



G P T S C

Fishing lines

June 2017

CLUB HAPPENINGS

August 5-6	Weigh-in both days, Boil on Saturday P.M. Main Shelter-LSSP
August 18	Rules Meeting
August 19	31 st Annual Derby Main Shelter-LSSP
Sept 2-3	Weigh-in both days Boil on Sunday P.M. Main Shelter-LSSP
Sept TBD	Annual Kids Fishing Day

MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ ...

Hello fellow salmon club members and Happy Spring! Mother nature started with a bang this past winter season with record amounts of snow in December and January, making sure our water level on Lake Sakakawea stayed high making a good habitat for the salmon. North Dakota Game and Fish personnel had a good spawning year last fall and we should have as good as or maybe even a better salmon season this year as we did in 2016.

I know some of you like to take advantage of getting out in the early spring and going after those salmon that are shallower using planer boards and long lining and taking advantage of the less congested boat traffic this time of the year. I urge you to fill out those salmon coupons and share any information you might have on those early spring salmon.

We had our annual salmon meeting and potluck along with election of officers on January 19, 2017 at the Amvets Club in Bismarck. As in the past few years most of the E-Board were reelected for another year with the exception of the

E-board

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secretary/treasurer position which Brian Ficek volunteered to take over—thanks Brian!! Also, as of this writing the Derby Co-chair position is vacant, so if anyone would like to step forward and help in this position let Blair or any E-Board member know.

The E-Board will be putting forth more emphasis on getting more people involved with the club functions this year consisting of the club outings in August and September along with the August Derby and getting some new blood on the E-Board. Please note Mike's article listing the dates of the outings and derby, and how you might be able to lend a helping hand with these functions.

Until next time have a great summer and good luck to all on what should be a great year of salmon fishing.

Marlin Schick
(Schickrazor)

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

The annual Chili Feed was held March 18th at the Bismarck Moose Lodge. After partaking in the always excellent chili, Russ Kinzler of the ND Game & Fish presented an update on current status of the cold water fishery on Lake Sakakawea and Missouri River. This included last fall's salmon spawn and egg hatch success, planned stocking later this spring, condition of the smelt population, and his projection for a good salmon run this summer. If you are looking for an indication of what the fishing, not just salmon, should be like on Lake Sakakawea come summer this event is the best place to start.

The annual Club Derby is scheduled for August 19th and will be headquartered at the main shelter at Lake Sakakawea State Park. More details on the Derby will be provided later by the Derby Chairman.

The traditional weekend Outings/Boils are tentatively scheduled for August 5 & 6 and September 2 & 3. They also will be headquartered at the main shelter at Lake Sakakawea State Park. I used the reference 'tentative' because we will be seeking member volunteers to help with the boil. If we do not get sufficient volunteers an Outing may be cancelled. That decision will be made approximately two weeks before each scheduled outing.

We are not expecting these volunteers handle the boil themselves. What we need is more member support for the Program Chairman and Board with the process. This could include picking up the equipment out of storage (about an hour before the weigh-in starts), getting the kettles started, prepare the fish and veggies for cooking, set up tables, clean up, and returning equipment to storage. For years it has been the same people doing the above each and every outing. And these people are wearing out. By spreading the duties out, everyone can enjoy these events.

Mike Anderson
(Nightcrawler)

GPTSC Derby

While our summer season is just getting started I would like to give you notice of this year's club derby on August 19th 2017. This will be the 31st annual derby and with that kind of history it looks to be one of the

best opportunities for a great event. The challenge has been that some of the people that have fished this derby since the beginning are getting to the point of not fishing for whatever reason and there has not been a strong amount of new participants. My challenge to you is spread the word that this is a family friendly event, not just another tournament full of competition. We try very hard as a committee to make sure that the kids get a great experience with rewards and good old fishing fun.

Some of you know me and most would not remember that I have fished the derby most of its history. What I would like to tell you is that in the early years I fished with some buddies but when my son Matt got old enough to fish it was him and I for his first fishing tournament. The forecast was for wind but set out we did fishing the face of the dam to try and stay out of the wind. As predicted the wind came up late morning and it was also slow fishing. Matt decided it was time for a nap on the floor of the boat. He settled in his little nook and sleep he did until the breakfast of strawberry drink and pop tarts decided it was time to wake him up. Well from then on it was a bumpy ride and no fish. That did not discourage Matt from fishing however and we fished as a team for many years. The thing that stood out for most of those events were the club members that stood tall and encouraged Matt. He was extremely lucky and was fortunate to win something most every year and we even had some good tournaments catching salmon. Thank you to those members that supported us and made fishing fun.

Please take the time to support kids and families that would or should fish the Derby. This year as always I am looking for help to get ready for the event but also help with running the event. We need people to help weigh fish and do the logistics to make sure everything runs smooth and is fair for everyone.

Blair Ihmels
(Tool Crib)

TROUT and SALMON CLUB REPORT CARD

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: _____

Flasher _____ Dodge _____ Color _____

Fish Weight: _____ lbs. _____ oz

COMMENTS:

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