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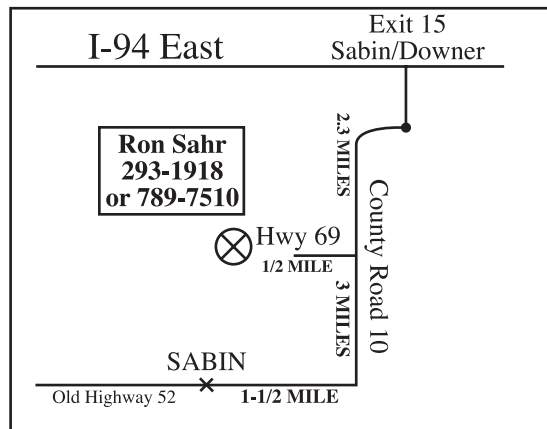
# walleye Lines



*Promoting conservation, sportsmanship and education in respect to walleye fishing.*

## F-M WALLEYE CLUB PICNIC SET

The FM Walleye club picnic will be held Thursday, August 18th at the home of Ron and Kathy Sahr. This is one of our largest social functions of the year. Whether you have been a member for years or you are a new member, this outing gives us all a chance to meet each other. It is a fun event for the entire family.



The club will furnish all the meats, drinks, plates and silverware. We ask each family to bring a salad, hotdish, or a desert to contribute to the picnic. Please bring your own lawn chairs and card table. Make sure the kids bring their swimming suits as the pool will be open.

The fun begins as 6:00 p.m. We hope to have a huge turnout. As in the past, \$500 in door prizes will be given out to kids and adults.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2010 MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRED  
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NOT RENEWED PLEASE DO SO

**Thursday, August 18th**  
Annual Club Picnic  
Ron Sahr's Home  
6 pm - 9 pm  
(SEE ATTACHED DETAILS)

**August 20th & 21st**  
Upper Red Lake, Red Lake, MN  
See page 3 for details

**Tuesday, September 6th**  
Board Meeting - Kelly Inn Fargo  
6 pm - 7 pm  
All Members are welcome

**Thursday, September 15th**  
General Meeting  
GUEST SPEAKER: Gary Korsgarden  
Gary will be speaking on  
fishing opportunities around  
the Park Rapids Area

**Tuesday, October 4th**  
Board Meeting - Kelly Inn Fargo  
6 pm - 7 pm  
All Members are welcome

**Thursday, October 20th**  
General Meeting  
GUEST SPEAKER: to be announced

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

**President's Comments...**

A very hot, Rainy Summer has passed us by, but Wait! Fall fishing is just around the corner. I hope everyone had a great summer Fishing and plans to attend the Annual Picnic.

The picnic will be at Ron and Kathy Sahr's home again this year, Thanks from everyone at the FM Walleyes! Make sure to bring your family for food, fun, Games and door prizes.

The Fall Classic tournament at Big Cormorant is in September, if you are interested in fishing it the entry blanks are on our web site [www.fmwalleyes.com](http://www.fmwalleyes.com) or you can contact Barry Chouinard. If you can't fish this event we are always looking for a few volunteers.

Lastly it is very important that we have club members seriously consider taking leadership roles in their club. If you are interested please give myself or any member of the board a call!

See you on the Water!

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## A NEW SPIN ON OLD TECHNIQUES

*By Scotty Brewer with Kyle Agre*

The slip sinker live bait rig, commonly referred to as a Lindy Rig, has been around for many, many years. This time tested technique for presenting live bait to hungry walleye has accounted for millions of smiling anglers and live wells filled with fish bound for the frying pan. It allows the angler to present any type of live bait in a very precise and natural manner in front of the walleye. The rig itself is very simple, consisting of some type of sliding weight on the main line, which is then attached to a swivel. On the other end of the swivel, a monofilament leader of 2-10 feet with



a plain hook is attached. Most walleye anglers seem to prefer Octopus hooks in sizes #2 or #4 for minnows, #4 or #6 for night crawlers, and #6 or #8 for leeches. Rod choice is generally a 6' 6" or 7' medium or medium light, quality spinning rod which provides plenty of sensitivity for those light bites.

There are as many variations in this technique as there are lakes in walleye country. Many of these variations come from innovative manufacturers developing components, which improve the performance of the rig. For an ultra finesse presentation, using a fluorocarbon leader such as Berkley Vanish and the neutrally buoyant Aquateko Invisa-Swivel can greatly improve your presentation. The walking sinker and egg sinkers have long been the standard for slip sinkers. That is until recently, when a revolutionary new product hit the market. The Wing-It "Quick Swap" sinkers open a new door to the versatility of a slip sinker rig with interchangeable weights that can be "Quick Swapped" in mere seconds. The first time I was introduced to the Quick Swap weight system was during a FLW Tour event on Leech Lake. Many of the Pro's were utilizing these weights during pre-fishing due to their quick change capability. With the DNR regulated slot limit on Leech, all walleyes between 18" and 26" must be released. This created a situation where most of the tournament contestants spent a large part of each day looking for "over's", walleyes over 26", on the steep drop-offs in Walker Bay. The technique of choice was using an old fashioned slip sinker rig-sliding weight, 3-6 foot leader, a large octopus hook, and a very large chub. The Quick Swap slip-weights really shined in this type of application. Depending on the spot, anglers were fishing in 20', 30' 40' of water or even deeper. These weights made changing depths painless, not only helping the Pros maximize their time, but by helping them make the right decisions on the water. The Quick Swap system contributed greatly to their success, giving many who used them a place in the top 20. Since that tournament, I have experienced the same results many times using this system. The Quick Swap slip weight system is very simple. A plastic connector slides into the top of a piece of tubing and the top of a bowling pin shaped weight slides into the bottom of the tubing. The connector has a large slot that allows the weight to flow freely through it, and since it is manufactured from plastic, it won't damage your line like many of the standard slip weight that have either steel or lead rubbing directly on the line. To install the connector on the line, gently pull the connector out of the tubing until a slit appears on the connector. Slid the connector on the line and then push it back in the tube, covering the slit

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## *A NEW SPIN ON OLD TECHNIQUES (continued)*

and preventing it from coming off. Another application would be to push the connector all the way in the tube which will “peg” the sinker allowing use as a fixed weight. To change weight sizes, which range from 1/8 ounce to large 2 ounce, all you need to do is pull off the old size from the bottom of the connector and slide on the new size. Quick and easy. Besides the ability to change sizes quickly, you can install the entire system without retying. This is the only dual exchange sinker system on the market today. As Wing-it creator E.B. Christensen likes to put it, “Less time rigging means more time fishing”. Another advantage is the ability to “un-plug” the weights while traveling from spot to spot, preventing damage to your valuable fishing rods from the weight banging into the shaft. Before using this product, I had 3 rigging rods tied up at all times with 3 different weights, not anymore. I can now use the same rod for all weight sizes. With most new fishing innovations, the pricing almost always is higher than the competing products. This is not the case with the “Quick Swap” weight system. While being very reasonably priced, (nearly 50% as much as other weight systems in some cases), there is nothing on the market that is more versatile. More features at a lower cost, it is unquestionably a win-win situation. The Wing-It “Quick Swap” products can be ordered on line at [www.wingitfishing.com](http://www.wingitfishing.com) or purchased at many sporting goods stores and bait shops. “Quick Swap” weights come in 50 piece kits, 2 piece carded packs and some bait shops have them in bulk allowing purchase of individual components. The revolutionary Wing-it “Quick Swap” slip bobbers and bottom bouncers are also available through these same outlets and utilize the same attachment device as the sinkers, adding yet another component to this versatile system. Whether you’re a casual weekend angler or a full time Walleye Pro like those on the FLW Tour, anytime you can gain a competitive advantage over the other fisherman, or better yet the fish, it will translate to more fish in the boat. I better call my wife and have her turn on the frying pan; I’m going to be bringing home fresh walleye for dinner.

## *SUMMER MEMBER PRIZES*

Last year we started giving out member prizes in the months of June and July even though we don’t hold meetings during these summer months. This is just another wonderful benefit to becoming a FM Walleyes member, especially for our long distance members. We recently drew the names from the current membership list and are happy to announce the winners. June’s winner of a \$150.00 US REEL spinning reel is...John Barsgard of Moorhead.. July’s lucky winner, longtime club member and resident of Oxbow ND, Vic Klosterman, is taking home \$100.00 in Fintech Jigs. Congratulations to both on winning these great prizes and thanks for supporting your local walleye club. If you would like to get in on these “Member Prizes”, attend the upcoming picnic or any of the general member meetings, and maybe YOU can be a winner.

## *CUSTOM ROD RAFFLE*

### *You Can’t Win If You Don’t Play*

If you haven’t bought your 2011 Custom Rod Raffle Ticket yet, there is still time, barely. This summer had been flying by and the Sept. 16 drawing date will be coming soon. Chuck DeRemer has created another work of art by building a beautiful custom rod that we paired with a Shimano Stella reel. Retail value is over \$1000.00, but if you ask those that have won in the past, it’s a priceless package and irreplaceable. Raffle tickets will be for sale right up until the meeting in September and are available from most board members. If you are interested in selling tickets, contact Scotty Brewer at 701-388-4408. The seller of the winning ticket will receive a \$50.00 Scheels gift card, who doesn’t need one of those. As always, 100% of the proceeds will go towards funding our extensive Youth Education programs.

## ***CLUB OUTINGS UPDATE***

*by Steve Hall*

As always, Mother Nature can change whenever she wants too. That's kinda what happened to our April and May Club Outings. Our first outing in April was at Waubay in South Dakota. In the past, this has always been a pretty good event for us. Well, with 60-plus miles an hour winds and roads closed due to flooding, this year was different! Here I thought we would hit it just right. The week before the reports showed promise of a lot of big walleyes coming off the north end of the lake. It just didn't happen this year as we had to call it off due to the weather. Big win for the fish!

The June outing was on Big Pine Lake on the 18th and 19th. The weather was great and so was the fishing. We headquartered out of Whispering Pines Resort. Very nice place and the camping was great. Seems like the fish biting fit right into the protected slot range from 18 to 26 inches. Walleyes were caught on live bait and crank baits, (fun!) no set depth, anywhere from 10 to 44 feet. Results of the outing:

### **Junior Division**

1st place:	Derion Baker	3 fish	11.06lbs
2nd place:	Blake Meyers	3 fish	8.70 lbs
3rd place:	Lane Bohlman	2 fish	2.62 lbs

### **Adult Division**

1st place:	Steve Hall	3 fish	4.48 lbs
2nd place:	Steve Meyers	3 fish	4.46 lbs
3rd place:	Brian Fitch	3 fish	4.40 lbs

### **July Club Outing**

On July 16th and 17th, we headquartered out of Rose Ridge Resort on Rose Lake, outside of Vergas, MN. What a great lake, fishing was fantastic. There was never a dull moment. Been along time since I've seen a landing net touch water that many times during an outing. I fished with Steve and Blake Meyers. We pulled deep diving crank baits, the plugs at about 30 to 35 feet down over 60 to 100 feet of water. The Lorance HDS10 looked like it was on simulator mode – fish after fish! And if I heard it once, I heard it 80 times, “big fish on!”, and even when he had a piece of the 90 HP Mercury! New nickname: “Big Fish Meyers”, Blake's name remains the same! Boy did we have fun! Thanks again for having me in your boat! Sunday was a live bait day! And did we ever feed a lot of hungry fish, all kinds! But again, a really

fun time. Steve Garten landed a super nice walleye for an old geezer! Over 29 inches long. Grady Stillwell had a very nice 27 inch and a few others to go with it. What a weekend for Lane Bohlman! He brought in 3 fish weighing over 18 lbs. Good fishing! Results:

### **Junior Division**

1st place:	Lane Bohlman	3 fish	18.46 lbs
2nd place:	Blake Meyers	3 fish	10.90 lbs
3rd place:	Derion Baker	3 fish	9.94 lbs

### **Adult Division**

1st place:	Steve Garten	1 fish	9.76 lbs
2nd place:	Scott Stillwell	1 fish	5.36 lbs
3rd place:	Steve Meyers	1 fish	5.16 lbs

### **Club Outings Year to Date Results:**

#### **Junior Division**

Lane Bohlman	21.08 lbs
Derion Baker	21.00 lbs
Blake Meyers	19.60 lbs

#### **Adult Division**

Steve Garten	10.76 lbs
Steve Meyers	9.62 lbs
Brian Fitch	9.42 lbs
Grady Stillwell	6.26 lbs
Scott Stillwell	5.36 lbs

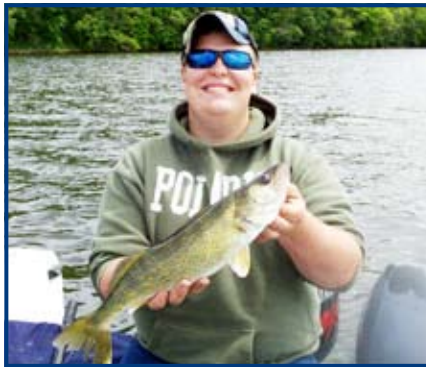
### **Club Outing August 20th and 21st**

Our next Club Outing is scheduled at Big Red Lake. We will be staying at the Big Bog State Campground. The weigh in will be held at the public landing at 3pm on Saturday and 2 pm on Sunday. Three fish per day may be weighed in. Any questions or information requests, please call me on my cell @ 701 261 4379 or @ work 701 237 0435.

Thanks,  
*Steve.*

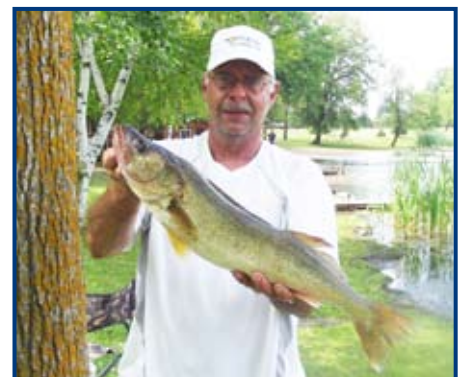
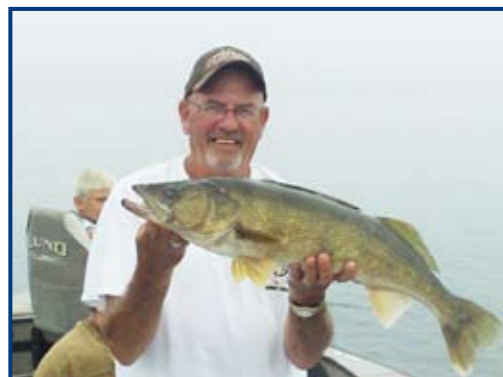
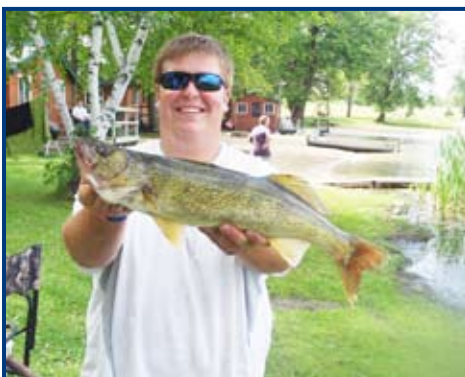


# BIG PINE LAKE CLUB OUTING





*ROSE LAKE CLUB OUTING*



Grady – 22 inch Walleye

S. Garten – 29 inch Walleye

Scott – 25 inch Walleye



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Ron Sahr has been going up to Jackson's Resort on Quesnel and Caribou Lakes for a long time (12 years). There are a lot of fish there, both walleye and small mouth bass. To qualify for a master angler award from the providence of Manitoba a walleye must be 28 inches and a small mouth bass must be 20 inches. Try as he might, he couldn't get that 28 inch walleye.

This year was different. He caught two qualifying walleye, a 28.5 inch and a 30.5 inch.

The group earned a total of 10 master angler awards; 7 walleye and 3 bass.

The group of four consisted of Bob Jensen who cooked the food, Ron Sahr who cleaned the fish and fried them, Tim Seely, Bob Jensen's brother-in-law from Virginia, who made the sandwiches for lunch and Tom McGeehan who washed the dishes.

Way to go Ron!





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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

### **BOARD MEETING MINUTES – 6pm Thursday, July 14th, 2011 @ R&S Casework, Inc.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President, Gary Sauvageau

Absent Board Members: Scot Johnson and Barry Chouinard

Review of June board meeting minutes. Motion made by Steve Meyer to approve the June meeting minutes as submitted. Scott Brewer 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: N/A due to Barry Chouinard's absence

Current Membership: 374 members

### **Old Business:**

Brian Dahlin provided an update on the progress of the new FM Walleyes Unlimited, Inc. website being designed and hosted by FatCow.com. Brian informed the board that there would be a "Current Events" page in addition to previously discussed pages. Brian and Scot Johnson will continue to work with FatCow.com to develop the website and implement it in the fall of 2011.

Steve Hall shared a club outing update. The June outing on Big Pine Lake was a success. The July outing is set for Rose Lake and will be based out of Whispering Pines Resort the weekend of July 16-17. The August outing will take place on Upper Red Lake out of Big Bog State Park in Washkish, MN the weekend of August 20-21st.

A discussion of the 2011 FM Walleyes Unlimited, Inc. Club Picnic followed. The picnic is being planned for Thursday, August 18th at the home of Ron & Kathy Sahr. Steve Meyer is coordinating the food and grilling. A portable outhouse will be rented for the event.

Kyle Agre provided a youth education update. The Lil' Fishermen's Derby sponsored by the Fargo Park District, Pepsi & FM Walleyes Unlimited was rescheduled to Thursday, August 4th at Dike East in Fargo pending current river levels at that time. Volunteers are needed to assist with the youth learning stations during the fishing clinic portion of the event and then to provide guidance for the fishing derby portion. The event is set to begin at 5:00 p.m.. Volunteers are asked to be at Dike East at 4:30.

Due to the conflict of the Lil' Fishermen's Derby and the FM Walleyes Unlimited, Inc.'s August board meeting the decision was made to move the board meeting to Thursday, August 11th. Steve Meyer will check with the Kelly Inn to determine availability of the meeting room.

Scott Brewer gave an update on the speaker schedule for the fall of 2011. The speaker at the September meeting will be Gary Korsgaden, discussing Park Rapids, MN fishing opportunities and his portable minnow keeper. The Anglers' Night On Ice event in December will bring Mille Lacs guide Tony Roach as the speaker. Finally, in March guide Tom Neutrom will present for Anglers' Night Out.

### **New Business:**

Kyle Agre and Scott Brewer shared information about a proposed NPAA (National Professional Anglers' Association) shared sponsorship arrangement. This proposed arrangement would allow the NPAA to become a sponsor of FM Walleyes Unlimited. In addition, FM Walleyes Unlimited, Inc. would become a silver sponsor of the NPAA. This reciprocal arrangement would allow for both organizations to promote the mission of the other and of the sport of angling. A motion to approve the sponsorship of the NPAA pending financial availability was made by Steve Hall and 2nd by Steve Meyer. All in favor. The motion passed.

### **Round Table:**

Ron Sahr shared information about "Rock Knocker" rock guards for boat/trailers.

Scott Brewer suggested forming a nominating committee to begin the search for executive and board positions that will be open in February 2012.

Kyle Agre shared that information will be out shortly for the 2012 Lake Winnipeg Ice Fishing Excursion. Plans are coming together for another great trip.

Brian Dahlin reminded everyone that articles for the Walleye Lines need to be submitted by the end of July for publication in August.

Ron Sahr made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rick Mohan 2nd. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted by Kyle Agre*





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