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We are going back again. This will be our third trip to Winnie. Hopefully things go better this year. Last year about everything that could go wrong did. We are hoping for a better trip this year. We will again be staying at Nodak's Lodge, just down the road from Bene, MN.

The cost of this year's trip will be about the same as last year. There is room for twenty people, and we are over half full already.

We will be leaving about 6:00 a.m. on Friday, January 24th and return on Sunday, January 26th. Yes, we will be home in time for the Super Bowl.

I am looking forward to a good trip, and much better fishing than last year.

If you are interested, or would like more information, give me a call at 359-9650.



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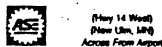
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Clear Lake Update

It won't be long now. Soon we will be walking on the water again. Before you know it, the lake will be frozen and the houses will be on the ice again. The houses are all patched up and just need a little cleaning and they will be ready for the season. I am looking forward to a good ice fishing season this winter on Clear Lake. It was an awful slow summer according to everything I saw and heard. With the explosion in the Bass population and introduction of more walleye this past spring, possibly they will decrease the forage base and make for some hungry fish. The aeration system was repaired earlier this fall and is ready to go should we need this winter. Let's keep our fingers crossed, we could have a great ice fishing season on Clear Lake.

Membership Update

Only two more meetings until the end of the year's membership drive. We haven't done much lately to increase our member base. Now is the time to get things moving. As of this writing we have 103 members. In these two months we have 27 members who will be due to renew their memberships. It would be nice to get them all back, but that is not always possible. That is why we need to constantly bring in new members. Let's get as many of our present members re-signed as possible, and make an extra effort to get some new members these last two months. The leaders in this year's drive has signed only two new members. It wouldn't take much to take over the lead and win yourself a club jacket.

Know your fishing laws

From an article
by Tom Kovach

C.B. Bylander, information officer with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources in Brainerd, has good advice for Minnesota anglers to keep out of trouble with the law. Bylander says that the No. 1 angling violation in Minnesota is the failure to have a fishing license in one's possession. Other top angling violations include the following: fishing without ever having bought a license, transporting fish illegally and keeping an over-the-limit number of fish. Bylander says conservation officers frequently allow anglers five days to produce the original license or duplicate. However, getting a copy of a license can be a hassle if you live in one part of the state and bought your license in another. That's because copies are kept in the county in which the license was purchased. Also, fishing licenses are not computerized. This means conservation officers cannot contact a central location to determine if an angler has in fact bought a license. You can buy a new license if you have lost or misplaced your first one. And remember, the only time you can fish with more than one line is during the ice-fishing season.

Bylander also advises anglers to freeze fish properly. When transporting fish, make sure they can be counted and identified by species. This means leaving a 1-inch patch of skin on all fish other than bullheads, sunfish and crappies. And it means freezing fish in see-through bags of clear containers so that the fish can be counted. Also obey the limit. In Minnesota, the daily limit and the possession limit are the same. Fish in cold storage count toward a possession limit. Also a person who stores fish for another must plainly mark the package, in ink, with the name, address and fishing license number of the owners and the number of the owners and the number of fish in the package.

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