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Ice Fishing Contest Feb. 11



This year's ice fishing contest at Clear Lake will be held on February 11th, from 12:30 P.M. until 4:30 P.M. Registration will start at 11:30 A.M. that morning. We will need help setting up at about 10:30 the day of the contest. This year, as we did last, we will be selling advanced registration tickets. It worked so well for us last year. If you didn't get a book of tickets at the last meeting, be sure to come to the next one and pick up a book. If you can't make the meeting, give me a call and I will get some tickets to you. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year, lets make it the best yet.

Club Calendar

January 25th -----	Meeting - Club Offices above Southside Pub 7:30 P.M.
February 11th -----	Ice Fishing Contest - Clear Lake - 12:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.
February 29th -----	Meeting - Schells Tap Room - 7:30 P.M.

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From the President

Well the Ice is on the lakes and so are lots of houses and anglers. I think Ice fishermen are just the most inventive group of people that I have ever seen. Houses are built to be more and more mobile and easy to pull down the road. The wheels are designed to raise the house up off the ice in lots of different ways. Some are portable and canvas constructed and some are made with plastic. Some house have two levels, T.V., microwave, and electric fish bite indicators. Some are massive and some are 2 ft by 4 ft. Some houses have windows, some don't. Some have attached bathrooms, and some should. Some people still stand out on the ice and only walk out on the ice no matter what, others drive snowmobiles or their vehicle and use that as a shelter. I still admire those who walk out on the ice and brave the elements, most of those people only go when its peak fishing time so they aren't wasting a lot of time on catching nothing. Although those anglers have modern ice fishing tools to use they didn't have 20, 30, or 40 years ago. Flashers, power augers, open faced reels with a drag set ever so carefully, aid today's anglers and make it a much greater chance to land a fish once its on the hook, that is quite a lot different than it was years ago. But years ago fishing pressure and populations of fish on traditional lakes was a great deal different than today as well. Personally I think its something you can decide on the day you are going to go, thats the great thing about the fishing sport. You can be serious and go meat fishing if you choose or if you want to goof off and sit in a nice warm house with a stick of summer sausage, play cards and shoot the bull you can do that too (and I know a great deal of the membership is capable of doing that). See you at the next meeting and out on the lake.

TIP IS HOT

Poaching has been a problem since the first fish and wildlife conservation laws were passed. As pressure on natural resources has increased, illegal taking of fish and game has become even more objectionable. Conservation law enforcement has become an important priority in state and federal resource management agencies.

Last year, more than 100 arrests were made as a result of the Turn In Poachers hotline. According to the Department of Natural Resources, the vast majority of Minnesota hunters and anglers are law abiding citizens who respect our natural resources and are more than willing to turn in those who don't. The DNR reports that deer poaching violations are the most commonly reported violation to TIP, but there are also a variety of other violations reported. Individuals who report violations to TIP can remain anonymous and are eligible for rewards.

Membership

This year's membership drive ended at our December meeting. I think all of the guys who took part in this year's drive deserve a great big hand for all of their hard work. Through their efforts we have gained 36 new members. This brings our year end total to 111 members. Special thanks go out to the two guys who won this year's drive. Dick Petermann and Kim Olson each signed 10 new members. For their efforts this past year, they will receive, compliments of Printwear Graphics and the New Ulm Area Sportfishermen, a new club jacket. Just because the Membership Dirve has ended doesn't mean we don't need more new members. If you know of someone who might be interested, invite them to the next meeting. Thanks, and keep up the good work.

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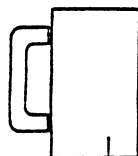
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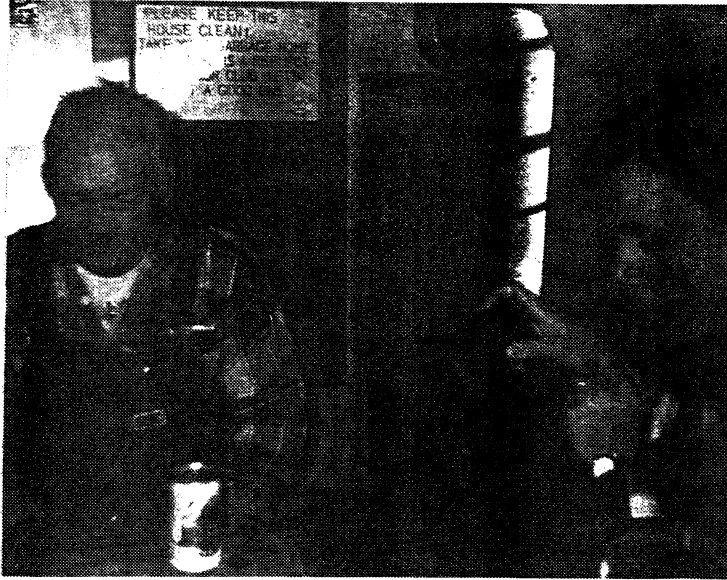
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Clear Lake Update

Winter has arrived and the fish houses are on the lake. Fishing has been sporadic according to most reports. By my personal experience, it has been absolutely dead. I have been lucky enough to get two bites so far, and have missed both of them. There have been a few very nice crappies caught, but no one has really caught a bunch at one time so far. I have




heard, from more than one person, that here are some northerns being caught. I hope if anyone does catch one, that they do keep the fish no matter what size. Clear Lake is not big enough to support northerns. With early snow cover we have received, it looks like we will probably have to run the

aeration system this winter. The one and only inspection card I have received so far, puts the oxygen at 10.5 to 7.5 parts per million. Last winter I don't believe the oxygen went below 19 ppm. If the oxygen does drop into the dangerous range we will have to act fast to get the thin ice signs out and start the system. We will need volunteers if this happens, so expect a call. The houses have been getting a fair amount of use. Our Hanska house has been producing some crappies and a few walleyes. Remember, when you use one of the houses, clean up when you leave.

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If anyone has any ideas for an article or a photo of a fish you have caught, please get in touch with me. We are always looking for items that might be of interest to our members. Even if it is an article from a magazine that you think the members might find interesting, get it to me. Again thank you to all our advertisers.



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