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FM Walleyes Unlimited, Inc is proud to present:

JAMES LINDNER



Lindner Media Productions • Executive Director • Lindner's Angling Edge Co-Host

Growing up in the world of sports fishing, James Lindner has filmed and fished from the Arctic Circle tundra to South American jungles and from the Atlantic to the Pacific coasts and every state in between. As a multi-species fishermen, James has few equals and his prowess with muskies is legendary.

Recognized as one of the best directors and producers in the outdoor industry, James is the son and nephew—respectively of Ron and Al Lindner. James lives, eats, and sleeps fishing, leaving little time for non fishing related activities.

In 2008, James was inducted into the Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame as a Legendary Commicator for his outstanding achievement in the realm of sportfishing. In 2003, he was also honored as the Rapala Angler of the Year in appreciation of his professional manner, motivated by passion of fishing, to promote and expose other to the world of Rapala and recognising his examples and limitless efforts that Lauri Rapala's legacy continues and for making others aware of the joy fishing brings.

Today, James is at the helm of Lindner Media Productions, which specializes in producing educational fishing programs, educational DVDs, national TV commercials, product sales presentations, point of purchase product DVDs shown internationally in sporting goods stores, as well as providing their trademark underwater footage and photography to the sport fishing industry. Al, Ron, James, Daniel and Bill Lindner are the creative forces behind Lindner Media and their wide variety of award-

winning productions, and have a long and storied history in the fishing business.

If anyone has literally cut his teeth on the handle of a fishing rod, then James surely has. Traveling with Ron and Al on their many filming trips, James at the age of 10 in 1969, was Al's boat partner in the first television segment Al made. Following in the family tradition, James served his apprenticeship as a guide starting at 14 years old. James actively worked and was well booked every summer through his teenage years. Later in college, he spent his summers guiding at a Canadian camp as well as filming with Al and Ron.

In 1981, James, with a few credits short of a major in Journalism and a minor in Aquatic Biology, James took on responsibility for the entire production of the In-Fisherman TV and video work. James has been filming, producing, directing, script writing, editing, and Television Shows for the past twenty-five years. He and his TV and video team's successful formula have created over 50 award winning programs including North American Film and Video Awards, Outdoor Writer Association of American, Cable Ace Nominations, Telly and Teddy Awards capturing more awards than any fishing television show produced in the history of outdoor programming.

A top grade tournament bass fisherman in his own right, James has dominated the Canadian American Smallmouth Bass circuit, with wins and high placing in many events. James is none the less adept with most freshwater and even saltwater species.

The Lindner's sold their stakes in Lindy Tackle in 1973, and in In-Fisherman in 1998. Today, they focus their efforts on Lindner Media Productions, whose client list includes some of the most respected names in the outdoor industry, including Rapala, Berkley, Lund Boats, Shimano, Blue Fox, Storm, MinnKota, Mustad, Nature Vision, Lindy Tackle, Humminbird, Storm, HT Enterprises, Mercury, Gander Mountain, and many others.

Lindner Media Productions also films, edits and post-produces outdoor television series programming. In addition to Lindner's Angling Edge and Fishing Edge, they currently produce the highly acclaimed FLW Outdoors Bass Series and Walleye Series Tour, plus the Glorvigen's Pro's Pointers series. Lindner Media has supplied video footage from their extensive film library for the History Channels' series "Modern Marvels." In association with Bill Lindner Photography (BLP), they market stunning outdoor photography to magazine publishers, advertising agencies and catalog houses. BLP's photography has graced the cover of national publications including Outdoor Life, Saltwater Sportsman, Field & Stream, North American Fisherman, Bass West, Sports Fishing, In-Fisherman, and Florida Sportsman. BLP is also the primary sport fishing image source for Windigo Images--a large stock photo supplier of outdoor photographic material.

The meeting is at the Kelly Inn on Main in Fargo. Doors open at 6:00pm and the meeting starts at 7:00pm This meeting is free and open to the public, bring a friend.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**2010 MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRED
FEBRUARY 28TH - IF YOU HAVE
NOT RENEWED PLEASE DO SO**

April 7th

Board Meeting
6:00pm at the Kelly Inn in Fargo
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April 21st

Tom Briggs from
Wigwam Resort
Doors open at 6:30pm and the Seminar
starts at 7:00pm at
the Kelly Inn on Main in Fargo, ND

May 5th

Board Meeting
6:00pm at the Kelly Inn in Fargo
Members Welcome

June 2nd

Annual Pelican Classic Rules Meeting
Fair Hills Supper Club

June 3rd & 4th

Annual Pelican Classic Tournament

June 8th Take a Vet Fishing
YMCA on Big Cormorant

June 9th Board Meeting
6:00pm at the Kelly Inn in Fargo
Members Welcome

NO JUNE GENERAL MEETING

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

President's Comments...

I want to thank those of you who attended our Annual Meeting held at the El Zagal Shrine in February. FLW Championship winner "Chris Gilman" put on a very good program and answered many questions from the floor.

Steve Garten and his crew of volunteers did a great job with the Chile and fixings. Thanks!!!!

Don't miss this month's meetings "Anglers Night with James Lindner" James will be informative and very exciting. Hope to see you there, bring a friend!

If you are interested in attending the "Lake Winnipeg Trophy Walleyes Outing" please contact Kyle Agre, this event is at the end of this month.

Good Fishing,
Gary Sauvageau President

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS POSITIONS FILLED

Ron Sahr was reelected to the Board of Directors along with New board members, Scot Johnson (Recording Secretary), and Bill Carr (Board of Directors) they all bring great talents and knowledge to the board. Everyone looks forward to working with them. **CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME!!!!**

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JANURAY 2011 RECAP

FM WALLEYES UNLIMITED MEMBERS IMPRESSED BY FISHING OPPORTUNITIES IN MANITOBA

FM Walleyes Unlimited members and guests attending the January club meeting at the Doublewood Inn were treated to a trio of personalities from Winnipeg, Manitoba. Craig Stapon, Roger Stearns and Jason Gauthier provided a lot of excitement, entertainment and plenty of great information about fishing for Lake Trout, Muskie and Walleye in the waters to our north.

Jason Gauthier, well known for his entertaining enthusiasm and “auctioneer” voice, has emceed events such as the AYA International Championship, Lund Mainia Tournament and frequently guest hosts “Let’s Talk Fishing” on CJOB in Winnipeg. He kicked off the FM Walleyes Unlimited meeting with a pep talk to the FM Walleyes University attendees. He had the kids filling the room with shouts of “We Love Fishing!”. Jason followed this up with a video of “Jason’s Adventure” which he filmed especially for FM Walleyes Unlimited. The video included clips of he and Craig Stapon fishing Lake Trout on a remote lake in Northwest Ontario. The video ended with a series of “bloopers” and out takes from the filming of the clip. Jason’s video is now available in two parts on Youtube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xSW2wa06KQo>.

Craig Stapon, renowned muskie guide and regular host of “Let’s Talk Fishing, With Craig Stapon” on CJOB Winnipeg was next on the program. Craig undoubtedly does “know every muskie within 100 miles of Kenora” and could tell a story about nearly every one of them! Craig combined a true enthusiasm for the sport of muskie fishing with an incredible amount of knowledge and experience. Throughout his seminar he emphasized the idea that muskies are “top of the food chain” predators and can be found on or near the premier structure in any lake. Craig guides for trophy muskies in Manitoba and Ontario and has amassed over 300 fish of 50 inches or more in his life time. He has his own line of “Red Oktober” muskie rods and shared that his favorite lures for trophy muskie include the Suick, Bulldog and his signature lure the Crippler.

The evening then moved to the topic of walleye fishing with Roger Stearns. Roger is one of the most highly respected ice fishing anglers on Lake Winnipeg. With a reputation for finding and catching monster greenback walleyes through the ice, he shared some of his tactics and techniques. Roger explained the relationship of the walleyes migrating from the northern basin of Lake Winnipeg to the southern basin and the inflow currents from the Red River. The current from the Red creates a flow from south to north through the center of the basin and back current from north to south along the west and east shores. The currents carry the bulk of zooplankton and in turn large schools of shiners follow with the walleyes falling in line in the food chain. Roger used this theory to illustrate the movements of walleyes in the southern basin to perfection. The seminar continued with tips on how to attract large walleyes using Kopper’s Live Target Golden Shiner lures. The Live Targets are lipless crankbaits with which Roger pioneered the technique of using them through the ice. With a loud rattle, this type of bait is capable of calling walleyes from great distances and is realistic enough in appearance to entice them to bite once they are in close.

Regardless of interest in Lake Trout, Muskie or Walleye, the January FM Walleyes Unlimited meeting had something for everyone. The evening concluded with raffles and further questions and answers with the evening’s guests.

SLOW AND EASY FOR SPRING WALLEYE

by Jason Mitchell

So often when targeting big walleyes early in the season, less is more. The most productive techniques are often simple and subtle. On natural lakes in particular, we often find fish shallow, relating to the shoreline. Good locations might include protected shallow bays or shallow gravel and sand flats that warm up relatively quickly during the spring. On many bodies of water, water clarity is often generally clear and as the water warms up, the water tends to stain up. The exception would be strong run off or wind.

Clear water that hasn't had a chance to warm up requires some adjustments to consistently catch fish. We often find some of the largest fish in less than five feet of water during this time frame but water clarity can narrow the windows of opportunity. When the sun is out early in the season, we often find big fish in shallow water even though the water is clear enough to distinguish the bottom and these fish can be extremely difficult with no overcast or wind. The fish are still often active but are hard to approach. The sweet spot is often just past the depth where you can physically see the bottom for numbers of fish. Some prime opportunities however often occur much shallow after dark or during sunrise or sunset.

When the water is still cold and relatively clear, we seem to catch many more fish by using monofilament line. Monofilament disappears in the water better than braid and for many of these presentations; I avoid using fluorocarbon because the sinking characteristics speed up the presentation too fast. What might be the biggest advantage to using monofilament for these presentations might be the stretch and subtleness of the line which seems to subdue and soften the swimming motion on the jig. The jig seems to have a more fluid, do nothing swim and glide through the water that really seems to trigger these fish. The top monofilament line that many walleye anglers have begun using is the Northland Bionic Walleye Line and the blue camo color works extremely well because the line can be watched much easier. For clean bottoms and open water, I love the five pound test. For heavier rock and debris, the eight pound works really well.

The nuts and bolts of this presentation is making long casts across these shallow flats and simply swimming the jig. Very few hops or pops, just cast and reel slow. If you start ticking the bottom, you are reeling too slowly. You want the jig to just glide along just off the bottom. Traditional jig combinations include the classic Fireball jig tipped with either a minnow, half crawler or leech and these combinations have caught a tremendous number of walleyes but the long casts often tear bait off. Many anglers have started to switch over to soft plastics or gone back classic buck tail or marabou dressings.

The most effective soft plastic jig for me over the past handful of years has been the Northland Mimic Minnow which has a pointed jig head that swims and tracks through the water nice. The body is long with a paddle which makes a nice thump as it is retrieved through the water. If the fish won't hit the Mimic Minnow or bumping the bait short, I have had good luck with the Trigger X soft plastics. These synthetic water soluble baits are really soft and have a deadly action and the scent really seems to help in cold water.

Years ago, many walleye anglers cut their teeth on buck tail and marabou jigs but over the years, some anglers begin to forget how effective these dressings can be on a jig. Plastics today are scented and have more action and really replaced hair or marabou but some anglers are going back to the traditional dressings. Both buck tail hair and marabou is much more subtle in the water. The action is minute and the jig basically glides through the water in a straight line but this lack of vibration and flash can be extremely deadly early in the season.

This is basically a do nothing jig that looks like a minnow swimming in a straight line and often, that is exactly what a walleye wants early in the season. Later in the season, we pop and snap these jigs back to the boat but I encourage you to try the simple cast and slow reel technique with jigs in conjunction with plastics, hair and marabou. So often in the spring, less is more. Slow and steady retrieves across shallow water early in the year often account for several trophy fish for us each year.



If you would like to submit a picture of your trophy or just a good memory please e-mail your photo to: brian.dahlin@randscasework.com

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

BOARD MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, February 3, 2011 @ Kelly Inn on Main Avenue, Fargo ND

Meeting was called to order @ 6.00pm by President, Gary Sauvageau.

Absent Board Member: Ed Liberda, Kyle Agre & Ron Sahr

General Members Present: Tammy Gangelhoff

Review of January board meeting minutes. Motion made by Steve Hall to approve minutes as written, 2nd by Brian Dahlin. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report. Current balance is \$2,863.03. Steve Meyer made motion to approve current balance, 2nd by Scott Brewer. All in favor, motion passed.

Current Membership: 317.

January general meeting attendance: 104.

Update club's master calendar. Add James Lindner as our speaker for Anglers Night.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dinner Dance, Tami Stillwell. Event was held on Saturday, January 22nd, 2011 @ the El Zagal Shrine in Fargo, ND. Raffle income was approximately \$3,790 & 85 tickets sold. Recap at later time as we don't have final numbers yet.

YMCA Ice Fishing Event, Ron Sahr. This year's event will be held outside on January 22, 2011. Thanks to all the volunteers – another great job! 86 youth and 45 adults participated.

Speaker Update, Scott Brewer. The speaker for the Annual Meeting on February 17th will be Chris Gilman (Ranger Pro) for a question and answer session. March's speaker for Angler's Night will be James Lindner. April's meeting we will have Tom Briggs, owner of Wigwam Resort. He will be speaking about Lake of the Woods and the Rainy River. Month of May possibly Coast Guard.

Nominations Committee, Gary Sauvageau, Scott Brewer & Kyle Agre. Ron Sahr, Bill Carr & Scot Johnson (recording secretary) have committed to take current open board positions.

Sponsorship. North Dakota Game and Fish Department would like to do a limited advertisement package. They would like to be included in the April, May and Summer 2011 newsletters. Proposed rate \$157.50 per issue for a total advertisement rate of \$472.50. Motion to accept the proposed rate of \$427.50 for ND Game & Fish advertisement in April, May & Summer Walleye Lines made by Steve Meyer. Seconded by Rick Mohan. All in favor motion passed.

Winnipeg Ice Fishing Excursion. Currently have about 75 people on list. Souvenir hats are ready and available for anyone that has purchased their \$30 participation ticket. Scott Brewer is actively obtaining door prize sponsors for the event. Sponsors on board at this time are Chris Meyer, Northland Tackle and John Butz, Pintech Tackle.

Scott Brewer made motion that any contributor that donates \$500+ valued merchandise would get a business card advertisement in the Walleye Lines Newsletter for 1 year. Second by Rick Mohan. All in favor. Motion passed.

Distinguished Member Award, Steve Hall. Committee will be meeting soon to choose this year's recipient. This award is given out at the March Angler's Night meeting.

February Annual Meeting & Election. To be held on February 17th at the El Zagal Shrine. Speaker will be Chris Gilman. Chili feed starts @ 6pm. Steve Garten will be there to set up early and would appreciate help from anyone that is available. New sponsor Aquateko will have samples of their invisible swivels and their stretchable wire leader that can be tied. They have an online buy 1 get 1 free offer for the club. Promo Code is "fmwall" and good through February 28th. A portion of the purchases made will be donated back to the club.

FM Walleye Clothing, Rick Mohan. The order for the Fresh Water Hall of Fame clothing should be here soon. Hopefully in time for the next general meeting. Also a lower cost version of FWHOF sweatshirts for around \$42.

Youth Education, Kyle Agre. RR Valley Sportsman's Show, March 5 & 6th @ Fargodome. Youth fishing seminar. Kyle will have power point presentation and props but will need some volunteers to assist. April Class, possibly "owning/working at a fishing resort in conjunction with speaker Tom Briggs @ WigWam Resort. May Class, boating safety with Coast Guard presentation. Scheel's Fish Fest, May 5 through 7th, our casting booth will be set up in Scheel's parking lot. We will need volunteers to run both and assist kids. River Keepers/Fargo Park District "Lil' Fisherman's Derby" on June 6th. Need volunteers to assist with 5-6 learning stations.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mail Received...

Friends of Lake Sakakawea, Silver Membership. Brian Dahlin made motion to renew club's membership. Second by Barry Chouinard. All in favor and motion carried.

ND Wildlife Federation. Requesting donation for summer camp for kids youth conservation camp. Board tabled this item.

ND Sportfishing Congress January 2011 Newsletter. Page 4 covers FM Walleyes induction into Fresh Water Hall of Fame. Also noted are the club's upcoming speaker lineup and ad for our Free Seminar on Lake Winnipeg Greenback Excursion @ Scheels on January 27th.

Michigan Steelhead & Salmon Fishermen's Association publication. Page 39 of Volume 35 Special Edition 1 has an article Titled "Mr Walleye, Gary Roach formally inducts FM Walleyes into the Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame at "Anglers Night On Ice". This includes some really nice pictures of Gary Sauvageau with the plaque and a picture of the founding members of the club with the plaque.

Take a Kid Fishing Event, Mike & Pam Miller. Received an email requesting donation for this year's event to be held on Saturday, June 11th, 2011. Steve Meyer made a motion to donate \$1,000 as requested to Take A Kid Fishing Event on White Earth Lake, MN. Second by Steve Garten. All in favor. Motion passed.

ROUND TABLE:

Steve Garten... Wanted to thank everyone for a very rewarding experience being past president of the club. This will be his last official board meeting.

Scott Brewer... Thanks to Steve Garten for all his years of service. Also mentioned that we have Hooked Magazines. Raffles at last month's general meeting were very successful, thanks to everyone that supports the club.

Brian Dahlin... Need Walleye Lines information as soon as possible! Possible additions to the newsletter: Volunteers needed section, Kids page including word search, coloring page, etc...

Motion to adjourn by Steve Garten, 2nd by Steve Meyer. All in favor, motion passed.

The next board meeting will be @ 6pm on Thursday, March 3rd @ the Kelly Inn on Main, Fargo ND. Please remember that all general club members are welcome to attend board meetings. *Respectfully submitted by Tami Stillwell, Recording Secretary.*



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