



MAY 2007

WALLEYE LINES



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Thursday, May 17th

Doublewood Inn of Fargo

Gary Thompson
Tri State Diving



Detroit Lake's Tri State Diving owner Gary Thompson has been diving for 40 years. His combined interest in Walleye fishing and Scuba diving will provide a unique perspective to understand walleye behavior and habitat.

Thursday May 17th at the Doublewood Inn will be the second time FM Walleyes Unlimited has featured Gary's program. Gary has taught Scuba diving for 37 of his 40 years actively diving. He specializes in salvage recovery and training.

Insurance companies from all over work with Gary for salvage operations. There will be an 11 minute video taken during a salvage operation on Ottertail Lake shown during the presentation.

Hopefully, we won't recognize the vehicle being salvaged! Gary also trains law enforcement for both warm and cold water body recovery operations.

During his time underwater, Gary has observed how Walleye react to changes in their habitat, as well as how different sounds affect Walleye.



The presentation is free, and open to the public.

*Please join us for what promises to be an entertaining evening
with a unique perspective!*

Doors open at 6:30 PM with the presentation starting at 7:00 PM.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 12
Minnesota Walleye Opener

May 15
Board Meeting

May 17
Member Meeting
Gary Thompson
- Tri State Diving

May 19-20
Club Outing BigStone, SD

May 31
Pelican Tournament Rules
Meeting

June 1 - 2
Pelican Tournament

June 16-17
Club Outing
Lake Le Homme Dieu,
Alexandria, MN

June 19
Board Meeting

June 21
Member Meeting

July 21-22
Club Outing
Devils Lake, ND

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

President's Comments...

Dear Members,

Wow, what a change from last month. It sure is nice to have some decent weather! I recently had a chance to spend a few days on the water fishing in Red Wing and it sure felt nice to finally be in a tee shirt and shorts again.

I heard many positive comments regarding last week's program featuring In-Depth Outdoors James Holst and Chris Tuckner. I also thought they did a great job. We hope to have them again soon to put on a seminar on another specific body of water. Last month they focused on the Mississippi River in Red Wing and their presentation featured a video clip where James hauled in a pre spawn walleye well over 10lbs, approaching 13lbs. James has a great web site called In-Depthangling.com. Check it out and I think you will enjoy it. They are open to having some folks from our area post fishing reports so that we can all learn from each other.

Final plans for the Pelican Spring Classic are being finalized. The tournament is nearly full so if you would like to enter get your entry in ASAP to ensure your place in the regions most prestigious tournament. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer some time to help out at the weigh-in please give Barry Chouinard a call on his cell at (218) 790-4762.

I hope to see everyone at the May meeting on Thursday, May 17th at the Doublewood Inn. Get there early to get a good seat.

Best Fishes,

Chad Maloy, President



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F- M Walleye Club Outing -- April 28 & 29, 2007

15 Boats, 36 Participants -- Waubay Lake; Webster, South Dakota

Thanks to Dan and Sharon we lucked out on the weather and if you were at the Pizza Ranch this past Winter, you would know what we mean. Most of the Club Outing members met in the parking lot of the motel on Friday night to tell stories and talk smart. To us that is more of what your Club Outings are about, camaraderie with people that share the same passion, the great outdoors. The range of age in attendance was anywhere from 7 to 70 years old. Day One started out with breakfast at a local Webster cafe, then off to Breske Bay Campground. Your Club honored Andy Breske for welcoming us as his guests these last few years with a complimentary F-M Walleye Club jacket and hat combo along with a fresh Walleye dinner to boot on Saturday afternoon. Oh yea, the fishing was good, too. Day One brought 80 degree weather and a 5 mph breeze, perfect conditions for any type of water craft. Most fish brought to the scales were 15-16 inchers, a little on the scrawny side compared to last year, if our memory serves us right. Helen M. brought in the only fish over 2 lbs(about 19 1/2 inches). Day One leader was Helen in the Adult Division and Lane B. for the kids. Day Two catching brought slightly cooler weather and a little breezier but the bite was about the same, lotsa eater Walleyes! Helen added a kicker fish to cement her first Outing victory in the Adult Division and Justin M. brought in a 2 1/4 lb. Walleye to wrestle the lead from Lane for, we think, the first Mother/Son Outing Champions, for their respective divisions.

The results for the first outing are as follows:

Adults	1st - Helen M. 6.10	2nd - Dan K. 5.18	
Kids	1st - Justin M. 4.60	2nd - Lane B. 4.48	3rd - Grady S. 4.14

Remember; Catch and Release or in the Grease.

Guy Kimball

*Have you ever wondered what **YOU** could do for **YOUR** walleye club?*



ARE YOU A CLOSET SHUTTER-BUG?

WE NEED YOU!



We are looking for someone willing to take pictures at our **tournaments, meetings and outings**. If you have ever wanted to get more involved with **YOUR** club -- now is your opportunity! Please contact one of the board members listed on the back of this publication for more information.

We are in need of a special volunteer for the Pelican Classic Tournament. Duties would include taking pictures of various subjects - including the awards ceremony - and submitting them for publication in the Walleye Lines.

(A digital camera is beneficial, but not necessary.)



MEMBERS CAUGHT! *by Steve Garten*

Meet Pete Montplaisir. Pete and his family, spouse Helen, son Justin, joined the club in 1993. They live in North Fargo, along with their dog Sadie. Pete is a Mechanic in the Transit Dept for the city of Fargo. The first time I met Pete and his family was on a club outing at Waubay. Unfortunately for Pete, he took out his lower unit that weekend. Having gone to the same thing myself the year before, I knew how sick he felt. However not to let that dampen the family's weekend fishing outing, they fished from shore on Sunday, and probably caught more fish than those of us out in boats.



By now you know the four questions, so let's get to know Pete better.

Best fishing experience: *“My best memories are fishing trips to the Dauphin river in Northern Manitoba when I was growing up, fishing the river with my Dad and Uncles. I remember the lure of choice was the Canadian Wiggler. Boy did we catch walleyes back then on the river in those little rental 14ft Lund boats.”*

The people who influenced my fishing the most: *“My Grandpa and my Dad. All the fishing we did on weekends at my Grandpa's cabin on Lake Maud.”*

Favorite fishing tactic: *“My favorite tactic is probably trolling. That seems to be what we do the most when we fish as a family. Although, we're starting to do a lot more jigging and bobber fishing, what ever the fish are taking we'll try it. We're always up to learning new ways to catch more & bigger walleyes.”*

Funniest fishing experience: *“In the last 4-5 years we have started to fish as many of the club tournaments as we can as a family. There have been a lot of fun weekends camping with all the different members of the FM Walleye Club. A lot of stories told around the camp fire, a lot of memories our son will have about all our past fishing trips to pass on, (hidden rocks in the water, #'s of satellites in the sky, scary stories, the big one that got away). This is what fishing is all about and that is why I enjoy it as much as I do.”*

Again I ask my fellow members... “Are **YOU** ready to get **CAUGHT?**”

April Program was Impressive

In-Depth Outdoors with James Holst & Chris Tuckner

James and Chris enlightened club members on spring walleye fishing on the Mississippi River near Red Wing. Tactics included pitching blade baits and a jig/ringworm combo up stream and working the lures as they drift down with the current. The duo stated it is very important to find areas featuring a seam between slack water and current. These areas typically have clearer water and are best fished during the bewitching hours which are the first hour of light and the last hour of light each day. Once the sun is up and boat traffic starts to run the fish tend to slip deeper. These fish are in the area at this time of year for one thing only and that is to spawn. Don't think that because they are spawning that they will not feed. The video cleared showed how far a spawning fish will inhale a jog or blade bait. When fishing the blade baits James worked them slowly. Most of us are used to fishing these things with a fast erratic motion but James just likes a slow lift and then slow drop to let the current provide the action. Same with the ringworm and jig. No hopping and popping. Just a little lift and the current will sweep these lures to the fish who inhale them. All in all a lot was learned and a good time was had by everyone there. If you want to learn more about the area feel free to visit their web site at In-depthangling.com.



A large crowd was on hand to see James and Chris during the April Meeting of FMWU

In-Depthangling.com post from LaMarr VanDame-G3 Pro Staff Manager & Club Member:



The boys delivered the mail –GREAT JOB! The crowd was 100 + strong at the FM Walleye's Unlimited, monthly meeting. Several of those in attendance said; it was the most informative program they've seen in quite awhile. Everybody's attention was captured from the very beginning as James played the DVD of the huge walleye he caught recently. After the program, many people came up to the stage to ask questions and to take a close look at the equipment and tackle James and Chris use. They made me very proud and happy to have them as members of G3's Pro Staff Team.



There are still a limited number of spots available
for the Pelican Tournament on the 1st and 2nd of June.

PLEASE GET YOUR FORMS IN SOON!

If you don't have an entry form yet,
you can download one from our website at:

[http://www.ndsportfishingcongress.org/FM Walleyes/PelicanTourney07.pdf](http://www.ndsportfishingcongress.org/FM%20Walleyes/PelicanTourney07.pdf)

BOARD MEETING MINUTES – TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2007 @ THE DOUBLEWOOD INN

Meeting was called to order @ 7.00 pm by President Chad Maloy

Absent Board Members: Seth Hibl & Jeremy Frie

Guests: Lester Sjoblom, Scott Stillwell, Ron Sahr

Minutes of March Board Meeting were reviewed . Motion to approve by Steve Meyer seconded by Steve Garten, approved by all .

Treasurers Report by Barry Chouinard: Current balance is \$ 39,900.36 .

Membership Report by Don Marty: 212 members

Old Business:

-FLW Tourney Raffle: Drawing will be held Thursday, April 19th at the general membership meeting.

-Pelican Tournament Update: Volunteers are needed to help with the tournament. Confirm letters are in process and will be sent soon. Meal will start earlier to enable the rules meeting to wrap up earlier this year. Rule changes will be discussed during the meeting. Looking at getting more media attention for the tournament if possible.

-Sponsorship/Advertisers: Talk of possibly having a column in the newsletter to “Meet our Advertisers”.

-Strategic Planning Review: Don Marty has put together a summary of the members surveys. Plans to discuss members ideas at the board meetings to help improve our club. A suggestion to have a club member give Tips & Tactics (fishing report) @ the monthly meetings. Also talked about was getting more club member involvement at club events. More child education opportunities were also brought up by the survey. Don will also publish the survey results for the general membership.

-Meetings Update: Currently working on locking in speakers for the upcoming club meetings. We discussed buying items for the raffle at the general membership meeting this Thursday. The club will be spending \$250 to buy these items. Lynn Johnson will pick up the items for the raffle. Motion made by Steve Meyer, seconded by Steve Hall. Motion carried.

New Business:

-Take a Kid Fishing Event on White Earth Lake: Hosted by Mike & Pam Miller..We received a request to donate \$1,000 to help support this event. Motion made by Steve Meyer and seconded by Lynn Johnson. Motion carried. If any members would like to donate a boat and their time for the event, this also would be greatly appreciated.

-ND Wildlife Federation: They have requested that we donate \$200 to send a child from our area or sponsor a child of the Federation’s choice. Motion made by Steve Garten and seconded by Don Marty. Motion passed.

-Establish Criteria for Club Donations: It was brought up that in an effort to ease our donation process that we as a club should set some specific criteria for making donations to organizations. Further discussion will follow later.

-The club received a request from Scheel’s regarding the Fish Fest Event that they will be holding on Saturday, April 28th. We agreed to sponsor the minnow races. Motion made by Barry Chouinard and seconded by Chris Augustin. Motion passed.

-Barry C mentioned that while we are at Waubay for the Club Outing the club has been invited to the Big Dog Fish Hatchery for a tour. We are looking at touring on Saturday evening, time to be determined.

-Ron Sahr spoke about the Y Camp Take a Veteran Fishing event. This will be held on Wednesday, June 3rd. We are in need of volunteers with boats to help with this event. Please contact Ron if you can help out or have questions.

Other Business:

-Chad Malloy informed us that Jason Mitchell is coming out with his own line of rods (also an ice fishing line).

-Chad is looking for help on the design of the club web page. Let him know if you can help out or know of someone who could help with this.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.17 pm.

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, May 15 , 2007 at the Doublewood Inn . Please remember that the general membership is always welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted by Tami Stillwell, Recording Secretary.

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New Renew

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