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FM WALLEYES WELCOMES BACK

TED TAKASAKI

FOR THE 10TH ANNUAL ANGLERS NIGHT

THURSDAY, MARCH 20TH



Nine plus years ago FM Walleyes came up with the idea to bring in a big name speaker and back it up with radio advertising. We needed a big name to draw the people and one name came to mind. Ted Takasaki had just won the 1998 PWT Championship in Bismarck in thrilling fashion. Many club members were present to see Ted jumping up and down as he was crowned champion. FM Walleyes is proud to bring Ted back to celebrate our Tenth Annual Anglers Night.

Ted Takasaki is a top professional angler who has competed on both the In-Fisherman Professional Walleye Trail (PWT) and the FLW Walleye Tour. He won the prestigious PWT Classic Championship in 1998 and still holds the all time tournament record for a one day limit of 5 walleyes, which weighed an amazing 53.2 pounds! In addition,

he is the President of Lindy-Little Joe tackle company, one of the nation's largest fishing tackle manufacturers. He has been featured in many national outdoor magazines and has appeared on numerous fishing television shows. Ted is considered one of America's leading walleye experts.

Doors for this event will open at 6:30 with the program starting at 7:00 on March 20th at the Doublewood Inn.

Admission is free and is open to the public.

Get there early to get a good seat!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 18
Board Meeting

March 20
ANGLERS NIGHT
with Ted Takasaki

April 16
Board Meeting

April 17
Denny Palmer

April 26th & 27th
CLUB OUTING
Waubay Lake
Webster, SD

May 15th
Corey Heiser

May 17th & 18th
CLUB OUTING
Lake Minnewaska
Starbuck, MN

June 14th & 15th
CLUB OUTING
Lake Lida
Pelican Rapids, MN

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

President's Comments...

Dear Club Members,

First of all "Thank You" for your vote of confidence in electing me President of FM Walleyes Unlimited, Inc. I will try my best to live up to standards set by my predecessors.

For the first time in along while, your board is made up of mostly new faces, and I also want to thank them for stepping forward and volunteering to serve. Yes, you may see some changes in the upcoming months, and your board hopes that they will be viewed as positive. I encourage each and every one of our members to contact the board with suggestions, questions or encouragement on handling the business of our club.

I also want to thank our immediate past president Chad Maloy for all his work serving as President of FMWU. Chad did an outstanding job working for you and me representing FMWU. Also, thank you to Jeremy Frie for his hard work the past several years serving as Vice President, both officers will be missed. And I would be remiss if I didn't thank Auggie & Lynn for their contributions as board members, a Job Well Done!

I want to take this opportunity to encourage our family members to join in on our club outings this year. Steve Hall has arranged some very good locations with excellent camping or hotel accommodations. While we do have a tournament, the emphasis is on Fun...besides you will love my bacon!

Don't forget Angler's Night, bring a friend, it should be a Great evening with our speaker Ted Takasaki.

I am looking forward to serving you this year, and with your help FMWU will continue to be the Premier Walleye Club in the Nation.

Steve Garten, President



FM Walleyes Unlimited, Inc. 2008 Club Outing Schedule Announced

April 26th & 27th

Waubay Lake - Webster, SD

Time: 7:30 - 3:00 (both days)
Weigh-in: Breske Bay Landing
Lodging: Holiday Motel
605-345-3323
800-667-3323

June 14th & 15th

Lake Lida - Pelican Rapids, MN

Time: 7:30 - 3:00 (both days)
Weigh-in: Maplewood State Park
Lodging: Camping @ Maplewood State Park
218-863-8383

August 16th & 17th

White Earth Lake - White Earth, MN

Time: 7:30 - 3:00 (both days)
Weigh-in: Cedar Crest Resort
Lodging: Cedar Crest Resort
Attn: Fred or Karen
camping / cabins: 888-492-7060

May 17th & 18th

Lake Minnewaska - Starbuck, MN

Time: 7:30 - 3:00 (both days)
Weigh-in: Hobo Park
Lodging: Cedar Inn 320-238-4300
Camping @ Hobo Park
320-239-1226

July 26th & 27th

Cass Lake - Cass Lake, MN

Time: 7:30 - 3:00 (both days)
Weigh-in: Stony Point Resort & Campground
Lodging: Stony Point Resort & Campground
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Contact Steve Hall or Scott Stillwell with any questions.

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES-TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2008 @ THE DOUBLEWOOD INN

Meeting was called to order @ 7.04pm by President Chad Maloy.

Absent Board Members: Steve Meyer & Jeremy Frie

Guests present: Gary Sauvageau, Ron Sahr, Bob Jensen, Ed Liberda, Scott Stillwell, Brian Dahlin.

Treasurer's Report by Barry Chouinard: Current balance is \$8,189.87.

Membership Report by Don Marty: 280 members

OLD BUSINESS:

-Review of last month's board meeting minutes. Motion made to approve minutes by Scott Brewer, second by Don Marty. All in favor, motion passed.

-Club Outings, Steve Hall. Next year's outing dates/locations have been picked & are in place. Scott Stillwell mentioned the idea of possible youth sponsorship for the upcoming club outing locations. Local businesses in the towns/lakes that we will be visiting will be contacted to see if they would be willing to sponsor some youth gifts for the kids taking part in our club outings. This would give them some good exposure and also drum up some additional excitement for the kids.

-Youth Education, Stillwells. The first run of the FM Walleyes University class went well. We received good feedback from the kids & volunteers as well. We will learn from our first attempt and make the next one even better.

-Dinner/Dance, Tami Stillwell. This year's dinner dance was a success. We had a good turnout & even turned a profit.

-FLW Raffle entry has been received. Drawing will be held at Angler's Night in March.

-Sponsorship/Ad, Barry Chouinard & Chris Augustin. Tying up loose ends with sponsors/advertisers.

-Tournament Update, Barry Chouinard. Discussion regarding the new Minnesota regulations that will add a cost to the fishing permits needed to hold our tournaments. We tabled this conversation until such time that Barry was able to gather more information so that we could make a more informed decision.

-Angler, Young Angler Tournament. This tournament is limited to 40 teams. Lake Region Anglers club of Devils Lake ND has now made a firm commitment to the event. Permit has been applied for to hold tourney @ Devils Lake, Lakewood Ramp on Saturday, July 12th. Work is being done to firm up cash donations to hold this event. Motion was made by Barry that FM Walleye's support this event with a \$500 donation. Steve Garten seconded. Discussion followed, motion passed.

-YMCA Indoor Ice Fishing Contest, Ron Sahr. This event was held from 1-3pm on Saturday, January 26th, in Fargo at the YMCA. The event went over well. The Y has decided going forward to hold this in town each year.

-Meetings Update: Mar 20th: Ted Takasaki, Anglers Night April 17th: Denny Palmer May 15th: Corey Heiser

-Nomination Committee. Don Marty, Steve Meyer & Steve Garten. Terms expiring are: Pres: Maloy, VP: Frie, Treas: Chouinard, Rec Sec: Stillwell, Board members: Johnson, Brewer.

-Resignations. In order to get all positions filled properly we had two board members resign their current posts, Don Marty resigned as current corresponding secretary & Steve Garten resigned as a board member at large. Also Chris Augustin resigned, since he has to relocate for his new job. Motion was made to accept these resignations by Lynn Johnson, seconded by Barry Chouinard. Motion passed. Now all positions will be filled by ballot at our annual meeting on Thursday.

-Distinguished Member Committee. Ron Sahr, Bob Jensen, Mike Miller, Barry Chouinard & Steve Meyer. All nominations have been reviewed and this award will be presented at the March meeting.

-Annual Meeting. Motion made by Barry to spend \$750 on raffles to hold at the annual meeting. Second by Auggie. Motion passed.

-Public Relations. Nick Johnson our speaker will be on with Dan Hammer prior to the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Need to develop criteria for donations that the club makes and also set up a committee. We will table all further donation requests until such time we have set the criteria that suits our club's best interest.

-Sports Fishing Congress. Past delegates were Ron Sahr & Steve Goldade. We need new delegates for the coming year. Ron Sahr & Scott Stillwell have volunteered. Tami Stillwell made motion to appoint Ron Sahr & Scott Stillwell to be the club's delegates. Second by Steve Hall. Motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

-Update on Rod Making Class. Auggie will give a recap of the rod making class held at the annual meeting.

-We would like to thank Chad Maloy for his year's of service as our club president! Thanks Chad. Also thanks to Lynn Johnson for his service on the board.

-Motion to adjourn meeting, & seconded. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8.47pm.

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, March 18th, 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.

MEMBERS CAUGHT! *by Steve Garten*

I really don't believe this member needs any special introduction, he has been a club member for many years, and always has been a giver. Mr. Steve Hall (or commonly referred to as good ole #01 in his racing days) is our featured member. Steve and his adorable wife Mary live in Moorhead, have two fine daughters Jackie and Nikki. Both of his daughters are excellent sticks in their own right. Steve is the Service Manager at Dave's I-29 Service. He is a blast to be with in the boat and by the campfire.



The People who influenced my fishing the most? *“There have been a few people who have influenced my fishing over the years, but the one person I believe got my interest in fishing started was my grandfather, Roy Larson. During the summer we were off to different lakes about one or two times a week. Once he retired we would fish three or four times a week. My dad would sometimes go along, but was always ready to go home if we picked a slow lake.*

When I look back on it, I remember what a versatile fisherman my grandfather was. We would fish for any kind of fish if the walleyes weren't biting. For the most part we used a lot of jigs, pulled them, jigged them and put them below the bobbers. We trolled with Prescott and Little Joe Spinners, even crankbaits like Lazy Ike's. Man, those were the days, no depth finders, a sixteen foot Lund with a 10 h.p. Johnson!”

Favorite Walleye fishing Tactic? *“I like to fish with a jig because it can be used so many different ways. I like casting or pitching with them. You can cover a lot of ground if the fish are shallow.”*

Funniest Fishing Experience? *“Here's the deal! I have had many stories and experiences, many of them very funny! I will share a story about my dad and I fishing. We were fishing for crappies on a little lake up by Itasca State Park. Just before ice out. I was fishing on one side of the pickup and my dad was on the other. I caught a small hammer handle northern and it got hooked up in his line, well the fight was on, back and forth, with a little fish on one side of the pickup and 'a really big fish' on the other side. All I could hear was my dad yelling for me to get over there because he had the biggest fish. Once I got my little fish off and let the line go, he yelled out that his “big fish” let go, the biggest fish he had ever seen! I love those fishing tricks.”*

Best fishing Experience? *“Over the years I have caught and landed a lot of nice fish, so catching them doesn't stand out a lot for me anymore. I have to say I really enjoy introducing people, young and old, to fishing. I love to share with them what I have learned about fishing. I love to see their interest spark when they learn of new tips to help them catch fish. Kids – take them fishing, it's something healthy that will last a lifetime for them.”*

I know there are a number of our club members who have benefited from Steve's suggestions on fish catching, and I know we ALL have benefited by knowing him. Thanks Steve! So who will be CAUGHT next!

LUND[®] INCENTIVE

Lund Boats has announced the FM Walleyes Unlimited Member Lund Spring purchase rebate program is offered again in 2008. The announcement is so new, we do not have full detail as the newsletter is going to print. Lund boats will have a rebate program for dues paid members of FM Walleyes Unlimited during the spring promotion season. Additionally, the final details are being worked out to add a Mercury Motor rebate on a Lund Mercury Package. Ask your dealer or Contact Barry Chouinard for more information at BChouinard@magnumlog.com. Remember, you must be a current dues paid member in good standing to qualify for the rebate in addition to the existing spring purchase promotions.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING, EL ZAGAL SHRINE BOARD ROOM, THURSDAY, MARCH 6TH

Board Members Present:

Steve Garten, Ed Liberda, Scott Brewer, Barry Chouinard, Brian Dahlen, Don Marty, Kyle Agre, Steve Hall, Tami Stillwell

Board Members Absent: Steve Meyer, Chad Maloy, Gary Sauvageau

Guests: Bob Jensen, Ron Sahr, Scott Stillwell, Dan Kaup, Sharon Kaup, Tim Shiek

Steve Garten, our new president, called a special meeting. This meeting was used to get to know each other & also for information gathering. After introductions of all in attendance, Mr Garten asked each of us what we thought was good about our club and secondly what our club needed to work on to make it better. A large amount of good, thought provoking ideas were brought out by all in attendance. There was a lot of enthusiasm behind the ideas & the whole meeting was a very positive experience.

The following is a summary of the ideas brought up:

What's going well:

Good speakers at general membership meetings; Youth education going in the right direction; Good leadership team; Club outings are great; Club feedback is very important; Continue to use strategic planning going forward; Club is getting very well know, in our area and nationwide; Excellent meetings; Tournaments are well run, professional; Get general membership more involved to grow club; Door prizes at meeting add interest; Good educational opportunities during the club meetings; GET INVOLVED & BRING FRIENDS ALONG; Youth mentoring very important; Club has matured over the years; We all share a common bond which is FISHING; Need to get younger people involved to insure the longevity of our Club, Working on organization & leadership; Love the direction that the club is currently going

What needs work:

New members need to feel welcomed; Better list of donators to work off of, per event; Information needs to be out to members sooner; Board meetings need to be more organized, more professional; Need budget information up front; New board needs to address changes that may need to be made to be more successful as a club; Need for more member related events, possible additional social events, bigger club events, try to draw more club members to club outings; Only working with a small nucleus of workers, need to draw on general membership for volunteers to assist with more events to be more successful & grow; Work on finding a way to get more people involved in our club; Need to publish a calendar of club events early in the year to distribute to all members; Look for opportunities to improve, example dinner dance...look at getting younger crowd involve, tickets too expensive, give away more tickets to get more people involved; Try to retain more general members once they join; Possibly get involved with sports shows again

Barry Chouinard advised us that he just received information that Lund Boats again will be sponsoring the Lund Spring Purchase Rebate Program for current FM Walleye members...details to follow

We would truly like to see more general members at the board meetings. We value your opinions and would like you to use this as your time to share your ideas with the board and get your input in the direction of our club.

Our next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18th, at the Doublewood. Hope to see you there!

Respectfully submitted, Tami Stillwell Recording Secretary

ELECTION OF OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2008 AT THE DOUBLEWOOD INN

At the general membership meeting held on Thursday, February 21st, 2008, the election of Officers and Board Members at large was held.

President, Steve Garten • **Vice President**, Don Marty

Treasurer, Barry Chouinard • **Recording Secretary**, Tami Stillwell • **Corresponding Secretary**, Brian Dahlin

Board Members at Large Positions filled as follows:

Kyle Agre, Ed Liberda, Gary Sauvageau, Scott Brewer

Once the slate of officers and board members was presented, additional nominations were called for from the floor (three time). Since none were received, the election proceeded.

Ron Sahr made a motion to accept the nominations of the officers to be elected and also of the board member at large positions to be filled. Lynn Johnson seconded. All in attendance agreed and motions passed. The elections were completed.

ANNUAL MEETING PHOTOS



Eating Chili



*Lane Bohlmann
1st Place Jr. Traveling Trophy*



*Grady Stillwell
2nd Place Junior Division*



*Scott Stillwell
1st Place Adult Traveling Trophy*



*Our ladies did well...
Helen Montplaisir (left) & Sharon Kaup (right)*



DINNER DANCE SNAPSHOTS



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

- Steve Arntson, John & Mavis Askew, Rob Becherl, Tim Berberich, Richard Brueckner, Brent Christensen, Everett & Mary Kay Christensen, Glen & Susan Collins, Matt Danuser, Caroll Deltener, Jay Denny, Tim Dines, Larry & Tracy Dorscher, Jim Enkers, Jeremy & Sherie Fischer, Lyle Fritz, Beryl Froemke, Roger Genoch, Brian Gronewold, Paul Hagen, Curt Hagenbeck, Rod Hagenbeck, Mark & Shari Hahn, Clay Horsager, Dick Ihland, Aaron Johnson, Anthony Johnson, Jason Kohlman, Steve Krupich, Jerry Link, Robert Loos, Lee Metzger, Darrel Nelson, Don Nelson, Robert Nelson, David Obermiller, Brian Olmstead, Raymond Otterson, John Saewert, Al Schwindt, Mike Smith, Tom Stoe, Ed Sweeney, Jerry Thoenke, Mark Vining

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