



MAY 2008

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Thursday, May 15 COREY HEISER ON CONTOUR TROLLING



Club member Corey Heiser will share his secrets to contour trolling. A tactic he used to perfection to win the 2002 Casino Cup Championship on Devils Lake, ND along with three other top five finishes. Heiser, a long time club member, resides in West Fargo with his wife Kelli and son Connor. He enjoys fishing in local and regional tournaments

including competing on the professional level in two PWT's during the 2006 season.

Make sure to bring your notebook as Corey will discuss the fine details of trolling with monofilament, fireline and leadcore. He will also cover rod and reel choice, crankbait selection, line choice, lure tuning, trolling speed and rod holder placement.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 13th

Board Meeting
at Magnum, Inc.
3000 7th Ave North, Fargo

May 15th

Corey Heiser

May 17th & 18th

CLUB OUTING
Lake Minnewaska
Starbuck, MN

May 29th

Pelican Rules Meeting
Fairhills Resort
Pelican Lake, MN

May 30th & 31st

Pelican Classic
Fairhills Resort
Pelican Lake, MN

June 14th & 15th

CLUB OUTING
Lake Lida
Pelican Rapids, MN

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

*See you at the Doublewood Inn, Thursday, May 15 at 7:00.
Doors open at 6:30. This event is free and open to the public.*

President's Comments...

Greetings to All!

As I write this message, there are only 4 days left till our first Club outing for 2008, and the ice is still on Waubay. It could prove very interesting to say the least, but I am sure that fun will still be had by all.

I want to use this opportunity to remind members of the AYA (Anglers Young Anglers) tournament to be held on Devils Lake, on Saturday, July 12, 2008. This tournament is really for our youth, and while there will be a 1st place, the focus will be on fun! Each team will consist of 1 adult and two youths (under 17). Contact Barry Chouinard (our tournament director) with any questions.

I hope you have enjoyed our club meetings so far; Your board of directors are always looking for ways to improve them, so suggestions are welcome. In our future meetings we will be holding the youth drawings earlier, based on a very good suggestion from a member.

I wish all members good luck for their perspective fishing opener! Hope to see you all at our May meeting, and bring a Friend!

Have a Great Month!

Steve Garten, President



TAKE A VET FISHING

By Ron Sahr

This will be the 4th year that the YMCA, along with F-M Walleye, Inc. members, has been involved with the "TAKE A VET FISHING" program. We will be meeting Wednesday June 4th at the Buckhorn Ramp on the north end of Big Cormorant Lake at 3pm.

This is a feel good day for all who have taken place in the past. We need you and your boat. After fishing the YMCA puts on a barbeque and gives out prizes to all vets.

If you can give a few hours of your time please contact Ron Sahr at PH 293-1918 or 789-7510

YOU WON'T REGRET IT!!!!

FM Walleye Club Outings UPDATE

Mark your calendars for May 17th and 18th, Lake Minnewaska at Starbuck MN. This lake is new to me as I have never fished this lake. I have been told the lake is a good fish producing lake with walleyes biting on just about anything this time of year. Hope to see you there.

Contact Steve Hall or Scott Stillwell with any questions.

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**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS**

Paul Baker • Mark Flaagan • David Flach • James Gross • Tyler Grove • Raymond Grudem • Bernie Kring • Ms. Tina Lunski • Denny Palmer • Fred Sanchez • Clifford Sauvageau • Gary Schuler • Ed Sklebar

WHAT'S UP WITH MOTHER NATURE

By: Tami Stillwell

The 5th Annual Waubay Club Outing started with the usual planning, preparation, excitement and anticipation. Many mouths were watering for that first taste of this year's shore lunch. But this year with 18 inches of snow, 2 foot drifts, and a unseasonable blizzard we had to put the fish fry on hold. Only three of the normal 18 to 20 boats made this year's trek. Ron Sahr, his son Rob & grandson Brady, the boys from Minneapolis (namely Joe Roach & Jim Wood) and the Stillwell family were the only ones to make it to Webster SD on Friday. And that was only because we started out earlier than everybody else and got stuck in the middle of the weather. Frantic phone calls warning the rest of the group to watch the weather and wait until morning at the earliest began about 1 pm on Friday, by 2.30 pm the event was called off due to the inclement weather. At that point back in Fargo, the phone calls and emails really flew to make sure that everyone was informed of the situation. The closest that we got to a walleye fillet this year was on the plate of young Brady Sahr at the restaurant at Friday night's meal.

Sometimes you've got to roll with the punches, this year Mother Nature decided she was going to give us a hard left hook. All our priorities changed from, who's going to win this year's outing & the fun in sharing a delicious fish fry, to making sure that all anglers & friends got to where they were going in one piece and that no one wrecked our rigs. I really enjoy being a part of this club when I see exactly where we all are coming from and what our priorities truly are.



April Meeting Recap

Denny Palmer, owner and operator of MoRest Motel and MoPro Guide Service of Mobridge, South Dakota informed and entertained those in attendance at the April meeting. Denny has owned his successful business since 1982, logging countless hours fishing and guiding on Lake Oahe. He began sharing his knowledge of fishing through seminars after noticing that he and his boat were gathering crowds of guests in the evenings after he'd been fishing. The guests were examining the tackle he had been using and asking Denny to explain how and where he'd caught fish that day.

Making a living on Lake Oahe was difficult for several years following the winter of 1996-'97. For six straight weeks that winter the lake lost 1.5 million smelt per day, depleting the food supply of the predator fish in the system. In the years that followed, the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department implemented liberal daily limits to bring the predator prey relationship back into balance. Along with this they introduced Gizzard Shad as a replacement food source. This new baitfish required fishermen to adapt their tactics in order to be successful. Gizzard shad have a relatively short life span, and are replenished annually through re-stocking. At the end of the season when the baitfish die, walleyes can often be seen on camera feeding head down into the mud. Stand up jigs with soft plastics bounced along the bottom mimic a dying shad and can be a very effective tactic.



Primarily a jig fisherman, Denny prefers to target south facing shorelines in the spring after ice out. He looks for areas where the water temperature is differentiated from the rest of the lake by several degrees. In these areas he pitches jigs to the warmer waters of the shallows. Denny often uses a 6'6" to 7'0" rod with a 1000 series reel spooled with 6-2 or 4-1 Fire Line. This setup provides adequate control and sensitivity of the jig along with a reel small enough as to not cause fatigue during a long day of pitching. Denny fishes many plastic baits during these times, but admitted that on any given day plastics or live bait may catch more fish. Always be prepared to experiment and try different approaches when the fish are not actively biting. After Memorial Day Denny prefers to fish a half night crawler on his jigs over the minnows he was using earlier.



In South Dakota, where fishing two lines is legal, Denny will use a dead stick rod to fish a split shot rig behind the boat outside of the areas that he is pitching to. This dead stick is typically a 7'0" rod with a bait casting reel spooled with Berkley Sensation monofilament line. A plain hook and split shot are baited with live bait and fished above bottom to avoid snags. He often places a small piece of plastic bait just above the hook to provide added color and to lift the bait off of the bottom.

Denny spoke extensively about the new Gulp! Alive product available this year. The secret of this new bait is the liquid in which the bait is kept. This solution can be re-used and is a good way to store old, previously opened Gulp!. Gulp! is color-fast, allowing multiple colors to be stored together without bleeding into each other. Denny recommended Gulp! leeches for slip bobber fishing, providing a durable alternative to live leeches.

Later in the season Denny also uses bottom bouncers and spinners in pursuit of walleyes on Lake Oahe. When doing so, he prefers small bouncers, rarely using over one ounce in size. He lets the bottom bouncer determine the speed of the boat rather than the speed of the boat determine the size of the bouncer. Denny stated that he will always fish slow at first and speed up gradually if necessary.

PELICAN CLASSIC UPDATE: Historical Data

	Year	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	13 Yr Avg
Weight	Day One	202.5	612.42	302.38	327.10	422.24	367.18	466.38	494.82	414.24	347.50	353.83	527.47	679.02	424.39
	Day Two	398.48	607.72	380.18	285.88	281.94	305.88	456.93	566.86	391.62	299.60	293.65	479.75	501.98	403.88
	Total	600.98	1220.14	682.56	612.98	704.18	673.06	923.31	1061.68	805.86	647.10	647.48	1007.22	1181.00	828.27
Fish Caught	Day One	100	274	137.00	150.00	203.00	214.00	304.00	311.00	241.00	226.00	230.00	317.00	437.00	241.85
	Day Two	205	266	164.00	128.00	127.00	180.00	302.00	339.00	230.00	177.00	204.00	294.00	334.00	226.92
	Total	305.00	540.00	301.00	278.00	330.00	394.00	606.00	650.00	471.00	403.00	434.00	611.00	771.00	468.77
Number of Teams		93	98	100	100	100	100	110	120	120	120	120	120	109	108.46
Avg Lbs/Fish		1.97	2.26	2.27	2.20	2.13	1.71	1.52	1.63	1.71	1.61	1.49	1.65	1.53	1.82
Avg Fish/Team		3.28	5.51	3.01	2.78	3.30	3.94	5.51	5.42	3.93	3.36	3.62	5.09	7.07	4.29
Avg Lbs/Team		6.46	12.45	6.83	6.13	7.04	6.73	8.39	8.85	6.72	5.39	5.40	8.39	10.83	7.66
Winning Weight		21.75	34.92	25.72	30.66	32.26	20.64	22.40	21.90	23.50	17.47	23.51	29.04	25.82	25.35
Number of Fish		12	12	11	12	12	11	11	12	11	11	12	12	12	11.62
Winning Team		Bedore Hall	Bolgren Hennessey	Meland Berg	Grandbois Baker	Cihak Rude	Zvirowski Anderson	Asplin Stetz	Dahl Ham	Carey Savre	Bjorkman Willits	Bjorkman Bjorkman	Bjorkman Bjorkman	Schroeder Schroeder	

Members Caught, by Steve Garten

At our club outings, I always know that Guy Kimball is going to come up with some unique statement or observation while sitting by the campfire. That is one of the reasons I want to introduce you to our **Member Caught**, Guy (I can show you where I caught them) Kimball.

Guy hails from Appleton, Wisconsin, being an outstanding grappler, was recruited by NDSU. He had an outstanding wrestling career at NDSU. He liked the much less crowded spaces (as compared to Wisconsin), ample fishing and other outdoor opportunities. He is now a teacher in the Moorhead school system. Guy has three children, Ciara, Megan, and Matthew (a very accomplished angler). He has been a club member for over ten years.

Now to the four infamous questions;

What was your best Walleye fishing experience? *“Geez, I guess the most memorable would have to be fishing on the Missouri River in the Hazelton/Bismarck areas around the last few years of the 90’s. We were catching so many quality fish that we actually broke a couple of landing nets in the process.”*

Who had the most influence on your Walleye fishing? *“Well that would have to be my neighbor and fellow club member, Steve Hall. We had just finished building our new house in Moorhead and the next spring he pulled up to the empty house across the street with a blue Lund and the rest is history.”*

Your favorite Walleye tactic? *“I think my favorite would be bottom bouncing, mainly because I like to tie my own rigs and experiment with different kinds of spinners, colors, beads, and snell lengths.”*

Your funniest fishing experience? *“Geez Garten, these are all such tough questions, but I have two and both deal with my family and club outings. The one was at Jamestown Reservoir a few years back and we couldn’t find the Walleyes but we sure found the Crappies. We were fishing 2 lines each, Megan, Matthew, and myself and the fishing was so good that I never got off my knees on the bottom of the boat for about an hour taking off Crappies, re-baiting hooks, and un-tangling stuff. My kids thought it was funny but I’m not sure that it was. The other was a few Springs ago when Matthew was around 10, he fell overboard at Big stone while we were anchored, you’ll have to ask him about that.”*

Guy is always willing to share his knowledge and it is a pleasure to have him as a club member. Now, “Are you Ready to be caught?”



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BOARD MEETING MINUTES-TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2008 @ THE DOUBLEWOOD INN

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

All Board Members Present

Members Present: Ron Sahr, Scott Stillwell

Visitors: Mike Olson & Billy Jordan

-Introduction of visitors. Mike Olson & Billy Jordan talked about the Triton Giveaway, Flip N Win Casting Contest. They wanted to know if it would be a possibility at the Pelican Tournament to run the contest for anyone interested. The prize that will be won by one lucky contestant is a fully rigged Triton Boat to be given away June 7th at Rogers, MN. The board decided to discuss this later tonight to make the decision.

-Review of last month's board meeting minutes. Motion made to approve minutes by Chad Maloy, second by Don Marty. All in favor, motion passed.

-Financial Report by Barry Chouinard: Current balance is \$37,984.56. Barry submitted list of cash disbursements & deposits.

-Membership Report by Brian Dahlin: 206 paid members (with 95 additional members not current with their dues).

-Correspondence. Email was received from Nathan Erickson of the Boy Scouts. He is asking for help from our club with the Hooked on Scouting event held at the Sand Hills Archery Club on May 22nd from 1pm to 5pm. The board decided that while we are in the process of developing our FM Walleyes University classes we would not be assisting with this Boy Scout event.

OLD BUSINESS:

-Regular April Meeting. Scott Brewer will be heading up the raffles (general & PWT). We will need to set up the room in advance, so board members are asked to be at the meeting by 6pm to help out.

-Tournament Update, Barry Chouinard. Barry presented the budget for the Tourneys. Motion to approve budget by Scott Brewer, second by Tami Stillwell. Discussion followed. All in favor, motion passed.

-FM Walleyes Raffles & Merchandise Budget, Scott Brewer. Scott presented a current merchandise inventory. 2008 Inventory, Income & Expenses List also presented. Chad Maloy moved to approve the budget presented, Brian Dahlin seconded. Discussion followed. Motion passed.

-Proposed Raffle to Support Youth Education, Scott Brewer & Kyle Agre. Discussion of raffle of 2008 FM Walleyes Unlimited Premier Rod & Reel Combo. Budget was presented with cost & income projections. Chad Maloy made motion to approve up to \$1000 to cover the cost of this raffle. Steve Hall seconded. More discussion followed. All in favor, motion passed.

-Funds Request Committee, Chad Maloy & Ron Sahr. 1) Northern Lights Boy Scout Council requested \$1200 for purchase of row boat to be used at the Boy Scouts Camp in Bismarck ND. Discussion. 2) Mike & Pam Miller requested \$1000 to help fund their White Earth Kids Event to be held this June. The committee recommended that both these requests be approved as is. Motion by Steve Meyer to approve both requests. Seconded by Tami Stillwell. Board discussion followed. All in favor, motion carried.

-Programs, Chad Maloy & Ed Liberda. Program planning is in the works. April is set & committee is working on securing speakers for upcoming meeting. As we get this information, it will be added to the website in addition to being announced in the Walleye Lines.

-Bylaws. Copy of the current bylaws given to board members.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Walleye Lines Newsletter. Brian Dahlin presented a time line for the newsletter. Deadline for all information needs to be sent to Brian by the 25th of each month in order for the following month's newsletter to happen on time so that members receive them in a timely manner. Any members that would like to send in pictures for the newsletter, please send them in to Brian. Pictures are a great way for the membership & others to see what is going on in our club. Brian is also working on getting the website updated & also to keep it current. Check it out @ fmwalleyes.com.

-May Board Meeting to be held at Magnum Inc @ 3000 7th Ave North, Fargo. We will be opening up the tournament trailer & working on getting this ready to go for 2008 tourneys. Meet @ 6pm & bring work gloves.

-Long Range Planning. Steve Garten asked that we all look ahead & think outside the box to plan for our club's future. Bring ideas to our next board meeting.

-Take A Vet Fishing Event (YMCA), Ron Sahr. This year's event will be held on June 4th. Volunteers with boats needed to take 1 or 2 vets fishing. Boats will leave town around 3pm. Event held from 4-6 or 4-7. Y will provide a BBQ supper for the vets & volunteers. Please contact Ron Sahr if you are interested in helping or have any questions.

-Discussion regarding the Triton Flip N Win Casting Contest that our visitors presented at the start of our meeting. Barry moved to allow this contest to be held at the Pelican Tournament, seconded by Chad. Motion passed.

-MN Walleye Workshop on May 6th at the St Cloud DNR. Barry will be attending. They will be explaining the accelerated walleye stocking program.

-Motion to adjourn meeting by Steve Meyer, 2nd by Chad Maloy. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8.35pm.

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, May 13th, 2008 at Magnum Inc, 3000 7th Ave North, Fargo ND.

We would like to encourage the general membership to attend any or all board meetings.

Respectfully submitted by Tami Stillwell, Recording Secretary.



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