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## CLEAR LAKE UPDATE

The ice is gone. We are again back to soft water fishing. The lake came through the winter in excellent shape. To my knowledge there was no fishkill this year. There were some reports of a super sunfish bite just before ice out. They were so aggressive that the bobber never got a chance to settle on the water. This year's walleye opener should be great. There will be plenty of two to three pound fish this year, since none were caught this winter. People reported seeing them down their holes, but could not get them to bite. Maybe they will

get hunger once the water warms later this spring. The signs have been picked up, only a couple of them were lost this year. We had no problem with people breaking them off this year. I think anglers are starting to realize the signs are there for their protection.

## MILLE LACS LAUNCH TRIP

There was some discussion at our last meeting about a summer fishing trip to Mille Lacs Lake. Enough members showed an interest that we have decided to try it this summer. We have booked a launch from Terry's Boat

Harbor out of Garrison, Minnesota. The trip is scheduled for Saturday, June 25th. We will leave early Saturday morning and return that evening. Vans will be rented from New Ulm Bus Lines so as to make the trip more convenient for everyone. Total cost of the trip should be around fifty dollars. This will include transportation, launch and guide, food and beverage. To me this sounds like a pretty



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good deal. This trip will fill fast, so don't wait too long to make reservations. There will be a \$25 deposit to hold your spot. Let me know at the next meeting or give me a call at 359-9650.  
 Mike Deinken.

**MEMBERSHIP**

In just eight short years we have grown from a fledgling club with a handful of members, to one of the most active sportsmens organizations in the state with almost 120 members. We have done this through hard work and good solid members. The last several months quite a few of you have gotten behind in paying your dues. I know it's easy to forget, but this is very important to the operation of our club. We rely on your dues for our continued operation. They are what keep our club going. If you look at the mailing label on your last Newsletter, it will give your expiration date. If I am doing my job you will also receive a notice that you are due for renewal. Please help us keep up the good work by paying your dues on time. We have quite a few projects coming up this year, and we need your support. Thank you for the support you have given our club in the past. I hope we can count on you in the future.



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# EDITORIAL

It's finally here! SPRING. The geese have flown past on their way North, the songbirds have returned. Grass is turning green and buds are popping on the trees. It seems like it has been so long since we last saw 60 degrees. This is a time of renewal. A time when everything is new and fresh. We are cleaning our yards, garages and houses. Some of us might start working out in hopes of shedding a few extra pounds we have managed to accumulate over the winter. With the melting of the last few piles of snow that marks the coming of spring, something not so fresh and clean is being revealed to us. All the trash and litter that has been hidden all winter has popped back into view. It is not a pretty site. Pop cans, Beer cans, plastic bottles, and furniture, all carelessly discarded. And where is the worst mess? It is our lakes and streams. The lakes get an awful lot of use in the winter and it seems to be convenient for most people to dump their trash rather than take it home. In the winter we don't notice it as much because the snow keeps covering it up. Once spring comes and the snow melts, it's all there, and it really sticks out. I suppose we could just wait a while and let the grass and weeds grow so it will once again be covered. You and I know the answer to that one. It is unacceptable. There are laws in place that are supposed to control littering, but it is impossible to do anything unless there is a witness. The people that do this are not easily changed. This is something they have been doing for most of their lives. I feel embarrassed when my son points out the degree of litter to me because I know it is not his generation that is the cause. It is my generation and those before me. When I was in my teens, we thought nothing of

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tossing our trash out the car window. Why should we? No one had told us it was wrong.

Our children have a better handle on the littering problem than we do. They have been taught from the time they could understand what was being said to them that it was not right to throw trash on the ground. They also need to see some positive things from us. It doesn't take a lot of effort to pick up an extra pop can or bait container as you leave you leave your favorite fishing spot. People might also start picking up their own if we said something to them when we see them throw something out of the boat or car. Some people will get mad and tell you to mind your own business, just tell them that a clean country is your business. A lot of them will be embarrassed and probably pick it back up. That would be a start, and is what we need. Let's make our children proud of us by helping to keep our outdoor recreation areas clean.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our outreach program has us heading to Evan Minnesota for out next meeting. I have been promised by our Western Brown County delegation that the welcome mat will be out. Watch in this issue of the "Hook, Line, and Sinker" for departure times, from the New Ulm Bus Lines parking lot.

Our sincere thanks to Region 4 Fisheries Manager with the DNR, Huon Newberg. He sat in for Hugh Vallient who had to cancel at the last moment due to an emergency at our March "all fish" meeting. Needless to say he did a great job at fielding our

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many questions and is to be commended for his willingness to come on such short notice. It's actions like his that help forge partnerships and a good working relationship with groups like ours for many years to come. Once again thanks!

Our thanks to Brett Merkel for supplying us with that beautiful salmon at the last meeting, and to all who contributed fish and prepared it, our "Hats Off".

NUASF recently received the go ahead to finish the job of cutting the weeds, cat tails, and bull rushes, along the shoreline at Clear Lake. The Brown County Board approved our proposal to do the work and we will be compensated for our efforts in the amount of \$750.00. Charles Nelson, NUASF member presented our proposal at the regular meeting of the Brown County Board and did a fine job, So good in fact, that the board approved it unanimously. The Lost Dog and Fox Hunters Club was at the meeting as well, to show their support. Our thanks to them also.

Don't forget the Saturday, May 7th Riverbank Clean-up scheduled for 9:30 A.M. at Riverside Park in New Ulm. Let's have a good club turnout for this one, let other nonmembers know as well. Lunch will be served following the cleanup at Minnecon Park for all participants. The National Guard is coming and they will be removing the cars from Minnecon and from across the river by the old Highway 15 road grade. See you at the next meeting:

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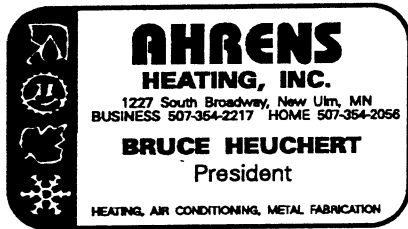
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# CLUB CALENDAR

*April 28th*

*Meeting-Evan, MN*

*Vans will leave from bus garage at 6:45 PM*

*May 7th*

*River Cleanup*

*Adopt-A-River Program*

*9:30 AM-Riverside Park*

*May 26th*

*Meeting-Schell's Tap Room*

*7:30 PM*



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