



Lake Region Anglers Association

PO Box 456, Devils Lake, ND 58301

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Reminder: If dues are not current, this is your last newsletter.

JANUARY 2011

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 4, 2011	LRAA Board Mtg @ Felix's 7pm
Feb. 1, 2011	LRAA Board Mtg @ Felix's 7pm
Mar. 1, 2011	LRAA Board Mtg @ Felix's 7pm
Mar. 25, 2011	LRAA Annual Mtg @ KC Hall 6pm
Apr. 2, 2011	Fishing Rummage Sale Burdick Arena
Apr. 5, 2011	LRAA Board Mtg @ Felix's 7pm
Apr. 9, 2011	ND Sportfishing Annual Fundraiser @ Mandan Eagles Club
May 3, 2011	LRAA Board Mtg @ Felix's 7pm
May 21, 2011	Spring Northern Outing @ 6 Mile Bay Ramp
June 4, 2011	East Bay Outing @ East Bay Ramp
June 11-12, 2011	Casino Tournament @ Spirit Lake Casino
June 18, 2011	Devils Lake Open @ Lakewood Beach
June 24-26, 2011	Devils Lake Chamber Tournament & MWC West Tournament (run together) @ Grahams Island Park
July 9, 2011	Angler Young Angler @ Lakewood Beach
July 17, 2011	Adult/Child Outing @ Grahams Island Park
August 13, 2011	Walley Widow Outing @ Grahams Island Park
Sept. 6, 2011	LRAA Board Mtg @ Felix's 7pm

Prez Sez: Goodbye Summer, Hello Winter!

With the lake frozen, the summer fishing season is finished and we need to start looking toward the holidays, ice fishing and how long until the lake thaws. Lake Region Anglers is already putting together plans for next year. Some of those plans are outlined in this newsletter, so mark your calendar. We had a successful summer, adding a number of new members, adding a new ramp on Lake Irving and with the rising water moving the sewer for the Lakewood Cleaning station to maintain service as well as replacing the grinder. We had problems with the wind for two of our Outings but were able to still get together and have a good time.

This is a Legislative Year and although we don't anticipate any bills that might threaten North Dakota fishermen there will be money issues that will affect us. LRAA and the Devils Lake Access Committee are working to maintain, improve and add to the existing ramps and cleaning stations and that costs money, lots of money. We will be going to Game and Fish for partial funding for these projects and will need to pursue other funding avenues for the rest. Game and Fish will be going to the Legislature for funding approval.

In the previous Legislative Session, certain interests held the Game and Fish money hostage for their own purposes. Fortunately the fishermen of North Dakota have the North Dakota Sportfishing Congress and their lobbyist looking out for their interests and were able to mount a grassroots movement to convince the majority of the House and Senate to change their vote and approve the funding.

NDSFC has a full time lobbyist, Duaine Ash and an Email Tree that distributes information weekly about what's going on and invites your feedback about specific issues that Duaine then uses for his testimony. We have been told repeatedly that our feedback and Duaine's testimony has a major influence on how Legislators vote on fishing legislation.

When you pay your LRAA dues, you should include an additional \$5 for NDSFC dues and be sure to include your email address. If you're not sure if you are a member or if your email address is on file and you want to be included in the Etree contact Clark Williams at LRAA@gondtc.com or 662-5008.

Walleye Widow Get Together



For the second year in a row inclement weather make holding the Walleye Widow difficult. Last year it was heavy rain, this year it was high winds. First Saturday presented with 25+ winds then Sunday more of the same. We rescheduled for Sept 11th, more wind. Finally, we said we're having it on Sunday Sept 12th and if nothing else we would have steak and good company. 5 teams braved the wind, the team of Bobbi Lunday and Jocelyn Hagen won again (Bobbie has a three peat) but Sherri Bonham and Diana Fisjetjon gave them a run for their money. For more info and pictures see LRAA webpage.

Champions
Bobbi Lunday and Jocelyn Hagen
41.39 lbs

2nd
Sherri Bonham and Diana Fisjetjon
35.57 lbs

3rd
Joyce Rutten
29.62 lbs

4th
Michelle Williams
21.21 lbs

5th
Amber Nepl
2.06 lbs

Thanks to Tournament Director Clark Williams and volunteers Brenda Barstad and Tim Rutten.

2010 East Bay Open Results



Champions
Mearl Nelson and Travis Klein
32.73 lbs

2nd
Ross Sensiba and Gary Remmen
30.27 lbs

3rd
Brenda and Justen Barstad
29.87 lbs

4th
Travis Clemens and Jason Ramberg
23.45 lbs

5th
Jon Dircks and Travis Moyer
23.08 lbs

14 teams fished the East Bay Outing in light winds and balmy temperatures. Mearl Nelson and Travis Klein again took top honors. For complete results and more pictures see LRAA webpage.

Spring Northern Outing Results



Lots of big northern were caught in the first outing of the summer season. Mearl Nelson and Travis Klein caught 6 northern weighing 70.1 lbs, almost a 12 pound average. Travis Clemens and Lance Forsberg had almost a 10 pound average with a 17 pounder, WOW. 19 teams competed. For complete results and more pictures see LRAA webpage.

Champions	Mearl Nelson and Travis Klein	70.1 lbs
2nd	Travis Clemens and Lance Forsberg	59.6 lbs
3rd	Terry Schleve and Tyler Elshaug	32 lbs
4th	Ross Sensiba and Gary Remmen	31.6 lbs
5th	Jason Ramberg and Chad Kunz	30.2 lbs

Thanks to Tournament Directors Time and Tammy Rutten and Brenda Barstad



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AYA Results for July 2010

The Lake Region Anglers and the Fargo chapter of Walleye Unlimited held the 3rd Annual ANGLER YOUNG ANGLER Fishing Tournament on Saturday July 10th, 2010. Total of 40 Teams entered. Next year, the event is planned for Saturday July 9th, 2011. See the Lake Region Anglers webpage for more pictures and complete results.



Champions
Amelia and Tony Agre
Kyle Agre(guide)
21.15 lbs

2nd
Malaya Johnson and Alex Huber
Aaron Johnson(guide)
18.61 lbs

3rd
Tyler and Tanner Elshaug
Justen Barstad(guide)
17.16 lbs

4th
Carson Lovin and Leo Halko
Tim Rutten(guide)
16.13 lbs

5th
Erin and Megan Roswick
Cody Roswick(guide)
15.73 lbs

Lake Region Anglers "Team of the Year" announced



In the first year of competition, Travis Clemens and Jason Ramberg won the "Team of the Year" for the highest finishing point totals for the three regular two person team events of the summer season: the Spring Northern, the East Bay and the Devils Lake Open. Travis and Jason will receive a plaque at the Annual Meeting in the spring and will qualify for Cabela's National Team Championship this summer in Escanaba, Mich. CONGRATULATIONS TRAVIS AND JASON. For complete list of qualifiers see LRAA webpage.

Champions	Travis Clemens and Jason Ramberg	256.67 points
2nd	Brenda and Justen Barstad	215.37 points
3rd	Meryl Nelson and Travis Klein	200.00 points
4th	Ross Sensiba and Gary Remmen	182.43 points
5th	Jay Hagen and John Dircks	176.16 points

Lake access still in the making

For anyone fishing or boating on Devils Lake, Lake Access is a big deal. With the rising water and the road construction just finding a place to launch a boat and getting there is a real challenge sometimes. Unfortunately we don't expect it get better, only worse. Next years construction will impact East Bay, Lakewood, 6 Mile, Black Tiger and even Grahams Island access. Lake Region Anglers and Devils Lake Chamber of Commerce will be working to get you the most current information about where to go and what Access's might be unavailable.

This past year Lake Region Anglers working with the city of Churches Ferry and the Game and Fish Department placed a ramp and docks at the south end of Lake Irving. If the lake rises as expected we will have to move it but we hope to keep it available for 2011.

For this next year we are working on an Access for Pelican Lake and a Four Season Cleaning Station for Devils Lake.

Keep watching your email and check our webpage for more information as it becomes available.



Cabela's NTC

Cabela's has a National Team Championship every year in which it invites the top teams from around the country to participate.

LRAA qualified last year to send two teams. Al Freidig and Clark Williams participated in Oshkosh, Wisconsin on Lake Winnebago representing LRAA. Although Al and Clark caught a lot of fish (11 different species) but not enough walleyes to cash a check among the 250+ teams entered. Local Pro Johnnie Candle and his partner Dave Noble placed 10th and did a great job.

This is a great tournament, a lot of fun. Do it if you have the opportunity. This years NTC is in Escanaba, Michigan on Lake Michigans Bay Du Noc on Aug 5-7. LRAA will have one or more spots, the final number has not been announced yet by the NTC. If you and your partner are LRAA members and might be interested, contact LRAA@gondtc.com. Be sure to compete in our Team of the Year competitions, the Team of the Year qualifies for LRAA's first NTC spot.

Fishing Rummage Sale

Lake Region Anglers is planning to have a Spring Fishing Rummage Sale in conjunction with the local Boat Show. The planned date is April 2nd at Burdick Arena. If you have tackle you would like to sell or get rid of this is your opportunity. There will be a small deposit to reserve a table. Watch for an email explaining the details as the date gets closer to April. If you want to reserve a table now or get more information contact LRAA at Iraa@gondtc.com or call Clark at 662-5008.

Etree: Much of our current information is distributed through our email tree thanks to Keith Seidlinger. Keith has worked hard in the past year to standard-

ize the format and update the membership and email addresses so all interested fishermen get the most current information. If you or anyone you know who is interested, please be sure Keith and LRAA has your

current email address so you can get this information. All participants in LRAA's etree will also get the North Dakota Sportfishing Congress Legislative Updates.

New LRAA Webpage:

Our webpage on the North Dakota Sportfishing Congress website ndsportfishingcongress.org has been redesigned and is much easier to navigate and has much more information, pictures, tournament results and a complete fishing calendar of events, etc. Check it out.

2011 Annual Meeting & Board Meetings

The Annual Meeting for Lake Region Anglers is planned for Friday March 25th at the Devils Lake KC's. The meeting which starts at 6PM with a light meal and social the first hour kicks off the new fishing season with a bang. Mark it on your calendar.

Monthly, during the fall, winter and spring Lake Region Anglers Assn Board meets to plan for the year and socialize.

The Board meets every first Tuesday of the month at Felix's Restaurant. All interested members are invited to attend and participate. It's a good opportunity to meet people, discuss fishing and find out what's going on. Meeting starts promptly at 7PM in the back room.

2010 Devils Lake Open Results



Champions	Travis Clemens and Jason Ramberg	35.31 lbs
2nd	Clint DeVier and Al Freidig	30.62 lbs
3rd	Brenda and Justen Barstad	29.91 lbs
4th	Jeff Trana and Rick Darling	24.91 lbs
5th	Jon Dircks and Jay Hagen	24.24 lbs.

Thanks to Tournament Directors: Tim Reiner and Bruce Hagen

The Devils Lake Open, the final event of the LRAA "Team of the Year" competition saw 19 teams entered with light winds and temps in the mid 70's. The team of Travis Clemens and Jason Ramberg won the event with 35.31 lbs and won "Team of the Year" also. For complete results and more pictures see LRAA webpage.

2010 Adult/Child Outing Contestants

See website for pictures of all winners



Saturday's planned Outing was cancelled by high winds and lightning and the Outing was rescheduled for Sunday. 18 teams with 29 youthful anglers participated.

Bantam Division (ages 2-10)	Miles Barstad	34.88 lbs
	Carson Schlenk & Julie Hagen	31.98 lbs
	Blake and Alex Gellnar	28.83 lbs
	Jonathan Jetty and Aaron Johnson	26.53 lbs
	Riley Schlieve	15.51 lbs
Largest Northern:	Miles Barstad	4.28 lbs
Largest Walleye:	Miles Barstad	4.89 lbs
Largest White Bass:	Jonathan Jetty and Aaron Johnson	2.78 lbs.

Junior Division	Kyle and Garrett Bonham	32.30 lbs
	Megan Levos and Katie Lemar	17.78 lbs
	Jessica Hellman and Payton Nelson	15.03 lbs
	Devon Schwanke	9.59 lbs



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TELEPHONE NO. _____ (HOME) _____ (WORK)

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LIFETIME
MEMBERSHIP
o Ages 18-59 \$350.00
o 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.

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