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FM Walleyes Unlimited, Inc. is proud to present

"GARY KORSGADEN" AS THE SEPT.15TH GUEST SPEAKER

Gary was the idea person behind FM Walleyes Unlimited. "The idea came to me when I was conducting an evening eight week fishing course for the Fargo school system." realized due to the resounding attendance at my fishing classes that a fishing club might be a welcome addition to the community." So after contacting the Oak Manor Motel and reserving a and meeting room, and Gerry Raftery at The Forum to have a notice put into his very popular fishing column about the organizational meeting, FM Walleye was off and running.. It was from that meeting a list of the names was gathered to get the club off the ground. "I must admit my skills at forming a club was a bit rough but due to the interest in fishing the club still took off

My love of fishing expanded to doing fishing seminars at area and regional boat shows mainly about crappies but frequently asked to speak about other species as well. Gary expanded into the radio market with a weekly fishing show, carried on area and regional markets. "The folks at Anheuser Busch contacted me to a series of fishing tips which was later aired all across the Midwest.



As my contacts developed, one of which was nationally known fisherman Al Lindner, "who encouraged me to write articles for a number of fishing magazines which included, Fishing Facts, North American Fisherman, In-fisherman, Midwest outdoors and Fur Fish and Game." Gary's writing expanded into a syndicated weekly fishing column for a number of weekly and daily news papers in the area. "It wasn't my writing skills that landed these assignments but instead the demand of the anglers for fishing information' Gary co-authored CRAPPIE WISDOM published and distributed by the In-Fisherman network.

Gary continued on TV with several segments on the Nationally Televised In-Fisherman TV program.

Gary competed in the first ever walleye tournament held on the waters of Lake Sharpe by Pierrie South Dakota.

Gary still has a continued love of fishing and learning, since moving from the Fargo area approximately eight years ago to the Park Rapids lakes area. 'I must confess fall is my favorite time of the water'

Gary will share a nostalgic look the fishing scene, FM Walleyes then and how it is now. In addition Gary will share information about fall fishing the Park Rapids area and a bait container system to keep those valuable minnows alive and well during those fall outings.

Come and join us Thursday Sept. 15th, at the Kelly Inn on Main Ave, Fargo, ND.

The doors open at 6:30pm and the Seminar starts at 7:00pm.

This meeting is free and open to the public. Hope to see you there, bring a friend!!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2010 MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRED FEBRUARY 28TH - IF YOU HAVE NOT RENEWED PLEASE DO SO

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

SAVE THE DATE

2012 Dinner Dance Saturday, February 4th, 2012 Kelly Inn – Fargo, ND (more details on pg 5)

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

President's Comments...

This past month I was on vacation Fly Fishing in beautiful Montana's Big sky and Yellowstone Park region. We fished the Madison and Gallatin rivers. Both Rivers displayed a variety of personalities as they tumble, wind and drift their way downhill. The Water quality, Stream flow, habitat, species distribution and fish numbers all combined to present a challenging scenario for my two brother in-laws and myself.

The rivers are at historic highs, running at 156 percent of normal stream flows this summer. Not being accustomed to fly fishing, it was a learning experience. What type of fly to use, where do I start? Match the hatch, Dry flies or wet flies? There are hundreds of different flies, salmon flies and golden stones, in addition to drake mayflies, pale morning dun flies, grasshoppers and all sorts of caddis and ants.

WOW! Three days fly fishing produced two very small Brown Trout!!... I think I will go back to fishing for Walleyes.

Don't miss this month's meeting, our featured speaker is Gary Korsgarden, he should be very informative.

See you on the water,

Gary Sawageau President



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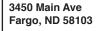






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We wanted to send a sincere thank you to FM Walleyes Unlimited and The Lake Region Angers Association.

A special thank you goes to Barry Chouinard, Keith Seidlinger and all of the great volunteers for their hard work in making fishing special for so many children and adults.

The Devil's Lake AYA is an exceptional tournament and makes everyone feel good about getting out and spending some quality time fishing. All of the prizes and awards add to the wonderful experience. The young anglers learn a lot about the joys of fishing and love the family fishing experience.

Don, Jacob and Nathan had a wonderful time at the AYA championship at Kenora. The six fish they weighed were over 34 pounds. Lake of the Woods has terrific Walleyes; in fact, the winning team had over 46 pounds.

Thank you again, Don, Jacob and Nathan Denning

27TH ANNUAL BIG CORMORANT FALL CLASSIC SEPT 24-25









The 27th Annual Fall Classic will soon be upon us. Big Cormorant Lake has continued to produce walleyes in both numbers and size. Winning bags over the last several years have been 2 day limits weighing 20-30 lbs. 2011 is shaping up to be another year with good weights, as the fishing this summer has been as good as ever. 2010 Fall Classic Champion Brad Carr will be there defending his title, as well as several past Champions itching to get back on top.

Additionally, FM Walleyes will determine the season points Classic Cup Champion at the conclusion of the Fall Classic. Pelican Spring Classic Champions Ryan Fox and Justin Irons lead the season-points race with past Classic Cup Champion Mike Kerzman following close behind. The top 10 contenders for the Classic Cup Championship competing for a Lund Boat and Shorelandr' trailer package are:

STANDING	POINTS	TEAM	Lund Bonus
1	120	Ryan Fox	No
2	119	Mike Kerzman	Yes
3	116	Ben Nelson	No
4	115	Shawn Lura	Yes
5	114	Jamie Kinslow	Yes
6	113	Steve Meyer	Yes
7	111	Jon Wiser	Yes
8	109	Dave Randash	Yes
9	108	Fred Sanchez	No
10	107	Bruce Boedigheime	r No

In addition to the tournament payout, contingency prizes will be awarded if certain conditions are met. A \$500 bonus will apply if a Ranger Boat owner wins the Fall Classic. \$2500 will be paid to the Season Points Champion if they fished from a Lund Boat during both tournaments. The Classic Cup Champion will also be qualified to fish both the 2012 NTC and 2012 AIM Championship with entry fee paid by fellow competitors generated by raffles held during the Classic Cup tournaments.

Contestants must sign up prior to Sept 21st to avoid a late entry fee. Everyone must be registered before the rules meeting starts at 6 PM Sept 23 held at the Cormorant Y-Camp. The Y-Camp will accommodate contestants at reasonable rates, to make arrangements please contact Dave Harmon 701-367-4135.

Volunteers are requested to help out with the tournament activities. Questions and comments can be directed to: Tournament Director Barry Chouinard at 218-790-4762 BChouinard@magnumlog.com or Tami Stillwell at TStillwell@northstaragri.com. Hope to see you there!



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UPPER RED LAKE CLUB OUTING

RECAP:

Club Outing, Upper Red Lake, August 20th and 21st, 2011

By Steve Hall

Well, we all know that when we schedule outdoor events so far in advance, we are at the mercy of Mother Nature. We had a few storms roll in and out. This kind of messed with our fishing. Always an opportunity to learn more. We figured out that on this shallow Red Lake, when the wind blows real hard out of the west, the lake gets all silted or churned up with the fine sand and that pushes the fish to clear or cleaner waters. So, this year, the fishing wasn't so great, but not the worst either, on this lake. Most of the fish were caught long lining crank baits or spinners and crawlers.

We always have a feeling of community during these outings. Saturday morning started out with a good breakfast and a long day on the water. Tami Stillwell seems to be in the right place for a big fish all the time! Or, maybe it's because of the people she fishes with, or maybe it's the salmon? Saturday night we had "steaks on the grill by Steve Meyer", and oh boy, were they great! What a chef!

THE RESULTS:

Adult Division – Saturday, August 20, 2011

1st place	Brian Fitch	3 fish	4.96 lbs.
2ND PLACE	Tami Stillwell	3 fish	4.66 lbs.
3rd place	Steve Meyer	3 fish	4.46 lbs.

Adult Division – Sunday, August 21, 2011

1st place	Darrin Rude	2 fish	3.54 lbs.
2ND DLACE	Tami Stillwell	1 fish	2.00 lbs

Junior Division – Saturday, August 20, 2011

1st place	Derion Baker	3 fish	5.62 lbs.
2ND PLACE	Blake Meyer	3 fish	2.26 lbs.

Junior Division Sunday, August 21, 2011

1st place	Derion Baker	1 fish	2.64 lbs.
2ND PLACE	Lane Bohlman	3 fish	2.36 lbs.

























2011 YEAR END CLUB OUTING RESULTS

ADULT DIVISION

1st Place: Brian Fitch 14.38 lbs.
2nd Place: Steve Meyer 14.08 lbs.
3rd Place: Steve Garten 10.76 lbs.
4th Place: Tami Stillwell 7.96 lbs.
5th Place: Steve Hall 6.20 lbs.

JUNIOR DIVISION

1st Place: Darion Baker 29.26 lbs.
2nd Place: Lane Bohlman 23.44 lbs.
3rd Place: Blake Meyer 21.86 lbs.

RIVER WALLEYES ON PLASTICS

By Troy Morris

Plastics have really made an impact on river walleye fishing. Plastics allow anglers to change shapes, colors and size with an ease that cannot be accomplished with the traditional minnow or shiner. Jigs tipped with a plastic body often shine in river fishing conditions for a variety of reasons. First off, the current present in rivers sweeps the jig by fish and fish have to decide quickly if they are going to eat. Often, the fish don't get a chance to scrutinize the bait or lure.

Gulp! Alive tastes good enough and smells good enough, long enough to work well on every river we have fished on the FLW Walleye Tour. The other factor that makes plastics so effective is that we can use bright or fluorescent colors in turbid or muddy conditions for better visibility. We can also experiment with shapes to manipulate the visibility, vibration, size and action. Now for the best part, plastic stays on the jig better than live bait. Cast after cast, plastics stay on the hook. Miss a fish, no problem as the worst thing that usually happens is the fish bites off the tail. In contrast, with traditional live bait, we are in the water a higher percentage of the time fishing unproductively without bait, naked because the bait tore off the hook.



Now the point of this article isn't to convince you that plastics are better than traditional fatheads, shiners or a half crawler for tipping jigs as there is a time and place for live bait but on many river situations, we are often leaving the live bait in the cooler or bait well. Plastics work that good.

Pitching up onto shoreline eddies and wing dams is a very productive spring presentation on rivers across the region. Casting jigs tipped with plastic tails either cross current or casting them downstream and slowly dragging them back is a very effective way to work plastics so that they catch fish. Dragging the jig upstream gives the body a lot of action as the plastic gets pulled against the current. Cross current approaches generally gives the jig a natural downstream sweep that fish have to snap at out of reaction as the window of opportunity is short, thus a perfect scenario for plastics.

A mistake we see many anglers make when using plastics on rivers is going to light with the jig. The plastic body will cause some lift on the jig. When learning how to read water and fish plastics, err on the side of heavier so that you know the jig is in the zone it needs to be when fishing current and that zone is right close to the bottom. There is a constant debate amongst anglers who fish a lot of jigs about using no stretch lines like Fire Line and traditional monofilament that does have some stretch. For many vertical presentations and some dragging, I love the Fire Line Crystal. But for casting or pitching, I do prefer mono because the action on the jig seems more natural and fluid. My favorite line for this is high visibility Berkley Sensation. Most anglers stress the importance of a highly sensitive graphite spinning rod in either six or seven feet with a medium action, fast tip. One rod in particular that I really like for many different jigging applications is the Jason Mitchell Elite Series JMS66MF that has really exploded onto the rod scene in the past few years. Plastics are not an end all and will never completely replace live bait but there are situations where I used to really rely on live bait but could just as well leave the bait at home. River walleye fishing opportunities are one such situation where I have a lot of confidence with plastics.

The author, Troy Morris is one of the top rated walleye anglers on the FLW Walleye Tour.

Aquatic Nuisance Species PREVENTION

Make it Part of Your Routine Every Time You Leave the Water



Remove all aquatic plants from boats, trailers, fishing tackle and other equipment. Remove all aquatic plants from livewells and bait containers.



Drain all water from boats (including livewells) and other watercraft when leaving a water body. All boats coming in from other states must have all water drained before entering North Dakota.



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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

BOARD MEETING MINUTES - 6pm Wednesday, August 10th, 2011 @ Kelly Inn on Main Avenue, Fargo ND

Meeting was called to order @ 6:00pm by President, Gary Sauvageau.

Absent Board Member: Barry Chouinard, Rick Mohan

General Members Present:

Review of July board meeting minutes. Tabled

Treasurer's Report. N/A

Current Membership: Members paid: 302. Total memberships: 374.

OLD BUSINESS:

COLA- Fred Tuominen: The group has finalized their brochure on invasive species that will go throughout Becker County. 2000 copies of their brochure are being printed and will send a few to our club when completed.

Club Outings: A lot of Big fish were caught on Rose Lake and a good time was had by all. The August trip is scheduled for Red Lake, August 20th & 21st. We are and looking forward to fishing that lake. Contact Steve Hall for more info on club outings.

Ron's Ranch: Picnic at Ron's Ranch is set for Thursday August 18th from 6pm to 9pm. All the food is ordered and Scott has numerous prizes for the evening. Those that can help can show up between 5-6pm. This is a event for all our members and families. Games Galore will also be on hand for the kids; and some adults!!!!!

Fatcow Website: Scot and Brian are waiting to visit with the web producer for the final touches. Will have up and running very soon.

Speaker Update: Scott B:

Month	Name	Confirmed	Cost
September	Gary Korsgaden	Yes	Room (Brian, I have attached Bio and Pic I received from Gary)
October	Randash, Backer	No	None
December	Tony Roach	Yes	\$300
January	TBD		
February	John Butts	No	
March	Tom Neustrom	Yes	???
April	TBD		
May	TBD		

Nominating committee: Gary has asked for volunteers for this years nominating committee. Ron Sahr, Bill Carr, and Steve Hall said they would be part of this group.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ideas about getting a credit card for the club to use when purchasing prizes and supplies for events that we are involved in. The thought is that this can help on keeping records straight when someone buys items for the club.

Kyle: Scot, Bill and I are meeting to discuss the youth events for the coming year after this board meeting. All are welcome to say and help plan. Bill and Scot have said they would take over the Walleye University with Kyle helping out this year. We are looking forward to another great year with hopefully more youth participation.

March has been scheduled for the youth rod building class so please contact Scot, Bill or Kyle for more information.

Helen Montplaisir; has declined the Winnipeg ice fishing prize which was the tournament entry into the Pine Falls Greenback Championship. We will draw for a new winner at the Club picnic at Ron's ranch.

ROUND TABLE:

Scot: The Dinner dance is in the works and getting set to name a place. We are looking at a couple options and are also still working on confirming a band. Some discussion was had about some different ideas for next years dinner dance. More info on this is to come.

Motion to adjourn by Gary Sauvageau, 2nd Steve Meyer, All in favor, motion passed.

The next board meeting will be @ 6pm on Tuesday, September 06, 2011 @ the Kelly Inn on Main, Fargo ND. Please remember that all general club members are welcome to attend board meetings.

Respectfully submitted by Scot Johnson, Recording Secretary.



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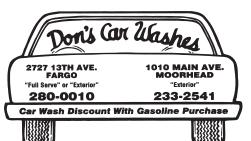


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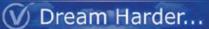
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