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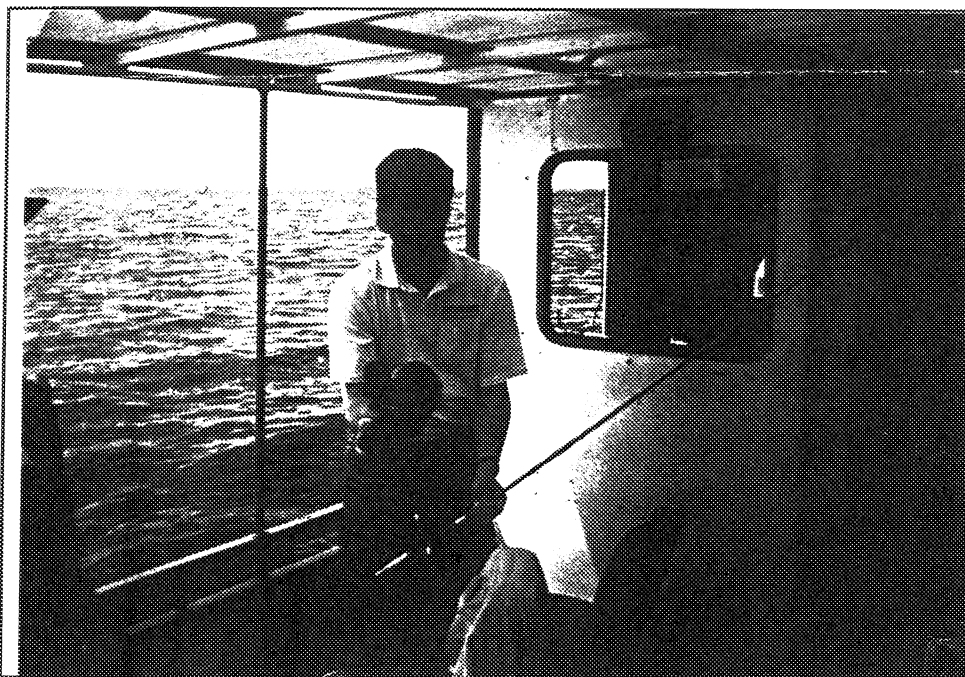
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## FISH HOUSES

As you all should know the Club has two ice fishing houses, donated through the generosity of local lumber companies, that are available for use by any member. The big house is in need of paint before this coming winter. It is not a big project, but it needs to be done. I would like to have several volunteers to take care of this later this summer. Paint and supplies will be provided. We would also like to find someone who is good at lettering, because after the house is painted, it will have to be re-lettered. If anyone would be interested, please contact Mike Deinken at 359-9650.

## MILLE LACS LAUNCH TRIP

Once again our luck was true to form. We were there one day early. Our group spent eight hours on Mille Lacs on Saturday, June 25th, and boated only two walleye. It was not from lack of trying. One participant used almost everything in his tackle box and failed to connect. Uncharacteristically, the lake was practically dead calm for most of the day, but it was sunny and warm. More than one fisherman went home that day with a pretty good sunburn. One local, and I might add famous, angler did manage to land a monster pout. I have heard rumors that he is considering turning pro after this stupendous feat. The food and refreshments were more than adequate, which I believe is what kept the crew from rising in mutiny and throwing the captain overboard. One of THE KIDS provided the excitement for the day when he hooked and almost landed a six pound walleye. Lucky were the old men aboard, for I fear they would not have heard the end of that one had the fish been brought on board. Generally we all had a good time, but there has been some talk that if we go again, a new bartender would be required; for the one we had was barely adequate.



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# CHANNEL CAT TRICKS

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# CLEAR LAKE UPDATE

Summer is here, and so are the weeds. They have taken over the lake, making fishing quite a challenge. There have been some walleye caught in the evening hours, if you can stand the mosquitos. Slip bobbers fished in the openings of weed beds, seems to be the way to go. Sunfish also continue to bite, and some nice ones are being caught. The water level continues to stay up due to the heavy rains we had this summer. Our weed removal project in front of the County Park has been going rather slow. Hopefully by the time you read this we will have almost finished. Due to the high water level, quite a few areas of cattails did not come back this year. This spring the DNR installed an outdoor toilet at the boat landing, which is a welcome addition to possibly the prettiest little lake in southern



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Minnesota. Let's try and keep it that way by taking our trash home with us when we leave the lake. Quite a bit of garbage is starting to accumulate around the landing area again.

## EDITORIAL

What will the future of fishing be? The way things are going, you had better enjoy it while you can. The lawsuit involving the Mille Lacs Indians has as of this writing, not been settled. We are having constant squabbles with Ontario over who can fish where and catch what and how many. As of now you can go to Ontario and fish, but you may not bring any fish home with you. We have two government bureaucracies Fighting like a couple of kids, each wanting to get in the last lick. It is hard to guess how many tourism dollars Ontario is losing just so they can have the last word. I know personally of two groups who have cancelled trips this because they would not be allowed to bring home a meal of fish. Now Ontario says they will re-evaluate the regulation in the fall. Meanwhile thousands of Minnesotans are being held hostage. The Mille Lacs dispute is no better. The Indians are claiming exclusive hunting and fishing rights to a huge area of east-central Minnesota. This, I believe, is just a power play on the part of the Indians. We all know they do not need this for subsistence. With casino gambling some of these people will make upwards of a half million dollars THIS YEAR. They claim it is for religious ceremony. BULL! Why claim such a large area when there are so few of them? Again we are being held hostage. We as sportsmen also have rights, but they are slowly being taken from us. Why not put the question to us? We are the ones who use the resource, we should be the ones who set policy and decide issues. I don't believe it should take years and millions of dollars to settle these petty disputes. What we need are a few clear minded honest men, and this could all be cleared up quickly. About the only thing we can do right now is to write our representatives and express our views on these subjects. Please do so.

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# TAKE A KID FISHING

On June 11th, at Riverside Park, our club sponsored a Take A Kid Fishing morning at the Minnesota River in New Ulm. This is the first year we have tried it at the river, which is possibly why we had a smaller turnout than usual. The kids and parents who did come had an enjoyable time catching fish and other objects in the River. At noon they were served lunch. Five club members were present that day to help the kids and some of the parents in their quest to catch a monster from the Minnesota. One mom did such a great job of trying to keep four kids fishing plus herself, that we voted her Take A Kid Fishing Mom of the year. There is no trophy or award for this honor, we just want to thank you for doing such a wonderful job.

# FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our next meeting is at Turner Hall in New Ulm on the 28th of July, which is a Thursday and will be in the Dutch Room.

As we approach the "dog days" of Summer, I think it's a good time for all of us to consider what makes "dog days" what it is. The water is warm enough to really have a nice swim, or make fish quite

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active and all the creatures in and around water are at the height of their cycles. This includes that act of nature called the algae bloom. Algae blooms are quite natural in the grand scheme of things, however, we here in r-southern Minnesota have an abundance of these blooms with an intensity that often chokes lakes and creates a water no one wants to use for any purpose. With that being as it is, it's time for examination of our input on an individual basis that may promote this type of over growth of algae, along with other undesirable aquatic plant life that proliferates many of our southern Minnesota lakes. We as individuals and land owners have the power to create an environment that will improve these events. ouch things as over use of fertilizers near lakes and streams, septic systems that are broken or out dated and no longer doing the job they were supposed to do, as well as poorly positioned animal feed lots and the maintaining of buffer strips of grass and plants near these areas of run-off are essential to clean usable water. Once we as individuals have our own systems in order, it is our duty to spread the word by talking to a neighbor or friend and explaining these things as well as the clear benefit they have to us all. If we cannot get a handle on these things that affect our water, the cost of reclaiming lakes, streams, and rivers, will become more and more expensive, making it less and less possible for us to not only reclaim these degraded systems, but also cost prohibitive to maintain lakes that have had a reclamation project done to them. One thing I think we are all for is a clean usable resource, be it lake, stream or river, how we get there may create controversy at times, but the end result of hard work towards a healthy system should not be jeopardized by turning our backs on what must be done to insure, that what created the degraded lake, stream or river, is not repeated for our future generations to pick up the bill, due to our unwillingness to make changes that are essential to ensure that it never happens again. This would surely be short-sighted and an insult to those who would have to inherit the degraded resource all over again and pay the fiddler once more . We as individuals and land owners have the ability to make our water much better, it's up to us to educate ourselves and promote land uses that create a situation that will allow nature to do it's job of natural filtration and purification.

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# CLUB CALENDAR

**July 28th**

*Meeting-Turner Hall Dutch Room*

7:30 PM

**August 25th**

*Meeting-Club Office, above Southside Pub*

7:30 PM

**September 10th**

*SCCMR Convention*

*Murphy's Landing-Shakopee*



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