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Sioux Empire Chapter President's News

Jeff Decker, President

Fall fishing and hunting season

This is an excellent time of year that the majority of the folks on the Great Plains most enjoy. It seems I personally have more memories from past hunting and fishing than I have from present time.

SE Chapter Meetings Resume September 18

Over the past two months we have taken a hiatus from our monthly chapter meetings in the Sioux Empire.

Monthly meetings will resume on September 18, 2014 and by the time this newsletter reaches you, you will have been advised by postcard of the resumption and schedule.

Jon Smith has done a great job lining up guest speakers for all of our monthly meetings. The speakers range in scope from Missouri River hydrologist, professional fishermen, GF&P biologist and political discussions on the water and hunting rights for outdoor enthusiasts in all of South Dakota.

Please plan to attend your local monthly meetings. These are not just for the few but for all of us to become more aware and be given a broader perspective for our passion(s). Opinions are great, but knowledge trumps it all!

I challenge you to attend at least one meeting during the next three months. Come out and see for yourself and be prepared to gain some knowledge.

Casting with Cops

This past quarter the Sioux Empire Chapter participated in the annual Casting with Cops Kid's Day event.

Brady Lieuwen, Sioux Falls Police Department, was the organizer for this year's event. Brady, through the organization of the Banquet and the local



GF&P office here in Sioux Falls, was able to support 20 kids and help them participate in a day of fishing at Family Park here in Sioux Falls. Sioux Empire Chapter of Walleyes Unlimited was able to contribute 20 rod/reel combo's for each participant to take home with them as well as provide a lunch of pizza and chicken for all. Thank you to Brady for his excellent effort in organizing this and to the Sioux Empire Chapter for the donation of \$500.00

Richmond Lake Dock Project

The Sioux Empire Chapter, along with the Central States and the Rapid City Chapter, contributed \$750 towards a dock project at Richmond Lake. Richmond Lake is near Aberdeen, just to the north. Richmond Lake is utilized by 80,000 visitors annually. The dock project is in Memory of Brooks Brown, SD GF&P conservation officer who succumbed to cancer this past year.

The project will involve two docks and a plaque that will memorialize and dedicate these two docks to Brooks Brown. In addition, there will also be signage acknowledging those who contributed to this project. Thank you to all the Chapters that contributed to this project.

Chapter Funding Discussions during September and October Meetings

Up for discussion at the September and October Chapter meeting will be Continued on page 4



Central South Dakota Chapter President's News



Bret Afdahl, President

Fifth Lake Sharpe Cleanup Produced 2.6 Tons of Debris and Trash

On July 9, our Chapter worked with the Izaak Walton League of America to host our fifth Lake Sharpe Clean Up in six years. In less than three hours of work, 2.6 tons of debris and trash was collected by 80 volunteers using ten boats and walking the shoreline. Volunteers collected 1.12 tons of garbage, 1,900 pounds of lumber, 640 pounds of scrap

metal and 540 pounds of tires.

Thanks to all who came out to assist -- SD GF&P, US Army Corps of Engineers, US Forest Service, Izaak Walton League, SDWU, various community-based organizations and members of the public at large. We also extend a special thanks to KCCR & KGFX Radio and the Capital Journal in Pierre for their coverage of this event. The City of Pierre donated three large dumpsters and John at TMA disposed of the collected tires at no charge.

As we have the last few years, we hosted a fish fry to show our appreciation for all of the hard work put in by the volunteers. Over 40 pounds of fish was fried by the Ike's. Not too surprising, there were no leftovers!

I thought that this might be the year we would come in under a thousand pounds of debris but I was way off and it looks like we will need to do it all over again next year. I hope to see you out there.



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Sioux Empire Chapter President's News, Continued



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prefunding the annual Walleyes Unlimited member's Tournament and the annual Banquet.

WU Member's Tournament. The annual WU member's tournament has been successfully run by Leroy Huntimer for the past several years without having any startup funds available. It has been through LeRoy's excellent management that we have been able to do this. There are meals and tent rentals that all need to be paid for and, not knowing on an annual basis how many participants there will be, it is an unknown whether funds will be available to cover the expenses. The motion will be made to set up an account that will allow for funds to be set aside for a minimum of 100 people.

Banquet discussion. The Banquet discussion will focus on increasing the amount of dollars needed for prefunding the annual Banquet. As the banquet continues to grow increasingly in popularity, the need for re-evaluating our cash position also needs to be reviewed.

As members we look for your active participation in these critical discussions.

Annual elections during the October meeting

Positions up for election:

Secretary: This position involves attending monthly meetings as often as possible and keeping notes pertaining to the current meeting, previous meetings and future action items. Ruth Tiggelaar has held this position for several years and has made a decision that she would like to step down. Ruth has dedication that is second to no one and will assist the newly-elected Secretary in the transition.

Newsletter: Pat Detlefsen will be stepping down as the Newsletter Editor at the end of the 3rd quarter of 2014. This position needs to be filled as it is what keeps us all connected as a state organization. Newsletter editor is not an elected position. Please consider this meaningful position.

Chapter President: I will be stepping aside and looking for a new and fresh look to be brought to the Sioux Empire Chapter. This position involves oversight, decision making, conducting the monthly meetings as often as you are able to attend and

participating in the monthly conference call for the state board meeting. You can count on other officers within the Chapter for support.

In my experience of being the Chapter President, I have yet to be disappointed or left hanging because other members were not willing to step in to lend a hand.

There are those among us, besides the usual crew of volunteers, who have the skills and dedication to fill these three upcoming open positions. Will it always be easy? No. Will it be rewarding, a position of pride and of gaining new and meaningful friendships? Yes, it will!

See you at the monthly meetings.

For those fans of Theodore Roosevelt, and I know that there are a few of you out there, I offer these quotes.

"In a civilized and cultivated country, wild animals only continue to exist at all when preserved by sportsmen." —Theodore Roosevelt

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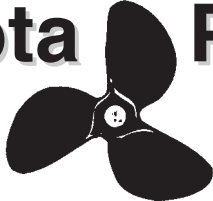
RCAC = Rapid City Area Chapter

SEAC = Sioux Empire Area Chapter

CSDC = Central SD Chapter

| CHAPTER | DATE | EVENT | INFORMATION |
|---------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| RCAC | October 20, 2014 | Chapter Meeting | Outdoor Campus West (Sturgis Road) at 7 pm |
| SEAC | October 22, 2014 | Chapter Meeting | Outdoor Campus East (4500 Oxbow, Sioux Falls) at 7 pm |
| RCAC | November 17, 2014 | Chapter Meeting | Outdoor Campus West (Sturgis Road) at 7 pm |
| SEAC | November 18, 2014 | Chapter Meeting | Outdoor Campus East (4500 Oxbow, Sioux Falls) at 7 pm |
| RCAC | December 15, 2014 | Chapter Meeting | Outdoor Campus West (Sturgis Road) at 7 pm |
| SEAC | December 16, 2014 | Chapter Meeting | Outdoor Campus East (4500 Oxbow, Sioux Falls) at 7 pm |
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Rapid City Area Chapter President's News

Cal Modlin, President

Denny Dunlap Memorial

We have had several great suggestions for this charitable opportunity, but we need more detailed information on the suggestions. We hope to make a decision on one or perhaps two ideas soon and get started.

Sundby earns Eagle Scout

This article is reprinted from the **Rapid City Journal**. Evan Sundby, the son of Stephanie and Johnny Sundby, received his Eagle Scout Award on Dec. 15, 2013. His Eagle project was building a Life Jacket Loaner Station for the Jimmy Hilton Municipal Pool in Sioux Park.

The project was funded by Rapid City Area Walleyes Unlimited Club. Apart from his Eagle Scout project, and with permission of the U.S. Forest Service, Sundby's Troop 72 and the Rapid City Area Walleyes Unlimited Club also built six fishing line collecting stations for Black Hills area lakes.



We also have had a second Boy Scout (Ben Tordson) ask if we would sponsor him in his Eagle Scout project. He is building a

life jacket station for one of the swimming pools in Rapid City. We are funding the materials and club member, Denny Bohls, is working with Ben on the project. Good luck to Ben and thanks to Denny.

Canadian Fishing Trip Sandy Linn

Back in March, 2014, I was lucky enough to have the winning ticket for the Canadian fishing trip at the RCWU Banquet. The prize was 4 days, 5 nights lodging, and 4 days boat rental for two donated by Tobin Lake Resort plus travel money from the RC Chapter. I had a dozen offers from guys to be my companion, but I finally decided to take my husband Cal. He's such a lucky guy!

We booked the trip for Aug. 30th to Sept. 4th. On the drive there we got to see a lot of country and experience the boom town of Williston ND. We arrived late evening. The cabin had all the necessities and was close to the store and marina.

Travelogue

- First day the weather and fishing were good, but we lost a lot of tackle.
- Second day we had a few rain showers and fishing was ok; a nice 23 incher for me.
- Third day we had some sun and heavier rain, even had to get out the rain gear. We went up river and the scenery was beautiful. We saw eagles, many species of birds, deer, and a very large beaver. We caught a few keepers.
- Fourth day was partly cloudy with a little wind. Fishing was slow, but I did have the thrill of catching some large walleyes – 25", 28", and a 30" and so



fat and healthy! It was quite an adrenaline rush. The rest of my party were jealous, even Cal. That's why we love to go there, for the big ones. Thanks Cal for being a good netter.

The owners and staff at Tobin Lake Resort were all friendly and very helpful. We felt very welcomed. It's a great place to stay.

Note from Cal: When in Canada, fish as a Canadian. That means short leaders with heavy line or anchor up and use a jig. The thing about fishing is you can always learn if you want to. Great job Sandy!

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**CAST for Kids Fishing Event
Loren Kasuke**

On August 20, 2014, members from the Rapid City chapter of the SD Walleyes Unlimited met at Belle Fourche Reservoir in western SD to help provide fishing guides and boats to take 32 members from Black Hills Special Services fishing for the morning. Members included Denny and Debbie Bohls, Ken Edel, Larry Talley, LaMoyné Darnall and Loren Kasuske. This event was coordinated by the national CAST for Kids organization and included sponsors from SD Walleyes Unlimited, High Plains Anglers, SD Game Fish and Parks, RecStation Marine & Motorsports, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, D. C. Booth Historic Nation Fish Hatchery & Archives, Leuders



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The CAST for Kids organization is a national program and sponsors events that are designed to provide children with disabilities the opportunity to enjoy a quality outdoor recreational experience through the sport of fishing.



This year's event got underway with a meeting and introduction of the guides and event coordinators. Details of the day's fishing, lunch and awards ceremony were discussed. After the meeting, the fishing participants arrived and were introduced to their guides and their pictures were taken. The participants were given a rod and reel combo, tackle box with fishing gear, bait and a backpack with snacks and beverages for the fishing trip. These items were provided by the sponsors and were given to the participants to keep.

Everyone that was going out in a boat was then fitted with a life vest and applied with sunscreen. "Safety First" is the event's moto. Everyone was then loaded up into the guide boats and headed out for 3 hours of fishing. After the fishing was done everyone met for lunch and the awards ceremony at the lake's picnic area. Each participant was



recognized and was given an award with their picture on it by their guide and some stories were shared about the days fishing.

The weather and company was great on this day and a good time was had by all. This is one of the most enjoyable events that I participate in and look forward to it each year. It is fun to see people enjoy the sport of fishing/boating that may have never had this opportunity before. I hope that the CAST for Kids organization continues to host events in our area.

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Six things you can do to help save our local lakes and wetlands!

1. Mulch or compost your grass clippings.

Keep your grass clippings off of hard surfaces (sidewalks, driveways, streets) from which they can be washed away, ultimately ending up in our waters. Mulching your grass **reduces the need for fertilizer** because, as the grass clippings break down, nutrients are released into your lawn. And, less fertilizer on your lawn means less fertilizer in the water. If you

don't want to mulch, compost your grass clippings. Also, don't cut your grass lower than 3 inches in the summer. Slightly longer grass will stay greener, reducing the need for watering. And, **less watering means less runoff.**

2. Mulch or compost your leaves.

Because they blow away, leaves can be an even bigger problem than grass clippings. **Mulch or compost the leaves in your yard as soon as they fall and as often as possible.** This minimizes the chance that they will reach our waters. Also, regularly clean leaves from your gutters so they can't be washed away with the rain. Mulching leaves, like grass, adds nutrients to your lawn, **reducing the need for fertilizer.** Don't rake leaves into the street for street sweeper pickup.

3. Use zero-phosphorous fertilizer.

If you must fertilize, do not use a fertilizer that contains phosphorous. Remember, it's phosphorous that accelerates algae growth in our lakes and wetlands. Consider this – one pound of phosphorous in runoff can result in 500 pounds of algae growth! **Soils in the Metro area are already phosphorous-rich.** Our lawns **do not need additional phosphorous** to look green and healthy. Make sure to keep any excess fertilizer off of hard surfaces – sweep the fertilizer from sidewalks, driveways and streets so it won't run off into our waters.

4. Reduce storm water runoff from your property.

Runoff is excess water that washes the grass clippings, leaves, fertilizer and other



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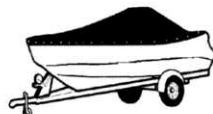
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"pollutants" from lawns, sidewalks and driveways, carrying them into our water system. To reduce runoff, **direct downspouts onto your lawn** not onto hard surfaces. Also, use rain barrels to collect rain water from watering plants. Additionally, **reduce the "hard surfaces" on your property.**" Finally, you can create **"rain gardens"** - collection areas that are planted with native, moisture-loving vegetation. Every bit of runoff counts. The cumulative effect of unchecked runoff is flooding which allows water to reach and carry off additional pollutants that otherwise wouldn't end up in our lakes and wetlands.

5. Use native plants; remove invasive, non-native plants.

Landscaping with native plants (e.g., little blue stem, blazing star, dogwood) improves our local ecosystem. Native plants are adapted to our environment and

climate and are tolerant of both drought and tough winters. This **drought tolerance means no need for excessive watering** and, therefore, less runoff. Native plants are also adapted to our soils and, thus, **don't need fertilizers or pesticides.** This means less maintenance for you. And, because native plants have deeper root systems (which create more air space in the soil), they accommodate water infiltration which, in turn, reduces runoff. Finally, native plants also provide better habitat for wildlife.

Removing invasive, non-native plants is the other side of this equation. Non-native plants such as buckthorn, Siberian elm, reed canary grass, amur maple, purple loosestrife and birdsfoot trefoil crowd out and destroy native plants, reducing native plant diversity to the detriment of our ecosystem.

6. Properly dispose of household

hazardous waste.

Do not pour old gasoline onto the street or wash paint brushes at the end of your driveway. Where do these pollutants end up? In our lakes and wetlands!

Properly dispose of household hazardous wastes. Whether gasoline, paint, pesticides, antifreeze, motor oil, or the like, **dispose of them at your county waste site.** Their effect on our waters can be devastating!

"We are killing the lakes and wetlands in our neighborhood. Each of us, with our seemingly harmless everyday yard work, has a small part in it, but together the effects are becoming very significant."

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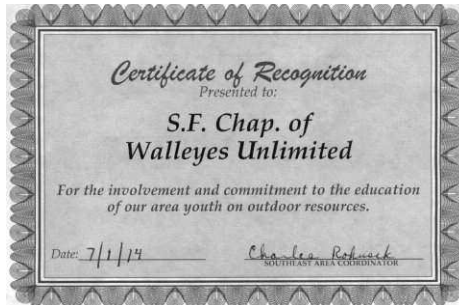
Thank You from Bob Marshall Camp

Dear Mark and Walleyes Unlimited: Here are some of the students which you helped to attend the 2014 SDWF Youth Conservation Camp. Again, a Big Thank You! Sincerely, Charles Rokusek

Walleyes are my favorite fish! Thank you for sending me to camp! It will help in my future career of being a vet! Thank you so much! Thank you. —**Amy Nordsveen**

I appreciate the opportunity you are giving me to learn more about our wildlife. Without your support this would not be possible. And I am happy for the experience. —**Chris Kimball**

Thank you for sponsorship me for the South Dakota Wildlife Federation Youth



Conservation Camp. This will be my third year attending Camp Bob Marshall. It is a great way for people to make new friends from all over this great state. I hope that next year I will be able to attend this wonderful camp again. —**Jacob Clevenger**

Thank you for letting me go to this camp

again! I went to this camp last year and it was a lot of fun. I look forward to going again this year. —**Brad Gingies**

I would like to thank you so much for this sponsor. My name is Tate Watson and I am a student at BVHS and I am one of the many students you are sending to Camp Bob Marshall in Custer, SD. I am so thankful for this trip. It is now my second time going and I am so excited, thank you so much. I don't think I could have made it in without your help. Thank you. —**Tate Watson**

Thank you for the scholarship to this great camp. This is such a great opportunity for me and I am very excited to be able to spend a whole week learning about wildlife conservation. Thank you. —**Rily Johnke**



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