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Fishing lines

October 2009

CLUB HAPPENINGS

December ??

Pizza Party

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MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ ...

Well, another salmon year has come and gone. Some fish were caught and some good times were shared with friends. This was the first year I was able to out fish Brenda. I caught more fish but she caught the largest one. I want to thank all the board

members for your effort put forth this past year.

Monte Babeck and Dennis Erhardt did an excellent job with putting on the Derby and helping with the boils. Bryce Anderson and Steve Bubach also deserve a big pat on the back. Bryce was a valuable source of information for me with instructions on how to put on a boil. Thanks for all your help. Al and Colleen Nosbusch were also very helpful on many occasions. Colleen puts out an attractive and pleasing newsletter. Thank you both for your effort put forth. A big thank you to Brenda Seher for her effort put forth on the Physically Challenged Kids Fishing Day. The event went real well. We had 36 kids. Most ever and they all seemed to have a good time even though the fishing was a bit tough. Thanks to all the volunteers that helped. You all work real well with these kids! I received a lot of thank yous from the parents and that is a good indication that we are doing something right.

Rumor has it that the stocking numbers are going to be increased dramatically. I will have some actual numbers for the next newsletter.

We still need a President Elect. If anyone is interested in getting involved with the Club you can contact any of the board members.

I hope the hunting season is good for everybody and we have an active and entertaining fall and winter.

Kevin Seher (Megan Marie)

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

The last club outing of the year was held over Labor Day weekend. The fishing turned out to be not too bad. There were 19 fish that made it to the scale. In order to claim one of the three top place prizes you had to have a fish over 8 pounds.

First place - Marlin Schick 8.9 pounds

Second place - Roger Schlinger 8.8 pounds

Third place - Jerry Bauer - 8.0 pounds

The event was attended by about 70 members and friends. The food and friendship was great. I want to thank all of you who brought cukes, tomatoes, bars, and the other goodies, it always adds a nice touch to a great feast. I also want to thank the hosts of this outing, my wife Marie, Mike and Dianna Anderson, Marlin and Della Schick, Kevin and Brenda Seher, and a host of other people who helped cook and clean up. Our next event is the Annual Pizza Party and election of officers and that will be held in December, details to follow. A few things to remember before the end of the year, get those report card coupons to Jack Long or any other e-board member as well as the largest fish certificate (found in your newsletter), lastly if you still have fish heads from those fin clipped fish they should be turned to the Game and Fish office or The Honey Hole in Riverdale or Scott's Conoco in Pick City. Well enough from me until December. Have a great fall and hunting season.

Bryce Anderson (Captain Carp)

20th ANNUAL PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED CHILDREN'S FISHING EVENT

The 20th Annual Physically Challenged Kids Fishing Event was Saturday, September 12 at the Garrison Dam National Fish Hatchery. The Salmon Club can proudly say we have assisted with the event for 15 years.

The Hatchery installed a plastic liner in the pond so things were different this year. The fish didn't want to cooperate. The long-time volunteers said it was the first year ever that the fish didn't jump on the hook. Bryce and Terry, our fish cleaners thought they were going to be like the Maytag repairmen. Luckily they weren't that lonely.

We had 36 kids attend this year but slow fishing didn't slow them down. They had a good time. Lunch was ready when they wanted to take a break. Before the afternoon was over, almost everybody had their limit and no one went home without at least one fish.

The largest fish weighed in at 5.25 lbs. The lucky angler will have his picture and name added to the plaque at the hatchery and will get his fish mounted compliments of Dakota Taxidermy.

After fishing and picture taking, all the kids got some great prizes and there were also a few grand prizes. Great River Energy provided the funds to purchase t-shirts. The Moose Lodge #302 paid for fanny packs. Dakota Tackle gave the kids tackle kits. Bobcat donated enough balls and water bottles for everyone besides a few other goodies. Gary, thank you for contacting Bobcat.

We had other sponsors. Dan's Super Market provided the groceries for lunch. Scott's Bait and Tackle gave us the essentials, ice and the lucky bait and tackle. The Club and

the kids appreciate the generous donations. Thank you!

Thank you to the volunteers: Marlin and Della Schick, Terry Focke, Lyle Fischer, Jack Long, Wayne Schmitz, Gary Martin, Floyd and Barb Fischer, Al Nosbusch, Tom Nosbusch, Mike and Dianna Anderson, Gene and Mary Nerby, Ray Dingeman, Landon, Jason and Jody Fischer, Bob Gregoire, John Olson, Monte, Anjyl, Hunter, and Kenadee Babeck, Bryce and Marie Anderson, and Genevieve Nerby. The event wouldn't happen without your help.

Also, thank you to the Hatchery staff, Jon, Tammy, Rob, and Ken for giving us the opportunity to be part of Kid's Fishing Day. The volunteers have as much fun as the kids. No one goes home without a smile!

Overall, the event was a success! If you missed it, the Bismarck Tribune did a nice article in the September 17 newspaper. The Club got a nice pat on the back. The event is definitely worthwhile and rewarding. Don't forget to stop in at the visitors center at the Hatchery and check out the plaque for the biggest fish. We hope to see you there next year!

Kevin and Brenda Seher

FEEDBACK

During the awards ceremony portion of this years derby I was visiting with John Tunge of Lake Sakakawea State Park. John shared his thoughts about the Club's emphasis on inclusion of our youth in the derby activities. I asked if he would be willing to share those thoughts with our members in our next newsletter. John's response follows -

Al Nosbusch (Bald Eagle)

WHAT REALLY COUNTS

Managing Lake Sakakwea State Park provides me with a unique view of the sportsman, particularly fishermen, of the state. The old saying, one size fits all, does not apply to the art of fishing. Everyone approaches the sport from a different perspective. Fisherman range from the truly intense, high tech, high power get them at any cost fisherman to the try and stay awake in the lawn chair shore fisherman. The great thing is you get to do it your way.

Having worked with the Great Planers over the years, one thing stands out. There

seems to be a place for every fisherman. Regardless of your perspective on what it takes to chase fish, the Great Planers, as a group, seem to share their knowledge and enthusiasm for the sport. This is particularly true with the youth fishing programs. We all realize that the future of our hunting and fishing lies with the youth of the country. We recognize it in State Parks, the Game & Fish Dept recognizes it through their many youth seasons and programs to bring young people into the sports and the Great Planers not only recognize it, they work hard at getting young people enthusiastic about fishing.

I was looking through some digital photos of past Great Planers Salmon Derby's and those that stand out are the smiles on the faces of a young boy or girl as they hold up a trophy or a new fishing rod they won in a drawing. Those smiles are not just for the biggest or most fish, they are because every single young person gets to be involved in winning. It is obvious that the club has made its youth program a priority and it shows.

As much as we all like to see the smiles on the faces of the kids, it doesn't just happen, it takes work. I deal with a number of groups in my job and the Great Planers are one of the best I have had the pleasure of working with. The club is organized and has enough members that take their turn at the work part. I know how much work it takes to organize and pull off a successful event. You only have to sit in the Events Shelter at a Derby to see how many details go into the event. From planning to weigh in to awards, those members that volunteer their time and effort deserve a pat on the back. For all the people that just wander by the weigh ins to see what a salmon looks like to the kids who can't wait to try out their new fishing rod, let me tell the Great Planers - Thanks, you do a great job and it is appreciated.

John Tunge, Park Manager
Lake Sakakwea State Park

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Anglers Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Date Fish Caught: _____

Time Fish Caught: _____ AM or PM (circle one)

Location Where Caught: _____

Depth caught at: _____

Depth of Water Where Caught: _____

Lure Used: _____ Lure Color: _____

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