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Everything you wanted to know about boat tarps. Richard Migler and Shane Cossette from TRS Industries will speak at the meeting. TRS is a long time sponsor of the FM Walleyes. TRS will discuss the different types of tarping systems available today and why each one has its purpose.

Also, representatives from the Scheels Fishing Department have recently returned from two sportfishing trade shows. These shows help to drive sportfishing companies' product sales year round. From buyers to media to exhibitors, these buyer shows annually attract thousands of members of the international sportfishing community. They will share with club members the new products and innovations that you will see on store shelves next year.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 13th
Board Meeting - 7pm
Doublewood Inn, Fargo

October 15th
General Meeting - 7pm
Scheels & TRS Industries
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November 17th
Board Meeting - 7pm
Doublewood Inn, Fargo

December 3rd
"Anglers on Ice"
Brian "Bo" Brosdahl
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December 15th
Board Meeting - 7pm
Doublewood Inn, Fargo

December 17th
"Anglers on Ice"
Brian "Bo" Brosdahl
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January 12th
Board Meeting - 7pm
Doublewood Inn, Fargo

January 23rd
Dinner Dance - 6pm
El Zagal Shrine, Fargo

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



President's Comments...

Fellow Members,

Another fall Cormorant Classic is in the books, and I want to thank the tournament committee headed by Chairman Barry Chouinard for a well run tournament. Congratulations to Brian and Darren Fitch for their BIG WIN! Brian is a classic riggin guy who is extremely sharing on his tactics and has been to many if not all of our club outings! I also want to thank the "Y" camp for hosting this tournament and making cabins available for rent. It was great to meet new people and even lose money to them playing texas holdem.

Fall is here and the big ones are waiting, so don't put your boat away just yet. A few if not a lot of club members will be heading north to Canada for a chance to catch one of those Huge Greenbacks. At our September meeting Ed "Backwater Eddy" gave a very informative talk on fishing the Red, here in our backyard and also up north. I plan on making it a priority to fish the Red here in Fargo this fall!

Good fishing and remember to bring a friend to our next monthly meeting.

Steve Garten, President



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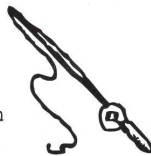


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SEPTEMBER 2009, MEMBERSHIP MEETING RECAP

The September 2009 FM Walleyes Unlimited membership meeting brought a crowd of anglers interested in hearing what the guest speaker had to share about the water right here in our back yard. Ed “Backwater Eddy” Carlson shared insights into fishing the nearly 1,500 miles of shoreline structure in Red River of the North from Wahpeton on north to Lake Winnipeg.

Ed broke down the Red into different sections with similar characteristics. In the upstream section near Wahpeton he spoke of how the recent spring flooding brought opportunities for walleye to travel great distances up stream into tributaries where they may not have been found in large numbers before. This is where having a sense of adventure and exploration could prove beneficial. Checking out bridges and other fish holding structure on these tributaries could be worth the time it takes to find them. Ed suggested taking a “milk run” approach to river fishing, hitting multiple spots for 15-20 minutes each until finding fish.

Here in our back yard, in the Fargo/Moorhead region of the Red, keys to finding good fishing include identifying deep water holes and surrounding feeding flats. Ed suggested targeting the head of the hole or the flat at the back of the hole. Identifying prospective areas is made easier by looking for clay, rather than mud banks.

During the fall, minnows and frogs are effective baits in many areas of the river. As river water cools large crankbaits and plastics can be very effective as well. The key to fishing these baits, shared Ed, is to fish them slowly. He said that it was nearly impossible to fish them too slow. Fishing slowly allows the walleyes, who are ambush predators, more time to find the bait as it passes by.

Moving further north, the prevalent fishing areas in and around Grand Forks include wood and sand. Even further north in the Drayton area focus is primarily on sand and sand bars. Successful anglers often use their electronics to find these sand bars and then back off to fish the areas of slack current below the bar. Vertical jigging and/or slip jigging in the current are often successful approaches in the fall.

Into Canada through the Selkirk finds anglers focusing on vertical jigging approaches to fishing for walleyes. Most often live bait is replaced by salted shiners. Ed shared further details on this section of the river during the hard water season. During the winter months large river walleyes follow the deepest channels in the river. Often these large fish suspend anywhere from 8 to 12 feet off the bottom. Using a Vexilar flasher, Ed explained that if a sediment line appears, fish right above that depth to target these suspended fish. If no sediment line appears, fish right off of the bottom, where the diminished current near the bottom will hold the fish tight.

When ice fishing on the northern reaches of the Red River and on Lake Winnipeg Ed is prepared with three rods; one with a Salmo Zipper used as a “Hog Caller”, one with a Salmo Chubby Darter which provides a large profile with a more subtle action and finally a flasher jig tipped with a salted shiner. He also shared that he replaces the hooks on the Chubby Darters and Zippers with “Tripple Grip” hooks one size larger than they are equipped with out of the box.

2009 CUSTOM COMBO RAFFLE WINNER

By Scott Brewer

Congratulations to Chad Sauvageau of Tlover, Wisconsin on winning the 2009 custom combo raffle. Chad took home the beautiful Chuck Deremer built StCrouix rod paired with a top if the line Shimano Stella reel. This rod features very intricate threadwork on the shaft and a FM Walleye engraved hardwood handle. The prize is valued at \$1200.00.

Chad is the son of board member Gary Sauvageau and had purchased the winning ticket from Gary. Not only has Gary been the leading ticket seller for this raffle during the past two years, but is also the winner of the 2008 custom combo raffle. Gary took home the Jason Mitchell Elite Series rod that went to the person who sold the winning ticket.

The proceeds from this raffle will go to the youth education programs that FM Walleyes is involved in with the majority going to our FM Walleyes University program. We were able to generate \$1400 for these programs.

I would like to thank Chuck Deremer for donating all of his time that he spent on the rod, Scheels All Sports for getting us the reel at below cost, and Jason Mitchell for the ticket seller prize. Most of all I would like to thank everyone that either sold or bought tickets. Without you this wouldn't be possible.

I look forward to the 2010 Rod Raffle and wish you all luck.

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After “cutting their teeth” in the inflatable games industry for a combined total of 10 years, Corey Heiser and partner Dave Lerud started Games Galore Party Rental in 2006. Since Games Galore is not a franchise, Corey and Dave built the business from the ground up. Corey says they provide their service at corporate picnics, business meetings, county fairs, high school reunions and fund raisers, college events, birthday parties, church activities and oh yes, fishing events such as the Angler Young Angler Tournaments. Corey and his wife recently set up games at the Sahr Ranch Annual FM Walleyes Unlimited Picnic.

Games Galore also provides services to the community supporting such activities as 61 for 61, Cully’s Kids, Make-a-Wish, Big Brother – Big Sister, ALS, March of Dimes and YWCA. Corey had to hold back a laugh as he shares the fact parents tend to start watching the kids play on the games and before long the parents on playing to, and usually they are much more difficult to get off the games! The more popular games are: the Mechanical Bull , the Obstacle Courses and Lazer Tag.

When talking with Corey, it is easy to notice he has a passion for kids having fun which transcends into his other passion, walleye fishing. Corey is a very successful fisherman due to his fishing knowledge and continual learning of walleye patterns, especially on “new” lakes.

Corey is a firm believer that by sharing knowledge, you receive knowledge. His success in tournament fishing verifies this philosophy. Although, Corey doesn’t fish as many tournaments as in the past, he is still fishing the MWC West, FM Walleyes Unlimited Pelican and Cormorant Classics and AYA.

Corey’s tip for late fall fishing is – “size up and go deeper.”

If you have an up coming event that includes kids, give Corey a call. The kids will have a blast and you may learn a few walleye fishing secrets!

FM WALLEYE UNIVERSITY

FM Walleye University kicks off it’s 2009-2010 classes with “Fishing 101”, on Thursday, October 15th at 6:00 p.m. prior to the regular club meeting at the Doublewood Inn, Fargo. This session provides youngsters an opportunity to learn the basics of fishing in a “hands on” experience. Attendees will receive a certificate of completion at the regular club meeting.

Other upcoming FM Walleye University classes include:

- Making Your Own Fishing Tackle – November/December**
- The Underwater World - Fish Identification - January**
- Fisheries Management - February**
- Custom Rod Building - March**
- Introduction to Fly Fishing - April**

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CORMORANT CLASSIC WRAP-UP

The weather during pre-fishing leading up to the Cormorant Fall Classic was uncharacteristically nice. Calm winds, sunny days, and warm temperatures found many spending a few extra days on Big Cormorant both preparing for the Fall Classic and enjoying time on the water at the end of our season. The Fishing reports were everyone was finding active fish – sometimes. At other times, a full day could be spent scrounging for just a single fish. The Fall Classic was setting itself up to be a scrounge tournament – one where every angler would be fighting to find a limit. The Fall Classic would also determine the Classic Cup Championship – the season points competition for the combined best finish of both FM Walleyes Classic Tournaments.

Saturday greeted 77 teams with more of the consistent weather patterns experienced earlier in the week. 8 teams found a limit for the scale by the end of the day. Jon Wiser and Rob Bahr led day 1 with 11.96 lbs. Jon and Rob were in the season points race, along with three teams right on their heels. David and James Asplin weighed in 10.13 lbs to hold 2nd place, Brian and Darren Fitch were 3rd with 9.42 lbs, Fred Sanchez and Chris Roel in 4th with 8.61 lbs, and Mike Dahl and Brian Ham in 5th with 8.13 lbs.

All top 5 teams were in the Classic Cup competition, with 106, 111, 104, 117, and 60 points respectively. Some quick math on the season points standing put Team Sanchez in the lead, with Asplin, Wiser, and Fitch all right there if anyone stumbled. The season points champion would win the Lund Boat, Mercury Motor, Shoreland's trailer combination parked on the beach at the Y Camp.

Day 2 brought out the challenges. Forecasted high winds, really high winds, was teamed up with falling temperatures, and 60% chance of rain. The nice weather week was gone in a hurry. The winds, while strong, did not turn into the raging winds the forecast left as possible. Big Cormorant spent the day giving off a fog on the water column, classic cold front condition. A steady rain came at 1 pm, and stayed for the remainder of the day. Many teams that did not have a good basket on day 1, and were light on day 2 when the rain started, began pulling off the lake. About 50 teams weathered the storm until their flight was due at day's end. Kyle Anderson and Dave Longtine brought in the heaviest bag of the tournament – 13.76 lbs. Team Wiser/Bahr and Team Asplin fell on hard times, bringing in just one fish each on the final day. Team Sanchez/Roehl weighed in 5 fish at 8.64 lbs, putting the pressure on Team Fitch – they had to have a nice bag to win, or suffer through another year of being close. Brian Fitch is known well to FM Walleyes members, he's competitive, and serious about the Fall Classic on Big Cormorant. Team Fitch had only 4 fish, but they weighed 8.65 lbs to seal the win. Brian shared with the crowd how his last fish came as they were pulling their lines at the end of the day. It took every minute of the tournament to get it done, but Brian and Darren Fitch accomplished a long standing goal to be at the top in the Cormorant Fall Classic.

Thank you to all the volunteers who ran this tournament. They prove themselves again and again to be the best volunteer force in tournament fishing. FM Walleyes Classic Cup Tournaments is sponsored by Scheels All Sports, Ray's Sport and Marine, J&K Marine, Crystal Pierz Marine, Hoots Marine, Lund Boats, Bartness Fishing Rods, State Bank, and Berg Auto Supply.

2009 FM WALLEYES CORMORANT FALL CLASSIC WALLEYE TOURNAMENT - SEPTEMBER 26-27 CONT.

1	Brian	Fitch	Darren	Fitch	10	18.07	\$	3,000.00
2	Fred	Sanchez	Chris	Roehl	11	17.25	\$	1,900.00
3	Kyle	Anderson	Dave	Longtine	9	16.04	\$	1,400.00
4	John	Pritschet	Pat	Manteuffel	11	14.29	\$	1,100.00
5	Ron	Wagner	Wayne	Johnson	6	13.83	\$	900.00
6	Keith	Nelson	Thomas	Spieker	5	13.36	\$	750.00
7	Jon	Wiser	Rob	Bahr	7	13.27	\$	700.00
8	Mike	Dahl	Brian	Ham	10	13.24	\$	650.00
9	Mark	Olson	Todd	Dronen	5	12.87	\$	550.00
10	David	Asplin	James	Asplin	7	12.76	\$	500.00
11	Kyle	Geiser	Chad	Anderson	6	12.75	\$	450.00
12	Tracy	Soule	Sam	Soule	9	12.51	\$	400.00
13	Dave	Tufte	Tony	Stetz	6	12.16	\$	350.00
14	Connie	Bernabucci	Mike	Olson	5	9.9	\$	300.00
15	Eric	Bjorkman	Brad	Kjar	8	9.8	\$	300.00
16	Devin	Pavlacky	Dustin	Pavlacky	6	9.71	\$	250.00
17	Rod	Ambuehl	Matt	Morrissey	8	9.56	\$	250.00
18	Steve	Meyer	Mike	Beckett	5	9.35	\$	250.00
19	Tyler	Currie	Jeremy	Cossitt	3	9.16	\$	250.00
20	Joseph	Roach	James	Wood	4	9.15		
21	Robert	Wagner	Jim	Peterick	8	9.14		
22	Dan	Schultz	Chad	Shannon	5	8.91		
23	Ken	Cumber	Kurt	Kainz	6	8.9		
24	Joe	Finneman	Steve	Wong	7	8.64		
25	Brad	Laabs	Leroy	Howard	6	8.51		
26	Nick	Braseth	David	Braseth	4	8.08		
27	David C.	Hanson	Matthew	Hanson	5	7.79		
28	Ken	Bjorkman	Dave	Bjorkman	3	7.22		
29	Layne	Bohnenberger	Kent	Jones	4	7.17		
30	Bruce	Boedigheimer	Melissa	Boedigheimer	3	6.79		
31	Dave	Randash	Ron	Broby	4	6.58		
32	Gene	Schroeder	Chris	Schroeder	5	6.3		
33	Gary	Enger	Lisa	Enger	3	5.89		
34	Steve	Hall	Ron	Sahr	2	5.5		
35	Donovan	Kinslow	Steve	Collins	4	5.37		
36	Brad	Carr	Brian	Bladow	3	5.32		
37	Curt	Shasky	Keith	Fischer	3	5.19		
38	Jamie	Kinslow	Kim	Kinslow	2	5.04		
39	Pete	Geroy	Shaun	Lura	1	4.94		
40	Dale	Gnoinsky	Scott	Rieber	3	4.45		
41	Gary	Frisco	John	Varriano	3	4.29		
42	Ted	Anderson	Steve	Johnson	3	3.84		
43	Jon	Pauna	Jim	Kendall	2	3.56		
44	Ben	Nelson	Joe	Retteroth	2	3.5		
45	Kyle	Agre	John	Agre	3	3.42		
46	Dennis	Erdle	Steve	Busch	2	3.17		
47	Zach	Sheeley	Chad	Reddy	2	2.93		
48	Bruce	Oberg	Mark	Leutuer	2	2.63		
49	Peter	Moen	Edward	Peickutowski	2	2.52		
50	Scott	Brewer	John	Dickelman	2	2.39		
51	Corey	Heiser	Dean	Badinger	2	2.31		

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52	John	Weitzel	Bruce	Lucken	1	1.79
53	Victor	Klosterman	Todd	Tableman	1	1.68
54	Mitch	Dougherty	Derek	Grote	1	1.6
55	James	Fischer	Dean	Fischer	1	1.5
56	David	Rudolph	Michael	Rudolph	1	1.31
57	Chuck	Waller	Aaron	Isaman	1	1.28
58	Mike	Kerzman	Marshall	Koep	1	1.22
59	Brad	Neyens	Kevin	Piekutowski	1	1.19
60	Bob	Mullins	Don	Mullins	1	1.17
61	Conrad	Johnson	Mark	Anderson	1	1.06
61	Scott	Stillwell	Grady	Stillwell	1	1.06
63	Jay	Peterson	Scott	Olenberger	1	1.02
64	Tyler	Wiser	Matt	Johnk	1	1.01
65	Greg	Reardon	Jim	Osowski	1	0.98
66	Dan	Thompson	Karl	Hoppe	0	0
66	Jake	Nelson	Jamie	Stevens	0	0
66	Gary	Cassady	Mike	Huber	0	0
66	Jack	Plattner	Mike	Nelson	0	0
66	Steve	Garten	Pete	Montplaisir	0	0
66	Jeff	Savre	Tim	Hankinson	0	0
66	Rick	Samson	Chad	Samson	0	0
66	Dan	Doschadis	Brian	Jost	0	0
66	Dana	Braseth	David	Kasin	0	0
66	Lee	Krause	Jeremy	Krause	0	0
66	Ricky	Vice	Dewey	Powers	0	0
66	Tim	Reitan	Jay	Samuelson	0	0



1st Place



2nd Place



3rd Place



4th Place



5th Place



6th Place



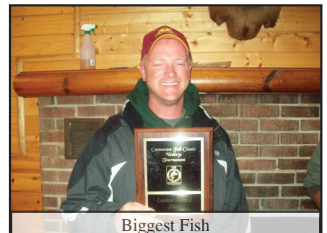
8th Place



9th Place



Top 10



Biggest Fish

2009 FM WALLEYES CLASSIC CUP WALLEYE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP

Final	Cup Pts	Spring Pts	Fall Pts	Partner 1		Partner 2		Award
1	236	117	119	Fred Sanchez	Chris Roehl			Lund Boat, Shoreland'r Trailer, Mercury Motor
2	234	118	116	Ron Wagner	Wayne Johnson			\$ 400.00
3	228	120	108	Dave Tufte	Tony Stetz			\$ 350.00
4	224	104	120	Brian Fitch	Darren Fitch			\$ 300.00
5	222	111	111	David Asplin	James Asplin			\$ 250.00
6	220	106	114	Jon Wisner	Rob Bahr			
7	206	94	112	Mark Olson	Todd Dronen			
7	206	88	118	Kyle Anderson	Dave Longtine			
9	205	105	100	Robert Wagner	Jim Peterick			
10	202	119	83	Jamie Kinslow	Kim Kinslow			
11	201	102	99	Dan Schultz	Chad Shannon			
12	196	115	81	Dale Gnoinsky	Scott Rieber			
12	196	98	98	Ken Cumber	Kurt Kainz			
12	196	91	105	Devin Pavlacky	Dustin Pavlacky			
15	194	93	101	Joseph Roach	James Wood			
16	182	65	117	John Pritschet	Pat Manteuffel			
17	177	107	70	Corey Heiser	Dean Badinger			
17	177	95	82	Pete Geroy	Shaun Lura			
19	173	60	113	Mike Dahl	Brian Ham			
20	171	81	90	Dave Randash	Ron Broby			
21	170	84	86	Donovan Kinslow	Steve Collins			
21	170	55	115	Keith Nelson	Thomas Spieker			
23	164	101	63	Mike Kerzman	Marshall Koep			
23	164	71	93	Ken Bjorkman	Dave Bjorkman			
25	159	50	109	Tracy Soule	Sam Soule			
26	157	66	91	Bruce Boedigheimer	Melissa Boedigheimer			
27	144	56	88	Gary Enger	Lisa Enger			
28	142	86	56	Greg Reardon	Jim Osowski			
29	138	41	97	Joe Finneman	Steve Wong			
30	136	47	89	Gene Schroeder	Chris Schroeder			
31	134	70	64	Chuck Waller	Aaron Isaman			
31	112	112	0	Eric Bjorkman	Brad Kjar			
33	109	33	76	Kyle Agre	John Agre			
34	106	45	61	Bob Mullins	Don Mullins			
35	103	46	57	Tyler Wisner	Matt Johnk			
36	101	32	69	John Weitzel	Bruce Lucken			
36	101	28	73	Bruce Oberg	Mark Leutuer			
37	97	25	72	Peter Moen	Edward Piekutowski			
39	83	83	0	Tim Reitan	Jay Samuelson			
40	78	0	78	Jon Pauna	Jim Kendall			
41	49	49	0	Steve Hall	Ron Sahr			
42	29	29	0	Steve Garten	Pete Montplaisir			
43	24	24	0	Dan Thompson	Karl Hoppe			

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday, September 15, 2009 @ Magnum Companies, Fargo ND

- Meeting was called to order @ 7pm by President Steve Garten.
- Absent Board Members:
Ed Liberda & Brian Dahlin
- General Member Present: Scott Stillwell
- Review of last month's board meeting minutes. Motion to approve minutes was made by Steve Meyer, second by Steve Hall. All in favor, motion passed.
- Treasurer's Report, Barry Chouinard: Current balance ... \$17,487.18. Motion to approve deposit/payment lists was made by Scott Brewer. Seconded by Kyle Agre, all in favor, motion passed.
- Current Membership: 269 paid members
- Last meeting attendance: May General Meeting

OLD BUSINESS:

- Cormorant Classic Update, Barry Chouinard: Currently at 45 entries. Mailing of over 200 entry forms was done over last weekend. Volunteers are being confirmed.
- Dinner Dance, Tami Stillwell: To be held on Saturday, January 23, 2010 @ El Zagal in Fargo. Adjustment has been made as to time of event...Doors will open @ 5pm, Dinner served @ 6pm, Band will play from 8pm to 12pm. Tickets are currently available, cost \$25 per person. You can contact Tami @ 701 367 6741 or Ron Sahr at Sahr's Sudden Service for tickets. If you would be interested in helping out with the event or making any kind of a donation, please let Tami know.
- General Membership Meeting: Thursday, September 17, 2009, Backwater Eddy to speak about fishing opportunities on the Red River. Scott Brewer has all raffle items ready to go.

ROUND TABLE:

- Don** Wholesale Sports update, it is not their company policy to sponsor events that are already being sponsored by any of their competition.
- Barry** Survey of Walleye Fishing in MN on Non-resident anglers handed out. He mentioned the possibility of surveying our club for input also. MN Walleye Advisory Committee Board – walleye stocking discussion was detailed, walleye stamp was discussed with details about its future. Barry volunteered for Best Mgmt Processes Committee for the Advisory Group.
- Kyle** FM Walleye face book page has been updated so that if anyone posts blurbs they can be broadcast to all participants. Currently @ 77 face book members. This is a very good tool to keep in touch with the membership and get information about what's going on. In the future we could even post more things on this, like fishing reports, etc... New Youth Classes are being planned for October, November, January, February & March. Keep your eyes open for further information.
- Scott** Reminder to sell your FM Walleyes Custom Rod raffle tickets. Drawing will be this coming Thursday night. All tickets need to be turned in prior to the meeting.
- Steve Garten** Next board meeting he asked that the board be prepared to discuss next year's slate of officers for the upcoming election in February, 2010.

Motion to adjourn @ 8.22pm by Steve Meyer, second by Steve Hall, all in favor, motion passed.

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, October 13th @ the Doublewood Inn.

Please remember that all members are encouraged to attend board meetings.

Respectfully submitted by Tami Stillwell, Recording Secretary.

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