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## Ice Fishing Contest to be held at Clear Lake

This coming year's fishing contest will again be held at Clear Lake. Even considering the small number of fish left in the lake, we felt that our contest has, in the past, done better when we held it at Clear Lake. The contest will be held on Sunday, February 8th from 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Registration will start approximately one hour before the contest. We will need help with set up and registration. We also need three people to act as a prize committee. Last year Jim Hulke did the majority of the prize solicitation, and he did an excellent job, but it is too much for one person. There has never been a problem getting businesses to donate, it is just very time consuming for one person to do all the leg work involved. Please think



about volunteering for this committee. We need your help in this. We have already had several large prizes donated for the contest, so we are off to a good start. This is our major fundraiser for the year, so let's make

it a huge success.

### Club Calendar

December 23	Meeting at Club House 7:30 p.m.
January 29th	Meeting at Club House 7:30 p.m. Stoney Awards
February 8th	Ice Fishing Contest at Clear Lake

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT. . .

Let me take this opportunity to wish you all happy holidays, and to remind you of the change in the meeting date for the next meeting from our regular last Thursday of the month.

As some of you read in our last newsletter, the Mankato wastewater treatment plant is of great concern to all Minnesota River interests for a number of reasons, not the least of which is the message that will be sent to agricultural producers if all concerns regarding phosphorus are not addressed. The good news is, I think we're headed in that direction.

In other things to pass along regarding the river, the Minnesota River Basin Joint Powers Board, with the help of 2nd District Congressman David Minge, have sent in our application to become one of President Clinton's 10 American Heritage Rivers. With this designation we will look to form new partnerships at the national level to help not only efforts to clean up the river, but those of attention, celebration, multiple use, and coordination of those national interestes to better our entire watershed in a number of ways.

Fishing at Clear Lake this Winter (if we get some decent ice) may be better than first anticipated. First of all the bullhead population will not be a factor and there are remaining walleye, northern, and panfish after last year's freeze out. With this in mind we have voted to hold this year's fishing contest on the lake. It should be a great day and it looks as if we will have many prizes. At our last meeting, Orville Rannow donated a rifle and scope to the contest, we thank him for his generosity. I have had some conversations with NUASF member Al Zwack and he is working to obtain prizes from several manufacturers as well. Jim Hulke was selected/railroaded into being chair of the prize committee, please contact him as to prizes collected from various places. The compilation of that list of supporters is important for post thank yous, so make sure Jim is aware of who gave.

## Meeting Change

It has happened again. Two months in a row a holiday falls on our meeting night. We will be having our meeting on Tuesday, December, 23rd at the Club House. See you at the meeting!

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# Clear Lake Update

What can I say, we are playing the waiting game now. We are waiting to find out how much water will have to be treated to restore Clear Lake, and how much it will cost. It seems that we will have to find outside sources to help with the restoration, but at this time we don't know

how much we will need to raise. Several sources are being explored at this time. In the next month or so we should have some indication as to what kind of dollars will be available to us. The lake has frozen over and with the sparse snow cover, it should be making some pretty good ice,

even with the relatively mild weather we have had. There should be some fishing available at the lake. The DNR did have some game fish in their test nets this past year. Just remember to be careful when you venture out on this early ice.

## Two Stoney Awards to be given

At our November meeting we were open for nomination for this coming year's Stoney Award. There was only one and the nominations were closed. This coming year we will be giving the Stoney Award to two members who did so much for us

in the short time they were with us, that they were the unanimous choice this year. The Stoney will be awarded post-humous to Dave Cook and John Carruthers. At the January meeting we will present plaques to members of their families.

The Stoney is presented each year to a member for their selfless giving of time and resources in helping our club achieve its goals. Plan on attending the January meeting, let's have a big turnout for the award ceremony.

## Membership drive concludes

We will conclude this year's drive at our December meeting. It has been a rather slow year for new members. We have signed sixteen so far this year, which is one short of the members who have decided not

to stay with the club. We currently have 108 members, with twenty members whose dues need to be paid. We have a strong member base, which has been holding above 100 for several years now. We need the new members

every year to make up for those who decide not to rejoin us. We also need current members to keep their dues up to date. Our members make our club strong, help us stay strong.

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