



Happy Old Year. The author reflects on exciting days in the outdoors and all the seasons had to offer. Simonson Image.

Dakota Recreation Report

by Patricia Stockdill



Outdoor notes:

*Ice is never completely safe. Avoid areas with vegetation, moving water, pressure ridges and springs. Check conditions as you go along on the ice.

*Use caution with dogs when hunting around frozen wetlands for cuts from ice, breaking through, etc.

*Jan. 5: Archery deer, pheasant, turkey, sharp-tailed grouse, ruffed grouse and partridge seasons close.

Fishing:

*Devils Lake elevation, Dec. 23: 1,448.88 feet above mean sea level (MSL).

*Stump Lake elevation: 1,448.8 MSL.

*Lake Sakakawea elevation: 1,839.2 MSL; 20,300 cubic feet per second average (CFS) Garrison Dam daily releases.

*N.D. Game and Fish Dept. Dist. game wardens: No reports from Devils Lake. Not much activity on Lake Sakakawea. Ice conditions vary greatly, including on Lake Audubon so use extreme caution. Best success is with ATVs or walk-on throughout east-central area lakes.

*Devils Lake, Ed's Bait Shop, Devils Lake: Some perch success on the west side of Stump Lake yet and Black Tiger Bay on Devils Lake. Try 35 feet along the bottom in Black Tiger. Also try the old roadbed in Black Tiger Bay. Some pike success using tip-ups or spearing along Wal-ford's Bay and other west side Devils Lake bays. More activity on Devils Lake working a variety of depths for walleye.

*Devils Lake, Lakeview Lodge, Minnewaukan: Fair to good for walleye with a few perch mixed in.

*Devils Lake, Woodland Resort, Devils Lake: Fair walleye bite starting on Devils Lake. Try slip bobbers and minnows in 20 to 32 feet working basin drop-offs. Look for scattered perch success. Move around to locate and stay on them because they're not schooled yet.

*Foster County area lakes, Dry Dock, Carrington: Some activity on area lakes but reports remain limited.

*Jamestown Reservoir, Pioneer Bait & Tackle, Jamestown: Anglers using wax worms and grubs on area perch lakes. Lots of activity through many small area lakes. Jamestown Reservoir remains closed for access.

*Jamestown Reservoir, Sooper Stop, Jamestown: Lots of activity throughout many small area lakes. Try minnows. Look for a mix of walleye and perch. Jamestown Reservoir access remains closed.

*Lake Ashtabula, Ashtabula Crossing, Luverne: Some perch success with a few crappie and 12- to 17-inch walleye mixed in. Try the west side around the crossing. Ice depth varies greatly so drill test holes along the way. No vehicle access advised.

*Lake Ashtabula, Bayshore, Valley City: Anglers accessing the lake with ATVs and walking but watch shorelines as lake elevations drop throughout winter. Some small walleye success.

*Lake Sakakawea, Cenex Bait & Tackle, Garrison: East end of Lake Audubon producing walleye from 3-Mile Bay to the east. Try variety of depths but check ice conditions as depths and quality vary. Scattered walleye success on Steinke Bay on the east end of Lake Sakakawea but use caution, as well. Look for a morning bite. A few dark-houses out on Steinke Bay but no reports on pike success. Douglas Bay producing some pike spearing activity but no walleye reports.

*Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon/Missouri River, Scott's Bait and Tackle, Pick City: Missouri River tailrace continues producing walleye from both boats and shore. Try jigs from the honey hole and boat ramp or crankbaits from the chutes or from shore off the rocks. Best success remains at night.

*Lonetree WMA area lakes, Harvey: Area lakes continue producing nice walleye success.

*Pipestem Reservoir, Pioneer Bait & Tackle, Jamestown: Lake access remains closed.

*Pipestem Reservoir, Sooper Stop, Jamestown: Access not permitted yet.

Hunting:

*Pheasants: Some hunters trying their late season luck around Lonetree WMA but no reports on success. Look for birds to be in areas with cover. More birds showing up around the east end of Lake Sakakawea.

*Predators: Look for fair to good coyote success with snow cover.

Numbers to know:

*N.D. Game and Fish Department, main Bismarck office: (701) 328-6300, website: (<http://gf.nd.gov>).

*N.D. Game and Fish Department, Devils Lake office: (701) 662-3617.

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Our Outdoors: One Day at a Time

by Nick Simonson

With paper top hats donned and party blowers buzzing at this point in the season, it's easy to encapsulate life into a year, or as the nine rolls over to a zero this New Year's Eve, an entire decade. It's easy to shrug off this compartmentalization process until a person stops and looks back at those individual stand-out moments that made each stretch of time in those bigger blocks so memorable. The same is true for the outdoors. Big fish, first birds, a large set of antlers or the quiet observation of something no one else sees in the quiet woods or wind-swept prairie stand out as signposts that define a stretch of time and parallel those life events which do the same. Taking a moment now to review the previous year sets up more successful outings in the future and allows for the chance to take stock of all the options available to hunters and anglers in our region.

The Spice of Life

In a single week this spring, I fished with my friend Einar, who was visiting from Norway. In that stretch we intentionally fished for eight different species and landed more than 10. From brown trout and rainbows stocked in small impoundments, to the tiny brookies running the streams of the north shore, our adventures focused on

the many cold-water options available across the map. Smallmouth bass, late to their spawning grounds on the Sheyenne River and largemouth bass that moved up under a warm surge during Memorial Day weekend were both a highlight of our adventures. Add in a rogue muskie, a limit of walleyes and umpteenth dozen crappies and bluegills on the fly-rod in the warming shallows and each day of the trip was memorable due simply to the variety of fish we could angle for. That trend continued in the truncated summer with some wild walleye fishing, plentiful panfish and bass outings that rubbed my thumb raw from the sheer number of boatside landings. This array of angling options will continue to fill each block on the calendar with the opportunities for new experiences and ultimately additional knowledge in the realm of all things finned in the coming year.

Hot and Cold

Fall was a whipsaw of weather, with it sometimes packaged all into one day. On Labor Day morning, the date of my first successful salmon trip over the deep waters of Lake Sakakawea, a thick fog and chilly fifty degree start gave way to two silver fish and the sudden exposure of the sun and a heatwave which melted the jacket and sweatshirt

off my shoulders, leaving a sweaty plain white tee for the cruise back to the boat launch. Under morning temperatures in the mid-70s, I called a September hunt early and sat next to my panting dog who inspected our take of the season's first sharp-tailed grouse. Just a couple of days after that, we stomped through snow to pick up three more. When things were expected to be cold, it was often the opposite, as a temperate deer firearms season led to comfortable hillside sits and ease of access to far off hunting locations. The conditions faced make each day different: challenging, enjoyable, and sometimes requiring adaptation in tactics from one sunset to another and even just hour-to-hour, adding to the memories of things overcome and providing insight as to how to change it up to meet those challenges in the future.

Ups and Downs

From the elation of a successful deer hunt, to the struggles of a stretch of bad shooting in the bitter cold for pheasants, to borrow from Homer Simpson, the dizzying highs, rock bottom lows and creamy middles (mostly from the snacks I pack for my fishing trips) also define days in the outdoors. There is no rush like a deer at close range, and I can count on two hands the times where an animal

wandered right up to my position this season. I can also count on those hands, and probably both feet, the number of pointed birds, close flushing birds, or "c'mon that was a gimme bird" that safely sailed off toward the horizon. While there were no real "oh no" moments of the one that got away on the water this year, I can recall a briefly hooked steelhead that snapped the leader of my five-weight, and made me feel vastly under-prepared for what we'd find running in the waters of northeastern Minnesota's Baptism River in the conditions stalled by the late spring. The highlights, the lowlights and those moments where the sun simply moves overhead, the water rolls downstream, the squirrels ferret out their stash and dawn becomes dusk all make each day outdoors important in terms of learning, growing, experiencing and ultimately, living.

As this year closes and a brand new one rolls out before us, take every opportunity and seize each day. Whether it means switching species from outing to outing, battening down the hatches and then besting the worst of what nature can throw at you and remembering it all - from the brilliant successes to the most bonehead failures - in order to learn and grow, one day at a time... in our outdoors.

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for Air Pollution Control
ND Dept. of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

will hold a public comment period and public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code, Article 33.1-15 and the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the control of air pollution. This includes plans under sections 111(d) and 129 of the Federal Clean Air Act for the control of emissions from existing commercial and industrial solid waste incinerators and landfills. Some of the rule revisions and other documents that are the subject of this public notice will be submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency to be included in or to revise the SIP required by the Federal Clean Air Act.

Basement Conference Rm. Gold Seal Center 918 East Divide Avenue Bismarck, ND February 7, 2020 9:00 a.m. CST

A copy of the proposed rules, SIP revisions, 111(d)/129 plans and full public notice may be viewed at the Department's website at: <https://deq.nd.gov/PublicNotice.aspx>. A copy of these documents may be obtained by writing to the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality, 918 E Divide Avenue, 2nd Floor, Bismarck, ND 58501-1947 or calling (701) 328-5188. Written comments may be submitted to the above address through February 17, 2020. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Department of Environmental Quality at the above address at least seven days prior to the public hearing. Dated this 17th day December, 2019 James L. Semerad, Director Division of Air Quality

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Tiffany 4-H Club Report

By Neece Swart

On Dec. 1, Tiffany 4-H Club went to the nursing home to help decorate Christmas trees for the Helping Hands project. After they decorated trees, they had hot apple cider and cookies which the nursing home had ready for them. They held a short business meeting. Macey, Lora, and Chaztin Wobbema, Tillie and Neece Swart, Hannah and Maggie Wobbema, and Taylin Jacobson were all at the meeting. Macey, the club president, brought the meeting to order. Tillie, the club secretary, read the minutes

from the previous meeting. The club listened to the treasurer's report. They talked about things they needed to do at the bank. The group also talked about the upcoming Christmas Party.

Then, on Dec. 11, Tiffany 4-H Club had their Christmas Party at the Brown Memorial. At the party, the group played a dice-roll gift exchange game. Some kids played basketball and shuffleboard, roller skated and other fun things. They also had pizza, juice and dessert. They all seemed to have lots of fun, and the party ended around 7 p.m.

Tentative 2020 season opening dates

To help North Dakota hunters prepare for hunting seasons in 2020, the North Dakota Game and Fish Department annually provides its best estimate for opening dates for the coming year. Dates become official when approved by governor's proclamation.

- Tentative opening dates for 2020 include:
- Spring Turkey: April 11
 - Dove: Sept. 1
 - Bow Deer, Pronghorn: Sept. 4
 - Mountain Lion: Sept. 4
 - Sharptail, Hun, Ruffed Grouse, Squirrel: Sept. 12
 - Youth Deer: Sept. 18
 - Youth Waterfowl: Sept. 19
 - Early Resident Waterfowl: Sept. 26
 - Pronghorn Gun: Oct. 2
 - Waterfowl, Youth Pheasant: Oct. 3
 - Pheasant, Fall Turkey: Oct. 10
 - Mink, Muskrat, Weasel Trapping: Oct. 24
 - Deer: Nov. 6
 - Deer Muzzleloader: Nov. 27

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NDCC 57-02-08.1

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Clinton Haman, Plaintiff
v.
Aaron S Cavanaugh, Defendant
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