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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION TO LAKE REGION ANGLERS ASSN.

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LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP
<input type="checkbox"/> Ages 18-59 \$350.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Ages 60 & Over \$250.00
SHIRT SIZE _____

INDIVIDUAL / FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$20.00

I wish to add my support to the North Dakota sportfishing Congress. \$5.00 is enclosed for my membership to the Congress.

ENCLOSE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER AND MAIL TO:
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LRAA ANNUAL MEETING

March 30th
Knights of Columbus Hall in Devils Lake

6:00 PM - Light meal will be served -
 BBQ's, tuna salad, chips & pickles

7:00 PM - Election of Officers: Positions up
 for election include all 4 Officer
 positions and 6 Board Members

Awards Presentation

Speaker: Mike Anderson, a professional walleye angler, living in ND, been fishing tournament for a number of years, his passion is also getting today's youth (and non anglers) involved in fishing and the enjoyment of recreational fishing - fish for the fun of fishing

All are welcome - open to the public

LRAA 2007 Tournaments:

Spring NorthernSaturday May 12th
 East BaySaturday June 2nd
 Devils Lake OpenSaturday June 16th
 Adult/ChildSaturday July 21st
 Walleye WidowSaturday August 4th

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Greetings – As winter draws to a close, I can't help starting to think about the coming open water season. With the spring catalogs arriving in the mail and sports shows and the inevitable trips to Cabela's and other stores to browse the aisles looking at the new fishing equipment available, it is almost easy to overlook the good fishing the next few weeks will provide before ice out. I hope everyone will remember to be careful out on the late season ice. While it can be some of the best fishing of the year, it can also be pretty dangerous.

This newsletter has a lot of information, and while I don't want to repeat a lot of what's already here, there are a couple reminders I want everyone to pay attention to. Calendar raffle tickets are out, so be sure to get yours before they are gone. We are changing our information system, so we hope to do a better job of keeping everyone informed with what is happening with the club. Be sure to watch our website and the local papers for information.

Finally, don't forget March 30th is the annual meeting at the KC Hall. Come and have a bite to eat and see what is happening. We look forward to hearing your ideas on what we can do to make this a better club.

Time seems to really fly by and my time as President is coming to an end. I would just like to take this opportunity to say thanks to the officers and Board of Directors for all their work the last couple years. I also would like to thank all the other members who always pitch in at all our events.

You make this a great club!

See you at the annual meeting.

Bruce Hagen

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Meeting: March 30th - KC Hall
Game and Fish Appreciation: Thursday April 12th - VFW

North Dakota Sportfishing Congress Smoker: - April 14th - Eagles Club, Mandan

NDSFC: North Dakota Sportfishing Congress

North Dakota Sportfishing Congress is the North Dakota fisherman's primary voice with the North Dakota Game and Fish Department and with the North Dakota Legislature for fishing issues. NDSFC is a lobbying organization sponsored by your donations (additional \$5 with your LRAA dues) and your fishing club to protect your interests as a fisherman and sportsman. We can't do it without your support and participation. We need your donations and if you have any personal interest at all, your participation.

Many or the Delegates and Officers have been serving for more than 20 years and new blood (or newer blood anyway) is needed. NDSFC meets at least twice a year and if critical issues arise, more often. All interested fishermen are urged to attend.

If want to know more, contact Clark Williams at 662-5008 or shadrap@gondtc.com or Lynn Schlueter at 662-1772 or ccfman_redvr@yahoo.com and check out the NDSFC website at ndsportfishingcongress.org.

The North Dakota Sportfishing Congress Annual Meeting, Smoker and Raffle will be held at the Eagles Club in Mandan on Saturday April 14th starting at 6:00PM. There will be a Buffet Dinner. Tickets are \$25.00 which qualifies you for \$700 in cash prizes and many door prizes. You do not need to be present to win. Tickets are available at the door or by contacting Clark Williams at 662-5008, shadrap@gondtc.com or at the LRAA Annual Meeting. There will be a NDSFC Business meeting at 10AM, also at the Eagles Club and all are invited to attend.

LRAA Calendar Raffle:

Ticket Books are available from Clint Devier, by contacting LRAA at lraa@gondtc.com or at the Annual Meeting. \$20.00 per ticket, 30 drawings throughout the summer for \$40.00 each, 8 drawings for \$100.00.

http://www.ndsportfishingcongress.org/Lake_Region_Anglers.htm

CARP OR NO CARP: Billing Lake

The issue of whether Carp are going to be eventually introduced from the Pembina River drainage through Billings Lake is still up in the air. After more than two years of discussion, argument and disagreement there is little consensus on what should be done.

Stop-gap measures or chemical control have been used for the past 12 months and will need to be continued for the foreseeable future. These measures are very expensive and problematic due to the nature of the equipment and the area as well as the labor involved in monitoring regular.

If we get a severe snowpack or early rain in the Pembina River basin the worry may be over, **THEY WILL BE HERE**, and once they're here they ain't leaving'.

Keep your fingers crossed that all parties involved can get past their stubbornness, greed and shortsightedness enough to come to a compromise that will allow a more permanent solution.



Game and Fish Appreciation:

An enjoyable get-together for LRAA members and the Game and Fish employees who make outdoors activities so enjoyable. Gives everyone a chance to let them know how much we appreciate what they do. And a good time too!!

***VFW in Devils Lake,
Thursday, April 12th
starting at 5:30 PM***

Pizza, Chicken and Fries
Pop and Beer

Membership and Involvement

We need more members to be involved. We need new blood. So in addition to your renewing your LRAA membership we would like to get you more involved. And if you have a friend who enjoys fishing get them to join and be involved. Bring them to the Annual Meeting on March 30th.

Then get both of you involved. If you would like to help in tournaments, as a Board Member or Officer, with kids projects, lake access projects or in any other way let us know. There are many different ways you can make a difference. LRAA is the organization that represents the fishing interests for the Lake Region and is only as effective as its membership makes it. If no one gets involved, nothing happens.

Communications and Information:

We are trying to get the message out in more and different ways than in the past in order to better serve our members and the mission of the club. In addition to the Newsletters and public service announcements in the Newspaper and on the Radio we will be keeping our web site up to date and distributing email announcements to those on our email list at regular intervals and whenever important events are taking place..

Web Site:

You can get LRAA updates anytime at our link on the North Dakota Sportfishing Congress webpage, ndsportfishingcongress.org and click on the Lake Region Anglers link on the home page.

"F TROOP" or Fishing for Fun group

This past year we have tried to offer more fishing information and opportunities for the recreational fisherman. This group has met in informal gatherings once a month. In the summer we met to fish together with different partners (including any shore fishermen or those without boats) and in the winter to share knowledge and information. The winter topics included: ice fishing techniques, lake biology and ecology, updates on fishing electronics, open water trolling techniques, knot, line, and lure updates, and new GPS and mapping information. Some of the regions most knowledgeable fishermen and guides have attended.



These meetings and get-togethers were poorly attended even though they were announced on the radio, in the Journal and sent out by email to those who we have email addresses for. For those who attended, the information received and contacts made were extremely valuable.

If you think you would be interested in participating in these get-togethers in the future, contact Clark Williams 662-5008 or at shadrap@gondtc.com or at the Annual Meeting. We need to see if there is enough interested members to continue or whether we should discontinue this due to lack of support.

Lake Access:

Over the past year, basic maintenance activities, discussions and planning for future projects have taken place. These include additional tie-up docks for existing facilities, a new facility for Pelican Lake and improvements to the Henegar Landing. The following are projects planned and approved by G&F for this summer:

- Fish Cleaning Station at 6 mile bay
- Skid dock at Henegars Lake Access on Creel Bay

Email:

If you have email, we send out announcements and update regularly to members who have their emails listed with our Public Relation Chairman. Be sure you check at the Annual Meeting that your email address is up to date and include it when you pay your dues this year. Our email list is confidential and will not be used for any purpose other than to keep our membership informed. Be sure to include your email address on the Renewal/New Member application with this Newsletter.