



# Hook, Line, and Sinker

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## Fishing: An Introduction to the Environment

I have long been from the school of thought that says if you can get a kid out fishing it will open up the whole world of the outdoors. I recently had this reaffirmed at the NUASF Take a Kid Fishing event at Clear Lake. Most kids today have a very structured lifestyle, which to me, seems to infringe on basic human growth needs, like curiosity or the ability to day-dream and ponder the mysteries of the universe. Getting in touch with the outdoors, in a setting that is not urban, shows all kids and adults as well, that all things alive have worth. Out in the boat, as the fishing took place the questions started to fly. What's that? What's this thing on the fish's side? How come that bug can float? And on and on. The ability to answer the questions didn't seem that important, it was the con-

sciousness of the asking of them that took precedence. The conversation would ultimately lead to protection of our precious surroundings. Questions about, "What is that floating in the water?" would lead to why a person shouldn't litter or that too much algae in the water takes the oxygen out and kills the fish. Now it may seem simplistic to think that all the world's problems could be solved by a fishing outing, but at the very least the kids get a chance to ponder how, why, and what and in the day and age of structure, regimentation, programs, and Nintendo, times like those are at a premium. So hey, lighten up and take someone you care about fishing.

## Clear Lake Update

The fishing at Clear Lake has been really great as many of you probably know by now. It has been the most popular fishing spot in Brown County. It seems as if the parking lot at the landing is always full. I've had lots of people tell me how nice it is to have such a great fishing spot so close to home. I think we can all be proud of the way things have turned around at Clear Lake. Let's all remember when we go out there to practice catch and release. It is nice to be able to go out there and catch all of those fish but if we make pigs out of ourselves and fish the lake out we will be back where we started, with a pretty little lake and no fish in it. The county park at Clear Lake was recently dedicated. Make sure you go out and see it sometime. It is really a beautiful place to spend an afternoon.

**Club Calendar**

**June 25th 7:00 PM**

**Meeting at Clear Lake County Park**

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# Editorial

Are you a fish hog? There are a lot of them out there and it is time to do something about them. Fish hogs just can't seem to catch enough fish. They will make two and often three trips to the old fishing hole when they are really biting. If they are really tight they will just take their two or three limits of fish all at one time. They are not worried about getting caught it seems. Often these fish hogs don't even bother getting a fishing license. Well fellow members, its time to give them something to worry about. We can no longer tolerate this behavior. These fish hogs are not only breaking the law by taking more fish than they are entitled to they are stealing from the rest of us. Honest fishermen pay good money for the right to fish. The pleasure of spending a peaceful day on your favorite lake or river and catching a few fish should not be taken away from you by a person who doesn't

care or is ignorant as to how many fish he can catch or possess. The daily catch limit is also the possession limit. The Department of Natural Resources has a program that gives us the opportunity to do something about fish hogs. The program is called TIP (Turn In Poachers). If you see someone violate an angling law or hear about a violation, call the toll free TIP Hotline at 1-800-652-9093. TIP is a non-profit organization founded to stop poaching in Minnesota. Cash awards are given for tips leading to arrests. You may remain anonymous. You can make a difference. Don't be a fish hog.

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# From the President

A big thank you to all who helped or donated to the Take A Kid Fishing event at Clear Lake. It was a big hit and a great day. I hope by next year that we have that fishing pier so what can accommodate what is certainly destined to grow.

If you hadn't noticed, drive down the old Highway 15 road grade and take a look at the sign. The clean up effort of the New Ulm Area Sport Fishermen at this site is getting action. MnDOT in a letter addressed to us has stated that this is now on their priority list and will be closely scrutinized in the future. There may be action to limit access to this area, confining it to foot or bike travel. Hats off to those members and non members who helped.

We have set the date for the first NUASF club picnic. It is Sunday, August 23rd at Lake Hanska County Park. Mark your calendars and bring prospective members. It should be a blast.

The money for a laser printer for our club is a reality due to a

grant we have received from the community grant fund. The amount is for \$2,000.00 and will help us in so many ways, including the printing of the *Hook, Line, and Sinker*. We will now plan on another page for the newsletter because of all the interest it has generated.

The SCCMR Convention is really coming together. The poster and flyers for the event will be coming in about three weeks. This will help all club members better explain what this is all about and enables us all to promote the event by simply handing out a flyer.

We have gained permission from the 4th of July Committee to hand out flyers for the SCCMR Convention and our Fall Clean Up to the group attending the celebration at Riverside Park. If you can help to hand out flyers contact Ron Baker or Mike Deinken to give us an idea how many people can do it. It's a great opportunity for some cheap advertising.



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# Club Picnic and Fishing

We have finally decided to have a club family outing. On Sunday, August 23rd we will have a potluck picnic at Lake Hanska County Park. It will be starting at 12:00 noon. This will be a good opportunity for our families to meet and get to know one another. We may also have a fishing contest that afternoon. There will be more information coming in the next Newsletter.

# Raffle Tickets

At this coming meeting we will have this year's raffle tickets. We would like to have every member try and sell at least one book for us. This is one of our major fund raisers for the year and we really need your help on this. If you can't make the meeting and would like tickets just give me a call and I will see that you get some.

# Rummage Sale

We will again be having our rummage sale this fall. It would be nice if every member could donate one or two good salable items for this. With your support this could be a big money maker for us. Start digging around now. If you have something that you really don't need anymore but is too good to throw away set it aside and bring it to our June meeting at Clear Lake.

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