



The Lake Region Anglers Association will be hosting a North Dakota Game & Fish Appreciation evening this Thursday April 1st, 2010 at the Great American Inn & Suites in Devils Lake. The evening will start at 6:00 PM with a light lunch of tacos being served. This is an excellent opportunity for club members to meet and interact with the local and state staff members of the Game and Fish Department and visit with other club members. Please mark your calendar and plan on attending. If you have questions on the evening please contact one of the LRAA Board members (listed at the bottom of this communication) or e-mail LRAA at [lraa@gondtc.com](mailto:lraa@gondtc.com)

For those of you who have already sent in an LRAA new or renewal membership we want to say thank you. For those of you who are thinking of joining LRAA or renewing your membership with LRAA we have attached a membership form to this communication to simplify the membership process. Please consider becoming a new member of LRAA or renew your membership with us. At the same time please also consider joining the North Dakota Sportfishing Congress (NDSFC) by checking off the box on the application and adding an additional \$5 with your LRAA membership form. The NDSFC group is the group that is responsible for all of the lobbying efforts for our club, the other 13 fishing clubs in North Dakota, and the overall angling community. NDSFC is our, your voice at the North Dakota Legislature.

The 2010-2011 LRAA year is looking to be an active one in regards to Lake Access. This is a critical time for LRAA with all of the work that will be needed throughout the Lake Region due to the rising waters of Devils Lake. We currently are looking at ways to raise funds for two potential new projects that are being considered along with funding for the ongoing maintenance of the existing Lake Access sites within the Lake Region. LRAA most often is the local entity who works along side of the North Dakota Game and Fish Department to come up with the required 25% local matching funding needed for new projects and in maintaining a number of the current Lake Region's lake access sites. The two potential new lake access projects that are being considered are one at Lake Irvine which has a projected cost in the range of around \$10,000 and a Pelican Lake project which could cost upwards of \$300,000 if it is able to move forward in its current design form. Both of

these potential projects would open up new lake access sites and fishing opportunities for the angling public.

LRAA has established an ongoing plan on different ways to raise funds to assist in the development and maintenance of Lake Region Lake Access projects with one of those being the clubs selling of tickets via our annual LRAA Calendar Raffle (200 tickets @ \$20 - 50% payback). If you use the Lake Access sites in the Lake Region please consider helping to support that access through the purchase of one of these tickets or, and if you could help us in selling a ticket or a book of tickets please contact us at [lraa@gondtc.com](mailto:lraa@gondtc.com)

LRAA's hope is to be able to continue working on moving these two new Lake Access projects forward (Lake Irvine & Pelican Lake) along with being able to maintain what we already have in place lake access wise. We are asking for the support of the fishing community who utilize the regions lake access sites to assist us in our fundraising efforts and to share with us at [lraa@gondtc.com](mailto:lraa@gondtc.com) any ideas that you may have for additional fundraising projects.

We also want to take this opportunity provide our membership with an update on the upcoming 3rd Annual Angler Young Angler (AYA) Fishing Tournament. We have included in an attachment (s) with this communication two items AYA related. We have our membership notification letter that was part of our January membership newsletter that explains the AYA program, its goals, and LRAA's, FM Walleyes involvement, along with an AYA team application that provides detail on the tournament, its date of Saturday July 10th, 2010, and all of the rules of the AYA tournament.

The original plan in accepting applications for the AYA tournament was to hold exclusive rights to the tournament team positions for a period of two weeks to those teams who either fished with us last year or for teams coming from within the memberships of the coordinating fishing clubs FM Walleyes and LRAA. We now are some 2 weeks out beyond when the mailing was completed for the reserved timeline for last year's participants and those who are members of the organizing clubs FM Walleyes and LRAA so we have now opened up the remaining team entry spots to the general public. As of today we have 26 teams entered out of what we expect to be a 40 team field. If you would like to participate in this year's AYA Tournament please return your application as soon as possible to insure that you will receive one of the remaining team spots. If you have any questions on this AYA event you can contact one of the 3 tournament coordinators, LRAA -

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If you have any questions on any of the information included here please feel free to contact one of your Board members or e-mail us at [lraa@gondtc.com](mailto:lraa@gondtc.com)

Thank you for your support of LRAA.

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