

March 17th will be a busy night...



It all starts around 5:30 with tables being set up for the swap meet. Club members

interested in disposing of their used outdoor equipment are asked to call ahead to reserve space. See the article on the **Swap Meet** swap meet for more information.





Around 6:30 the Doublewood Inn will bring out the now famous chili feed. Make sure you bring your ant-acids, a healthy appetite

and plenty of conversation to share with club members. While everyone is eating club members will be able to stroll thru the tables of used equipment in hopes of picking up a few deals.

The Annual Meeting of the Club will begin at 7:00 with a short report of the last board meeting followed by the Annual Meeting election of officers. If you are Annual Meeting interested in being part of the board there are three positions up for election.

While the election results are being tabulated Steve Hall will present the awards



for the 2004 Club tournaments. The Distinguished Member Award will also be

Last but not least, club members will be able to learn everything you would ever want to know about Tarps and Batteries. Richard Cossette of TRS Industries will share his expertise in the tarp industry and Mike Hartel of Interstate Batteries will educate us all on batteries.

Doors open at 5:30 pm for the Swap Meet and the Annual Meeting will start at 7:00 pm on March 17th at the Doublewood Inn of Fargo. THIS IS A MEMBERS ONLY MEETING. If you haven't renewed yet, it's not too late! A membership table will be set up outside the meeting room.



March 3-6 Sportsmans Show Fargodome

March 15 **Board Meeting**

March 17 Swap Meet, Chili Feed, Annual Meeting and Awards Presentations

March 19 **Dinner** Dance Courtyard by Marriott

> **April 19 Board Meeting**

April 21 Member Meeting

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

President's Comments...

Dear Members,

This month we will have our annual meeting and election of officers. I want to give a sincere "Thank You" to our retiring Board members. Bob Jensen has served the club for many years. Since I have been a member of this club Bob has served as our Treasurer and prior to that, he was the club's President. Bob has volunteered for many activities and was an important part of the club acquiring and taking over the Cormorant Fall Classic. Steve Goldade has served on the Board of Directors over the past 3 years and has volunteered to help whenever called upon. Steve was responsible for developing the Distinguished Member Award.

See you all at the Annual Meeting on March 17th and Dinner Dance on March 19th.

Best Fishes,

Chad Maloy, President



February Meeting Review by Jeremy frie

Gary Parsons on Leadcore Trolling



Wisconsin native and walleye fishing professional, Gary Parsons, entertained a huge crowd at the annual Angler's Night at Playmakers in Fargo. Gary's presentation centered around

fishing with leadcore and how that would apply to bodies of water such as Oahe and Sakakawea. He concentrated his efforts on teaching how to troll structure, not just open water.

Equipment needed for a leadcore trolling setup:

<u>Reel</u> – large baitcasting type reel, preferably with a line counter. Must be durable.

Line – 18 lb leadcore + a leader twice as long as the rod. 18 lb leadcore has the best ratio of line strength to lead weight. Each color represents 30' of line, or about 5' of sink. Use a monofilament leader if the bottom is free of debris. Use a Fireline leader if there are weeds, leaves, etc that may foul the crankbait. Fireline will telegraph lure wobble more readily than mono. If the lure is fouled, the bait and rod tip will no longer vibrate. Attach the leader to the leadcore with a #18 barrel swivel. Simply remove the lead from 4" of the leadcore and tie to the barrel swivel. The small swivel allows one to reel the swivel up through the line guides on the rod.

<u>Rod</u> – Long (7.5-8.5'), durable, with a fast tip. Leadcore does not stretch. A rod with a forgiving tip is a must.

<u>Crankbait</u> –

Subtle action – Water temps of 30-50F. Rapala Original (9-13). Husky Jerks. Thundersticks.

Moderate action – Water temps of 50-65F. Rapala Shad Rap (4-9 in SR, HSR, SRRS). #4 and #5 rattling Shad Raps are his favorites. Taildancer (5-7).

High action – Water temps greater than 65F. #9 Taildancer. Large Deep Thunderstick (DTS12). Reef Runners. Hot n' Tots. Jointed Shad Rap (4-5). The Jointed Shad Raps can be used other times as well, especially as water cools in the fall.

If Gary had to pick one crankbait for all conditions, it would be a #4 or #5 Jointed Shad Rap or a #4 or #5 Rattling Shad Rap.

Crankbait **colors** – use natural colors in clear water, bright orange or yellows in dingy water. Pearl colors work great in dirty water.

Crankbait **hooks** – for most fishing conditions, use what comes with the lure, just make sure they are sharp. For tournament conditions, Gary uses Mustad Triple Grip hooks for more fish holding ability.

Leadcore offers the fisherman the ability to change depths without changing lures. Simply slow the boat down, and the baits run deeper. Speed up, and the baits rise in the water column. Sharp turns may be necessary when fishing tight structure. Practice, practice, practice. Once you get the hang of it and feel comfortable about the depth your baits are running, you will find success!!!

Did you miss the meeting? If you did, you missed a great presentation! You may now be at a disadvantage compared to your friends who were at the meeting and are educated on a new way to catch fish... Don't let your buddies get the upper hand. Don't let the free fishing education opportunities pass you by.

Our Annual Meeting (members only) will be held March 17th at the Doublewood Inn of Fargo

> Free Chili! See You There!!!

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Club Outings are Gr-r-reat for kids!

by Scott & Tami Stillwell

The FM Walleyes Club can be a lot of different things to a lot of different people. There are many activities and opportunities; such as fantastic speakers at our monthly meetings, making new friends through club involvement, new friendships that can provide opportunities to attend other fishing trips. Also the thing that is the most important to us now, an opportunity for quality family time with people who enjoy the same activities.

When Tami & I first became members of the club, it was strictly to learn how to put more fish in the boat. Later as we became more involved, it turned into fishing new waters at the club tournaments. Them we became active in the leadership of the club. When our son was born 10 years ago our leadership in the club changed. At that point the club became what it is to us now, an opportunity to share our love of fishing and the outdoors with our son.

The Club Tournaments are now called Club Outings because the word tournaments does not accurately describe what they really are. As much as they are about friendly competition for some, for others they are an excellent opportunity to provide quality family time based around fishing. The kids soon



understand that while e a r n i n g trophies is fun, the time spent camping sharing potluck meals, sitting around c a m p f i r e s cooking hotdogs

& other activities are just as fun.

Any time is a good time to start your kids

fishing, the younger the better. At these outings your kids have the opportunity to learn responsibility, p a t i e n c e , determination, selfdiscipline and perseverance. While traveling, meeting new people, fishing



different lakes, dealing with the elements and whatever comes up, kids unknowingly develop these good attributes. Just think, all this while they are fishing and having a good time **with their parents**!

If we as parents want to provide an opportunity for our kids to learn core values and also challenge them, what better way than participating in the FM Walleyes Club Outings?



The Club Outings are open to ALL club members. We would like to see more kids at each and every outing. We planned our July Outing on Big Pelican Lake in Ottertail County, Minnesota, so that

it would be convenient for those of you that wish to attend. Watch for future articles in the Walleye Lines for further details.

For more information contact: Scott Stillwell (Home: 218 236-9001 or Cell: 701 361-1682) or Steve Hall (Home: 218 233-7011, Work: 701 237-0435 or Cell: 701 261-4379)

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Feb. 15, 2005 Board Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Chad Maloy at the Doublewood Inn, Fargo, ND. Board members in attendance: Chad Maloy, Jeremy Frie, Ron Sahr, Lester Sjoblom, Lynn Johnson, Steve Hall, Tim Amble, Steve Meyer, Bob Jenson and guests - Barry Chouinard and Eric Daninger.

Minutes of the January Meeting were approved and Treasurer Bob Jenson reported an account balance of \$7153. **Old Business**

• Motion by Jeremy Frie to give Cormorant Lake Association \$450 for fish stocking (at \$5 per boat for the 2004 Cormorant Classic), seconded by Tim Amble. Passed. · Discussion on Distinguished Member Nominations. • Discussion on upcoming election of officers - everything on track for annual meeting. . Discussion on Calendar Raffle for 2006. Ideas for new design were introduced and a committee is being formed to gather fishing events to list on the calendar. • Reviewed advertisers for the Pelican Classic Tournament. J&K will have a service van and mechanic available for both tournaments. • Dinner Dance on track. • Ron Sahr reported on the YMCA Ice Fishing Tournament, with over 200 adults and kids fishing. Y-Camp made profits of over \$7000 and were very thankful for the help from our club members. • Everything set for Anglers Night with Gary Parsons.

New Business

• Steve Hanson, Shimano Rep., tentatively scheduled to speak at the March Meeting. • Motion by Tim Amble, seconded by Steve Meyer to purchase \$750 worth of rods/ reels, etc., for upcoming meetings. Motion passed. • Pelican entry forms need to be mailed out March 4th to past entrants and made available to the public on March 11th. • Motion by Lynn Johnson, seconded by Bob Jenson to give \$2000 to Camp Wilderness, passed. . Motion by Tim Amble, seconded by Steve Meyer, to pay \$975 to Fergus Falls Game & Fish for rearing pond, passed. • Motion by Lynn Johnson, seconded by Steve Hall, to pay \$100 for dues and web presence to ND Sportfishing Congress (NDFSC), passed. • Motion by Lester Sjoblom, seconded by Bob Jenson, for Ron Sahr and Lynn Johnson to act as club delegates to the NDSFC, passed. • Motion by Lester Sjoblom, seconded by Steve Meyer, to adjourn at 8:20.



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Each year we hold our Dinner Dance as a way to break up the winter an have a fun night out with our friends. The 2005 Dinner Dance is being held at the Courtyard by Marriott in Moorhead on March 19th. This is another big fundraiser for FM Walleyes Unlimited, Inc. If you have something to donate or would like to approach local businesses, your help is greatly appreciated. If you have a donation please call Chad Maloy at 293-2491 or Tim Amble at 236-8698 so that we may make an inventory of prizes.





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Lynn Johnson, Reporting

Members Swap Meet

As part of our Annual Meeting on March 17th, F-M Walleyes will facilitate a swap meet for members. This event will allow our members to reserve a table and sell or swap *any outdoor related equipment with the exception of firearms and ammunition.* Firearms and ammunition of any kind will not be allowed. This is your chance to sell or swap those extra rods, reels, decoys, artwork, lures, tree-stand or what ever you may have that is either taking up needed space (for something new or better) or something that sparks bad feelings between you and your spouse! We want to keep this an outdoor related event so if you have an old toaster or old records better save them for your yard sale this spring. There is no charge for reserving a table. Set up starts at 5:30 and the swap meet will begin around 6:00 and end at 7:30. Due to space limitations we will have 20 tables available on a first come-first served basis.

If you would like to reserve a table please contact: Steve Goldade at 293-1350 or Russ Tweiten at 729-2940

Yar Craft Boats

By Sheldon Meidinger

Growing up in North Dakota, I was very familiar with Yar Craft Boats. Yar Craft was the first real high performance fiberglass boat to become popular in North Dakota during the mid eighties. The smooth and dry ride became very popular as more anglers started to fish some of the larger bodies of water like Lake Sakakawea and Lake Oahe. This boat company had a very loyal following. Used Yar Craft boats were easy to sell as well. Yar Craft was king.

Over time, Yar Craft had its highs and lows. Several fiberglass boat companies that specialized in bass boats started to produce "walleye boats." Yar Craft held on to the reputation as "the dry one" but troubles loomed ahead. Fishing styles and the lakes themselves changed. Yar Craft had one of the best series of tiller boats on the market but tiller boats became less popular each year as more powerful outboards were developed. Low water levels in the Dakotas brought an emergence of aluminum boats on roller trailers. Yar Craft Boats had a reputation for lasting forever but there were issues with quality control when boats left the plant. Both dealers and customers became frustrated with Yar Craft Boats. For many devote Yar Craft lovers, these issues concerning quality control and warranty work were the ultimate slap in the face because many of these people had owned Yar Crafts their whole lives.

Yar Craft had its troubles when Norlen, Inc. bought Yar Craft over a year ago. I had been fishing professionally on the PWT and RCL walleye circuits for a number of years and was heavily involved with the fishing industry. No secret that I love fishing and love boats. Corey Suthers, the new owner, called and asked if I would like to be the Western Sales Rep for Yar Craft. Going to work for Yar Craft as their Western Sales Rep was an easy decision for me. I soon found myself in a new job that I really loved, but there was plenty of work to do. The first year, we chose to restructure the company and resolve quality control issues. We honored past warranty work problems out of our own pocket and set up a standard policy for warranty work so that all of our customers get good warranty service after purchasing a Yar Craft Boat.

Over the course of the next year, a new 36,000 square foot plant in Wausau, WI is being constructed (opening in May 2005), several new team members have been added to the company from all over the country, a new 21 foot boat is in the works for 2006, not to mention several new changes to the current lineup. Dealers are coming back and so are the consumers. This boat company is really going to turn some heads over the next few years and I am very happy to be a part of an outstanding team.

For fishing, we incorporated tall side-walls and wrap around windshields on the dual console models to protect yourself and your passengers. You will have a hard time falling out of a Yar Craft boat but will still be "high enough" to fish and boat comfortably. Our dual console and side console 1995 Storm and 1785 Cobra models have already become a hit.

The 1785 Cobra is a very functional, clean and smooth entry-level boat that will last forever. The 1785 Cobra Series has become an extremely popular mid-range boat that is priced right. The Cobra is designed in a sporty dual console, side console and back troller (tiller) model so we can fill just about every niche.

The 1995 Storm Series in the Dual Console and Side Console models are real big water boats. Designed for handling the Great Lakes, these boats are also very functional anywhere there is big water. The Storm Series is for people who want more boat beneath them. Overall, this line of boat has more of the bells and whistles strategically layed out into our awesome Storm hull that also boasts a lifetime warranty. Our 2095 Back Troller (tiller) is also turning heads amongst the die-hard tiller crowd. This big tiller can handle a 150 hp four stroke and features the Pro Tiller Steering System.

For 2005, we are only offering two series of boats, six different boats total. We also have some new technology and products being tested. For now, however we plan on making a handful of boats and doing a very good job with the boats we do make. We are also laying down the groundwork so that we boast the best warranty and customer service in the industry. There are many good boats on the market besides Yar Craft. We believe that warranty and customer service can and should be a deciding factor when purchasing a boat. Like I mentioned earlier, we can't and don't make a boat for everybody but we are going to do the best job possible making functional and comfortable deep hulled fiberglass fishing boats for the people who appreciate our style of boat. For more information on Yar Craft Boats, check us out on the web at: www.yarcraft.com. We would love to tell you how great our boats are.



2004 Club Outing Results

August 2004 (Ottertail Lake) - The FM Walleyes Club Outing was held on Ottertail Lake. We were based out of the Red Lantern Inn. It was a very nice place. The campground was laid out quite well – the weather, however, was a great factor in the turn out. Despite the cold wind, we were still able to have our potluck cookout. The results are as follows:

Adult Division		Junior Division		
1st Place	Steve Quiggle, Sr.	1st Place	Brianna Fitch	
2nd Place	Dave Gollick	2nd Place	Nikki Hall	
3rd Place	Delphine Marty	3rd Place	Justin Montplaiser	

The **"Top Five"** for the year will be awarded with a plaque at our Annual Meeting in March. The traveling trophies will also be handed out at this time.

Top Five Adults and Juniors for 2004

Adult Division

1st Place	Don Marty	19.62 lbs
2nd Place	Delphine Marty	15.98 lbs
3rd Place	Carry Williams	12.32 lbs
4th Place	Scott Stillwell	11.54 lbs
5th Place	Pete Montplaiser	10.38 lbs

Junior Division

1st Place	Grady Stillwell	22.94 lbs
2nd Place	Nikki Hall	17.26 lbs
3rd Place	Steve Quiggle, Jr.	15.22 lbs
4th Place	Ashley Quiggle	11.98 lbs
5th Place	Justin Montplaiser	9.78 lbs

I would like to thank everyone who helped make the tournaments in 2004 a great success.

Steve Hall

Membership Application and Renewal

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