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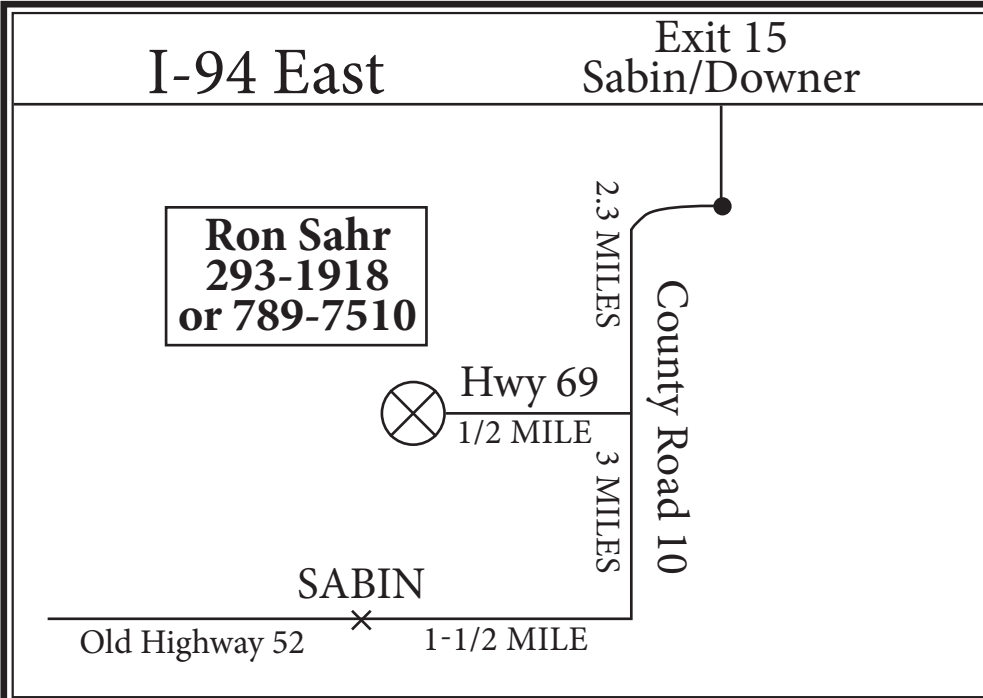
CLUB OUTINGS & MEMBER APPRECIATION PICNIC DIRECTIONS

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday July 9th
 Board Meeting - Doublewood Inn 6pm

Saturday July 13th
 AYA Tournament

Tuesday August 6th
 Board Meeting - Doublewood Inn 6pm

Thursday August 15th
 Annual Members Picnic

Tuesday, September 3rd
 Board Meeting - Doublewood Inn 6pm

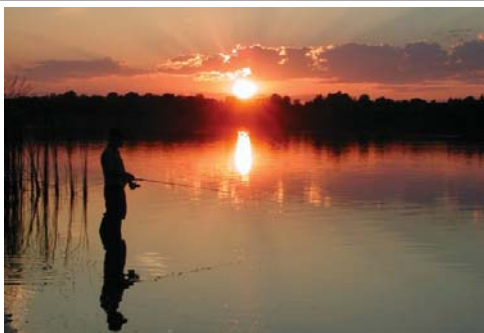
Thursday, September 19th
 General Meeting - Spencer Deutz

Friday, September 20th
 Cormorant Fall Classic Walleye
 Tournament Rules Meeting

Sat. Sept. 21st - Sun. Sept. 22nd
 Cormorant Fall Classic
 Walleye Tournament

WATCH FM WALLEYES ON FACEBOOK FOR NEW EVENTS

ALL MEETINGS AT 6PM AT THE DOUBLEWOOD INN OF FARGO, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.



President's Comments...

Many new and exciting things happening in the Club this year. First of which is the renewed interest in our Classic Cup Tournament Series. Tournament Director Barry Chouinard has been working on some major changes, which were announced earlier this year.



Due to these changes, we are attracting many old contestants and some new faces to these events. Its going to be a great year for the Classic Cup. Thank you Barry, for EVERYTHING you do.

Scotty Brewer
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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 email them to kyle.agre@gmail.com



SUMMER QUESTIONS:

1. There seems to be bait fish everywhere in the lake. What other clues can I use to narrow my search during the hot summer months?

Troy Morris: *If I am fishing a body of water with lots of bait everywhere, I will change my presentation to not match the bait there. Things you can try is use crawlers, use larger baits, use much smaller tiny baits, got to very dark colors even black crank baits, if trolling go to 3 mph or faster. Another suggestion would be to find an area on that body of water where there is not as much bait. What I mean, if the bait is out deep then go very shallow. It is very difficult to compete with the bait in the system so you need to change things drastically to compete.*

Corey Heiser: *Hot summer months typically do two things to walleyes, push them ultra shallow or super deep. The shallow fish are up there for one reason, and that's to eat. Pitching crank baits is effective because you can cover a lot of water fast. For deep fish, I want to fish where I mark them or the best bait balls. Fishing vertical bait clouds seem to be better than horizontal clouds. The vertical clouds can be formed because of predator game fish chasing them.*

2. Is there any maintenance that needs to be done on my boat, motor and/or boat trailer during the middle of the season?

Corey Heiser: *A lot of it depends on how much it gets used. Mercury recommends changing the oil on a Verado every 100 hours. If you trailer a lot, make sure to check your grease and bearings. Bunks and rollers on your trailer can also become loose, so check those before they could possibly fall off.*

Troy Morris: *Yes, you should always pull the prop off to see if your buddy (because you never do this) got his line tangled in your prop (and had the biggest fish of his life on). Braided line is used more now than ever before and one bad thing about braid is that it is not good in your prop.*

3. What tips do you have to practice successful catch and release when the water is so warm?

Troy Morris: *You need to be very gentle with that fish while fighting it to the boat, removing the hook, and get it into the water as soon as you can because the temperature out of the water is even much warmer. Make sure the fish will swim from your hand and don't just throw it back into the water. Unfortunately sometimes you will half to harvest that fish because you feel it will not survive, and that is also good practices to catch and release.*

Corey Heiser: *Warm water does make it much more difficult to catch and release. Make sure you are releasing the fish immediately after catching them. Also, I find myself fishing shallower if I don't want to keep fish. Deep fish caught in warm water are very difficult to keep alive. When releasing them, make sure they go back down right away. If not, it's best to keep and clean them for dinner.*

BOAT & CUSTOM ROD RAFFLE 2013

We are excited to announce the 2013 Boat & Custom Rod Raffle! First prize is a Lund 1600 Fury Tiller with 25 HP Mercury Motor, Shorelander Trailer & Custom Cover. The boat, motor & trailer were donated by Ray's Sport & Marine. The custom tarp was donated by TRS Industries. Second Prize is a Chuck DeRemer custom spinning rod with Shimano Stella reel. The custom rod was built and donated by FM Walleyes Unlimited member Chuck DeRemer. Third through fifth prizes are \$100 cash each. Tickets are available from any FM Walleyes Unlimited board member and at Ray's Sport & Marine, Moorhead, Scheels in Fargo, I-29 Tire & Service, Sahr's Sudden Service and The Lake Place in Lake Park, MN. All proceeds will go to fund FM Walleyes Unlimited youth and adult education and community outreach programs



2nd Prize: Chuck DeRemer Custom Rod/Reel Combo
3rd through 5th Prizes: \$100 each

Raffle Tickets Available
\$20 Per Ticket with proceeds going to FM
Walleyes Unlimited programs.

Tickets Available at Ray's Sport & Marine, Scheels,
I-29 Tire & Service, Sahr's Sudden Service, & The Lake Place

Drawing Takes Place

Saturday, October 19th, 2013 12 p.m.
at Ray's Sport & Marine, Moorhead



Do not need to be present to win.

Winner is responsible for applicable taxes & registration fees.

TAKE A VET FISHING



“NO LIVE BAIT – NO PROBLEM”

by Chad Maloy

The Masters Walleye Circuit will be making a return visit to famed Devils Lake, ND, on August 2nd and 3rd. The circuit has been there several times so most anglers will be pretty familiar with the waters. But this year they will all be tossed a curve ball, a change in the rules. In a departure from walleye tournament norms, no natural, live or prepared baits—including minnows, leeches or night crawlers—will be allowed for the tournament. Only man-made baits will be fair game, including soft plastics, Berkley Gulp!-type products, crank baits, spinners and other artificial presentations. The big question is, how will anglers adapt to conquer the Devil?

“A large, lively leech dangling under a slip bobber has been the bread and butter for those tying up in the flooded timber”, says Ranger/Mercury Pro, Don Denning. The 2011 & 2012 back to back Devils Lake Regional, Angler Young Angler champion shares his thoughts on how the new “no live bait” rule will affect teams. “The artificial only rule won’t totally eliminate the bobber bite, it will make it more challenging. If we are able to get a little ripple on the lake, slip bobbers can still be a factor”. Anglers will need to look hard for those baits that are soft and supple. Tails need to be able to twitch with just a slight movement from the main line and bobber. Some of the baits we will see used include the new Berkley Power Bait Twitchtail Minnow, Gulp Leechs, Northland Tackle’s Impulse Jiggn Leech and Jig Crawler.

Other popular live bait tactics will have to be adjusted as well. Anglers in recent years have been putting more focus on the legendary Dakota tactic of bottom bouncing on Devils Lake with a spinner and crawler. Focusing on medium to deep weed edges, a favorite choice of bottom bouncer last year was the Northland Slick Stick. Made from a virtually snag free 12” stainless rod, it transmits signals from the bottom very well when rigged with a super line like 14lb Berkley Fireline or 15lb Northland Bionic Braid. Bottom bouncers allow for many different presentations such as pulling a spinner crawler harness rigged up with the new Berkley Gulp! Alive! Spinner Crawler or a Northland Impulse Night Crawler. Slow death will be another popular presentation pulled behind bouncers. Slow death hooks provide a spin that drives walleyes crazy when rigged up with shorter Berkley Gulp baits like the 2” Pinched Crawler, 3” Killer Crawler and 4” Crawler.

Casting swim baits such as the Northland Tackle Mimic Minnow are perennial shallow water producers. Denning says, “pitching a Mimic Minnow up into shallow water has to be my most favorite tactic on Devils Lake. With a single hook coming out the top of the lure, they are virtually snag free and fish caught in the shallows always provide a good fight”. The Mimic Minnow is a miniature swim bait with a hyperactive paddle tail pre-rigged on a jig. On retrieve, not only does the paddle tail thump but the body rolls from side to side. Other popular swim baits include the Berkley Ripple Shad and the new Berkley Havoc Beat Shad. I like to rig these baits on a on ¼ oz or 3/8 oz Northland Slurp Jig depending on how fast I want to retrieve my bait. The design of the slurp jig is similar to the Mimic Minnow providing that all important side to side roll. It comes with a longer shaft, wider gap and two wire bait holders to keep the plastic attached to the jig.

To round things out, anglers will be using lots of crank baits. Trolling Berkley Flicker Shads with leadcore over sunken road beds or trolling them with Fireline over shallower drop offs using Off Shore boards to get the baits away from the boat. One thing I am looking forward to trying is casting up shallow with the new LIVETARGET Jointed Perch. These are premium lures with life like appearance and action. Anglers will be targeting shallow weed pockets and points. Cranking will not require any alterations to comply with the special no live bait rules. However, anglers have been turning to bait scents like Pro Cure Super Gel to provide added UV enhancement and scent. Denning says “It’s like attaching a lit light bulb to your lure. The visibility brings fish in to investigate, and the scent gets them to feed.” It is made from real bait and enhanced with powerful amino acids in a sticky base that sticks to lures for a long time.

No matter what artificial presentation is your favorite, you will be able to find a way to use it on Devils Lake. The fishing action is sure to be fantastic, live bait or not.

The deadline for entering the Devils Lake MWC is July 28th.

For more information on the circuit check out www.masterswalleyecircuit.com.

Maloy and Denning compete professionally on the Masters Walleye Circuit. The team has numerous top ten MWC finishes and competed in the 2012 World Walleye Championship last October. Their sponsors include: Ranger Boats, Mercury Outboards, Rays Sport and Marine, Scheels, Berkley, Fenwick, Pflueger, LIVETARGET Lures, Interstate Batteries, Northland Fishing Tackle, Gate City Bank, Fargo –Moorhead Convention and Visitors Bureau, Miller Lite, Off Shore Tackle and Pro-Cure Scents.

NORTH DAKOTA SPORTFISHING CONGRESS

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

APRIL 20TH, 2013 – 10:00 AM • Mandan Eagles Club

Participants: President Clark William; Vice President Ken Cumber; Past President Duaine Ash, Treasurer Rick Eagleson; Board members: Dave BeMent, Ed Dosch, Paul Haul, Ed Sweeney; Members: Randy Anderson, Brian Dahlin, Richard Fink, Jason Kohlman, Clayton Schumaker, Tony Splonskowski; ND Game & Fish representatives Terry Steinwand, Greg Power, Duane DeKrey, Scott Gangle, Fred Ryckman, Cory Uork; Rob Holm, Garrison Dam National Fish Hatchery; Steve Krentz, USFWS; and Secretary Marie Hoerner.

President Clark Williams called the meeting to order.

PRESENTATIONS

- Rob Holm, Project Leader, Garrison Dam National Fish Hatchery
Holm said that last year was a great year for the ND hatcheries. They exceeded both pike and walleye requests stocking out 2.5 million pike and 10 million walleye. The Chinook salmon program provides some unique opportunities for the anglers and visitors as well. The salmon return to the hatchery in October allowing opportunities for visitors to see the adult salmon on their spawning run up a creek into the hatchery. Holm said the G&F also shocks fish from Lake Sakakawea for spawning at the Hatchery. The NDG&F assists with other programs at the hatchery including spawning and stocking pike and walleye and on occasion crappie and bluegill. When the paddlefish population is down, the hatchery will also will stock paddlefish; the last time was in 2011 when 38,000 eleven inchers were stocked in Sakakawea. They are also doing some shovelnose sturgeon restoration, and now starting a sauger restoration program – both in Wyoming. Pallid sturgeon recovery continues – over 200,000 juveniles have been stocked. The program has been very successful over the past decade and now with a fairly stable population in the river, work on the species at the hatchery is less intense. Holm mentioned that kids from around the state are coming to tour the Hatchery. There are tanks set up specifically for the kids, so they can touch the fish and eggs. The Hatchery sponsor a kids' fishing derby, with the help of the Great Planers. They also sponsor a derby for the nursing home residents. Other outreach includes a 1.3 mile hiking trail along the river which doubles as a groomed cross country ski trail in the winter.

Holm also gave an update on the Valley City National Fish Hatchery production, including some renovations in the facilities and ponds. Valley City NFH is getting more involved in other non-traditional species including lake sturgeon and mussels. The Hatchery will be stocking out muskies for the first time in many years – Red Willow, and Garrison Diversion.

Holm mentioned that of the US Fish & Wildlife Service 2013 Budget, only 4% is dedicated to the Fish Hatchery System. The majority of the Hatchery budget from the FWS (\$296,000) is tied up in salaries/benefits with four permanent employees. If they want to continue with recreational fishing programs, they need funding from other agencies. G&F is being asked to provide \$280,000, up \$30,000 from last year. The US Army Corps of Engineers is also now contributing \$125,000 for stocking in Corps reservoirs. The US Fish & Wildlife Service policy continues its focus on native species and habitats. FWS hatcheries (Garrison and Valley City) will support native fish stockings (walleye/pike/perch/sturgeons) as a priority, however other non-native recreational fish stockings (trout/salmon) will need financial support from the G&F. 2014 budget request for USFWS has an overall increase of 4.8%

with the hatchery system seeing a 1% increase.

- Steve Krentz: Project Leader, USFWS, Missouri River Fish & Wildlife Conservation Office

Krentz mentioned their main focus is working with the endangered species program and to determine what the stocking activities should be. They work with the refuge system and the tribes. The tribes have the responsibilities to manage their own (Turtle Mountain and Spirit Lake by Devils Lake). Also working with the Fish Passage Program and Fish Habitat Program. Fish Passage Program works with the local communities, landowners to try to keep the fish on the landscape, while the Fish Habitat Partnership work together to conserve aquatic resources of rivers and streams throughout the prairies of the central United States. Working with the G&F on some of their efforts. The last couple of years they were working on conservation projects.

- Greg Power, ND Game & Fish, Fisheries Division Chief

Power gave a "state-of-the-state" recap on the fisheries in the state of ND. About one-half of all statewide fishing participation and effort occurs on Lakes Sakakawea, Oahe (including Missouri River), and Devils Lake. Two of the big three fisheries continue to be in very good shape Status of fishing water bodies – currently 400 active water bodies, which is a record. . Winterkill – initially not thought to be many, but numbers are likely rising on district lakes. Dry conditions – south and west of Ashley-Crosby line is becoming increasingly concerning (although recent snow will be helpful), north and east conditions much better.

Fisheries Divisions are divided into four sections. Management matters – more of the usual, although there are some sampling challenges with so many lakes: ANS monitoring; and Special studies, VCSU and SDSU studies anywhere from ANS, river tagging studies, etc. . Development Matters – Missouri River System and Devils Lake and are in decent shape thus able to get to more of the district lakes this summer. Fish cleaning stations are very costly and need local sponsors, which are hard to find. Award – NDSFC received an award from AFS. Devils Lake has a heated, indoor fish cleaning station, which is a one-of-a-kind station. The Corps states that the tailrace fishing cleaning station will be up and running again this year.

Wahpeton Park Board – Award from G&F Production Matters – Federal hatcheries continue to meet all requests; VC updates are impressive; spillway work; newer work on walleye "fry" stockings; concerns regarding FWS direction/prioritization coming from D.C. NDSU fishing/hunting expenditure study – Estimated annual expenditures for anglers fishing ND waters range at \$425M (and hunting expenditures at \$217M); according to study, fishing generates \$904 M. Legislative Recap – Fishing and hunting licenses fees will increase in April 2014; Boat registration fees increase in January 2014; Fishing License Structure – currently about \$2M is generated in license sales (and \$4M in federal aid) annually. New pricing structure will likely generate an additional \$1M. ND fishing license costs, even with the increases, will remain the lowest for all surrounding state.

Power said the G&F want northern pike to be caught and harvested, since there are so many pike in the lakes. He also mentioned the G&F website has been updated and has a lot of mobile apps. Also, lists all of the fishing lakes are on their website and over 250 lakes have contour maps. Power said that each

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of the six district supervisors determine which of the lakes get stocked.

- o Scott Gangl reported for Dave Fryda, Missouri River System Fisheries Supervisor on the Missouri River System Upper Lake Oahe and the Garrison Reach of the Missouri River – record predator abundance (walleye and pike); low forage abundance.

SD G&F monitoring of Oahe's rainbow smelt population which declined. Walleye condition – not good with many more skinny walleye. Garrison Reach and Lake Oahe walleye mortality was very stable until 2012, which increased. Walleye abundance decreased quite a bit in 2012. The walleye length structure has also declined in 2012. ND G&F are working with SD to restock Gizzard Shad.

They are currently embarking a tagging study on walleye and are working with SDSU/SDGFP on this project. Tagging from Garrison Dam to Oahe Dam – tagging about 10,000 walleye and monitor mortality, in order to make management adjustments. This is a five-year study, so it will take some time to get the results.

Gangl showed slides on how the Missouri River has changed around the Hoge Island from 1938, 1950 and to the current day.

Lake Sakakawea fishery – summer of 2011, a large number of smelt came out of the dam but not as bad as Oahe Dam.

Smelt decreased in 2012, compared to 2011 and 2010. Sauger abundance has maintained, as well as walleye. Northern pike are at record high levels on Lake Sakakawea in 2012. Salmon fishing in 2012 has been very good, even though quite a few did flush through the dam in 2011. He said the tag returns from anglers was higher. G&F electro fished for 10.3 hours on Sakakawea for salmon spawning and collected salmon from the hatchery channel on 7 different days. Sent 585,000 eggs to South Dakota and 70,000 eggs to Montana. We collected 1,705,000 eggs from 553 good females. He mentioned the Corps provides a Mountain Snowpack Water Content on their website.

- o Fred Ryckman, ANS Coordinator & NW Fisheries District Supervisor Ryckman said a lot has happened since last year with ANS. In 2012, the G&F sampled for ANS over 250 waters across the state (400 total lakes). Mentioned that the number of actual inspections were higher in 2006 and 2009 (150 at Devils Lake). ANS was found in 2012, Common Carp (dozens of waters; few new), Curley Leaf pondweed (Metigoshe, MR System, Elsie, only new frustration) and Silver Carp (James River). ANS not found in 2012 – Eurasian water milfoil, rusty crayfish and didymo. No documentation for rusty crayfish in ND, but they will do more checking. Ryckman said they are working on report of biological assessment of existing ANS impacts and the report should be completed in the next couple of weeks. If interested let Fred know. They also plan to conduct an intensive crayfish sampling effort in 2013, in conjunction with VCSU. The ANS risk assessment report by Brooks and Schleuter was conducted in 2003 needs to be revised and determine what has changed in the last 10 years. Zebra mussels on rocks at Orwell Dam on Ottetail River. Did not find any Zebra mussel in ND last year, larvae or adults. Zebra mussels and sulfates or perhaps other chemical, physical or water quality parameters, which may limit invasion. G&F has put up ANS signs at boat docks and will continue to replace them. Ryckman said that ANS issues associated with oil and gas is a real issue. Boat Inspection Issues in 2013: Inspection and decontamination training will be conducted (likely during district warden meetings), with Fisheries and some other department staff attending. Numerous inspections for ANS were completed on commercial equipment in the past several months, and nonresidential wholesale bait site and facility

inspections will occur within the next month in ND. Friends of Lake Sakakawea was again awarded a fairly substantial grant to conduct a variety of public outreach and education sessions. Said the Public Awareness Survey reveals that the public awareness is increasing. Feedback from everywhere else is to focus on prevention and more prevention!

- o Legislative Update: Duane DeKrey, ND Game and Fish Deputy Director

DeKrey said the G&F had an overall good session, but not all bills are settled as of April 20. He then highlighted a number of bills of interest to the G&F:

- o HB 1017 – budget bill (starts in house or senate every other year). Governor signed a bill with fee increases at the request of groups such as the NDSFC and others, requesting the need for an increase. Fee increase will take effect in the next biennium, providing around a \$5M increase. G&F is required to carry a \$15M balance into the next biennium. The ND House added a game warden into the agency and eliminated some of the Wildlife Services funding. Did have \$200,000 for housing in the western part of the state, but was taken out to pool through somewhere else. Senate put the \$200,000 back in the budget along with the game warden, but are waiting to see the results. Special funds agency – all income comes from the federal government (44% of budget). With the gun issue, the federal funds have been going up. The balance of the budget comes from fishing/hunting licenses and boat registrations.

- o HB 1130 – fee increase bill – changed to an electronic licensing bill. There are a lot of issues to iron out before being finalized. The bill has been signed.

- o HB 1161 – Proof of residency – When you buy a license on line, need a drivers license, student ID, or state-issued ID.

- o HB 1336 – Paddlefish lottery – assure you have a full season to get and may go into effect in 2014.

- o HB 1338 – Return of the Corps lands to State. Got changed over to a \$100,000 study being conducted by the State Land Department, with input from the G&F.

- o HB 2231 – Hunting and fishing license fees – provides for an increase of numerous hunting and fishing fees.

- o HB 2175 – Governor's Heritage Bill (questions regarding fishing on bill) – signed by governor.

- o SB 2232 – disabilities fishing bill and they are trying to amend HB 2175. Senate and House are pretty far apart on the issues.

- o SB 1278 – Duaine Ash talked to Representative Porter about the NDSFC being one of the supporters.

Duaine Ash, lobbyist for the NDSFC, will provide a summary of the bills in the North Dakota Sportfishing Congress newsletter, which will be mailed in late May. DeKrey and Power said that the NDSFC has been one of the organizations that has been listened to by the legislators. Power said the fee increases were the exact amounts recommended by the NDSFC.

Terry Steinwand – Flood Control Act of 1944 – encouraged NDSFC members to send a letter in US Congressional members Hoeven, Heitkamp and Cramer.

Annual Board Meeting (Cont'd)

REPORTS/APPROVALS

- A motion to accept the 12/8/12 NDSFC Board minutes as written was made by Duaine Ash, second by Paul Haug and unanimously passed.
- Treasurer Rick Eagleson provided a written financial report as of April 20, 2013 including the current fundraiser income and expenses, as well as an income/expense comparative on the past three fundraisers. A motion to approve the report was made by Paul Haug, seconded by Ed Dosch and unanimously passed.
- President Williams said that Duaine Ash has \$6,600 of expenses in lobbying expenses during the 2013 legislative session. A motion to approve the reimbursement of \$6,600 to Ash for lobbying expenses was made by Ed Dosch, seconded by Ed Sweeney and unanimously passed. Clark thanked Ash for the great job he has done during the legislative session.
- Mike Anderson provided a brief update on the fundraiser this evening. He said that ticket sales are up – over 200 tickets sold and there may be a problem if the last minute door sales go up.
- Marie Hoerner gave a membership report, indicating there are currently 585 members on the mailing list, with 89 paid members.
- E-tree (individuals & clubs) – Let President Clark Williams know who is the best person at your club who he should be contacting.
- Ken Cumber reported that \$650 was given this year to the Ron Luidahl Scholarship Fund and that about \$20,500 remains in the fund. Cumber mentioned that contributions can be given to ND Community Foundation (309 N. Mandan Street, Bismarck, ND 58501).

ELECTIONS – President, Treasurer, 4 Board Positions (Don Baasch, Mike Anderson, Dave Bement, Ed Sweeney)

- Ken Cumber, VP and member of the Nomination Committee presided over the President nomination and elections. The Nominating Committee nominated Clark Williams, incumbent. There were no further nominations from the floor. Paul Haug motioned that nominations cease and that a unanimous vote be cast. The motioned was seconded and unanimously passed.
- Clark presided over the rest of the Elections.
- Nominating Committee nominated Rick Eagleson, incumbent Treasurer, for Treasurer and incumbent Board Members: Don Baasch, Mike Anderson, Dave Bement and Ed Dosch for the Board Again. No further nominations for Treasurer. Dave Bement nominated Richard Fink and Clark nominated Jason Kohlman from the floor for the Board. The number of Board Positions for the Congress is flexible up to 9. A motion was made by Paul Haug that all nominations cease and that a unanimous vote be taken for the candidates. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

NEWSLETTER – Articles for the next newsletter should be submitted to the secretary by Wednesday, May 15 (sportfishing@bis.midco.net). The newsletter is scheduled to be mailed and posted on the NDSFC website by the following week.

NEW BUSINESS

- o The 2014 Annual Meeting and Fundraiser is currently set for April 5th, 2014 at the Mandan Eagles.
- o Greg Power said there is renewed interest in establishing a fishing club in Minot (Nodak Anglers Association). This group could be approached for possible club members of the NDSFC. Power also said there are two bass groups in ND (Minot – transplant from down south), as well as the Bass Bandits in Dickinson.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Submitted by: Marie Hoerner, Secretary
Date Submitted: April 28, 2013



SUMMER GENERAL RAFFLE WINNERS

It is time to announce the June and July general member raffle winners. Typically, the general member raffle would occur at our monthly meeting. Since we do not have monthly meetings in June or July, we did a random drawing of all of the members. Don Borgen was our June member raffle winner and Joe Roach was our July member raffle winner. Both members have been contacted to claim their prize.

By Brenton Hell



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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FM WALLEYES CLUB OUTING JUNE 15 & 16, 2013

Big Stone Lake Ortonville, Minnesota

Our weekend started out Friday night at Lakeshore RV park just west of Ortonville where we were greeted by the owner, Steve who escorted us to the pull-thru campsite we were to call home for the weekend. We loaded up with a few dozen crawlers & a dozen leeches at the office around 11:00 PM and called it a night.

We got our wake-up call @ 6:15 AM from a couple of members who drove down in the morning. They handed us some donuts and down to the marina we went and were greeted by overcast skies and a light breeze out of the North. Three other groups of members joined us by the docks. We turned on the marine bands to channel 69 and were off!

Water temps varied between 68-70 degrees on both days and trolling speeds were between .9 – 1.1 mph. An angler can fish with 2 lines on this body of water that straddles the Minnesota - South Dakota border and most people took advantage of that fact.

The majority of our group started out the day pulling wood; shad raps or walleye divers in the usual colors.. shad, chartreuse, clowns & fire-tigers. I'm sure Grady S. was using something secret, as usual! When the sun came out in the afternoon most switched to live-bait rigs; spinners & bouncers or lindy rigs garnished with crawlers. I also observed a few local boats slowly pulling boards and, at the same time, pitching shallow running crankbaits.

The top anglers for us found walleyes in the 9-11 foot depth; we found ours in 4-6 foot along small rock points scattered along the wind-swept shorelines. The program that we pretty much ran was find the weed edge & the eyes were close by..the trick was to find the right weeds that were holding the fish!

The groups walleyes were mainly in the 15-23 inch category and the fish hit your bait like a freight train! White bass and perch were also abundant, I think Brittany M. boated bullheads as well!

Next Club Outing...Rush Lake, Ottertail County July 20 & 21, 2013

Remember...Catch & release or in the grease!

Submitted by Guy Kimball

Catches from the Outing: BARRY C. #5.32 • STEVE HALL #12.32 • GUY KIMAL #8.47
BLAKE MEYER #8.34 • BRITTNEY MEYER #10.00 • STEVE MEYER #9.4



ADAPTING TO CHANGE DURING A FISHING TOURNAMENT

by Spencer Deutz



Today, there are thousands of fishing tournaments around the country which many anglers take part. Whether it is the excitement, competitive nature or a time occupier, most anglers join these events to have fun. However, if the tournament days don't go as planned or if a team brings a goose egg to the scale, it always seems that the "fun" has vanished.

Many teams spend up to a full week on the water, prior to the event, educating and familiarizing themselves to give them an edge on their competitors. But if all teams are doing this, is anyone really gaining that ultimate edge? This article will explain how to gain that ultimate edge on your competitors and how to make sure the fun doesn't vanish.

If you are pre-fishing for an event, throughout the week many factors will change that you must keep an eye on. These factors include but are not limited to:

- Air Temperature
- Water Temperature
- Water Clarity
- Wind Direction
- Thunderstorms
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Each item listed above is guaranteed to change from day to day. Some may be subtle changes where the fish will not react to, but most likely, there will be a time in the week that the fish will have different behavior than the day before due to the change of one of those factors.

The easiest way to track these factors is to simply record them each day. You will want to record each fish you catch, and any information about that catch. At the end of the day, you will be surprised at the similarities between each catch even if those fish are being caught miles apart.

Air temperature and water temperature will play a vital role in the aggressiveness of the fish. Let's say you have a secret spot dialed in and you have been catching them for a few days with consistent air and water temperatures. Now its tournament day and over night the air temperature decreased 15 degrees and the water temperature decreased as well. With this type of change, the fish will be less aggressive. If you were catching your fish trolling at 2mph, slow your trolling speed down or change to a slower presentation. If you were fishing shallow water pitching crank baits, switch to pitching jigs or slip bobbers. More often than not, the fish will still be in the area so the adaptation you must make is crucial to trigger those strikes.

Most anglers are not sure what constitutes dirty from clean water. You need to make sure you are fishing clean water and staying away from dirty water. The rule of thumb I use is if you are able to see your prop on your main engine down in the water, the water is clean enough to fish. However, water clarity may change daily with a main factor contributing is wind direction. If there is a heavy constant wind for a day or two, it may push the muddy water into your fishing area or stir up the mud on the lakes floor. If you get to your spot and find dirty water that wasn't there before, you have two options. You can either cut your losses on your spot or fish the clean water side of the mud line.

Many fishing "hot spots" depend on a certain wind direction. If you are catching large numbers of fish on a certain spot, pay attention to the direction the wind is blowing. In many cases, the fish are there because the wind is blowing across the lake and into that area. If you caught fish in practice and during the tournament they have vanished, look back and ask yourself what direction the wind was blowing on that day you found those fish. If the wind is from a different direction, you may need to relocate those fish.

Now let's talk those loud booming thunderstorms that work their way across the lake usually happening overnight. Many anglers believe that these storms "turn off" the fish for the next day. More often than not, these fish do not "turn off" rather they just move into a little deeper water. I have witnessed it many times where fish are being caught in 10-12 feet of water before the storm. After these overnight storms, the fish will no longer be in that same depth due to them migrating down to deeper water very close to the same area. It may be very subtle such as 3-5 feet deeper but adjusting to these changes will help you gain that edge.

Remember, adapt and adjust to your current conditions and you will gain that ultimate edge over your competitors.

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday May 7th, 2013

Kelly Inn on Main Ave of Fargo ND

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Scott Brewer

Guests: Barry Chouinard

Board Members Present: Scott Brewer, Kyle Agre, Bill Carr, Brenton Hell, Spencer Duetz, Scot Johnson, Tom Saunders

Board Members absent: Rick Mohn, Tyler Wisner, Gary Sauvageau, Ron Sahr

Approval of April Meeting minutes. 4-15-13

Treasure's Report: By Scott Brewer
Checking account Balance \$23176.13

Motion to approve: Scot J
Kyle A seconds.

Calendar:

Spencer added Culleys Kids picnic on July 14th at Newman Outdoor Field
Steve Hall is currently working on FM Walleyes Club outings and should be announced soon.
Next board meeting on 6-11-13

Speaker Update: Scott
October: Ron and Al Lindner

Raffle Update:

Brenton currently working on permit for Special Boat Raffle
The permit for the raffle is in process and tickets will be possibly available by June 15th
Brenton made a motion was made that the Boat be given away on October 19th at Rays Marine.
Kyle seconded motion

Youth Update:

The Lil Fishermans Derby at the Dike East June 3rd was discussed and there are requests for volunteers.

HERO Update:

The auction was held at the Banquet and there were 6 trips auctioned for \$400.00 each. Scott will coordinate with the people from HERO when the event will take place.

NEW BUSINESS:

A request was sent for a donation from the Detroit Lakes and Fergus Falls hatcheries for financial support for rearing ponds leases in the area. Brenton motioned to match last years' contribution of 1000.00 to Fergus Falls and 1029.00 to the Detroit lakes. Kyle seconded motion.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:

Barry: A Facebook page has been created for the upcoming tournaments. Barry also noted that volunteers are needed for help with tournaments and any interested are to contact him.

Scot: Noted that the newsletter will be printed sooner

Tom: Scott asked if Tom will be at the Lake Place along with Mike McFeely advertising for FM Walleyes on May 10th.

Scott: Noted that himself and Kyle will be at the Governors opener on May 11th. Volunteers are needs for the event and if interested to contact him.

Spencer: Questioned the FM Walleyes Website and it is still under construction. It should be up and running soon.

Bill: ok

Kyle: With the upcoming busy summer we decided to move the Board meeting from June 4th to June 11th. The July 2nd meeting will also be moved to July 9th.

Brenton: Noted that a events committee could be possibly put together for a possible Christmas party

Motion to adjourn was made by Brenton, Bill seconds

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