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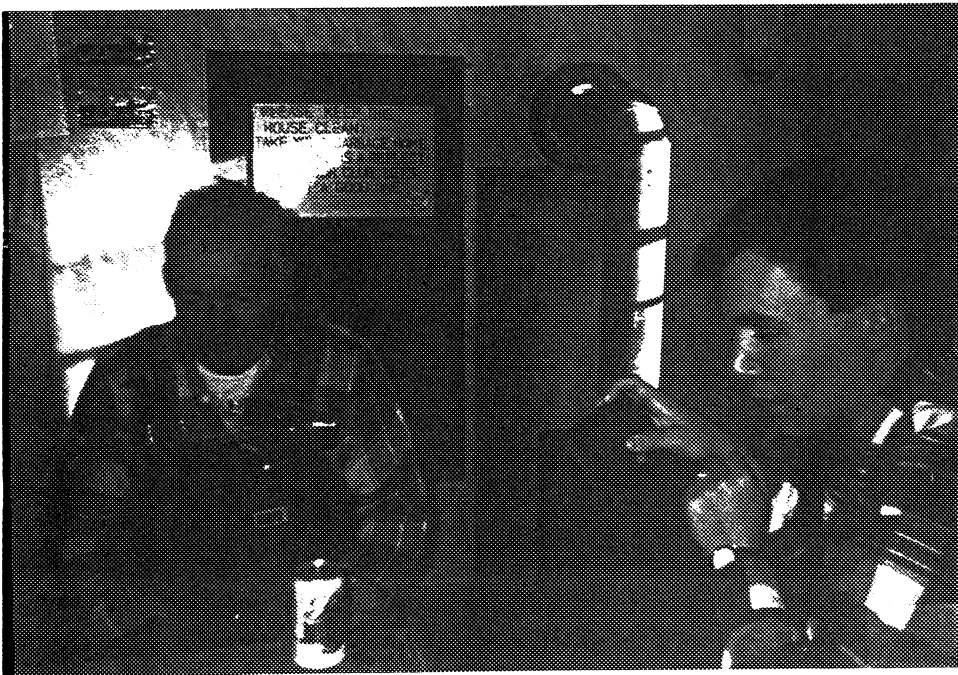
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CLEAR LAKE UPDATE

Fly fishing at Clear Lake? Who would have thunk it? But it did happen. On Sunday, January 8th, the airplane in the above picture landed on the ice at Clear Lake. The pilot then proceeded to pull his auger and fishing gear from behind the seat and headed across the lake,



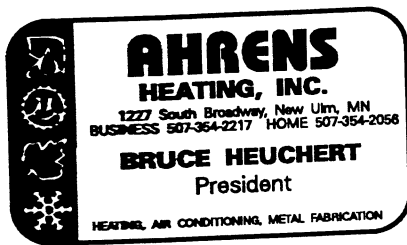
looking for a likely spot to fish. It is unknown if he had any luck, but he did stay about an hour and a half. Other anglers have had some success. Quite a few people have been catching some nice crappies. There have been some close to a pound. There have also been some reports of walleye being caught.



This I can believe, but the size of the fish has been disputed. There was a rumor floating around about a 4 pounder coming out of the lake. There have been some 1-1/2 to 2 pound fish caught, but I would have to see the 4 pounder to believe it. The fish are fairly scattered and there seems to be no pattern to when they will bite. The fish houses were put out on Sunday, January 8th. This year we set them up in different locations, fairly far from each other. Please, remember

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to clean up you have used the houses and take your garbage home with you. Don't forget, the big white house is now light green. A special thanks to Phil for helping get the houses onto the ice. There has also been a rumor that we have acquired another fish house. It seems that another one of the local lumber yards has donated part of the house and one of our members has helped with the rest of it. From what I have heard this house will be going out to Lake Hanska.

I have not heard from the DNR yet as to what the oxygen level at Clear Lake is doing, so I imagine it is still pretty good. We don't have much snow on the lake and the ice is good and clear. Remember, when you head out onto the ice, be careful.

ICE FISHING CONTEST

The 8th annual, New Ulm Area Sport Fishermen Ice Fishing Contest will be held on February 5th, 1995, on Clear Lake. We have received many donations for door prizes and raffles. A gas powered auger will again be the top prize to be awarded, but this year everyone who enters the contest will be eligible to win the auger. Help will be needed that day to take care of registration and raffle ticket sales. We will also be selling lunch, so help will be needed there. It never hurts to have extra people around so others can take a break during the afternoon. If you can make it out that Sunday to give us a hand, your help will be greatly appreciated.



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THE FISHING HOLE

A fishing hole is as much a state of mind as it is a place. If an artist were to paint the "old fishing hole," his canvas might show a deep place in a woodland, a large mouth bass creek overhung with moss-draped oaks. Or it might suggest a shadowy channel where sea trout cruise in a saltwater estuary. There are other possibilities: a special cove along the rocky shoreline of a small mouth bass reservoir; a sparkling riffle below a bridge on a Western trout stream backdropped by mountain peaks; a suburban bluegill pond lined with cattails, where bright red bobbers deck under the surface to the shouts of small boys. Above all, in the painting as in life, the fishing hole would be a spot where reality enhances dreams instead of stifling them. -*Bob Saile*

My guess is that the fishing hole started life as a swimming hole, a deep wide part of a stream, warmed by the sun, where you could tie a length of rope from a nearby tree and swing out and drop into the water. I think the term "fishing hole" was meant to convey a similar sort of place, shaded and cool, but too small for tree swings. Such places were once called "pools", but now that word now that word has come to mean a costly manmade structure with clear sterile water and a ladder to get in and out. These luxury items are mostly found in people's yards, but "fishin' holes" (as they are properly named) exist wherever there are bodies of water with fish in them. Like the Atlantic Ocean. Now that's a fishin' hole! -*Ken Schultz*

HOT TIP

Next time you return to your car or fish house on a cold day and find that the lock has frozen, heat the end of the key over a match



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flame, insert the key in the lock, wait a few seconds, and then turn the key. It's easier than applying heat directly to the lock itself.

STUDTMANN'S POND

On February 18th, Jeff and Tammy Studtmann will be hosting Club Fishing contest on their pond just outside of Courtland. I had the pleasure of fishing on the pond this past summer, and it was a wonderful experience. Fishing through the ice will be just as much fun I would think. For more information, be sure to come to the next meeting.

FISHING ROUND TABLE

On January 6 & 7 I again had the privilege of attending the Fishing Roundtable. It was held in St Cloud, as it was. Every part of the state was represented by one type of fishing group or another. Some of the better known fishermen in the state were also there. This is the fifth year that the DNR has sponsored the Fishing Roundtable. The first Roundtable participants listed more than 120 ideas defining individual visions for quality fishing. After these ideas were organized into areas of common visions, small groups then used the data from all groups to draft statements regarding a common vision for quality fishing for Minnesota. In the years since the first Roundtable these visions are constantly being revised and updated. New areas are also being looked at every year. This year we were also given a detailed update of the Mille Lacs treaty situation. The last two Roundtables have been an enlightening and enjoyable experience for me. I look forward to attending again next year.-Mike Deinken

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our next meeting on January 26th at the Schell's brewery Tap Room will feature Hugh Vallient of DNR Area Fisheries at Waterville. This is always a popular meeting so plan to get there on time for a good seat. As always, bring your questions and I'm sure Hugh will do his best to answer them.

Thanks to the efforts of NUASF member Kim Olson, and Manderfeld's lumber, we now have a 8 hole deluxe fish house for Lake Hanska. As this goes to print we have not secured a off season home for the house, but Kim is confident of finding one. He has also lined up a trailer to haul the unit to the lake but we need a pickup or similar vehicle to pull the trailer. So if you are willing to help get our Lake Hanska fish house out, call Mike Deinken or Kim Olson at 359-9650 or 359-2850.

This is a great time of year to solicit new members, so let's see what we can do to bump our membership up. Invite a prospective member to the next meeting and receive a free NUASF sticker to proudly display on your boat, car or tackle box.

If you have a chance to obtain door prizes for our annual Winter Ice Fishing Contest on Clear Lake, Feb. 5th, please do so. Also, make sure that you support our many contributors to this event, at the time of this going to print they are Old Dutch, South Side Pub, Wallachei Schnapserei, KNUJ Radio, Retzlaff's Hardware, McDonald's Restaurant, Audio Village, the Ulmer Cafe, Printwear Graphics, and JB Lures of Winthrop.

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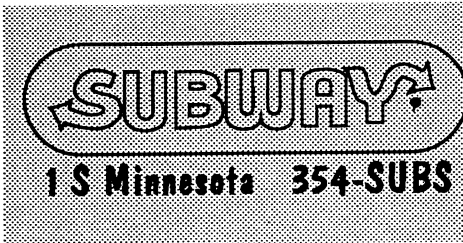
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Club Calendar

- January 26th, Meeting 7:30 PM, Schell's Tap Room, Guest Speaker, Hugh Valient
- February 5th, Ice Fishing Contest, Clear Lake, Registration starts at 11:30 AM, Snow Date February 12th
- February 23rd, Meeting, Location to be announced



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