



# Hook, Line, and Sinker

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## Clear Lake Update

The ice is on the lake, and it's getting thicker by the day. The wind and several warm days have taken quite a bit of the snow off the ice. Getting on the lake, once the ice is thick enough to support a vehicle, could be somewhat difficult. Quite a bit of snow has accumulated at the edge of the lake. Anglers, who have been walking out, have had some fishing success. Some sunfish and a few walleyes have been caught. At some point this winter I would think we will be starting the aeration system. The cloudy ice we have on the lake will prevent the sun from penetrating and keeping plant life in the lake alive. If we ever get to see the sun again. If we get a call telling us to start the system, we will need help getting the thin ice signs on the lake. Don't forget, coming up in February, we will be hosting our 10th annual Ice Fishing Contest at Clear Lake. Please be careful this ice fishing season. Before you venture out on any lake, check the ice as you go out.

## Membership Drive

This year's membership drive is about to come to an end. We have not had what you would call a banner year recruiting new members. As of the November meeting we are down four members from the beginning of 1996. That is not bad, but, we would like to stay even or increase our numbers by one or two every year. It is still a race to see who will win this year's membership drive. We have two members tied with two new members a piece. Let's have a big finish to this year's drive. It will end with our December meeting, so, you still have plenty of time to get out and round up the recruits it would take to win this year's drive and a club jacket. If you have someone who would like to join, all you need to do is collect the \$20 for one year's membership and get the name and address to us. Or, you can invite them to the meeting and let us help convince them to join us.

## Club Calendar

December 26 th ----- Meeting- Schells Tap Room - 7:30 P.M.  
January 30 th ----- Meeting - to be announced  
February 9 th ----- 10 th Annual Ice Fishing Contest - Clear Lake

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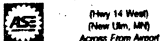
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## From the President

Sometimes things happen so fast that you can't believe it. Such was the case with the purchase of the Flying Dutchman Clubhouse. We became aware of its availability at the October meeting, met out at the spot for the November meeting and approved the negotiation. I am happy to report that the Flying Dutchman approved the sale to us at their last meeting making it only a formality for the Officers and Board to accept and move forward with the final details of the purchase.

At the November meeting much discussion centered around the new home for the New Ulm Sport Fishermen and it was a general consensus that the benefits far outweighed the challenges and responsibility. We were certainly faced with the ongoing dilemma of storage for much of our things. After checking around for what was available and prices, well, let's just say it couldn't have come at a better time.

I certainly see this as an opportunity to grow and the fulfillment of an ongoing need this organization has. I am confident that this will also benefit the organization financially. Ways to do that were already being bantered around at the last meeting, so with that in mind, I hope the ideas keep flying and our organization, and ultimately sport fishing, will benefit through-out commitment to the improvement of sport fishing conditions and fish habitat.

You will want to make the next meeting because we will be discussing several items of importance such as the upcoming fishing trip to Lake Winnie, the Ice Fishing contest at Clear Lake, our fish houses, and of course our new clubhouse and grounds. There will also be a Minnesota River news update.

Let me take this opportunity to thank each and every member for their contributions to our organization, without your dedication and concern much of what we enjoy today would not be a reality. May you all have a great holiday and find the New Year to be the best fishing year you have ever had. See you at the next meeting!

## NEWSLETTER ADS

Another year is coming to a close. There have been some ups and downs this year for our club, but, looking back, I would have to say it was another good year for us. With the end of the year coming, it is again time to start renewing our newsletter ads. These ads are what makes it possible for us to keep publishing our newsletter. Without the revenue from the ads, I don't believe we could afford to continue sending it out to you. Several of our members have placed ads with us in the past and we need them to continue their support. I would also like to ask a favor of our members. The next time you happen to be in one of our advertisers establishments, thank the owner for their support of our Club. Newsletter ads are due and payable in December.

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Walleye		Northern		Crappie	
Length (in.)	Weight (lbs.)	Length (in.)	Weight (lbs.)	Length (in.)	Weight (lbs.)
14	1.0	24	3.9	8	0.4
15	1.2	25	4.4	9	0.6
16	1.5	26	5.0	10	0.8
17	1.8	27	5.6	11	1.1
18	2.2	28	6.2	12	1.4
19	2.5	29	7.0	13	1.8
20	3.0	30	7.7	14	2.2
21	3.4	31	8.5	15	2.8
22	3.9	32	9.3	16	3.4
23	4.5	33	10.2	17	4.1
24	5.1	34	11.2		
25	5.7	35	12.2		
26	6.5	36	13.3		
27	7.2	37	14.5		
28	8.1	38	15.7		
29	9.0	39	16.9		
30	9.9	40	18.3		
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