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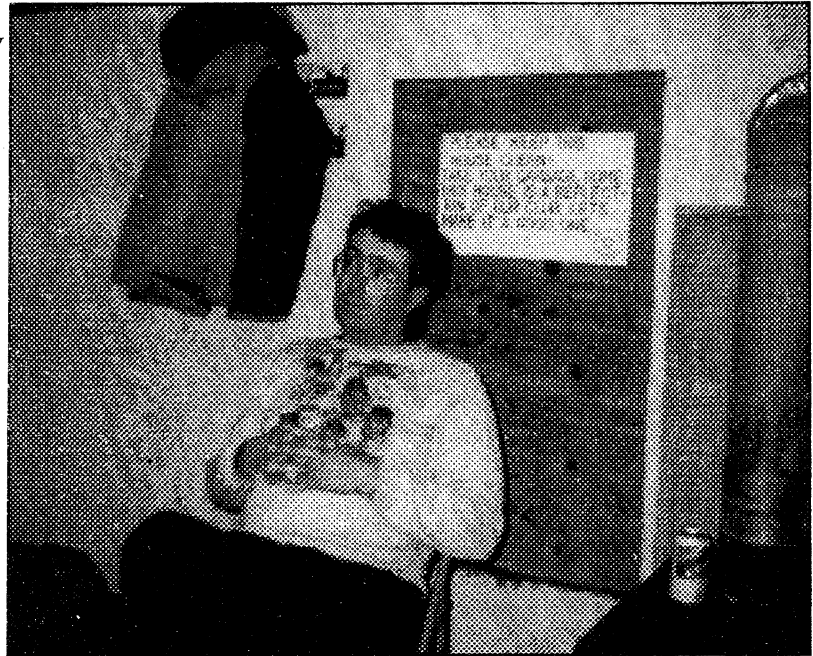
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Clear Lake Update

The fish houses are on the lake, but I think we are going to be walking out for most of the winter. All the rain and snow has turned the lake into a big slush pond. The snow has also caused another problem for the lake. By not allowing sunlight to penetrate the ice, oxygen levels in the lake have become severely depleted. The oxygen has dropped into the critical area, but is slowly recovering. The aeration systems has been running since shortly after Christmas and seems to be doing job, but we seem to have two lines that are frozen. Despite all our efforts, we have not been able to get them operating. We will keep trying to get the lines open and have the system running more efficiently before too long. As for fishing on Clear Lake, I really couldn't tell you first hand, as I have not yet been able to get out there. I would imagine, though, with the low oxygen, that the fishing would not be too good. I have noticed though, there are a few other houses out beside

ours. Hopefully once the oxygen rebounds, and I get a chance to get out, the fishing will improve. I would like to thank the guys who came out and helped us get the houses on the lake. It was hard work as we did not have an easy time getting them on the lake. Again, thanks guys. 'Til next month, good fishing!



The Stoney Award

The time is fast approaching when we will again bestow the Stoney Award on one of our members. Each year the award is given to the member who has given the most selflessly of his time and resources to pro-

mote and improve the quality of sportfishing in our area. Nominations will be accepted up until the February meeting, at which time we will vote, and award the 1997 Stoney to one of our members. In the past, previous winners were not eligible to win the award again. At our last meeting, it was approved to allow previous recipients to again be eligible for the Stoney. We have many members, who throughout the year, who have given more than what was asked of them, and deserve to be considered for this award. Nominations can be sent to Mike Deinken, or turned in at the next two meetings.

Club Calendar

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| January 24-26 | Ice Fishing Trip to Big Winnie |
| January 30th | Meeting - Jerry's Place, Sleepy Eye-
Van leaves 7:00 p.m. |
| February 9th | Ice Fishing Contest - Clear Lake - 10:30 -4:30 |
| February 22nd | CCMR Banquet - Turner Hall 5:00 p.m. |
| February 27th | Meeting - Schell's Tap Room - 7:30 p.m. |

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From the President . . .

Well, it's official, we have finalized our deal with the Flying Dutchmen Motorcycle Club for the purchase of the buildings for our club house. We have agreed to buy the existing bar as well. Our thanks go out to them for their patience and their grateful offer to us. Everything is out of our old place above Rodney's Pub, and is in temporary storage until we can move.

I just returned from the Winnie Cutfoot area of Northern Minnesota, near Squaw Lake. Myself and NUASF member Glenn Rasmussen fished for a couple of days and came home with 150 nice perch, 6 decent pike and 1 really stupid walleye, that I caught. While everyone here was experiencing a good old fashioned blizzard, we were basking in the sun at 25 above the first day and about 15 the next. There is lots of slush on Cutfoot and driving with a vehicle is virtually impossible as it is on Winnie. All the lakes up North are slushy and the ice is not that thick.

Fishing on Big Winnie has been slow, with not a lot of people getting out because of the conditions. The big lake can be tough when you can't move around a lot and find the schools. But I remain confident that the club will have a good time on the trip and that fishing will improve there by the time we get there. According to Area Fisheries Manager and NUASF member Kris Cavanaugh, the fish are definitely there in both numbers and size, however, there are a number of smaller fish that didn't exist a couple of years ago, which should keep members on their toes.

Our next meeting will be at Jerry's Bar in Sleepy Eye. We have a full agenda and I hope to see you there. Bring a new member to our next meeting and receive a free beverage of your choice, and don't forget our membership drive is year long now and you can be tallying up for the free jacket already.

ICE FISHING CONTEST

On February 9th, 1997, we will be hosting our 10th Annual Ice Fishing Contest at Clear Lake. Things will be pretty much the same as other years. Entry fee will stay at \$3, with all registrants eligible for the grand prize drawing, which will be an ice auger, and you need not be present to win. There will also be many door prizes this year, as we have acquired some corporate sponsorship. By the time the contest rolls around, I hope to have more. Help will be needed that day, we will be serving lunch, registration, and weighing fish. There will also be raffle tickets to sell. It would be nice to have enough members present that day so the people that are working can take a break now and then. Let's make this our best contest ever.

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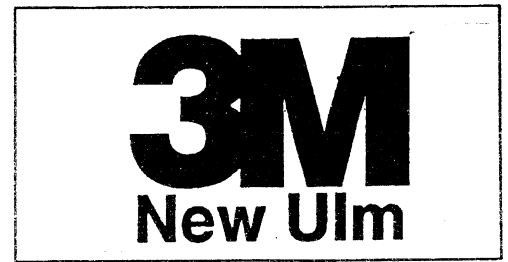
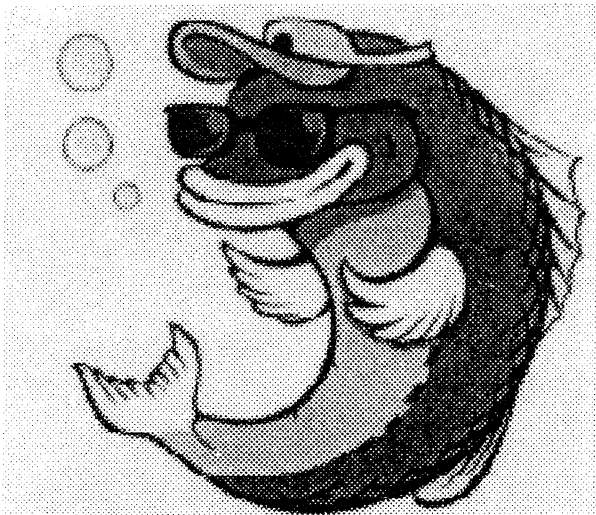
you plan on going.

Eric has said to me that for the New Ulm Area Sport Fishermen he would do a special \$400.00 per person. All I can say to that is, WOW! Eric has other business in Minnesota at the time of our next meeting. Therefore I have offered to have him take a few minutes to explain in further detail what is involved and what you can expect to find once you get there.

So if you are interested, make the next meeting and hear it from Eric in person. See you at Jerry's Bar in Sleepy Eye.

January Meeting

For January's meeting, we will be taking a road trip west. We will again be meeting at Jerry's Place in beautiful down town Sleepy Eye. Van transportation will be available for those who wish to use it. We will leave from the Bus Garage at approximately 7:00 p.m. for those of you who will be taking a van ride, we ask that you make a donation to help defray the rental cost. Let's have a big turnout for this meeting and show that we are truly an area club.



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