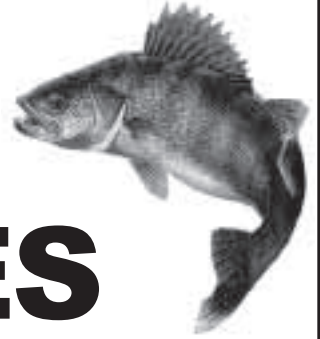




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WALLEYE LINES



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Thursday, March 16th 8th Annual Anglers Night with "Legendary Angler" Bob Probst, Sr.

A walleye angling expert who in nearly 40 years, has developed into what some of the outdoor media/writers call "the greatest walleye fisherman who has ever lived."

Inducted into the National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame as a "Legendary Angler" in 1993, Probst's angling experience reaches to Nebraska, Minnesota and the Dakotas. He can lay claim to many innovations to catch walleye. Trolling leadcore line, bottom bouncing with a spinner and crawler, power trolling for early spring walleyes, and using long rods to reach out.

Often referred to as uncanny, Bob's methods of producing walleyes on demand under any conditions have become legend with the walleye school of anglers. Having followed the competitive routes of two major tournament trails, Bob has experienced walleyes and walleye habits in more situations than just about any man alive. He has demonstrated the ability to find walleyes faster than any other angler, especially when he hits new waters.

Fishing with partner Mike McClelland in the early days of the MWC circuit, this duo became the winningest team ever. They set more records with fish caught and money won than any other team, qualified for every Championship and won three Team-of-the-Year titles.

Throughout his career, Bob has made a point of sharing his knowledge and information. He conducts enjoyable seminars and is always ready to answer questions, especially if it helps someone catch fish. Bob last graced FM Walleyes in 1998 and I hear many members talking about that seminar today.

Probst is definitely a living legend and this will be a meeting you will not want to miss. **Thursday, March 16th** at the Doublewood Inn, Fargo. **Doors will open at 6:00** with the program starting at 7:00.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 14
Board Meeting
Doublewood Inn

March 16
Angler's Night
with *Legendary Angler*
Bob Probst, Sr.
Doublewood Inn

March 18
Lowrance School
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9:15a.m. to 4:15p.m.
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March 25
Dinner Dance
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April 18
Board Meeting

April 20
Membership Meeting
Chris Gilman
courtesy of Ranger Boats

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President's Comments...

Dear Club Members,

Please take some time to congratulate Steve Garten & Chris Augustin for being newly elected to your Board of Directors. I know both of these men personally and can assure you that they will work hard to serve your club to the best of their abilities. Please also thank Steve Garten and Tim Amble for taking care of the Annual Meeting accommodations at the Shrine club. The set up was great and so was the chili. Thank you both.

I also want to take the opportunity to invite all club members to take the time to and come to a Board meeting. This is a great opportunity to share your thoughts on the direction you would like to see club matters handled. I think we have a very diverse group of volunteers serving the club as Board members who all share a little different perspective on the sport of fishing. This diversity is what makes our club successful. We do not all agree on certain items which is good. We sometimes agree to disagree with the majority vote being the deciding factor. We always end up leaving the Board room as friends.

Best Fishes!

Chad Maloy, President

P.S. I almost forgot to mention that I still have some rods and reels for sale!

FM Walleyes Board Meeting Minutes February 14th, 2006 - Doublewood Inn, Fargo, ND

President Chad Maloy called the meeting to order at 7:05pm
Absent Board Member: Eric Daninger
Guests: Steve Garten and Chris Augustin
Treasurer Barry Chouinard reported \$8896.29 in check book.
Review of minutes from previous meeting approved

Old Business:

Annual Meeting Discussion: all on track with responsibilities determined.

Upcoming Club Meetings: on track with Bob Probst for March and Chris Gillman for April.

Membership: Lester Sjoblom reported renewals will be sent out and ready for all upcoming meetings.

Nominating Committee: All board member positions on track and ready to be voted on at annual meeting.

Dinner Dance: Tim Amble reported all on track for March 25th

New Business:

Lester Sjoblom presented the rough drafts for the classic tournament entry forms for review. Corrections will be made and entry forms will go out soon.

Request by Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation for website development. Tabled for further information.

Motion by Jeremy Frie and second by Lynn Johnson to honor request for \$2000 donation to Camp Wilderness - needed for new outboard motors.

- Passed.

Motion by Lynn Johnson, second by Lester Sjoblom to honor request by Friends of Lake Sakakawea for \$100 membership dues.

- Passed.

Motion by Barry Chouinard second by Steve Meyer to honor request by the Cystic Fibrosis Fishing Tournament for \$100.

- Passed.

Motion to adjourn by Jeremy Frie second by Tim Amble at 8:17pm.

Lynn Johnson, Reporting

FM Walleyes Annual Meeting Minutes February 16th, 2006 - El Zagal Shrine, Fargo, ND

President Chad Maloy called the meeting to order at 7:00pm
Chad called upon Lynn Johnson to give nominations from the nominating committee for board member proposals/changes:
President: 2 year term - Chad Maloy
Vice President: 2 year term - Jeremy Frie
Board Member: 3 year term - Steve Garten
Board Member: 3 year term - Chris Augustin
Lynn asked for nominations from the floor. Having none, a motion was made by Bob Jensen, second by Jerome Borgen, to accept the nominations. Passed.

Steve hall presented the club outing member winners:

Junior division:	Adult division:
1 st Matt Kimball	1 st Guy Kimball
2 nd Grady Stillwell	2 nd Dave Kaup
3 rd Nikke Hall	3 rd Delphine Marty
4 th Justin Montplaiser	4 th Don Marty
5 th Matt Quiggle	5 th Shanon Kaup

Big Fish Award went to Ron Sahr with the traveling trophies going to Matt Kimball and Guy Kimball. Steve Hall also reported on the club outings scheduled to date of April 22-23 Waubay, SD on May 20-21 Big Detroit, Detroit Lakes, MN

Chad Maloy reported the Distinguished Member Award would be given out at the next club meeting. Chad announced Tom Backer would give away one of his new rods as the membership attendance award. He said the club tournament entry forms would soon be out along with the Classic Cup Championship entry form for those fishing in both the Pelican and Cormorant tournaments.

Meeting was completed at 7:20 with the introduction of the guest speaker Dustin Kjeldson.

Lynn Johnson, Reporting

2006 CLUB OUTINGS

Date: April 22nd & 23rd
Location: Waubay Lake, Webster, SD

Time: 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 (Both days)

Weigh In: Breske Bay Landing
 Lodging: Holiday Motel
 (605) 345-3323 or (800) 667-3323

Date: June 17th & 18th
Location: Lake Bemidji, Bemidji, MN

Time: 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 (Both days)

Weigh In: Lake Bemidji State Park
 (headquarter there)
 Lodging: AmericInn- (800) 634-3444
 Super 8 - (800) 800-8000
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Date: August 19th & 20th
Location: Upper Red Lake, Red Lake, MN

Time: 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 (Both days)

Weigh In: Big Bog State Campgrounds, Waskish, MN
 Lodging: Big Bog State Park - (866) 85PARKS
 On line: www.stayatMNParks.com
 (make reservations early)

Date: May 20th & 21st (note times)

Location: Big Detroit Lake, Detroit Lakes, MN

Saturday: 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 (on-water boat demo to follow)

Weigh In: Holiday Inn Ramp
 Lodging: Holiday Inn - (888) 890-0242

Date: July 15th & 16th
Location: Rush Lake, Perham, MN

Time: 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 (Both days)

Weigh In: To be announced
 Lodging: To be announced

Questions? Call:

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Getting to Know You....

FM Walleyes Unlimited elected 2 new board members, and re-elected 2 existing officers at the annual membership meeting in February at the El Zagal Shrine Center.



Christopher Augustin - prefers to go by "Auggie". Auggie is a student at NDSU in Fargo, and has been spending his summers guiding on Devils Lake with Mitchell's Guide Service. With Dennis Flom departing our board, we were without the perspective of a professional guide on our board - Auggie fills that roll for FMWU.



Steve Garten joins the FMWU board as well. Steve has been an avid Muskie fisherman before taking a vacation from fishing for a number of years. Steve picked up walleye fishing a few years back and revived his enthusiasm for fishing in a big way. Steve is a mortgage banker who lives and works in Fargo. Steve is a master with a jigging rod.

In addition to our new board members, **President Chad Maloy** and **Vice President Jeremy Frie** were re-elected to their respective positions. Chad and Jeremy's leadership has been greatly valued and appreciated in the past, and we extend a big thank you for their willingness to continue to lead our club.

Finally, a great big thank you goes out to departing board members **Tim Amble** and **Dennis Flom**. Both Tim and Dennis have contributed a great deal to our clubs growth and success.

The efforts and dedication of each of the above are greatly appreciated. FMWU is a volunteer organization, without members like those above contributing their time, talents, and efforts the club we all enjoy would not be possible. Thank you to all!

F-M WALLEYE CLUB OUTING MAY 20TH & 21ST TO INCLUDE ON-THE-WATER BOAT DEMONSTRATION

The May Club Outing will be on Big Detroit Lake, Detroit Lakes, MN. We will be headquartering out of the parking lot at the Holiday Inn. The public access boat ramp is near there. Please note the time change for this Club Outing only:

Saturday 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Our Club has invited boat dealerships to attend. Following the weigh-in on Sunday, there will be on-the-water boat demonstrations.

If you have questions, please call: Steve Hall (H) 218-233-7011 or Scott Stillwell (H) 218-236-9001
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February Meeting Review *by Jeremy Frie*

Finding Walleye Feeding Frenzies

Dustin Kjeldon, a professional walleye angler from Brookings, SD spoke to the FM Walleyes crowd at the annual meeting. Dustin feels that on any body of water, at any given time, a school of large walleyes are feeding on anything and everything. His presentation concentrated on this topic.

Look Shallow

Less than 8' of water. Windy shorelines, funnels, weeds, and stained water are all key in locating feeding fish.

Speed

Move fast. Dustin spends just 10 minutes or so on a particular spot before moving to the next location.

Trolling Crankbaits

Fireline is his favorite choice of line. He also trolls fast, often at 2.5 mph or more.

Casting Crankbaits

"Hand to fin combat". Start with a very fast retrieve (as fast as you can reel). Make sure and pause the crankbait for best results. Favorite baits include the #4 and #5 Salmo hornet, the #4 jointed Shad Rap, and the #5 glass shad rap.

Cranking Jigs

Work the jig like a crankbait. Reel the jig back to the boat very quickly. Bottom contact is not needed with this method. Use larger twist tails (4-5") for the most action/vibration.

Thanks to *Dustin Kjeldon* and *Ranger Boats* for this informative seminar.

Don't miss Bob Probst on March 16 at the Angler's Night event at the Doublewood Inn in Fargo.

Dinner Dance Tickets

Dinner Dance tickets can be obtained at Angler's Night or by contacting any of the board members. This year's banquet is being held at the El Zagal Shrine Center. Get your tickets quick! Cost is only \$25 per person.

Classic Tournament Applications

Pelican and Cormorant Applications were mailed out to Partner 1 on March 4th and will be mailed to Partner 2 on March 13. We had a problem with our mailing list and did not realize it until the first group was in the mail. Anglers who did not fish either tournament will be eligible to submit applications starting on March 20th.

Angler Night Sponsors

The 8th Annual Anglers night is brought to you with the help and support of WDAY Radio & TV, Gate City Bank, J&K Marine and Miller Lite. These sponsors have put up the cash to bring Hall of Fame "Legendary Angler", Bob Probst, Sr. to Fargo. Without their support it would be difficult to bring these nationally sought after personalities to little old Fargo. Please support these companies which support our club.

Slip-Bobbing Trees

by Chris "Auggie" Augustin

I really like pulling pig walleyes out of submerged timber. It is something I have had the privilege to do day after day. It can work in any season from ice out to freeze up. The fish seen here was taken in the middle of July in 8 feet of water. 7 or 8 foot soft tipped rods work great for long hooksets. Green 10 lb Fireline works great because it is easy to see from the distance and its strong enough - fish can be muscled and played out at the surface. That's where the soft rod tip comes into play - plus less jigs and bobbers are lost with this than with monofilament line. If cover is really thick stiff rods and a tight drag can help rip pigs out of the timber. One of my best walleyes, which was 31 inches long was skidded on top of the water and into the boat using stiff rods and a drag cranked down.

Tying an overhand not on a rubber band for a bobber stops gets the job done. They hold better on Fireline than nylon bobber stops and are a heck of a lot cheaper. My bait of choice is leeches, but minnows and worms work well from time to time. One trick that works with minnows when walleyes are turned off is to pinch the tailfin off the minnow. This allows the minnow to wiggle, but the minnow can't move away from a big fish. Hooks and small jigs balanced out with split shot are the norm for lures.



Finding an area to fish is pretty easy. There is a stereotype that big areas can't be covered and it takes forever to find fish. This is far from the truth. It takes a little trial and error, but playing hopscotch in the trees can make covering an area a breeze. Tie up to a tree for 20 minutes if nothing happens, then move - sometimes 30 feet sometimes a few miles. It depends, but use your best judgment. After a while something will click. Be careful though, when approaching these waters. Use an electric trolling motor when wondering throughout the trees and approaching the area. In these shallow waters of 15 feet or less, walleyes may scare easily.

When looking for fish, look for warmer, turbid areas. These are the windswept shorelines that also tend to be bountiful with food. Areas adjacent to deep water is a factor that will stand out or is close to a spawning area. Thick trees are great, but you need openings in the trees that allow you to sneak a bobber into the strike zone. If you know there are a few rocks in the trees, that can be deadly. If you are in an area with a bunch of small trees and there is one big tree work the big tree first. Uprooted trees hold all sorts of macro-invertebrates such as freshwater shrimp, which is the main forage on Devils Lake and a big reason why the fishing is so great.

I believe that walleyes are like people and that they are lazy. Big walleyes just sit underneath logs and flair their gills from time to time for an appetizing meal. Now this works great in the walleye world, but the shrimp are like chicken nuggets; little tidbits that eventually fill the fish's belly. When I sneak a slip bobber in front of them the leech is like a big juicy steak that hovers in front of their face teasing them and eventually they hit.

Fish usually come in little streaks. Other tactics to try is dead sticking or jigging right next to the boat. Walleyes will move underneath the boat when the sun comes out or work the shadowy side of the trees. As water levels change a few feet from year to year the same trees still seem to work. The problem with each coming spring is from the demolition of trees from the moving ice. The great thing about this tactic is that #1 - it's effective and #2 - anybody can catch fish from a bobber.

There are times when action can slow significantly. For those times mix it up. Pitch jigs and vary the retrieve. Whether it is the movement or a different presentation you'll figure out what works. When you do - enjoy!

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YMCA ICE FISHING TOURNAMENT REVIEW

By Ron Sahr

The YMCA held it's annual ice fishing tournament on January, 21st, 2006. The temps were in the low 70's, above zero. The contestants and volunteers were all dressed in short sleeved shirts. It was a perfect day.

Thanks to poor ice conditions on Cormorant Lake the tournament was moved indoors to the Downtown YMCA. The event was attended by over 150 adults and youths thanks to free hot dogs, chips, drinks. Attendees were also treated to slay rides, games, swimming, casting contest and an ice fishing seminar. Everyone seemed to have a good time.

Fishing reels, flashlights and many prizes, including Northland Fishing Tackle were given out just for attending. Attendees drew fish out of a barrel to see what their weight would be and the derby awards were handed out to those with the largest stringer. The YMCA raised over \$6000 during the event for Camp Cormorant.

A big thank you goes out to the following club members who volunteered their time to teach youth casting techniques: Chad Maloy, Steve Garten, Chuck Deremer, Barry Chouinard, Ron Sahr, and Tom McGeehan.



FMWU Promotional Item Update



The following club promotional items are available at each monthly meeting:

Jackets - Black medium weight hooded fishing jacket. FM Walleyes Unlimited logo on left chest. \$50 each

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Stickers - White vinyl FM Walleyes Unlimited stickers for the boat, auto, etc. \$3 each

For suggestions on other items, or any other questions, please contact Jeremy Frie at 701-238-2146

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