



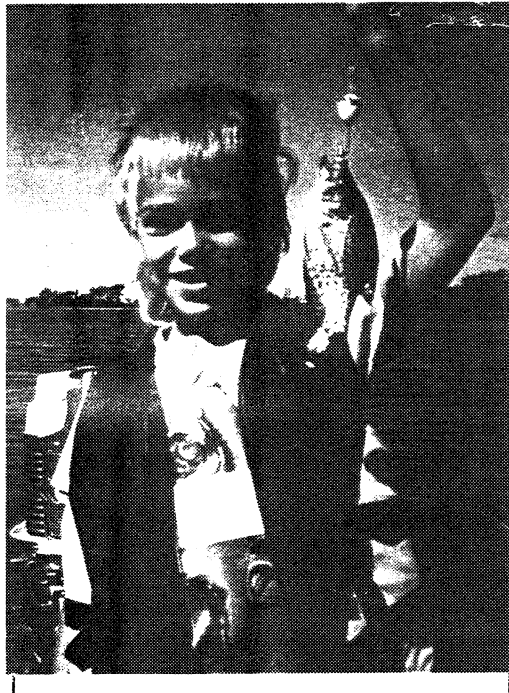
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Take A Kid Fishing

This years turnout was somewhat of a dis-appointment to us. There were at most 15 kids at Clear Lake on June 9th for our annual Take A Kid Fishing day. It would have been nice to see double that a least. Maybe there was just too much other stuff going on. The kids that did show up seemed to have a good time. Everyone got to spend time fishing from a boat. Quite a few even caught a fish or two. When the fishing was done, everyone was treated to an excellent lunch provided by subway. We need to thank all the guys who brought their boats and gave up an afternoon to take these kids fishing. Without their selfless effort these kids might never get to experience the joy and satisfaction of fishing. Lets hope that the little bit of effort we expended that day will turn a few of these kids onto fishing. A special thanks to Tom K and the gang at Subway for putting together the lunch for us.



Camp Courage Kids

This is a project we undertook for the first time last summer. We took a group of about ten physically challenged kids fishing at Clear Lake for a couple of hours. It was possibly the first time they had ever been fishing, and maybe the only time they get to do it all year. There isn't alot of work involved, and the smiles on their faces is worth the effort. We need boats, life jackets and bodies. A counselor is present in every boat to help with the kids. Even if you don't have a boat, we need help on the shore getting the kids in and out of the boats. If you have a couple of hours to spare that day, we could sure use the help. June 26th, at 4:00 p.m.

Clear Lake Update

The lake was nice and clear for a short time this year. As soon as the weather started to warm up a little, the lake started turning green. It is too bad the lake is clean for only a short period each summer. It would be nice if we could be boating and swimming all summer. The fishing has been fairly slow this year, although we know there are plenty of fish in the lake. Some people have had some luck picking up some nice sunfish now and then, but nothing consistant. Hopefully by the time you read this, the aeration line will have been repaired and sunk to the bottom of the lake again. A special thanks to Jerry Sunderman and Sioux Valley Redimix for making more weights for us. Another repair job that will have to be done this summer concerns one of the fish-houses. We plan to re-insulate the brown house because during the past couple of summers the mice have been doing a pretty good number on it. If you have had any success fishing on Clear Lake, or any other lake, please let me know so I can pass it on to our other members.

Membership Drive

Don't forget about this years membership drive. There are only about two months until we reach the halfway point at our August meeting. The member who is leading at that meeting will recieve three cases of New Ulm's finest. The leader at the end of the year will be the proud owner of a new club jacket. Invite a friend to the next meeting, lets get them signed up.

Club Calendar

June 26th
Camp Courage Kids fishing
Clear Lake - 4:00-6:00P.M.

June 27th
Meeting - Schells Tap Room -
7:30 P.M.

August 10th
River Fishing Contest

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River Fish Fest

After an absence of several years, River Fish Fest will be coming back this summer. Many people, over the last couple of years, have asked why we no longer had a river fishing contest. There seems to be enough interest that we will again sponsor just such a contest. The date has tentatively been set for August 10th on the Minnesota River. We will do this about the same as the Ice Fishing contest in that we will have advanced ticket sales. Everyone who buys a ticket will be entered in the fishing contest, and also be eligible to win a grand prize which will be drawn for. We have decided to have a depth finder as the grand prize. There will only be three categories of fish to be entered. Both species of catfish, and all other fish will fall into one group. Prize money, times and locations have not been determined as of yet. If you have anything you would like to see included, please be at the next meeting when the details will be finalized.

From the President...

In a recent meeting with U.S. Congressmen David Minge, I was delighted to hear that he would love to come and talk to us at a meeting. So I have suggested several options to him and his staff and we will look forward to hearing from the congressman at one of our next two or three meetings.

Anytime you talk about water quality, you have to include water quantity, as well as the delivery system that puts the water in our holding areas known as lakes. With that in mind, club members may want to prepare questions that deal with that issue when the congressman comes to pay a visit. Just keep in mind that specific approaches and incentives can only become successful when the good of a greater constituency is met, this is a big country. And the congressman works on a Federal level only.

It was decided at the last meeting to have a fishing contest like we used to several years ago. The date has been set for August 10th. Advance tickets will be ready for sale. And from the standpoint of ticket sales, we are running it like the Winter contest. You will be eligible for the grand prize just by purchasing a ticket which will double as your entry into the contest. It should be loads of fun!!



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"Dad, Can We Go Fishing?"

It's a plea heard countless times. Unfortunately, the response to young Bobby or Brianna is too often a reason "why not." The fish aren't biting or the weather is not right or the lawn needs mowing or there's a meeting to go to. Busy, busy, busy. Sometimes the complaining about being "so busy" nearly sounds like a competition - "I'm busier than you are!"

No doubt, we're tugged in lots of different directions these days. But just as it was 100 years ago or 50 years ago or 25 years ago, it's quite often a matter of choice or necessity.

And so it was when 10 year old daughter Libby asked me the other day, "Dad, can we go fishing?" Admittedly, I'm not a hard core angler. Oh, I enjoy fishing, alright, but its more a casual pursuit than a compulsion. When Libby popped the question, my initial reaction was predictable - for me, at least.

Yah, I thought, that would be fun. But the weather has been lousy and nobody's catching any fish around here. Besides, I have to get that room painted and the garage cleaned. And then Wednesday night I have a meeting. I gave her the standard "put off" - sure, we'll go fishing one of these days soon, I told her.

Choice or necessity? If the room doesn't get painted tomorrow, so what? If the garage doesn't get cleaned, will the neighbors start a petition? Libby and I are going fishing - tonight.

When I made the commitment to take my daughter fishing, I immediately felt better. That night, as I rummaged around my cluttered garage looking for my fishing gear, I found myself anxiously looking forward to our planned outing. I didn't even curse when I knocked my tackle box off the bench and dumped the contents all

over the floor.

I'll make some sandwiches, find a couple of buckets and cushions to sit on, dig out the old portable radio and there, daughter and I. We'll talk, I imagine, about the boy who threw up on the play ground, about the school play she's in, and her summer activity schedule. We'll talk about the summer vacation we're planning and maybe even about what she wants to be (this week) when she grows up.

Judging from the area fishing reports and my skills as an angler, we aren't apt to catch a lot of "keeper" fish, if any. But that won't matter. Libby only cares about a tug on the end of her line and reeling in "something." She may not even know about the concept of "catch and release" but that's her preferred method of fishing.

Yup, we're going fishing tonight, just Libby and I. In the years to come, it won't be the fish she did or did not catch that will matter - it will be the fact that she and Dad went fishing that she'll remember.

Take A Kid Fishing in Minnesota is the weekend of June 8 and 9 this year. On that weekend, adults accompanying children under the age of 16 may fish without a license. It might be a good weekend to plan **not** to be busy - even if you don't have a son or a daughter. Maybe there's a grandkid, or niece or nephew who would like to go fishing. Or, maybe the kid down the street, living with the mom who doesn't fish, would like a chance to go.

I would guess there have been few individuals who, while lying on their death bed and pondering the regrets of their life, have ever said, "Fee, I sure wish I had spent more time at work." Fishing with their kids? No doubt.

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