

# GREAT PLANERS

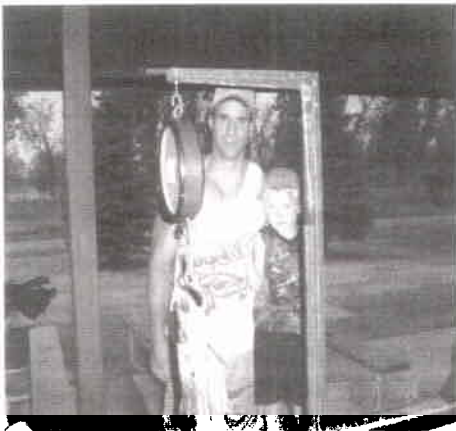
Trout & Salmon Club

## Fishing Lines



### 2004 GPTSC EVENTS

August 28	Annual Derby
Sept 4-5	Sept Outing
Sept 18	Kids Fishing Day



*The Erhart's weighing in their salmon  
at the August outing.  
(3 lbs. 1 1/2 oz. Length 19 1/4")*

### MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

by Tony Goetz (Mud Shark)

The time a lot of us wait for all year long is here. There have been many reports of anglers taking their limit of salmon and there are also many reports of anglers with a big goose egg. I have had some luck but I'd have to say it's been mostly not so good. On my best day this year I caught two and I've also had a couple of days with no salmon. These no salmon days make you really appreciate the day when you boat one, but there is a lot of salmon fishing time left this season.

On the bad days I need to remind myself of the old saying that the worst day of fishing is still better than a good day at work. If the fish are not cooperating, I'm usually busy tying up another lure. I always have a timer set in the boat. When the timer goes off and what I have in the water is not successful, it's time to change. In all reality just getting out on the water enjoying that peaceful time is reward enough and the fish caught are just a bonus but I do live for the bonus.

At our last meeting Blair Ihmels gave the E-Board a report on the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Derby and it looks to be another exciting event. Blair makes chairing this event look easy but I for one know it is not and I really do appreciate the hard work he does putting this event together. Many members are out soliciting sponsors for prizes and I do want to say thanks for the hard work to those members. I'd also like to remind all club members to support these sponsors and remember to say thanks for helping the club.

The Derby is truly a family event. I know the big kids get excited but there are two more divisions set aside for our future club members. The Youth Division is for young adults ages 13 – 17 with a whole set of prizes set aside for this group. The other division is called the Fish On – Pass It On. It is sponsored by the Gaylord Johnson Memorial Fund and this is for kids 12 years and younger. This division also has it's own set of awards and prizes.

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I am sad to announce that the club is looking for a new program chairman. Lugene Gerber has done a great job in the past filling this position, but has decided to retire her position at the end of this year. I for one would like to thank Lugene for all her hard work and support. If you or someone you know would like to get involved in the Great Planers Trout and Salmon Club, please contact me or any one E-board member. There are still a few months left to work with Lugene before taking over.

**To The Great Planers Trout & Salmon Club Members -**  
*Just letting everyone know that after this year, I will no longer be the program chairman. If anyone is interested in this position, please talk to Kip Greig. He will be sure to nominate you!! I have decided that I have too many things going on in my life and need to resign from a few.*

*Lugene Gerber (Justfun)*

## KIDS FISHING DAY



On September 18<sup>th</sup> you have the opportunity to make this a fun and memorable day for some very special anglers. If you are like most people you probably fish whenever your spare time will allow. The kids that participate in this event do not have the same opportunities that we might take for granted.

Kid's Fishing Day is hosted by the Garrison Dam National Fish Hatchery but without the help of the Great Planers and other volunteers this event would not take place.

We need volunteers to help register the participants, bait hooks, clean fish, cook hotdogs, net fish, and help cast or reel for kids that may not be able to. The event kicks off at noon and is done by 4:00.

Fishing is an activity that everybody should be able to enjoy and with your help we can make this happen for some very special kids and their families. Please consider helping out if you can. Contact Kevin or Brenda Seher at 255-0607 or [wefish@btinet.net](mailto:wefish@btinet.net).

*by Kevin & Brenda Seher (wefish)*

**REMINDER** - Remember the 2004 largest salmon/trout contest open to all GPTSC members. The form is on the back of this newsletter.

## AUGUST OUTING RESULTS

The August outing was a pretty good success given the conditions of the lake and the amount of people fishing. After the park ranger stopped by to inform us of an approaching storm, we decided that maybe we should move our vehicles under the shelter and that is exactly what we did. We pushed the picnic tables out and pulled most vehicles in. That was surely a first for an outing and the boil continued on as scheduled. There were a total of ten fish weighed in. The stats were:

1st	Deb Bergan	8 lbs. 2 oz
2nd	Clark Twardoski	6 lbs.
3rd	Larry Freed	5 lbs. 12 oz.
4th	Kendra Froelich	5 lbs. 10 oz

There were about 40 people attending the boil. I had several comments on the boil saying it was the best they had ever been to. A big thank you to the hosts—the Dale Twardoski family. Also, thank you to Bryce & Marie Andersen, Marlin & Della Schick, Kip & Luckie Greig, Tony & Jane Goetz, Larry & Bernita Freed and Dale & Anita Twardowski for donating fish. Without you people we could not do this.

*by Lugene Gerber (Justfun)*



*Vehicles under the picnic shelter?  
This was the August outing we won't forget!*

## SEPTEMBER OUTING

**Saturday, September 4**  
Main Shelter ~ State Park  
6-7 pm Weigh in

**Sunday, September 5**  
Main Shelter ~ State Park  
6-7 pm Weigh in  
7 pm Boil

Hosted by Kip Greig





Mirror Mirror on the wall,  
who's the greatest  
fisherman of all!!  
Sharpen the hooks,  
check the line,  
polish the flashers,  
and pack those coolers!!

**It's the Great Planers Trout and Salmon Club Derby  
August 28 ... GOOD LUCK ANGLERS!!**  
Have a fun, safe derby and  
**HOOK SOME CHINOOK!!**

### **Going With My Dad . . . . (true story)**

*The place was the Men's Club Lake in Phillips, Texas. I was 5 yrs old and we had my two cousins along.*

*Now you had to know my Dad. He grew up hunting, not fishing. He would say. Hunting—you can see what you're getting.*

*Well, he rigs up his cain pole that must have been 20 foot long, with a sinker that had to weigh 2 oz. with a cork about the size of a golf ball. Pop told me to watch the cork and jirk when it went under. Well, the wind was blowing pretty good (as it does out here) and with that heavy sinker and the wave action, the cork kept going under. So, I would Jirk. Now with the cain pole, the whole rig goes flying in the air. I would see that there was no fish on it, so I would go flinging the rig back to the water kinda like a bull whip action. Pop kept saying "wait till the cork goes under". Course every time I would do my fling thing the worm would go flying and he would have to rebait. Now keep in mind that Pop is also having to take care of my cousins and Pop never was a patient man. . .*

*About 2 hrs of me jerking and flinging that cain pole, I could tell Pop was about to have enough. But the cork went under ONE MORE TIME. I gave it a mighty JIRK, 2 oz sinker and all. As I watched the rig fly over my head with NO fish. I started to whip it back to the water, I feel a big tug on it. Then I hear a very loud four letter word followed by another one. As I turned to see what all the cousin is about, I had HOOKED my Pop just above the left eye and the sinker had broke off half his front tooth.*

*We all load up in a 59 studebaker with Pop hooked and a 20 foot cain pole hanging out the window. Pop and I did go fishing after that, but he never got behind me again.*

*Worm'n*

### **TIPS & TRICKS - Save Your Rod**

When a tip breaks off a fishing rod, it may not be ruined. You may have created a useful specialty stick. Glue on a new tip guide and try out the stiffer action. Shortened fly rods are often better for making long casts with weighted flies. Chopped-down casting and spinning rods can work fine for heavier lures and are just the thing for vertical jigging and trolling.

### **FYI — PHOTO CONTEST**

The North Dakota Game & Fish Department is accepting entries for the 15th annual Watchable Wildlife Photo Contest. Deadline for submitting photos is September 30.

The contest encompasses all North Dakota wildlife in a variety of categories—nongame species, game species, insects and plants.

The winner in the nongame category—which includes only animals that are not hunted, fished or trapped—will appear on the department's 2005 Watchable Wildlife Program promotional poster.

The photographer submitting the poster winner receives five rolls of film while runners-up in each category receive three rolls of film. Each of the prize-winning photographs will appear in North Dakota OUTDOORS magazine in January 2005.

The poster image will be selected only from entries that are original, vertical-composition transparencies (slides). Prints, slides and digital photos are all acceptable formats for entries in each category.

Contact NDGF for photo contest rules at 701-328-6300.

### **TURNING YOUNGSTERS INTO ANGLERS . .**

Studies have shown that a child who doesn't fish before his/her 14th birthday probably will not fish as an adult. That's why it's so important that parents/relatives take the time to introduce a youngster to the joys of fishing. Being in the great outdoors builds character. A new generation of anglers builds a political constituency that will work to keep our country's fishing waters in good health. Check these five easy steps to turn youngsters into anglers.

**MAKE IT FUN**—Find a small pond or creek that holds easy-to-catch fish. Kids don't have patience and need instant gratification. If the fish aren't biting, break for lunch or soda. If kids get bored and start skipping rocks across the surface of the pond or chase salamanders, let them. The idea is for them to have fun.

**WHAT YOU DON'T DO**—What YOU don't do is fish. You're there to bait hooks, clean fish, untangle line, retrieve lures, etc. Leave your rods at home; this is all about the kids.

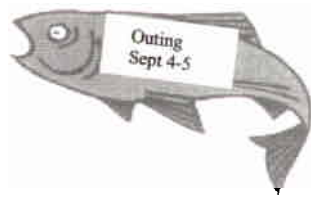
**THINK LIKE A DOG**—All good dog trainers know that young dogs want desperately to please. Praise is a terrific reward. Dispense it amply. Best lessons are short lessons. Make first sessions short. This is no time to criticize a child.

**KISS**—You know what this means: Keep it Simple, Stupid! Adults have a tendency to deliver too much information. Start by giving your child just enough information to get started and no technical lectures.

**THE MOST IMPORTANT GIFT**—The most important gift you're giving a child is your time. Your child will remember this gift for the rest of his/her life, and the experience will enrich the lives of both of you. Fishing creates an unbreakable bond between a child and adult.

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**PAN ROASTED  
SALMON & TOMATOES**  
(about 4 servings)

- 1 1/2 lbs salmon steaks  
(about 3/4 " thick)
- 2 Tbsp. flour
- 2 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1/2 tsp. kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 2 14 1/2 oz cans diced tomatoes  
or fresh tomatoes
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 Tbsp. chopped fresh basil

Dredge fish in flour. Meanwhile, heat oil in large skillet over medium heat until it shimmers. Add fish and brown about 3 minutes on each side. Carefully lift the fish out of the skillet and set it aside on a platter; sprinkle with the salt and pepper. Add the tomatoes & garlic to skillet & bring to a boil over high heat. Cook 3 minutes. Reduce heat to low & return the fish to the pan. Cover & cook 5 minutes or until the fish flakes when tested with a fork or the tip of a knife. Remove the fish to a platter and cover loosely with foil to keep warm. Increase heat to high, add the basil, and reduce the sauce, stirring frequently, until thickened, about 3 minutes.

**AREA ACTIVITIES**

**August 28 Beach Party, Garrison.** Live entertainment, fun and food for all ages, and music from the 1950s-1970s. Advanced tickets available from Garrison businesses.

**September 9-12 Harvest Festival, Hazen.** Dance to Johnny Holm Band, car show, turkey barbecue, tractor pull, parade, carnival, variety show, food booths, craft fair & more. (888-464-2936)

**September 17-18 Fall Walleye Classic, Garrison.** Maximum of 130 teams compete for \$25,000 first place cash prize. (800-799-4242 for details)

**2004 LARGEST SALMON/TROUT CONTEST**

*Open to GPTS Club Members Only*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Weight: Lbs. \_\_\_\_\_ Oz. \_\_\_\_\_ Date Caught \_\_\_\_\_  
Location Caught \_\_\_\_\_  
Entrant Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Verified by (signature) \_\_\_\_\_

