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# From the President. . .

Boy did we have a a great day to go fishing on the river for our contest. And a plus to all of this was that as severall fish were caught including a 9 lb. 7 oz. pike brought in by NUASF member Al Zwack. A big thank you goes out to all of the sponsors of the contest and especially the New Ulm Building Center for giving us the use of a storage building for the day. They not only let us use it but delivered it and picked it up as well, hats off. Our gratitude goes out to all of the members that helped that day and helped to set up on Saturday. We will review the contest at our next meeting, which will be at Schell's Brewery Tap Room.

I will be making a big batch of my now famous fish soup and this is our, "bring some if you have some fish to share" meeting. As is in the past, Hugh Vallient from the regional office of fisheries with the Dept. of Nat. Rec., will be on hand to interact with us. I'm sure it will be a spirited meeting, no pun intended.

Just a couple more thoughts,

our membership drive is off and running, so be thinking of possible guests to invite to this next meeting and you may just go away with a new jacket at the end of the year. Also we have room in every issue of the newsletter for comments, articles, columns written by members, stories and the like, so contact Mike Deinken of the "Hook, Line and Sinker" and he will make sure you are heard from.

I had the opportunity to talk to Congressman David Minge and he and others have informed me that the 190,000 acre Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program was close to becoming finalized. This is dealing with lands in the Minnesota River Watershed that are to be retired from agricultural production. This translates in to 170 million dollars of federal money from the USDA that will be coupled with money from the Reinvest in Minnesota or RIM to be targeted to sensitive lands next to waterways in the basin. Big Smoke! See ya' at the next meeting.

### For Sale

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# Ice Fishing Contest held on the Minnesota River

Well, we pulled it off. Despite a last minute location change due to the winter kill of fish at Clear Lake this year's contest was held on the Minnesota River near Minnecon Park. We couldn't have asked for a better day, the weather was absolutely perfect. The people who participated seemed to be having a great time, despite the fact that for most, ice fishing on the river was a new experience. There were only three fish caught that afternoon, but one of them was quite a fish. Al Zwack took first place in the biggest fish category with a 9 lb. 6 oz. northern. Second place went to Jim Thomas with a 2 lb. 2 oz. northern. The walleye division was won by Chris Carlson with an 8 oz. fish. It would have been nice to have more people show up for the contest, but considering all the hassle we had with the change in location, it was a nice turnout and I think this year's contest can again be considered a success. Things would have been quite different if not for all the efforts of one member. That person will receive a club jacket, for the second year in a row, for selling the most advance tickets. Of the 201 tickets sold, he accounted for 78 of them. Hats off to Jim Hulke. We also want to thank all the members who helped us put on a first class contest. Also we want to thank all the businesses that donated prizes for this year's contests. They are: Cabela's - Retzlaff's Hardware - Runnings - Ulmer Cafe - R & R Bait & Tackle - Randall's - Mustad - Marv's Sport Center - McDonald's - River Valley Storage - Printwear Graphics - Puhlmann Lumber - General Trading - Liquor Mart - New Ulm Tire - New Ulm Building Center - Terry's Mobil - Brown County Tire - Groebner's Amoco - SSL Conoco - AMPI - New Ulm Car Wash - NAPA Auto Parts - Quick Mart - Texaco Super Stop - Budget Mart - Erickson Freedom - McCLeary Auto Parts - Willard & Jim Hulke - Adams Car Wash - 3M - Maday Motors - Design Home Center - Casey's General Store - Alkar Mfg. - KNUJ Radio.



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