



WALLEYE LINES

SEPTEMBER 2004

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Thursday, September 16th Double Header!!

TILLERS ARE BACK! George Feder Tiller Power Steering System

George Feder, Nevis, MN is bringing his 620T Ranger equipped with a 125 Merc and Tiller Power Steering. The Power Steering System prototypes were used on 5 boats last year with great success. This year they are launching the retail version. The tiller power steering system is controlled by a replacement grip/throttle that is pressure sensitive. This is the key to the operation. You have the normal control of the tiller, but with the advantage of "Power Steering". The tiller handle stays put exactly where you leave it without having to tighten any wing nut like a "normal" tiller, but if you need to adjust it you can with just the bump of the grip with your fingertip if you want to move it. If you try to move the handle without touching the grip it won't budge!

CLUB OUTING WINNERS Share Their Secrets

The September 16th meeting will be a great place to learn some secrets about the local lakes FM Walleyes Unlimited, Inc. visited this year on the Club Outing Circuit. Steve Hall and Scott Stillwell have called and invited the members who have done well at this years club outings to share their tactics and presentations with the entire club. I am sure we will all learn some new things along with hearing some good stories about fishing and friendships. We hope to hear stories from Scott and Tami Stillwell, yes Grady too, Don & Delphine Marty, Lloyd & Dorla Hanson, Bob Dobler, Nikki Hall, The Quiggle kids and anyone else that has some fishing tips and stories to share.

Doors open at 6:30 and the program will begin at 7:00.
This event is free and open to the public.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 14
Board Meeting

September 16
Regular Meeting
*Club Outing Winners
Share Their Secrets*

September 23
Cormorant Rules Meeting

September 24 & 25
Cormorant Classic
Tourney

October 19
Board Meeting

October 21
Regular Meeting
TBA

November 16
Board Meeting

November 18
Regular Meeting
Chip Leer

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

President's Comments

Dear Club Member,

I want to start off by thanking Ron & Kathy Sahr for their hospitality. Over 60 club members enjoyed burgers, brats and homemade salads and deserts at the Sahr ranch. The weather turned a little windy and chilly before the night ended but everyone enjoyed the companionship.

There is still time to enter the Cormorant Fall Classic. The deadline for entries is September 17th. We have over 80 entrants so far. If you would like to have some fun we could use 1-2 extra volunteers on Friday the 24th down at Camp Cormorant. If you can help, please call me at 293-2491. This is a great way to get to know club members while having some fun.

Lastly, get out and enjoy the nice fall weather we are having. Before you know it we will be ice fishing.

Best Fishes,

Chad Maloy



FM Walleyes Unlimited Annual Family Picnic

by Jeremy Frie

The annual picnic was held in August in Sabin, MN at the home of Ron and Kathy Sahr. Approximately 60 people took part in the festivities. Club tournament awards were given to both children and adults who placed third or higher in recent outings. Numerous door prizes were given away as well. Good food and friendship provided for a successful picnic. Thanks again to the Sahr's for hosting the event.



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Good Fisherpeople.

Cormorant Fall Classic Entries Still Available

The Cormorant Fall Classic is nearing the half full point. We currently have over 80 teams and will take up to 120. Deadline for applications is September 17th. The entry fee is \$240 per team. A rules meeting will be held at 6:00 on Thursday September 23rd at the Cormorant Sportsman Club with a Calcutta to follow.

Cormorant Fall Classic Volunteers Needed

We will need a few more club members to help out with the Cormorant Fall Classic on Friday and Saturday, September 24th and 25th. Please call Chad Maloy at 293-2491 if you are able to help in anyway.

Pitch´N & Cork´N

By Chad Maloy

Shallow water walleyes are a lot of fun to catch and Devils Lake, ND is a prime location to do it. Living just a couple of hours from Devils Lake I take many trips there and each year has produced numerous fish near 6lbs and many over 8lbs. The most memorable ones were caught in water not much more than knee deep.

Fishing for these shallow water walleyes I revert back to my bass fishing days. Visualizing areas where walleyes can lay in wait to easily pounce on an unsuspecting baitfish. It is important to locate prime fish holding structure. This is key to being successful.

A favorite area of mine can be found in a shallow bay lined with reeds. The reeds do not grow in a straight line but rather they grow in a random fashion creating mini bays, points and cuts, classic places for fish to attack. The preferred method of targeting these ambush areas is pitching jigs and crank baits. My favorite bait for this presentation is the new Northland Fishing Tackle MIMIC MINNOW®. The mimic minnow is a hot new molded soft plastic lure featuring a holographic Baitfish-Image body that swims and wiggles to mimic a chewy baitfish minnow. The construction of the bait makes it wobble from side to side during the retrieve creating lots of flash while the paddle tail gives off lots of vibration – a deadly combination. Pitching the lure right up next to the cover is very important. Work the area from different angles pitching straight at it and also from either side. Get that lure into those little nooks and crannies. You never know where those fish are hanging out. The fish can be really stacked in these areas so don't be afraid to work the same area over good. My last trip resulted in 20 fish caught within one hour, all within a small area of reeds not more than 50 yards long.

A second very popular location on Devils Lake is the flooded timber. Walleyes love to hide in and around branches and thick bushes commonly referred to as buck brush. Again, the walleyes wait for an easy meal to swim by and then they pounce on them. These areas are great producers but they are challenging to fish. Fish are found in the thickest, snaggiest locations making pitching a crank bait nearly impossible. Anglers lose many crank baits in the trees and this can get expensive. These are areas where the new mimic minnow shines. The stand up jig makes it very snag resistant as the single hook design catches far less snags than a crank-bait with treble hooks.

When working timber it is again important to work the area from all angles. Pitch the lure past the area holding fish and work it back. This way the splash doesn't spook them and they have time to feel, hear and see it coming. The single hook design allows the jig to be pitched into and over logs without snagging. Mimic minnow's come in many different weights allowing you to search different depths and speeds. A good fishing friend of mine told me "you just can't pitch these things out and crank 'em in. You have to let the fish tell you what they want." Varying retrieve speed is crucial in locating the specific cadence that will trigger the fish.

Another great tactic on Devils Lake is corking. An ideal location is a shallow flat with lots of thick brush and trees near deep water. The fish can be in water from 4 to 15 feet deep. I look for the thickest, snaggiest site I can find and that is where my bobber is going to go. Normally when using slip bobbers I like a longer rod which allows you to pick up the slack line quickly for a good hook set but while fishing in the trees the last thing you want is a long rod getting stuck in a branch as you are trying to cast. In the tight quarters found amongst the trees a longer rod limits the ways you can cast or pitch bobbers. Using a shorter rod in the thick trees is critical. My corking set up consists of a 6'6" Fenwick Techna AV rod and a Cardinal 672 reel loaded with 8 or 10lb Flame Fireline. I use the fireline because it is strong and with the Flame color it is also highly visible. A bobber stop is the first item installed followed by a "Lite-bite slip bobber. Next I slide on a small egg sinker and finally tie on a snap swivel using a palomar knot. Then I attach a snell consisting of a #2 chartreuse Super-Glo Neon Attractor hook. I tie these onto a short snell using 8lb Berkley XT anywhere from 18-24 inches in length. I then install a chartreuse Hot-Spot split shot followed by a nice big juicy leech.

I use this method cork'n in the heavy timber to save time. Fishing in branches and bushes, it's a given you'll encounter snags. Using a normal slip bobber rig and busting off will result **Good Burgers...** in losing your whole setup bobber and all. By using a heavier main line such as Fireline tied to a snap swivel, it will allow the lighter snell to break off first, saving your bobber, sinker and stop. All that is needed to reload is to snap on a new snell, pinch on a new hot spot splitshot, add a juicy jumbo leech and pitch the rig back into the wood. I tie up over a dozen snells each day and put them onto a tackle tamer to keep them nice and organized. Fishing in the trees can be fast and furious so time saving tactics mean more fat walleyes in the boat.

In summary, Devils Lake is an angler's paradise where many tactics can be used effectively. Don't be afraid to try something new.

Fishing Personalities

By Jack Fuller

MIKE DAHL

The nice part of having a job like this one is, I get to meet and learn from so many up-beat, knowledgeable people. These folks are “into” their sport and respect it.

This month’s personality, Mike Dahl, is no exception.

Mike is a Fargo native, a South High graduate who with his wife Gina lives in Fargo where he manages Northwest Auto Body. I was originally planning to feature Mike in last month’s “Walleye Lines” but found out he was on his honeymoon. Mike tells me that he finally found a girl that likes to fish and lets him fish. Two thumbs up on that Mike! Congratulations Mike and Gina!

Mike first got into fishing a long time ago when he became inspired by Tom Backer and Dave Randash before they got their tournament starts. “We had an actual league back then called “Better than Golf Fishing League which later changed to Walleyes-R-Us”. Mike became actively involved in these before he entered into tournament fishing about 15-16 years ago. Some of Mike’s more recent accomplishments include several top ten finishes in the “F.M. Walleyes” annual tournament on Pelican Lake including a first place spot two years ago. A second place P.W.T. finish on Lake Sharpe put Mike up with the big guys.

Some information Mike would like to pass on to aspiring tournament fishermen: To gain sponsorship in the tournaments does not only include wins, but product promotion, showing good sportsmanship, and be approachable to the public. Public relations are very important factors that sponsors look for.

Where does Mike fish? “I made all my money fishing the entire Missouri River System. That is my favorite complete water, Pelican Lake is locally, and Devils Lake is my favorite Lake”. What do you like the best when it comes to presentation Mike? “I made my money trolling, but I love live bait rigging the most, it takes me back to my roots in western Minnesota. Jigging would be next and trolling third. The use of lead core is becoming a big part of my arsenal and once you learn how to use it, and get confident with it, you use it more and more”.

I asked Mike for a tip for fall fishing; “Don’t give up to early, people talk about lake turn over and some lakes turn over really late, just keep on going, some of the best fishing is in the fall even November”.

Mike offered a few words of wisdom for angles to think about:

1.”Don’t leave fish to find fish”

2.”Fish your own fish, don’t just go over to where the boats are”.

3. “Run and gun if you don’t find fish”. If you are looking for big fish to win a tournament, move until you find them. Stick to your game plan; don’t run scared from place to place without a reason.

Mike, what are some of the mistakes the week-end anglers make? “Many get stuck in their ways, no diversification. They just put on that spinner and crawler and do the same thing over and over. Those that are learning new methods and new techniques are more successful. Also anglers need good electronics and know how to use them. If you see fish you should be able to catch them”.

Mike is a four season fisherman; he puts in about 119 days per year on the water. He feels as much at home on the ice as he does on soft water. If you are looking for Mike on ice he should be easy to spot. He has a large fish house painted to match his Lund 2025. Inscribed on the side is: **Lund Hard Water Series, Pro-Ice**. That’s cool Mike, very original!

Good Luck Mike, hope to see you on the water!

THE STRINGER



Mic Fosdick caught this lunker on a recent fishing trip to Devils Lake.
(Photos by Jack Fuller)

2004 F-M Walleyes Unlimited Fishing Calendar FINAL RESULTS

08/07/04

4 \$50 Cash Drawings

Mike Lelness	620 Hiway 75 N	Moorhead, MN 56560
Rod Klein	1463 12 Street Crt E	West Fargo, ND 58078
Tim Shiek	1206 19th St S	Fargo, ND 58103
Chris May	2379 Peach Rd.	Waubun, MN 56589

08/17/04

4 \$50 Cash Drawings

Scott Skauge	13688 90th Ave SW	Sabin, MN 56580
Ken Cumber	808 3rd St NE	Jamestown, ND 58401
Terry Miller	4874 Deans Drive	Reiles Acres, ND 58102
Ganger Engebretson	406 Maple Lane	Moorhead, MN 56560

08/24/04

4 \$50 Cash Drawings

Dan Pelham	2651 320th St	Waubun, MN 56589
Don Jelnik	3520 20th St S	Fargo, ND 58104
Steve Dahlin	1431 4th Ave S	Fargo, ND 58103
Ted Fuller	8583 12th Ave S	Glyndon MN 56547

August Pay Out \$ 600

09/04/04

4 \$50 Cash Drawings

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Doug Carney	2835 Wheatland Dr	Fargo, ND 58103
Darrin Rude	2512 6th Ave S	Fargo, ND 58103
Lloyd Correu	5308 Oakport St	Moorhead, MN 56560

09/06/04

1 \$250 Labor Day

Tim Bohn	34 36 Ave S	Moorhead, MN 56560
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September Pay Out \$ 450

TOTAL PAY OUT \$ 5000.00

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FISHING QUOTES

All men are equal before fish

Herbert Hoover

Many men go fishing all their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after

Henry David Thoreau

I envy not him that eats better meat than I do, nor him that is richer or wears better clothes than I do. I envy him, and only him, that catches more fish than I do.

Izaak Walton

The fish are gonna be either shallow, deep or somewhere in between.

E.L. Buck Perry

If people concentrated on the really important things in life, there'd be a shortage of fishing poles.

Doug Larson

There's a fine line between fishing and just standing on the shore like and idiot.

Steven Wright

Fishing is like sex, the less you get the more you lie

Unknown

If there is no wind, row...

Unknown

My rod and my reel, they comfort me

Unknown

Fishing is not a matter of life or death. It's more important than that.

Unknown

Fishing is not a hobby, a hobby is something you do in your spare time.

Unknown

Life is a game, but fishin's serious.

Unknown

Even a fish wouldn't get into trouble if he kept his mouth shut.

Unknown

Since there is six times as much water as dry land on earth, any fool can plainly see the good Lord meant for man to fish six times as much as he works.

Unknown

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 EQUAL HOUSING LENDER

August 17th, 2004 Board Meeting-Doublewood Inn, Fargo, ND

Meeting called to order by President Chad Maloy at 7:00 pm.
 Absent members: Lynn Johnson, Dennis Flom, Lester Sjoblom and Bruce Nereson
 Treasurer's report by Treasurer Bob Jensen- balance of \$17,613.84
 Motion by Tim Amble, second by Steve Meyer to approve meeting minutes for March.

Old Business

By Laws Committee will contiune work and have additional meetings soon.

New Business

Tournament Committee met and had several recommendations that were discussed and will be voted on at the next meeting.
 Cormorant Tournament had 60 teams signed up to date. Everything seems to be progressing well.
 August 19th, Picnic update by Steve Meyer with all on track. Motion by Steve Meyer, second by Tim Amble to purchase \$500 in prizes for picnic...motion passed.
 Web Page-Sportfishing Congress Steve Goldade to coordinate and followup.
 Additional Hats with the FM Walleyes logo discussion...Jeremy will coordinate.
 Light bill for Pelican access..motion by Tim Amble, second by Steve Meyer to pay..motion passed.

Dates for club meetings

- Sep Club Outing Winners
- Oct TBD
- Nov Chip Leer
- Dec No Meeting
- Jan Tom Skarlis
- Feb Gary Parsons
- Mar Annual Meeting/Chili Feed

Motion to adjorn at 8:31 PM by Tim Amble, second by Steve Meyer...motion passed.

Jeremy Frie

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Name(s) _____
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 Do you own a boat? Yes No Would you like to fish with other club members? Yes No
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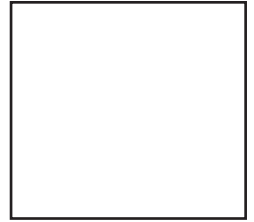
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