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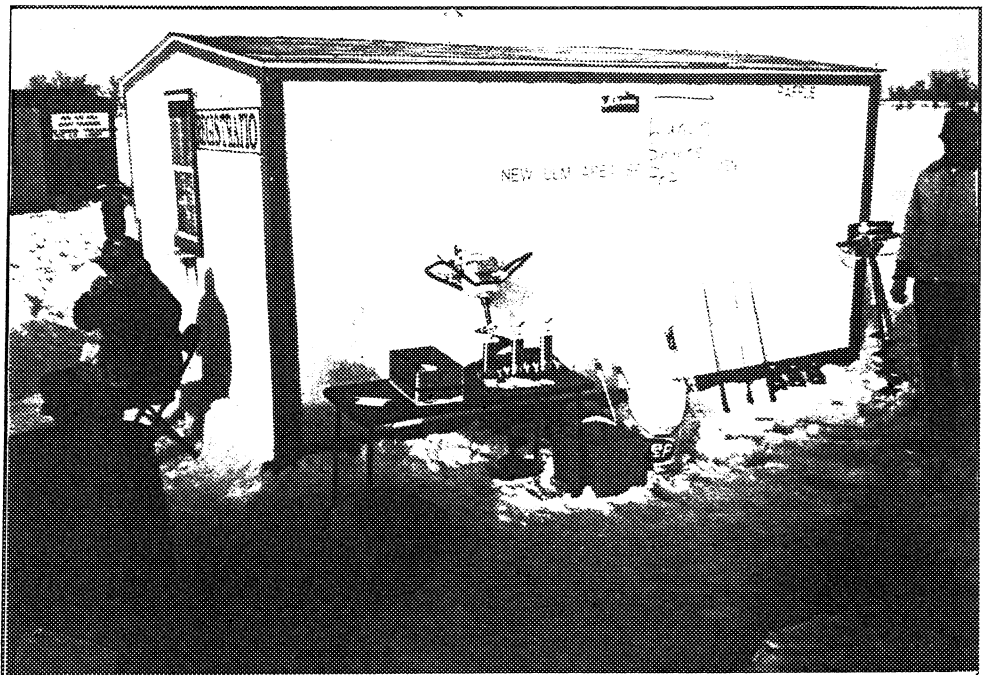
## **CLEAR LAKE UPDATE**

We had a little bit of a scare at the end of February when the oxygen dropped down to 2.8. This is very close to the dangerous level for fish survival. I believe this was brought on by the heavy snow cover we had at the time and light wind conditions. Without the wind our aeration system will not supply the lake with sufficient oxygen. We got some relief with the warm weather which melted a lot of the snow and allowed sunlight to penetrate through the ice. The last report we received showed the oxygen rebounding to 5.4. Fishing has still been hit or miss. If you happen to pick the right spot on the right day, you will pick up some sunfish. Crappie fishing has been a futile effort this winter. The aeration systems motor and blower, which were overhauled this past fall, has performed flawlessly. Only one thin ice sign has gone down so far and none have been damaged or destroyed. We did have vandalism occur to one of our warning signs. It seems someone got stuck coming off the lake and needed something to put under their tires for traction, so they proceeded to break the sign into pieces and then left it all lay on the ice after he got out. The sign will cost about

forty dollars to replace. The fish houses came off the lake without any problems, although we did have a little trouble getting the snow cleared away from the landing. I would like to thank the guys who showed up to help that day, especially John Vorwerk for bringing his Scout with the snow plow. Also a big thank you to Jr. Berg for allowing us to store the houses on his property.

## **ICE FISHING CONTEST**

Our 7th annual ice fishing contest was held February 13th, at Clear Lake. We were a little worried because of it being cancelled in January. Things never seem to turn out very good once this happens. Not this time. We were blessed



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with a beautiful day. The temperature was in the 30s with hardly any wind. It was the second best turnout we had ever had. 109 eager fisherpersons showed up in hopes of going home with a new ice auger. The fishing was not the best, although several anglers did manage to entice a few fish into biting. There were also a lot of people who came out just to visit and have a hot dog or bar-b-que with us. With food sales and a raffle we held, we did manage to turn a small profit. Thank you to all the members who turned out that day to make this an excellent contest. A special thanks to Jerry Carlson for the great job he did with the food.

**EDITORIAL**

There is something about this time of year that gets my blood pumping through different channels. The snow has melted enough that you can again see the grass. The creeks start running and the geese are overhead. There seem to be more birds in my backyard and the squirrels are searching for lost stores of food. I start eyeing my boat, stashed away in the corner and covered with an assortment of odds and ends that haven't found a permanent home yet. Is it too early to start getting it ready? I would have to find a place to put all that gear stored on top of it. Maybe I could pile it on top of the snowmobile. I hope I won't have to use it again. Yes, spring is almost here. Most years this decision gets put off until spring is already well under way. Then I have to rush to get ready in time for my first trip to the lake. Every year I promise myself that I will start getting ready earlier. That probably won't ever happen. It seems there is always something that gets in my way. Well, I've got it beat this year. I have already started, but you know, that is only half the battle. I still have to finish.



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This may seem a little silly, but I'm sure it happens to other people. I have seen guys running around the week before the opener with the same look on their face as I have on mine when I'm three weeks behind with my preparations. It is important to make sure you are prepared before you head for the lake or river this spring. It can be very frustrating to discover the tackle box that always sat under the front seat of the boat is no longer there. Or the spare set of spark plugs you always kept in the tackle box got used last year and you forgot to buy another spare set. Little things like this can turn a beautiful day into a disaster. A little bit of preparation can make all the difference in the world. It seems I have wandered a bit here, but that seems to happen to me a lot this time of year. Excuse me, I think I hear my boat calling.

## F.Y.I.

The Environmental Protection Agency wants to get the lead out of fishing. Reacting to a lawsuit brought by the Environmental Defense Fund, the EPA has proposed a ban on certain lead sinkers, and possibly lead jigs, which the agency says present an unreasonable risk of injury to waterfowl. There is evidence that birds such as common loons and trumpeter swans ingest sinkers, which they mistake for food or gravel for their crops.

Lead sinkers are already banned in Great Britain, and in this country leadhead jigs are illegal in Yellowstone National Park, with split shot and other lead sinkers expected to be banned there next year. A few companies here and abroad offer non-toxic sinkers for fly fishermen, including one made from a tungsten-based material that hardens when it comes in contact with water. But the jury is still out on how effective they are. Meanwhile, the EPA is looking at such substitute materials as copper, zinc, and brass, which may prove toxic as well. The fishing tackle industry, which currently produces about 2 million pounds of lead sinkers a year, is also studying lead substitutes including tin, stainless steel, and bismuth, but most are less dense and thus bigger and bulkier, and



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a lot more costly. It seems obvious that more scientific research needs to be done by the EPA and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to determine if lead sinkers are indeed causing waterfowl deaths. If they are, then a substitute for lead, one that is proven to be environmentally benign, should be mandated by law.

# BIG FISH

That's what anglers in Minnesota may soon be saying if experiments conducted at University of Minnesota bears fruit. Under the auspices of the University's sea Grant Program, researchers are trying to produce quick-growing fish-super specimens that will grow twice as fast as their normal counterparts. Researchers are trying to mass-produce these superfish by mixing growth genes with sperm and eggs in vats of water. During the mixing process, the extra growth genes should attach themselves to the sperm and enter the egg when it is fertilized.

Thus far, only about two in 600 fish survive the hulking process. However, researchers are predicting that the odds will soon improve, estimating that superfish production will be successful within the next two years. Meanwhile, anglers may want to start beefing up their tackle!

# From The President

Well the unthinkable has happened to Lake Hanska. Our worst fears have been confirmed, carp do exist in some numbers in the lake. We are all aware of what these particular fish do to aquatic vegetation and the bottom of lakes. It is unfortunate that after all the hard work that a great deal of people have put into the project, someone felt the need to destroy those successes. If you have any information who these individuals were that introduced carp into Lake Hanska, please call the T.I.P. Line. or Captain Randy Evans MN DNR at (507) 359-6000. Only time will tell how destructive the carp will be to the lake. Maybe the game fish population is

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established enough that it won't affect things for a number of years. Or we could see a rapid decline in game fish numbers and aquatic habitat. Either way it is my personal view point that at sometime in the not so distant future, Lake Hanska will have to undergo rotenone treatment again, costing a good deal of money. I am convinced that if someone indeed did "plant" these fish, that they did so knowingly. I doubt in this day and age that people were not aware of what the consequences of this act would bring about. As usual, a few ruin it for the masses. This is why it is so important to bring the people who did this before the community and have them explain their actions and pay restitution. This has to be shown that these types of actions will not be tolerated, to lessen the chances of this happening in the future. Frankly I'm pissed and you should be to!

Be sure to be at the next meeting, our theme is "all fish". Hugh Vallient of the Regional Fisheries office at Waterville will be the featured speaker. Bring your good questions and comments to the meeting as he is always willing to listen. This is a very popular meeting, so if you have fish prepared in any manner, feel free to bring them as I'm sure we'll have a big turn out. After the meeting, I have been informed that several types of fish will be offered for your review. They include smoked carp, catfish, lake trout, 2 types of fish soup, pickled fish of several varieties, and more. So don't hesitate to bring your fish specialty to this meeting and stack it up against all the others. I might add that for this meeting, Schell's products are being recognized as the official beverages of the New Ulm Area Sport Fishermen. Our thanks to Ted Marti and the August Schell Brewing Company for the generous use of their facilities. See you at the Tap Room.

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**March 31st**

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*7:30 PM*

*Guest Speaker-Hugh Valient-DNR Fisheries*

**April 28th**

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