

TROPHY SPOTLIGHT



PHOTO: CAPTAIN NORM'S
Chris Gunderson caught this 6.5-pound walleye on the Missouri river below Gavins Point Dam on Aug. 3.



PHOTO: CAPTAIN NORM'S
Rick Griffith caught this 1-pound, 12-ounce crappie on the Missouri River on July 30.

Goose Hunters Can Assist Hungry Families In August

PIERRE — In an effort to reduce the growing population of resident Canada geese, South Dakota residents will again have an August Canada Goose Management Take season from Aug. 13-28.

With an estimated 227,000 resident Canada geese counted by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) in 2011, goose hunting opportunities should be plentiful across much of the state.

During the August Management Take only, goose hunters will have the opportunity to donate harvested Canada geese to help feed needy families across South Dakota through the South Dakota Sportsmen Against Hunger (SAH). Several meat processors, SAH, USFWS, and South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks have worked together to develop the program to allow the donation of Canada geese.

South Dakota is taking a proactive approach to add another tool for the management of Canada geese and their growing populations.

Wynot

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in scoring position as he doubled down the leftfield line. Matt Hames would score the first run after a wild pitch slipped by Alexandria's catcher and a single by Lee Heimes brought Whitmire home.

"I wasn't comfortable with a two-run lead," Foxhoven said. "Every ball club up here deserves to be at state, so I knew that two-run lead was not going to be enough."

Foxhoven was right.

In the bottom of the fourth, Cory Merek led off for the Angels with a single down the leftfield line. A hard hit double to right-center field by Casey Solem brought Merek home and the first run on the board for Alexandria. A wild pitch by Eric Hames allowed Solem to score and the Angels took a one-run lead after Peyton Smith scored another run.

The Expos didn't let the change on the scoreboard intimidate them and fought back the next inning to tie the game 3-3. It would be Whitmire who scored the tying run after being walked.

Although Wynot looked as though it had life after the Angels put up three runs in the fourth, the Expos were unable to put any more

runs on the board, despite having opportunities.

Alexandria went through nine batters in the bottom of the fifth and regained the lead after adding three runs to its score.

Cole Wenande led off the Angels with a single to shallow centerfield and advanced into scoring position after Terry Lundeen singled to right field. Merek hit a sac fly to bring in Wenande and a big triple by Solem brought Lundeen home. Chris Merek hit an RBI-single to left-centerfield and Alexandria took a 6-3 lead heading into the sixth.

An error by Alexandria in the top of the sixth put runners in scoring position for Wynot, but the Expos were unable to capitalize and left three men on base.

In the last three innings, Wynot went down in order and Alexandria added one run in the eighth. The An-

gels took the 7-3 victory over the Expos and Wynot was left wishing of what could have been.

"Basically lack of our offense let them have the momentum and we weren't able to get it back," Foxhoven said. "Things just snowballed. We had two errors but they weren't real costly, we just didn't have our offense here today."

Heading into the state tournament, Wynot had a team batting average of .389, but batted just .143 against Alexandria. The Expos had only five hits during the game and Whitmire had two of the three runs and Lee Heimes had one RBI.

"It's just one of those things you hate for it to happen while you're at the state tournament, but now we've just got to look forward to next year," Foxhoven said. "If we could have had more timely hits, maybe things could have been different."

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High-Water Walleyes In NE S.D.

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High water seems to be everywhere, from the Missouri River in my area on up to northeastern South Dakota. High water conditions can be destructive if you have property along a river or lake, but if you're an angler and you can get on the water, it can be a godsend as it floods new areas, bringing nutrients, food sources while creating new habitat for fish to spawn and feed.

This is what we ran into when we fished with Casey Weismantel, Aberdeen Conventions and Visitors Bureau and guide Greg Liebel, East River Guide Service.

We'd be headquartered at Aberdeen, just a short drive from the Missouri River to the west as well as the numerous lakes located in northeastern South Dakota.

The reports had indicated that the fishing had been good on Bitter Lake and we knew there would probably be other boats on the lake, but there was so much water, we knew there would be plenty for us to fish.

As Greg backed the boat down the ramp, Casey and I had the opportunity to talk about all the excellent outdoor and vacation opportunities there are in the area. The Aberdeen area is well known as a vacation destination and for its pheasant hunting and its second annual Million Dollar Bird Hunt where hunters have the opportunity to bag a bird that could be worth a million dollars.

Since I was born and raised in the area, I was familiar with all the great outdoor opportunities the area offers. Last fall I'd hunted pheasants with Casey and spent time in the area hunting during the Spring Snow Goose season in the Aberdeen area and had plans to do some waterfowl hunting in



TEAM OUTDOORSMEN ADVENTURES PHOTO
Greg Liebel of East River Guide Service is pictured with one of the walleyes taken while fishing on Bitter Lake, in northeast South Dakota.

the area this fall. On this trip, we were going to sample some of the great fishing.

We planned on filming a couple of days where we'd hit one of the lakes in the area that had been producing good numbers of walleye and if that didn't pan out, we were just a short drive from numerous other lakes that held walleye, northern perch, crappie, muskie, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass and bluegill.

It didn't take us long to get our lines in the water, with all of us using different baits, giving us a better chance at fessing just what the fish would want. I was pulling a two-hook worm rig while Casey was pulling a spinner rig with Greg dragging a floating livebait rig. We'd be fishing along a break, on the edge of a weedline in twelve to fourteen foot of water, areas that our locator indicated a few fish were holding. Once we located the fish, we were fighting fish on almost every pass, all

were fat 15" fish with the largest being a 20" that Greg landed.

We ended up boating our limits in around four hours, giving us plenty of time to load up and head for Linn Lake as we'd heard it was giving up some nice perch.

In around thirty minutes, we were on the lake, graphing along the shoreline, looking for pods of fish, which generally indicates large schools of bait fish/panfish.

Passing over a shoreline with numerous flooded timber, our locator showed a large school of fish hanging along the top and in the submerged trees. We dropped anchor, rigged up with slip bobbers and immediately started taking fish: walleye, perch, crappie, bluegill, rock bass and northern. We took so many fish that my cameraman finally decided we had the footage we needed, put down the camera and indicated, "It's five o'clock somewhere, I'm fishing." For two

hours, the bite continued, with Kyle catching the biggest perch — one that was easily over a pound and a half. We could have taken our sixty fish, four-man limit, but quit at around forty, which was plenty of fish as we still had the following day to fish.

Day two started out much as the day prior did, with the exception of a lack of wind and as anyone whose fished walleyes know flat water isn't the best thing for walleye fishing. As we cruised across the lake, we were met by flat water and after pounding the area we'd caught fish on the day before, we agreed that we'd need to go find a new group of walleyes, as our fish were no longer on the bite or were belly down to the bottom and not biting.

We knew that the old roadbed in the past had held fish, so we headed back across the lake to check out that spot. As we neared the spot, it was obvious that other anglers had the same plan, as there were numerous boats on the spot.

As we worked around the other boats, many were working rigs, with some working over one spot while others were drifting or using their trolling motors, working back and forth across the roadbed and the flat adjacent to it.

In short order, we took several nice walleyes and continued taking walleyes for the next forty-five minutes with a healthy 20" walleye falling victim to my two-hook work rig.

In a day and a half, we'd caught our four-man walleye limit as well as over 40 perch and crappies, not a bad day and half.

If you're looking for a great area for your next family vacation, hunting and fishing trip, the Aberdeen area would be a great place, no matter what the season! Visit their web site at www.MillionDollarBird.com and www.Hunt-FishSD.com or by giving them a call 1-800-645-3851.

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Minnesota Dept. Of NR Sets Up Zebra Mussel Decontaminations

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is launching a new weapon against the spread of the invasive zebra mussel in at least three lakes.

Minnesota Public Radio News reported Friday that DNR workers will use high-pressure washers to decon-

taminate boats with zebra mussels at Lake Minnetonka and Pelican Lake in Otter Tail County and Lake Mille Lacs, the state's second largest inland lake.

The high-pressure washers will be stationed at public access points.

Keri Hull, a DNR spokeswoman, said boats will be inspected this week-

end, and only those with zebra mussels attached will be power washed with water up to 140 degrees.

The high temperature will help "kill off the zebra mussels and any other invasive species," she said.

The DNR plans to buy more machines and will have a total of 20 by

next summer. The devices will be moved around the state, to some of the 50 Minnesota water bodies known to be infested with zebra mussels.

This year, the DNR is spending almost \$2 million on controlling invasive species, including \$300,000 for the 20 decontamination units.

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By Bob Karolevitz

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