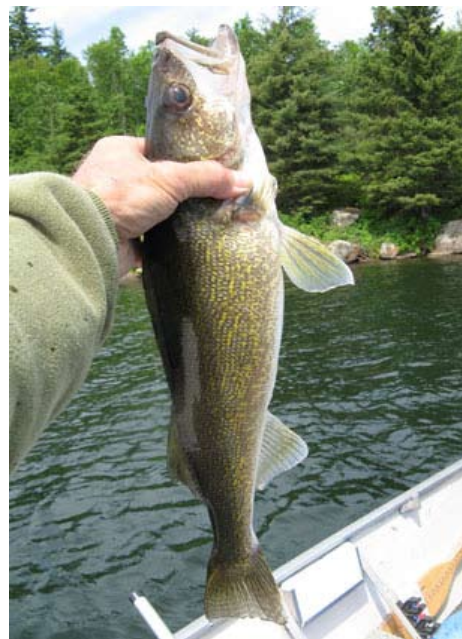


pulling me. I swam as hard as I could, both up, breaking the surface of the water, and down to the bottom in trying to get away from that little minnow, but all to no avail. I tired myself out struggling to get away.


The little minnow pulled me toward a big floating object where a large land creature grabbed me and pulled me out of the water. My gills were aching and I was struggling to breathe while the creature held me in spite of my fierce struggling. He laid me on a flat stick and I could hear two of those creatures making boisterous noises. Then he picked me up and threw me back into the lake and I was free to swim away.

The pain in my mouth was gone, just still a little sore. I could still taste the salty minnow, but it was no longer biting me nor pulling me. I was once again able to



swim freely. But now, when I see one of those strange minnows, I try to be very careful. Instead of biting it hard, I just nibble it cautiously. Sometimes I am able to eat the whole minnow and get a

tasty snack, but sometimes, when I nibble carefully, the minnow rapidly swims straight up and I lose it. Very strange indeed!

So Pete, just some friendly advice from an older, hopefully wiser fish buddy; be very careful when you see one of those unusual minnows. No matter how hungry you are, you need to resist all your instincts to bite it forcefully and instead be very careful when you nibble it or you might get bit and pulled away like I was by one of those strange little minnows. In addition to my personal experiences, I have seen many other of our fellow walleyes pulled away like that also. I only hope that you take my warning seriously and learn from my experience and mistakes that I have made in the past and avoid the pain of getting caught by one of those strange little minnows. 

CROWDUCK LAKE FISHING RETREATS MANITOBA, CANADA 2011

June 24th – July 1st

July 15th – July 22nd

August (to be announced)

Teen Challenge/Winnipeg Retreat September

Pheasant & Goose Hunts—October-November



BEHIND THE SCENES

MARTY CHAPMAN prefers to work “behind the scenes.” So you’ll most likely find him behind the lens of a camera at an STS event, capturing scenes both still and video, recording activities to make them memorable. Marty has been taking pictures at STS events since its inception in 2005 as the “official” photographer, but that’s just the beginning.

There’s more than that going on behind the scenes. You see Marty is the STS “techy” as well as the “webmaster,” creator and producer of the STS website www.stsretreats.org. He is also the person who colates and processes everyone else’s photos and prepares them for posting on web. Marty also helps create and edit documents and literature to tell the STS story, and he maintains the “Paypal” donation account for “online” supporters to donate to the cause. He is a great recruiter and has sponsored kids who otherwise would not be able to participate.

Thank you, Marty!



Wolf Watching

Ten years ago, bears scavenging through Crowduck Lake Camp and its nearby fish disposal area were an all too common and often annoying occurrence. Then came the timber wolves. For the local bear—unwelcome competition. For Crowduck’s fishermen—entertainment. The estimated pack of eleven timber wolves secretly dine on the buckets of fish entrails delivered by Crowduck guests trying to catch a glimpse of the hungry wolves. *Come sneak a peak for yourselves!*

Outdoor Adventures



“STS is an interdenominaional ministry whose purpose is to mentor men and boys in Godly wisdom through the scriptures and outdoor adventures”

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“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land”.

II CHRONICLES 7:14



We trust you will enjoy reading this edition of our STS newsletter. You will discover information that will benefit your life’s adventure in God’s great outdoors. We welcome your feedback and invite your comments. Most of all, we encourage you to join us in the great outdoors

RONALD STANCHFIELD, EDITOR

Anthropomorphizing Crowduck Lake Walleyes

by Mel Swanson



LAST SUMMER up at Crowduck Lake, I had the rare privilege of eaves dropping on a conversation between Wally Walleye and Pete Pickerel. Wally, a twenty three inch rather mature lunker, was mentoring Pete, a sixteen inch younger fish. Wally was telling Pete about a certain kind of minnow that, although quite tasty, has a certain danger associated with it. Wally said, “On several occasions, I have found a certain kind of minnow that usually doesn’t dart away quickly like most minnows, but just jerks a little once in awhile. If you see one you should recognize it immediately because it will have some bright colors that ordinary minnows don’t have, which also makes it very easy to spot. They also taste a little salty, so they make

real nice snacks while hanging out in the school. But you need to be very careful when eating them. Don’t just grab the whole minnow and eat it, because something very strange and painful can happen.

Like one day last summer I grabbed such a minnow and, while I liked the taste, I suddenly felt a pain in my mouth as though the minnow were biting me. Not only that, but the little minnow, while biting me, started forcefully pulling me in one direction even though I tried as hard as I could to swim away. I really don’t understand how such a small minnow could bite me like that and pull me so hard that I couldn’t swim away, but believe me, it happened. Even though I opened my mouth to let it go, it still hung on and continued


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Meet the Board of Directors



Lee Hetherington, Kyle White, Marty Chapman, Jeff White, Mike "Shep" Sheplee, Mel Swanson, Mike Schachterle

NOT EXACTLY A "SHORE LUNCH," but a satisfying "on shore" Perkins breakfast where the topic of conversation for these men remains pretty much the same, fishing, hunting, outdoor adventures. After a brief exchange of: "How ya been, How's the family, What's ya been up to," the conversation became seriously centered upon their love of fishing and what, if anything they could do to make the STS Retreat experience even more meaningful for attendees.

Success Through Scriptures (STS) was formed in the summer of 2005 to offer an exciting venue to share their faith in Jesus Christ, their love of adventure and the great outdoors and wisdom found in the Bible's book of Proverbs in a fellowship of men and boys. The board meets four to five time during the year to plan and schedule adventures ranging from fishing trips in the Canadian Wilderness, Canadian snowmobile trips, bird hunting in Minnesota's countryside and more. And, of course, share a great "on shore, indoors" meal. 

DARRELL OLSON SHARES HIS LOVE OF THE OUTDOORS AND HIS COOKING

It was a chance meeting that brought STS cofounder Mike Schachterle and Darrell Olson together, two men who share a passion for fishing and life's values. "I've never known a man who fishes more than Darrell Olson," said Mike Schachterle.

They met at a Canadian "fly-in" fishing camp, "Four or five years ago," recalls, Darrell. Accompanied by their wives, they began sharing meals together. Soon, Mike invited Darrell to



attend an STS retreat on Crowduck Lake. He did and found himself "hooked."

A man who loves to cook, Darrell fit right in. When in attendance he tantalizes those in camp with a variety of meals, mostly bacon and eggs in the morning, and other tasty fare throughout the day. And of course there's the "fish fry," the shared reward of a good day. This year Darrell plans to attend both summer retreats. Men, prepare your palate.



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From the STS Founders

"Be on guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong."

I CORINTHIANS 16:13

HAVE YOU EVER NOTICED that most Christian ministries at local churches take place within the confines of their walls, usually in the fellowship hall? In the summer of 2005 the Lord impressed upon us to start the ministry now known as **Success Through Scriptures (STS)**.

His encouragement was to have this ministry outside the walls of the church. From what we see in the New Testament, Jesus spent a great deal of time outside, and most of his miracles were done outside where the people were. This is not to say that having a ministry inside is wrong. At times weather will prevent going outside. Even with STS we have some inside fellowship but most of our activities are in the wilderness. There is something about the freedom one experiences while on a lake in the wilderness. God has given us a great outdoors to enjoy. While some individuals prefer not to fish, they still enjoy God's great outdoors and fellowship.

Fishing is such an incredible sport. Not only does it provide occasional excitement when you hook and land a nice fish, but simply being on the water




Mike Schachterle with grandson

Mike "Shep" Sheplee

brings you a sense of peace and joy beyond understanding. Very few pastimes or sports can lay claim to that. Anyone can enjoy fishing.

The idea of sharing the gospel through fishing and camping is nothing new. Jesus did it with fishing and there are many ministries today that are sharing Christ through fishing and camping.

But let's fact it—evangelism is often difficult for many Christians. We claim we do not know how to witness or think the "right opportunity never comes our way." But if we connect our faith with something we know and enjoy like fishing, sharing the gospel tends to come easier and more natural to us. Many times when we connect the gospel to something that others have an interest in, they are more willing to stop and listen. It is all about making connections.

Maybe you would like to be part of STS by attending one of our trips or maybe the Lord is impressing upon you a desire to become involved in this ministry. If so, please feel free to contact us. Mike Schachterle 612-867-8469 or Mike Sheplee 612-418-6584. 



During 2010 generosity of others funded scholarships to provide critical enrichment to the lives of several less fortunate boys and youngmen to experience a spiritual, often live changing, retreat. **You can help.** Donate online at www.stsretreats.org or call for details. 612-867-8469

◀ Mike Cook, Teen Challenge, Winnipeg leader (lower right) and his "Challenge" young men enjoyed their 4th annual retreat with STS Board members. The 2011 retreat is scheduled for September at a time to be announced.