



MARCH 2010

WALLEYE LINES



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



Anglers Night with Chase Parsons

Thursday, March 18th, 2010



Following in his father's footsteps, Chase Parsons, son of Legendary Hall of Fame Angler Gary Parsons, entered the professional walleye fishing game in 2005 at the age of 22. Still being the youngest "Full-Time" walleye tournament angler, Chase has had numerous top finishes in the PWT and AIM circuits. He has just come off of a season placing second in the AIM (Anglers Insight Marketing) Angler of the Year standings, which includes most of the top name walleye fisherman in the country. Chase is a frequent host of "The Next Bite" television show and works with his sponsors in many aspects of the fishing industry, including product development and seminar/video promotions.

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING AT THE KELLY INN OF FARGO.

Doors open at 6:30pm and the presentation will begin at 7:00pm.

THIS MEETING IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 16th
Board Meeting - 7pm
Doublewood Inn, Fargo

March 18th
Chase Parsons - "Son of Legendary Hall of Fame Angler Gary Parsons"
Kelly Inn, Main Ave - Fargo
"Angler's Night"

April 13th
Board Meeting - 7pm
Doublewood Inn
All Members are welcome to attend

April 15th
Members discuss their experiences on the MWC Walleye Tour

April 24th
Scheels Walleye University w/Johnnie Candle & Corey Heiser

April 24th & 25th
Club Outing: Waubay Lake Webster, SD

May 18th
Board Meeting - 7pm
Doublewood Inn All Members are welcome to attend

May 20th
Lynn Schlueter with the NDGF & Nate Olson of the MN DNR

June 4th & 5th
Pelican Spring Classic Tournament

SAVE THE DATE ...

What: 2011 Annual Dinner Dance
When: Saturday, January 22, 2011
Where: El Zagal Shrine, Fargo ND
More details to follow ...

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

President's Comments...

I am looking forward to working with the club Officers and Board of Directors, as the new president.

Remember March 18th "Anglers Night" featuring Chase Parsons, Professional Walleye Angler. This event is open to the public, bring a friend.

Good luck to all the FM Walleye Unlimited, Inc. Anglers that are going up to Lake Winnipeg for "Trophy Greenback Walleyes" on March 26th-28th.

Good fishing, *Gary Sauvageau President*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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On Saturday, March 6th the FM Walleyes University Custom Rod Building class was held at the Country Inn & Suites. Twelve children along with an adult each were able to build a 6'6" spinning rod. They learned each step in the rod building process from handle assembly through applying the final epoxy. In addition to building their fishing rod they also learned the importance of each component and each step in the process. The class was led by Chuck DeRemer who was assisted by Galen Briese and Gary Sauvageau. All three instructors are members of FM Walleyes Unlimited and have extensive rod building experience.



2009 YEAR END CLUB OUTING RESULTS

<u>JUNIOR DIVISION</u>			<u>SENIOR DIVISION</u>		
		<u>total weight in lbs.</u>			<u>total weight in lbs.</u>
1st	Blake Meyer	27.20	1st	Brian Fitch	23.66
2nd	Brianna Fitch	24.04	2nd	Steve Meyer	15.10
3rd	Derion Baker	17.12	3rd	Steve Hall	14.68
4th	Emma Gangelhoff	10.36	4th	Guy Kim ball	13.16
5th	Justin Montplaisir	8.42	5th	Barry Chouinard	12.80

2010 FM WALLEYE'S CLUB OUTINGS

It's always hard to plan what lakes to hold club outings when there is 30 + inches of ice covering them! Just let your imaginations go, it won't be much longer! Our first club outing will be on Waubay Lake on the 24th and 25th of April. We will be staying in Webster, SD at the Holiday Motel. On Saturday following the weigh in at Breske Bay Landing, we will be having another good ol' fish fry. We have been holding our "opener" for the outings here for quite a few years. If anyone has any other ideas/recommendations, I would like to hear from you.

For the most part it has always been a fun and productive time, with enough fish action to provide us with great "shore lunches". Even those times when Mother Nature decides to throw her curve ball at us. Like when she dumped 20 inches of snow a few years back! Most years it has reached 50 to 70 degrees by afternoon! So, don't forget the sun screen.

Keep a tight line and I will see you there,

Steve Hall

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2010 LAKE WINNIPEG - ICE FISHING EXCURSION MARCH 26TH THROUGH 28TH, 2010

Members of FM Walleyes Unlimited are invited to join members of the Walleye Anglers Association of Manitoba in a weekend of ice fishing for trophy greenback walleyes on Lake Winnipeg.

A block of rooms have been reserved at a special rate for FM Walleyes members at the Selkirk Inn & Conference Center for Friday and Saturday night. Call 800-930-3888 to reserve your room. The rooms will be released on February 28th and open to the public. A fishermen's social will be held at the conference center both Friday and Saturday evening, providing an opportunity to meet fellow fishermen, discuss fishing strategies & tell fish stories.

To register for further updates and trip information contact Kyle Agre 429-1242 or e-mail kyle.agre@gmail.com.



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FOLLOW THE LEADER

by Jason Mitchell

The idea that walleye may indeed follow a lure for a significant distance before striking surprises many anglers. Many anglers have this mental picture that fish just lash out and strike a lure as the lure appears, like an ambush. While there is no doubt that plenty of ambushing is going on underwater, walleyes in particular will often follow a lure for a surprisingly long time before striking.

There are situations where walleye have a tendency to follow or lurk behind the lure with what seems like a nonchalant attitude where they could just as well take the bait or leave it. We have watched schools of fish follow a crank bait for thirty yards or more, shadowing the bait nipping at the heels until something tweaks the restraint of one of the fish. Usually, this trigger might be a stop or pump to the lure to cause something irregular or perhaps the lure bounces off a rock. Some slight trigger might be all that is needed to turn followers into takers. This may explain some of the effectiveness with planer boards while trolling. The board may give the lure just a little bit more action; more starts and stops than a rod hanging out of a rod holder. Because of this tendency for fish to snap on something irregular like a sudden stop or stall in the bait or a change in speed, many of the best trollers are always holding at least one rod, giving the lure more action.

This challenge to turn followers into takers can indeed be a challenge at any time of the year. Cold fronts or weather changes can just put the fish into a mood where they aren't lashing out at baits. Fishing pressure can also crop down the intensity of a bite. From our experience however, this following tendency is most apparent in the spring when the water is cool and many of the fish are shallow. Anglers who can consistently convert a high percentage of following fish into fish that chomp are going to catch many more fish come spring.

People often assume that shallow fish are fish that are eating. Yes, but there is much more to shallow fish than just finding something to eat. Early in the season, these fish may get active once a day, late afternoon or early evening after the sun warms the water a few degrees. The bite becomes a guessing game of timing. Hit a good spot too early and not see a fish, hit the same spot an hour later after the water temperature jumps a few degrees and the fish are on the bite. When the fish are really on the bite, the reality is that it doesn't really matter how you go about your day, you are going to probably catch a few fish.

The key to really catching fish is figuring out ways to turn fish when they aren't really on. What we have found is that we can catch many more of these turned off fish by making longer casts. Back the boat off the spot and make longer casts. I dare say that a longer cast catches three times as many fish as a short cast when the fish are in a funk and aren't snapping. What is a long cast? I would say the distance of a basketball court. Longer casts catch many more fish early in the season or whenever fish are turned off and the reason is simple. When the fish aren't snapping at the baits, you are generally dealing with a bunch of followers. Fish that just want to follow your crankbait or jig. Longer casts give these fish more time to eat before you run out of room at the boat. Often, the change of direction as a lure begins to rise towards the rod tip is a very powerful trigger so be ready as you finish your retrieve. A few stalls or pops as the lure raises towards the boat often snaps the restraint of following fish for us. So don't reel the lure all the way to the rod tip.

To back the boat off the spot and fish the area effectively by casting, you need to use baits that will cast well. On Devils Lake the past few years, one of our better baits that cast well is a Salmo 8F Perch. We have caught a lot of big walleye on this bait. Other classics include the Countdown Rapala, Husky Jerks, Rattling Rogues, jigs with Powerbait and swim baits. Lighter line can also aid with casting as does a longer rod. Depending on your height and arm length, a seven or seven foot medium light action rod is great for getting that whipping action necessary to launch baits into the upper deck. We have designed a couple of rods that excel for pitching crankbaits and jigs into still water. These rods are the Jason Mitchell Elite Series JMSS70MLX and the JMSS76MLXF. We built these rods out of a hard to find graphite that is of superior quality which makes the rod unusually light to hold and helps with the fatigue of fishing all day.

When walleye fishing this spring, be aware of the fact that turned off fish don't lash out at baits or ambush but follow and nip. When you encounter situations that turn down active fish, back off and be conscience of what is happening under water with how fish are attacking your lure or bait. These slight adjustments can often help you catch fish before or after the prime window of opportunity is over.



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SCHEELS WALLEYE UNIVERSITY VISITS FARGO, ND

Fargo, ND -- On Saturday, April 24th, 2010, professional angler Johnnie Candle will present an all new Walleye University.

Johnnie is coming off of a great season that highlights a 15 year career as a professional angler. Last season he placed 4th overall in the MWC Western Division and qualified for the World Walleye Championship as well as the National Team Championship. He is excited to share many of the techniques that helped him get there.

This 8-hour class deals with fine points of catching walleye in rivers, reservoirs and natural lakes all before lunch. After a lunch break, local fishing opportunities and targeting trophy walleye will be discussed. The day will end with talk of what's new and exciting in walleye catching tackle. There will be plenty of time for specific questions as well.

"Sharing knowledge is a big part of professional angling," says Candle, "and it's very rewarding. I have travelled nearly coast to coast to fish for walleye, and the techniques that I have learned during those travels are taught in this school."

Walleye University was first introduced in Bismarck, ND during the spring of 2000. It was such a big hit that it was decided to take the show on the road. Since Bismarck, the seminar has been presented to hundreds of walleye anglers in eight different states. Stops this year include: Sioux Falls, SD, Omaha, NE, St. Cloud, MN, Billings, MT, Mankato, MN, and Rapid City, SD.



This year, as part of Walleye University, special guest Corey Heiser will be sharing his knowledge of walleye fishing in the Fargo/Moorhead area. Last year Corey represented the Devils Lake Angler Young Angler team in the International AYA Championship as well as qualified for the MWC World Walleye Championship from the western division.

"There is no other place to learn this much about walleye fishing in one day," Candle says, "and the tips and tricks learned at the Walleye University will make you a better fisherman. You will learn the tactics to deal with those tough days on the water and make every fishing trip more successful."

Walleye University will be held at Scheels, 1551 45th Street South, Fargo, ND on Saturday, April 24th, 2010. It

begins at 8:30 am and runs until 5:00 pm. Every person in attendance will receive a package that includes a printed version of Walleye University

and a \$10 gift card from Scheels. Please pre-register as seating is limited. The cost of the school is \$50. Register at Scheels Gun Customer Service in Fargo or by calling 701.298.2918.

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FM WALLEYES UNLIMITED, INC. CLASSIC CUP TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2010

The Classic Cup Tournaments will be held on Pelican on June 4th -5th and Big Cormorant Lake on September 25th and 26th.

The Pelican Spring Classic schedule holds tradition with prior years being the weekend following the Memorial Day Holiday. This allows competitors to take a limited vacation time from work to pre-fish. The Pelican Spring Classic is a popular tournament with the best anglers in the region competing in one of the largest tournament fields anywhere.

The Cormorant Fall Classic will once again be held on a Saturday-Sunday weekend schedule, again allowing for limited time away from work for the competitors.

The Classic Cup Champion will be competing for a Lund Boat, Shorelandr trailer, and Mercury motor package award. Additionally, the FM Walleyes Classic Cup tournament series will once again be a sanctioned series to qualify for the NTC and AIM Championships, where anglers compete for over \$100,000 cash prizes.

ANGLER YOUNG ANGLER TOURNAMENT

FM Walleyes, Inc. and Lake Region Anglers Association will be coordinating the Devils Lake Regional Angler Young Angler Tournament on July 10th for the 3rd consecutive year.

The Devils Lake Regional Angler Young Angler tournament returns again and has quickly been established as the most prestigious and exciting opportunity for youthful anglers to participate in a competitive fishing event and qualify for the Angler Young Angler Championship event in Kenora, Ont, Canada.

Entry forms have been mailed, and will soon be available at business locations throughout the region, as well as online at www.FMWalleyes.com. Priority entry for last year's contestants runs through March 20th. The events are expected to fill, the opportunity to sign up will be over once a full field has signed up. Limited rule changes are going into effect. The Calcutta has been replaced with a bonus payout option, and the Classic Cup season championship will be awarded to the Boat Captain in 2010.

Contact Barry Chouinard for additional information.

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2010 @ EL ZAGAL SHRINE, FARGO ND

FM Walleye University presentation of completion certificates were given to the kids that attended tonight's class "Fish of North Dakota" presented by Doug Leier of the ND Game & Fish Department.

Corey Heiser spoke about upcoming Johnnie Candle "Scheels Walleye University, Walleye Fishing --- When, Where & How" to be held on Saturday, April 24, 2010. Corey Heiser will be the guest speaker. For more information on this event you can see a Scheels Associate or log-on to scheels.com/fargoevents.

Meeting was called to order @ 7.15pm by President, Steve Garten.

Introduction of board members.

Kyle Agre mentioned the WAAM Winnipeg Ice Fishing trip to be held the last weekend in March, 2010. 26 of our club members attended last year's event. This year we have approximately 70 members planning to attend. The Selkirk Inn is now currently booked to capacity. Angler's socials are planned for both Friday & Saturday nights. There will be a fish fry on the ice on Saturday. Some prizes will also be given out during this outing.

Kyle also had the pleasure of introducing Craig Ferris of the Winnipeg fishing group WAAM. While in town and was able to attend our meeting. He also joined FM Walleyes tonight, along with his daughter & son. Welcome to the Ferris'.

Election of Officers/Board Members, Kyle Agre, nominating committee:

President.....Gary Sauvageau, Charter Member
Vice President.....Scott Brewer
Treasurer.....Barry Chouinard
Corresponding Secretary.....Brian Dahlin
2 Board Members at Large.....Steve Hall & Steve Meyer

For each position the person running for the office or position was named, nominations from the floor were called for at least 3 times. Motion for nominations to cease was called for from the floor. All in favor, motion passed for each officer or board member at large. Each nominee was asked if they accepted the position that they were named. All accepted. Election complete.

The past presidents in attendance were recognized (Bob Jensen & Chad Maloy).

The President Elect and Vice President Elect will step down from their current board member at large positions during our next board meeting. This will cause two open board positions. Please contact any of our board members if you are willing to fill either of those spots.

Steve Garten thanked all board members that served with him. He also thanked the whole club for allowing him to be president for the last 2 years. Also thanks to Don Marty as the Vice President and serving the club in the role of obtaining tournament sponsors.

I would like to take the opportunity to speak for the board to thank Steve for being such a great leader for the club during his presidency.

Steve Hall presented the 2009 Year End Club Outing Awards:

ADULT DIVISION

5th ... Barry Chouinard
4th ... Guy Kimball
3rd ... Steve Hall
2nd ... Steve Meyer
1st ... Brian "yo mama" Fitch

KIDS DIVISION

5th ... Justin Montplaisir
4th ... Emma Gangelhoff
3rd ... Derion Baker
2nd ... Brianna Fitch
1st ... Blake Meyer

Kyle Agre mentioned that Chuck DeRemer will have rods available especially suited for the March Winnipeg Ice Fishing trip or you can also place special orders for rods from Chuck.

Steve Garten told all the club members that they should be especially proud of our club and the many volunteer hours that are donated in respect to the club's motto. Also that our club is very well respected in the fishing community not just locally but throughout the region & the United States.

Board Members Round Table:

Steve Garten, President	represents club @ public functions, lead club events/meetings, donation request coordinator.
Don Marty, Vice President	fill in for president during absence, sponsor retention & recruitment
Barry Chouinard, Treasurer	maintain recor of club funds, MN DNR Walleye Advisory Committee, Tournament Director
Brian Dahlin, Corr Sec	newsletter prep & dist, maintains membership records, dist events notices, updates club website
Tami Stillwell, Rec Sec	records & published monthly board meeting minutes, annual dinner dance coordinator
Kyle Agre	youth education coordinator, Lake Winnipeg Ice Fishing event coordinator, meeting recap articles
Scott Brewer	raffle & merchandise coordinator
Steve Hall	club outing coordinator
Steve Meyer	facilities coordinator
Gary Sauvageau	charter member of club, weighmaster @ classic tournaments & AYA DL tourney

Kyle put together a slide presentation to assist (more details available upon request).

The board entertained questions from the general membership. Attendance drawings, general raffle and special raffles were done.

The next board meeting will be @ 7pm on Tuesday, March 16th @ the Doublewood Inn. Please remember that all general club members are invited to attend any or all board meetings. *Respectfully submitted by Tami Stillwell, Recording Secretary.*

BOARD MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday, February 16, 2010 @ Doublewood Inn, Fargo ND

- Meeting was called to order @ 7.00pm by President, Steve Garten.

Absent Board Members: Steve Meyer, Ed Liberda. Guests: None

- Review of last month's board meeting minutes. Motion to approve minutes was made by Don Marty, second by Scott Brewer. All in favor, motion passed.
- Treasurer's Report, Barry Chouinard. Current balance: \$8,984.59. Barry reviewed distributions & deposits. Motion to approve balance was made by Brian Dahlin, second by Steve Hall. All in favor, motion carried
- Current Membership: 299 paid members (123 currently paid for 2010).
- Last meeting attendance: 100.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Dinner Dance, Tami Stillwell. Review of event. Overall the event went well and was successful with net profit of approximately \$2,914. We had some discussion on steps that we could take to grow event for next year. Spoke of possibility of printing tickets earlier and maybe having raffle prizes on the tickets to help with ticket sales (similar to what the club had done years ago).
- Distinguished Member Award, Tami Stillwell. We will be accepting nominations for this year's distinguished member award through Monday, February 22nd. Committee will be meeting to select award recipient. This award will be given out at our March Angler's Night meeting.
- Winnipeg Ice Fishing Event, Kyle Agre. Event is scheduled for the last weekend in March @ Selkirk. Contact Kyle if you plan on attending so he can relay all pertinent information. We mentioned that the club could donate a Comorant Classic complimentary team entry as a prize for the WAAM fishing club of Manitoba. Motion was made by Scott Brewer, second by Brian Dahlin. Further discussion. All in favor, motion carried

NEW BUSINESS:

- Annual Election Nominating Committee. Scott Brewer, Brian Dahlin & Gary Sauvageau resigned from the committee. Kyle Agre, Don Marty & Tami Stillwell were appointed to the committee. Terms expiring in 2010 are: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary and 2 board at large positions (Steve Hall's & Steve Meyer's). The election is set to be held at the Annual Meeting/Chili Feed in February, 2010. The committee is in the process of contacting members and completing the election ballot.
- Annual Meeting, February 2010. Chili feed, annual meeting and election of officers to be held at the Shrine on Thursday, February 18th. Presentation of the 2009 Club Outing trophies will be held. Also during this meeting the current officers/board of directors will each give highlights of their position & then field questions from the general membership. Special thanks to Kyle for preparing the slide presentation for the board! At this meeting there will be sheets for general members to sign up if they are interested in volunteering at the club events. These sheets will be used as a reference for each event chair to use for upcoming events. We will have 3 rods & a marker buoy set for this month's member drawing. There will also be a general raffle and a special raffle.
- Monthly Speaker Committee. Due to other commitments, Lisa Gibson is not able to continue assisting the club with booking speakers. Scott Brewer has offered to help out in the interim. Barry Chouinard also mentioned that he could assist in this area as needed.
- Donation Requests, Steve Garten. (1) Mike & Pam Miller sent in request for the club to donate \$1000 to sponsor their annual Take a Kid Fishing Event on White Earth Lake. This will be held on Saturday, June 13th from 10am to 2pm. Motion was made by Scott Brewer to honor this request, second by Kyle Agre. All were in favor, so moved. (2) Northern Lights Council Boy Scouts requested \$1500 donation to operate & maintain 18 boat motors throughout their 2010 boy scout program. This request was tabled until next month. We will ask them for further correspondence regarding this request. (3) ND Sportfishing Congress sent in request asking that the club sell tickets for their annual smoker and raffle to be held on Friday, April 9th, 2010. They are also asking for raffle items to be used at their event. Motion was made by Don Marty to donate FM Walleye clothing items to the ND Sportfishing Congress smoker & raffle. Second by Barry Chouinard, All in favor. Motion carried.
- Club Outings, Steve Hall. 2010 schedule is currently being worked on. As soon as all locations are locked in the information will be available. 2009 year end trophies are ready to be given out at the annual meeting this month.

ROUND TABLE:

- Brian Dahlin** Information for the Walleye Lines needs to be to Brian sooner in the month. He is suggesting that we consider changing the board meetings to the 1st Tuesday of each month. Other suggestions, plan a year in advance for our club functions so that everyone is aware & has ample time to plan.
- Scott Brewer** Presented the 2009 raffle budget and the 2010 proposed raffle budget. Discussion followed. Motion to approve budgets was made by Tami. Second by Barry. All in favor, motion carried. He also brought up the fact that we should be advertising the monthly meeting speakers more effectively to get a better turnout at each meeting. Also thinks that it is important that in the future we focus on grooming general members for board positions.
- Kyle Agre** Has prepared photo slides & collages for display at FM Walleyes Club functions. Mentioned that it would be good for the club to get a volunteer coordinator in place to organize lists of volunteers for the committee chairs to use at each club event.
- Don Marty** Angler's Night @ the Kelly Inn in Fargo in March. KFGO has agreed to sponsor the event. Mike McFeely will be our host for the evening. Don is still working on obtaining additional sponsors. FYI...Don also mentioned that club member John Ladwig's son, Mark, was at the Olympics representing the USA in the couples figure skating competition.
- Barry Chouinard** The next Walleye Advisory Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 18th. Pelican Spring Classic is scheduled for June 4th & 5th. Changes in classic tournaments: (1) No calcutta this year; instead a bonus payout (details to follow). (2) Classic cup entry will be based on the boat captain. That way the boat captain has the opportunity to fish with different partners in each tournament & still take part in the classic cup competition. (3) The late fee date was moved back to the Wednesday before the tournament date. Tourney updates: New sponsor Mercury has been acquired. Lund has also committed to sponsorship

Motion to adjourn @ 9.25pm by Brian Dahlin, second by Steve Hall. All in favor, motion passed. **The next board meeting will be @ 7pm on Tuesday, March 16th @ the Doublewood Inn.** Please remember that all general club members are invited to attend any or all board meetings.

Respectfully submitted by Tami Stillwell, Recording Secretary.

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