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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Clark Williams



### PREZ SEZ

#### *A Dream Realized.*

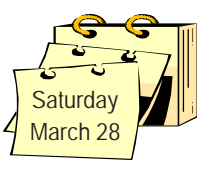
I was one of the original founding delegates to the Sportfishing Congress in 1986. When we first conceived of the Congress, it was to provide a way for North Dakota's fishermen to promote and protect North Dakota's fisheries by presenting a united front. What one fisherman couldn't do, what one club couldn't do, 15 clubs and 600 members statewide could. We were to work as an organization in concert with the North Dakota Game and Fish Department and the Legislature. We were to represent our constituency, YOU, with the varied organizations who intimately effect your fisheries: Game and Fish, the Legislature, the Corps of Engineers, the Federal Hatcheries, Fish and Wildlife, State Water Commission, the United States Congress, North Dakota Parks and Recreation, and any other recognized public entity necessary to accomplish our goals.

In 1986, pre-Internet, pre-cell phone, pre-email, the concept was a two-way phone tree to solicit the members input for issues our leadership were representing and to notify and marshal ground roots support and action to influence our elected officials

when needed. In this era of almost universal email, this process is even more effective. I have been back intimately involved with the Congress for the past four years and have been amazed at how this concept, this dream, has been coming into focus. This year, with your help and participation, we have been able to quickly distribute information to the clubs and interested individuals, solicit input as to your wishes and take those wishes to the Legislative Committee's for testimony on issues that potentially affect your North Dakota fisheries. That testimony has power because of your input. See Duaine's comments. It works, it works because of your participation.

It is most obvious during the Legislative Session but this same process works year round. Meetings, decisions come up at other times. With Game and Fish, with the Corps, with the Governors Office, with the US Congress, we represent you. Be sure to keep your membership to NDSFC current, after all its only \$5.00, probably the best 5 bucks you ever spent, if you fish. Make sure your email address is on your application and is accurate. When we send out information or solicit input, be sure to respond. With your support, it works. It works. Thanks.

*Clark*



## PLAN TO ATTEND

The Annual Meeting & Fund Raiser on **Saturday, March 28** at the Mandan Eagles. Details in newsletter.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

- President ..... Clark Williams, Devils Lake (701-662-5008)
- Past President ..... Duaine Ash, Devils Lake (701-662-3989)
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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By the time you read this article the 61st session of North Dakota Legislature will be past cross over and now the fun will start as the Legislature will have to try to find the funding for all the bills that have been introduced this session and still be within Governor Hoeven's budget. It sure is nice to be living in a state that has a surplus so that our taxes can possibly be reduced instead of increasing as our neighboring states have to do.



Our NDSFC president, Clark Williams, is doing an extremely good job of keeping you informed and we solicit your input to the bills that need our attention. Your comments have been used in

the testimony to the committees; it is a powerful statement when I can give testimony that 100% of the Congress (NDSFC) is in opposition or support of a bill. When responses are incorporated in the testimony, it gives the testimony more meaning. 'THANKS' to all of you that took the time to email Clark with your responses.

In closing, I want to thank all of you for allowing me to be your 'lobbyist' this session. It is a very rewarding experience one that I have very much enjoyed. If you have any questions regards pending bills, please feel free to contact Clark or myself.

*Duaine Ash, Lobbyist # 419*

It's the "Silly Season". That's the time when any and all proposed legislation emerges during our bi-annual spendfest known as the Legislature. North Dakota Sportfishing Congress maintains a full time lobbyist, Duaine Ash, to preserve and protect your sportfishing interests. The Congress works very hard to protect your money (G&F is 100% user funded) from outside interest groups who seek to tap that funding for non-G&F projects. Often Duaine's testimony and your feedback make the difference about whether such legislation passes or not. Keep up your support for NDSFC and your feedback. Just a short overview of the most interesting bills is included here. You can see a more complete synopsis at [www.ndsportfishingcongress.org](http://www.ndsportfishingcongress.org).

HB 1379 proposed 4 lines for shore fishermen. The Game and Fish and NDSFC opposed this bill. It was defeated in the House.

HB 1379 proposed \$2,000,000 from General Fund to support a marina at New Town. In different forms this proposal has bounced around for a number of years. NDSFC has always opposed it because it appeared to seek significant G&F money. Also there are already a number of adequate ramps in the area. It was defeated in the House.

SB 2424 proposed to require Game and Fish and the State Water Commission pay for any water project feature built or required to control Aquatic Nuisance Species. The Game and Fish and the State Water Commission, as well as NDSFC, opposed this bill. It was defeated in the Senate.

## ANNUAL MEETING

Mandan Eagles Club, March 28th, 10:00 a.m.  
Free and open to the public.

In conjunction with our Annual Smoker, we have a morning meeting that is probably the year's most informative meeting about our North Dakota fisheries. In addition to some North Dakota Sportfishing Congress business such as elections, we have presentations from Game and Fish, the Corps of Engineers, Fish and Wildlife, the Federal Fish Hatcheries, the Legislative Natural Resource Committees and others. This is an opportunity for the public to come and hear what the state of the fishery is and ask questions.

The meeting runs from 10:00 a.m. until mid-afternoon. We usually take a short break for lunch. The Smoker, our annual fundraiser, is that evening starting at 6:00 p.m. If you can, try to make both – they're fun and informative. Bring your boat, the Missouri River is hot in the spring, while most of the rest of the state is still thawing out.



## 15TH ANNUAL SMOKER AND RAFFLE

Mandan Eagles Club [1400 Collins Avenue], March 28th beginning at 6:00 p.m. Advanced tickets required.

In the evening of the 28th is our Annual Smoker. This fundraiser is how we pay for most of our expenses for the year. Your participation makes that possible. Tickets are \$25.00 and must be obtained in advance, so we have a count for dinner.

Your \$25 covers a buffet dinner and \$700 in cash door prizes. In addition, we have hundreds of \$1 ticket prizes, plus bucket prizes include custom Jason Mitchell rods and a Benelli shotgun. The smoker is a great time and kicks off the summer season right.



Get your tickets early, check with your club representative or contact Mike Anderson at [manderson@bis.midco.net](mailto:manderson@bis.midco.net) or Clark Williams at [shadrap@gondtc.com](mailto:shadrap@gondtc.com) or 701-662-5008.

## IT IS TIME

By LR Schlueter, NDGF ANS Coordinator



The aquatic nuisance species laws have been on the books for a year. It is now time for people to understand that compliance is required. That means tickets with fines and court costs for those not taking ANS prevention seriously.

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department, along with the Lake Region Anglers Association and others, has provided ANS prevention educational information to the public. While many of us are practicing ANS prevention, there are those few that still have not got the message – ANS is preventable and must be prevented from spreading. To do so - drain the livewell and bilge, remove aquatic vegetation from the boat/trailer/equipment, and keep bait free of vegetation.

These warnings should not go unheeded this year.



## GARRISON DAM NATIONAL FISH HATCHERIES UPDATE

Submitted by Rob Holm

Anyone ready for spring? I for one am ready to put away the snow shovel and restring my fishing reel. Mother Nature was a little rough to North Dakota residents over the past few months. Like the pheasants you see scattered along the roads, the snow cover on area lakes likely produced some fish kills. The good news is that Lake Sakakawea and many of our western lakes are filling. At the hatchery we are preparing for a big fish production year. After all, fish hatcheries are designed to offset the effects of Mother Nature. Winter kill may put a damper on fishing for a few years in your favorite fishing hole but they will be back. The ND Game and Fish biologists are out in force evaluating lakes for potential winterkill and those they suspect have killed will be added to the list for stocking this spring.

Currently the hatchery is growing out 280,000 trout and salmon for release this spring and summer. There are 54,000 eleven inch rainbows that will be stocked out this spring to bend poles all across the state. Consider taking your kids (or grandkids) out to the city pond for the day fishing trout – get them hooked on fishing. The stockings usually occur the first week of May and there is a good chance the fishing action will keep the kids entertained. Another 26,000 ten inch brown trout and 21,000 cutthroat trout are on hand primarily for the Lake Sakakawea tailwaters but a few will go to a handful of smaller lakes. We have 50,000 Chinook salmon scheduled for spring stocking in Lake Sak and another 50,000 for the river below. The remaining 15,000 Chinooks will be stocked in the fall of 2009 into the lake. Aside from the coldwater fish we are propagating just over 10,000 pallid sturgeon for release this spring and summer.

We are getting a piece of the stimulus package! Garrison Dam NFH is slated to have its remaining nine west unit ponds lined with a polypropylene liner this summer. The pond liners have been very effective in increasing our walleye and pike production capabilities. The liners will provide an extra 230,000 walleye annually and because they allow us to 'double crop' ponds, we'd be able to add another 950,000 pike to our stocking requests.

With the new liners we will have the capability of producing over 10 million walleye annually. That should make for some happy fishermen.

## NDSFC BOARD MEETING

December 6, 2008

We had our winter Board meeting at the Game and Fish offices on December 6th. You can review the minutes on our website at your leisure at:

[www.ndsportfishingcongress.org](http://www.ndsportfishingcongress.org)

Greg Powers gave an overview of the state of the fisheries, proposed rule and regulation changes, changes and emphasis on ANS rules and enforcement, anticipated legislation, budget issues and management plans for the big three. Terry Steinwand also gave a short overview of the state of the state. Discussions included ANS, Enforcement, attempt by outside interest to acquire Game and Fish monies.

Business discussed included planning for the Annual Meeting and Fundraiser in March. What other things we could do to increase membership, participation and fundraising. Duaine Ash was confirmed as our lobbyist and election of Officers and Board members was discussed.

These meetings are always open to the public and any interested fishermen are urged to attend and participate.

## AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES (ANS)

**LOSE the HITCHHIKERS  
or  
LOSE the LAKE**

**It's YOUR CHOICE!**

If you have any questions about ANS prevention, please contact:

**North Dakota Game & Fish Department**

100 N. Bismarck Expressway  
Bismarck, ND 58501

(701) 328-6300

Email: [ndgf@nd.gov](mailto:ndgf@nd.gov)

More information can be found at:

<http://www.gf.nd.gov/fishing/ans-animals.html>



## WHAT WE DO FOR YOU

Formed in 1986, the North Dakota Sportfishing Congress (NDSFC) gives the North Dakota sportfishermen a unified voice that can respond to a wide range of issues concerning the fishing resource and recreational fishing. The NDSFC is the umbrella organization for all the fishing clubs of North Dakota as well as individual member fishermen. It's primary purpose is to be the liaison between North Dakota's recreational anglers, and the North Dakota Game and Fish Department. The organizations that NDSFC works most closely with include:

- State of North Dakota Administration and Legislature
- North Dakota Game and Fish Department
- United States Congressional Delegates
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- North Dakota Parks and Recreation
- State Water Commission
- US Fish and Wildlife
- US Federal Hatcheries
- North Dakota Department of Health
- North Dakota Tourism Department
- North Dakota Legislature's Aquatic Nuisance Species Committee

The NDSFC has a **full-time lobbyist** during the Bi-annual Legislative Session. The NDSFC efforts concentrate on sportfishing issues that have statewide significance. In recent years, NDSFC has focused on certain specific areas and provided timely information to its members on:

- Supporting the Game & Fish Department in their mission

- Protecting Game & Fish funding from outside special interests
- Promoting fishing access throughout the state
- Promoting the prevention of Aquatic Nuisance Species introduction
- Development of the Lake Sakakawea Corps of Engineers Master Plan

The NDSFC works with the North Dakota Game and Fish Department, member clubs, and individual members to enhance the fishing and fishing opportunities in the state. The NDSFC is a ready conduit for timely distribution of important sportfishing information to members and clubs.

The activities supported by NDSFC membership and by your membership include:

- ◆ Correspondence with individual members and member clubs.
- ◆ Providing a website on which each member club has their own webpage.
- ◆ Email and phone tree that allows quick dissemination of information to member organizations and feedback to NDSFC and the North Dakota Game and Fish Department.
- ◆ Spring Annual Meeting and fundraiser in Bismarck
- ◆ 3 newsletters per year
- ◆ Representing the NDSFC at meetings pertaining to – Lake Sakakawea Master Plan, access at Lake Sakakawea, Devils Lake, and the Missouri River, permits for fishing tournaments, and prevention of the spread of Aquatic Nuisance Species.

## MEMBERSHIP “DUES ARE DUE”

It's that time of year. Time to get the rods ready, new line, sharpen hooks, clean and lube reels. Time to get the boat ready, vacuum, lube, check the wiring. Time to get the trailer ready, lube the hubs, check the tires.

Time to renew your club and North Dakota Sportfishing Congress dues. Only \$5.00 help pay for this newsletter and keep you in our email and distribution lists so we can let you know what's going on and help you help us protect and preserve your fishery.

Time also for your clubs to renew their membership dues with the Congress. Only \$50.00. If you know of any Fishing or Wildlife Clubs that should be members but aren't, have them contact us, we need each other.

Have a good fishing year!

*[Application form on page 7 of newsletter.]*

# DAKOTA ANGLERS

by Nathan Selchert



## 2009 Schedule of Events

### TOURNAMENTS

- **May 16-17** – 33rd Annual Dakota Anglers Walleye / Northern Tournament
- **June 6** – Little Britches Tournament for kids/adults, Jamestown Reservoir (Free fishing weekend)

### SUMMER OUTINGS (Fishing tournaments followed by a potluck meal)

- **June 20** – Fish Fry at Spiritwood Lake
- **July 18** – Pork Roast at Jamestown Reservoir (Joos Grove)
- **August 15** – Steak Fry at Jamestown Reservoir (Pelican Point Campground)



For information regarding making a tax deductible contribution to the Ron Liudahl endowment scholarship, go to <http://www.ndcf.net/Scholarships/RonLiudahlApplication.asp>

**See our website for more information.**

[www.ndsportfishingcongress.org/Dakota\\_Anglers.htm](http://www.ndsportfishingcongress.org/Dakota_Anglers.htm)

# RED RIVER AREA SPORTSMEN'S CLUB WAHPETON, ND

by Wayne Beyer

The Red River Area Sportsmen's Club and Heitkamp Construction are gearing up for the annual Youth Ice Fishing Derby on Heitkamp Pond, located just a couple miles north of Wahpeton, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 28th.

Over 300 youths typically enjoy an afternoon of ice fishing. There is a good crappie population, and usually a few walleyes are caught, too, along with yellow perch, northern pike and bluegills. A NDGF whopper smallmouth bass was once caught by a girl ice fishing for the first time.

Heitkamp Construction, the corporate sponsor, goes all out to produce a quality fishing event. All of the participants get a door prize, hot food is served, all equipment is provided, holes are drilled and heated houses are placed on the ice for some comfort. The derby has proven to be a fantastic opportunity for families to experience the great sport of ice fishing. The Red River Area Sportsmen's Club is pleased to get kids outdoors in the winter time and show how much fun ice fishing is!

Spring/summer fishing derbies have been scheduled, including the 26th Annual Youth Fishing Derby on Saturday, May 2nd, the 11th Annual Catfish Tournament on Saturday, June 6th and the 24th Annual Carp & Sucker Derby on Wednesday, August 5th.

## F-M WALLEYES

by Brian Dahlin, Correspondence Secretary

### NEXT MEETINGS TO BE SPECTACULAR:

**Thursday, March 19** – Anglers Night 2009  
Guest Speaker Babe Winkelman



KFGO, Gate City Bank, Miller Lite, Swanston Equipment and Royal Jewelers have all teamed up to bring back National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame Legendary Angler, Babe Winkelman on Thursday, March 19, 2009 at the Doublewood Inn. Babe Winkelman is a nationally-recognized outdoorsman who loves nothing more than passing fishing and hunting

traditions along to others. Over the past 25 years, his charismatic style, coupled with a strong desire to educate, have resulted in some of the most informative and entertaining shows ever produced. Whether it's Babe Winkelman's "Good Fishing" or "Outdoor Secrets," viewers can expect the finest in heart-stopping action, boatloads of fun and classic outdoor programming suitable for the entire family.

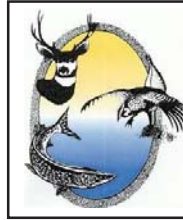


**Thursday, April 16** – Ultimate Outdoors Adventure Television TV Hosts, Kurt Schirado and Jason Wright will share some adventures they have had while filming their outdoor television series. They will share their expertise chasing walleyes across North Dakota.



## GAME AND FISH PERSPECTIVES

by Greg Power



Snow came early and stayed the winter on most of our prairie lakes. Unfortunately, the rather large snow drifts had an immediate impact – less ice fishing than usual, a lot less. For the first half of January we had a lot of activity on some of our lakes – but it wasn't geared toward fishing; rather, it was caravans of brawn and equipment doing their best to remove their permanent ice houses from the various lakes. Stories, some livid, others comical, about some rather expensive journeys of ice house retrieval were commonplace.

The long-term impacts of this difficult winter are yet to be known. As of late February, Department biologists are aware of approximately 15 quality lakes that are likely facing substantial winter-kill. Hopefully, when spring arrives and the ice recedes, the tally of this winter's fishkill lakes will be far less than in 1996-97 when we lost about 40 lakes. Restocking the lakes that do winterkill will be a priority later this spring and early summer. Obviously, the upside of this winter's snowpack is the potential for significant runoff this spring. Although more water is not needed in the eastern portion of the state, our western lakes and reservoirs are in critical need of replenishment!

Beyond our internal routines for the upcoming field season (e.g. installing ramps, spawning and stocking fish, conducting population sampling, etc.) we do have a list of new or ongoing initiatives/projects we hope to address (at least partially). These include aquatic nuisance species activities, Missouri River System long range planning for boating and shore fishing opportunities, Loma divide carp issue, begin identifying Missouri River walleye spawning areas, retrofit or remove river/stream low head dams for fish passage, explore additional Devils Lake boating access (if the opportunity allows), continue to explore trout opportunities, follow through on ANS, Bait Vendor, and Fish Movement rules and regulations, and Red River access associated with dam retrofitting. Some of these matters have been discussed in previous newsletter – in a future newsletter, perhaps there will be time to further expound.

North Dakota anglers have a lot to look forward to this upcoming fishing season. The Missouri River and Lake Oahe should continue their history of being a walleye factory! Fishing at Devils Lake likely will be outstanding, not only for walleye but also for northern pike and white bass. And although Lake Sakakawea's fishery is suffering from the long-term impacts of low water and a greatly reduced forage (rainbow smelt) base, there still is a decent walleye population present. Good fishing awaits anglers in many of our smaller water bodies also. In particular, Stump, Jamestown, Audubon, Alkaline and even Patterson all offer decent walleye fishing. Also, don't forget the numerous lakes scattered across the state that present great largemouth and smallmouth bass populations!

I should mention that hopefully during the past two years viewers of the Sportfishing Congress website have taken the time and read the monthly Game and Fish Departments staff profiles. This is/was an opportunity to let some of the fishing public get to know a little about our first-rate staff. Good, bad or otherwise, we are one of the smallest Fisheries Divisions in the nation and as such, we've run out of staff to highlight!!!

I strongly encourage all anglers and especially the members of the Sportfishing Congress and various fishing clubs to take an active role in maintaining and enhancing North Dakota's aquatic resources. Anyone and everyone can have an impact.

And, as always, find some time and prioritize a trip to your favorite 'fishing' hole. Ample opportunities await you – get out there and experience it...and take a family member and/or a friend. Happy angling!!!

## SOUTHWEST ANGLERS ASSOCIATION

by Miles Bobb

The Southwest Anglers Association will be having their sport show in conjunction with Clear Channel Radio. This will be held April 3, 4, and 5.

The Kids' Fishing Derby will be held at Turtle Park or Dickinson Dike on Saturday, June 6th.

The SWA and Eagles Club will be hosting a fishing tournament July 11 and 12. Contact Bruce Messmer 225-1250 or Eagles Club 483-3561 for information.



## LURE 'EM FOR LIFE

by Joe Neuenschwander, Vice President

Lure 'Em for Life has a 5-day closed fishing camp for the Minot and Bismarck Boys & Girls Ranches on June 8th to 12th at Centennial Park, east of Garrison. For more information, contact Bob Haglund at 701-463-7656. Need boaters and shore help!

An open camp at Devils Lake Creel Bay will be held on August 10-14. The Devils Lake Parks & Rec Department is the host and we work under their direction. Contact Rhonda Ferguson for information. Need boaters and shore help. Kids ages 8 to 14 are eligible to attend. Contact Parks & Rec Department at 701-662,8243. The fee for this camp is \$225.00 and will be limited to the first 60 that register.



Lure 'Em for Life provides the lodging, meals, gas for the boaters and mileage to and from the camps, along with fishing equipment and life jackets for the kids. Self-inflatable life jackets are provided for the boaters and boat helpers.



# ANNUAL DUES NOW DUE

This newsletter will serve as a notice to the Club Members and the Individual Members (who have not already paid their dues) that the annual dues are now due. (Your membership paid-up date is at the top of your mailing label listed as the month/year, e.g., 04/10.)

Club Member's dues are \$50 and are due on or before the annual meeting that is held in April of each year. To maintain your club's voting rights for 2008-09, please complete the *Club Membership Application* in this newsletter and return it along with your payment to North Dakota Sportfishing Congress, P.O. Box 2472, Bismarck, ND 58502.

**NOTE:** Don't forget to list the names, addresses, and e-mail addresses of the club delegates.

Individual Member's dues are a minimum of \$5. Please complete the *Individual Membership Application* in this newsletter and return it along with your payment to the same address indicated above.

You will note there is a checkoff for payment of multiple years' dues for individual members. For convenience, an individual may choose to prepay several years' dues at one time.

## NOTE

If you would like to receive the newsletter via email, please email Marie Hoerner at [sportfishing@bis.midco.net](mailto:sportfishing@bis.midco.net) with a Subject of "*Sportfishing Newsletter*".

The year/date above your name on the mailing label indicates your membership renewal date. Your support is needed!



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- \$5 - 1 Year
- \$15 - 3 Years
- \$25 - 5 Years

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## INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive the newsletter via email. *(please check if applicable)*



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- \$50 - 1 Year

## CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Current President \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date Paid \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

***Each Club Member is represented on the Executive Board by two delegates. Please provide the following information on your current delegates:***

### Delegate 1

### Delegate 2

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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# LAKE REGION ANGLERS • DEVILS LAKE, ND

by Clark Williams

## RISING WATERS

With the anticipated increase in Devils lake levels of 3-6 feet this spring, fishing should be great but uncertainty looms over the rest of the Devils Lake infrastructure. The dike, the boat ramps, the roads, the potential flooding, who knows. What I do know is that the shallow water bite should be great.

For those of you who fish Devils Lake or who would like to experience Devils Lake and like to tournament fish a couple of quality opportunities present this summer.

The **2009 Devils Lake Area Chamber Walleye Tournament** on June 27th and 28th is in its 33rd year. The past few years have been rough with weather problems and with some logistic and administrative pains.

Completely revamped and with a professional Director the event looks to be better than ever. Johnnie Candle, Professional Guide and Tournament Fisherman is the Director and Emcee now. Johnnie brings both experience as a national tournament fisherman as well as tremendous organizational skills to the table. The tournament is now designed to accommodate both experienced "advanced" tournament competitors with more than 97% payback of entry fees as well as experiences for the "amateur" tournament angler such as the

"second day shootout", comeback awards, husband-wife awards, alternative species awards such as largest northern, white bass and perch as well as various door prizes. The tournament is limited to a 150 two-man team field, entry fee is \$250. Applications can be obtained on the NDSFC website, check the Calendar and click on the link, the Devils Lake Area Chamber website [devilslakend.com](http://devilslakend.com) or call the Chamber at 701-662-4903.

The **2nd Annual Angler Young Angler Outing** on Devils Lake is sponsored by Lake Region Anglers Assn and F-M Walleyes Unlimited, Inc. The event is a one day outing on Saturday July 11th. The format is a unique three angler with two anglers required to be 17 or under and is part of a four year old national Angler Young Angler circuit. The winner of the Devils Lake event will qualify for national championship even in August on Lake of the Woods. The event is limited to 40 teams and the entry fee is \$150. If you'd like more info, check out the website [angleryoungangler.ca/](http://angleryoungangler.ca/) or call the co-directors Al Freidig 701-351-1678 or Keith Seidlinger 701-662-6300 (w) or 701-662-6003 (h). Last year's outing was great and this years should be even better.



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