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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

-MIKE DEINKEN

Last years membership drive was such a huge success that we have decided to do it again this year. We gained twenty-seven new members during our 1992 drive, to bring us to a total of one hundred. That is about where we have been holding throughout the year. Let's give the membership another boost and try to top last years again. Like last year, whoever signs the most new members will receive a Club Jacket. Bring a friend or prospective member to the meeting on Thursday, October 28th, as this night will be the kickoff of our drive. Dues are twenty dollars per year and new members will receive a Club hat. The drive will last for two months and will end

with our December meeting. Wouldn't it be great if we could beat last years numbers? See you at the meeting.

MILLELACS FISHING TRIP

-MIKE DEINKEN

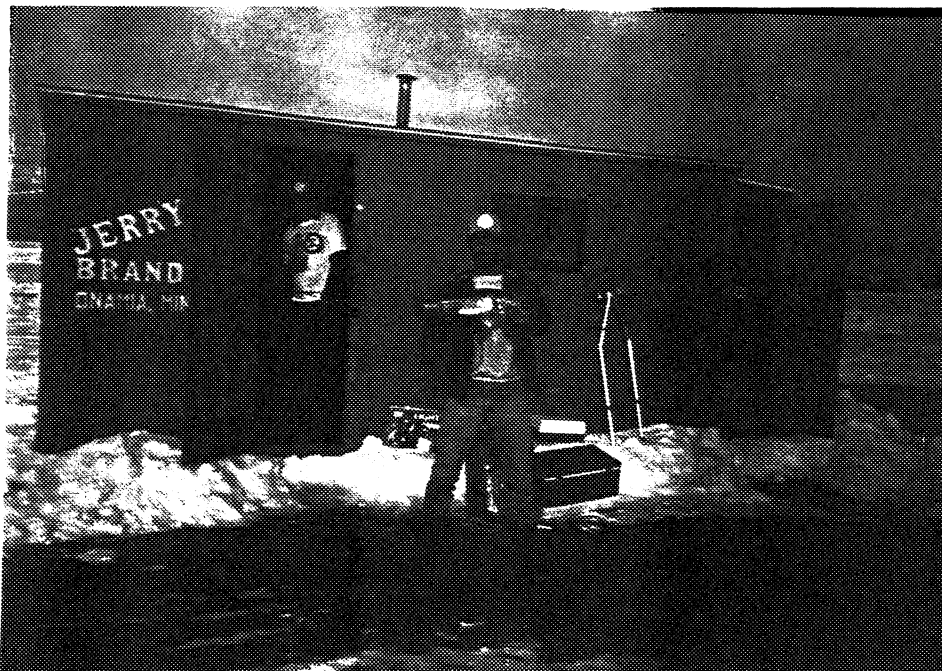
It's time to start planning for this years trip. We have reserved the houses and bus for the weekend of January 21st through the 23rd, 1994. We are again staying at Jerry Brandt's on the south shore of Lake Millelacs. The cost will be about the same as last year. There will be a twenty dollar deposit to hold your spot for this very enjoyable trip to-Minnesota's Walleye Factory. We will be leaving early on Friday afternoon and returning at about the same time on Sunday afternoon. More and more members have been joining us for this trip each year. If you are interested in coming along or would like more information come to this months meeting or contact Mike Deinken.

FALL RIVER

CLEANUP

-MIKE DEINKEN

This years river cleanup was held Saturday, October 2nd. We could not have asked for a nicer day. The weather was perfect. About twenty friends of the River gathered at 9:30



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A.M. and proceeded to clean up the mess. For the short time that the river was back in it's banks, it received an awfully large amount of trash. Almost fifty tires were again picked up along with a lot of just plain trash. The job was finished at about noon when we were served a much deserved lunch by our friends from 3M. Our Club didn't have as good a showing as it should have since we are the ones who have adopted this section of the river. 3M employees are in the process of adopting a section of the river next to ours. Next year we

will be helping them with the cleanup on their stretch. Wouldn't it be nice if about twenty club members shoved up for it? We didn't get to continue with our rip rap project at Riverside Park due to the high water. Maybe next year we can get some of the shoreline protected.

EDITORIAL

-MIKE DEINKEN, EDITOR

This month I am going to kind of jump around to several different topics which need to be talked about, but which don't



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need a lot of space to get their point across.

First off, I am wondering if we are getting too serious about our time spent outdoors. We seem to be always searching for the trophy of a lifetime or trying to fill our freezer to overflowing. Whether we are fishing or hunting, there seems to be only one goal in our minds. We must have the most and the biggest. Some people get really carried away. This summer there was a 76 year old woman apprehended with 310 sunfish over the limit. Yes, I said three hundred ten. What is the sense of doing something like this? When was the last time you went just to go? Not worrying about how well you are going to do but how nice it will be to get out on the water or into the woods. I think it's time to go just for the going.

There is a feud going on in many part of the country over public waters. The issue is who owns the water beneath docks and along the shore. Landowners frequently are becoming ugly and even violent toward fishermen who make a few casts toward their docks and shorelines. And a few anglers, it is sad to report, are responding in kind. Some landowners have reason to be miffed. What with boaters racing along shore and causing waves that do damage to their property. But others are turning ugly without provoca-

tion. The law is almost always on the side of the fishermen in these confrontations. Landowners in most states can't prevent anglers from fishing around the shore or docks. A fisherman is guilty of trespass only if he gets on a dock. As anglers we need to be respectful towards other people property. It is not right to try to fish around someone's dock or shore if they are using it. But, if you are harassed by a property owner for fishing near his dock, be polite and try to explain that you are fishing public water. Never sink to his level by arguing.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

**-SCOTT SPARLIN,
PRESIDENT OF THE NEW
ULM AREA SPORT
FISHERMEN**

A big Thank You to all of the people who helped out at this years Minnesota River Rally. The comments we received were all positive and the club is continuing to show why we are a growing group. It was a real treat to see that 171b.9 oz. Sturgeon caught right in front of Riverside Park. Alumacraft Corp. of St. Peter, August Schell Brewing Co., IWLA Chapter #79, Randall's, Cash Wise, New Ulm Wholesale, and NUASF all

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donated generously so the event could be a reality. Our trip to Mille Lacs Lake is set for Jan 21-23, 1994 and seats on that motor coach are going fast, so talk to Mike Deinken about your reservation. It's too bad we didn't have a chance to reclaim that 18 acre wetland at Minecon Park, but by early next summer, with a little help from mother nature, we should be able to finish what has been started. A side note to that wetland is that there is, as those of you who have participated in the Adopt-A-River cleanups know, three cars in the wetland area. After showing the cars to new Adoptee 3M employees' spokesperson Tony Miller, he has arranged to have the National Guard pull them out. Our Fall Cleanup went well, however I did expect a few more people from the general community, but in time I am hopeful that the numbers will increase. In the mean time we will continue to lead by example and hope that others will care enough to participate. On a positive note, 3M has officially adopted the section of river from Riverside Park to Ecksteins landing, welcome aboard 3M Employees.

Final ballots for the "Stoney" award for the NUASF member most selflessly giving back to the sport of fishing, are due at the next meeting on the 28th of October.

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At the October 28th meeting Clear Lake will also be a topic of discussion. A winter access, aeration, fish populations, and signage will all be thrown around, so we will see you at the next meeting at the club office above the South Side Pub at 7:30 PM.

At our October meeting you won't want to miss the presentation of Wide World of Sports featuring Kurt Gowdy and New Ulm's own Terry Steinbach. This is a must see and will be presented after the regular meeting which should end about 9:15. This will also be a great opportunity to bring a prospective member to see what our group is about. This video presentation is absolutely hilarious, so remember October 28th at our club room office above the South Side Pub at 7:30 P.M. Lunch will be served after the meeting.

CLEAR LAKE UPDATE

-MIKE DEINKEN

The open water season on Clear Lake is almost over for the year. It has been a great fishing season for the lake. The number of people on the water on any given day has been remarkable. It was not uncommon for the parking lot to be full all weekend. There also

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was a large number of giant sunfish caught this summer. Hopefully there will be some left for winter fishing. Two areas along the County Park were cleared of vegetation to offer some shore fishing opportunities for people without boats.

TIP LINE

-MIKE DEINKEN

Swivels have a habit of hiding in the corners of your tackle box, and it's hard to dig them out. When you want one. Instead of carrying them loose, string them on either a paper clip or safety pin. Then when you need one you can find it fast.

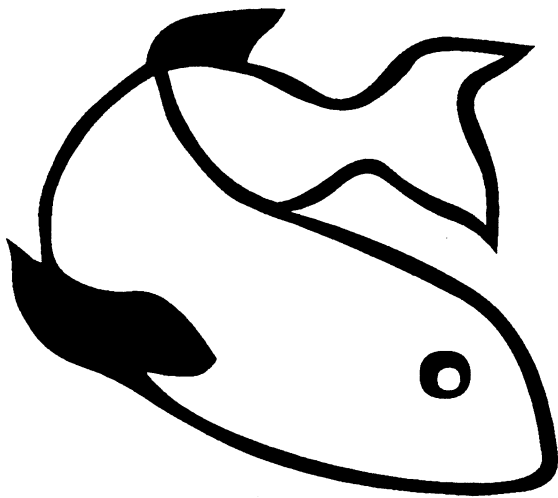
One of the most common mistakes many spin fishermen make is to try to reel in line

while a fish is taking it out. This twists the line badly. Let the fish run against the drag and retrieve only when it stops or you can pump it in.

A small crochet hook is a handy thing to have in your tackle box when you go fishing, especially bait-casting. The notch in the end is perfect for picking tangles on a reel spool—certainly much better than your fingers.

FOR SALE

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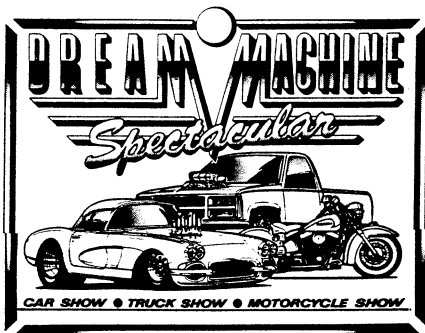
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