



Club Officers for 2008-2009

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2007-2009	2008-2010
Linea White	Judy Gutttau
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Denny White	Eric Allen

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Report of Recent Club Meeting

President Dick Baber opened the Optimist Club meeting on May 2, led the pledge of allegiance, and gave the opening prayer. Dick Baber, Gary Funkhouser, Judy Gutttau, and Jeff Jorgensen contributed jokes. There were 17 members and three guests present. This was the first meeting at the Treynor recreation Association (TRA) clubhouse. Several members ate breakfast there before the meeting. Gary Funkhouser won the 50/50 drawing and Mick Gutttau won the attendance drawing but did not collect.

Jeff Jorgenson contributed to the Youth Fund for Theresa Fahrenkrug, a former member who just completed here Associates degree and is working on a Bachelor's degree.

Can Kennel sorting was Wednesday night for the Yearbook. Bill Vorthmann, Richard Vorthmann, Gary Funkhouser, and Gary Gutttau assisted the youth.

Friday at the Elementary School the Optimist Club sponsored Bicycle Safety. Deputy Marc Freeman spoke at an Elementary assembly. Afterwards 26 children participated in the challenge course and having their bicycles checked. Kevin Underwood provided cookies and Dee Gutttau provided drinks for the event. Braden Larsen and Kennedy Elwood won the random drawing of two bicycles purchased by the Optimist Club. Eleven Optimist Club members and three Jr. Optimists helped with the event.

The Treynor Optimist Club Board met on 2 May. They voted to fund up to \$3000 in scholarships, based on flag receipts by the time the scholarship committee meets. This year the scholarships will be given directly to the recipient instead of the school. Some schools are reducing school grants based on scholarship money sent to the school.

Next week will be club elections. A full slate of candidates has been identified, except one more board member will be needed for the 2009-2011 term.

Flyers have been distributed for the flag project again this year. The first flag day is May 25, Memorial Day. It takes a full week to have Iowa One Call identify underground utilities and then for club members to put in the flag footing, so those participating need to plan accordingly.

Gone Fishing

Paul Jensen, a local fishing reel and antique motorcycle collector spoke at the club meeting. He owns over 50 motorcycles, most of them built prior to 1927. His oldest is a 1907 Pierce.

Paul works at Bass Pro and teaches fishing seminars. He has been fishing since the 1940s with his father to

Minnesota. At that time they would often catch 45-50" Northern Pike. He has since learned that people need to release the big fish like that and keep the smaller ones. The large ones are the ones that produce the most offspring.

Paul's collection of old fishing reels includes over 400 different reels and only includes the better quality reels. Today's reels were invented in England in the 1850s. Jewelers from Kentucky went to England and then started making them in the United States. They cost \$25-\$50 before 1900, the equivalent of about \$1500 today. He has 23 reels made of silver by the Kentucky jewelers.

Around 1900, larger cities had casting tournaments. The expensive fishing lines at that time were silk, but most fishing lines were cotton. When you were done fishing, you had to unwind your line and let it dry so it would not rot.

In the 1920s and 1930s there were three reel companies, Pflueger, Shakespeare, and South Bend. Today most expensive reels are made in Japan. Bass Pro sells one named Johnny Morris, after the owner of Bass Pro. It is titanium plated over an aluminum frame.

Zebco reels were originally made by a bomber company called the Zero Hour Bomb Company. The company changed it's name six months after starting production of the reels to Zebco.

CALENDAR

The May Can Kennel contributions will be for Baseball. Total collections are \$69,012 through January 2009.

May 13, Wed TBD p.m.. – Can Kennel sorting

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Birthdays

May 11 – Keith Denton

May 20 – Kelly Sutherland

May 22 – Linea White

Anniversaries

May 27 – Bob Abbott

May 29 – Bill Matthew

Speakers

May 9 – Craig Korkow – career in college rodeo

May 16 – Kerry Monif – Estates, beneficiaries

May 23 – Jeff Danker – Sheriff

May 30 – Carolyn Etinger - Wings of Hope

Programs

May – Richard Vorthmann

June – Linea White, Kevin Elwood

P.S. man was stopped by a game warden in Northern Michigan recently with two buckets of fish leaving a lake well known for its fishing. The game warden asked the man, "Do you have a license to catch those fish?" The man replied to the game warden, "No, sir. These are my pet fish." "Pet fish?" the warden replied. "Yes, sir. Every night I take these here fish down to the lake and let them swim around for a while. I whistle and they jump back into their buckets, and I take em home." "That's a bunch of hooley! Fish can't do that!" The man looked at the game warden for a moment, and then said, "Here, I'll show you. It really works." "Okay, I've GOT to see this!" The game warden was curious now. The man poured the fish in to the lake and stood and waited. After several minutes, the game warden turned to the man and said: "Well?" "Well, What?" the man responded. "When are you going to call them back?" the game warden prompted. "Call who back?" the man asked. "The FISH." "What fish?" the man asked