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sportsmanship and education in respect
to walleye fishing.

NOVEMBER 2004

Walleye Lines

Thursday, NOVEMBER 18th

*Winter is on it's way to Fargo/Moorhead
and so is CHIP LEER*

There is at least one person out there who actually looks forward to winter, and it's not the person you pay to shovel your driveway. It's Chip Leer. Leer is a professional angler who openly admits he prefers winter fishing to open water. Why? As Chip stated, "Because I catch more and bigger fish through a 8" hole in the ice more consistently than from a boat in the summer". Leer will be sharing his ice fishing knowledge in a seminar titled "Steps to Ice Fishing Success" at the FM Walleyes Unlimited Club November 18th at the Doublewood Inn, Fargo.

Leer began his professional angling career as a fishing guide in Northern MN during early to mid 1980's. His ability to find fish for his clients while entertaining them with a story, earned him a reputation as the "go to" guy for many Outdoor writers, media and television shows when they were in need of a "bite" or story idea. He guided summer and winter for numerous species of fish until the launch of a company he formed with another professional angler, Tommy Skarlis, called *Fishing the WildSide* in 1998.



Fishing the WildSide mission is to assist anglers in achieving whatever goals they have in the sport of fishing. Leer stated: "Fishing can be enjoyed at many levels and it's up to you personally to decide how far you want to take it. Fishing knowledge and ability is like climbing a ladder and with every rung you climb, you know a bit more, what's great about fishing is that the ladder never ends". *WildSide* communicates it's message through there TV program, magazines, events, tournaments and seminars like the one coming up here for FM Walleyes Unlimited, Inc.

Chip Leer's seminar titled "Steps to Ice Fishing Success" revolves around three basic steps needed to catch fish regardless of species fished. Leer has a passion for ice fishing that is obvious when he speaks and the seminar is sure to be full of "tricks" and "tips" that will help everyone ice a few more fish this winter.

Currently Chip Leer is the host of *Fishing the WildSide* TV, and is featured on the cover of the 2005 *In-Fisherman* Ice Fishing Guide.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 16
Board Meeting

November 18
Regular Meeting
Chip Leer

December 14
Board Meeting

*No Regular Meeting in
December*

January 18
Board Meeting

January 20
Regular Meeting
Tommy Skarlis

January 22
YMCA Ice Tourney
Camp Cormorant

January 28-30
Boat Show
Fargodome

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

President's Comments

Dear Members,

I recently attended a meeting of the ND Sportfishing Congress. This organization has a very strong voice when it comes to the issues of managing our fisheries in ND. This past meeting which was held in West Fargo was attended by Dean Hildebrand, Director of the ND G&F; Terry Steinwand, Chief of the Fisheries Division and Lynn Schleuter, Biologist. The actually listen to what we have to say and ask our advice on which way our members would like to address items. The President of the Sportfishing Congress is Duaine Ash from Devils Lake. Duaine is very active and works extremely hard for all the anglers of ND. The organization nominated him to be our lobbyist during the legislative session. One item that came out of the meeting is that ND has very little Aquatic Nuisance Species. We want to keep it that way and it is up to all of us to make sure we do not carry any unwanted creatures to other waters. Please make sure that you all check your trailers and clean you live wells before moving to new waters. Within a couple of weeks the meeting minutes will be available on their web site at www.ndsportfishingcongress.org.

Best Fishes,
Chad Maloy



FM Walleyes Board Minutes -- October 19, 2005

Meeting called to order by President Chad Maloy at 7:03 p.m. at the Doublewood Inn, Fargo, ND.

Members Present: Chad Maloy, Bob Jensen, Lester Sjoblom, Tim Amble, Dennis Flom, Lynn Johnson, Steve Meyer, Steve Hall. Guest: Lamarr VanDame

Old Business:

Lamarr talked about a swap sale... a possibility of two, one in the spring and one in the fall. Lamar will head this up. Follow up at the next meeting.

March 19th, 2005 Dinner Dance: Tim Amble will coordinate and will report at the November board meeting.

Tournament Trailer Update:

Dave's I-29 donated tires. Motioned by Lester Sjoblom; 2nd by Dennis Flom to approve sign in trailer for Dave's I-29.

Bylaw committee update: work in progress.

New Business:

Motion by Tim Amble to discuss Cabela's National Championship for tournament naming rights, 2nd by Bob Jensen.

2005 Annual Meeting in March – Nominating Committee Appointed:

Chad Maloy, Lester Sjoblom, Steve Hall, Tim Amble and Jeremy Frie to head the committee.

Discussion on calendar raffle. Chad Maloy to talk to Bruce Bokinskie. Motioned by Steve Hall, 2nd by Lester Sjoblom.

Motion to adjourn by Lester Sjoblom, Seconded by Lynn Johnson.

Steve Meyer, Reporting

With ice fishing just around the corner, it's never too late to talk about safety. This article from the Houston, Texas, Online Buyers Guide contains information that may make you more comfortable AND safer as you venture out on the hard water and take your fishing experience to a new level. (at least 3" higher in most cases. Water does expand as it freezes...) -ed

Misuse Of Portable Radiant Gas Heaters Poses Carbon Monoxide Threat To Campers

Hunting...fishing... camping...the last thing you might worry about when you're enjoying fall and winter activities in the great outdoors is the danger of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning. But beware! Outdoor enthusiasts using portable gas heaters in ways not intended -- i.e., in unventilated, enclosed spaces such as tents, RV's, campers, vehicles, and ice fishing shanties --face the possibility of sickness or death from CO poisoning.

Portable radiant gas heaters are great for taking the chill out of cold days in lieu of (or in addition to) a campfire; for use under a fly; or, with some models, to use for cooking. But since these heaters are designed for outside, freely ventilated spaces, inside use could place campers at high risk for carbon monoxide poisoning.

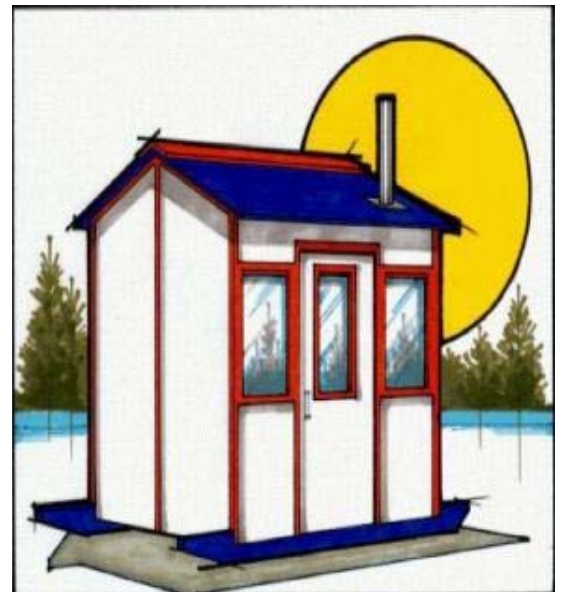
Particularly vulnerable are those who operate a radiant gas heater in their tent or -- worse yet -- in a truck camper or Recreational Vehicle (RV), then go to sleep. Carbon monoxide, which is tasteless, odorless and colorless, can build to lethal levels in these unventilated spaces.

Just like you would not cook with a gas grill inside a closed garage, you should not heat with a portable radiant gas heater, regardless of the size, inside a shanty, closed RV or tent, even "breathable" tents which are still vulnerable to CO buildup. Most importantly, campers should never go to sleep while operating a portable radiant gas heater inside.

Of particular concern are small, lightweight portable gas heaters used primarily by hunters and fishermen while camping.

However, the warning for everyone, including outdoor campers, is: Using a portable radiant gas heater inside a tent, RV, camper, vehicle, shelter or other enclosed space places you at risk for carbon monoxide poisoning...and the consequences of unseen carbon monoxide could be fatal. Please camp safely and use portable radiant gas heaters outside.

For more information about the safe use of portable radiant gas heaters, contact the Portable Radiant Heater Safety News Bureau, P.O. Box 45002-0002, Cleveland, Ohio 44145 or call toll-free 1-888-CAMPHTR (226-7487).(NAPSI)



October Meeting Review... *Lake Trax!*

by Lester Sjoblom



Korey Kirschenmann
LakeTrax

Lake Trax integrates your PC and your GPS together. The lake maps are available via a PC software solution that allows you to analyze, mark, upload and download information to your GPS. This information helps you to maximize your fishing time and is compatible with virtually every GPS on the market. Lake Trax is a great product for the fisherman who don't need contours on their GPS or can't upload them due to compatibility reasons. By using a Lake Trax map, a fisherman can perform the following activities and much more on their PC.

Before going fishing, you can pick an unlimited number of locations by clicking anywhere on the map and transferring these spots to your GPS.

- Plan a trolling pass or a navigation pass to a specific area by using the track feature.
- Measure distances on a map to plan how you wish to fish an area.
- Print out custom maps with multiple zoom levels and including the detail you added to the map.
- When done fishing, you can automatically download your waypoints allowing you to analyze where you caught fish.
- Download your track file and save key trolling passes, so you can upload this track at a later time so you can repeat the exact same trolling pass.

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- Compatible with the most common Garmin and Magellan GPS units.
- Color and Grayscale maps both included.
- Magellan Color GPS: Every depth contour is displayed as a unique color.
- Can be uploaded to GPS by normal means of uploading maps such as SD cards, MapSend Streets and Destinations, MapSource or freeware programs included with the product.
- Small map upload at under 200K.

Available Lakes:

Devils Lake. Depth basis of 1448, so it is very current. It has all the features you are looking for including underwater roads, humps, islands, and rock piles listed. You don't want to be without this map. Don't let others tell you where to fish, you choose where you wish to fish.

Minnesota NorthWest 15: Big Cormorant, Big Pine, Crystal, Dead, Detroit, Franklin, Lida, Little Pine, Lizzie, Melissa, Ottertail, Pelican, Rush, Sallie, and Star.

Pipstem Reservoir (ND): Recently surveyed by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department. Don't be without this map of this popular lake.

Custom Mapping:

Kirsch's Outdoor Products gained it's reputation as a custom mapping company. We still do some custom mapping but currently to make a Lake Trax Pro product custom mapping via customer request would typically be too cost prohibitive. Contact Kirsch's Outdoor Products and inquire about the lakes you are interested in, and we will let you know if the lakes are feasible.

Orders, questions, comments and upgrades are available at www.laketrax.com or email Korey at laketrax@hotmail.com

October Meeting Review ... *Taking Great Photos in the Great Outdoors*

by Lester Sjoblom



Drew Lockwood
Monarch Photo

Drew Lockwood of Monarch Photo gave a very informative talk discussing various aspects of photography and cameras during the recent meeting held on October 21st. Trying to sum up the entire presentation would be a chore, best left to the photo geeks among us. (Which is probably why I was elected to the task. Thanks, Chad.)

What Great Photos Are Made Of—

Drew touched on many subjects, all of which are very pertinent to capturing the perfect picture.

- **Choose your subject matter carefully.** Look to capture a moment in time, not just a face. Put your subject in a situation that will retell a story. Good photography is more than just a good picture, it is an opportunity to share an experience with other.

- **Be aware of your light source.** By knowing where your light source is and how to handle it, you have the opportunity to photograph a picture that you would be proud to hang over the mantle, instead of having a haloed silhouette suitable for target practice.

- **Look at different possibilities of composing your shot.** He chose a number of images from his personal portfolio to accentuate these points. Humor, aesthetics, cropping, and lighting were all discussed.

Tips and Tricks—

- **Be prepared.** Always carry a camera of some sort. You never know when that perfect opportunity will take place.

- **Know where the sun is.** Use a flash fill to enhance the details of shadows. This is also useful when taking pictures of individuals wearing baseball caps.

- **Use the scene selection dial.** You can choose different presets for action shots, close ups, portraits, landscape photos, etc.

Change your point of view—

- **Mix up your angles** • A photo taken from a different view point makes for more dynamic subject matter. If your subject is a child, get down on their level. *Still no luck? It may be time for a new camera...*

Look into the type of camera you need. What usage are you looking for? Are you wanting prints for an album? Images to email to a friend? Are you going to print poster sized images for your mantle? What is the age and condition of your present camera?

These questions will all determine the type of camera you may need. Identify your need and find what fits you. Some things to consider are:

- **Going Digital...** Megapixel Madness – more is not always better. A good 3 megapixel camera may be all you need. Select the camera's output to mirror your output specifications. Ask a salesperson for help. Tell them your needs. Don't get caught up in advertising hype.

- **Optical vs. Digital Zoom Capabilities.** True optical zoom lenses give you closeups without loss of image quality by the use of lenses. Digital zooms crop the image and leave you with loss of output.

- **Viewfinders vs. LCD Screens.** Things to consider are size and construction. Remember that using an LCD Screen uses more battery power than using the viewfinder as you would on a standard film camera. Most photographers still use film cameras for competition prints because of the quality of digital enlargements.

- **Warantee and Service Plans.** Consider the price of the camera before buying warantees and service plans. Sometimes it is worth the extra money to purchase these options based on the money you spend for your camera equipment. At other times, it would be cheaper to just buy new equipment.

- **Film cameras can give you digital images.** Film can be scanned, and images burned to CD or saved to your computer.

- **Essential Gadgets.** Camera Case • Memory Card • Batteries and Charger • Cleaning Cloth • Cables • Manual

- **Extras.** Waterproof housings, various specialty lenses, external flash, tripod, software... Keep in mind that whatever you choose or whatever equipment you have you can print on virtually anything. *The only limit is your imagination.*


MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

January 22nd, 2004

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New Renew

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Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Home (____) _____ - _____ Work (____) _____ - _____

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E-mail: _____

Membership requirements: Persons desiring membership must be those who can act in a sportsmanlike manner and will be a credit to the organization. Receipt of this application, yearly dues and approval of the Board of Directors are required for membership. Mail application to:
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