



# Lake Region Anglers Association

PO Box 456, Devils Lake, ND 58301

• Sportsmanship • Conservation • Youth Activities • Preservation

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March 2009

## Lake Region Anglers Association Officers Board of Directors

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## GAME AND FISH APPRECIATION



The annual Game and Fish Appreciation is scheduled for Thursday March 19th at the VFW Club and begins at 6:00 p.m. This annual event allows fishermen to recognize and thank the staff of the Game and Fish Department for the job they do to make the Lake Region and Devils Lake the world class sportsman's paradise it is. Lake Region Anglers Assn sponsors the event and it is free and open to the public. Pizza, chicken and beverages are served.

**COME AND RECOGNIZE THESE HARD WORKING DEDICATED PEOPLE.**

## LRAA 2009 Tournaments:

Spring Northern .....Sunday May 17th  
East Bay .....Sunday June 7th  
Devils Lake Open .....Sunday June 21st  
Adult/Child .....Saturday July 18th  
Walleye Widow .....Saturday August 15th

\*application available at the Annual Meeting, online at [ndsportfishingcongress.org](http://ndsportfishingcongress.org) or at local bait shops two weeks before the tournaments.

## Prez Sez:

Spring coming, the days are getting longer, the snow's thinking about melting, the lake's going to rise (whether we like it or not). Time to start thinking about soft water fishing.

Lake Region Anglers is gearing up for spring and so should you. Time to renew your membership and sign up a friend. Be sure to include your email address so we can send you announcements and information quickly about meetings, events, outings, tournaments, etc.

Take the time to look through this newsletter and see what your membership supports. If you fish Devils Lake, Lake Region Anglers Association is your voice, your representative, your action group to improve and protect your fishery.

Be sure to attend our Annual Meeting on April 3rd (see article this newsletter). Take the time to come to the Game and Fish Appreciation and say thank you to your Game and Fish people who work so hard to help make this fishery so great.

Come to an F Troop, share fishing knowledge and meet others with like interests. If you're so inclined, we are always looking for people to help with activities throughout the year whether they be tournaments, fish fry's, kids events, lake access projects, fish cleaning. But keep in touch, we need you and if you fish Devils Lake, you need us. Thanks.

Have another great fishing year.  
Clark

## JASON MITCHELL TO PRESENT AT ANNUAL MEETING



Jason Mitchell, legendary local guide and host of "Jason Mitchell Outdoors", will be the guest presenter at the Lake Region Anglers Annual Meeting on **April 3rd at the KC's in Devils Lake starting at 6PM.**

Over the past decade, Jason built one of the largest open water guide services, Mitchells Guide Service out of Woodland Resort, on Devils Lake and was a key member of Devils Lakes famed Perch Patrol in the winter.

Jason has logged thousands of hours on Devils Lake, earning a reputation for being an extraordinary guide and angler and also a gifted writer, communicator and promoter. Devils Lake and the Lake Region Anglers are honored to have Jason Mitchell presenting at our Annual Meeting.

## LRAA SUMMER FISHING CALENDER

March 7th	Minnewaukan Fishtival
March 17(Tue)	Devils Lake Fishery Update - Randy Hiltner G&F NE Fisheries Supervisor(see article)
March 19(Thu)	Game and Fish Appreciation(see article)
March 28(Sat)	North Dakota Sportfishing Congress Annual Meeting/Fundraiser (see article)
April 3(Fri)	Lake Region Anglers Assn Annual Meeting (see article)
April 14(Tue)	Devils Lake Northern Fishing(F Troop) - Boyd LaFleur(see article)
May 17(Sun)	LRAA Spring Northern Tournament (see website)
June 7(Sun)	LRAA East Bay Earlybird (see website)
June 13-14	9th Annual Marina Walleye Classic (Spirit Lake Casino)
June 21(Sun)	LRAA Devils Lake Open (see website)
June 27-28	Devils Lake Chamber Walleye Tournament Contact Chamber of Commerce or see NDSFC website
July 10th	Flyway Bar Fish Fry
July 11(Sat)	Angler Young Angler (see article)
July 18(Sat)	LRAA Adult/Child (see NDSFC website)
July 25-26	Cabela's National Team Championship/Masters Walleye Circuit
August 15(Sat)	LRAA Walleye Widow Outing (see NDSFC website)



## Elections

**Board of Directors needed:  
We need you!**

5 Board of Director positions are up for election this year. Each Board position is for 2 years. Board members are expected to participate in Board Meetings which meet the first Tuesday of the month September through May and help out whenever possible for club functions.

We ask each Board Member to coordinate at least one Club activity. Board members must be members in good standing of Lake Region Anglers Assn.

If you would be interested in serving, contact a member of the Nominating Committee: Larry Schneider, Keith Seidlinger, and Ralph Gardner or let an Officer or other Board Member know.  
Thanks

**Go Fishing!**

## ANS Components are in Place

By LR Schlueter, ANS Coordinator,  
North Dakota Game and Fish Department



The three key components for ANS prevention are now in place. Over the past few years, there has been an on-going public education campaign about ANS prevention. The North Dakota Legislature passed an ANS prevention law in 2007. In 2008, the North Dakota Game and Fish Department enacted regulations to prevent the importation and spread of ANS. With people having been educated and ANS prevention laws on the books, those individuals who endanger North Dakota's aquatic resource now face being ticketed and fined.

The simplest way to prevent a trip to court is simple - drain the livewell and bilge, remove aquatic vegetation from the boat/trailer/equipment, and keep bait free of vegetation. ANS prevention takes a few minutes, but provides a life time of continued recreation at your local favorite fishing hole.

The Lake Region Anglers Association is working with the North Dakota Game and Fish Department to educate and encourage all anglers, boaters, and hunters to take ANS prevention seriously. We all must work together to ensure our continued enjoyment of the fishing and hunting found in Devils Lake and the state's other waters.

## Lake Access 08-09

The major access project for 08 was the construction of the fish cleaning station at 6 Mile Bay. A three year project is finally getting completed. The only thing left to do is install the tables and hook them up, as soon as spring weather permits. Thanks to hundreds of hours of volunteer labor and many donated services we were able to complete this project under budget and without breaking the bank. Below is a list of the major players

Black Construction  
Lake Country Contractors  
H&H Coatings  
Hasse Plumbing  
Leben Masonry  
Lake Region Electric  
Lake Lumber

These businesses donated all, or a portion of, their services for this project. If you see them please thank them for all the Lake Region Fishermen.

Many challenges will present themselves in the next few years as the lake levels change. Keep tuned to future newsletters for information on what's going on.

### Calendar Raffle Tickets

Ticket Books are available from Brenda Barstad or by contacting LRAA at [Iraa@gondtc.com](mailto:Iraa@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



## NORTH DAKOTA SPORTFISHING CONGRESS (NDSFC)



The North Dakota Sportfishing Congress (NDSFC) is having its Annual Meeting and Fundraiser on Saturday March 28th at the Mandan Eagles Club. The NDSFC is an umbrella organization of 15 fishing and wildlife clubs throughout North Dakota that works closely with the North Dakota Game and Fish Department to promote and protect the North Dakota fisherman's interests. NDSFC maintains a full time lobbyist during the legislative session and a website with webpages from each member clubs, a calendar of events, an update on legislative issues relating to fishing, an Aquatic Nuisance webpage, and other information and weblinks that fishermen might find interesting.

We urge all LRAA members to also join NDSFC. Membership can be included with your yearly LRAA dues.

The NDSFC Annual Meeting is Saturday March 28th, Mandan Eagles Club, this meeting is the most informative North Dakota fishing meeting of the year. Presentations include Game and Fish biologists, Fish and Wildlife, Fedl Hatcheries, Parks and Rec, Corps of Engineers, Legislators and more. If its happening in North Dakota and it relates to fish you'll find it here. The Annual Meeting starts at 10AM and runs into the early afternoon. It is open to the public and there is no charge.

The NDSFC Annual Fundraiser is the evening of the 28th, also at the Mandan Eagles and includes a meal. There quite a few door prizes, a ton of \$1.00 ticket prizes, bucket prizes for guns and custom rods, and more. Everyone has a good time and everyone comes away with a bunch of loot. The proceeds from this fundraiser allow the Congress to maintain a lobbyist and website. Tickets are \$25.00 and must be purchased in advance. Tickets can be obtained from Clark Williams, 662-5008 or email at [shadrap@gondtc.com](mailto:shadrap@gondtc.com).

This is a great time to get your boat out. Devils Lake is still hard but the river is open and the fishing is usually hot. A lot of out-of-towners come in early, stay late and hit the river.



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

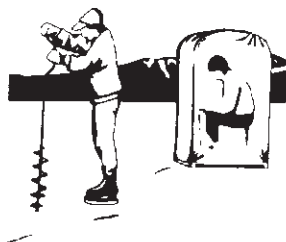
Its the "Silly Season". That's the time when any and all proposed legislation emerges during

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

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

HB1379 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.

SB2424 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. Game and Fish and the State Water Commission as well as NDSFC opposed this bill. It was defeated in the Senate.



## Membership Dues are Due

It's that time of year again. Lake Region Anglers Association(LRAA) dues are due(is that redundant?). Your \$20.00 supports so much. Take the time to read the "Year in Review" to see what your dues support.

Without an involved membership LRAA couldn't do half the things they do. More than 80% of activities involving fishing and boating on and around Devils Lake are either supported directly by the Lake Region Anglers or have a strong contribution from LRAA behind the scenes. Most of the Lake Ramp and Access improvements in Ramsey County are a direct result of LRAA efforts over the years. If you want to see Lake Access stay ahead of the changing water levels support LRAA.

Fill out the membership application included with this newsletter, include your email address if you use email. We send out regular updates on activities and things happening around the Lake Region and we solícite members input regularly to help us meet the desires of the fishing community. All emails are sent out using BCC to assure that your email address is kept confidential.

Be sure to include your North Dakota Sportfishing Congress dues of \$5.00 when you renew. See the write-up on the Congress in this newsletter to see how it promotes and protects fishing interests around the state.

While you're at it, share this newsletter with a fishing friend. Get them to join also. Let us know their address and we'll send them a newsletter also.





## LRAA ANNUAL MEETING SET

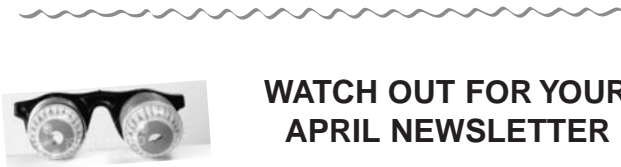
The Annual Meeting of the Lake Region Anglers Association will be at the Devils Lake KC's on April 3rd starting at 6PM. A light meal of barbeque and fish sandwiches will be served.

Jason Mitchell, legendary local fishing guide and host of "Jason Mitchell Outdoors" will be guest speaker

The meeting will also include a short state of the club intro, the presentation of Sportsman of the Year Award, a short Aquatic Nuisance Species update, Election of Officers and Board Members, a presentation of the proposed 08-09 budget and a bunch of door prizes.

Open to the public. The 2009 LRAA fishing season officially begins at the Annual Meeting and LRAA dues are due. Membership is \$20.00 per family and we encourage all members to also become members of the North Dakota Sportfishing Congress(see NDSFC article) for \$5.00 which can be paid at the same time as your LRAA dues.

If you can't make the Annual Meeting, maintain your membership in good standing by sending in your dues with the form in this newsletter. Be sure to include your email address to receive regular announcements and updates.



**WATCH OUT FOR YOUR  
APRIL NEWSLETTER**

### **LOTS OF GOOD STUFF**

Information on Devils Lake Fishery  
Summer Outings  
Aquatic Nuisance Species  
Lake Access  
The Carp Threat to Devils Lake  
Lots more

Be sure to renew you dues to get this newsletter



## F TROOP

The F Troop or "fishing for fun" group is a low key get together to meet people, discuss fishing and generally have a good time. The Troop tries to get together once a month on Tuesday's and usually has a guest speaker or topic of discussion planned. Meetings are in the back room at Felix's Restaurant unless otherwise noted. All F Troops are free.

**April 14th: Boyd LaFleur- Devils Lake Trophy Pike. Great American Inn 7PM**

Boyd will talk about his experience in pursuing and catching huge pike on Devils Lake. Boyd has perfected presentation techniques and patterns for this underfished resource of the Devils Lake system.

### **DEVILS LAKE FISHERIES UPDATE**

**March 17th  
Lake Region College Cafeteria 7PM**

Randy Hiltner, North East Fisheries Supervisor, will present on the state of the fishery for Devils Lake. If you want to know what really is going on with the walleye, perch and pike this is the place to be. Stocking, test netting, tagging information and more.

Free of charge, DON'T MISS IT.

### **WEBSITE**

Lake Region Anglers Association maintains a webpage on the North Dakota Sportfishing Congress website [ndsportfishingcongress.org](http://ndsportfishingcongress.org). You can see our newsletters, tournament applications, tournament results and pictures and much more on the webpage. 14 other member clubs from around the state maintain webpages there also. Support the NDSFC.

# Angler Young Angler Outing (AYA)

The Lake Region Anglers Association in partnership with F-M Walleyes Unlimited Inc. will be coordinating its second annual Angler Young Angler (AYA) event on Devils Lake on Saturday July 11th, 2009. The continued objective of the Angler Young Angler Outings is to expose the youth of today to the great sport of competitive fishing within a fun family like atmosphere.

The Devils Lake Angler Young Angler Outing will be accepting 40 teams for entry with those teams competing for prizes provided by the National and Regional sponsors of the Angler Young Angler Outings. The format of a team for the Angler Young Angler Outings will consist of three (3) persons of which one (1) person must be an adult team member along with two (2) team members who are youthful anglers. The two (2) youthful anglers must be at the age of 17 or under on the date of the Devils Lake Regional event which will be held on Saturday July 11th, 2009. The entry fee for the Angler Young Angler Outing is \$150 with the first place prize for the Devils Lake Regional event consisting of a 12' Lund Boat, a 4 HP Mercury Outboard Motor, along with a Shorelandr' Trailer. The first place team at each regional event will also earn the right to one of the

qualifying spots for entry into the 4rd Annual International North American Angler Young Angler Championship event that will be held on Saturday August 15th, 2009 on beautiful Lake of the Woods out of Kenora, Ontario.

Al Freidig and Keith Seidlinger have accepted the position of lead coordinators of the Angler Young Angler Outing on Devils Lake for the Lake Region Anglers Association. If anyone would like any additional information about the format of this event or if you would be willing to serve as volunteer helping out on the day of the event please contact Al at his cellular number of 701-351-1678 or Keith at the following phone numbers, office - 701-662-6300 days, or home – 701-662-6003 evenings. The entry forms are expected to be mailed out sometime around the 1st of March with priority entry status set aside for those teams who competed in last years event for a to be determined time. If you are interested in participating in this fun filled event please save the date of Saturday July 11th, 2009 and upon receiving respond back as quickly as possible upon receiving your application as angler interest level continues to run high and we be only accepting 40 teams for entry into this event.

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# LAKE REGION ANGLERS ASSOCIATION

## YEAR IN REVIEW 2008-2009

**Annual Meeting and Fishing Seminar:** in March included a presentation by Professional Fisherman Johnnie Candle, Sportsman of the Year Award to Dick Horner. Door prizes and club business including elections of officers. Also included were a membership drive and an update on what LRAA is doing and a meal. 2009 Annual Meeting will be on April 3rd at the KC's, Jason Mitchell will give a short talk.

**Monthly Board Meetings September-May:** open to the membership and invited guests, fishing discussion afterwards (and sometimes during). Felix's Restaurant the first Tuesday of each month at 7PM.

**Game and Fish Appreciation:** an evening get-together in the Spring to recognize and thank the local and state Game and Fish Employees for all the work they do.

Newsletters information on club activities, how to fishing articles, topics of regional and statewide significance. Newsletters are also available on the webpage.

**Webpage:** at [ndsportfishingcongress.org](http://ndsportfishingcongress.org): LRAA maintains a webpage on the North Dakota Sportfishing Congress website.

**Email Tree:** regular email notification to interested members on current and upcoming events and issues of interest. Also allows members and the public to contact LRAA through our email contact address of [LRAA@gondtc.com](mailto:LRAA@gondtc.com)

**Club Outings:** Spring Northern Tournament  
East Bay Earlybird  
Devils Lake Open (open to the general fishing public)  
Adult Child Tournament  
Walleye Widow Outing

### **Ramps and Docks and things.**

- Member of Devils Lake Access Committee: cooperative committee of City, County, DL Park Board and Lake Region Anglers to provide for improved access to Devils Lake both summer and winter. Committee also maintains access sites at Lakewood, Henegar Landing, East Bay and 6 Mile Bay.
- Coordinates new access projects and planned improvements with North Dakota Game and Fish Department and local entities
- Coordinated construction of a fish cleaning station for 6 Mile Bay in 2008
- Spring Cleanup of Ramp Areas and Docks at Lakewood, East Bay, 6 Mile

**Calendar Raffle** to support community activities. \$2,000 in cash prizes. Winners drawn weekly at Ed's Bait Ship during the summer.

**F' Troop:** a monthly discussion group of interested fishermen to share information, tell stories and get to know new people. Winter months study sessions and presentations at Felix's Restaurant, Summer sessions are get togethers on the water. See your newsletters and/or emails for announced times and agenda's

**Supports Lur'em for Life** with 5 full scholarships for kids. A week long Camp at Lakewood to teach kids about the joys of fishing and take them fishing.

**Supports Exploratory Days for school kids** with financial aid, equipment and volunteer support.

### **Provides Equipment, technical assistance and volunteer support to:**

Hagels Fish Fry  
Devils Lake Area Chamber of Commerce Fish Fry  
Sportsmen for Youth Expo  
North Dakota Telephone Co Fish Fry  
Law Enforcement Fish Fry  
Devils Lake Chamber Fishing Tournament  
Devils Lake Volunteer Fire Dept Ice Fishing Tournament  
Kim Barstad Memorial Fishing Tournament

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**Represented on** the North Dakota State Fishing Tournament Committee, the North Dakota State Aquatic Nuisance Committee and the Noxious Weed Committee. Devils Lake Area Chamber Walleye Tournament Committee.

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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION TO LAKE REGION ANGLERS ASSN.**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (CITY) \_\_\_\_\_ (STATE) \_\_\_\_\_ ((ZIP)

TELEPHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (HOME) \_\_\_\_\_ (WORK)

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP**  
 Ages 18-59 \$350.00  
 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:**  
**Lake Region Anglers Assn.**  
**PO Box 456, Devils Lake, ND 58301**