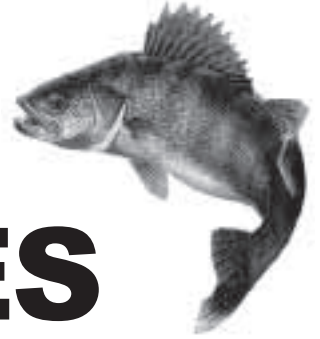




NOVEMBER 2005

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November 17, 2005

Upper Red Lake
Big Crappies, Big Pike and now Big Walleyes

Guest to include Guide, Joe Karp, Jr. and DNR Fisheries Supervisor, Gary Barnard

Upper Red Lake is famous for two events: the collapse of its walleye fishery in the 1990s and the incredible boom in crappies that followed. The next big story will come when the walleye fishery opens next spring, perhaps to phenomenal fishing.

But Upper Red Lake also has turned into another Minnesota gem — a trophy-pike fishery. Due mostly to overharvest, Minnesota's lakes turn out "hammer-handle" pike, making monster pike a legacy of the past.

But when commercial and sport fishing for walleye was closed in 1999 on Red Lake, its northern pike were left to thrive. They bulked up on whitefish and perch, and when anglers began returning to the lake to catch crappies, they also began catching pike, some weighing up to 20 pounds.

"Actually," said Karp, who grew up in St. Paul Park, "these big pike have always been in the lake. They were just never given much of a chance with the commercial nets. Now, we have something special."

Gary Barnard, the Department of Natural Resources area fisheries supervisor in Bemidji, agrees.

"This is an excellent pike fishery that deserves protection," he said. "It should be a model for us in trying to get back quality pike in our lakes. We can't let this slip away."

The DNR has proposed a new northern pike regulation for Upper Red Lake: protective size limit of 26 to 40 inches, with one trophy allowed over 40 inches. All pike within the size limit would have to be released.

Join us on Thursday, November 17th, 2005 at the Doublewood Inn of Fargo. Doors open at 6:30 pm, meeting starts at 7 pm.

This event is free and open to the public.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 15
Board Meeting

November 17
General Member Meeting
"Upper Red Lake"

December 13
Board Meeting

No General Member
Meeting in December

January 17
Board Meeting

January 19
General Member Meeting
Tom Neustrom

January 21
YMCA Ice Tourny
Cormorant Lake

February 14
General Member Meeting
Tom Neustrom

February 16
Annual Meeting
Members Only
*Chili Feed, Election of
Officers and Swap Meet*

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7 PM AT THE
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President's Comments...

Dear Members,

Exciting club programs have been booked thru March. Please mark your calendar and bring a friend to the meetings. The dates have also been set for the Pelican and Cormorant tournaments. Board members are in the process of developing a Classic Championship format which will be awarded to the team that has the best finish combined in the two tournaments. We may charge a small fee to be eligible which would be 100% paid back along with possible entries to the tournaments the following year. Right now we are in the development stage so ideas are being formulated. Once we have final details we will let you all know.

Sincerely,

Chad Maloy, President

Hold on to your hats!

Monthly Meetings Have Been Booked

January :

Tom Neustrom of Grand Rapids, MN. Recognized by In-Fisherman, Northern American Fishing Club and Fishing Facts Magazine as one of the top walleye fishing guides in the country, Tom spends the majority of his time during open water season on the lake doing guided trips. Off of the water, much of his time is spent doing seminars in an effort to pass his knowledge and expertise on to others.

February:

Annual Meeting, Election of Officers, Chili Feed, Swap Meet. Last year thousands of dollars of used fishing equipment changed hands. It is a great time to trade, buy or sell your used equipment.

March:

Anglers Night with Special Guest, Bob Probst Sr. Bob Propst, Sr., was inducted into the Fishing Hall of Fame in 1993 under the category of Legendary Angler. He has won more walleye tournaments than any other angler and he has been quoted by Fishing Facts, Outdoor Life, and the Chicago Tribune as the "Greatest Walleye Fisherman who has ever lived". Bob Sr. pioneered many of the fishing techniques used today.

FM WALLEYES DISTINGUISHED MEMBER AWARD

NOMINATION FORM

Give to a Board Member or mail to:

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Award Objectives:

- For extraordinary contributions toward achievement of the goals and objectives of the club.
- To further the fishing education and enjoyment of the membership.
- To purpose the growth of the membership.
- To advance the importance of resource conservation and to encourage involvement in club activities by all members and their families.

This award to be presented annually to the one member who best displays the ability to unselfishly work toward the club goals in a spirit embodied by the membership of FM Walleyes.

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. All information will be kept in confidence by the Board.

Nominee Information: (Attach additional sheets if needed)

Nominated by: _____
(signature optional)

Fishing With A 45

by *Tommy Skarlis*
(from Walleye Central)

It's January, and the frozen hardtop of many a midwestern lake appears as peaceful and inviolable as a quaint country estate.

Perhaps a few anglers are frolicking about on the ice tossing a football or simply being social. Perhaps a Coleman Road Trip Grill teases the nostrils as the aroma of burgers or steaks wafts through the air. Perhaps an angler and his son share a laugh as they tug an Otter Sled filled with gear toward a promising part of the lake.

Don't be fooled by this false sense of serenity. Inside those tents and icehouses, a darker world exists where anglers are frequently the victims of muggings and robberies that can occur at any time without any warning. Some are gang-related. Others are random acts of debauchery. Either way, it can happen to you, if it hasn't already.

Protect yourself. Fish with a 45.

Before we go any farther, let me explain. I'm not advocating some half-cocked vigilante style of glacial justice. I'm talking about the muggings and thefts that take place beneath the ice when fish swim up to an ice jig and either pull the bait free or whack the head of the jig instead of the business end.

After watching it happen on underwater cameras time and again, I decided to fight back. In fact, I was reminded of a country music tune by Hank Williams Jr. titled "A Country Boy Can Survive." The lyrics include the lines, "I'd love to spit some Beech Nut in that dude's eyes and shoot him with my old 45s 'cause a country boy can survive."

Thus, the concept of fishing with a 45. And while there are days when a well-placed bullet between a perch or bluegill's eyes might seem justified, I've found that using specific jigs, knot placements and bait presentations that ride at a 45-degree angle is far less messy and will often put those fish in their place at the bottom of my bucket.

Fish tend to rise in the water column to bite a lure. What happens is that an ice jig tipped with live bait or a piece of Berkley Gulp! or a Power Wiggler ends up hanging at more of a 90-degree angle when it's actively jigged for



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Fishing With A 45 (cont.)

awhile. So, as the fish rises up to take the bait, it's easy for it to grab only the bait and miss the hook.

If a jig is hanging at a 45-degree angle, it's a lot more difficult for a fish to come from below and grab hold of just the bait. The idea is to adjust your presentation so that the first thing the fish comes into contact with is the hook. Keep in mind that different lures are designed to fish at different angles.

Presenting a lure at a 45-degree angle can be accomplished by simply using a "tight" knot such as a Trilene, Palomar or improved-clinch knot and making sure it's situated correctly on the lure's eye. With the knot positioned properly, horizontal jigs such as Lindy Fat Boys or Genz Worms or one of Northland Tackle's new Bro Bugs or Forage Minnow fry jigs will hang at a 45, making them deadly. Make sure to check both the knot position and how the jig is riding after every fish, strike or hook-set that could alter the jigs angle.

Other lures that can be fished at a 45-degree angle are vertical styles such as Lindy's Techni-Glo Frostees or Northland's Super-Glo Doodle Bugs. When those are the lures the fish want, adjust the knot so the line angles back toward the hook point at 45 degrees. This knot position should cause the jig to ride at a 45-degree angle in the water.

Perhaps the best way to fish with a 45 is to use a lure specifically designed to fish at a 45-degree angle. The answer is: Lindy's new Genz Bug, a lure with a 45-degree angle hook so it rides at 45 degrees naturally. Fishing the WildSide's Chip Leer recommends Northland's Ghost Grub as another option that is designed to keep the business end in business.

If these options don't result in more hook-ups, try switching from live bait to artificial bait such as Gulp! maggots and grubs or Power Wigglers that aren't as easy to pull free from the hook. If you're still a victim of the "bit and spit" routine, hooking your bait through the center rather than the head (t-boning) will often work, as will loading the hook with multiple baits.

Don't get mugged in your ice tent this winter. Stick to your guns. Fish with a 45 and take a bite out of crime.

Fishing the WildSide On Ice, co-founded by Tommy Skarlis and Chip Leer, is an extensive effort focused on generating excitement for the great sport of ice fishing. -ed.

Donation Given To F-M Walleyes

Chuck Deremer, a long-time member of F-M Walleyes has given a \$300 check to F-M Walleyes to be used for youth gifts or projects. Chuck has been active on the state level participating in a variety of youth projects.

If you have any ideas on how best this money should be spent, please contact any board member. Names and phones numbers are listed on the back of the Walleye Lines.



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FM Walleyes Board Meeting October 18, 2005

Meeting called to order by Chad Maloy at 7:00 pm

Members present: Chad Maloy, Barry Chouinard, Lester Sjoblom, Tim Amble, Dennis Flom, Lynn Johnson, Steve Meyer, Steve Hall. Ron Sahr was also in attendance.

Treasurer's report: Barry submitted the treasurer's report and it was approved as read.

Meeting minutes were approved as printed in the Walleye Lines.

Old Business:

Attendance prizes: \$100 approved to order rod & reel combo for and raffle prizes for November meeting.

14 hats were sold at the Cormorant Tournament. A motion was made and seconded to order stocking hats to be sold at the winter meetings.

Cormorant updater: 84 teams registered. Chad led a discussion on needed improvements. Need someone at the water front or in the water for the return of the boats. The Y-Camp wants to do it again. Breakfast went well. We should remove the deadline from the Cormorant Flyer. We need an awning for the trailer for when it rains. TRS Industries was mentioned as a possibility. Barry and Steve Meyer will work on a solution for a windshield for the scale. Tim Amble will work on getting a lift assist device for raising the trailer top. Ron presented a check in the amount of \$300 from Chuck Deremer for the kick-off of the "kids only" raffle.

New Business:

We will limit entry to the Cormorant Tournament to 85 teams in 2006.

Pelican Tournament is set for June 2&3 at Fairhills. Cormorant Tournament is set for September 22&23 at the Y-Camp.

February will once again be the meeting set aside for the Annual Meeting, Chili Feed and Swap Meet.

Dinner Dance was discussed. The belief was held that moving the Dinner Dance every three years was necessary for better attendance. We are looking at having the Dinner Dance at El Zagel this coming March. Tim Amble will head the arrangements.

Anglers Night is set for with Bob Probst being the guest speaker.

Barry Chouinard and Eric Daninger were volunteered to work on arranging speakers for the monthly meetings.

Board of Directors Terms up in 2006: Chad Maloy, Jeremy Frie, Tim Amble and Dennis Flom.

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 by Tim Amble. Steve Meyer seconded.

Lester Sjoblom, Reporting



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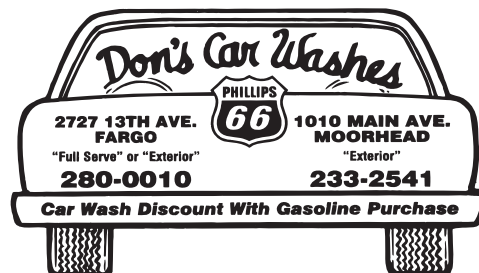
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16 February, 2006

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