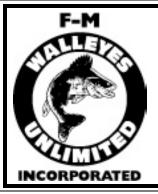
**MAY 2005** 



# **WALLEYE**

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# **LINES**

# May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005

# Local Fishing Expert -- TJ BERGERON "Targeting Early Season Walleyes"

Our May speaker is a local native with a lifetime of expertise in fishing. TJ Bergeron grew up in Ottertail, MN. His father and grandfather were both fishing guides so it is no surprise that TJ landed his first walleye at the young age of 3. By the time Bergeron reached the age of 6 he had landed his first Musky measuring 39 inches. Eventually TJ followed the family tradition and became a 3rd generation guide. TJ was a member of the Lindy pro staff, has had articles published by In-Fisherman and Fins & Feathers.

Bergeron fished professionally for 7 years with numerous top 30 finishes in the MWC from 1986-1990. He was the youngest qualifier for the MWC National Walleye Championships in 86 & 87.



Minnesota Governor, Rudy Perpich, named TJ Bergeron Minnesota's Best Fisherman in 1989. In 1990 TJ won the Pelican Lake Classic and the ND Governors Cup, took 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Montana Governors Cup and placed 4th at the South Dakota Governors Cup. 1990 was a pretty good year.

TJ loves to fish and he also loves to help people. TJ has over 20 years of sales experience in the fishing industry. TJ works for Sportsman's Warehouse where he can be found helping many club members in search of the perfect lure.

TJ's seminar – "Targeting Early Season Walleyes" – will focus on three areas: Location, Presentation and Equipment. Location topics will include where to look, what to look for, using maps and how does weather effect fish location. Presentation topics will cover what to use (jigs, rigs, cranks) and the effects of water temperature on making that decision. Lastly, TJ will discuss Equipment covering rods, reels, bait, line and electronics.

> This should be a very informative seminar and I hope to see you all on Thursday, May 19th at the Doublewood Inn. The doors open at 6:30 with the program starting at 7:00. Admission is free and open to the public.

# CALENDAR

**May 17 Board Meeting** 

May 19 Member Meeting TJ Bergeron

May 21 & 22 Club Outing - Big Stone Lake, SD Hartford Beach State Park

7:30 - 3:00 (both days)

June 2 Pelican Tourney Rules Mtg. Fair Hills Resort - 5:30 pm

> June 3 & 4 Pelican Tourney Fair Hills Resort

June 14 **Board Meeting** 

June 16 Member Meeting

June 18 & 19

Club Outing - Devils Lake, ND Grahams Island State Park 7:30 - 3:00 (both days)

July 19

**Board Meeting** No Member Meeting in July

July 23 & 24

Club Outing - Pelican Rapids, MN West Access - Big Pelican 7:30 - 3:00 (both days)

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

#### President's Comments...

Dear Members.

Last month a lot of members missed a great seminar. Around 30 members listened as Steve Hanson did a great job talking about rods and reels, particularly Shimano. It was very informative. Make sure to be in attendance this month to listen to TJ Bergeron who will share some of his secrets on early season walleyes. I feel the speakers we bring in have greatly increased my fishing knowledge. If we all walk away with one or two new ideas each month, just think of what you can learn over the entire year!

Just a reminder-The Cormorant Classic entries will be mailed shortly and they will also be available on our web site which can be accessed thru www.ndsportfishingcongress.org or www.walleyecentral.com.

Best Fishes.

## Chad Maloy, President



### Junior Members... Need a SUMMER FUN PLAN? This might just be for you!



The North Dakota Wildlife Federation is again sponsoring a **Youth Conservation Camp** in 2005, packed with outdoor fun and adventure. The camp will be held August 7 – August 13 at the Triangle Y Camp, located on Lake Sakakawea near Garrison. All boys and girls, ages 12 to 16, are welcome to attend. The Triangle Y Camp has trained counselors to make sure your stay is enjoyable and safe. The NDWF and several sports groups will have volunteers on hand to help you experience the best of the outdoors. All shooting sports activities are conducted by certified Hunter Education instructors.

The camp offers you a unique opportunity to learn science, conservation and outdoor skills through hands-on activities like:

Canoeing, Orienteering, Archery, Water Ecology, Forestry, Native American History, Rangeland Studies, Soil Studies, Trapshooting, Fishing, Wetland Studies, Firearm Safety, Bird Watching, Outdoor Survival and Field Trips.

FM Walleyes Unlimited has agreed to sponsor 2 kids to camp. What do you need to do to be eligible to earn one of these scholarships? You must be between the ages of 12 and 16 AND send a short letter explaining the reasons why you should be chosen to go and have the <u>best summer camp experience ever</u>!



Attn: Camp Selection Committee

PO Box 1017

Moorhead, MN 56560





For more information about the Youth Conservation Camp in 2005, go to http://www.ndwf.org/youth\_camp.html

# **Attention: Pelican Lake Tournament Participants**

At the last F.M. Walleye Board of Directors Meeting it was decided that in an effort to increase participation and also to speed up the calcutta auction, we will be changing the calcutta format. Many of you have fished tournaments that use the format we plan to implement. A summary of this format follows:

- Each calcutta lot will consist of four (4) different fishing teams
- Calcutta lots are selected in the order of entry receipt
- Lot weight will consist of the total weights of the four fishing teams' two-day totals

An example follows:

#### CALCUTTA Lot # 1

Team #	1st Day Weight	2nd Day Weight	Total
1	3.5 lbs.	6.5 lbs.	10 lbs.
2	9.5 lbs.	6.0 lbs.	15.5 lbs.
3	0.0 lbs.	8.5 lbs.	8.5 lbs.
4	6.5 lbs.	9.5 lbs.	16.0 lbs.

TOTAL LOT WEIGHT - 50.0 lbs.

The individual (or individuals) which buys Calcutta Lot #1 is purchasing the combined weight of the four fishing teams – 50lbs.

We hope this brings more excitement to our event. See you soon at the tourney!



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## April Meeting Review by Jeremy Frie

#### STEVE HANSON OF SHIMANO

Steve Hanson, representative of Shimano, AquaView, and Gamma Line, provided an educational presentation on Shimano products to the FM Walleyes audience. Shimano is a grass roots company, striving to pave the way for the industry. Their focus is gears. A good gear leads to the production of a good spinning reel. Shimano produces all of their own reel parts, either in Japan or Malaysia.

At the present time, reel manufacturers strive to re-invent the spinning reel. This is a difficult process as there are only so many things one can do to improve quality at this point. The buzz for the last few years has been the ball bearing count. Sure, more can be better if they are quality and located in the right part of the reel. More is not necessarily better, better is better. Shimano has developed the anti-rust bearing (ARB). This bearing has much more resistance to corrosion than standard types. They have increased the chromium content of the bearing, which provides more protection from rust. Shimano has also spent time in the area of the flippin switch and other parts of the reel to make them better. In the end, the consumer wins due to increased technology by all competitors.

Is a \$89 reel that much better than a \$29 one? Usually. Many of the reels priced less than \$49 have graphite frames. Those priced over \$49 usually have aluminum frames. Aluminum is more durable and usually results in a better product. As far as the consumer market, most spend between \$40-100 on a reel. Do you need to spend more than \$100 on a reel? Probably not unless you spend so many days on the water each year that you are wearing out the \$79 equipment! Spending between \$40-\$60 for a spinning reel will get you a quality product in most cases.

Electronics and computer chips...the wave of the future in fishing reels? Both are being added to high end models (\$400-\$500 range) today. Technology will continue to get better as competition grows with reel manufacturers. It's hard to picture a better reel than what is being produced today. Stay tuned. The next wave of technology might produce a better product than one could have ever imagined.

If you haven't yet renewed your membership, please do so at your earliest convenience. There is a membership renewal form in the back of this newsletter. Simply insert your \$20 bill or a check made payable to FM Walleyes.and mail to FM Walleyes Unlimited, Inc. PO Box 1017 Moorhead, MN 56560. Memberships are the most essential part of our organization. Without renewals, we cannot support all of the good things that this club represents.

FM Walleyes Unlimited thanks you for your continued support of our organization.

Remember our Motto:

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# Waubay Outing Review

by Steve Hall

It was nice to have such a great turnout for our first Club Outing this year on Waubay Lake in Webster, SD. We were able to have a potluck fish fry on Saturday evening even though the wind was blowing at 30+ mph! we had great team effort from all of the club members attending. Thanks to Scott, Tami and Helen and everybody who cleaned fish.

Fortunately, on Sunday the wind was down and the fishing was up. All of the walleyes seemed to be from the same year class. "Where's your mama?"

Don't forget that our next Club Outing will be at Big Stone Lake and the weigh in is at Hartford Beach, May 21 and 22, 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. both days! Call for camping reservations: (800) 710-2267. Any questions call Steve Hall [Home: (218) 233-7011, Work: (701) 237-0435, Cell: (701) 261-4379] or Scott Stillwell [Home: (218) 236-9001, Cell: (701) 361-1682].

The results for Waybay Lake's Club Outing:

#### Adult Division

#### **Junior Division**

<u> </u>		<u> </u>			
1. Guy Kimb	all 4.64 #	1. Matt Kimball	6.06 #		
2. Tami Stilly	vell 3.48 #	2. Matthew Quiggle	4.76 #		
3. Steve Hall	3.46 #	<ol><li>Grady Stillwell</li></ol>	3.76 #		
4. Sharon Ka	aup 3.40 #	4. Nikki Hall	3.30 #		
4. Don Marty	3.40 #	5. Brandon Cossette	3.08 #		
6. Scott Stilly	vell 3.20 #	6. Jacob Denning	3.02 #		
		7. Justin Montplaisir	1.78 #		



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(*Above*) Junior Members eat a shore lunch on the 23rd of April at Breske Bay Landing during the Waubay Lake Club Outing. (L-R) Grady Stillwell, Nikki Hall, and Matthew Kimball. (*Below*) Matthew Kimball latched onto this 16# carp at the Waubay Lake club outing on the 23rd of April. That by itself wasn't enough of a challenge -- he tail-hooked it besides! Junior Members in the picture are (L-R) Justin Montplaiser, Grady Stillwell, Nikki Hall, and Matthew Kimball.



Photo by Guy Kimball



#### ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE

by RonSahr

Recently Steve Goldade and I attended the annual meeting of the North Dakota Sportfishing Congress in Bismarck.

The North Dakota Sportfishing Congress (NDSFC) is the umbrella organization for all the fishing clubs and anglers of North Dakota. It is designed to be a watchdog and work with the Game and Fish Department, North Dakota Legislature and the Congress of the United States. The NDSFC has an Executive Board consisting of a President, Past President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five Directors-at-Large. Each member club is allotted two voting delegates at each meeting. The NDSFC meets at least twice a year with the main annual meeting and election of officers in the spring. Executive Board meetings are held as needed.

This Organization has accomplished such things as construction of artificial fish habitat, cost share boat ramps and docks, family outings, rearing ponds, seminars, legislative forums, catch and release education, pathway programs, rough fish removal, and save our lakes projects.

Some facts that were discussed during the Annual Meeting:

- 1 Lake Sakakawea will reach a record low. The lake will drop another 7 feet in 2005.
- 2 The Corp would like to change how water is taken from the main lake. Mixing warmer water with the cold bottom water might save the cold water fishery and the smelt.
- 3 Devils Lake outlet is due to open on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005. It only has a 100 CFS flow. By permit the lake can only be lowered four feet. At the 100 CFS rate it will take 10 years to lower the lake 4 feet.
- 4 A huge stocking program is set for 2005 200,000 Salmon • 40,000 Cutthroat • 20,000 Rainbow • 7,250,000 Walleye
- 5 We have lost approximately 80% of our smelt in the main lake
- 6 It was brought up that Senator Dorgan has been a huge supporter of the many projects concerning the fishing industry in North Dakota.
- 7 Ramps will be a challenge and many are currently being worked on.
- 8 Eighteen tournaments are scheduled for 2005 on Sakakawea. Many may be canceled with a four-week notice, depending on water levels. We have been assured the ND Governors Cup will not be cancelled.
- 9 Perch and crappie limits and a limit of one walleye over a set length were discussed.

I strongly encourage each and every one of our members to join this organization. Memberships are only \$5 per year, \$15 for 3 years or \$25 for 5 years. This is a family membership. You can send in your name, address, club affiliation and check to: ND Sportfishing Congress, Box 2472, Bismarck, ND 58502-2472. You may also visit their web site at <a href="www.ndsportfishingcongress.org">www.ndsportfishingcongress.org</a>. Your money will be put to very good use.

## **Club Web Site**

by Chad Maloy

Looking for a past newsletter? Need a membership application or renewal? Need to contact a Board member? Want to look at our By-Laws? Need \$1 million dollars? Everything except the \$1 million dollars can be found on our website.

This is just one of the benefits we receive by being a member of The N.D. Sportfishing Congress. The NDSFC has made a commitment to keep an up-to-date site. Lester Sjoblom, your Walleye Lines editor, has put in many hours updating our website. Last month the NDSFC web site had over 2,000 visitors.

Direction are as follows:

go to www.ndsportfishingcongress.org

Click on Membership Click on Associate Clubs & Delegates Page down and select FM Walleyes

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Click on walleye clubs

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I encourage all members to at least visit the site and take a look.

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#### April 19th, 2005 Board Meeting Minutes

Called to order by President Chad Maloy at 7:05pm Members Absent: Tim Amble and Steve Meyer

**Treasurer's Report**: \$43977.53

Review of minutes for March motion to approve by Lester Sjoblom, second by Jeremy Frie...motion passed

Review of minutes for Annual Meeting. Motion to approve by Barry Chouinard, second by Eric Daninger. Motion passed.

#### **Old Business**:

Annual Meeting reviewed by Chad Maloy - good meeting.

Dinner Dance review by Chad Maloy - breakeven event with attendance being down. Suggestions for next year: More exposure to event with bigger push, Send out invitations.

Advertising for Walleye Lines all completed except for two companies...will call and collect.

Tournament trailer sponsor stickers discussed by Jeremy with major sponsors stickers being developed and will be put on trailer well before the tournament, was determined to have both major sponsors: Scheels and Crystal Pierz put on front table for maximum exposure.

#### **New Business:**

Ron Sahr sent out a card from the club to Dr. Mack Traynor family with our support at a tough time with his passing.

Scouts Pathways-to-Fishing event discussed with Ron Sahr to coordinate volunteers via Gary Hasse, will need to cover six stations. Pelican Lake Tournament update by Chad Maloy: all on track. i.e. workers, permits, trophies, banners. The tournament is full with two alternates. Calcutta discussion with ideas to have groups of four teams with total weight, which would be 30 teams in pool play. Would help with amount of time calcutta takes to administer. Bruce Bokinskie to write a letter and to inform teams of calcutta once determined. Motion by Jeremy Frie, second by Dennis Flom to spend \$150 for four radios...passed.

NDSFA Annual Meeting...Ron Sahr will represent club.

Friends of Lake Sakakawea motion by Steve Hall, second by Lynn Johnson to spend \$100 for a silver level membership...passed. Discussed support for ND Wildlife Federation "Youth Conservation Camp" August 7-13<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Lynn Johnson, second by Lester Sjoblom to spend \$350 for two scholarships to camp. Interested kids will have to write a short note as to why they should receive the scholarship...passed.

Bruce Bokinskie discussed Calendar Raffle and need to get tickets collected that were sold.

Bob Jensen discussed DL rearing ponds request for money. Motion by Jeremy Frie, second by Lynn Johnson to donate \$2707 which is 64% of total request because of stocking issues on netted lakes.

Ron presented a card from Dave Jensen thanking the club for all they do.

Discussion on a note from Chuck Deremer for a strong push/need for youth drawings at club meetings. Chuck will donate \$100 to start youth drawings...thanks to Chuck.

Lester Sjoblom passed out ideas for new calendar raffles for the future...discussion was held. Issue tabled for further discussion. Ron Sahr discussed the nice gesture by Sportsman's Warehouse for the special night out for club members that went well. Attended by about 100 of our members.

Motion to adjourn by Jeremy Frie, second by Lynn Johnson at 8:45 pm.

Meeting adjourned. Bruce Nereson, Recording Secretary

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