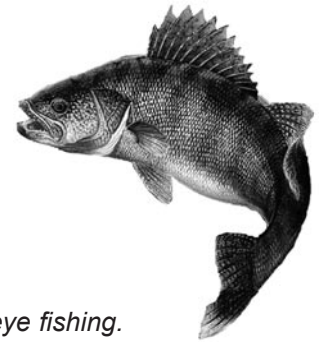




JANUARY 2009

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

Thursday, January 15th

Guest Speaker:

JASON PRZEKURAT



Jason is a full-time professional fisherman from Stevens Point, Wi., where he lives with his wife Jody, and two boys Jay 9 and Jackson 7. Jason started fishing competitively in 1995 and has since accumulated many titles. The first came in 2000, winning the MWC World Walleye Championship on the Mississippi River in Red Wing, MN. After that victory, he joined the FLW Tour walleye circuit, and in 2003 won his first Angler of the Year title. In 2007, Jason added two more accomplishments to his resume. He won his first tour event on the Mississippi River in May with a prize of \$100,000 for that victory. Jason didn't stop there, he ended the 2007 season with another Angler of the Year trophy which included

finishes of 13th, 9th, 4th, and 1st. Those finishes also earned him the Ranger Cup prize which awarded him a new Ranger 620DVS. He is now the only 2-Time "Angler of the Year" on the FLW Walleye Tour and is leading the Tour with 10 Top 10 finishes.

The doors open at 6:30pm and the seminar starts at 7pm at the Doublewood Inn. The seminar is free and open to the public So bring a friend... *Bring lots of friends!!!*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 13
Board Meeting

January 15
Member Meeting
Jason Przekurat
FM Walleyes University
"Fishing 101"

January 31
Dinner Dance
El Zagal Shrine Temple

February 17
Board Meeting

February 19
Annual Meeting
Members Only
Election of Officers
Mark Christianson
FM Walleyes University

*"The Right Equipment
for the Right Fish"*
El Zagal Shrine Temple

March 17
Board Meeting

March 19
Member Meeting
Anglers Night with
Babe Winkelman
FM Walleyes University
"Introduction to Electronics"

**ALL MEETINGS AT
7 PM AT THE
DOUBLEWOOD INN
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OTHERWISE STATED.**

President's Comments...

Fellow Members

Wishing all of you the very best in 2009! Maybe this is the year you catch the big one, or share a boat with some one who does. Maybe this is the year that you take your son or daughter out for their first fishing adventure, or your grandson or granddaughter. Maybe this is the year you make that "first" boat buying experience, or upgrade your existing rig. Maybe this is the year that you take your first trip into Canada, or Devils Lake. What ever it maybe, I am sure that you will find many rewards from just being out and fishing!

It is my hope that you find time this year to come out to our regular monthly meetings and enjoy our fine lineup of Speakers for 2009. Chad and his team have done an outstanding job of selecting speakers for our club.

Don't forget our Dinner Dance on Jan 31st, Tami Stillwell had put forth a lot of effort and from what I have seen , it's going to be a good one! There are always prizes, laughter, fellowship, dancing and of course Steve Hall's stories.

See you at our meeting, and bring a friend!

Steve Garten, President

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

MERLYN HELLEL • CURT TUEDT • JAMES E. TUEDT • SCOTT SWEDBERG • WAYNE DEERY • GORD PYZER • LEE A. RUHN

December FM Walleye University

Prior to the December FM Walleye "Anglers Night On Ice" a group of FM Walleyes youth attended the FM Walleye University "Beginning Ice Fishing" session. The thirteen children who attended this event learned from experienced volunteers the "in's and out's" of ice fishing. Small groups of attendees made their way from station to station, learning about ice safety, ice fishing rods, reels and equipment, and discussing what happens to the fish when the lakes freeze over. They even had an opportunity to build their own ice fishing "jiggle stick" that they will be able to bring along on their next fishing outing. All those who attended received a certificate of completion and attendance prize.



A "special thanks" to all of the volunteers who helped to make this event possible; David & Rendy Randash, Cody Roswick, Ron Sahr, Barry Chouinard, Adam Brewer, Andrea Haugen, & Kyle Agre. The youth of FM Walleyes benefit greatly from the experience and generosity of these volunteers.

FM Walleyes University will be conducting future seminars, open to all children and young adults, including:

"Fishing 101" – Thursday, January 15th

"The Right Equipment for the Right Fish" – Thursday, February 19th

"Introduction to Electronics" – Thursday, March 19th

RSVP to reserve a spot in any of the classes: Kyle Agre 701-526-0262 or kyle.agre@gmail.com
Provide your name, the name of the individual(s) that will be attending & your phone number.

*We have 2 Board Members positions up for election in February.
If anyone has nominations for these positions,
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December meeting recap:

Those in attendance at the December FM Walleyes Unlimited “Angler’s Night – On Ice” were treated to an entertaining and informative presentation by one of ice fishing’s most notable anglers, Gord Pyzer. Gord, Fishing Editor of Outdoor Canada Magazine and Field Editor of In-Fisherman Magazine and Television, provided the perfect blend of spectacular photography, stories about real life ice fishing situations and useful tips. It was clear that Gord has put in his time researching and experimenting with techniques targeting many species from panfish to trophy pike.

Gord made a strong point to emphasize that the “hard water” season is not one period of time from freeze up to thaw that should be met with the same approach throughout. He stated that there were three easily identifiable periods during this season; early ice, mid-winter doldrums, and late ice bonanza. Typically, we find fish during the early ice period where we left them in the late fall open water season. Gord believes that although the water is now frozen, the fishes’ behavior and feeding patterns are still in the same mode. Fish are concentrated in predictable areas and many times once found are easy to catch. The mid-winter doldrums, at which time we are now finding ourselves, is the most challenging period of winter fishing. Being cold blooded, fishes’ metabolism is at it’s slowest point of the season. For this reason, they are moving and eating less than at other periods of time during the year. The late ice bonanza, beginning in March and continuing until ice-out is the best time for targeting trophy-sized fish. Big fish are becoming more active and will begin to congregate in pre-spawn staging areas.

The presentation included a brief tutorial on the use of sonar while ice fishing. Gord suggested that the “fish ID” always be turned “off” on all electronics. He recommended tuning a flasher by turning it up all the way and bringing it down until you are able to determine the lure from the clutter rather than beginning low and turning it up until you can see the lure. Using as much of the power as possible will help to get the most out of the unit. If your sonar has a manual zoom option, he recommended using this to target the portion of the water column where you are fishing. This allows the angler to customize the view rather than accept the default settings. “Small details”, stressed Gord, “can make a big difference” in a day’s fishing.

The evening’s events wrapped up with a question and answer session. Gord provided many insightful perspectives on the challenges and frustrations faced by hard water anglers.





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BOARD MEETING MINUTES-TUESDAY, December 2, 2008 @ Doublewood Inn, Fargo ND.

• Meeting was called to order @ 6.35pm by President Steve Garten.

Don Marty & Chad Maloy, absent.

• Review of last month's board meeting minutes. Motion made to approve minutes by Steve Meyer, second by Gary Sauvageau. All in favor, motion passed.

• Financial Report by Barry Chouinard: Current balance is \$7,914.51. List of paid bills was given out to be reviewed. Motion to approve list was made by Steve Hall, second by Brian Dahlin. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

• Speakers, Ed Liberda. Due to Tony Dean's passing we will need to find a speaker for our 2009 Angler's Night in March. Possibilities were brought up by the board to be explored more thoroughly by the speaker committee to find out the club's options..

• Advertisers/Tournament Sponsors, Don Marty. Don mentioned that Wigwam Resort is a new sponsor and they are currently working on additional sponsors/advertisers.

• 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. We are in the process of gathering donations. If anyone is interested in helping or donating items, please contact Tami @ 701 367 6741. Also contact Tami or any of the board members to buy tickets (\$25 per person).

Angler, Young Angler Tournament, Barry Chouinard. Issues were previously discussed regarding FM Walleyes continued sponsorship and support of the next tournament (time to be determined at a later date). It was agreed upon that the club would co-sponsor the 2009 event. It is believed that the Lake Region Anglers would co-sponsor the tourney. Going forward, the FM Walleye board of directors would review the sponsorship/support year by year.

• Anglers Night on Ice. All is ready to go. Speaker is Gord Pyzer. Scott Brewer has merchandise for general & special raffles for the night.

• FM Walleyes University, Kyle Agre. The ice fishing youth class to be held prior to Anglers Night on Ice has 11 kids pre-registered. This is the first of four upcoming classes. For registration or to answer any questions feel free to contact Kyle @ 701 526 0262.

• Annual Meeting. Just a reminder that this is the only meeting that is paid members only. We discussed the possibility of having this meeting @ El Zagal on Thursday, February 19, 2009. Motion to hold this year's annual meeting at El Zagal was made by Steve Meyer, seconded by Barry Chouinard. All were in favor & motion passed. This year we have 2 board positions expiring.

NEW BUSINESS:

• DNR Round Table. Barry Chouinard has a place on this MN DNR committee. Thanks to Barry for your participation.

• Distinguished Member Committee. The committee consists of the last 5 distinguished members. Nominations are currently being accepted for the club's next distinguished member.

• Nomination Committee. Brian Dahlin, Steve Meyer & Scott Brewer have agreed to head up this year's nomination committee. If you are interested in being a part of the club's board of directors, feel free to contact any one of them.

• ND Sport Fishing Congress. Meeting to be held this Saturday in Bismarck.

• Walleye Advisory Committee Meeting, Barry Chouinard. Barry attended the last meeting of the advisory committee. The committee discussed the size of walleye fry/fingerling that are being stocked and why.

• FM Walleye Club Clothing. We discussed that the club should sell the FM Walleye Club Clothing & Hats at cost. This is good to get our club logo and name out in the community. Good exposure and advertising.

• Motion to adjourn meeting @ 7.450pm by Ed Liberda, second by Gary Sauvageau. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, January 13th, 2009 @ the Doublewood, Fargo ND.

We encourage the general membership to attend any or all board meetings.

Respectfully submitted by Tami Stillwell, Recording Secretary

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