



SUMMER 2008

WALLEYE LINES

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



Schedule some SUMMER FUN!

Saturday & Sunday • July 26th & 27th
CLUB OUTING

Cass Lake • Cass Lake, MN

Time: 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Both days)
Weight In: Stony Point Resort & Campgrounds
Lodging: Stony Point Resort & Campgrounds
(218) 335-6311 or (800) 332-6311
www.stonyptresortcasslake.com

Saturday & Sunday • August 9th & 10th
CLUB OUTING

White Earth Lake • White Earth, MN

Time: 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Both days)
Weight In: Cedar Crest Resort
Lodging: Cedar Crest Resort - (888) 492-7060
Attn: Fred or Karen

Thursday • August 21st
CLUB POTLUCK PICNIC - PRIZES
Sahr Ranch
6:00 PM 'til

Questions on Club Outings?

Call:

Steve Hall: (H) 218-233-7011 • (C) 701-261-4379 • (W) 701-237-0435
Scott Stillwell: (H) 218-236-9001 • (C) 701-361-2614

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 26-27
Club Outing
Cass Lake
Cass Lake, MN

August 9-10
Club Outing -
White Earth Lake
White Earth, MN

August 19
Board Meeting

August 21
Club Picnic
Ron Sahr's Ranch
• Potluck Picnic
• Awards
• Prizes

September 16
Board Meeting

September 18
Member Meeting

Cormorant Tournament
Rules Meeting - Sept 19
Tournament Sept 20-21

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

President's Comments...

Dear Club Members,

Our 2008 Pelican Classic tournament is now history, and I want to especially thank all the volunteers who assisted in putting on a very smooth and safe tournament. Special thanks to Barry Chouinard for his outstanding job as Tournament Director, I know how many hours he has put forth in this endeavor. I also want to thank our Sponsors, for without their assistance, this event might not be possible.

FM Walleyes Unlimited, Inc. is in full summer fishing mode, this afternoon Ron Sahr will be heading up a bunch of us to take our Veterans out fishing on Big Cormorant, and this coming Saturday, Steve Hall will be assisting Cedar Crest Resort with their annual "Take a Kid fishing day" on White Earth Lake. FM Walleyes is proud to assist in this annual event. Next weekend we will be on lake Lida for our June club outing, camping in Maplewood State Park.



And do not forget in August the annual club picnic at Sahr's. More info will be forthcoming.

Want to fish, don't have a boat, give me a call! Have a Great and Safe summer on the water!

Steve Garten, President

FM Walleyes Unlimited, Inc. 2008 Premier Rod/Reel Combo Raffle

FM Walleyes Unlimited, Inc. 2008 Premier Rod/Reel Combo is being raffled off to support youth education and activities within the club.

Prize: *Custom built Thorne Brothers G Loomis GLX 7' spinning rod with Shimano Stella reel.*
(Retail value \$1,000)

Tickets: \$5 each from any board member

Drawing: September 18th at general meeting held at Fargo Doublewood Inn

Take A Vet Fishing *by Ron Sahr*

On June 4th, members of FM Walleyes along with the YMCA took 13 Vets out for an evening of fishing. The Fishing Gods smiled upon us. Not only was the weather beautiful, the fishing was unbelievable. Close to 20 walleyes, most in the two to four pound range were caught. Several small mouth bass and many northerns were also caught.

The evening was topped off with a barbeque, many nice gifts and cash given to the Vets. All of this was paid for by the YMCA. This was a very special evening for our members and the Veterans. The Vets appreciated the efforts of FM Walleyes and the Y. The Smiles said it all!

Thanks to Gene Schroeder, Steve Hall, Steve Garten, Joe Roach, Ron Sahr, Kyle Agre, Jerry Borgen, Bob Jensen, Scott Stillwell, Larry Williams, Don Marty, and Avid Berg. These club members gave up an afternoon for our Veterans.

A Big Thank You to all our volunteers!



**FM Walleyes Unlimited, Inc.
FM Walleye University**

This is an invitation to FM Walleye Members' kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, and even neighbor kids, to attend our second FM Walleye University class "Fishing the Red River: Opportunities In Our Own Back Yard". This class will emphasize safety and the fun of fishing right here in Fargo/Moorhead.

Where: Dike East, Fargo

When: Tuesday, July 29th @ 6:00 p.m.

Educational program will begin at 6pm, followed by youth fishing derby

*Bring a rod and reel, refreshments and bait will be provided (a limited number of rod/reel combos will be available for those who may not have their own).

Note: This will be limited to the first 24 kids who RSVP.

RSVP as soon as possible to: Kyle Agre 701-526-0262 or kyle.agre@gmail.com

Leave your name, child/children's names that will be attending & your phone number.

**PRIZES!
FOOD!
FUN!**

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Dinner Dance

Saturday, January 31, 2009

El Zagal Shrine Center • 1429 3rd St N, Fargo, ND

**Dance to
Mojo Boogie
Band!**

BOARD MEETING MINUTES-TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2008 @ Magnum Inc, 3000 7th Ave North, Fargo ND.

Meeting was called to order @ 7.00 pm by President Steve Garten.

Board Members Absent: Steve Meyer

Members Present: Ron Sahr

-Review of last month's board meeting minutes. Motion made to approve minutes by Chad Maloy, second by Steve Hall. All in favor, motion passed.

-Financial Report by Barry Chouinard: Current balance is \$42,794.86. Barry submitted list of cash disbursements & deposits. Cash disbursements reviewed. Motion by Brian Dahlin to approve, second by Gary Sauvageau. Motion carried.

-Membership Report by Brian Dahlin: 266 paid members (with 43 additional members not current with their dues).

-Correspondence: Friends of Sakakawea dues renewal received. Motion to renew by Barry Chouinard, second by Ed Liberda. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

-Tournament Update, Barry Chouinard. Pelican Tournament currently at 106 entries. So far we have 2 patrol boats. May need additional help from board members present at the rules meeting & banquet. Chad is working on media exposure.

AYA Event is at 22 entries. Deadline for entries is 6pm before the rules meeting on July 11th. There will be good prizes for all participants.

-May meeting. Corey Heiser is all set to go on Thursday, May 15th.

-Youth Education Budget, Kyle Agre. Kyle presented budget for this year's youth education. Motion to approve proposed budget by Scott Brewer, second by Barry Chouinard. All in favor, approved. We also spoke of ways to get new exposure for more youth events.

-Funds Request Committee, Chad Maloy & Ron Sahr. Chad presented proposed budget. Discussion followed. Don Marty made a motion to approve, second by Gary Sauvageau. Motion passed.

-Program Speaker Update, Chad Maloy & Ed Liberda. Chad present proposed budget. Discussion. Don Marty moved to approve budget with the amendment to know that we try to get sponsorship to help with speaker costs. More discussion. Second by Scott Brewer. Motion passed.

-Club Outings, Steve Hall. Next outing on Saturday on Lake Minnewauska @ Hobo Park in Starbuck MN. Steve also brought of the possibility of a 1-day make up outing since the April outing was cancelled due to winter weather conditions.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Sportsmans Warehouse Proposals by John Marks. 1) Poker for the Fish...to raise funds through the popularity of Poker for FM Walleyes & our goal to promote fishing, conservation & education in the F-M area. Discussion. Chad moved that we support the Poker for the Fish proposal, second by Steve Hall. Motion passed. 2) Sportsmen for Humanity...to raise money for a local non-profit organization in need. This would be a booth situation at their store for local sports clubs, etc...to have exposure to promote their organizations while helping out a non-profit organization. Chad made motion to spend up to \$75 to sponsor a table at this event. Second by Scott Brewer. Motion carried.

-MN Walleye Workshop on May 6th at the St Cloud DNR. Barry attended. Group has been renamed to Walleye Advisory Committee. Meeting was very informative. If you are interested in more details, contact Barry Chouinard.

-Motion to adjourn meeting @ 8.43 pm by Chad Maloy, second by Gary. All in favor.

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, June 17th, 2008 @ the Doublewood, Fargo ND.

We encourage the general membership to attend any or all board meetings.

Respectfully submitted by Tami Stillwell, Recording Secretary.

FM Walleyes Unlimited Pelican Spring Classic

234 of the region's best anglers descended on Pelican Lake on May 30th and 31st to determine what team would be this year's champion and take a lead in the Classic Cup points competition. Anglers had experienced a bite in transition during pre-fishing due to a late ice-out and water temps just starting to warm up for the season. Would they be in shallow? Would the big fish be laying deep, still in recovery from the late spawn? Are they going to go on Shiners, or have they moved to crawlers? Is what worked during pre-fishing going to work during the tournament? Are we going to get weather that will allow us to fish both days? Questions all anglers were contemplating during the rules meeting but not willing to share with others as they enjoyed their prime rib dinner at Fair Hills Resort. All the cards were being held close and quiet as each of the 117 teams put their strategy together.

What makes this tournament special? It's the anglers themselves. While financial pressures have affected everyone, the Pelican Spring Classic's great tradition is again demonstrated with a strong field of 117 teams. FM Walleyes extends appreciation to each of the anglers for their continued loyalty and support.

The tourney started under heavy skies and light winds. The low cloud cover would help reduce the light penetration, and the first day's catch reflected the bite was on. Over 350 fish were brought to the scales on day 1, including an incredible 15.43 lb bag by the team of Mike and Shawn Woodard.

Day 2 brought sunny skies, and continued light winds. The teams expressed concern the bite would be more challenging under the clear skies, and the scales reflected the anglers struggled to bring them in with 240 fish being weighed the second day. In every tournament, there is someone that finds a way to get the fish going, and this day it was the team of Dennis Schonhoff and Steve Larson. But the real story was not what was working for Dennis and Steve, but what was not. A half hour before cut time, what was not working was the boat's battery power. Running the live well pumps constantly throughout the day on the starting battery, and the trolling motor on the remaining batteries found them dead in the water on the opposite end of the lake with a big bag in the live well. With 7 minutes to cut off time, and a 6 minute high speed boat ride to the scales, David and James Asplin pulled along side Dennis and took his partner and bagged fish to the scales on time. The Asplin's were fishing for their own check with a 10th place finish on day one, and a limit in the livewell. Asplin's were in a flight due in a half hour later, and demonstrated a true champion's sportsmanship by taking their time to help a competitor. At the same time, day 1 leader Mike and Shawn Woodard were having their own battery challenges. Again, a competitor came to aid with Lund Pro Steve Hall borrowing a power pack that woke the sleeping Opti to growl and snarl in to the scales on time. The sportsmanship displayed by Asplin and Hall are why the field of competitors in the Pelican Spring Classic are true champions in more ways than the story told by the scales.

At the conclusion, it was a wire to wire dominating performance by Mike and Shawn Woodard taking first place with 2 of the 3 largest bags weighed over both days. A spectacular weight of 29.75 lbs dominated over 2nd place team Dennis Schonhoff and Steve Larson with 25.84 lbs. 3rd place was secured by Brad and Ken Weiss with 21.35 lbs. Complete results will be on FM Walleyes website at www.fmwalleyes.com. A trend is emerging over the last several years. To win this tournament, you may have to have the same last name as your partner as each of the last 4 Pelican Spring classics have shown.



Waiting for the start of the Pelican Classic



1st Place: Woodard/Woodard

Pelican "Top Ten"

Pl	Tm	Partner 1	Partner 2	Weight
1	23	Mike Woodard	Shawn Woodard	29.75
2	44	Dennis Schonhoff	Steve Larson	25.84
3	55	Brad Weiss	Ken Weiss	21.35
4	4	Tim Noteboom	Mike Beckett	20.50
5	46	Dan Schultz	Chad Shannon	18.50
6	41	Brian Fitch	Darren Fitch	18.37
7	11	David Asplin	James Asplin	18.37
8	71	Fred Sanchez	Chris Roehl	18.06
9	105	Ken Bjorkman	Dave Bjorkman	17.83
10	28	Mike Miller	Mike Evenson	17.51



2nd Place: Schonhoff/Larson



3rd Place: Weiss/Weiss



4th Place: Noteboom/Beckett



5th Place: Schultz/Shannon



6th Place: Fitch/Fitch



7th Place: Asplin/Asplin



8th Place: Sanchez/Roehl



9th Place: Bjorkman/Bjorkman



10th Place: Miller/Evenson

FM Walleyes Unlimited May Speaker

On May 15th, the Club was treated to a great presentation by one of our own, Corey Heiser. Corey started his tournament fishing with the "Team Walleye Circuit" and placed in the money several times as well as winning several larger tournaments.

Corey's topic was "Contour Trolling" and gave us weekend fisher-people a boat-full of fishing tips!



Trolling Rods and Reels

- Use 14# monofilament line, 14# super line or 18# lead-core
- Use a line counter reel for accuracy
- Use a 7' to 8 1/2' rod with a medium tip and heavy backbone
- Flat super lines tend to work better on line counter reels as it tend not to twist
- Fill your reel with cheaper mono as a filler then add the super line

Tip: In your driveway count out 60' of line then measure. Mark the difference on your reel

Tip: When fireline "grays out", put this end on another reel and the "good" stuff will be on top.

Tip: Use small snaps with small lures. A snap with a round end works better than a snap with a sharp turn.

Tip: Keep the snap end up on the lure as it will wear into the bill.

Crank Baits

- Choose your bait for depth first
- Use the Precision Trolling Chart to pick the type and style of bait
- "Match the hatch" with the size of the bait
- Color – Best all around is natural bait color, Dark color in stain waters, Loud colors on cloudy days and Metallic in clear water or sun

Trolling

- All rod holders should be in the back of the boat
- Use extensions to give more rod flexibility
- Tune all baits even Shad raps
- Set the drag light on "clicker" especially with super lines
- Troll 2 to 2.2 mph to start and experiment from here to trigger fish

Tip: Stack baits; two lines at 20', one at 100' and one at 50'

Tip: Always troll with the wind

Tip: Use twin drift socks, give better control for following contours

Tip: When hooking a fish, move to deeper water, go to idle and slowly crack in fish – "Do not pump your rod as it will tear the hook loose"

Leadcore

- Lead core adjusts to depth by speed control
- At 2 to 2.2 mph will sink 5 feet per 10 yards
- Use a short rod (5") for lead core
- Use 12# or 17# Vanish for leaders tie to #6 swivel or a "lead core" knot (Insert Vanish leader into Dacron sheathing and tie an overhand knot)
- Lead core will follow the path of the boat
- As with super lines keep the drag light and clicker on

The club members want to thank Corey for his expertise and support of FM Walleyes Unlimited, Inc.

Remember, "Slow and easy".

Volker Donates Used Trophies

FM Walleyes wishes to say "Thank You" to Don Volker for his donation of over 40 used trophies.

The club will take the trophies in to be refurbished and later will use them for youth awards.

If you have used trophies and would like to part with them please contact Steve Hall.

Club Outing Updates

We held our Club Outing on Lake Minnewaska at Starbuck, MN on May 17th and 18th. We ran out of Hobo Park. The park had a very large camping area and a very nice marina with boat slips and two large ramps. So, if you ever have an opportunity to fish there, don't turn it down. This is an easy drive and a super fishery, with nice sized walleyes, good year class fish. We caught 16 to 25 inch walleye's with many maxing out the slot limit and having to be released. That's good fishing! Friday night we did get in a good ol' hotdog cook-off, hosted by the "master hotdog cooker", Scott Stillwell. Saturday night we had fish fry feast, fresh walleye, beans, chips and even a few walleye cheeks! All of the kids caught nice walleyes, in fact, Brianna Fitch caught the biggest walleye of the weekend!! Way to go Brianna!

The June Club Outing was June 14th and 15th. We ran out of the Maplewood State Park on Lake Lida. Once again, fishing was very good considering the slot limit for the lake. The walleyes that were caught seem to be in the 18 to 23 inch range. A lot of fun to catch with good spunk. Scott Stillwell did manage to boat a very nice walleye over 27 inches long!! I would have loved to have been a minnow in that boat! Lots of "high-fives" goin' on, I imagine! Friday night was a few hotdogs, a lot of stories – even the raccoons wanted in on the fun! Saturday morning's hot coffee and Steve Garten's pancakes, (honestly mistaken for crepes by Nikki Hall, thin batter I guess), was enjoyed by all! Then off for a good day on the water. The evenings picnic got cut short by bad weather, rain and high winds. We kept safe. Sunday was cold and windy, but all turned out well.

ADULT DIVISION RESULTS

Lake Minnewaska results Lake Lida results

Brian Fitch	10.30	Scott Stillwell	5.38
Steve Hall	8.08	Steve Hall	3.94
Tami Stillwell	7.24	Brian Fitch	3.38
Scott Stillwell	4.54	Tami Stillwell	2.54
Helen Montplaisir	2.58	Helen Montplaisir	1.52

YTD Standings

Brian Fitch	13.68
Steve Hall	12.02
Scott Stillwell	9.92
Tami Stillwell	9.78
Helen Montplaisir	4.10

JUNIOR DIVISION RESULTS

Brianna Fitch	10.96	Brianna Fitch	7.76	Brianna Fitch	18.72
Blake Meyer	7.52	Grady Stillwell	7.36	Grady Stillwell	14.42
Grady Stillwell	7.06	Damian Baker	6.26	Damian Baker	12.54
Damian Baker	6.28	Lane Bohlman	5.36	Lane Bohlman	9.82
Lane Bohlman	4.46	Blake Meyer	2.04	Blake Meyer	9.56
Justin Montplaisir	3.38	Justin Montplaisir	1.92	Justin Montplaisir	5.30

The July Club Outing will be held on July 26th and 27th on Cass Lake, MN. The campground is at Stony Point Resort and Campground. Phone: (218) 225-6311 or (800) 332-6311 or email at www.stonyptresortcasslake.com

Any questions, please contact me, Steve Hall at (701) 261-4379.



Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Division of Fish and Wildlife
1509 1st Ave. North
Fergus Falls, MN 56537

June 5th, 2008

Chad Maloy
President-F-M Walleyes Unlimited
P.O. Box 1017
Moorhead, MN 56560

Dear Chad and F-M Walleyes Unlimited Members:

Enclosed is a picture of our new walleye egg-take dock located at the Walker Lake State Fish Hatchery that we used this past spring. The dock is a great addition to our walleye egg-take operation and we received many positive comments about the new dock.

Thanks again for your donation towards the new dock.



Sincerely,

Jim Wolters
Assistant Fisheries Manager

Dear FM Walleyes,

Thank you to everyone involved in making the Pelican Spring Classic a great event. It is very well run and we had a great time.

My fishing partner Steve Larson and I put together a solid weight by the end of day one and an awesome bag on day two. We decided not to take a chance and head to the scales with about 20 minutes left. That's when we discovered a problem. Our batteries had run down too low and the big motor would not start. We tried to jump the batteries with no success. Needless to say our high feelings of excitement turned into an unexplainable low.

We put a call into Tournament Director, Barry Chouinard and he granted us permission to weigh our fish if we could find a ride and make it into the scales before the deadline. In true sportsmanlike fashion, James & David Asplin came to our rescue. They sacrificed their own fishing time and chance to improve their standing, to offer Steve and the fish a ride to the scales.

In the meantime, Barry called back to assure our safety and make sure our boat was secure. After the tournament he followed up with a call to make sure we were able to load our boat and got off the water.

I just want to again give a special thanks to Barry Chouinard and the whole FM Walleye tournament staff for the taking care of us and watching out for all the anglers on the water.

Sincerely,

Dennis Schonhoff & Steve Larson

Walleye and Wind *by Jason Mitchell*

The affect of wind on walleye is almost cliché. Follow the wind or fish the windy shore. Wind stacks up baitfish and then the walleye follow. The reality is however that this cliché is only right half the time so this theory is just another half truth. There are so many scenarios where wind has a negative affect on walleye location and movements. There are many times where we are more productive avoiding the wind and the more we can recognize just when wind is not good for our fishing efforts, the better anglers we can become.

One obvious scenario where wind can shut down a pattern is when wind can push cold water into an area, cooling down the water temperature by several degrees. Another bad situation is when strong winds can muddy up the water to the point where visibility is limited. There are many instances where strong wind can shut down a bite and the best policy is to avoid the areas getting hit hardest by wind.

Wind really seems to have a drastic affect on fish location and movements. The extreme of these effects varies somewhat by our own ability to make adjustments. One location or situation where wind can move fish drastically are fish relating to weed beds. Wave action that is intense enough to move underwater vegetation really causes fish to either push up, out or in. What push up, out or in means is that fish will often ride above the weed bed if possible, move inside between the weed bed and the shoreline or suspend off the outside edge when wind kicks up. The reason being is that walleye just seem to not like stuff bumping or touching them. If weeds are blowing around, they pull out.

Another consideration with wind, the undertow or reverse current caused by intense wave action is generally about the same height as the wave. In other words, three foot waves often seem to accompany an additional three foot depth of pretty strong undertow. In other words, four foot rollers really mean that the top eight feet of the water column are getting mixed up pretty intensely. Often, with an intense wave action and corresponding undertow, walleye often seem to avoid the wrath and drop just below the current. This is just a general starting point, four foot rollers generally means that the top eight feet of the water column is getting shook up, nine to eight feet would be a good starting point to look for fish. Here is another rule of thumb, fish that are big, larger than about four or five pounds are much more likely to move right into the undertow. But, fish in general seem to dodge below it, as you will seldom find walleye that wash up on shore even during the strongest storms or gale force winds. Ironically, walleyes often move much shallower after the wind recedes and the water is still stirred up. Thus we might find fish in a foot of water when the weather is actually calm but in essence, we are fishing "yesterday's wind."

When wind is constant and moderate, many of these fish movements are somewhat predictable. When dealing with walleyes relating to weeds, fish the water above the weeds or move inside or outside the weed bed depending on the velocity of the wind. The more intense the wind and wave action is however, the more unpredictable walleyes can become. Too much wind can move fish right out of the area completely. As much as we like a walleye chop or some wind, actually seeking out areas getting hit by wind, we probably spend just as much time trying to avoid the wind, finding bays and shorelines that are protected from the wrath. Blindly following wind or fishing windblown shorelines and structure will not automatically account for more walleye. There is much more to understanding the affect of how wind dictates walleye location.

Understanding the negative affects that strong wind often has will help you pick locations that are relatively stable or protected. Fishing the "calm side" is often much more productive than many walleye anglers imagine.



BOARD MEETING MINUTES-TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2008 @ Doublewood Inn, Fargo ND.

Meeting was called to order @ 7.00 pm by President Steve Garten.

Board Members Absent: Ed Liberda, Kyle Agre, Chad Maloy, Don Marty

- Review of last month's board meeting minutes. Motion made to approve minutes by Steve Meyer, second by Gary Sauvageau. All in favor, motion passed.
- Financial Report by Barry Chouinard: Current balance is \$26,671.62. Barry submitted list of cash disbursements & deposits. Cash disbursements reviewed. Motion by Steve Meyer to approve, second by Brian Dahlin. Motion carried.
- Membership Report by Brian Dahlin: 281 paid members (with 34 additional members not current with their dues).
- Correspondence: The following thank you letters were received: (1) Cedar Crest for the support & volunteers for the Take A Kid Fishing Day (2) West Central Initiative, Big Cormorant Lake Area Foundation for the recent donation made by the club on April 1, 2008 (3) MN DNR for the contribution made to the Dalman, Huseby, Price & Franklin rearing pond (4) MN DNR for the contribution made to the Walker Lake State Fish Hatchery.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Tournament Update, Barry Chouinard. Pelican Tournament had 117 entries this year. Barry reviewed tournament finances with board. Volunteer participation continues to be a challenge. New twist added when change to rules allowing fishing to continue with 6 fish in live well, more teams fished all day with a rush at weigh in time at end of day. Adding additional board member support really helped manage the tourney. We are looking at the possibility of updating the fish release tank with different type of aeration system. All in all the tournament was very well run & the fish kill ratio was very low. Thanks to all who volunteered!
- Club Outings, Steve Hall. Summary of outings: Lake Minnewauska @ Hobo Park in Starbuck MN... great outing, great facility, quality fish, great fish fry... Lake Lida @ Maplewood State Park by Pelican Rapids MN... slot limit caused frustration, but seems to be working to produce more quality fish, good food, 2 thunderstorms. Upcoming outings: Cass Lake @ Stoney Point Resort in July and White Earth Lake @ Cedar Crest Resort in August.
- White Earth Kids Event, Steve Hall. Cedar Crest Resort, Mike & Pam Miller held the kid's event @ Cedar Crest Resort on Saturday, June 7th. This was a great event. Kids were great & liked learning about fishing. We had very good club exposure, our club banner was used. Cedar Crest was very appreciative of the club's support & would like us to continue to support this event.
- Raffles, Scott Brewer. Upcoming raffles: Raffle @ the Pelican tourney, club picnic raffle @ the Sahr's, special youth education raffle for the rod & reel combo.
- Take a Vet Fishing Event @ the Cormorant Y-Camp. This year's event was again successful. We had more volunteers & boats than vets this year. Thanks to Ron Sahr & all who volunteered! These vets love to get out & fish.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Speaker update. November meeting to be held on December 4th. Ice Fishing Seminar by Gord Pyzer. Discussion followed about having Gord speak again this year. Motion was made by Steve Meyer to lock in Gord Pyzer for the December 4th meeting. Gary Sauvageau seconded. Motion passed.
- 4-H Membership Request by Richland County Shooting Sports, Brian Dahlin. Richland County 4-H has asked for a complimentary membership for their club.
- Hawley Herald Newspaper has asked for club information. We discussed that this would be a good source to use to get more exposure for the club.
- American Linen has approached Steve Hall with caps & clothes possibilities with the club logo on. He will get more information on this & update the board.
- Motion to adjourn meeting @ 8.45 pm by Barry Chouinard, second by Gary Sauvageau. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, August 17th, 2008 @ the Doublewood, Fargo ND.

We encourage the general membership to attend any or all board meetings.

Respectfully submitted by Tami Stillwell, Recording Secretary.

TAKE A KID FISHING ON WHITE EARTH LAKE

By Steve Hall

Take A Kid Fishing was held on June 7, 2008, at Cedar Crest Resort on beautiful White Earth Lake, Minnesota. Steve Garten and myself volunteered as fishing guides. The group at Cedar Crest does a great job hosting this each year. Someone definitely put a lot of time and energy into this day because the turn out was great with over 150 kids. Each one was able to fish from a volunteer's boat. There were grandpas, dads, uncles, moms and aunts all putting in their time. Fishing from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with trophies awarded for the biggest fish in each category. All of the kids were given prizes at the end of the day. The prizes were great, useful fishing stuff. A meal of hot dogs, good ol' beans and chips finished up the day.

The boys I had with me were just great. I was even provided with two deck hands, who just happened to be the boys' dads. We all had fun. The only reason we finished up by 2 p.m. was because we ran out of bait. We caught our limit of walleyes and pike and took in a few bass. The day went by fast, busy baiting hooks and netting fish with lots of laughs and plenty of high-fives! Days like that provide lifetime memories. If you teach a kid to fish, you can expect they will be back for more.

The club has received many cards of gratitude from the kids who participated. I received some very heartfelt thanks from my kid fishing partners as well.

June 9, 2008

Dear sponsor and supporter:

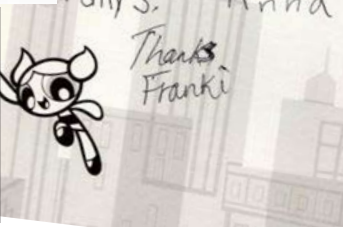
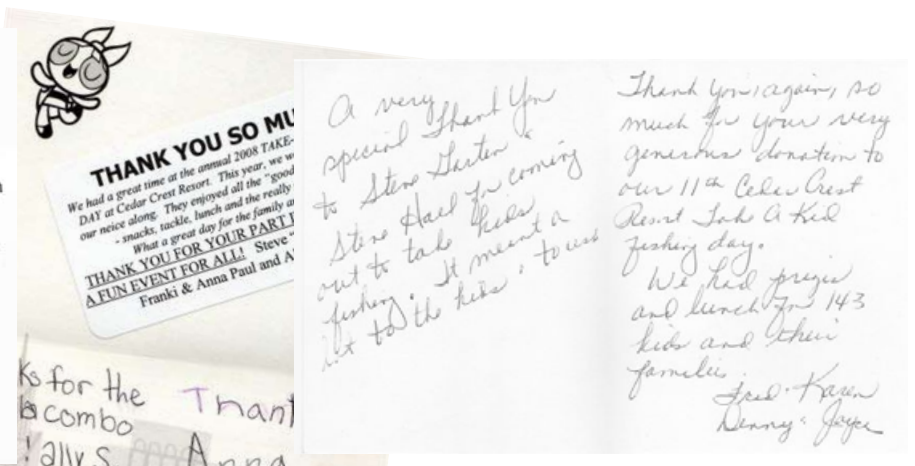
I'm writing this letter to say, "Thank you" for your generosity and support of the annual "Take A Kid Fishing Day" held recently at Cedar Crest Resort on White Earth Lake.

I had a great time and also had success out on the water. (See photos on back of page) I hope to attend this event again next year.

Sincerely,

Austin Ganje

Austin Ganje
Ada, Minnesota



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- ED PULLEN • SCOTT UDBY •
- MIKE CONZEMIUS •
- GEORGE HEISER •
- RANDY & ANDREA JENSON •
- JEFF MATHSON •

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