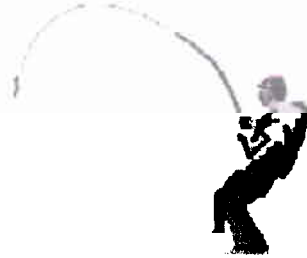


GREAT PLANERS

Trout & Salmon Club

Fishing Lines



GPTSC EVENTS

December 7 Pizza Party

January 17 Annual Meeting



Landon Fischer measures up to his 9 lb. trout while fishing at the 'Kids Fishing Day' event held at the fish hatchery. More on event inside . . .

MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

by Tony Goetz (Mud Shark)

It's hard to believe that the summer is over and fall is well on its way. I'll soon be putting away my boat along with the rods and other summer equipment and I'll start getting the hard water equipment ready. It just seems to be going faster as each year passes. We look forward to the short season and the next thing we know is it's over. It just doesn't seem fair.

I have noticed on my last few outings that the ramp at Government Bay will soon be unusable. The lake level is dropping fast and it has been said that we can expect to set a new all time low water level each day until spring. This is scary. Please pay attention to this as we move through winter and support those that will need your help as they try to save some of our water. The lake is currently at about 1813.3 and they predict the level to be down eight feet from that by the end of winter. Pray for lots of snow.

The cooler summer was not what a lot of folks enjoyed but I feel it was a blessing. The cooler weather did help our cold-water species. I've heard this fact stated from a couple different biologist. They have also added that if we would have had a real hot spell this summer it would have been very stressful on the salmon. As it was the cooler summer the lake did not warm up as expected. Some have commented that the fish did not bunch up on the east end near the dam as they normally do in August.

The derby was again a big success this year with fish being caught from ninety-five feet to two feet. Make sure you read Blair's report on the Derby in this newsletter. The derby is great fun for the adults with everyone competing for the largest overall catch but the best part for me is the kids that get involved. It's just a great feeling to see their faces light up when they were able to walk away a winner with a new rod and reel. All thanks again to the Gaylord Johnson Memorial Fund.

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The New Kids Fishing Co-Chairs Kevin and Brenda did a great job with the outing held at the National Fish Hatchery Riverdale, with the help from about twenty-three other club members. I'm glad to report that all the kids went home with their limit of one to two pound trout. This year there was an added surprise because they also stocked some larger fish for the youngsters to catch. One of the Kids caught a rainbow trout that weighed in at over 9 pounds. Read all about it in Kevin and Brenda's Kids fishing day report also in this newsletter.

I have to say it has gone by quickly and has been fun and a worth while experience for me this past year. I hope to see many of you at the next outing which will be at A&B Pizza on December 7 at 6:00 pm.

2004 SALMON REPORT SUMMARY

The 20th year of the Great Planers Trout and Salmon Clubs weekly salmon reports ended with the last report airing September 30th. It doesn't seem possible that much time has passed since those early club meetings when we were trying to figure out how to get current fishing reports out to salmon anglers. It was a new sport in North Dakota and we all needed all the help we could get. We talked about setting up a telephone hotline and eventually worked out an agreement that first year where I would write a report each week and the ND Tourism Department receptionist would read it to people who called in on their toll free line. It was a start but not very workable. The next year we had the help of Jim Ragan of the Game and Fish Department in convincing Schmidt Beer to sponsor the reports on KFJR radio.

The first reports included salmon fishing information for both Lake Oahe and Lake Sakakawea and we had some great weekly and season end prizes.

We've gone through a few major sponsors over the years but KFJR has been with us since the beginning and we owe them a debt of gratitude for that long standing commitment. Wade Anderson at Dakota Tackle has also supported the weekly reports since the very beginning. Wade has supported salmon anglers through the reports and by always carrying the tackle and equipment needed to catch Missouri River System Chinooks. Lots of thanks go to Wade.

For many years, the folks at Gibbons Fiberglass and Aluminum Boat Repair and Moritz Sport and Marine have been major sponsors of the show. They also deserve our gratitude and I hope people who like the show will let these businesses know about it. The best way to show appreciation is to shop these businesses and buy there when you can.

This year I was unable to provide weekly prize packages as incentives to send in catch reports but I still received a lot of coupons from dedicated salmon anglers. Those report coupons have always provided a foundation for the weekly reports and I think helped make it possible to provide the most accurate and timely information to salmon Anglers. My thanks go out to all of you who have made a practice of sending in those coupons, I COULD NOT DO IT WITHOUT YOU!! Thankfully, Wade Anderson and

Dakota Tackle provided major prizes for mid-season and season end drawings again this year so we had a reward to offer to those who took time to send in coupons. Dan Anderson of Beulah won the mid-season Okuma Classic 300 L Salmon Reel and Dan Helland of Sheyenne won the season-end prize of a Okuma Classic 300 L Salmon Reel, 8 ft. Simano Rod, 100 feet of 20 lb. line and 25 Long A Bomber Lure.

The report coupons received this year will again be turned over to Jack Long for analysis over the winter months. As usual, I'm sure Jack will have some very interesting statistics to report next spring. Thanks to Jack for doing this year after year we have quite a set of data now that is very helpful in several regards including demonstrating the impacts Missouri River system management has on our fishery.

Last of all I'd like to thank everyone for your patience with my amateurish efforts on the radio. I've had a few charitable compliments and I appreciate them.

That's all for now, hope you've had a great time this year hookin those Chinook!!

by Lee Klapprodt (*Silver Strike*)

SEPTEMBER OUTING REPORT

The September outing was held September 4-5. We finally had a weekend full of sunshine and warmer temperatures. There were 15 salmon weighed in totalling approximately 91 pounds. Winners for September were:

1st	Dennis Erhart	10.4 oz	Length 30"
2nd	Dave Fink	8.1 oz	Length 27 3/8"
3rd	Jerry Bauer	7.12 oz	Length 29 1/2"
4th	Scott Anderson	7.8 1/2oz	Length 26 1/2"

About 60 anglers attended the boil. The meal was excellent, as always. A special thank you to the families of Larry Freed, Mike Anderson, Scott Anderson, Mark Froelich, Jerry Bauer, Bryce Anderson, Tony Goetz, Blair Ihmels, Steve Bubach, Dale Twardowski, Delray Bergen and Deanne Knudson for donating fish. Thank you to Tony & Celia Vetter for donating their sweet and tasty cantaloupe. Thank you to Anita Twardowski, Lugene Gerber and Della Schick for the 'no calorie' bars. Thank you Jack & Frances Wilhelm for providing us with the 'peaches and cream' sweet corn. It was delightful!!



2004 DERBY RESULTS (August 28)

by Blair Ihmels (*Tool Crib*)

This year's derby found a few less entrants and lower water but did not lack in enthusiasm. Held on Lake Sakakawea August 28th we had 62 teams competing for trophies and cash. The winds stayed calm and conditions were much better than last year when we called the derby before the start and placements were made by a drawing. Ironically last years Hard Luck winners came in first place this year.

The Youth division had four entrants and we were able to award three placements in that division for kids 13 to 17 years old.

We had 14 entrants in the Fish On Kid / Pass it On division for kids 12 and under. This division is in its second year in memory of Gaylord Johnson and has been a great success. The Johnson family has provided medals for each entrant and the memorial fund provides a fishing rod and reel for them to enjoy fishing after our event.

There were 152 Salmon caught with an average weight of 4.46 pounds. The largest salmon caught was 8-2 pounds. The fishery has survived another year of drought conditions but the size of our catch has definitely been reduced.

It was again a pleasure to run the derby and the success is all due to great members of our club and our great sponsors. Please look over the results posted with this year's winners and Derby Sponsors. Take time to acknowledge them as we go about our day-to-day life as the success of this event is largely due to their generosity.

Remember to support these businesses who support our club:

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NOTE: A grateful pat on the back goes out to the derby co-chairs - Blair Ihmels and Mike Anderson and the E-board members and spouses who helped make this years derby a successful event. Also, a big thank-you to Becky Heinert for documenting teams and Lynn Eckroth for her computer expertise and Marie Andersen for weighing the salmon and other club members who volunteered their services. We couldn't have done it without all of you!!

2004 Great Planers Trout and Salmon Club Derby Results

August 28, 2004

62 Entries, 4 Junior Division Entries, 14 Youth Division Entries

Largest Fish

1st Brian Fink, Shannon Fink 8-2
2nd Tobi Opp, Chan Opp 8-0



Youth Largest Fish

1st Jenna Grinsteiner 5-2
2nd Meg Twardoski 4-6
3rd Dusty Burgard 4-0

Junior Largest Fish

1st Cody Thomas 6-8
2nd Brian Loeb 6-0
3rd Nick Beastrom 5-8

Hard Luck

Al Nosbusch
Tom Nosbusch
Vern Jurgens 2-4



Dead Center

Floyd Fischer
Todd Fischer
Jason Fischer

Skipjack \$146

Lee Klapprodt, Steve Hoetzer tied Dan Burgard,
Wayne Schmitz, Danielle Burgard 411 grams

152 Salmon caught - Average weight 4.46 pounds

TEAM RESULTS

1. Derwin Mann, Jason Renner 46-0
2. Roger Schlinger, Dave Schlinger 45-0
3. Dan Veer, Janet Veer 37-5
4. Don, Colis, Vicki Colis, Brian Mohler 34-5
5. Mike Anderson, Scott Anderson, Gene Nerby 34-5
6. Brian Fink, Shannon Fink 29-0
7. John Haskins, Jeff Schuchard 24-5
8. Lee Klapprodt, Steve Hoetzer 24-0
9. Tobi Opp, Chan Opp 23-5
10. Eldon Beastrom, Nick Beastrom 23-0
11. Brad Bosch, Gary Wetsch, Rick Anderson 22-5
12. Dennis Erhardt, John Baepple 20-0
13. Alan Dirk, Chris Dirk 19-0
14. Jon Mitzel, Seth Lothspeich, Amy Splichal 17-0
15. Don Loeb, Brian Loeb 16-3
16. Casey Dollinger, Derek Shaffer, Brad Miller 15-5
17. Paul Hartmann, Mark Holzer, Jeri Heiser 15-0
18. David Fink, Cleo Fink, Jenna Grinsteiner 15-0
19. Steve Bubach, Karen Bubach 13-0
20. Jon Long, Gary Bracht 12-6

Last years 'Hard Luck' winners came in first place this year →



KIDS FISHING DAY

by Kevin & Brenda Seher (*wefish*)

The 16th Annual Physically Challenged Kid's Fishing Day was held September 18 at the Garrison Dam National Fish Hatchery. This was the 10th year that the Great Planers assisted. The Hatchery hosts the event and the Club provides financial assistance, food and human resources needed to make it happen. When you see how much fun the kids have and the joy on their face, it is truly worthwhile. The smiles and hugs are priceless. It's a wonderful opportunity for the kids, and the adults.

The weather cooperated even though it was kind of hot and windy. We had 27 anglers accompanied by 25 family members. The kids caught 132 fish. Most of the fish were 1 ½ to 2 ½ pounds, but the hatchery put a few surprises in the pond and added some bigger fish. The biggest fish was weighed in at 9 lbs and was caught by Landon Fischer. The kids had a fantastic time and ended the afternoon with a lunch of hot dogs, chips, pop, cookies and candy. They not only went home with full stomachs, they got to take home a bag full of cleaned fish, their own little tackle box, tackle, a participation plaque and informational literature about fish. They will also receive by mail a picture with their fish to remember the day.

A huge thank-you goes out to all volunteers that made the day such a success. Everybody jumped right in and knew what needed to be done and did it, registration, baiting hooks, casting, netting, cleaning fish, cooking and serving food. Thank you to Bryce and Marie Andersen, Mike Anderson, Keith Bonagofsky, Pat and Lynn Eckroth, Floyd and Barb Fischer, Jason and Jodi Fischer, Tony Goetz, Kip Greig, Steve Hoetzer, Jerry and Pinky LaFave, Sara LaFave, Jack Long, Marlin and Della Schick, Al Fleck, Buff Fleck, and Kevin and Brenda Seher. Thank you to the Garrison Dam National Fish Hatchery staff for being great hosts and giving us the chance to spend the day with the kids. An extra thank you to those who cleaned all those fish. You guys really worked up a sweat.

Finally, thank you to Dakota Tackle, Scott's Bait and Tackle, Elsie Clark, Richard Fink, Capital Trophy, and State Game and Fish for your generosity and making the event even better. An extra thank you to Richard Fink.

We hope everyone had as much fun as the kids. We sure did, if not more. We are looking forward to next years Kid's Fishing Day.



PIZZA PARTY

Tuesday, December 7

A & B Pizza South
(311 South 7th St)

6:00 Social - 6:30 Pizza

\$5. per person

RSVP by December 6 to:

Barb Fischer (255-0419)

or

dakotajo@btinet.net



2004 SPAWNING EFFORTS —

The ND Game and Fish Department fisheries personnel have the salmon ladder set up on the main boat ramp at Lake Sakakawea State Park. Because of low water levels, the traditional locations in Rodeo (Scoria) Bay are not suitable for the spawning ladder use. The spawning ladder is a 60 foot long, four foot diameter culvert containing a series of baffles. The baffles create pools (steps) where salmon stage or rest as they swim to the top of the ladder. The ladder is set up perpendicular to the shoreline and is typically supplied with water 24 hours a day while the salmon are spawning. The spawning ladder simulates a flowing stream thereby attracting spawning fish.

Chinook salmon begin their spawning run in early October. Since salmon cannot naturally reproduce in the lake, the Game and Fish and Garrison Dam National Fish Hatchery personnel collect and fertilize eggs and transport them to the hatchery. Once the eggs hatch, young salmon spend several months in the hatchery before they are stocked in Lake Sakakawea in the spring. Total salmon spawned as of October 8, was 666, with the egg count at 320,801.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Annual Meeting - Monday, January 17 AmVets Club (2402 Railroad Ave) Social at 6 Potluck at 6:30 <i>Bring your favorite dish!!</i> (Reminder postcards will be sent at a later date)	Election of Officers - Along with the annual meeting comes the election of the clubs executive board. If you or anyone you know has some fresh ideas or concerns/gripes, now is the time to come forward. Don't be afraid to volunteer. Volunteers are the club members who have kept this club active for nearly 20 years. Being on the E-board does not require all that much time. The board meets six to eight times a year for about two hours and you can bet there will be some fishing stories or tips told, so it may also be beneficial to your fishing trips. If your willing to give it a try, call any E-board member today. Lets keep the Great Planers Trout and Salmon Club on top.
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For Kicks . . .

The Wednesday night church service coincided with the last day of hunting season. The pastor asked who had bagged a deer. No one raised a hand.


Puzzled, the pastor said, "I don't get it. Last Sunday many of you said you were missing because of hunting season. I had the whole congregation pray for your deer."

One hunter groaned, "Well, it worked. They're all safe."

GOOD LUCK HUNTERS - BAG THAT BIG TROPHY!!

Anglers-The largest salmon/trout contest continues through December. There's still time to land that big one! Use the form below.

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) _____