



SEPTEMBER 2012

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Thursday, September 20th
Kelly Inn

GARY THOMPSON *Tri State Diving*



Detroit Lake's Tri State Diving owner Gary Thompson has been diving for over 40 yrs. His combined interest in Walleye fishing and scuba diving will provide a unique perspective to understand walleye behavior and habitat.

Gary has taught scuba diving for over 40 yrs. He specializes in Salvage recovery and Training. Insurance companies from all over work with Gary for Salvage operations.

During his time underwater, Gary has observed how walleye react to changes in their habitat, as well as how different sounds affect Walleye.

The presentation is free, and open to the public.

Please join us for what promises to be a entertaining evening.

Doors open at 6:30 pm with the presentation starting at 7:00 pm

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, September 20th
General Meeting - Tri State Divers

Saturday - Sunday,
September 22nd-23rd
Cormorant Fall Classic Tournament

Tuesday, October 2nd
Board Meeting - 6pm at the
Kelly Inn

Thursday, October 18th
General Meeting at the Kelly Inn
Guest Speaker Professional
Fisherman "Johnnie Candle"
Doors open at 6:30pm
Seminar starts at 7pm

Tuesday, November 6th
Board Meeting - 6pm at the
Kelly Inn

Thursday, November 29th
"Angler's night on Ice"
at the Kelly Inn
Doors open at 6pm
Seminar starts at 7pm

Tuesday, December 4th
Board Meeting - 6pm at the
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ALL MEETINGS AT 7PM AT
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President's Comments... September always brings the start of our member meetings after a summer break. It's nice to get together again, visit with friends we haven't seen for a few months, and listen to a seminar. Board member Tyler Wisner has been working hard on the upcoming seminar schedule and has booked some great local, regional and national speakers. If you're available, try to attend a few of the meetings this fall, bring a friend along, and enjoy what this great club has to offer. After all, we're a great club because of you.

Scotty Brewer
 NPAA #665
 President
 FM Walleyes Unlimited

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ASK THE PROS

with Corey Heiser and Troy Morris



To submit your questions for Corey & Troy go to the FM Walleyes Unlimited facebook page or e-mail them to kyle.agre@gmail.com



SEPTEMBER'S QUESTIONS:

Many of the tournaments on the great lakes are won with open water trolling tactics. Are there any local lakes where the suspended walleye bite is active? If so, what is your favorite method for targeting and catching these fish?

Troy Morris- *I have not targeted the suspended walleye bite unless on the Great Lakes "or" on large, deep water lakes or reservoirs meaning 50 feet or more in depth. Bait in those bodies of water relate to a thermocline, which during the summer, warm water, which is less dense, will sit on top of colder, denser deeper water, with a thermocline separating them. Because the warm water is exposed to the sun during the day, a stable system exists, and very little mixing of warm water and cold water occurs, particularly in calm weather. If targeting suspended fish the number one presentation is the one that can get to the fish and catch them. This could be crank baits to the desired depth, heavy bottom bouncers or in line weighted spinner harnesses, or even dipsy divers with spoons to get deeper to thermoclines in 70' of water.*

Corey Heiser- *Typically, I don't fish an open water basin bite too often on our local lakes. But, on bodies of water with perch or smelt, the walleyes will be way off of the bottom chasing the available food. If I find a school of bait suspended, I'll usually start by trolling crankbaits at or just above the bait. This has worked very well on reservoirs such as Lake Sakakawea or Oahe. Another tactic that I've been playing with more than past couple seasons are inline weights, such as the Off Shore Guppy. These are very effective for crawler harnesses. I used these in July to catch fish on Lake Oahe in Pierre, SD.*

How do you decide which crank bait to use when trolling for walleyes? Is it a specific brand, color, shape or size that you are looking for? How is this decision tied to the conditions on the lake at that time?

Troy Morris- *Using the available forage to steer the decision of which crank bait to use is a great place to start on almost any body of water. If it is a shad system or minnow forage I will pick smaller baits to run first like #5, #7 Shad Raps. If I'm on a system with a strong smelt population I will pick larger baits such as Reef Runners with a larger profile. During early spring or cold water conditions picking a lure that does not have as much action can produce the most and largest fish like using #13 floating original Rapalas. As the season progresses, the fish become more active and will eat about anything you can put down there with aggressive action. Baits in this category include #5 Jointed Shad Raps.*

Corey Heiser- *Picking out a crankbait can be one of the most difficult decisions to make, especially in a state like Minnesota where we are only allowed one line per person. Walleyes seem to like a more slender bait with a tigger wobble. In that group, I like to group my cranks by action.... Reef Runners being very aggressive/erratic, most Rapalas being subtle, and Berkley Flicker Shads somewhere in between. Spring usually means a less aggressive crank or at least a bait being pulled slowly. Summertime means speed and aggression. And than in the fall, I like BIG. Color for me is simplified to whites, perch colors, metallics, and everything else. I really like to start with white and perch color patterns and work in different baits from there.*

As summer fades into fall how do your techniques and approaches to walleye fishing change?

Troy Morris- *As summer fades to fall the water temps start to cool and walleyes begin to put the feed bags on again and group up in schools. Their migration starts all over again, in large rivers and reservoirs walleyes will start their journey back to where they will winter for a couple months getting closer to their spawning grounds in spring. They will be on the move so you will also need to stay on the move with them to keep up with the great fishing fall brings on these waters. On lakes, walleyes will again start relating to structure, where in the summer months, most people don't ever leave the breaks, however walleyes do, they tend to wander out in the middle of nowhere. Some of the largest walleyes caught in the fall will be in 25' to 30' on a rock hump, steep gravel break or an old road bed. You will catch them with larger profile crank baits, rigging red tail minnows and creek chubs.*

Corey Heiser- *Fall is absolutely my favorite season to chase walleyes. They are very hungry and getting ready for the winter ahead. One phrase that has helped me in the fall is "bigger is better!!!". More often than not I'm using the biggest Redtails and Creek Chubs I can get my hands on. This holds true in many of the lakes we have in Western Minnesota. It's also my favorite time to bring out the big crankbaits such as Reef Runners. Walleyes are typically in big groups. So, find one and many times many more are there. I look to the deepest and steepest breaks on the body of water I'm on to start. The best thing about fishing deep, is they are very easy to mark on my Lowrance sonar units. For rigs, I'll slow down just a little to say .4 or .6 and for cranks I'll start at about 1.8 mph. Some of my best fishing has come during deer season, so don't be afraid to keep the boats out late.*

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

FM Walleyes Unlimited has benefited greatly from the many sponsors that have generously given to the club so that it can work to fulfill its mission of “promoting conservation, sportsmanship and education with respect to walleye fishing”. Walleye Lines’ Sponsor Spotlight features those organizations that sponsor FM Walleyes Unlimited through financial and other contributions. Please consider patronizing these organizations and thank them for their contributions to the club.

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Ray’s has generously offered a \$20 discount on winterization and other fall maintenance for FM Walleyes Unlimited members from now until the end of the year. Show them your membership card when you stop by to receive the discount.

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Houston Engineering is a new sponsor of FM Walleyes Unlimited in 2012 with their sponsorship of the May membership meeting and seminar.

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Dave’s I-29 Tire and Service Center has a long history of supporting FM Walleyes Unlimited. They have been a sponsor of the club for the past 17 years in various capacities and through advertising in the Walleye Lines newsletter.



ANOTHER ANNUAL PICNIC IN THE BOOKS

By Brenton Hell



On Thursday, August 16th the annual FM Walleyes Unlimited, Inc. club picnic was held at Ron and Kathy Sahr's home in Sabin, MN. It was another amazing picnic with about fifty members and their families attending. The club provided burgers, brats, and beverages and everyone else brought hot dishes, salads, or desserts. After a good meal, some of the kids and members headed to the inflatable games provided by Games Galore. Once the meal had settled, we raffled off over \$500 worth of prizes. Everyone who attended brought home a prize. Two boat bags filled with goodies were also up for grabs in an additional raffle, congratulations Rendy Randash and Jackie Denning. I am already looking forward to the picnic in August of 2013. A huge Thank You goes to Ron and Kathy Sahr for the great hospitality and use of their yard. Also I would like to thank club members Steve Meyer and Steve Garten for rounding up and cooking the food, Corey Heiser at Games Galore for providing the inflatable games, and Brenton Hell for bringing the raffle prizes and being the raffle M.C.



HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE AT NEXT YEARS EVENT!!!!

REPORT ON NORTH DAKOTA'S FISHERIES

Dear Anglers:

Almost exactly a year ago I provided a statewide fishing (fishery) summary. At that time, the vast majority of the update centered on the recreational and biological concerns and impacts (real or perceived) caused by record flooding throughout much of the state. A year later, and thankfully for time being, flooding is in the rear view mirror. However, we're still dealing with some of the after effects of last year's flood. The following is a brief status report on fishing in North Dakota and ongoing issues.

The recreational fishing impacts of the 2011 flooding have been costly for the Department, which will end up spending \$2-\$3 million on Missouri River access alone, and perhaps for the fishing public. Unfortunately, it appears the majority of smelt were lost last year through Oahe Dam and thus the forage base in the Missouri River and Lake Oahe has been greatly compromised. What this may mean is slower growth and poorer condition of walleye and other predator fish populations. On the bright side, the smelt population in Lake Sakakawea was not impacted nearly as negatively and the overall recreational fish populations remain in good shape.

Going back a bit in time, we came through winter in great shape with essentially no winterkill. An open winter resulted in high use and participation by ice anglers. Also, we witnessed a record number of individuals participating in darkhouse spear fishing for northern pike. This will likely increase substantially this winter as most of the state will be open to spearing for pike on December 1st.

Spring spawning conditions were very good and fisheries staff were able to take all the northern pike and walleye eggs needed for the two federal hatcheries. In addition, biologists had another good year trapping yellow perch, channel catfish and other species, and transported them to community fishing lakes and ponds. By July all the pike and walleye were stocked into North Dakota water bodies. USFWS hatchery staff did another outstanding job producing nearly 10 million walleye fingerling stocked into 113 water bodies and 2.3 million pike stocked into 69 lakes. Numerous trout, salmon and other species have also been stocked.

Despite floods (last year) and drought (this year), North Dakota currently has more fishing lakes than at any point in its history. Biologists were able to get to many of these 350-plus lakes this summer and survey the respective fish populations. The expected was found, which is more good news for anglers. The highest number ever of healthy walleye, pike, perch, and bass population's dot our states landscape.

In the past 20 years, North Dakota has doubled its fishing waters. While Lake Sakakawea, Devils Lake and the Missouri River/Lake Oahe are the three major fisheries in the state, numerous small lakes and rivers play a large role for anglers as well. These water bodies account for nearly 50 percent of all fishing effort and are very important locally.

Included in these new water bodies are approximately 30 lakes totaling 45,000 acres that have developed into outstanding walleye fisheries. These lakes did not exist a short while back, but now offer some great fishing opportunities. Along with a strong walleye fishery, comes local demand to provide boating access. Development staff continues to work with local clubs/agencies to provide this access and as of August, about half of these lakes have new ramps installed in the past few years.

There are approximately 180,000 licensed anglers in North Dakota. New resident anglers to the state are most noteworthy in the western portion of North Dakota. Similarly, nonresident license sales in the rapidly growing counties of Stark, Williams and Ward have nearly doubled in the past two years. Unfortunately, some of the nonresidents apparently don't believe they need a license to fish. Citations for nonresidents fishing without a license showed a dramatic increase the first half of 2012 compared to the same time period in previous years. Game wardens issued three times as many citations for these violations as they have in past, with most of the increase is in the western half of the state.

Despite all of the good news in terms of fishing, there are a couple issues that are cause for concern. First, this summer's hot/dry weather led to about a dozen fish kills in July. Thankfully, with slightly cooler weather since late July, there have been no new reports. In the big picture, most North Dakota lakes will escape unscathed in the short term. However, if dry conditions continue into next year, the drought will begin impacting the survival of some fishing ponds.

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The other ongoing issue deals with aquatic nuisance species efforts. ANS monitoring in 2012 again found adult silver carp in the James River (in the Jamestown vicinity). Given our mild winter last year, the continued presence of silver carp was expected. Efforts this fall will include attempts to determine if there's been any silver carp natural reproduction occurring. The only new ANS infestation documented so far this year is the presence of curly leaf pondweed at Lake Elsie. There was also a bit of good news. For the first time in the past three years, we were unable to document any zebra mussel veligers in the Red River near Wahpeton. And it is possible that Eurasian water milfoil in Dead Colt Creek Reservoir in Ransom County has been eradicated as additional sampling failed to detect its presence. It is thought that water drawdowns and subsequent freezing over the course of a couple winters may have eliminated the milfoil. On the outreach front, ANS posters and brochures have been revised and should be posted in most bait vendor/sporting goods outlets across the state. New video footage for inspections ('how to') is being produced and the Department's ANS website is being updated. Lastly, game wardens have stepped up their efforts statewide in enforcing ANS regulations.

Walleye remains king in North Dakota, and as mentioned earlier, both fishing opportunity and success so far this year has been excellent. Further, fishing for other species has been good to outstanding this year. Two new state records (lake trout and white bass) were certified and already there has been a record number of whopper smallmouth bass registered.

Unless North Dakota experiences a severe and prolonged drought, fishing should remain good to very good at least for the next few years. In particular, I urge everyone to give **northern pike** a try, especially this winter. The next year or two should be the absolute heydays of pike fishing. Get after it and wet a line.

Greg Power
North Dakota Game and Fish Department

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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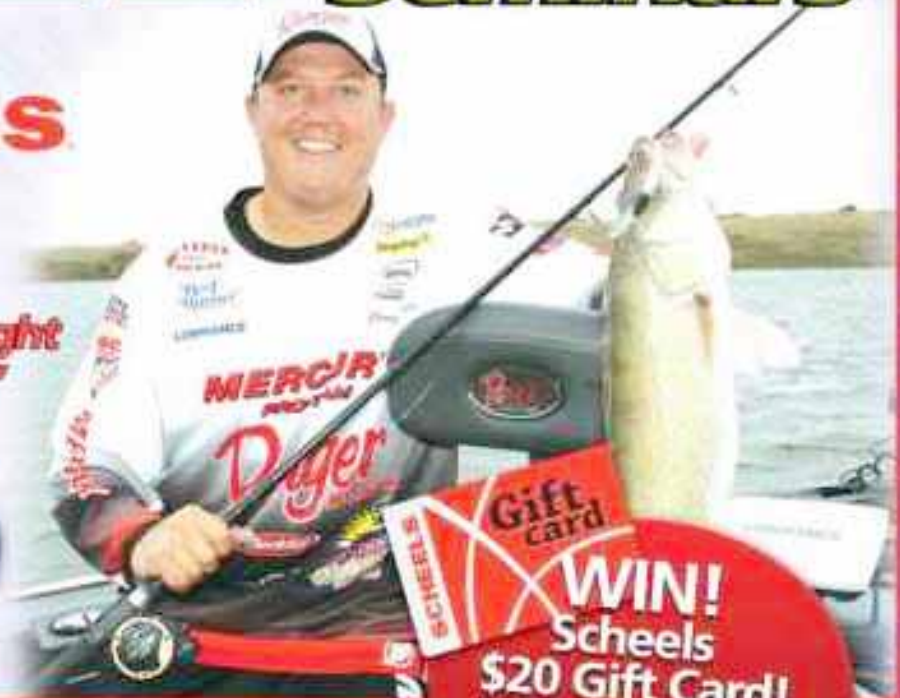
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- **Thursday, August 2, 7pm:** Lake Oahe, ND
- **Wednesday, September 19, 7pm:** Cass Lake, MN
- **Thursday, September 27, 7pm:** Big Cormorant Lake, MN

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

BOARD MEETING MINUTES – 6pm Tuesday, August 7th, 2012 @ Kelly Inn on Main Avenue, Fargo ND

Meeting was called to order @ 6.00 pm by Vice President Kyle Agre

Absent Board Members: Gary Sauvageau, Bill Carr, Scott Brewer, Scot Johnson, Steve Meyer

General Members or Guests Present: Barry Chouinard

Review of July board meeting minutes. July board meeting minutes were approved by all board members via e-mail on July 20th 2012. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report. Current balance - \$8,530.93 by Rick Mohan. Brenton Hell made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Steve Hall seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Calendar: Discussed adding: September Board Meeting, General Meeting, Cormorant Classic, October board meeting October General Meeting, November Board meeting, Ice Anglers Night, and December Board meeting. Brian will provide an updated calendar at next board meeting

Membership: 327 paid members for 2012.

OLD BUSINESS:

Speaker updates- Tyler: Gary Thompson from Tri-State Diving will be our September speaker and Johnnie Candle will be the October speaker. Working on getting a speaker for Ice Angler Night in December and with Kevin McQuaid to determine a date that he can be available as a speaker.

Sponsorships: Kyle: Wing-It has provided \$500 in product for their sponsorship. Kyle is also working on special sponsors for the Lake Winnipeg Ice Fishing Trip and Ice Angler Night. Also working on a sponsorship with Mike McFeely and the KFGO regarding advertisements for the club. Incorporated the "sponsor spotlight" in the newsletter and the first edition of this feature will be in the August Walleye Lines.

Raffle: Brenton: Selling is going well for the "Custom Rod & Reel Raffle". Brenton has purchased the raffle prizes for the picnic and completed the general member raffle for June and July.

FM Walleye University: Scot/Bill: No Update

Devils Lake AYA: Barry: Barry provided a final report/balance report for the AYA tournament in Devils Lake. This was Barry's last year organizing this tournament.

Nomination Committee: Kyle: Brenton, Tyler, and Kyle met to discuss members that might be interested in the open board positions. We will continue to report at each meeting as February approaches.

Club Outings: Steve Hall: Last club outing of the year is on August 18-19 at Mille Lacs. Details for the outing will be included in the FM Walleye Lines

NEW BUSINESS:

1) **Club Picnic:** - Ron talked with Steve Meyer and it sounded like everything was set for the picnic. Brenton has the raffle prizes and Brian will include details in both the Walleye Lines and in an email to the members.

2) **Use of Club Logo- Kyle:** Scheels and First Choice have our logo and can add it to clothing for our members. The logo is not a trademarked logo by our club so it can be included on apparel purchased individually by our members or even the general public.

ROUNDTABLE:

Brian: Will be sending the first copy of the August Walleye Lines shortly.

Tyler: Contacting speakers. In the future, we should think about having a general member meeting that is more family oriented. A good time of year is in April or May for this type of a meeting.

Steve: Mentioned that emailing members in the future, with information about FM Walleye Events may be a good idea.

Kyle: Club has received "Thank You Letters" from River Keepers, Boy Scouts, and Take a Kid Fishing.

Brenton Hell: Thoughts about what we could do to gain more volunteers for our events. Thinking about possible ideas to help when the time is needed.

Motion to adjourn by Ron, 2nd by Tyler, All in favor; The motion carried.

The next board meeting will be @ 6pm on Tuesday, September 4th, 2012 @ the Kelly Inn on Main, Fargo ND.

Please remember that all general club members are welcome to attend board meetings.

Respectfully submitted by Brenton Hell C/O Scot Johnson, Recording Secretary

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Membership Application and Renewal

F-M Walleyes Unlimited, Inc. - An area sportsman's club, dedicated to the preservation and improvement of walleye fishing, invites you to join and actively participate in our fishing club New Renew
 Application for Membership: \$25.00 Jr. Member (under 18) - FREE

Name(s) _____

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