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MR. O'S AND MR. K'S FISH CAMP

Lake Diefenbaker Revisited

By Steve Holm

On July 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, club member, Jerry Carlson, my brother, Ron Holm of Dubuque, Iowa, and I went fishing with Eric Olson and Mike Knutson at their camp on Lake Diefenbaker, Saskatchewan, Canada. It was too hot; highs in the upper 80's and low 90's, The sky was too bright, with bright sunny days everyday. The water was too murky, with significant run-off from the Rocky Mountains. The lake too calm; imagine a 140-mile long mirror. How was the fishing? Fantastic! We had limits of 1 1/2 lb. to 5 lb. walleyes every day. On the first day Jerry landed a 32 in.-12 lb. walleye and on the second day I landed a 31 in.-11 lb. walleye. We landed lots of 10 to 12 in. perch so we each took home a bag of 20 perch each. I also brought home an 8 lb. northern that they took the y-bones out of.

MrO's and Mr. K's fish camp is a real, world-class, walleye fishing secret. This huge reservoir of the South Saskatchewan River, while having a hydro-electric dam, is managed first and foremost for walleye production. This means the water level is never lowered during walleye spawn and hatch, even if there are electric needs. Therefore, it has every year-class of walleye available. We caught fish from 6 inches to 32 inches and virtually every size in between.

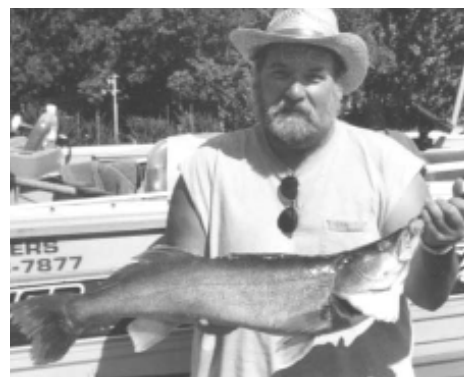
The camp is a world-class operation with everything included. Guide, food, boats, and even tackle, are included. I

learned the first year they have at least as good, and in most cases better, equipment than I have. This year I brought only a suit case. And the food! Every day great meals are made to perfection. They serve walleyes so many different ways that you want to taste them all, but sometimes you just don't have the room. Every fish morsel I tried was cooked perfectly. I consider myself a pretty good cook but no way could I top these guys. I think the cooking is like the fishing they do. Mike Knutsen made the comment, "We're probably better fishermen than most because of T.O.W. (time on water)". The same can be said for their food preparation. They cook so well because they cook every day and have really learned how to do it.

I know this article sounds like a commercial, but fellow club members, you are missing out on an opportunity to fish the finest walleye water in North America. Don't believe me? In 1997 Minnesota guru, Al Lindner wrote, "Lake Diefenbaker is undoubtedly the best Lake in North America, for pro or novice, to catch a legitimate 10 lb. walleye". He wrote this after a 2-day tournament where 13 walleyes over 10 lbs. were registered.



Steve Holm, Eric Olsen and Steve's 3 3/4 lb. Walleye



Jerry Carlson and his 32", 12 lb. Walleye

Eric has generously given the club a discounted deal. The deal is almost 50% of the normal charge. Book soon; I can't believe he can give this discount forever. I have gone every year since the first year I went, and plan to continue annually as long as I can.

If you have any questions, please give me a call; my numbers are on the back page of this publication. Want to call Mr. O? His numbers are also in this publication.

This was another great trip and I recommend that you don't miss it. I want to thank my two fishing and travel partners for a fun trip. I also want to thank Eric, Mike and Gary at camp for making the trip so enjoyable. Good Fishin'!

Club Calendar

Aug 10th -----Social Night at the Clubhouse 6:30 pm
Aug 24th -----Meeting at the Clubhouse 7:30 pm
Sept 1st & 2nd -----Riverblast at Riverside Park
Sept 14th -----Social Night at the Clubhouse 6:30 pm
Sept 16th -----Club Fishing Contest @ Dick Petermann's
Sept 28th -----Meeting at the Clubhouse 6:30 pm



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From the President. . .

By Scott Sparlin

Well Riverblast is fast approaching and a great deal of help will be needed for setting up and putting time in at the event. If you can help please let me or Jerry Carlson know so we can coordinate who is doing what and when. We will have a sign up at the next meeting (a week early this month) or you can call me at 507 359 2346 and leave a message stating the time frame you are available.

Thursday night and anytime Friday are setup times. On Friday night there will be shifts from 4:30PM to 8:30PM and 8:30PM to Midnight. On Saturday shifts are noon to 4PM, 4PM to 8PM and 8PM to close. We will also be tearing everything down starting Sunday morning around 10 AM. Riverblast is Labor Day Friday and Saturday Sept. 1-2.

Don't forget about the club fishing contest held each year at Dick Peterman's Minnesota River getaway, it's on the club calendar.

As I stated earlier our monthly meeting this month will be a week early to get prepared for Riverblast.

If you are planning to be in the flotilla this year you will want to fill out a registration form ahead of time to save time the day of the event. You can download them from the Riverblast.org web site or get them at the Chamber of Commerce from Terry Sviene.

There are plans in the works this year for Riverblast to host the first annual Shorty's Bar all class reunion. A tent dedicated to catching up on old times and seeing former alumni will be at the event. Other fossils, artifacts and attractions are scheduled to be located in the tent.

See you all at the next meeting and bring a new friend or prospective member.

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Monthly Meeting Moved Up One Week

Riverblast is fast approaching and that means we're going to need help from members. The set up for the blast is on our next meeting night, August 31st, so we are going to have to move our monthly meeting up one week to **AUGUST 24th**. Please put the date change on your calendar, we'll be talking about finally details for both our food booth and Riverblast.

Jerry Carlson is not going to be around most of the weekend to help organize so please try and give us as much time as your able to afford. This is our clubs second largest money making event of the year so the more support the better.

Riverblast is getting bigger, better and more fun every year. The bands are great and the crowds are large so we'll need plenty of help from everyone Sept 1st and 2nd.

Kids Fishing Contest

Our Kids Fishing contest is one of the most rewarding events of the year. It was great to see so many parents along with their kids enjoying the Minnesota River and fishing.

The weather was threatening most of the morning and into the early afternoon but cleared up and we were able to start on time. It may have kept the numbers down a little but we still had 114 kids register. First place was 12# 4oz carp, and 8 different species were mixed in the 75 fish caught.

Ken Sutherland did a great job with a lot of help from Jim Hulke and about 25 other club members, doing everything from weighting fish to handing out pop and hot dogs.

A special thank you should go out to the main sponsors of the contest Running's, Pepsi, Twin River's, and Retzlaff's. Without their support we wouldn't be able to have such a successful event.

Meeting Notes

- Almost all the thin ice signs for Clear Lake are repaired and painted. We just have to get some new decals from the DNR and we can finish.
- We need 3 boats and 6 people to help handle safety issues for the Riverblast flotilla parade. Contact Scott if you have questions or can help.
- We donated \$50.00 to Izaak Walton for their Brown County Fair fish tanks display. They'll be handing out door prizes to everyone that brings in a fish for the tank.
- Dick Petermann will again hold the annual Fall Club Fishing Contest at his estate on the Minnesota River. The date is set for September 16th. You can stay the whole day and camp over night, or come for short visit, but I suggest you come and see this spot its one of the most beautiful sections of the Minnesota from here to Granite Falls.

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