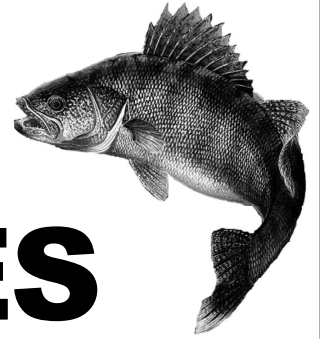




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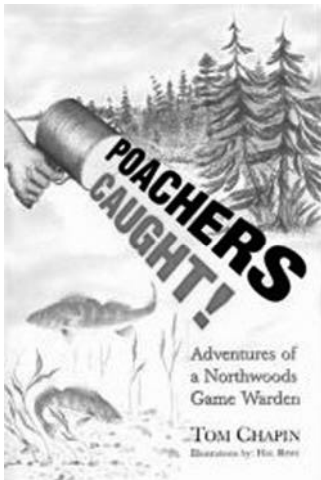


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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 COME JOIN US TO HEAR FROM TOM CHAPIN

- RETIRED GAME WARDEN -

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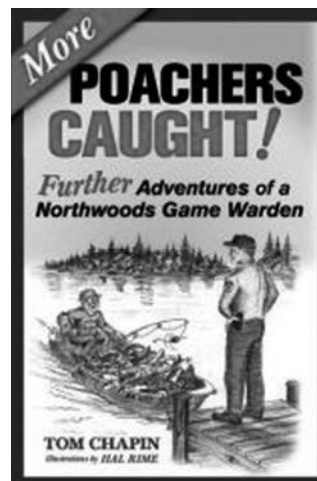
Author and retired Minnesota Game Warden Thomas Chapin will be the featured speaker at FM Walleyes Unlimited Monthly meeting on Thursday, Oct 19th.

Tom Chapin has authored 2 books, Poachers Caught!, and recently More Poachers Caught! Detailing the 29 years experience of being a Minnesota Game Warden. Tom's stories are sometimes serious, sometimes hilarious, and always entertaining. Tom resides in Grand Rapids, MN and continues his enjoyment and passion for the outdoors and wildlife.

Tom Chapin was a suggested speaker by a FM Walleyes member. If you have a speaker you would like to see at our monthly meetings, please contact a board member.



Join us on October 19th at the Doublewood Inn for an entertaining evening. The presentation starts at 7 PM, is open to the public with no admission charge.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 17
Board Meeting

October 19
Regular Meeting
*Author and
Retired Game Warden
-Tom Chapin*

November 14
Board Meeting

November 30
Regular Meeting
*Ice Fishing Guru
Dave Genz*

December 19
Board Meeting

December 21
*No Regular Meeting
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!*

January 16
Board Meeting

January 18
Regular Meeting
Jimmy Bell

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

President's Comments...

Dear Members,

I want to start out by apologizing for having to cancel the September meeting. After several phone calls to board members we decided this was necessary. A couple of situations caused us to act including not having a room available at the Doublewood Inn and the Cormorant Fall Classic rules meeting scheduled for the same night. We have had some discussions and plans are in place to avoid this in the future. We will work with Ottetail fishing guide, Tom Johnson in an attempt to schedule him next spring.

Congratulations to Jim Peterick and Dan Schultz for winning the Cormorant Classic. Congratulations also to Gene and Chris Schroeder for being the 2006 Classic Cup Champions. They placed 3rd in both tournaments to claim \$250 cash and a new boat provided by Lund Boats. I attended the 2nd day of the Cormorant Tournament and things went very smooth. We have a great bunch of volunteers that have a good time and do a great job. Make sure to give them some thanks for helping to raise funds for the club. If you would like to help in future tournaments please contact myself, Barry Chouinard or Lester Sjoblom.

Lastly, a few good men and women are needed. Our annual meeting in February is not far away and we will need a few dedicated members to share their time and serve on the Board of Directors. Other volunteers would be appreciated to help with advertisement/sponsorship sales, newsletter coordination and tournament organization. Please let me know if you can share your skills to benefit the club.

Best Fishes,

Chad Maloy, President



FM Walleyes Board Meeting Minutes

September 19th, 2006 • Doublewood Inn, Fargo

Meeting called to order at 7:05 by Chad Maloy.

Tresury Report: Barry Chouinard reported \$31,122.47 in checking less Cormorant Classic expenses (estimated at \$20,000).

Membership Report: Lester Sjoblom reported membership at 255 - a gain of 12 new members from the mailing.

Review of August meeting minutes: Motion to approve as read by Lester Sjoblom, second by Lynn Johnson. Passed.

Old Business:

- Tournament update: Highlights...all on track; Number of teams are up from last years. Good shape for volunteers and YMCA is all squared away.
- Club Meetings Speaker Update:
 - October: Author and Retired MN Game Warden-Tom Chapin
 - November: Dave Genz
 - January: Jimmy Bell
 - February: Becker/Randash
 - March: ?
 - April: Rapala Rep
 - May: ?

New Business:

Board Positions expiring in 2/07: Lester Sjoblom, Steve Hall, Steve Meyer

Nominating committee FMWU Board: Steve Garten, Lynn Johnson and Chris Augustin

Nominating committee - Distinguished Club Member Award: Steve Goldade, Bob Jensen, Ron Sahr, Barry Chouinard and Don Marty

A special thanks to Steve Hall and Scott Stillwell for a great job they did with our Club outings/tourney's this summer.

Motion to adjourn at 8:36 PM by Lynn J., Second by Steve M. Passed.

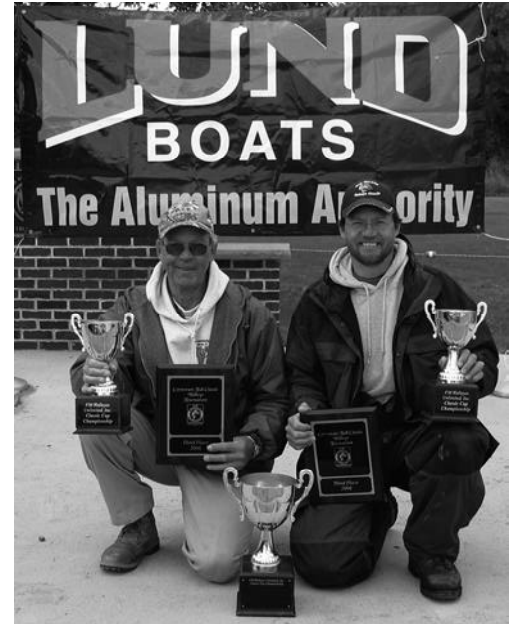
Next Board Meeting October 17th, Doublewood Inn, Fargo, ND

Bruce Nereson, Rec. Sec.

FATHER & SON CROWNED 2006 CLASSIC CUP CHAMPIONS

Local anglers Gene Schroeder, Lake Park, MN and his Son, Chris Schroeder, Moorhead, MN, showed that they are a force to be reckoned with on local lakes. The pair placed 3rd out of 120 teams in the Pelican Spring Classic and 3rd out of 90 teams in the Cormorant Fall Classic tallying 118 points at both stops of the Classic Cup Championship for a total of 236 points. Points were awarded to all teams fishing both events with 120 points going to the winner, 119 for 2nd and so on. A total of 36 teams were vying for the championship purse. Kyle Anderson and Dave Longtine placed 2nd, Dan Peterson and Brad Swanson 3rd and the teams of Brian and Eric Bjorkman & Rich & Jesse Isaman tied for 4th.

Schroeder's took home \$250 cash plus a new WC-14 Lund fishing boat complements of the Lund Boat Company. The team also received a pair of Classic Cup trophies for their trophy case and their names will go on the FM Walleyes Unlimited, Inc., Classic Cup trophy. Congratulations!



Place	Partner 1	Partner 2	Pelican Classic		Cormorant Classic		Total Points
			Place	Points	Place	Points	
1st	Chris Schroeder	Gene Schroeder	3rd	118	3rd	118	236
2nd	Kyle Anderson	Dave Longtine	18th	103	2nd	119	222
3rd	Dan Peterson	Brad Swanson	14th	107	14th	107	214
4th	Brian Bjorkman	Eric Bjorkman	1st	120	34th	87	207
4th	Rich Isaman	Jesse Isaman	9th	112	26th	95	207

LEADERS NEEDED

Please take the time to congratulate and thank those individuals who have volunteered to serve in leadership positions of your club and those who have volunteered to work at different club functions. These volunteers take time out of their busy schedules to serve on behalf of your club. In return they receive a sense of pride and satisfaction, build friendships and have fun.

Your fishing club is very well known all across the Midwest. Our past leaders have done an excellent job in laying the foundation for our future. We need future leaders to help carry on that tradition. With over 300 members we have a great pool of talent to choose from. We ask that you consider a future in helping your club continue to be successful.

If you would like to volunteer your time, skills and knowledge please contact me at chadmaloy@gatecitybank.com or you can call me directly at 701-293-2491 at work. Volunteers will be needed to fill Board positions, help sell advertising, plan & organize tournaments, help with the newsletter, and may other items.

Dan Schultz & Jim Peterick 2006 Fall Classic Champions

Dan Schultz & Jim Peterick won the 2006 FM Walleyes Unlimited, Inc., Cormorant Fall Classic held at the YMCA Camp Cormorant on Big Cormorant Lake on Saturday, September 23th. The duo took home \$3,100 in cash for their efforts. Fishing against 90 of the regions best teams, Schultz & Peterick brought in 6 fish weighing 11.93 lbs on day one and 6 fish weighing 8.32lbs on day two. "We pre-fished the lake on Thursday and did not catch one walleye so going in to Friday we were not feeling real good", stated Peterick. "We managed to pickup a walleye Friday morning in about 12 feet of water with a jig and minnow". The pair later found their fish holding on a weed edge on the wind blown side in 10 to 13 feet of water. "We then rigged with red-tails and with luck ended up with our fish. We fished the same 50 yard area both days." The pair was the only team to bring a limit of fish to the scales both days. Their two day total of 21.32 lbs was just enough to edge out the team of Kyle Anderson and Dave Longtine who weighed in 11 fish for 20.22 lbs.

The team of Ron Wagner and Leroy Granbois took home the Luncker Award for the largest walleye weighing 3.95 lb, Lamar Van Dame & Ted Anderson had the 2nd largest walleye at 3.88 lbs and Brian and Eric Bjorkman had the 3rd largest walleye with a weight 3.81 lbs. Other awards given out included the Cormorant Inn Cool Under Pressure award for the team advancing the most places into the money which went to Donovan Kinslow & Tony Stetz who advanced from 49th to 15th place and the Doublewood Inn Drop the Ball award for the team who fell the most places out of the money from day 1 to day 2 which went to Ed Piekutowski & Mark Jonson for dropping from 19th place to 43rd place.

In total over \$16,000 in cash and prizes were awarded to the anglers. 91 two-person teams registered to fish the event with 97 of the anglers having also fished the Pelican Spring Classic. Tournament anglers brought in 135 walleyes on day one and 168 walleyes on day two for a two day total of 303 fish weighing 511.81 lbs, with an overall overage of 1.69 lbs each. In 2005, 397 fish weighing 589.89 lbs with an average of 1.49 lbs were brought to the scales and in 2004, 243 fish weighing 443.65 lbs with an average of 1.83 lbs were brought in. According to DNR Area Fisheries Supervisor, Dave Friedl, Big Cormorant Lake is very healthy and should provide great fishing in years to come as two strong year classes begin to reach legal length.

Each morning tournament headquarters became Breakfast Central as the Y-Service Club provided breakfast to the anglers and volunteers. Over \$400 was raised from breakfast donations to be used for camp scholarships. FM Walleyes presented a check for \$500 to Joe Lightowler, President of the Big Cormorant Lake Area Foundation to help with stocking efforts.

Many thanks go out to the 2006 tournament volunteers. They include, but are not limited to, Lester Sjoblom, Barry Chouinard, Jon Chose, Chris Augustin, Tom McGeehan, Pat McGeehan, Dan & Sharon Kaup, Marvin Fjeldseth, and 4 college student volunteers from the PRSSA Club of MSUM.

A few anglers were very grateful for the efforts of Tim Sweeney of J&K Marine who helped them get back on the water after some repairs. Tim has graciously donated his labor the past 3 years to help tournament anglers. Lastly, without the support of our sponsors this event could not happen. Our two major sponsors were Crystal Pierz Marine and Scheels. Other sponsors included Lund Boats, Berg Auto Supply, Riverside Sportland, J&K Marine, Cormorant Inn, Doublewood Inn, Gate City Bank, Cormorant Pub, Gander Mountain, Sportsman Warehouse, DL RV Marine & Outdoors, University Motors and Bartness Fishing Rods.



Kneeling: First Place-Jim Peterick, Detroit Lakes, MN and Dan Schultz, Vergas, MN **Standing Left to Right:** 5th Place-Lamar Van Dame, Fargo, MN & Ted Anderson, Audubon, MN; 2nd Place- Kyle Anderson, Moorhead, MN & Dave Longtine, Moorhead, MN; 3rd Place-Gene Schroeder, Lake Park, MN & Chris Schroeder, Fargo, ND; 4th Place-Scott Perala, New York Mills, MN & Bruce Erickson, Brainerd, MN.

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Final	Partner 1	Partner 2	Day One #	Day One Wt	Day Two #	Day Two Wt	Final Totals #	Final Totals Wt	Cash Payout
1	Schultz Dan	Peterick Jim	6	8.65	6	12.67	12	21.32	\$3100
2	Anderson Kyle	Longtine Dave	6	12.05	5	8.17	11	20.22	\$2100
3	Schroeder Chris	Schroeder Gene	5	9.06	5	10.24	10	19.30	\$1500
4	Van Dame Lamar	Anderson Ted	5	7.96	4	10.27	9	18.23	\$1300
5	Perala Scott	Erickson Bruce	4	4.76	6	12.88	10	17.64	\$1000
6	Carr Brad	Bladow Brian	6	10.60	4	7.00	10	17.60	\$800
7	Illg Tim	Illg Mike	4	8.84	6	8.70	10	17.54	\$750
8	Shasky Curt	Fischer Keith	6	8.40	4	5.38	10	13.78	\$700
9	Boedigheimer Bruce	Spieker Thomas	4	9.02	3	4.62	7	13.64	\$650
10	Wagner Ron	Granbois Leroy	6	11.38	1	1.61	7	12.99	\$600



1st Place: Schultz & Peterick



2nd Place: Anderson & Longtine



3rd Place: Schroeder & Schroeder



4th Place: Anderson & Van Dame



5th Place: Perala & Erickson



6th Place: Bladow & Carr



7th Place: Illg & Illg



8th Place: Shasky & Fischer



9th Place: Boedigheimer & Spieker



10th Place: Granbois & Wagner



Your Tournament Volunteers

Reservoir Walleyes *by Ted Takasaki and Scott Richardson*

From Walleye Central

North America is dotted with reservoirs and flowages. Their importance to angling cannot be overstated. In some states, like Illinois, they make up the vast majority of lakes.

Whether built to control floods, provide drinking water, cool nuclear power plants or provide transportation for the logging industry in the past, these impoundments host a variety of fish, including walleyes. In some, the walleyes were in the rivers before they were dammed. Walleyes are present in others thanks to extensive stocking efforts.

Walleyes in reservoirs act very much like their counterparts in natural lakes. But, differences do exist whether the fish were naturally present in the system or whether biologists stocked river-strain walleyes or lake-strain walleyes. Knowing the differences is critical for success, especially early in the year, said Tommy Skarlis, 40, of Waukon, Iowa.

As a two-time Ranger Cup Champion and 2004 Professional Walleye Trail Angler of the Year, Skarlis has seen reservoirs all over the Midwest and the South and he understands how to fish them and the rivers connected to them. "If you love fishing jigs or fishing shallow or both, reservoirs in spring are an excellent place to do that," he said.

The first step is to do a little homework. Check in with the state Department of Natural Resources to see how the walleyes arrived in the reservoir. Were they already there when the dam was formed? If stocked, what strain of fish are they, river or lake?

Their genetic history will dictate how they act. Fish present in the rivers before the reservoirs were built will travel upstream into rivers and feeder streams until they reach the next dam or a natural barrier. Stocked river-strain fish will behave the same way, seeking out the current and traveling upstream to spawn. Their success will depend on whether appropriate habitat is available.

Lake-strain walleyes, on the other hand, don't necessarily make the run into waterways emptying into the reservoir. They're more likely found in creek arms off the main lake where they use hard-bottom wind-swept points. Look for spots likely to warm into the 40's first. "The biggest key is to look for places where the channel swings close to the points. Focus on turns in the channel just before and just after the point where the channel makes contact with the point," he said.

Whether river or lake, exactly where you find the fish determines what presentation to use.

Skarlis prefers two tactics to fishing spawning walleyes in rivers. One is slip jigging. The other is targeting shallow sand and gravel flats with jigs.

For slipping, Skarlis doesn't agree with others who think the only good jig is a small jig. He normally stays with a three-eighths ounce jig in most cases. He'll step up to a five-eighths ounce jig in stronger current. "If a guy is in current, he won't catch fish if he can't feel the bottom where the walleyes are," Skarlis said.

His top choices are Fuzz-E-Grub jigs or Lindy Max Gap jigs dressed with a plastic trailer, such as a Thumpin' Grub with a minnow or a scented Gulp without live bait. His favorite colors include high-vis chartreuse, orange, white or pearl.

He uses high-vis super lines, like flame-green 8-pound test with a three-pound diameter, to cut water resistance and help him line-watch to detect light bites.

He turns his boat into the current or the wind, lowers the bait to the bottom and uses his Minn Kota bow-mounted trolling motor to match current speed and keep the jig right below the boat. He targets bends, hard-bottom flats near deeper holes and eddies wherever you find them. In high water typical in spring, move toward the dams and look for slack water areas behind any natural or manmade obstructions. Find clearer water emptying into the main river from creeks or factory discharges.

Shallow fish can be spooked by boats overhead. Better to stay back and pitch small one-sixteenth or one-eighth-ounce jigs. In really stained water, he turns to Rattlin' Max Gaps. Smaller Max Gaps which feature large hooks, shine for this purpose. Don't forget the minnows. His favorite colors include bubblegum, parrot and watermelon. "But, you're moving and grooving. If you're sitting in one spot waiting to find the right color, you're dying. You're looking for that one active fish. It only takes one stupid one to give away the whole school," he said.

He'll still pitch jigs when going after lake-strain walleyes on points in the creek arms. Concentrate on spots with the wind blowing in on the point.

But, Skarlis also loves to cast crankbaits when he's targeting shallow walleyes relating to brush piles, old weedbeds and other cover. He uses shallow running stick baits, like Dave's Kaboom Shiners, a Reef Runner Lil' Ripper or Frenzy Suspending Firestick. Cast it, twitch it, jerk it and let it float back up. Find a slow, jerky movement that triggers a strike. Try bumping it off a rock pile or a dock. "I get down and dirty and risk losing some baits. But, the rewards could be monstrous," he said.

If fish are staged a little deeper off of hard-bottom points, he'll turn to deeper-diving Reef Runner Rip Shads or Dave's Kaboom Goodie Minnow or Ruff Guy. The slow side-to-side roll is what fish prefer in the cold water of spring as opposed to more lively baits used in summer. In cleaner water, he goes with metallics, pearl or white. He stays with fluorescent brighter perch or bluegill colors in stained or dirty water.

Skarlis also has turned on the "Headlights" from Headlightlures.com. The product uses fiber optics to collect available light to create the illusion of an iridescent fish eye. The glow also attracts fish from a wider range. He attaches the Headlights onto jigs, especially chartreuse Fuzz-E-Grubs. He also modifies lures by drilling holes to attach a Headlight. Be sure to glue the hole well.

Reservoirs offer fishing opportunities as well as challenges. Take advantage of what they have to offer.





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