



PREZ SAYZ:

Dear Members,
2014 has been a productive and challenging year for the

Lake Region Anglers Association. For the first time in a long time we were not dealing with rising water and the effects that had on access and fishing. We finally got to focus on the many other parts of what our club does. I hope you will see all of that in this newsletter.

2014 brought some change. You will notice that this letter is not being written by our long time president Clark Williams. Clark and his wife Michelle have moved to Ashland, WI to enjoy retirement on the shores of Lake Superior. Clark had served many years as our president and both he and Michelle were huge contributors to the Lake Region Anglers. I will do my best to fill his shoes, but will rely on my current board of directors for a lot of help. Clark, you will be missed.

As we look to 2015, there are many promising signs. Winter has started out well, good ice and no snow. If things stay the same, water levels should not be a concern. Fishing for all the species of Devils Lake has been as good as ever and shows no signs of slowing down. Lake access is all up to par as well. The future is definitely bright for Devils Lake anglers.

I would like to leave you with one last thought. The LRAA is your club, not mine. The board of directors puts in many long hours trying to make the organization all it can be, but we have no idea if we are what you want us to be. Our monthly meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at Smile Quest in Devils Lake.

We very rarely have guests outside of the board. The meetings are open to all members of the LRAA and we appreciate your input. Come to a meeting and get involved. That is what makes this club your club.

Keep the line tight,
Johnnie Candle



2015 Annual Meeting Set for April 17 at KC Hall

The 2015 Lake Region Anglers Association Annual Meeting will be held April 17, 2015 at the KC Hall in Devils Lake. Social hour will begin at 6:00 pm and the meeting will begin at 7:00pm. There will be many door prizes and raffles available. Any and all elections and changes to the by-laws will be voted on at this meeting. It is a family friendly event and is open to the public. A light meal will be served. We hope to see you there.

2014 Fish Fries

The members of the LRAA are becoming very well known for their skills in the

art of frying fish. As a group we were involved in several gatherings last year. The fish came from several sources. Many came from our LRAA outings, others came from the National and Regional Tournaments we host, and a few came from a handful of Wisconsin anglers that forgot how to count. Those were donated to the VFW by the Game and Fish Dept.

Devils Lake Community Fish Fry

served over 500 people and raised over \$2500 for LRAA.

NDTC Board of Directors Fish Fry

Served over 50 people and obtained a donation of \$1000.

Webster Fly Way Bar Fish Fry

Served 75 people and received a nice donation.

Devils Lake VFW Fish Fry

served over 65 people and received a charitable contribution.

If you would be interested in helping at one of these fish fries in the future, please attend the next LRAA meeting and get involved.

Lake Region Anglers Association Officers Board of Directors

President.....Johnnie Candle
Vice PresidentBen Mack
TreasurerBrenda Barstad
SecretaryKathy Nord

Board Members:

Craig Blake, Matt Taylor, Jay Hagen, Ryan Boline,
Bob Gibson, Keith Seidlinger, Corey Anderson,
Ed Dosch, Al Nord

2014 Angler's Projects

It seems that the members of the Lake Region Anglers are always busy. This year was no exception. The LRAA is not as big a part of every project as we may be of others, but here are a few of the things we worked on and are still working on as we move forward into 2015.

The Four Seasons fish cleaning station has been open for a full year now. We are very fortunate to have a facility like this in the Lake Region. To top it off, it is free to the public. LRAA was one of many driving forces behind this project and continues to be involved with the maintenance of the facility.



We made several improvements to the other fish cleaning stations as well. The biggest thing you will notice is that all the water is now overhead. No more

spigots in the way. This also will aid in draining the lines when winter comes. This change was made in an effort to keep things affordable in the future. Repairs to the existing set up were getting costly.

A winter access point was added to the west end of County Road One in Creel Bay. The City of Devils Lake and the Lake Access Committee provided gravel, machinery and man power to create a nice ramp to the ice. The open water was tough on the access point so it was once again improved this fall.

In late October, board members Bob Gibson and Jay Hagen met with a representative from North Dakota Game & Fish to discuss handicapped parking at the East Bay boat ramp area. After reviewing the situation and surveying the current parking situation it was decided to install a "cable" type barricade to serve two functions.

- #1. Facilitate an area to install handicap parking.
- #2. Protect the area immediately in front of the ramps to allow for vehicles the space needed to load and unload.

After the needed supplies were acquired a call was made to LRAA member Shelby Vasichek with Bobcat of Devils Lake. Shelby supplied, delivered, and operated a Bobcat skid steer with auger attachment to drill holes for placement of 4 treated corner posts. Board members assisting were Steve Juntenen, Bob Gibson, Johnnie Candle, and Jay Hagen. The posts were placed, tamped in, and a cable was installed thru the tops at approximately 4 feet off the ground. For safety and visibility a fluorescent yellow cable wrap was installed on the sections of cable that run between the posts. This was all completed in early November. A picture of the completed project is shown below.

Game and Fish plans on installing the handicapped parking signs in the Spring of 2015 along with an additional sign that pertains to No Parking from the South side of this barricade to the ramp loading/unloading area.



Shore Fishing Pier Project

The LRAA is currently working diligently on an incredible project for the shore bound anglers that visit Devils Lake. In a joint project with the City of Devils Lake, the Devils Lake Park Board, The Lake Access Committee and the Devils Lake Sportsman Club we are in the process of obtaining

funding to possibly create several fishing pier locations and every attempt will be made to have one of these be handicap accessible and ADA compliant. The need is there for folks that are older or disabled and just cannot access the lake without handicapped accessibility. There is also a need for shore fishing locations for the

youth of our community and those that do not own or have access to a boat. Many areas are being considered from Channel A, to Henagar Landing, to Lake Wood and the East Ditch area behind the Super Wal-Mart store. Many factors come into play and hopefully funding can be secured to build more than one shore fishing location.



Meet the Board



In each newsletter we are planning to introduce you to one of your board members. This time around it is Matt Taylor.

I'm married to my wife Julie. We live on a small farm by Penn with our dog, 2 cats, and pet bobcat. Most recently I worked as the Postmaster in Rugby and spent 10 years in the North Dakota Army National Guard including a year in the middle-east but am now currently retired. I now spend most of my summers traveling the Upper Midwest fishing various walleye tournaments. When I am home in

the summer I spend most of my free time as a fly on the wall at Blake's Marine and I do some consulting on boat rigging there. Fall means hunting and my dog lives to upland hunt. Come winter I exchange tournaments with snowmobiling and head out west to the mountains as much as possible.

Having grown up in the lake region and had it provide so much for me personally and professionally I think it is my duty to give back to the area, particularly to water recreation, and hopefully leave it in better shape than when I found it so people can continue to enjoy it as I have. That's why I'm a board member for the Lake Region Anglers Association.

More LRAA events & projects planned

With all that has been mentioned so far, it is hard to believe we are far from over when discussing all that the Lake Region Anglers are involved in. Here is a brief summary of many of our other projects.

www.lakeregionanglers.com should be up and running very soon. This new web site will be our very own. You will be able to learn everything you ever wanted to know about the LRAA. Look for places to share fishing reports and pictures of you and your family enjoying the lake. We will also have a swap board to sell your gently used fishing tackle, boats, and motors. This has been a large undertaking by our club and we are excited to see where it goes.

The Minnewaukan Fishtival is a great way to enjoy a day on the ice and support our friends on the west end of the lake. An ice fishing derby and raffle drawing are the highlights of the day. This year the Fishtival is on Saturday March 7th.

The Wounded Warriors Ice Fishing Tournament is a great cause and the LRAA are proud to be a part of it. This year the event is on January 17th. The LRAA will be helping with the weigh in process. It will launch out of Woodland Resort. Two man Team format. Contact dave@wwgsmn.org for more details.

The Angler Young Angler event is held in con-

junction with the Fargo Moorehead Walleyes Unlimited group and has been a huge hit for many years now. This year the date for the event is July 11. Many of our club members put in many hours of fund raising and labor to make this a great event. LRAA is also the beneficiary of the contribution to the state that comes from this event.

The LRAA offer scholarships to two events each year. The first is the Lure Em for Life camp that is held at Lake Wood Bible Camp each August. Children from all across the state come for a full week of fishing and many of our members help facilitate the process. If you are interested in a scholarship for you children or grandchildren, please contact the Lake Region Anglers Association.

The other event we offer scholarships for is the Becoming an Outdoors Woman program. This is a state run program. If you are a woman and love the outdoors, this is an event you will not want to miss. From hunting to fishing, canoeing to photography, it is all covered with a lot of time for fellowship in between. Again, contact the Lake Region Anglers for more information on obtaining a scholarship.

To be eligible for scholarships you must be a member of LRAA.

Tournaments and Outings

Each year the Lake Region Anglers hold several member outings on the lake. They include a bit a competition, fellowship, some food and a lot of fun.

Spring Northern/Walleye @ Pelican Lake

May 17, 2014

21 2-person teams

Winners	Ken Remmen/Cory Anderson	49.87 lbs
2nd Place	Terry Schlieve/Brenda Barstad	41.94 lbs
3rd Place	Ben Mack/Matt Taylor	39.88 lbs
4th Place	Travis Klein/Mearl Nelson	39.19lbs
5th Place	Robert Remmick/Hunter Remmick	36.19 lbs



East Bay @ East Bay boat ramp

June 7, 2014

20 2-person teams

Winner	Travis Klein/Mearl Nelson	32.69 lbs
2nd Place	Tyler Elshaug/Justen Barstad	29.55 lbs
3rd Place	Dave Denning/Jacob Denning	27.37 lbs
4th Place	Ken Remmen/Cory Anderson	26.23 lbs
5th Place	Tony Larson/BJ Larson	24.25 lbs

Devils Lake Open Tournament

@ Six Mile Bay boat ramp

27 2-person teams

Winner	Aron Liebelt/Ben Nardquist	43.27 lbs
2nd Place	Landyn Wolf/Kris Rainsberry	37.11 lbs
3rd Place	Ben Mack/Matt Taylor	34.24 lbs
4th Place	Jacob Denning/Nathan Denning	33.88 lbs
5th Place	Joe Armstrong/Jared Vigen	32.54 lbs
6th Place	Jeff Trana/Rick Darling	32.12 lbs
7th Place	Steve Kirchgasser/James Scott Henry	30.34 lbs
8th Place	Jay Hagen/Jon Dircks	29.92 lbs
9th Place	Jon Bouvette/Huck Eckes	29.58 lbs
10th Place	Karl Kenner/Trey Benson	29.51 lbs

Contact Us

Feel free to contact with any ideas, recommendations, or concerns at Iraa@gondtc.com or write us at LRAA, PO Box 456, Devils Lake ND 58301.

**Adult/Child Outing
 Aug 3, 2014 @ Grahams Island boat ramp
 12 teams with 40 participants**

1st Place	Riley Schlieve & Tony Schomento with Terry Schlieve & Sam Schomento	44.87 lbs
2nd Place	Jayce Trana & Jeff Trana	44.76 lbs
3rd Place	Blake Gellner & Alex Gellner & Kraig Gellner	42.93 lbs
4th Place	Trapper Jacobs & Gunner Jacobs with Lonnie Jacobs & Janie Landsiedel	34.65 lbs
5th Place	Emmery Wheeling & Miles Barstad with Justen Barstad & Mearl Nelson	29.45 lbs



**Walleye Widow Lakewood boat ramp
 on August 9, 2014
 12 teams with 32 participants**

1st Place	Connie & Troy Morris with Tera Steer & Cory Heiser	62.42 lbs
2nd Place	Janie Landsiedel & Lonnie Jacobs	47.37 lbs
3rd Place	Lindsey & Kraig Gellner	46.83 lbs
4th Place	Kay & Justen Barstad with Brenda Barstad & Mearl Nelson	40.96 lbs
5th Place	Amy & Corey Everson	39.75 lbs