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Thursday, March 15th 9th Annual Anglers Night at the Doublewood Inn

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FISHING THE MIDWEST

When Bob Jensen's father first put a fishing rod in his son's hands, the toddler did something that would change his life forever... He never let go.

"I've been fishing for 43 years, and there has never been a time when I didn't love it," Jensen said. "Most people go through stages in life that at some point cause a decreased interest in fishing. I've gone through a lot in my life, but for every experience I've had or lesson I've learned, fishing has always been there."

Since the mid-1980s, when he was an instructor at Camp Fish in Minnesota, Jensen has been involved in the education of fellow anglers. He began his career writing articles for newspapers and national outdoor magazines, and today his syndicated fishing columns appear throughout the country.

"I started guiding when I was an instructor in Minnesota, and because of all the time I was spending out on the lakes (more than 200 days a year), I eventually turned fishing into a job — if you can call fishing a job," Jensen said.

Jensen, host and executive producer of the "Fishing the Midwest" television series, will share his experiences and techniques on Thursday, March 15th at the Doublewood Inn, Fargo, ND.

Doors open at 6:30 with the program starting at 7:00

This event is free and open to the general public.

This event is made possible by donations from our sponsors for the evening



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 10
Dinner Dance
at El Zagal Shrine Center

March 13
Board Meeting

March 15
Anglers Night - *Bob Jensen*
Fishing the Midwest

April 17
Board Meeting

April 19
Member Meeting
Rapala Lure Rep.
at El Zagal Shrine Center

April 28-29
Club Outing - *Waubay, SD*

May 15
Board Meeting

May 17
Member Meeting

May 31
Pelican Tournament Rules
Meeting

June 1 - 2
Pelican Tournament

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President's Comments...

Dear Members,

If you missed the Annual Meeting you should be kicking yourself. Tom Backer and Dave Randash did a bang up job with a very entertaining and informational seminar. These two club members have really polished their seminar and it has to be comparable to the tops in the industry. Thanks guys for a great treat! The chili at the El Zagel was also fabulous-thanks Steve Garten for being head chef! Also, Thank you Lund Boats for the free hats and free cash to club members who decide to take advantage of your offer thru April 1.

We all need to say "Thank You" to Lester Sjoblom for having served as our Correspondence Secretary for the past three years. We appreciate everything you have done for the club. Lester has agreed to continue to edit our newsletter which is definitely a good thing. Your newsletter is the backbone of your club. We also want to thank Steve Meyer and Steve Hall for agreeing to serve another term on the Board of Directors, Don Marty for agreeing to replace Lester as Correspondence Secretary and Seth Hibl for being appointed to the Board as a Director at Large.

Please make sure to show your appreciation to Barry Chouinard and Chris Augustin for their efforts in tournament sponsorship and newsletter advertising sales. This activity is very important as it generates \$7,000-\$9,000 in annual revenue for your club.

Lastly, congratulations to long time club member Ed Liberda for being named the general manager of the new Ray's Marine opening soon in Moorhead.

I hope to see everyone at Anglers Night on Thursday, March 15 at the Doublewood Inn. Get there early to get a good seat.

Best Fishes,

Chad Maloy, President



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MEMBERS CAUGHT *by Steve Garten*

Let me introduce you to a Great Lady! Her name is Sharon Kaup. The first thing I can tell you about her is that she is very polite. She must be, I have called her Karen all last year at our club outings. Her spouse is Dan, and they live in West Fargo, ND. They are both very active in our club outings and volunteer at our catch and release tournaments as well.

Here are Sharon's answers to my monthly questions.

If you had to choose, what was your best walleye fishing experience?

"October 2002, Red River by Selkirk, I caught a 13lb 10 oz walleye by jigging. In October of 2006, I caught a channel catfish which weighed 18lbs using a #7 shad rap in 6 foot water."



What is your favorite walleye tactic?

"My favorite is jigging, because I can feel the bite and then pull them in. I also enjoy casting, but just have to watch out for trees nearby, they get me sometimes."

Funniest experience fishing?

In March of 1996, I met Dan Kaup and our first date was going out fishing. We went to Gettysbury, SD. I had never slept in a tent before, but when we got to our campsite at midnight, we set up the tent by flashlight. After an hour, we heard the thunder and then the rain started to come down. I thought for sure that we'd be wet by morning, but Dan found the perfect spot to set up the tent. We had breakfast the next morning, went fishing, caught some nice fish, and have been fishing ever since."

"Through the years, many people have wondered how I can back Dan and the boat into the water so well, and my reply is that I was raised on a farm and learned from very young how to work hard and put in long days. After high school, I married and ended up on a farm once again. During the last 15 of our 22 year marriage, my former husband was blind. So the dairy operation and all that goes with it was put on my shoulders. In 1988 he passed away and went to be with the Lord. I had a farm sale, then worked at Toshiba in Mitchell, SD for 14 years."

"Dan and I got married in September of 2002. I really enjoy the outdoors!"

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February Meeting Review: by Chris Augustin

Before a full crowd at El Zagal the comic and enlightening duo of Dave Randash and Tom Backer covered all sorts of walleye topics. Tom and Dave went back and forth at each other revealing walleye tips as well as embarrassing stories. They identified five seasonal walleye patterns and the water temps that they can be found in. Those being spawn (43-53°), post spawn (52-4°), 54-62°, summer time (72+°), and fall (57-34°).

Tom and Dave are seasoned trollers. A perfect day on the water is when the weather is stable. The air will be sticky and hazy. On these days Dave and Tom will pull crankbaits or bottom bouncers. They like to use long 10 foot rods on the side of the boat to help spread lines out.

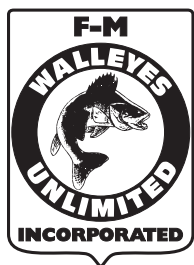
Leadcore is a great tool used to make tiny crankbaits run deep. They use 18 lb leadcore. Tuning a crankbait is very important. To tune the bait pull the plug a short distance next to the boat. Tweak the crankbait's eyelet the opposite way to which the crankbait moved.

When it comes to pulling bottom bouncers Tom and Dave generally use 1oz for every 10 feet of water. They like superlines because of the increased sensitivity. This allows them to feel if the spinner blade is fouled. It is important to keep the line at a 45 degree angle for bottom bouncers.

On cold front days Tom and Dave move to less aggressive presentations. This includes jigging, lindy-rigging, and slip-bobbing. Their line choice for rigging and jigging is 6-8 lb mono. It allows the bait to look more natural. Bullet weights are great to use in weed beds. The bullet weight plows through foliage and prevents weeds contacting a hook.

Slip-bobbing trees on Devils Lake is a common presentation done by Dave and Tom. They use superlines as a main line then tie the line to a barrel swivel. Below the swivel is a 1 to 2 foot leader of lighter monofilament. This makes it possible to replace jigs and hooks quickly, while preventing a lost bobber.

The presentation concluded with a few tips on catching trophy walleyes. Some of the better walleye waters are the Red River, Columbia River, Lake of the Woods, Erie, and Devils Lake. When selecting these waters Tom and Dave advocated that you should try to schedule the trip around a full moon. Right before a full moon is usually the best.



Dinner Dance

Saturday, March 10, 2007 at El Zagal Shrine Center

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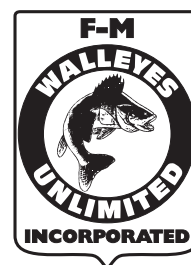
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Crankbaits and River Walleye

By Sheldon Meidinger

On many river systems, the best cranking locations might not be the best places to vertical jig and vice versa. We can talk about crankbaits having a place as far as vibration in the water, color, easy to find profile and all the other reasons walleye will hit a crankbait early in the year.... The fact remains that there are obviously stretches of river that is ideal for trolling crankbaits and places where crankbaits are less effective.

When I am looking for good locations to troll crankbaits early in the season on the Missouri River near Bismarck North Dakota, there are a few things that can make stretches ideal for trolling crankbaits. First off, most of the fish we catch early in the season are shallow. The biggest fish often come off planer boards run up into a few feet of water. Every river system is different however in the sense that in some places, all of the action might take place in the main channel with heavy three way rigs where sauger might be the hottest game around. Regardless of whether or not the patterns are up shallow or in the channel, crankbaits excel whenever you get that water that is just basically too fast to slip a jig downstream. Water that is a little bit too swift on top without any obvious current break or eddy is a perfect candidate for trolling a crankbait. In these cases, we can pull a lure upstream with more precision and even at a slower speed than trying to work a jig by moving downstream.

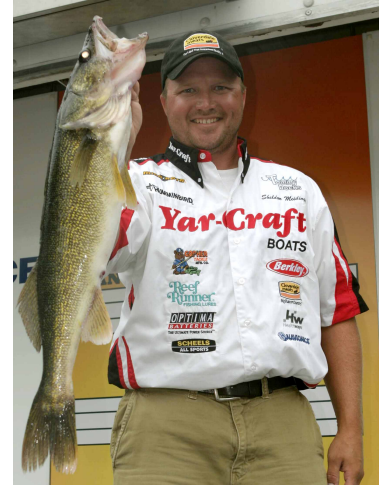
Year in and year out, the best locations for our crankbait trolling generally involve long sandbars and shorelines where we have time to let line out and the general "roll" of the contour stays consistent enough where we can troll a significant distance effectively. Obviously the larger this area is the better for trolling crankbaits but large spots can sometimes turn into community spots.

Across the country, I would be willing to bet that most of the trolling applications on rivers right now are using some kind of super line like Fireline. The reason is simple. Besides walleye runs and moving water, one shared element all rivers have right now is debris in the water that can foul your hooks or line. If a no stretch line is being used, choosing the right action on a rod is paramount in my opinion. Early in the year, fish often get just enough of the lure to get nicked by a single hook. When bringing these fish back to the boat that aren't hooked exceptionally well through the current, there can be some serious tension on that tiny piece of flesh on a walleye's gaping jaw.

We like a somewhat moderate action blank with a soft enough tip to offer some cushion yet enough backbone to handle larger deep diving baits or quickly ski in smaller fish when we have to. Rods that fit this bill are the Jason Mitchell Guide Series Trolling Rods. These rods have an interesting feature in the fact that the handle behind the reel seat is much shorter than traditional trolling rods. The reason is that we often have the rods pointed in angles that are horizontal to the water when using rod holders. The shorter handles eliminate a long piece of cork or foam jabbing you in the ribs every time you move around in the boat or worst yet, rubbing against seats. From a fish catching standpoint when fish are just starting to hit crankbaits and are just "barely" hanging on, much less goes wrong while bringing the rod out of the rod holder with this particular design of rod.

When trolling along contours where we take advantage of planer boards to put lures in shallow water right up next to shore, we are often using a stick bait with a small bill. These baits however can be hard to read on boards when fouled up. One trick we often do when dealing with a lot of floating debris in the water is using a small piece of rubber band tied in a knot on the line ahead of the lure to pick up debris on the line. Something else we do from time to time is simply speed up to see if the lure will come to the surface fouled up. Since this is a shallow water affair where we don't have a lot of line out in many cases, there isn't much pull on the planer board. One thing we sometimes do with the Offshore Boards we use is put two clips on the front bracket and just clip the line on the two clips in front, skipping the back. This will cause the board to run more directly to the side of the boat even at extremely slow speeds. This advantage can really fine tune boat control in the sense that it seems like we can put the boat where we have to and visualize where the lure is behind the board much more easily when the boards are next to the boat versus behind the boat.

The myth that crankbaits don't work for walleye when the water is cold or early in the season has come to pass in that most walleye anglers know or have heard that trolling will work early in the season. There are two scenarios where they seem to work more so, the expanses of the Great Lakes and the current of river systems. When targeting walleye on river systems, just remember that the best places for jigging and anchoring for example might be terrible locations for trolling a crankbait. Use crankbaits in locations and situations where they will likely be more effective and you will have success with walleye this spring.



Editors Note: The author, Sheldon Meidinger is a very accomplished angler on the Professional Walleye Trail with several top finishes. This article has been brought to you by Yar-Craft Boats, www.yarcraft.com and Jason Mitchell Guide Series Rods, www.jasonmitchellrods.com.

Board Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2007

Meeting was called to order @ 7.05pm by President Chad Maloy.

Absent Board Member: Lester Sjoblom

Guests: Seth Hibl, Tom Lloyd, Scott Stillwell & Bob Jensen

Treasury Report by Barry Chouinard: Current balance of \$7,863.93

Minutes of January Board Meeting reviewed. Minutes were approved.

Old Business

Sponsorship/Advertisers: Discussion about what levels of sponsorship should be & how these will be determined.

Strategic Planning, Don Marty: General membership surveys to be handed out at annual meeting. Members completing a survey will get a chance at a free admission to the Scheel's Walleye University to be held on March 10th.

Pelican Tournament Update, Barry Chouinard: The status of major sponsors & other advertisers was discussed. Permits are in place. Other planning is in the works & moving along nicely.

Annual Meeting: Supplies, raffles & drawings were talked about.

Meetings Update: March- Bob Jensen-Fishing the Midwest confirmed.

April— Rapala Rep @ the El Zagal Shrine

May— Tom Johnson of Ottetail??

Nov— Gord Pyzer for Ice Fishing Seminar

Jan— Ron Seelhoff??

Feb— Mark Courts, Ranger &/or Lowrance

Nomination Committee (Garten, Johnson & Augustine): Board positions expiring 2/07 are Sjoblom- Corresponding Sec; Hall-Board; Meyer-Board. Hall & Meyer would like to run again. Sjoblom is not running. Don Marty has decided to run for the Corr Sec position. If he's elected, then at that time we would have one board position to fill.

Distinguished Member Committee (Sahr, Jensen, Goldade, Chouinard, Marty): The award will be presented at the Anglers Night in March.

Dinner Dance: March 10th @ the El Zagal. Band has been booked & the meal has been set.

New Business

Clothing/Scheels – FM Walleyes logo is available at the Scheels embroidery department and also a digitized logo will be available for screen prints for clothing purchased at Scheels or any clothing that you may already have. This can be done by members themselves as they wish (inquire at the Scheels embroidery department).

Club Members still have the opportunity to purchase the coats and hats that the club has had available in the past if you choose to purchase them.

DNR Fisheries, Barry Chouinard: Fergus Falls & Detroit Lakes have requested monetary support for their rearing ponds. Discussions followed. Motions were made to honor both requests. Motions carried.

2007 Club Outings, Steve Hall: 2007 schedule passed out. Presentation of trophies for the 2006 outing winners will be at the annual meeting.

Motion was made & passed to adjourn the meeting @ 8.37pm.

Next Board Meeting @ the Doublewood on March 13, 2007. Please remember that the general membership is always welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted by Tami Stillwell, Recording Secretary

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