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TIP LINE

tricks of the trade in fishing

1 Here's a trick for fixing a backlashed baitcasting reel: Before picking at the snarles, tighten the drag. Then place your thumb tightly on the birdsnest and turn the handle slowly, causing the wraps to turn under your thumb's pressure. This will straighten most of the line, making it easier to pick out the remaining tangles.

2 Choose a hook based on the fish you're after. For crappies and other soft-mouthed fish, use one of the new, chemically sharpened hooks. They penetrate fast and create a small hole, so fish have a difficult time shaking them. For fish with tough mouths, like most saltwater species and large freshwater gamefish, use hooks with a cutting edge because hooks with a chemically sharpened hooks don't penetrate well through bone.

3 Tents and sleeping bags will last indefinitely if you dry them thoroughly after use, before putting them away. Rig a pulley and rope in the eaves of your garage or barn and use it to hang tents and sleeping bags up out of the way until they are completely dry before folding them for storage.



Club Calendar

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| June 24th | Camp Courage Kids Fishing - Lake Hanska County Park - 4:00 P.M. |
| June 26th | Meeting - Schell's Tap Room - 7:30 P.M. |
| July 22nd | Fishing with PRO-Riverside Park - New Ulm - 5:00 P.M. |
| July 31st | Meeting - to be announced |

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"PIT STOP" ON FARM TIRE SERVICE

From the President. . .

As I write this I am preparing to go to Washington D.C. to do my best to convince people in positions of influence to embrace a long range plan to set aside 200,000 acres of land in the Minnesota River watershed for the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program. It involves paying willing landowners in the basin to take land out of production agriculture and return it to a more natural state of continuous cover. It would not limit usage of the land by the landowner for other means of income if they so desire. Cross your fingers on this one.

I will also, time permitting, be talking about why the Minnesota river, should be one of the President's 10 American Heritage Rivers. With this designation, much attention on a national level would be paid to SW Minnesota.

Two things are coming up for the club, that I hope we can get some participation at. First, is the Camp Courage outing scheduled for Tuesday, June 24th. Things get started at Lake Hanska County Park at 6 P.M. with a picnic, fishing follows with boats and pier or shore fishing as well. If you can donate your boat and a little time, we would encourage to do so. If you do not have a boat, but can help on shore please do so as well. Please call me at 359-2346 and leave a message that you can help, and what you will be bringing. Second, we have planned a fishing outing with People Reaching Out or "PRO" on Tuesday, July 22nd starting at 5 P.M. at Riverside Park in New Ulm. This will be primarily shore fishing but if you have a boat and can take some kids out that's fine too. PRO will furnish some volunteers to help with the picnic before we fish and will remain to assist us as well. The group will be about 30 kids and should be a great time.

To all the NUASF helpers with the tree planting in the floodplain a big "hats off". You can take pride in the years to come that you helped reduced sediment loading downstream and provided a natural area for Minnesotan's to enjoy shore fishing and much, much more. In the future we will take a look at how we can further encourage angling at these two spots and make them a user friendly as possible.

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SOMETIMES, PATIENCE STINKS

Not only does the fishing stink, the lake itself stinks. A combination of dead fish, feedlot runoff, and possibly contamination by a septic system has given Clear Lake a rather unpleasant odor. All of the contamination has also caused an explosion of weed growth which has choked the lake earlier than usual. Most of the fish have died, the lake stinks and is full of weeds. What else could possibly go wrong at Clear Lake? Oh yes, the ice this past winter has destroyed the fishing pier. Some fish have managed to survive, how I don't know. Some stocking has been done and more will take place later this summer. Most of the odor will go away on it's own as the dead fish continue to decay. The weeds are something that will take more time to get under control. The bureaucratic wheels have been set in motion. Now we must wait and let it run it's course. As for the fishing pier, I think its time to shoot the horse and bury it. It was a good idea to build it out of recycled plastic, but the first two winter's in the lake have proven that it cannot stand up to the rigors of a Minnesota winter. I believe that the company that built the plastic pier should refund the county's money. Then the county should purchase a pier that is time tested, similar to the one that was installed at Lake Hanska. With all that has happened to the lake in the past year, it will be a while before we will again enjoy quality fishing at Clear Lake. We need to be patient, for good things to happen will take some time.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

We have been holding above 100 members for quite some time now. Our current membership is 112. The last several months we have had between 20 and 25 past due members. After our last meeting we are down to only twelve. We also signed two new members. It would be nice to have everyone paid up on time, all of the time. It would be nice if we caught our limit everytime out too, but some things just don't happen for one reason or another. We would appreciate you getting your dues paid as soon after you receive notice as possible. This years drive has gotten off to a rather slow start. So far we have signed ten new members in 1997. John Carruthers and Rod Mueller are tied for the lead with two new members each. Let's kick this years drive into high gear. Maybe you will be going home with a new club jacket after our December meeting.



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