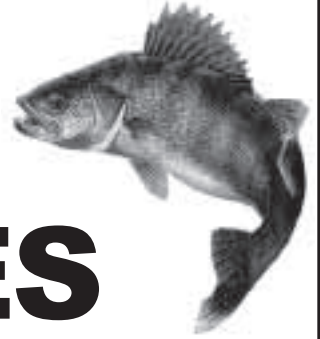




MAY 2006

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THURSDAY, May 18th Walleye Stocking Program With Detroit Lakes Area Fisheries Office

Mandy LaZella Erickson, Fisheries Specialist with the Detroit Lakes Area Fisheries Office is the featured speaker at this month's F-M Walleyes Unlimited meeting.

Mandy has worked closely with FMWU over the past several years, having been charged with eliciting lease contributions to fund walleye rearing ponds. These contributions have assisted the Detroit Lakes Fisheries office in becoming a state leading fisheries stocking office. Mandy's presentation will be an informative opportunity for us to learn more about the walleye stocking effort by the Minnesota DNR. She will cover what it takes for a successful stocking effort, and all the challenges that go into managing the effort.

Mandy's new assignment this year is to lead Minn-Aqua – a kids' fishing program backed by the Minnesota DNR.

Join us for what promises to be an educational and informative presentation with a timely and significant topic to the Minnesota walleye resource.

The seminar will be held at the Fargo Best Western Doublewood Inn at 7 PM May 18th. The event is open to the public with no admission charge.

F-M Walleyes Unlimited, Inc. Welcomes Don Marty to the Board of Directors

Eric Daninger recently moved to Colorado and submitted his resignation to the board of directors. His resignation was accepted at the April board meeting. At that same meeting, Don Marty was nominated to fill the vacant position.

Don works at MeritCare. He and his wife Delphine have both been active members of the club for over 10 years, fishing in a number of club outings and tournaments. They make their home in Detroit Lakes, MN.

Congratulations Don!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 16
Board Meeting

May 18
Membership Meeting
DNR

May 20-21
Club Outing
Big Detroit

May 21
**ON-THE-WATER
BOAT DEMO DAY**
Sponsored by Area Dealers
Beginning at 1:00 pm
Big Detroit

June 1
*Pelican Classic Dinner
and Rules Meeting*
Fairhills Resort - 5:30 pm

June 2-3
Pelican Spring Classic
HQ: Fairhills Resort

June 13
Board Meeting

June 17-18
Club Outing - Lake Bemidji
Lake Bemidji State Park

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

President's Comments...

Dear Club Members,

The first club outing of the year was held last month on Waubay Lake where around 50 club members participated. We all had a spectacular time as the weather was perfect and the fish were biting like crazy. Steve Hall, Scott & Tami Stillwell and the rest of the crew put together a mean fish fry. After about an hour there were no scraps to be found. Congratulations to Joe Roach on winning his first club outing that he took part in. Joe trekked all the way from Edina, MN to take part and rumor has it that the day after the club outing, Joe turned "Pro"! Make sure you give the Hall's and Stillwell's a big thank you for being such good hosts.

I hope to see ya'll at the next meeting on May 18th.

Best Fishes,

Chad Maloy, President

FM Walleyes Board Meeting Minutes • April 18, 2006 Doublewood Inn, Fargo, ND

President Chad Maloy called meeting to order at 7:05 PM

Absent Members: Jeremy Frie

Treasurer Barry Chouinard reported a balance of \$41,001.72 in checking account

Coresponding Secretary Lester Sjoblom reported membership to be at 270

Motion to approve the minutes as read from last report by Steve Meyer with a second from Lester...Passed

Old Business

- Meeting Discussion for March (Angler Night) - all went well. One note, member attendance tickets for raffle was missed. This will not happen in the future.
- Barry discussed upcoming meeting with the sponsor being Ranger boats. Motion by Barry with a second by Steve Hall to spend \$200 for Raffle prizes for the meeting...Passed.
- Barry discussed other upcoming meetings through November.
- Steve Hall lead discussion for Club outings and Boat Demonstrations. The first Demo being at the Detroit Lakes Club outing 1-4 in front of the Holiday Inn.
- Dinner Dance discussion for improvements/needs for next year. Good meal, good location..all felt was successful.
- Tournament trailer discussion ...will work on two weeks before Pelican Tournament.
- Lester reported 118 Teams to date for Pelican Tournament.
- A motion by Steve Hall with a second by Lynn Johnson for the Pelican Tournament Committee of Barry Chouinard, Steve Garten and Lester Sjoblom...Passed.

New Business

- Chad read the resignation for Eric Daninger from the Board as he is moving to Colorado. Motion by Barry, second by Lester to accept resignation. Passed
- Motion by Barry, second by Steve Garten to replace Eric with Don Marty who has been an active member for over 10 years. Passed. Congratulations and Thanks to Don.
- Motion by Lynn, second by Steve Meyer to donate \$1000 to the Cedar Crest Take a Kid Fishing Contest on White Earth Lake. Over 176 kids in attendance in 2005. Passed.
- Discussion for Scouts Hooked on Fishing on May 25th. Steve Garten volunteered to head up any Pathway stations etc.
- Discussion on correspondence from ND Wildlife Federation/Youth Conservation Camp Tabled to next meeting.
- Motion by Lester, second Steve Hall to earmark \$200 for either a Donation to the Devils Lake Park Board Camp or to use the money to send a member depending on interest from members. Passed.
- Barry discussed a PWP/Co-Angler Entry Club Sponsored Member for the 2007 season as now to late for 2006. Good idea and will follow up at upcoming meetings.
- Chad read a correspondence from Fergus Falls DNA Thanking us for our continued support of rearing ponds.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40PM by President Chad Maloy.

Bruce Nererson,

Recording Secretary

Classic Tournament Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in helping out during the Pelican Spring Classic or Cormorant Fall Classic Tournaments please call Barry Chouinard or Lester Sjoblom. Their contact info is on the back page.

Volunteers will help launch and inspect boats, set up tournament trailer, take care of releasing fish and other duties as asked by the tournament committee.

Classic Tournament Applications

Applications for the Cormorant Fall Classic Tournament are available at Scheels, Sportsman Warehouse, Gander Mountain, Crystal Pierz Marine and The Pub. The Cormorant Fall Classic has received 26 entries so far and 27 teams have registered to be eligible for the Classic Cup Championship.

DISTINGUISHED MEMBER - BOB DOBLER

On August 4, 1946, Robert "Bob" Dobler entered this world to accomplish many things. He will be best remembered for his many accomplishments as a fisherman and a good friend of F-M Walleyes. Bob was known by his gentle demeanor and his enjoyment of sports activities. He enjoyed wrestling as a Bison, softball, pool, darts, golf and most of all fishing.

Bob was well known throughout Fargo by his work with Rad Ford Company, ABC Seamless and most recently with Simonson Lumber of Fargo. He was a member of Home Builders of America.

As a member of F-M Walleyes, Bob was involved in the following:

- Pelican Tournament Chairman - 1996 thru 2001
- Helped on the Cormorant Tournament
- Helped on the YMCA Ice Fishing Tournaments
- Hosted the June club tournaments on Lake Lida - 1996 to 2005
- Helped on Pathway to Fishing
- Fished many club tournaments
- Member of Board of Directors - 1997 to 2001

Bob Dobler was always willing to help out wherever possible to help move the club forward. This led to Bob receiving the F-M Walleyes Distinguish Member Award in March 2006.

On April 28, 2006, Bob was called to a higher place to carry on his work as a great and caring person. We know when we go to the big tournament in the sky, the tournament director Bob will be there to guide us. He will be greatly missed, but we are all better for having the opportunity to know Bob Dobler.

Bob was married to Sheryl for 35 years and is survived by his son Mike and brothers Doug and Dick Dobler.

May he Rest in Peace!

Bob Dobler has been a member of F-M Walleyes for many years and also has been an active member of the club. Bob has always been willing to help out wherever possible to help move the club forward.

Truly a Distinguish Member of F-M Walleyes

The Distinguish Member Committee

Barry Choinard

Steve Goldade

DM Award Winners:

Ron Sahr, Gary Hasse and Bob Jensen

APRIL CLUB OUTING REPORT*by Steve Hall*

The April Club Outing was held on Waubay Lake in Webster, SD. Well, when the dates are picked there is about 24 inches of ice on the lakes, so you just hope somebody is looking down on you for a good turn out and good weather!

Boy, did we hit it good this time! Great weather, the fishing was fantastic, temps in the 70's, light wind and no rain. Like I said, fishing was fantastic. Some boats were catching and releasing a hundred or more walleyes a day. And to have two days like that, well it was phenomenal! Show me the lotion, 'cuz boy were my hands dry!

What a great way to start out the season. Take somebody out that hasn't fished much or take along the kids, it's a blast. You will catch walleyes bobber fishing, dragging or casting jigs, anchor or troll slowly. Fishing the points and the sunken road beds turned out a lot of the action this weekend. The other entertainment we enjoyed was coming from "Papa" Garten's boat. Mr. Garten was lucky enough to have his 4 year old grandson, Lane, with him in his boat. He not only caught all of his own fish but netted them too! About the only thing I didn't see him do was drive the truck. It is good to see an increase in the number of kids joining the FM Walleyes and getting involved in the Club Outings. It will be part of them for the rest of their lives, you can't beat memories like that. I'll never forget the times I spent with my Grandpa in his boat.

We had a big turnout for our Saturday fish fry following the weigh-in. It's the best, we have the best cooks around, except for Chad - he tried to burn the beans. Next year, we will find him a new job - waterboy! I want to thank everyone that helps out. It makes the outings a lot more fun. Thanks to Scott & Tami, Pete & Helen, Dewayne, Ron, Guy, Steve Q., Don, Joe and everyone else that helped out.

This year we had a very special donation for the kids made by the Sportsman's Cove Bait & Tackle Shop in Webster, SD. They donated two \$50 gift cards. The lucky winners were Jacob Denning and Matt Quiggle.

There are a lot of lakes in the Webster area. The fishing is great and so are the people. Stop in the Sportsman's Cove and get the up to date bite report. And here are the results:

Junior Division

1 st place	Matt Quiggle	4.66 lbs
2 nd place	Matt Kimball	4.50 lbs.
3 rd place	Robert Kern	4.26 lbs.

Adult Division

1 st place	Joe Roach	4.76 lbs.
2 nd place	Guy Kimball	4.36 lbs.
3 rd place	Ron Sahr	4.14 lbs.

P.S. I heard Joe Roach is going pro!

Consider joining us for the next Club Outing on Big Detroit, May 20th and 21st. Out of the Holiday Inn Boat Ramp. Saturday, 7 AM to 4 PM and Sunday from 7 AM to 1 PM.

There will be Boat Demonstrations from 1 PM to 4 PM

Come out and take a ride in a new boat.

If you have any questions, please call

Steve Hall

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Work: 701 237 0435

Scott Stillwell

Home: 218 236 9001
Cell: 701 361 1682



Waubay Outing Youth Participants

Photos by Guy Kimball



Breaders at the Waubay Outing Walleye Feed

April Meeting Review *by Jeremy Frie*

Ranger Walleye Pro Chris Gilman Speaks at the April Meeting

Wisconsin native Chris Gilman entertained the FMWU crowd with tips and tricks for catching more walleyes.

- Move until you find them. If Chris thinks that he has put in enough time at a particular spot, and has not caught any fish, he moves.
- Troll as fast as your lures will allow so that more water can be covered in a short amount of time. Slow down once fish are located.
- Be versatile!

Chris spent a considerable amount of time discussing a proven technique that works on catching walleyes in lakes similar to our area lakes. **Snap jigging:** snapping the jig can entice otherwise non-biters into biters. Use a 6' rod with medium action for best results. The stiffer rod will help in detecting more bites. Snap jigging can work in any water temperature. Jig size: 0-10' = 1/8 oz, 10-15' = 1/4 oz, >15' = 3/8 oz. Put a swivel in the line a few feet above the jig. Use small shiners for bait, and make sure to hook them well as they are more prone to fall off with the snap technique (through the mouth, out the gill, through the belly). Put the motor in gear, cast out the jig, snap it forward and then let it fall back. If you can't feel the jig, you've let out too much line. This technique works well in clear water. If the water is dirty, it is better to drag the jig.

Thanks to Chris and Ranger Boats for this informative presentation. See you at the May meeting!

Interstate Batteries Presentation

Mike Hartel of Interstate Batteries gave a very informative presentation on battery care to the FMWU audience in April. Your batteries are one of the most important pieces of equipment in your boat. Topics discussed included:

- Cold cranking amps: for motors over 75hp, consider at least 500 CCA. EFI motors – need at least 700 CCA for most motors.
- Boat starting battery vs. car battery: they are essentially the same, with the exception of the wing nut vs. flush mounts.
- Battery types: traditional vs. Optima/Orbital types. The traditional will work fine in most cases. The Optima type take a little less time to charge.
- Distilled or tap water: If mineral content is high, use distilled water in your deep cycle batteries. Fargo water is fine to use.
- Load test: The test provides a snapshot of the cranking power but not its charge length.
- Batteries stored on cement: With today's batteries, there is no need to worry about storing on a cement floor. The battery will not discharge any faster on cement compared to other surfaces.
- Cold vs warm storage: If fully charged, cold storage is preferred. No need to bring the batteries inside for the winter if you properly maintain/charge them before storage.

Stop in at the Fargo store and have them check over your batteries before you begin the season!

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