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Clear Lake Update

Fishing season has opened and all we need now is some warm weather to make it feel like it really has. The opener went pretty good on Clear Lake, some anglers had success, others didn't. The water is very clear, which will make walleye fishing success difficult. The fishing pier has been repaired and reinforced, so hopefully there will be no more problems. One area where we are still having problems is the aeration lines. Another one popped to the surface last month. Before we got there to sink it again it was hit and severed by a boat. The line that is floating has been coiled up and marked with several buoys. The other end has stayed submerged and will have to be located. There is about 500 feet of line that will have to be sunk again once it is reconnected. The

River cleanup is postponed

We had originally planned to hold a River Cleanup on May 4th. Due to high water, making it impossible to get close enough to the river banks to do any real clean up. It has been postponed until sometime this coming fall.

problem is, we don't have enough weights. Once we get more weights made we will have to set a date to get the line repaired. Hopefully it warms up a little so we don't have to freeze our hands when we are working on it.

We are still missing some thin ice signs. When you are on the lake fishing, keep an eye out for them. If you do find any, bring them in and put them by the pump house.

Membership Drive 1996

We are once again having a membership drive, which will run until our December meeting. The winner will be the proud recipient of a new club jacket.

This year there will be added incentive. The person who has signed the most new members by the August meeting will win 3 cases of Schell's beer, donated by Scott Sparlin.

For the next meeting bring a friend and let's get them signed up.

CAMP COURAGE KIDS

As we did last summer, we will again be taking a group of kids from Camp Courage fishing. We have scheduled this for Wednesday, June 26th, from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m., with a lunch to follow. We will need members with boats and some people to help with the kids on shore. Last year was the first time we did this and it turned out to be a very positive experience for both kids and the club members who helped. We will have more information at the next meeting.

CLUB CALENDAR

May 23rd	Meeting - Club Office above Southside Pub 7:30 p.m.
June 9th	Take A Kid Fishing - Clear Lake - 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
June 26th	Camp Courage Kids Fishing Outing - 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.
June 27th	Meeting - Schell's Tap Room - 7:30 p.m.

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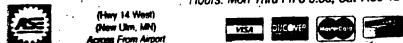
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"PIT STOP" ON FARM TIRE SERVICE

From the President...

Well, our last meeting was quite a meeting. Lot's of new faces and plenty of old ones as well. Several new members joined us and we were all informed by Hugh Vallient of the latest goings on with regard to fish management in our area. We were also pleased to have an informative walleye seminar with Al Zwach, NUSAF member, who had just returned from Lake Erie on an expedition to catch marble eye. Thanks Al! It was great to hear that the boom bust, northern pike, perch, experiment that we had been asking for, for quite some time, is now getting closer to being a reality. Our thanks go out to Hugh for taking time to come and talk to us, we know he's got a life too and we do appreciate it.

I am going to go fishing opening weekend in the Minnesota River, by the looks of things I should have plenty of water to move the boat around. I just hope it warms up enough so I won't have to wear my snowmobile suit.

Just a quick reminder, to remember the two events we have coming up in June. *Take A Kid Fishing* on Sunday the 9th at Noon for club members and Wednesday the 26th with the Camp Courage kids. Both events will be at Clear Lake.

Make sure you make the next meeting of NUASF, we have some issues that need to be addressed as well as some exciting new things to discuss, like a dock/pier for Riverside Park and others. See you then.

RECIPE-OF-THE-MONTH

From the gourmet kitchen of Ken Sutherland

(1) 105 ton Blue or Sulfur Bottom Whale	1896 lbs. onions
7326 lbs. potatoes	1406 gals. tomato sauce
2276 lbs. carrots	927 lbs. celery
104 lbs. salt	76 lbs. black pepper

Place Whale in pot with tomato sauce, salt, pepper and Tabasco Sauce. Cook at 300° for 3 days. Add onions, potatoes, carrots and celery. Simmer for 36 hours. Serves 347,161.

If you care for a little hare in your stew, add one 2-lb. rabbit.



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Club boat gets needed repairs

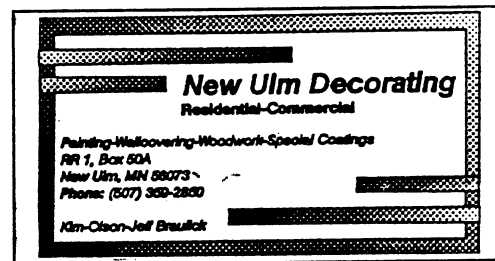
This spring, it was one thing after another going wrong with the club boat. When it was taken out of storage, we discovered that the tarp has a severe rot problem. The first time we took it to the lake to pick up thin ice signs, we noticed that one of the tires was coming apart. When I took the tires off to have them replaced, I discovered that the wheel bearings were bad. The next time we used it we found a major gas leak in the line going to the fuel pump. To top it all off the drain plug threads stripped and would no longer keep water from entering the boat. Thanks to donations by several of our members, we are back in business. Doug Saville, from Brown County Tire, donated two new tires and tubes. Marv's Sport Center donated a used tarp that fits the boat almost like it was made for it. The next time you see Doug, from Brown County Tire, or Greg or Pat from Marv's, thank them for helping to keep our boat and trailer in top condition.

Carp Fishing Contest in June

It's all set, the first weekend in June, the biggest carp fishing contest in Brown County. Registration will start at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 1st. The contest will run until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, with final weigh in at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 2nd. Entry is \$10 per person, with two people per boat. Payback will be 100% , half for biggest fish and half for the most pounds caught. You may pre-register by sending your name, address and boat license number along with your entry fee to: Dick Petermann, Rt. 1 Box 28W, Evan, MN 56238. Carp may be taken by archery, spear or rod and reel. The contest will be held rain or shine. There will be a lunch wagon at the contest site. We hope to see you all there.

Camouflaged Fish?

Did you ever wonder why fish have white bellies and dark-colored backs? The white undersides of fish make them more difficult to spot when viewed from below, and their dark backs blend in with the bottom when they are viewed from above. Walleyes and other minnow-eating game fish have eyes near the top of their heads. This means they see out and up better than down or under their heads. Minnows tend to school above game fish, so nature evolved the predators' eyes to better see their prey; and of course, the prey developed camouflage.



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