



Hook, Line, and Sinker

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Does Fishing Have a Future?

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Does fishing have a future?

In the last several years there has been a decline in the number of fishing licenses bought nationwide. People are too busy making a living or have never been indoctrinated into the fine sport of fishing. Every day the sports of fishing and hunting are being attacked by people who claim to be looking out for the welfare of the animals. Not my problem you say. I'm still going fishing. That's not solving the problem, it's only ignoring it.

What can I do? How can I fight the animal rights groups or get more people interested in fishing? Both problems can be taken care of quite easily. All you have to do is take someone fishing. Your son, daughter, friend, or neighbor who hasn't had the chance to experience the thrill of catching their first sunfish or walleye. What we really need to do is get our young people involved and show them what fishing is all about. If we don't they will get their education on fishing through some biased TV show or literature sponsored by animal rights groups. Fishing can be a truly relaxing and peaceful experience. Let's not lose the right to enjoy it.

NUASF Club Calendar

Meeting:

March 26, 7:30PM

Schell's Tap Room

Newsletter Receives New Name

The NUASF Newsletter now bears a new title thanks to a club member's suggestion. We think it serves appropriately.

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Newsletter Gets Facelift

You may notice that this issue of the newsletter looks quite a bit crisper than the previous issues. This is due to the fact that it was outputted on a Laser Printer rather than the dot matrix printer that we have been using in the past. We used a borrowed machine this time to illustrate the possibilities of such a piece of equipment. The capabilities extend beyond just the newsletter into flyers, brochures, etc for both the Fishing Club and the SCCMR. It would be a worthy investment that would save many dollars on the expense of typesetting by outside sources and would always be a the club's disposal.

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From the President

Opener for the walleye and northern pike is just around the corner. I don't know about you but I'm already getting antsy. I've been checking out lake information reports, researching the biological impacts of the depletion of the ozone, the underwater movement of the mayflies, and had my ear to the ground to listen to how high the nightcrawlers have moved to the surface. Am I ready? I have even included the wife factor. I ran by her how long I was planning to go and measured the time it took for her to roll her eyes. It was quick so look for a good opener this year. As many of you are aware, a good number of NUA Sport Fishermen make the trek north to my Christmas tree farm located at Orth, Minnesota where I am proud to say I own the town, literally. This has been the sight of many fish camps and to my knowledge no one has burned in a campfire yet. This is due largely to the fact that our camp slogan in '80 or '81 was Stop, Drop, and Roll. Many firemen know this and would tell you of its importance around camp-

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fires. As Lord Mayor of Orth, Minnesota, I have decreed the month of May as general, "I don't care about much," month. Of course this has been observed by the locals since man first set sight on the peat bogs and moose dung of the god-forsaken country that man has had one hell of a time taming and never will. Geeze, I wanna go!

Your input is wanted for the planning of the SCCMR Convention. Most of the March meeting will be used to do such. If you do not know what this rally and meeting is about, attend this meeting, your questions will be answered. See you at the Schell's Brewery on the 26th at 7:30 PM.

Clear Lake Update

The aeration system was shut down on February 27 because of the extremely warm weather. The last oxygen report I received was 10.5. The system has done an excellent job this winter as the fish are in great

shape. The club fish house was removed from the lake on February 21 and stored at Jr. Berg's. A big thanks to those who helped get it off and to Jr. for letting us store it on his property.

Wood Duck Boxes

This spring we plan on putting out some Wood Duck Boxes at Clear Lake and along the Minnesota River. The New Ulm Issak Walton League has donated four of the boxes. the rest of them we will have to buy. Would anyone be interested in spon-

soring a Wood Duck Box? We have someone who has built some of them. He will sell them to us for the cost of materials which is \$10.00. If anyone is interested, please contact me.

Mike Deinken

Club Jackets

At the last meeting several members expressed an interest in Club Jackets. We have done this twice over the last couple of years. To get a better price on the jackets we would like to have at least twelve orders. There are three different styles to choose from and they will have the club logo on the back. The prices range from about \$25 to \$40. If you

are interested come to the next meeting or stop in at Printwear Graphics and talk to John Vorwerk.

We will also be getting club logo stickers, which will sell for \$1.50. They are three inches in diameter and will look good on your car window, boat or tackle box.

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If you have a catch that you think could be a record, follow these steps:

- Weigh the fish on a state certified scale, witnessed by two observers.
- Take the fish to a DNR fisheries office for positive identification and to obtain a state record fish application.
- Complete the application and send it along with a clear, full length photo to the address listed on the form.
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