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***Doors at the Fargo Doublewood Inn open at 6
pm with the program starting at 7 pm.
The seminar is free, and open to the public.***



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 27
Board Meeting

November 29
Angler’s Night - On Ice!
with Gord Pyzer
Editor of In-Fisherman

December 18
Board Meeting

**No Member Meeting
in December**

January 15
Board Meeting

January 17
Ron Seelhoff

January 19
Dinner Dance
El Zagal

February 19
Board Meeting

February 21
Mark Courts

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

President's Comments...

Dear Club Members,

This month is exciting as we have the first of what we hope to be many Anglers Night "On Ice". Our speaker, Gord Pyzer is both knowledgeable and entertaining. This event would not be made possible without the support of our sponsors. Please make sure to show you support and thanks to WDAY, Gate City Bank and the Garden Hut - Home of the Ice Castle Fish House.

Make sure to mark your calendar for the 2008 Dinner Dance which will be January 19th at the El Zagal Shrine Center. Volunteers are needed to make this event successful so if you are willing and able to share your time and energy please contact Tami Stillwell. Thank you Tami for taking on the task to be the Chairperson for this year's event.

Club members are still being sought after to fill Board positions which will be expiring in February. Contact Steve Garten, Don Marty or Steve Meyer if your are willing and able to serve your club.

I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving. See ya'll at the Angler's Night "On Ice" and please be sure to bring a few friends to this event.

Best Fishes,

Chad Maloy, President



NOMINATIONS FOR FMWU DISTINGUISHED MEMBER NOW BEING ACCEPTED!

To nominate a person please write as much information as you can about the nominee. All nominations will be reviewed by the Board of Directors and the Distinguished Member Committee. Deadline is Feb. 12th, 2008.

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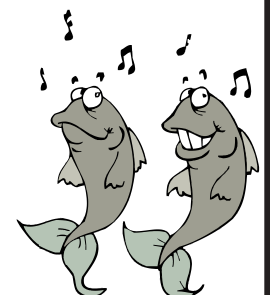
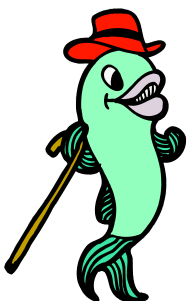
Save The Date

**F-M Walleyes Dinner Dance will be held
Saturday, January 19th, 2008 at the El Zagal Shrine Center**

**For more information, contact Tami Stillwell at:
stillwelltami@ideaone.net**

**Back by popular demand...
The Mojo Boogie Band!**

**If interested in volunteering,
Please contact Tami.**



BOARD MEETING MINUTES-TUESDAY, October 11, 2007 @ THE DOUBLEWOOD INN

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

Absent Board Members: Jeremy Frie & Steve Garten.

Treasurer's Report by Barry Chouinard: Current balance is \$8,247.90.

Membership Report by Don Marty: 235 members

OLD BUSINESS:

-Approval of last month's board minutes. Motion made Augie, seconded by Lynn & approved.

-Club Outings, Steve Hall. Next year's outing locations will be set soon, so members can plan ahead to get these on their summer schedules.

-Youth Education, Stillwells. Currently in the process of the planning stages & development of the new Youth Education Program.

-Dinner/Dance. Tami Stillwell will head up this year's event. Event will take place on Saturday, January 19th, 2008 @ El Zagal Shrine. The MoJo Boogie Band will provide the music again this year.

-Meetings Update: Oct 18th Scott Larson Nov 29th Gord Pyzer

Dec No meeting Jan 17th Ron Seelhoff

Feb 21st Mark Courts Mar 20th Ted Takasaki

April 17th Denny Palmer

-November meeting "Anglers Night Out – On Ice". Looking for sponsors for the event. WDAY already on board.

-Sponsorship/Ad, Barry Chouinard. Looking for additional sponsors & distributors of tourney information.

-Tournament Update, Barry Chouinard Also the 2008 permits were mailed for next year's tourneys. We are also looking to expand our participation area (possible more advertising in the Lakes Area).

The Comorant Tourney details were reviewed. We also discussed a couple of items...1) move that date of the 2008 Comorant Tourney to be on Saturday, Sunday. Motion made by Barry to change from Friday, Saturday event to Saturday, Sunday event. Seconded, with all in agreement the motion passed. 2) 6 fish allowed & keep fishing & cull. Motion made by Scott Brewer to change the rule to reflect this with second by Don Marty. Motion passed. The 2008 Pelican Tourney, currently because of conflicts two of the co-directors will be unable to help with the 2008 event. We will need to get some volunteers to step up to the plate to assist Barry.

Angler, Young Angler Tournament possibilities were discussed. We are looking at partnering opportunities with other organizations/dealerships to put one of these tournaments on.

-Nomination Committee. Don Marty, Steve Meyer & Steve Garten. Expiring terms need to be filled.

-Public Relations, Steve Garten. Working with local radio & television stations to get more local media coverage for our club events/meetings.

Distinguished Member Committee. Ron Sahr, Bob Jensen, Mike Miller, Barry Chouinard & Steve Meyer. Currently accepting nominations & reviewing these. This award will be presented at the March meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

DNR Walleye Workshop, Barry Chouinard. Barry attended the workshop and reported back to the board.

Boy Scout Romp, Steve Meyer. Ice Fishing outing on February 9th @ Bad Axe Lake, Camp Wilderness. Wondering if our club could hold a seminar & weigh fish, etc for this event.

Raffle Prizes, Steve Garten. Motion made to buy raffle prizes for the Thursday night meeting by Steve Meyer.

Second by Barry. Motion passed. Also motion to buy some raffle prize inventory from Mitchell rods & Pure Fishing for future meetings/events. Motion made by Barry with second by Lynn. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.30pm.

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, November 27th, 2007 at the Doublewood Inn. Please remember that the general membership is always welcome to attend any or all board meetings.

Respectfully submitted by Tami Stillwell, Recording Secretary.

MEMBERS CAUGHTY *by Steve Garten*

Please welcome this month's MEMBERS CAUGHTY club member Joe Roach. Joe joined our club in August of 2004, and is a regular at our monthly meetings. I think this is rather significant since Joe's home is in Edina, MN. Joe and his spouse (of 26 years) Jennifer have three children, Ben (23), Lauren (20) and Will (16). Joe grew up in northwest Iowa, in the town of Rock Rapids. He is currently a partner in the Minneapolis law firm of Briggs & Morgan, P.A. practicing in the area of corporate and commercial law. He represents privately held business and financial institutions in a variety of matters.

While he has not been able to attend every Club Outing, there are always more laughs when he is present. So let's get down to business.

Best Fishing Experience?

"For me my best fishing experience was when I was kid and my dad would take us on our annual fishing trip to "Grade". The Grade was a road on the Iowa Minnesota border behind the Berkley tackle factory near Spirit Lake, Iowa. Each spring on some lucky Friday, we would get home from school and my dad would have the car loaded with our fishing equipment (which was not much) and we would make the 50 mile drive to the Grade to bullhead (Iowa Walleye) fish. It did and still does amaze me how many bullheads you can catch with a dozen night crawlers. We would catch buckets full. The bad part was my dad would keep them and when we got home my brothers and I had to clean the darn things. But, we figured out how many my dad would eat, so we cleaned that many and then buried the rest in a hole in the backyard. We also learned how deep to dig the hole so our dog and the neighborhood cats did not dig them up. This was always a great trip. Also, this is how I became Mr. Bullhead."

The People who influenced my fishing the most?

"It goes with out saying that my dad would be number 1 as he introduced us to fishing and always encouraged us to "get the hell out of the house and go fishing or something". It was these words of encouragement that ignited my fishing passion. Since my dad's passing, other great fisherman have played a significant roll in the development of my fishing passion. Some of these people are Brad Laabs, Ron Sahr, Jim Wood, and F-M Walleyes Unlimited, Inc. Brad Laabs, a fishing guide in the Detroit Lakes area, took my bullhead fishing skills and transformed them into walleye fishing skills. And as Brad will tell you this was no easy task. I meet Brad when I invited some clients to my cabin to fish and then realized (my wife pointed it out) that I did not know the first thing about walleye fishing. So, I panicked and hired a guide, Brad Laabs. We have been using Brad for 6 or 7 years now. Ron Sahr has also been very influential in my fishing development. I meet Ron in August 2004 when I went on the annual pilgrimage to Shinning Falls in Canada. Ron not only showed me how to jig, but spent most of his time on the trip answering all of my questions about jigging, rigging, crankbaits, rods, line, and every other question I could come up with. The only thing he has not provided guidance on is my fish cleaning skills. Jim Wood, my good friend, tournament partner, hunting partner, and dog's doctor, has been willing to spend countless hours, days, and weeks helping me further refine my fishing skills and figure out how to catch more fish and moreover, buying more equipment. And finally, the F-M Walleye club. The club had been a great resource for me becoming acquainted with all aspects of fishing as well as competitive fishing, which I have come to enjoy almost as much as pheasant hunting."



Favorite Walleye Fishing Tactic?

"All of them. I do not know if I really have a favorite, but I probably live bait rig the most. As my children and Jim Wood will tell you I like to go through the whole tackle box and boat when we are fishing, because after all what fun is it to have all the stuff if I never use it. My technique usually depends on what I want to accomplish while fishing that particular day. With Brad, Ron, and Jim we usually use techniques that have a higher probability of catching fish. With my wife, we will troll and just drive around in the boat and talk. With my kids we try a lot because we all want to see how everything works."

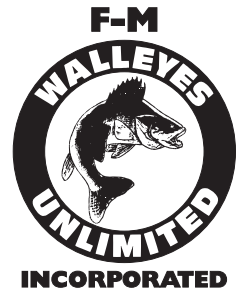
Funniest Fishing Experience?

"I would have to say it was this fall when my son, Ben, friend, Andy Finsness, and I were pre-fishing Cormorant Lake for the annual Fall Classic. Ron Sahr, Steve Maag, and Jim Wood were in Ron's boat. Ben, Andy, and I were pulling leadcore on my new leadcore rods from Scheels, the 5' and 10' 6" set. Something, weed or fish, pulled on the rod so I picked up the rod and began to reel in, but the tiller motor on my boat swung around so I began to switch the rod from my left hand to my right hand so that my left hand could operate the motor when the rod dislodged from my left hand and fell into the lake. And as you can imagine, a 5' rod with a reel full of 18# leadcore sinks very fast. Standing in my boat shocked and dismayed, I noticed a larger boat with scuba divers a few hundred yards away. So, I motored near them and asked if they would look for my rod. The diver, Gary Thompson of Tri-State diving, said he would and did. Unfortunately, he was unable to find my rod, I think because Ron, Steve, and Jim keep trolling bottom bouncer through where he was trying to dive. Anything to win that's Ron's motto. After all of this I was not real interested in anymore fishing so we decided to go back to the cabin. So, we went to the public landing and Jim Wood went to get my car and trailer. Jim backed the car and trailer up and then, before backing into the water so I could load, he told me my tire was flat. I said let's just trailer the boat and then deal with it, so we did. Upon pulling the boat out of the water, we notice a motor home parked in the landing and the people with the motor home came over and said they had a generator and could pump up my tire, so we did and went to the cabin. What a day."

Thanks Joe! Now... are you ready to be **CAUGHT?**



Submitted by Jack Fuller



*The big one that
DIDN'T get away...*

Tom Stoe from Thompson, ND caught this 11 1/2 lb. 32 inch, 18 inch girth walleye, October 29th on Devils Lake. The fish was longer than the beam of the net.

Fishing was good, many were caught on crawlers and leeches, but the big one was on a jig and minnow.

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The Competition Factor for Panfish

By Jason Mitchell

Bringing fish into the cone angle of your electronics sounds pretty simple. The truth is, being able to pull fish under you and being able to keep these fish underneath you is an important element to icing panfish, often overlooked as anglers hop from hole to hole. Yes moving to find fish is important but just as important is thoroughly fishing a hole and being able to bring fish to the hole that may be a slight distance away. You can drill more holes to reach fish that may be a slight distance away or you can sometimes bring those same fish to you. Don't overlook the game of getting fish to come to you because this can make anglers much more efficient as they break down water.



From a catching standpoint, fish attract fish. The more fish you can gather below you, the more fish seem to come in to investigate. Also important is the fact that one or two fish may seem extremely finicky but the mood of a few fish changes instantly as soon as more fish arrive on the scene. As if the fish that wouldn't give you the time of day before is now suddenly ready to eat just so the new fish doesn't get a chance.

When targeting bottom orientated fish, many seasoned anglers preach 'fishing down to the fish.' As soon as the lure or jig begins to show up on the bottom zoom of the Vexilar, anglers often begin to work the lure to generate some kind of response in an attempt to get fish to rise from the bottom. As a general rule of thumb, the dirtier the water, the closer to bottom an angler has to be. Good visibility on the other hand is often a better candidate for

working the lure further off the bottom as fish can see the flash and commotion from further away and are more likely to swim up. Bringing the lure or jig up from the bottom and fishing high and hard (giving the lure good flash and vibration) is often crucial for getting the attention of distant fish.

The presentation that is required to rope fish into a small area underneath you is often completely different to the moves required to trigger fish or keep fish nose to nose with your lure. Once multiple marks begin to rise from the bottom and the Vexilar reveals several fish, the tempo usually has to change or should change because often, the same moves that brought fish in will sometimes spook fish at close quarters. If you down view with an Aqua View or are fortunate enough to sight fish, you will get a good understanding or mental image as to what is happening. Perch often form a 'wagon wheel' around the jig or lure. Often several perch will be facing the jig or lure from different directions often taking turns sucking in and spitting out the bait. If a fish misses or spits out the bait, another fish quickly moves in, this is competition working in your favor. No competition usually means much tougher fishing.

Getting the fish up and the bait down can't be done fast enough. Sometimes after a fish is caught, the remaining fish scatter and an angler has to start all over coaxing fish back into the cone angle of the Vexilar. A good indicator to the mood of the remaining fish below is how many fish follow up the fish you are reeling in. Generally, aggressive fish follow and these fish can be picked off high off the bottom by getting back down quickly. For fish that are really stuck to the bottom, holding a fighting fish up off the bottom will sometimes lift fish out of the mud so that you can get a better idea as to how big the school is. Some savvy perch anglers also tag team fish with one angler letting a hooked perch swim around off the bottom attracting several more fish into the area while the other angler fishes for the new fish that are getting attracted by the decoy on the leash. Understanding the competition that occurs in a school of fish and manipulating this competition as much as possible will make you a much better ice angler.

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