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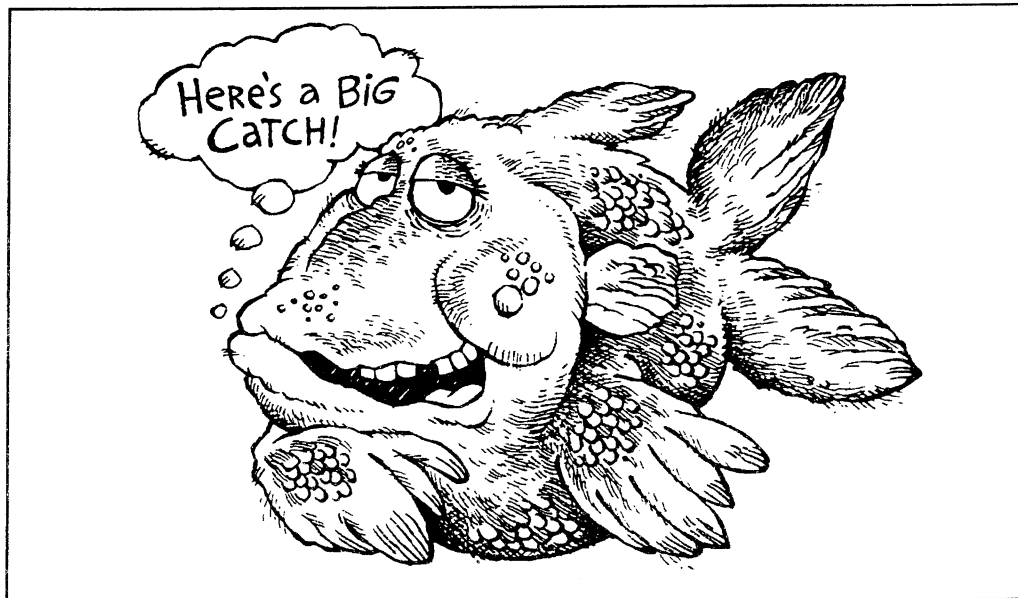
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Don't let the "Big One" get away

Big fish test the limits of our tackle. They pull harder and know more tricks than small ones. And since most of us hook very few lunkers, we don't have the luxury of learning how to fight and land them by trial and error. But if you follow four simple principles, you can increase your odds of brings in the fish of your lifetime.

1. Whenever you go fishing, assume that this is the day you'll hook your Big One. Keep you tackle in tip-top condition. A big fish will always find and exploit any weakness in your gear. Keep your reel oiled and its drag properly set. Replace old or used line and leaders. Check your rod's guides for line-fraying nicks. Tie careful knots. Keep your hooks sharp and rust-free.

2. When playing a big fish, it's better to be too aggressive than too cautious. The longer a fish is in the water, the greater the likelihood that something will go wrong. Early in the fight, when a Big One insists on taking the line, let it run freely. Don't try to stop the fish on its first hard run. Let the drag of the reel, the flex of the rod, and the friction of the line running through the



water tire it. But when the fish pauses, don't let it rest. Take control. Exert strong down and dirty sideways pressure with your rod to turn the fish's head, making it change directions. Force the fish to do what it doesn't want to do. Pump the rod, then lower it, and reel down to regain line.

3. Stay close to your fish. If you're in a boat, chase it when it runs. If you're wading, follow it along the shoreline. The shorter the distance between you and the fish,

the better your chances of landing it.

4. When a Big One jumps, bow to it. Lower your rod and extend it toward the fish to create slack in your line. If a heavy fish falls on a taut line, it can tear the hook from its mouth or break the leader

None of this guarantees that you'll land your Big One. But it'll give you a fighting chance, and that's as much as anybody can hope for.

Taken from an article by Will Tapply

Club Calendar

March 22nd

March 27th

April 24th

CCMR Banquet - Turner Hall

Meeting - Mike's garage - 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker, Hugh Vallient. Bring a folding chair if you wish to sit.

Meeting - Schell's Brewery Tap Room 7:30 p.m.

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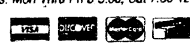
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From the President . . .

Our organizations at a new all-time high for membership thanks to our members. We are pleased to welcome those new members, who by the way, are not all from New Ulm. A great deal of our membership is from outside the town proper. 35 percent of our membership is from surrounding communities, which explains why we are called New Ulm AREA Sport Fishermen. Our interests are strong in the surrounding water resources of our area. So keep inviting people from the area to our club, it only makes us better and fosters communication and collaboration as well as good will.

As we begin to get ready to move to our new location, be thinking of needs for the club house. Chairs, refrigerators, and tables come to mind right off the bat. Someone also brought up the possibility of a fish smoker, I think its a great idea and I'm going to put it on the next agenda.

Don't forget the River Banquet on Saturday, March 22nd at Turner Hall, sponsored by the Coalition for a Clean Minnesota River. It will be a

great time and there will be many people from throughout the basin in attendance, including several dignitaries. Tickets are \$12 each or \$22 per couple, and can be obtained by calling the CCMR at 359-2346 or they are also available at copy haus and Printwear Graphics in New Ulm.

In closing, I will leave you with a few philosophical thoughts on rivers. What better example of the Golden Rule do you have than that of a river. Everyone lives downstream from someone, so the water you have today becomes your neighbor's tomorrow. This Spring will be interesting as it pertains to flooding and the great amounts of snowfall we have had, not only locally, but in the Western part of the basin. I hope that the system can cope with the additional amount of water created by this last Winter's snowfall in light of the additional pressures put on it by the continued alteration of water delivery. We'll see won't we.

See you at the next meeting, don't forget Hugh Vallient will definitely be there and I WILL have fish soup.

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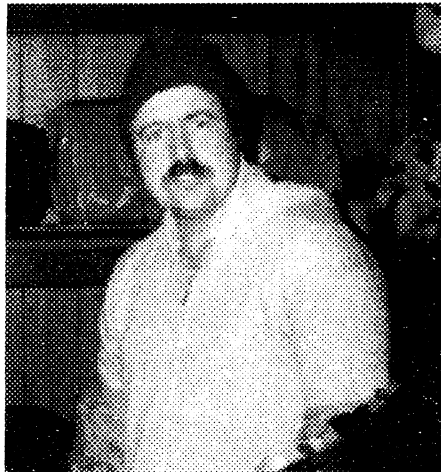
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Clear Lake Update

We are still in the dark as to the status of the lake. Hugh Vallient, from DNR Fisheries, was supposed to be at our last meeting to bring us up to date. Due to prior commitment, he was unable to attend. He will be at our next meeting, which will be held at Mike Deinken's garage on March 27th. We are hoping that with the aeration system being turned off, we will get a complete fish kill at the lake. If this occurs, Clear Lake will be restocked shortly after ice-out this spring. It is sad to see the lake freeze out, but perhaps it is for the best, considering the amount of rough fish there were in the lake. On the upside, in a couple of years we will have some fantastic fishing again at the lake. Speaking of fishing, even though the fish houses received no use this year, they will be needing some work this summer. The bug house needs to be painted pretty bad, and the brown needs to have a window replaced. Keep this in mind, one weekend this summer we will have a work party to get the houses ready for a rejuvenated Clear Lake.

Stony Award

At our February meeting we accepted nomination and voted for this year's recipient of the *Stony Award*. The award goes yearly to the member who has given the most to improve the quality of sportfishing in the New Ulm area. Originally the award could only be given to a member once. This year the one time only stipulation was dropped, allowing members to receive the award more than once. The winner this year is very deserving, as he has been one of our hardest working members since the day he joined in 1987. This year's *Stony Award* goes to David Mecklenburg. Congratulations Dave!



Membership Update

Club membership is at an all-time high. As of this writing we have 112 members. A special thanks goes out to all the guys, who throughout the year have worked so hard at recruiting members. Hat off also to Don Thompson, the winner of this year's Membership Drive. I would like to remind our members that they need to pay their dues when their renewal dates come up. You should receive a notice when that time comes. If you're not sure, there is a date on the right side of the address label of your newsletter. That will tell you the month and year when your membership is up for renewal. We would also like to thank Printwear Graphics for donating the jacket every year that goes to the winner of the year's drive. Don't forget this year's membership drive. It's early, so let's get a head start and sign more new members than any preceding year.

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