



Hook, Line, and Sinker

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ANOTHER FISH STORY

The other evening I had some free time, which doesn't happen often with me. I decided to stop at one of the local pubs and have a cold one. Well, who should I bump into but one of our illustrious club members and some acquaintances of his. One thing led to another and the next thing you know we got around to talking about fishing. Several of us hadn't done much fishing lately, but it seems our club member had been spending quite a bit of time at a lake about a half hour drive from New Ulm. The more we talked, the more fish he claims to have caught on each trip to the lake. The average size of the fish grew considerably in the half hour I spent conversing with him also. I don't know if he read last month's fish story and felt that he had to outdo it, or maybe there were magical fish that kept growing even after they were caught. Now he claims to also have a witness to the events that led to these tall tales. The only problem is, there are no photos to substantiate this fable. I won't tell the name of the member or the amount of fish he claims to have caught, partly because I don't know which figures to use. Maybe the next time he goes fishing he will take a camera with so we can verify that he really did go fishing. Until next month, keep fishing.

HOW BIG WAS THAT FISH?

Roy Bennett of Montbello, Colorado, was dunking minnows for crappies at Nee Grande Reservoir when a big striped bass hybrid, locally known as a "wiper" grabbed his bait. Bennett managed to land the fish and took it to a store in Eads where it weighed 23 pounds on a hand held scale. A local character insisted it wasn't big enough to be a state record, so Bennett took his big wiper and drove home.

Meanwhile, Robin Knox, a sport fish specialist in the Colorado Division of Wildlife, heard about Bennett's fish. If it indeed weighed 23 pounds, Knox knew it would better the state record by almost 3 pounds. Knox also knew that if the hand held scale was off slightly, even by only a few ounces, Bennett's fish could weigh more than 23 pounds-The IGFA All-Tackle World Record striper hybrid record is 23 pounds 2 ounces.

So Knox quickly telephoned Bennett to give him the news. Mrs. Bennett answered and said, yes, her husband was home. In fact, he was out in the garage cutting the wiper up into steaks.

RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE

Randall's Foods has been kind enough to let us use the garden center free of charge for this year's sale. This puts us ahead

of last year already. We need members to donate to make our sale a success. The funds we receive from these fund-raisers we hold during the year are vital to the operation of our club. We need hardware and miscellaneous items more than clothing. The items need to be in good condition, clean, and salable. You can bring your donations to the garden center Friday, August 20th, between 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM. We could use some help setting up that evening, so if you have a little time to spare that evening, plan on staying a half an hour or so when you bring your donations. We appreciate any help you can give. We are also having a bake sale in conjunction with the rummage sale. We did this last year and it went over extremely well. Bake sale items should not be brought until Saturday morning before the sale starts at 8:00 PM. We need your help to make this sale a success. If you can help with the sale or you have any questions, call Jerry Carlson at 354-8869. Thank you.

EDITORIAL

MIKE DEINKEN

Several weeks ago I decided to take the afternoon off and do some fishing. But where would I go? The Minnesota River being still too high, my only other options for the short trip I intended were Clear Lake or Lake Hanska. Clear Lake being closer, I decided to stop there first. My luck was holding true to form. Cars and boat trailers were parked halfway out the access road. Rather than wait in line for an hour and a half, I decided to head for Lake Hanska. It seems it just wasn't my day. As I approached the lake it seemed like the line was only a little shorter than at Clear Lake. After having loaded gear, bought bait and driven this far, I wasn't going to give in and go home. While waiting to launch my boat, I started wondering about the change that had taken place at these two lakes in the past couple years. Before the fishing explosion started, no one fished Clear Lake. Well, maybe a couple bullhead fishermen. Lake Hanska had the same problem. It was filled with mostly bullheads. What happened to these lakes that made them so attractive to so many people?

It started at the grassroots with a few people concerned about the condition of the lakes. One person started talking to another and before anyone expected things were starting to happen. It has gotten to the point where Lake Hanska and Clear Lake are two of the most popular lakes in Southern Minnesota. All it took was a little concern by an average citizen. Too often these days we think that there is nothing we can do about the

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problems that stand in our way. All we have to do is look at what a small group of people have accomplished by talking to someone and not giving up. Hats off to the little people who have made big things happen.

TIP LINE

If you bang your aluminum boat or canoe on a rock, the dent can usually be removed by tapping it out with a rubber mallet. Hold a block of wood against the back of the area and start tapping around the edge, working gradually toward the middle.

Attach a strip of self adhesive weather-stripping to any convenient place inside your boat and use it to hang out the lures you're using. The hooks disengage easily from the foam.

Monofilament line may lose some of

its strength when it is exposed to direct sunlight or heat. A car or metal tackle box can become an oven on a summer day, so be sure to keep your spinning reels where it is cool and shady.

STORM SEWER LETTERING

On Tuesday, July 27th, the New Ulm Area Sportfishermen along with several Girl Scout Troops and Scout leaders started New Ulm's Storm Sewer Awareness Project. We met at Riverside Park and had pizza and pop before we started. After lunch was finished we split into five groups and headed for 10th South Street. It was a little rough going at first. Some of the first ones that were painted were a little hard to read, but after a while the girls seemed to get the hang of it. We started painting at about 6:30 PM and by 8:30 there were approximately 50 blocks of storm sewers lettered. It doesn't seem like much when you consider how many



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streets there are in New Ulm, But it is a start. We plan on doing this at least once more this year. If you would like to do some lettering on your own, kits are available for your use. If you are interested contact Scott Sparlin.

TAKE A KID FISHING, ALL YEAR LONG

MIKE DEINKEN

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has a wonderful program in Take A Kid Fishing. One weekend every summer, the second in June, is set aside to give children and adults who normally don't get a chance to fish, the opportunity to experience the enjoyment of fishing. Since its inception, Take A Kid Fishing has given thousands of Minnesotans this exciting experience. The New Ulm Area Sportfishermen have been involved in Take A Kid Fishing for about five years. Regretfully this past June we had to cancel the event due to adverse weather conditions. It was sad to see the long faces on the kids we had to send home that day because we couldn't take them fishing. We have no control over the weather, so we will just have to try again next year. But just because the second weekend in June is

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"Cureagous"



George Featherstonhaugh

SCHEDULE OF FREE ACTIVITIES

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| 9:00-9:45 a.m. | - Coffee, Rolls, Talking, Get Re-acquainted | 2:10-2:30 p.m. | - David Minge U.S. Congress on Minnesota River |
| 9:45-10:00 a.m. | - Who and What is the SCCMR and what are we doing | 2:30-4:00 p.m. | - Canoe Races - Battle for the Little Brown Paddle |
| 10:00-11:00 a.m. | - Wetlands Reclamation "What's Out There" and "Whats Goin' On", Jim Leach, USFWS, Time for questions and answers | 4:00-6:30 p.m. | - Fishing Contest |
| 11:00-12:00 p.m. | - Final Findings of MRAP - Where does it go from here? | 6:30-7:00 p.m. | - Fishing Contest ends-Awards Presentations |
| 12:00-12:45 p.m. | - Lunch Break. All contest registrations open | 7:00-8:00 p.m. | - Kimmel Rosenstein & Co. Bluegrass Music |
| 12:45-1:25 p.m. | - Streambank stabilization demonstration and talk, MN DNR Cliff Bentley | 8:00-8:30 p.m. | - George Featherstonhaugh, English Explorer |
| 1:25-2:05 p.m. | - Storm Sewer Stenciling Demonstration | 8:30-9:30 p.m. | - Kimmel, Rosenstein & Co. "Cureagous" |
| 2:05-2:10 p.m. | - All contests-registration reminder | 9:30-10:00 p.m. | - Kimmel, Rosenstein & Co. Jam Session (open to public). All musicians amateur or professional are invited. |
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| | | 11:00-12:30 p.m. | - CLOSE |
| | | 12:30 p.m. | |

MEET English Explorer George Featherstonhaugh

Featherstonhaugh will be on the grounds all day to speak with you, and he will be on stage at 8:00 p.m.

In 1835, Featherstonhaugh, on behalf of the U.S. Government, traveled up the Minnaya Sotar (Minnesota River) and documented its course and natural beauty.

Refreshments provided by



★ Canoe Racing Contests ★

Entry Fee: \$3.00

Registration open at 12 Noon. Register any time before 3:15 p.m. Race starts at 2:45 p.m.

Categories:

- Over 35 • 18-34 • 17 & under
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2nd place - Trophy & \$25.00
3rd place - Trophy



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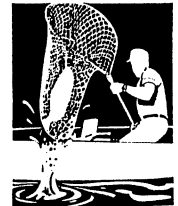
Entry Fee: \$5.00

Registration open at 2:00 p.m.

Prizes:

- Biggest Fish (all species) - \$200.00 & Trophy
- Biggest Flathead Catfish - \$150.00
- Biggest Channel Catfish - \$150.00
- Biggest Walleye/Sauger - \$75.00
- Most Species 1st-\$150.00 & Trophy 3rd - \$50.00
- 2nd - \$75.00 4th - \$25.00

Bait Available (minnows & nightcrawlers)



On-site camping available at the Park • Tents, Vans, Campers, R.V.'s • Toilet facilities on grounds. Running water available.

Photo Contest

• Two categories:

GOOD beauty of the river
BAD garbage & abuse of the river

PRIZES:

- 1st - 50% Payback
 - 2nd - 25% Payback
 - 3rd - 15% Payback
 - 4th and 5th 5% Payback
- Entry Fee: \$3.00

Essay Contest

Write 500 words or less about the Minnesota River
• 16 & Under • 17 & Older

\$50 Prize in each category

Free Entry

Art Contest

Subject must be the Minnesota River
Two Categories:
• 16 & Over • 15 & Under
1st Place - \$50.00
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Write A Poem about the Minnesota River

Register for \$50.00 to be drawn from all entrants. Poems must have at least eight verses.

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past is no reason to forget about taking kids fishing. We shouldn't need a special weekend set aside so we have an excuse to take our children or someone else's fishing. It is our obligation to pass on this heritage to our children and our children's children. There is nothing more satisfying than the smile on their face and the gleam in their eye when they catch a fish. It is something you can't buy, beg, borrow, or steal. So don't procrastinate, make the time and Take A Kid Fishing, All Year Long.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Saturday, September 11th is our 3rd annual River Rally, at Riverside Park. As founders of the SCCMR, we have been,

and continue to be, hosts of the event. We have put on a "class act" in the past and I know with the diverse expertise that this club possesses, we will once again show our guests that we truly are, Family of the River". If you can volunteer time to this effort, please attend this next meeting, which will be held at our club room office, above the Southside Pub at 6 1/2 South Minnesota Street. The meeting is Thursday, September 2nd at 7:30 PM. If you want to help, but cannot attend the next meeting, there will be another planning meeting on Wednesday, September 8th at 7:00 PM at Riverside Park in New Ulm. We need you!

Don't forget our rummage/bakesale and Club picnic on the 21st and 22nd of August. The sale is Saturday and the picnic is Sunday. Details are in this issue of the "Hook, Line, and Sinker".



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AUG 21 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE
AUG 22 12:30 PM CLUB PICNIC AT LAKE HANSA COUNTY PARK
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