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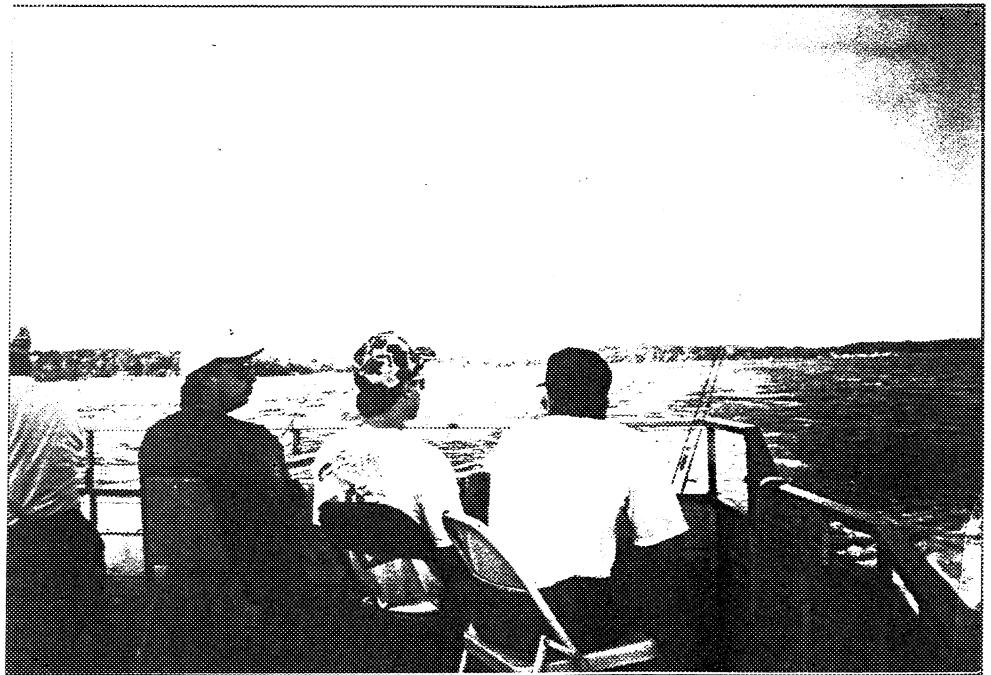
DO YOU KNOW WHAT A FISHING HOLE IS?

To me a fishing hole is a pretty place where there may be fish, but there must be water birds or squirrels to watch and the squeals of wood ducks to hear. It's a place for putting other places into perspective, to sort out problems or at least hide from them. A good fishing "spot" can be anywhere, even surrounded by other boats, but fishing "holes" are special. Why? Because that's what we used to call them when we were youngsters, back when they meant so much more-and we had sense enough to make more use of them.--*Bob Brister*

Somehow, calling a favorite fishing water a 'hole' seems an odd choice of words. Roads have holes. So do socks. Astronomers speak of wormholes and black holes in the fabric of the universe, fearsome voids into which all that is familiar could disappear. So why do fishermen talk so casually about their "favorite fishing holes"? Simple ... Secrecy. Let's say you discover a dream lake where the fish haven't seen a lure in years. Back at work, you toss off a few references to a place where you caught 5-pounders on almost every cast. Among the listener is a fellow worker with four children, two brothers, eight cousins, and an uncle who all fish. He says, "Where did you say that place was? I promised I'd take the gang fishing this weekend. Sounds like a perfect spot to try." At that precise moment, you suddenly develop your own version

of a "fishing hole." "Uh, it's a little hard to explain," you hedge. "That place is so far back in the boonies you'd need a Sherpa guide to get there." If that doesn't put the fellow off, you mutter some vague directions that lead, if they lead anywhere, to a stretch of water that is utterly blank, empty and devoid of fish. In other words, a true fishing "hole."--*John McCoy*

Fishing holes are not for serious fishing, they are quiet waters for reflection, and they are for the very young or the very old. Fathers take their sons to fishing holes. They take their fathers, too. These are the places where the rod is passed from one generation to the next. They are not clear waters, Where you can see to the bottom. Rather, these are murky depths where mystery lies.--*Keith McCafferty*



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FISH HOUSES

Last month, you may remember, I was looking for volunteers to paint and letter the big house. Well, one member has come forward and offered to help. He will also do the lettering once the house is painted. I would like to have at least one more person to help him with the painting. It is not a big project and it won't take a lot of time. Please consider doing this to help your club out. I would also like to thank Kim Olson for stepping forward.



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From The President

Our next meeting is August 25th at the Schell's Brewery. Some dates to remember for upcoming events: Minnesota Blues Festival, for those of you that can help to bartend, all shifts are open and need help and if you work a four hour shift you get in free. The dates are August 26th, 27th, and 28th. Shifts are Friday Night 4 PM to 8 PM , and 8 PM to closing. Saturday shifts are 11 AM to 3 PM and 3 PM to 7 PM and 7 PM to closing. Sunday shifts are Noon to 4 PM, 4 PM to 8 PM, and 8 PM to closing. If you can help call the office at 359-2346 and give the time you would be available to help. Leave a message if there is no answer.

As many of you know this year's River Rally is at Murphy's Landing in Shakopee. I am in need of help for the event for different things, if you plan on attending please let me know at the office as well and if you can help in any way, it should be a great time. The event is Saturday Sept. 10th Noon to 11 PM.

A date for weed removal has been set for August 18th a Thursday at 6 PM at the lake. See you there, this should be our last session if all goes well.

Finally I'm going to leave you with excerpts from June of 1933 *Fur, Fins, and Feathers*, that they used from other editors, enjoy:

Conservation is something like religion and temperance. Everyone believes that it is a very good thing and must be practiced, but just what it is all about there are very few who know. If the child would begin to speak of the country as the commonwealth, instead of the state, he or she would soon see that it is their property that must be preserved. When men and women realize that it is their property that's being wasted, they will wake up and see that something is done about it. -CASS LAKE TIMES.

Fishing must be one of the greatest sports to settle nervous and upset dispositions. We notice that after every national campaign, both the winners and the losers decide to take fishing trips for some reason or other. This angle is another feature that national and state conservation commissions should take into serious consideration. Unless we take better means to preserve our lakes and streams, and fish, there are going to be countless cases of nervous wrecks after elections in the future. -EVELETH CLARION.

When one county gives protection and another does not, there is opportunity for violation, misunderstanding and failure. With all these opportunities for failure, the order protecting does and fawns has been a success in Itasca county. The argument for the buck law may be based upon the experiences of many states. Pennsylvania had few deer. They

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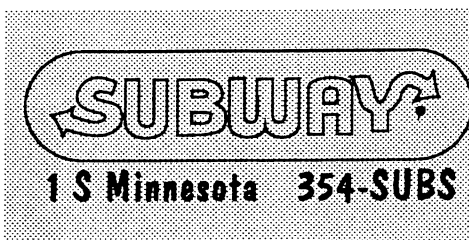
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protected the breeding stock and that state has too many deer. The same experience has been recorded for many states. The law is scientifically sound. Experience has shown its sense and wisdom.-*GRAND RAPIDS HERALD-REVIEW.*

MINNECON WETLAND RESTORATION

This project just keeps giving us problems. It was scheduled to be completed in the fall of 1992. The ground froze up too early that year to allow us to proceed with our part of the project. In 1993 the river never stayed in it's banks long enough to even think about doing it. 1994 is going no better. After waiting all spring and most of the summer for things to dry up, we thought the time was right to move ahead. Hoffmann Construction was lined up to provide a backhoe to do the hardest part and the water control structures were to be assembled ahead of time. Everything was in place and set to go. The target date was August 11th. Two days prior to this we received 5-plus inches of rain. The river came up over two feet the first night, and the area we planned on working was once again under water. Everything has been put on the back burner until it dries out again.

FOR SALE

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CLEAR LAKE UPDATE

I have heard no fishing reports from the lake. There must be some fishing going on though, because I have noticed some signs of activity at the boat landing. At this time of year the lake is very difficult to fish due to the abundance of weed growth. If anyone has had any success fishing Clear Lake, please let me know so I can keep the rest of the members informed. I have heard some reports of huge sunfish being caught at Lake Hanska. The majority of the action seems to be west of the dredge.

Weed removal at the County Park should be completed by the time you read this. On July 14th we had a crew of about 15 members turn out.

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We made excellent progress that evening when several new ideas were tried. One worked very well. Another work session was scheduled for August 18th, and I have confidence that we will have completed the job at that time. The area still doesn't look that good, but by next spring we should have a nice beach area and some opportunity for shore fishing.

WHAT A DRAG

How tight should your drag be set? First let's explain drag. Drag is what keeps a fish from breaking your line. Drag also means you can land a 100-pound fish on 10-pound-test line. Drag is simple, but many anglers lose fish because they don't know how to correctly set their reel drag. For example, most anglers tighten drag when a big fish makes a long run. This is wrong! Drag should actually be lightened because a lot of line in the water and the resulting smaller spool diameter will increase drag.

Drag is set at a strain the line can endure without breaking. The drag mechanism is usually a series of metal and composition washers. When an angler tightens the drag, he compresses these washers and creates friction, increasing resistance against the line. There are many factors that determine drag settings. on spinning reels, for example, when the diameter of the line on the spool is reduced by one-half, the drag tension is doubled. A rod held at a 45" angle will also add 10 percent to the drag you would get with the rod pointed at the fish. Taking all of these factors into consideration, minimum and maximum drag settings are listed below. Never go beyond the maximum when fighting a fish.

LINE	Min. Drag (in lbs)	Max. Drag (in lbs)
6-lb. test	11	4
8-lb. test	2	5
10-lb. test	3	6
12-lb. test	4	8
20-lb. test	6	12
30-lb. test	8	15
50-lb. test	12	25
80-lb. test	20	40
130-lb. test	30	50


Using a fish scale, two anglers can set drag. Run off 30 yards of line and ask a friend to hold the scale with the line attached. Tighten drag and apply pressure. Back off drag until it begins to slip when scale reads correct minimum drag for your line. It is always safer to use minimum drag setting when fighting fish. You can always apply more drag with a conventional reel by thumbing the spool and holding line against the rod. When fighting fish with spinning tackle and a minimum drag setting, you can pump in a big fish by palming the spool of an open-face reel to instantly increase and decrease the drag.

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Meeting-Clubhouse, 7:30 PM

7:30 PM *Turner Hall - Lunch After*

September 10th

SCCMR Convention

Murphy's Landing-Shakopee

September 29th

Meeting-

Time and place to be announced