their event & sell tickets.
- -Rod Building Class, Chuck DeRemer. At Sportsman's Warehouse on Feb 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> from 5.30 to 9.30. Contact Chuck @ 701 361 8910 or cderemer@ cableone.net. Chuck asked FM Walleyes to sponsor, in name only, he will take care of the rest. Motion by S Brewer, second by Barry. Motion carried.
- -YMCA Ice Fishing Contest on Big Cormorant, January 19th, 2008. Call Ron Sahr @ 293 1918 if you are willing to volunteer.
- -Glyndon Rod & Gun Club is holding fishing tournament. You mus fish within 60 miles of weigh in spot (The Hill in Glyndon MN). It is okay for them to put a notice of this tourney in our newsletter.
- -Club Hats & Jacket, Jeremy Frie. Jeremy will be ordering dozen of summer hats & a dozen winter hats. We discussed the possibility of ordering jackets twice a year with payment up front.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.00pm.

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Respectfully submitted by Tami Stillwell, Recording Secretary.



### FM Walleyes Unlimited, Inc. FM Walleye University

This is an invitation to FM Walleye Members kids & grandkids to attend our first FM Walleye University class (Basic Fishing 101). This class will teach self sufficiency while fishing.

The class will be held: Thursday, January 17th

**Doublewood Inn, Chestnut Room** 

Starting @ 6pm (will run less that one hour, prior to our General Membership Meeting.

Note: This will be limited to the first 24 children to RSVP.

RSVP as soon as possible to: Helen Montplair @ 701 282 9364

Rendy Randash @ 218 233 7042 or email randash@cableone.net

Leave your name, child/children's names that will be attending & your phone number.



To: All F-M Walleye Club members

What: Fishing rod building class for beginners. Build your own rod while you learn how to select and care for a

fishing rod.

Where: Sportsman's Warehouse on 13th Avenue South, Fargo (upstairs classroom)

When: February 5(T), 7(TH), 12(T), and 14(TH). A make up day is scheduled for the 19th (T).

Each session will start at 5:30pm and end at 8:30pm.

Who: Anyone interested in building fishing rods. Members of the F-M Walleye Club and their families will be given

first priority. Children are welcome, but should have manual dexterity to wrap guides. If a question, please

contact Chuck. Limited to ten (10) participants.

Cost: \$15 materials fee plus cost of rod materials (rod blank, guides, reel handle, reel seat, hook keeper, and

thread) - please contact Chuck to discuss what you would like to build. He will give you a price and order

the material.

**Sponsors:** F-M Walleyes, Inc. and the Sportsman's Warehouse

Instructors: Galen Briese and Chuck DeRemer

Contact: Chuck DeRemer @ 701-361-8910 or cderemer@cableone.net

Deadline: January 25.

**Special Note:** All participants MUST bring the fishing reel that they intend to use on the rod. Be sure to have the line on

it as well. Also, it is important to identify the reel and line when you register so that the proper components

can be ordered.

Last October Scott Larson entertained the FM Walleyes Unlimited by going over rod types, actions, lengths and their applications. Rod actions describe the bend in the rod. There are four types of actions: slow, medium, fast, and extra-fast. Slow action rods bend almost the entire length of the rod. Medium actions rods bend about half their length. Fast rods bend along the upper third, and extra-fast bend only on the upper quarter.

Over the years Scott has become a demon on Devils' Lake, placing high and winning many tournaments. Scott is known for his slip-bobbing skills. His seminar went in-depth on pulling pig walleyes from trees. For these applications Scott goes to 7.5ft rods with extra-fast actions. The hardware used by Scott is simple; a weighted bobber, run down to a plain red hook or fireball jig and strung together with 14lb Crystal/Flame Green Fireline, is his most common setup. Scott likes trees that are along break lines. The idea is to work bobbers into open areas next to thick timber. Scott typically starts shallow and works deep and will fish deeper trees when it is windy. Be prepared to loose 25 percent of your fish when fishing the trees, though.

When it comes to jigging, Scott uses extra-fast rods that are light and around 6ft in length. The lighter rods reduce arm fatigue after a hard day on the water. The extra-fast rod tip improves hook sets. For pitching plugs, Scott recommended using a 7ft spinning rod with a fast or medium action. These actions improve the "whipping action" of the rod and, added with a longer rod, increase your casting length. If you have a walleye follow, try a musky trick, like making figure 8's next to the boat. The meeting concluded with many questions and Scott displayed the new Jason Mitchell Elite Series Rods.



Our November speaker, Gord Pyzer sends his greetings and a short story on a late December ice fishing trip.

"I've been down in the Rainy Lake area the last few days. Snowmachined back to a little hidden gem and beat my personal best crappie (for open water and through the ice) several times in a row on Thursday. Finally ended the day with my biggest ever - 17 1/2 inches long that I reckon would go about 2 1/2 pounds. that is pretty good for us in the North Country. We released everything! Take a look at the images below.

The next day I know Tom and I didn't catch 100 crappies but I'll bet we caught 90 - most in the 14 to 16 inch range. About 20 or so weren't so lucky - as we each kept a few for dinner! Crappie Florentine with a bottle of Petite Chablis on the menu for dinner tonight!

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### **November Speaker Review: Gord Pyzer**

by Chris Augustin



Before a full room of eager ice anglers, FM-Walleyes Unlimited was treated by the "Science Doc" Gord Pyzer last month. Gord stressed that the most important aspect of lure selection is depth control. Lure action and profile are the next traits to consider when selecting a lure. Gord believes that fishing line diameter is more important than line color and uses the lightest line he can use. This is because lure depth and action is altered by the line.

Gord discussed the differences of available food and preferred food. For example, fathead minnows are common bait used for crappies. Most water systems contain fathead minnows and crappies will prey on the minnows, but do some research and see what else is in the system. If shiners

are present Gord recommended trying shiners because they are usually the preferred food of crappies.

Many tips were listed throughout the seminar. A few perch tricks to try is to cut small red pieces of Gulp!, which can mimic blood worms for perch or a tight-lined-bobber. A tight-lined-bobber is a trick to try on finicky perch. Simply use a small bobber that will not support your jig. Set the bobber so that it is 6 or so inches under the water. When a bottom feeding perch takes the bait the bobber will float and that's the time to set the hook. Gord concluded the seminar by answering many questions from the audience.

### "YMCA Ice Fishing DERBY"

January, 26th • Downtown YMCA

We will be in need of individuals to help with a youth casting clinic.

Please contact Ron Sahr at 293-1918.

Join us Saturday, January 26 at the Downtown YMCA for an Ice Fishing Derby sponsored by F-M Walleyes Unlimited and the Y-Service Club.

Attendees will draw fish out of a barrel to see what their weight will be.

First place for adults is a \$500 Scheels gift card. First place for youth is a \$250 Scheels gift card.

Additional derby awards will handed out to those with the largest stringer.

The event runs from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Cost is \$5.00 for Youth and \$10.00 for adults. Door prizes, and special drawings will be awarded. All proceeds benefit YMCA Camp Cormorant.

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