

GREAT PLANERS

Trout & Salmon Club

Fishing Lines



2004 GPTSC EVENTS

August 7-8	August Outing
August 28	Annual Derby
Sept 4-5	Sept Outing
Sept 18	Kids Fishing Day

FOR SALE

3 Cannon Unitroll
downriggers w/swivel bases
and rod holders (two have
2' booms and
one has 5' boom)
and 8' long handled net

Call Dave Fink
748-6480

MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

by Tony Goetz (Mud Shark)

Wow! the summer is going by fast. The first outing is behind us and I'll not steal the thunder on the largest fish caught but I know it was over seven pounds. Make sure to read all about it in another section of this newsletter. We had a good number of members show up for the outing and I have to say that the first outing was a success. Thanks to all of you that helped. Again many members went home with prizes so if you have not gone to an outing in the past you may want to get to the next one.

The next outing will be held on August 7th & 8th with the salmon boil at 7:00 pm on the 7th. There will again be door prizes given away at the boil. At 6:00 PM on the 7th the largest fish weigh in starts and there are gift certificates given to the 1st 2nd and 3rd place winners for the big fish of the weekend.

Along with the gift certificates you get all the bragging rights you want until the next largest fish comes in for that weekend. Just ask Della Schick who came in with the first fish of the weekend at the July 7 outing. It was a grand occasion for Della. The walk to the scale with cooler in hand. The anticipated photo shoot with the trophy catch at the scale. There are too the usual questions asked during the procession by the other anglers present. You know the questions. How deep and over how much water? How far behind the ball and color of flasher and such. Everyone was excited to see the catch. Then the cooler opened and out came a 1 1/4 pound salmon. Good one Della.

Now this is just one of the stories I can share with you from that evening but there were many more and you just have to be there. I'm sure that I've chuckled a few times this week when I've recalled that night. The food is always great and there always seems to be some unbelievably good desserts that show up. So don't cheat yourself and miss the next event. *(continued next page)*

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At our last board meeting Blair gave an update on the upcoming club derby scheduled for August 28th. Blair and Mike have a great time planned for us this year. If you would like to help with the Derby please contact either one of them. It does take a lot of planning and help to make an event like this is successful. As always there will be many prizes given away at the Derby. Just remember that many of the prizes are donated by local business and we need to make sure we thank them for their support. Don't forget to patronize these businesses.

In closing there is one last thing that I was asked to write about. As the salmon move deeper to find cooler water be careful of the trees and brush submerged at the bottom of the lake when fishing for them. It is so easy to get tangled up into some of the brush or trees at the bottom and when this happens you can't be careful enough or have any time to think.

Some time ago, there was an accident that took place when one of the cannonballs from a downrigger on a boat got tangled up on a submerged tree. This anchored the back of the boat to the bottom of the lake. It happened to be somewhat breezy that day. The breeze blew a quick couple of waves into the back of the boat. Now with two engines on the back of the boat, the extra weight of the water combined with the boat being anchored to a tree at the bottom of the lake, the back end of the boat submerged and the boat rolled upside down dumping everyone and everything out of the boat and into the lake.

A lot of you know some or all the people in the boat that day. We all know it could have been any one of us. Accidents like this happen so quickly and we can only try to be more prepared. So check your brakes on downriggers. Have your side cutters handy. I also know it's hard to do but the best place for your life jacket is on you and the other passengers in the boat. Please have fun, catch a lot of fish and be safe.

JULY OUTING RESULTS

Once again Blair Ihmels, Mike Anderson and their helpers did a wonderful job serving those great brats and beans at the July outing. The count was a bit small with about 35 people attending. If you missed it, you missed some great food and conversation. There were a total of eight fish weighed in. Kendra Froelich, who was fishing with her father, Mark (*Leadhead*), was very busy that Sunday and weighed in four fish. The stats were:

1st	Kendra Froelich	7 lbs. 11.5 oz
2nd	Steve Fiest	6 lbs. 10.5 oz
3rd	Della Schick	4 lbs. 6 oz.

Thanks to *everyone* who attended and helped.

by *Lugene Gerber (Justfun)*

18th Annual Trout/Salmon Derby Scheduled

Included with this newsletter is a flier announcing the GPTSC's 18th Annual Trout/Salmon Derby. The derby will take place on Saturday, August 28, 2003, (rules meeting will be Friday, August 27th). Headquarters for both the derby and rules meeting will be Sakakawea State Park at the main shelter – the same place as last year.

Entry fee is \$30.00 per team and all derby participants must be members of the Great Planers Trout and Salmon Club. Please note that derby entries postmarked before August 18th will be eligible for a \$30.00 cash drawing to be conducted during the Friday night rules meeting. The cash drawing is to encourage advanced registration, which is very helpful to derby officials in preparing for the event.

There will again be a limited addition derby T-shirts available to participants while supplies last.

Last year we started a new division for youngsters that are 12 and under that is called "*Fish on Kid-Pass it On*" in memory of long time fisherman Gaylord Johnson. The memorial fund will supply trophies and prizes for the top three placers in that division as well as gifts for each entrant. We will also have a youth division that is for kids 13-17 years of age and we will have prizes for those division winners as well. This is our future so please encourage kids to participate.

Anyone interested in helping with registration Friday night, checking boats Saturday morning, or assisting with the weigh-in Saturday afternoon should contact either Blair Ihmels at 701-222-4259 or e-mail bihmels@midco.bis.net or Mike Anderson at 701-224-9048. Derby applications can be obtained by contacting either of the above listed individuals for early submission or at the rules meeting.

As our rules have always stated, any Salmonoid qualifies to be tagged. After years of stocking Lake Trout the possibility exists that we may catch a few of these fish. They are legal fish to bring to the scales. As these fish are not like the Salmon, they may live for years in our system and grow slowly each year and possibly find the right conditions to spawn and reproduce. The e-board has had discussion about promoting catch and release of Lake Trout. The Derby committee would like to encourage safe return of these fish during the Derby but respects your choice to keep and tag them. Sure it may mean the difference of a few places and cash but remember the possibility of catching that fish in a few years when it weighs in at more than 20 pounds.

by *Blair Ihmels (Tool Crib)*

GREAT PLANERS TROUT & SALMON CLUB

18th ANNUAL

SALMON & TROUT DERBY

August 28, 2004

Sakakawea State Park, Pick City, North Dakota

1st Prize.....\$550⁰⁰
2nd Prize\$350⁰⁰
3rd Prize\$250⁰⁰
4th Prize.....\$200⁰⁰

5th Prize\$150⁰⁰
6th-10th Prizes\$ 75⁰⁰
11th-15th Prizes.....\$ 50⁰⁰
16th-20th Prizes.....\$ 25⁰⁰

Derby Entry Fee - \$30⁰⁰ per boat

Entries postmarked by Aug. 18th are eligible for \$30 cash drawing
Entries must be submitted as teams in one envelope
Entries accepted on first come-first serve basis, Maximum 100 teams
Prizes will be prorated if less than 100 teams enter

2004 Dues Must be Paid

New members are also eligible

Tournament Hours - 7:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. CDT, August 28, 2004

Rules Meeting - Friday, August 27th - 8:00 p.m. CDT

Sakakawea State Park Main Shelter

Free Non-alcoholic beverages and door prize drawings - Friday and Saturday

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

#1 Member	_____
Address	_____ _____
Phone	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> 2004 Dues Included	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior

#2 Member	_____
Address	_____ _____
Phone	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> 2004 Dues Included	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior

#3 Member	_____
Address	_____ _____
Phone	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> 2004 Dues Included	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior

Entry Fee \$ 30.00

Dues (\$15.00 per Membership) _____

Total Paid \$ _____

Fish On Kid -Pass It On Entry

Youth Division - Kids 12 and Under

Youth #1 _____

Youth #2 _____

Remit Entries to:

GPTS Derby - PO Box 7085 - Bismarck, ND 58507

Make Checks payable to GPTS

Signed _____

Date _____

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: **Blair Ihmels 222-4259 or Mike Anderson 224-9048**

18th ANNUAL GREAT PLANERS TROUT & SALMON DERBY RULES

- 1) **ELIGIBILITY:** All applicants 18 years of age or older must be members of the **Great Planers Trout & Salmon Club**. Send membership and entry forms to GPTS Derby - P.O. Box 7085 - Bismarck, ND 58507-7085.
- 2) **EARLY REGISTRATION:** All applications postmarked by August 18, 2004 will be eligible for a drawing for \$30.00 cash.
- 3) **FISHING HEADQUARTERS:** Headquarters will be Sakakawea State Park at the main shelter. The starting point will be outside the State Park marina.
- 4) **HOURS:** Hours will be 7:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m., CDT Saturday, August 28, 2004, and weigh-in will begin at noon. Rules meeting will be Friday, August 27, 2004 at 8:00 p.m. CDT at the Main shelter.
- 5) **TEAMS:** Team is limited to 3 adults and/or junior anglers. Kids 12 and under do not count towards 3 person team limit. Six pole limit per boat.
- 6) **TAGGING:** Each team will be issued 10 WHITE tags or in the case of a 1-person entry, 5 tags. When a fish is caught, you must decide immediately to keep and tag or release it. Any team found with an untagged fish will be disqualified immediately. Any Salmonoid qualifies to be tagged. One ORANGE tag will be issued to each Junior angler age 13 to 17. One GREEN tag will be issued to each Youth angler age 12 or under. Special colored tag, in addition to White team tag, must be secured on largest fish entry for Youth or Junior division before check point at start of weigh-in line. All unused tags must be returned at check in.
- 7) **SCORING:** Prizes shall be based on most weight in pounds and ounces of total catch, and for the largest Salmonoid. Teams shall observe all North Dakota Game & Fish Department Rules. Three-person teams can weigh in up to 10 fish.
- 8) **WEIGH-IN:** The weigh-in will be at Lake Sakakawea State Park, main shelter. All fish are subject to inspection by Tournament Officials. Fish must come directly from water to weigh-in.
- 9) **BOAT INSPECTION:** All boats and tackle will be inspected the morning of the derby, during and after. Anyone found cheating will be disqualified. All boats must carry predetermined tournament identification that will be handed out the morning of the derby at the launch site. All boats must be checked in by 6:50 a.m. CDT the morning of the derby.
- 10) **LATE PENALTY:** Contestants who are not standing in weigh-in line by 4:00 p.m. CDT, will be penalized 5% of total weight for each minute late and be disqualified for largest fish prize. Over 15 minutes late will result in total disqualification.
- 11) **GENERAL RULES:** Contestants may not leave their boats at any time. If an emergency exists, contact an official on VHF channel 16 or CB channel 11. It will be illegal to pull up to any other boat or to have another boat pull up to yours (except a patrol boat) during tournament hours. Interpretation of these rules will be left to the Tournament Committee. The decision of the Officials and Judges will be final in all matters.
- 12) **PRIZES:** Based on 100 teams: 1st \$550.00, 2nd \$350.00, 3rd \$250.00, 4th \$200.00, 5th \$150.00, 6th-10th \$75.00, 11th-15th \$50.00, 16th-20th \$25.00. If less than 100 teams entered, prizes will be prorated based on a percentage of teams entered.
- 13) **LARGEST FISH CONTEST:** Prizes will be awarded for the largest team fish in the team, Junior and Youth divisions. Junior division anglers must be 13 to 17 years of age. Youth division anglers must be 12 or under. Youth and Junior anglers must fight and land a fish before tagging it with a special colored tag and a team tag. Each Youth or Junior in a boat may tag a largest fish. Only one largest fish per team division may be entered. A fish may be entered in only one largest fish division.
- 14) **DISCLAIMER:** Promoters, tournament directors and organizations assisting in the tournament operation, their agencies, etc., are not responsible for death, injuries, damages, liability, theft, fire, or any loss of any kind to entrants. Each team, upon signing an entry form, will be in effect, signing a waiver form.



Remember . . .

Early Bird Registration ~

Applications due August 18 to be eligible for \$30 cash drawing to be held at derby rules meeting!!

All derby participants must be members of the GPTSC. If you wish to participate and have not paid your 2004 dues, a membership form is provided for you on the back of this newsletter.

FISH STORY FROM WICHITA EAGLE NEWSPAPER

(A fish story you wouldn't believe without a picture!)



A resident in a housing development area saw a ball bouncing around kind of strange like in the developments pond and when he went to investigate, it was a flathead catfish who had obviously tried to swallow a child's basketball which became stuck in its mouth. The fish was totally exhausted from trying to dive but unable to because the ball would always bring him back up to the surface. The resident tried numerous times to get the ball out but was unsuccessful. He finally had his wife cut the ball in order to deflate the ball and release the catfish.

by Jack Long

Just for Fun ~

Joe and John were identical twins. Joe owned an old dilapidated boat and kept pretty much to himself. One day he rented out his boat to a group of out-of-staters who ended up sinking it. He spent all day trying to salvage as much stuff as he could from the sunken vessel and was out of touch all that day and most of the evening. Unbeknownst to him, his brother John's wife had died suddenly in his absence.

When he got back on shore he went into town to pick up a few things at the grocery. A kind old woman there mistook him for John and said, "I'm so sorry for your loss. You must feel terrible."

Joe, thinking she was talking about his boat said, "Hell no! Fact is I'm sort of glad to be rid of her. She was a rotten old thing from the beginning. Her bottom was all shriveled up and she smelled like old dead fish. She was always holding water. She had a bad crack in the back and a pretty big hole in the front too.

Every time I used her, her hole got bigger and she leaked like crazy."

I guess what finally finished her off was when I rented her to those four guys looking for a good time. I warned them that she wasn't very good and that she smelled bad. But they wanted her anyway. The damn fools tried to get in her all at one time and she split right up the middle."

The old woman fainted. . . .

AUGUST OUTING

Saturday, August 7

Main Shelter ~ State Park

6-7 pm Weigh in

7 pm Boil

Sunday, August 8

Main Shelter ~ State Park

1-2 Weigh in

Hosted by Dale Twardoski



SALMONOID FACTOID

Have you ever been out fishing in deep water and get a release where by the time you get to the rod there is only slack line, then only to see a fish jumping behind your boat with a flasher that remarkably resembles yours? Yes, it's your fish, and after reeling up the slack line you're in for a beautiful tail walking battle.

Any other fish after coming unwillingly out of those amazing depths would be suffering from an over inflated air bladder. This is the organ that is used by fish to maintain their buoyancy. Scientists believe that it evolved into lungs allowing reptiles to leave the water. Back to the point though, salmonoids and few other fish have ducted air bladders. When a fish comes from deep water, the gas in the air bladder expands because of the decrease in water pressure. Fish like the sauger have to do this slowly to allow them to adjust to the change in pressure. Salmonoids on the other hand can take advantage of their great speed and rocket to the surface by essentially doing something many of you male fishermen can relate to. They release the pressure by belching. This also allows a small salmonoid to be released if caught out of these depths without harm.

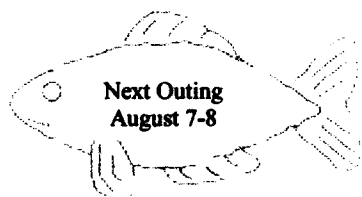
From the Fisherpersons gossip line . . .

comes news that Scott at Scotts Conoco in Pick City has possibly contracted West Nile from mosquitos in the area. As fellow anglers, we need to support him and his family. When you are in the area please stop in and buy your bait, gas, tackle and other supplies from him before you hit the water this summer. He has also added a small line of groceries and camping supplies to his line at the store. Scott has been a BIG supporter of the GPTSC for many years. He has furnished many of the door prizes and beverages for our outings and the derby. It's time to help pay him back for all he has done for our club.

by Eugene Gerber (Justfun)

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At the July outing, a huge pan of delicious, chocolatey treats were brought by Eugene Gerber. These bars 'hit the spot' for all the hungry anglers and were very much appreciated. Thank you Eugene! Because of all the requests, here's the recipe. No need to bake and simple to make! Enjoy!!

SPECIAL K BARS

2 c white sugar
2 c white Karo syrup
3 c peanut butter
1 1/2 tsp vanilla
12 c Special K cereal

Frosting:

12 oz butterscotch chips
12 oz chocolate chips
2 tbsp butter

Heat sugar & syrup to dissolve and beat with spoon until smooth. Beat in peanut butter and vanilla until well blended. Pour over cereal and stir again. Pack in large buttered pan. Melt chips and butter in double boiler over hot (not boiling) water. Spread over top of bars. Cut while warm.

AREA ACTIVITIES

August 7-8 Knife River Days, Stanton

5-K walk-run, roping events, games, beef barbecue, pie auction, parade, free street dance, fishing derby, crafts and chuckwagon. (701-745-3267)

August 14 Hazen City Wide Rummage Sale

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)

- ☐ I wish to register my family in the Great Planers Trout and Salmon Club. \$15 is enclosed for annual membership dues.
- ☐ I wish to add my support to the North Dakota Sportfishing Congress. \$5 is enclosed for my membership to the Congress.



Total Enclosed: \$ _____ Date: _____

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Street: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip Code: _____

Radio Handle: CB _____ VHF _____

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