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Contact Steve Hall or Scott Stillwell for info (see below)

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 21-22
Club Outing
Devils Lake, ND

August 14
Board Meeting

August 18-19
Club Outing -
Upper Red Lake
Red Lake, MN

August 23
Club Picnic
Ron Sahr's Ranch
• Potluck Picnic
• Awards
• Prizes

September 11
Board Meeting

September 13
Member Meeting

Cormorant Tournament
Rules Meeting - Sept 20
Tournament Sept 21-22

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

President's Comments...

Dear Club Members,

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer so far. It's been a little rainy but plenty of nice days to get out on the water.

The past couple of months the club and some of our members have been lucky enough to garner some publicity. During the Minnesota opener there were a few articles in the Forum and on television featuring Don Marty, Ron Sahr, Steve Hall, Tom Backer, Dave Randash and myself. I want to thank each of the club members featured for their good job on putting a positive spot light on our club. One of the most notable spot lights came in early June when lucky club member, Larry "Big Fish" Williams participated in the FLW Tournament on Devils Lake. Larry not only won the club drawing to participate in the tournament he decided to just go out and win first place, fishing with fellow club member Pete Harsh on the final day. Way to go Larry and Pete!

Lastly, the Pelican tournament is now complete. Congratulations to the Chris & Gene Schroeder on their first place finish. Thank you Barry Chouinard, Lester Sjoblom and all the members whom volunteered. We appreciate all your hard work on making the Pelican Spring Classic an organized and fun event.

Best Fishes,

Chad Maloy, President



There are still spots available for the Cormorant Tournament
on the 21st and 22nd of September.

PLEASE GET YOUR FORMS IN SOON!

If you don't have an entry form yet,
you can download one from our website at:

[http://www.ndsportfishingcongress.org/FM Walleyes/CormorantTourney07.pdf](http://www.ndsportfishingcongress.org/FM%20Walleyes/CormorantTourney07.pdf)

TAKE A VET FISHING

by Ron Sahr

On Wednesday, June 20th, FM Walleyes along with the YMCA spent an afternoon fishing with seven veterans at the Y-Camp on Big Cormorant Lake. Representing our club were Bob Jensen, Scott Stillwell, Steve Garten, Barry Chouinard and myself. We owe a big thank you to these members for donating their time and expense for this worthwhile event. This was the 2nd year for this event sponsored by the YMCA. Several nice fish were brought in during the perfect day on the water.

After a rewarding day of fishing with the veterans, the group was treated to a nice barbeque prepared by the YMCA. All the veterans walked away with prizes which included \$20, blankets, hats, t-shirts and a thermos. Members of our club who participated were each presented with a t-shirt.

Smiles were seen on all the faces of the volunteers and veterans who participated in this event. All those who participated received many thanks from the veterans which will make the memories of the event last a long time. Lastly, thanks to WDAY TV for sending a crew to cover the event which was the lead story for Steve Hallstrom's 10 o'clock sports.

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY RESULTS

Thanks go out to the 60+ members that completed the Membership Survey! The results of the survey will help the Board form strategies for the Club that reflects the desires of our members. The Board is pleased at the positive response that was received and yet we feel we can do an even better job of providing the service our club members' desire and deserve.

Over the next several months, the Board will be making suggestions based on the survey for changes that hopefully will improve our club. These suggestions will be published in Walleye Lines and then discussed at upcoming Club meetings.

Below are the overall ratings of the six rated questions:

Scoring is based on 1 (low) to 5 (high) and the three open questions with the top answers.

• **Monthly Club meetings: 4.3**

How would you improve?

- Better sound system
- Fishing tips
- Good already
- Great speakers

• **Club sponsored monthly fishing outings: 4.0**

How would you improve?

- Closer to home
- Get more involvement
- Good job

• **Pelican Spring Classic Walleye Tournament: 4.5**

Comments?

- Good job
- Entry fee too high

• **Cormorant Fall Classic Walleye Tournament: 4.2**

Comments?

- Move two weeks earlier
- Entry fee too high
- Do away with Calcutta

• **Quality of Club meeting speakers: 4.5**

How would you improve?

- Great!
- Good speakers

• **Quality of information in Walleye Lines: 4.1**

How would you improve?

- Great!
- More articles you can relate too
- Send out week earlier
- Fishing tips

• **List two strengths of the club:**

- Good speakers
- Organization of meetings

• **List two weaknesses of the club:**

- Get more members involved in activities
- Better club meeting places

• **List two opportunities for FMWU in the next 5 years:**

- Increase membership
- More Kids events

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How Many Fish Can A Pelican [Lake] Hold?

by Lester Sjoblom

Pelican Lake suprised us during the Pelican Spring Classic Tournament, held the first weekend of June. Tournament anglers brought in record numbers of fish and threw back more than they could count. The scale was overworked as the weigh-master registered the fish presented for the individual teams ... the fish runners put on extra miles and built up arms of steel... but the weather was forgiving on our fish ranglers, who lost less than 5% of all fish presented.

How many fish can a Pelican [Lake] hold? A record 771 walleye for a combined weight of 1181 lbs came across the scales. Of those 771 fish presented for weight, only 38 (4.92%) were unrecoverable. The average weight of the fish was recorded at 1.51 lbs. The largest walleye weighed 5.48 lbs caught by David and James Asplin.

The winners of the Pelican Tournament, Gene and Chris Schroeder, accounted for 12 fish and 25.82 pounds of the above totals. As you may recall, Gene and Chris were the winners of the Classic Cup last year. It looks like they have a good start on being in the money again. Rounding out top five finishers were Greg Schonhauer and Dan Oyos (2nd place with 22.92 lbs), Ken and Eric Bjorkman (3rd place with 20.81 lbs), Tracy Soule and Keith Vollbrecht (4th place with 19.90 lbs) and Jon Wisner and Rob Bahr (5th place with 19.43 lbs). Tracy Soule and Keith Vollbrecht also walked away with an additional \$250 for being the top Lund finishing team.

Talking with a number of anglers, the tournament was a great success. This was due in large part to the dedicated volunteers who took time from their weekend to help when and where they were needed. The tournament committee - Barry Chouinard, Lester Sjoblom, and Jon Chose - would like to extend our sincere thanks to all who stepped up to help.

With the summer moving steadily forward, we are now setting our sites on the next tournament. The Cormorant Classic takes place the 21st and 22nd of September on Big Cormorant. A number of spots are still available, so get your applications in now.

*Have you ever wondered what **YOU** could do for **YOUR** walleye club?*



ARE YOU A CLOSET SHUTTER-BUG?



WE NEED YOU!

We are looking for someone willing to take pictures at our **tournaments, meetings and outings**. If you have ever wanted to get more involved with **YOUR** club -- now is your opportunity! Please contact one of the board members listed on the back of this publication for more information.

We are in need of a special volunteer for the Cormorant Classic Tournament. Duties would include taking pictures of various subjects - including the awards ceremony - and submitting them for publication in the Walleye Lines.

(A digital camera is beneficial, but not necessary.)



July 5, 2007

Dear Fishing and/or Hunting Club/Organization:

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department (Department) would like to share our plans on addressing the aquatic nuisance species (ANS) issue. This letter is being sent to fishing clubs across the state with the intent to increase your club /organization members' knowledge on this matter. Similar letters were sent out last week to more than 250 bait vendors in North Dakota.

As you are likely aware, there is nationwide concern about the expansion and threats of ANS. Various ANS have the ability to destroy recreational fisheries and/or cause millions of dollars of damage annually. Most recently, a disease called viral hemorrhagic septicemia (VHS) has caused near total die-offs of fish populations, including walleye and muskie, in the Great Lakes region. Whether it's VHS, Asian carp or zebra mussels, their introduction and establishment into North Dakota waters could cause devastating consequences.

Since about 2000, we have worked to inform and alert the public about this critical issue. However, despite past and even future communication efforts, the ANS threats in our state will continue and the risk of expansion from other states into North Dakota is increasing. For these reasons, state legislation was passed in 2005 directing the Department to initiate a regulatory process for ANS prevention. For the past two years, an Aquatic Invasive Species Committee (members include representatives from various state agencies and the private sector) have periodically met and generated recommendations. The Department has taken these recommendations and developed draft administrative rules with the intent of implementation by year's end.

These proposed rules will affect all boaters and anglers in the state. We've attempted to minimize the inconveniences to all while providing the necessary safeguards to protect our state's aquatic resources. Two of the more significant rules we propose are — 1) all boats, trailers and motors must be free of aquatic vegetation when leaving a water body, and 2) all water must be drained from the boat, including the livewell, before leaving a water body. The ramifications of these proposed rules are fairly apparent. For example, this would mean a fundamental shift in the habit of transporting live fish in the livewell. In the future, a cooler with ice would replace the livewell for anglers as they return home from their favorite fishing lake. Also, duck hunting boats and decoys would need to be clean of vegetation before leaving a favorite slough.

I want to draw your attention to the significant proposed changes (below). Please review these changes and if you wish to provide written comment, send them to my attention at the address listed below by July 27, 2007. The goal of the Department is to have the necessary rules in place to protect the aquatic resources of North Dakota beginning January, 2008.

Aquatic Nuisance Species Pending Admin Rules

No person shall possess a regulated or prohibited ANS without a Director's permit.

All watercraft, recreational and construction equipment must be free of ANS.

No aquatic vegetation can be present on watercraft, recreational and construction equipment when out of water.

(Note: — this not only includes fishing boats also duck boats, duck decoys, etc)

All water must be drained from watercraft, recreational and construction equipment when out of water.

Bait Vendor Admin Rule Recommended Changes

No live baitfish can be imported into North Dakota but other aquatic bait is allowed with appropriate license; however, no aquatic vegetation can be imported into North Dakota by bait vendors and potable or well water must be used for transport of 'other' live bait (e.g. leeches).

Proclamation Changes Pending

All anglers who possess a valid fishing license may keep baitfish in one container of water six gallons or less; however, the container must be free of aquatic vegetation.

Anglers (nor bait dealers) cannot trap bait in ANS infested waters.

Again, we recognize there will be some inconveniences for all in the future but we believe that these difficulties are far fewer than the potential negative impacts of ANS in our state. We are fairly 'clean' of ANS in North Dakota and I believe we all want to keep it that way. We hope you understand and support this effort.

Respectfully,

[Signed]

Greg Power

Chief, Fisheries Division

North Dakota Game and Fish Department

100 N. Bismarck Expressway

Bismarck, ND 58501-5065

BOARD MEETING MINUTES..TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2007 @ THE DOUBLEWOOD INN

Meeting was called to order @ 7.05pm by President Chad Maloy.

Absent Board Members: Seth Hibl & Steve Garten

Guests: Scott Stillwell & Lester Sjoblom

Treasurer's Report by Barry Chouinard: Current balance is \$39,652.65

Membership Report by Don Marty: 212 members

Minutes of April Board Meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve and seconded. Approved by all.

OLD BUSINESS:

-Take a Veteran Fishing Event is on Wednesday June 20th. Contact Ron Sahr if you are interested in helping out with this event.

-Sponsorship/Advertisers: We spoke about attempting to get additional sponsors & advertisers at different levels for the club &/or tournaments.

-Hooked on Fishing Event is on Thursday, May 24th @ Sand Hills Archer Park. Steve Garten is still in need of volunteers to assist in putting on the program.

-Strategic Planning: Don Marty will be putting together an article for the next Walleye Lines that will summarize the results of the club's strategic planning survey.

-Meetings Update: May Gary Thompson of Tri State Diving

June No meeting

July No meeting

Aug Club Picnic @ Ron & Kathy Sahr's

Sept @ Shrine

Oct

Nov Gord Pyzer

Dec No meeting

We also talked about possibly getting more local media coverage for our meetings to stir up more public interest in our club.

NEW BUSINESS:

-We talked about the possibility of doing an ice fishing show, similar to the Sportsman's Show. It could be a good money maker but it would take lots of work organizing this.

-Scott Stillwell proposed an idea for the club to add a new Youth Education program. It would be called FM Walleyes University. We would put together a program that would be age appropriate and teach a smaller group of kids 5 basic concepts each taking approximately 5 to 7 minutes. This could be done an hour before some of our regular club meetings. This will also incorporate a short seminar for the parents of the kids to get ideas how to get more involved with getting & keeping their kids interested in fishing. The board gave Scott the go ahead to move forward with this as they were very excited about this program.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.55pm.

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, June 19th, 2007 at the Doublewood Inn. Please remember that the general membership is always welcome to attend any or all board meetings.

Respectfully submitted by Tami Stillwell, Recording Secretary.

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E-mail: _____

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